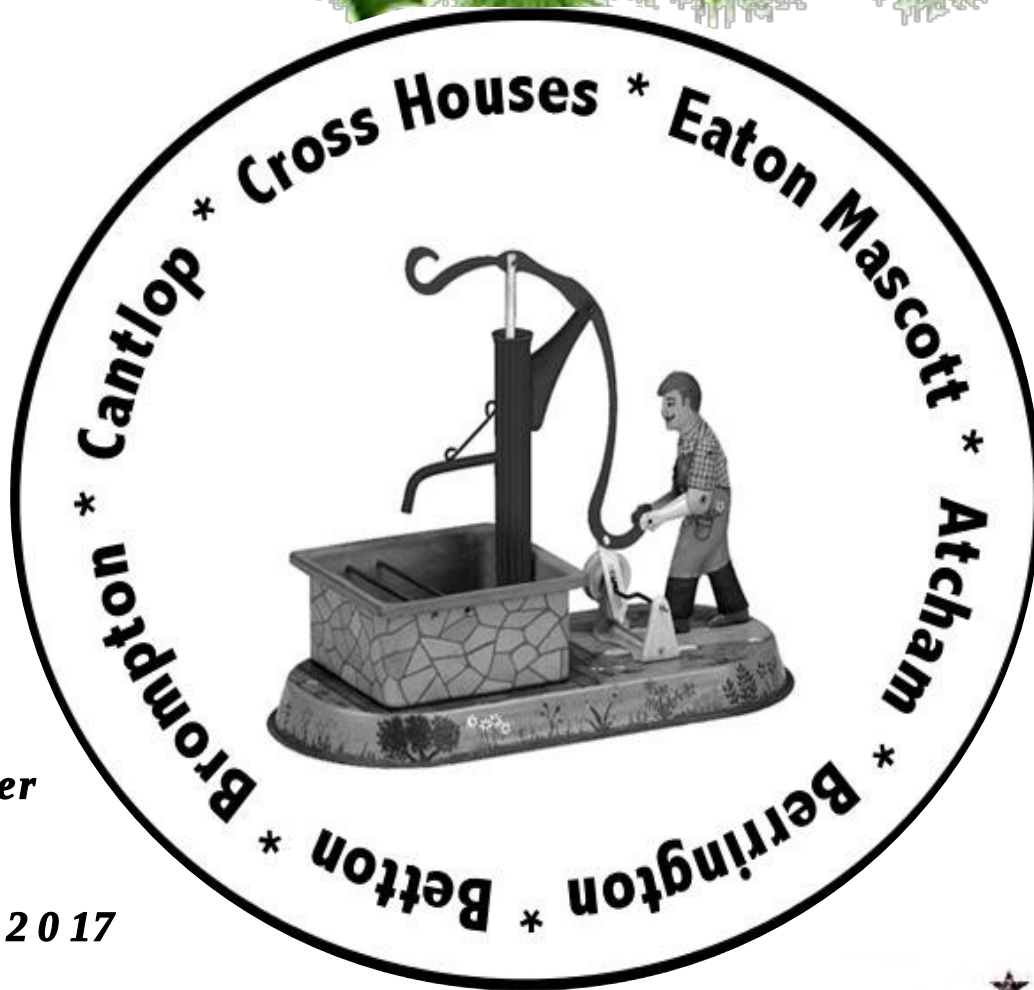


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*December
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**A newsletter for Atcham,
Berrington, Betton, Brompton,
Cantlop, Cross Houses
and Eaton Mascott**

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Berrington Parish Council

Berrington Parish Council consists of nine elected or co-opted Parish Councillors:

Claire Wild (Chair); Richard Purslow (Vice-Chair); Richard Ward; Sue Mason; Lezley Picton; Claire Bonsey; Mark Howarth, Eric Brayne and Steve Hawksworth. The Parish Council meets at 7.30pm on the 1st Thursday of every month (except August and sometimes December) at the Chapel Community Centre. More detailed information can be found on our website www.berringtonpc.org.uk Why not come along to one of our meetings. Guests are always welcome. If there is a local issue that concerns you then feel free to ask one of the Councillors for help in representing you in this matter.

Berrington Parish Council Website
www.berringtonparishcouncil.org.uk

Berrington Parish Clerk

Mrs Lorna Pardoe,
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Atcham Parish Council

Atcham Parish Council consists of seven elected or co-opted Parish Councillors:

Colin Morris, Jayne Caswell, Helen Trow, Colin Wildblood,
Alastair Home-Roberts, Tamara Hayman-Bant, Sue Shedden

Parish Councillors can be contacted as follows:

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News from your Shropshire Councillor - Councillor Claire Wild

FLY TIPPING

There has been an increase in fly tipping within our parishes. Shropshire Council will respond to any reports of fly tipping and remove it as soon as possible. If you come across any fly tipping please could you report it directly to Shropshire Council either by phone (0345 678 9006) or preferably by visiting Shropshire Council's website and completing the form under the fly tipping section. It would be helpful if once you have completed the form you could inform myself and/or the Parish Clerks know so that we can monitor the collection of the waste. By completing the form online this helps us keep an accurate record of fly tipping instances and hot spots.

LAND OFF HOLCROFT WAY AND OPPOSITE VILLAGE SHOP

I have been asked by many residents as to why the development hasn't started yet. The reason for the delay is that Fletcher Homes have not yet discharged all the pre development conditions relating to their planning permission. It is now likely that the works will start in the spring of 2017.

CHURCH LANE, BERRINGTON - ROAD CLOSURE

The road between Berrington village and the A458 (past the church) will be closed in December for essential carriageway resurfacing work. The works are programmed to take place under a temporary road closure from 01/12/2016 to 06/12/2016, under restricted hours between 09:30 & 16:00. I should point out that this work is weather dependant. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us and the Highways Team can complete this necessary work as soon as possible.

DOG FOULING

Once again it has been reported that there is a significant amount of dog mess around our villages. If you do know who is not picking up after their dogs please get in contact with the Parish Clerks so that we can try to do something about this. If you have a dog and you do not pick up after it I implore you to do so. The Parish Councils spend a lot of money keeping the areas neat and tidy for everyone to enjoy life in our villages, please don't let the minority ruin it for the majority.

AND FINALLY

A big thank you to all those of you who contribute your time on a voluntary basis to improve the quality of life in our parishes. It is very much appreciated by all of us.

May I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Claire Tel: 01743 762313 E-mail: claire.wild@shropshire.gov.uk



COMMUNITY PROJECTS, CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS

If you are considering starting any clubs or associations in the area or have an idea for a project that would benefit our community please get in touch with the Community Action Officer team who would very much like to hear from you. Our Community Action Officer is David Fairclough. David can be contacted on 07582 004015 or 01743 252483.

Email: david.fairclough@shropshire.gov.uk

COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM

Tel: 01743 253077 Email: communityaction@shropshire.gov.uk

POLICE CONTACT INFORMATION

Our Local Police Team is PC Dave Harte and CSO Jacqui Baldwin Tel: 0300 333 3000 ext 69008. There is also a team e-mail address: shrewsburyrsw.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

You can always contact Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111 if you wish to remain anonymous.

Berrington with Betton Strange PCC present

**Sunday 27th
November**

10am

**Chapel Community
Centre**

Cross Houses

**REFRESHMENTS & CRAFTS
WILL BE PROVIDED**

INCLUDING PUPPET SHOW



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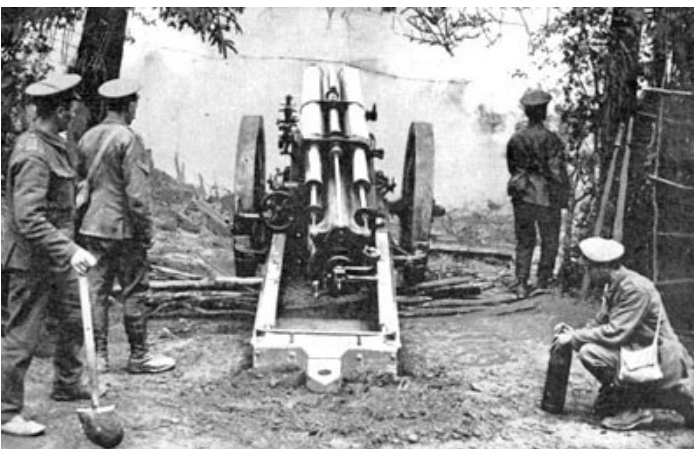
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News from Christ Church C.E. Primary School



Learning, Listening, Living

Hello again....

By the time you read this we will be well and truly into the throws of preparing for Christmas. We hope your holiday plans are going smoothly and you are looking forward to enjoying the festivities.

Activities October and November

We've been having lots of fun at Christ Church recently. Learning through first-hand experiences and having a good time together at social events.

Green Class had a smashing time - literally - in October, designing crash helmets to keep their heads (hard boiled eggs) safe. They tested their designs on the playground. They also had a scooter and cycle day where they brought in their 'wheels', had fun riding and learnt about safety.



Red Class visited the church and Rev Sarah taught them about baptism. The children enjoyed the hand on approach as Rev Sarah encouraged them to bring a favourite toy to baptise.

Yellow Class were learning about electricity and designing their own battery operated torches.

The PTA Halloween disco was an even greater success than usual, with the addition of a family room and dining area for those who wanted to escape the noise of the disco.

It's hard to find superlatives to describe the success of our first bonfire event. The PTA has been congratulated many times on social media. It was a truly spectacular event. There was such a lovely family atmosphere and a great time was had by all, thanks to their meticulous planning and creative flair.



Looking forward to December

Christmas is one of our busiest terms in school but is always one of the most joyous. Who can resist 'Away in a manger' – it always brings a lump to my throat- and all those angels, shepherds and the three wise men, telling us proudly the story of the first Christmas. The children will be making their Christingle for our service at the end of November – always a treat as they get to eat the sweets at the end.

Dates for November and December

Christingle Service in School Friday 25th November at 2:30pm

Christmas Fair Friday 25th November at 6-8pm

Christmas Church Service Friday 16th December at 2:00pm – All welcome in the church

Dates

Christmas Holidays Monday 19th December to Wednesday 4th January

Spring Term begins Thursday 5th January 2017

Kim Stokes & Tracey Cansdale, Headteachers



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BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Thursday 6th October starting at 7.30pm.

MINUTES

1) Welcome by Chairman: The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting

2) Present; Councillor C Wild-Chairman ; Councillor R Purslow-Vice-chairman ; Councillor C Bonsey ; Councillor S Mason ; Councillor L Picton ; Councillor M Howorth ; Councillor S Hawksworth.

Also present L Pardoe clerk to the council and Mr. E Brayne to be co-opted to the Parish Council.

Apologies were received from Councillor R Ward.

3) Council to co-opt new member on to the Parish Council. After discussion It was agreed to co-opt Mr E Brayne on to the Parish Council; proposed by Councillor C Wild seconded by Councillor S Mason and agreed by all members present.

4) New Councillor to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Councillor E Brayne signed the declaration of acceptance of Office in the presence of the members of the Parish Council.

5) Declarations of Pecuniary Interest: Councillor C Wild & Councillor L Picton declared an Interest in item 16(iii) Planning Application reference; 16/04343/HRM

6) Confirmation and acceptance of the minutes from 1st September 2016; It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Councillor R Purslow; seconded by Councillor L Picton and agreed by all members present.

7) Matters arising: clerk to report on any matters not on the agenda

8) Representations from members of the Public; There were no members of the public present.

9) Police Report: This was circulated to members by e-mail. Councillor Wild reported that there had been activities at the BMX site at Cantlop where a large piece of hedge had been removed. This was reported to Shropshire Council for enforcement officers to look at.

Councillor R Purslow reported that there had been a theft from The Post Office in the early hours and although the culprits had been caught clearly on the CCTV camera footage as there was no vehicle registration the Police could /would not do anything about it.

10) Defibrillator i) Report on progress of installation of Defibrillator. The clerk showed the recently received defibrillator to the members. She was waiting for another part of the package to arrive, they also need to purchase a secure box to put it on the wall. Clerk to contact Pontesbury clerk to see where they got their box from and how they went about the process.

ii) Council to consider siting of the defibrillator; in the instruction it states the defibrillator not to be kept in direct sunlight. Members to look at the Post Office site to see where is the best place for siting it in consultation with the owner of The Post Office.

11) Highway Matters; Councillor R Purslow reported that the hedges had not been trimmed by Fletcher Homes, or by Belvoir's as requested at the last meeting. Clerk to follow this up as a matter of urgency.

It was reported that the hedge towards the Cattery on Berrington road owned by Fletcher Homes was in need of trimming and overhanging.

The patch of tarmac opposite the entrance to Noel Hill Road whilst it has been patched is still not right. There is a pot hole on the mini roundabout that needs attention.

Councillor S Mason reported that the trees from 65 to 56 Lower Cross were overhanging and weeping on to the floor.

15) Financial Matters:

i) Bank Reconciliation for Month End June 2016: It was agreed to accept the Bank Reconciliation as presented by the clerk; proposed by Councillor S Hawksworth; seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present.

1051	B Reacord	Hedgcutting	200.00
1052	Nation Trust	Rent playting Filed	95.00
1053	SLF Printing	Printing of V Pump	480.00
1054	Shropshire Coucil	Energy for lights	156.58
1055	HMRC	PAYE	33.80
1056	L Pardoe	Salary & Expenses	388.14
1057	Shropshire Coucil	Energy for lights	156.58
		Total	1510.10

ii) Accounts for payment: - It was agreed to pay the accounts as presented by the clerk; Proposed by Councillor S Hawksworth; seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present.

iii). It was agreed to use the Standing Order system at the Bank to pay the clerks salary on a monthly basis. Proposed by Councillor S Hawksworth; seconded by Councillor L Picton and agreed by all members present.

iv) Council to consider quotes for replacement windows and doors for the Community Centre. After discussion it was agreed to give the contract to replace the doors in the Community Centre to Heritage Glass. Proposed by Councillor L Picton; seconded by Councillor S Mason and agreed by all members present.

v) Council to discuss other improvements to the Community Centre; Councillor L Picton had met with a man who was going to look at the cost of some panels which heat downwards. She is waiting for him to come back with those prices.

It was agreed to obtain quotes for carpet tile in the large room and the smaller room. Councillors S Mason & R Purslow to obtain these quotes for a future meeting.

16) Planning Matters:-

Council to consider new applications:

Reference: 16/02940/LBC: Address: Apartment 16, Haycock House, the Chestnuts, Cross Houses; Awaiting decision

Reference: 16/03210/FUL: Address: Proposed residential development land to the South of Crosshouses, Shrewsbury Awaiting decision

Council to consider new planning applications:

Reference: 16/03733/LBC

Address: The Wain House, Betton Strange, Shrewsbury, SY5 6HZ

Proposal: Installation of three replacement doors to rear elevation

After discussion it was agreed to offer no comment to this application.

Proposed Councillor R Ward; seconded by Councillor S Hawksworth and agreed by all members present.

Councillors C Wild & L Picton left the meeting at this point.

Reference: 16/04343/HRM

Address: Newman's Hall, Eaton Mascott, Shrewsbury. SY5 6HE

Proposal: Removal of approx. 547 m of hedgerow

After discussion it was agreed to offer no comment to this application.

Proposed Councillor R Ward; seconded by Councillor S Hawksworth and agreed by all members present.

Councillors C Wild & L Picton returned to the meeting at this point.

17) Correspondence Received: This was noted.

18) Parish Matters:

i) Williams Brookes School children, morning bus pick up. Councillor Purslow to report: Councillor R Purslow has witnessed the way the children stand at the very edge of the kerb whilst waiting for the morning bus to school. The majority stand on the pavement by the crossing. They do not move for other pedestrians and are blocking the entrance and visibility to The Chestnuts for motorists. He is concerned that there will be an accident if they do not stand back from the edge of the pavement.

Clerk to write to the school and ask some teachers to come and see for themselves. The members wondered if it would be better if there was an area of hardstanding for the children to stand on rather than the large area of grass which is wet at this time of year.

ii) Members to report any parish matters: Councillor C Wild reported the incident at Crossing Cottage where a large area of hedge had been ripped out, it was reported that there are also 2 caravans parked and being lived in which will be reported to enforcement. Clerk to follow this up and see what if anything was happening.

19) Date and Time of next Meeting– It was agreed that this would be held on Thursday 3rd November 2016. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.15pm

A REMINDER FROM BERRINGTON PARISH CLERK

Highways Act 1980 Section 154

Street Lights

May we remind you that the obstruction of a street light may reduce its ability to properly illuminate the highway and/or create access issues to enable the safe maintenance of the lantern, column and electrical supply. It is your duty and responsibility under Section 154 of the Highways Act 1980 to ensure that overhanging foliage from your garden does not interfere or obstruct the highway in any way. We would therefore respectfully request that you ensure that the foliage causing any obstruction is cut back sufficiently so that it no longer obscures the light or blocks safe access to the lantern and/or column.

Highways

It is also your duty and responsibility under Section 154 of the Highway Act 1980 to ensure that overhanging foliage from your garden does not interfere or obstruct the highway in any way. We would therefore respectfully request that you ensure that the foliage causing any obstruction is cut back sufficiently so that it no longer obstructs the highway.

Cross Houses Community Allotments Bonfire

On a mild 5th November night friends, family and guests were treated to a fabulous bonfire by the holders of the Community Allotments. The fire was built by Ian, Jim, Cameron, Graham and Pryce and was constructed of wood, dead branches and other non compostable waste from the allotments. Once the bonfire was lit the BBQ – very efficiently manned by Ian and Jim proved a great success serving guests with food kindly donated from amongst members and their families and ranging from burgers and sausages to curry, jacket potatoes and salmon as well as some very tasty sweet treats. Ian's ginger beer deserves a special mention as it was very popular as was Pryce's Lemoncello – both going down well with everyone.

Alistair Healey and his lovely Mum? very generously donated fireworks and Alistair produced a spectacular display which drew several other people to the event. All were warmly welcomed and encouraged to join us for food and drinks.

An enjoyable night was had by all and we are discussing the possibility of a summer event. If you would like further information about the Allotments please contact Cameron on 01743 761443.

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Meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month (except August) at The Bell Inn at 7pm - please come along and join us. **Everyone is welcome, for more information please call Sue on 01743 761355**

Cross Houses Book Club 2017 Reading List

January – *'The Paying Guest'* Sarah Waters

February – *'The Corrections'* Jonathon Frantzen

March – *'Girl on a Train'* – Paula Hawkins

April – *'Being Dead'* – Jim Crace

May – *'Tess of the D'Urbervilles'* – Thomas Hardy

June – *'The Help'* – Kathryn Stockett

July – *'Still Alice'* – Lisa Genova

August – NO MEETING

September – *'The Bone People'* – Keri Hulme

'My Brilliant Friend' – Elena Ferrante

'Wolf Hall' – Hilary Mantel

October – *'Stoner'* – John Williams

November – *'The Buried Giant'* – Kazuo Ishiguro

December – *'Mother, Mother'* – Coren Zailckas



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You can make your complaint anonymously. All calls are treated with utmost confidentiality and you don't have to give your name unless you want to. Please note however that if the information we get is limited this can limit our ability to deal with the problem reported.

When dealing with complaints of anti-social behaviour, **we will do our best to protect your identity at all times.**

When reporting an incident of anti-social behaviour, our staff will ask you to provide where possible, specific details of the incident, and this will include;

- details of the date and time
- what actually happened
- who was involved

- whether there were any other people affected by it
- It may also be necessary for you to report the incident to another agency we **will let you know this.** In an emergency always call **999**

The Safer Stronger Communities Partnership is the community safety partnership for Shropshire, made up of representatives from West Mercia Police, Shropshire Council, Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service, Clinical Commissioning Group and West Mercia Probation Trust.

We and are committed to working with communities to tackle anti-social behaviour so Shropshire is a safe place for people to live, work and visit.

To help us do this we need you to tell us when you see anti-social behaviour, so that we can take action against it. When you call us with a complaint, you are doing much more than dealing with nuisance behaviour. You are helping to make Shropshire a better and safer place to live.

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Everyone is most welcome - new ideas can be incorporated and tried so please come along and join us.

Please contact Sue on 01743 761355 or email sueshedden52@gmail.com for more information.



Something for your dog to read with Christmas fast approaching!

Be especially patient with your humans during this time. They may appear to be more stressed-out than usual. They may come home with large bags of things they call gifts. Do not assume that all the gifts are yours. Be tolerant if your humans put decorations on you. They seem to get some special kind of pleasure out of seeing how dogs look with fake antlers.

The Christmas Tree:

They may bring a large tree into the house and set it up in a prominent place and cover it with lights and decorations. Bizarre as this may seem to you, it is an important ritual for your humans, so here are some things canines need to know:

- Don't pee on the tree.
- Don't drink water in the container that holds the tree.
- Mind your tail when you are near the tree.
- If there are packages under the tree, even ones that smell interesting or that have your name on them, don't rip them open.
- Don't chew on the cord that runs from the funny-looking hole in the wall to the tree.



Discretion

Your humans may occasionally invite lots of strangers to come visit during this season. These parties can be lots of fun, but they also call for some discretion on the part of we dogs:

- Not all strangers appreciate kisses.
- Do not eat off the buffet table.
- Beg for goodies by all means but do it..... subtly.
- Be pleasant, even if unknowing strangers sit on your sofa.
- Don't drink out of glasses that are left within your reach.



Manners:

Likewise, your humans may take you visiting at Christmas. Here your manners will also be important:

- Respect the territory of other animals that may live in the house.
- Tolerate children.
- Turn on your charm big time.
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CRESSAGE Gardening Club



Gordon Malt from Sherrifhales made a welcome return visit in October and gave an illustrated talk on 'Garden Features and Plant Combinations' followed by a Q & A session. Another two new members joined in October bringing our total membership to over 40.

Our two special evenings in November fall after most magazine submission dates so you will be able to read all about 'making wine from fruits available from our gardens and hedgerows' by Judith and friends and the Annual Flower Arranging presentation by the talented florist Jane Pugh early in 2017.

CGC's Christmas Dinner will be held at The Riverside on Thursday 15 December.

The AGM on Thursday 19 January will be followed by a presentation on Powis Castle by Mel Humphries our Deputy Chairman.

Have you ever visited the walled garden in 'Attingham Park' and wondered about its place in the history of the 18th century NT property then and now? Come along on the 16th February to a presentation by Hedley and Carole, 2 of our members and amongst the many present day volunteers at Attingham's Walled Garden.

New members welcome. All meetings take place on the third Thursday of the month, 7.30pm in Cressage Village Hall unless otherwise notified. Membership is just £5 a year.

On behalf of all the Committee may I wish all our readers a Joyful Christmas and Happy New Year and thank you for your continued interest.

Contact for further information: Jan Halmshaw Secretary (01952 510594)

Now you can find CGC on Facebook too!

Find us on 

A Teacher's Tale

Christmas was approaching and a Primary teacher was telling the story of the baby Jesus and the Nativity to her class.

Afterwards she left them to draw a picture of the scene, which they promptly did. One little boy soon came up with his drawing, which showed the stable and all the main characters.

The teacher asked what the boy had drawn and he went through Mary, Joseph, Jesus, etc... and then the teacher spotted a large black blob at the back...

"And what's this then?" she asked

"That's the stable bear!" replied the boy, rather indignantly!



Cryptic Christmas Card

A man sent his friend a cryptic Christmas card. It said: A B C D E F G H I J K M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z. The recipient puzzled over it for weeks, finally gave up and wrote asking for an explanation. In July he received the explanation on a postcard: "No L."

ATCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS – DECEMBER 2016

NEW WEBSITE

The Parish Council has a new website – www.atchamparishcouncil.org.uk. Feedback on the site is welcome – please send to the Clerk – atchampc@gmail.com

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH - VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We are still looking for volunteers for Community Speedwatch – please contact the Clerk if you may be interested

POLICE REPORTS

PC David Harte is retiring this Christmas.

The police reported the following crimes from September to October 2016

Assault: 0	Theft:	Burglary Other: 1
Vehicle Crime:	Criminal Damage:	Burglary Dwelling: 0
Other: 1	Road Traffic Incident: 3	Road Collision: 2
ASB Personal: 0	ASB Environmental: 0	ASB Nuisance: 0

SALOP LEISURE

A planning application for a “glamping village” at the site of the new touring park, reference 16/04479/FUL, has now been submitted. The Parish Council supported this planning application as it will bring economic and tourism benefits to the area. You can view this and other parish planning applications on our website – www.atchamparishcouncil.org.uk (follow the link to Planning at the top of the page)

LOCAL PLAN REVIEW

The review of Shropshire Council’s Local Plan, which sets out planning policies for the area, is underway. This will ultimately replace SAMDEV and the Core Strategy. Please look out for consultations in the New Year.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

We are pressing for the VAS sign to be re-erected and continuing to press for the issues at Emstrey Roundabout to be addressed.

PARISH MATTERS

Fly-tipping has again been reported in the parish – please report all such incidents to Shropshire Council so that the incidents are logged and tracked.

NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 11th January 2017, 7.30pm at The Malthouse, Atcham



WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR!

CHURCH SERVICES at ST.EATA'S, ATCHAM

Holy communion every Sunday at 11 a.m.

Carol Service - Sunday 18th December at 11 a.m.

Christmas Eve Service - 9.30 p.m.

Christmas Day Service 11 a.m.

Thursday 29th December at 3 p.m. a Concert of seasonal music and readings in Church followed by afternoon tea in The Malthouse. See separate Notice in this Magazine for full details.



Christmas cards with full details of Christmas Services will be distributed around the Village soon.

Fair Trade stall - good news - following the closure of the Fair Trade Shop in Shrewsbury a stall has started trading in The Market Hall. It is on the first Gallery where the old Army Surplus stall used to be and near some butchers. They have lots of Christmas goodies including some wonderful Christmas cards. Please try and visit them if you are in the market.

The Mere Singers - Concert at Mereside Centre, Springfield.

Friday December 9th at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets £7 to include mulled wine and nibbles. Pay on the door.

Atcham Flower Club - meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Malthouse. December meeting 14th. Please come along and bring friends and enjoy a brilliant demonstration with tea and biscuits.

From everyone at St.Eata's we wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas and a good New Year.

Words and Music for Christmas

An afternoon Concert of Seasonal Music with Readings

Catherine Ennis and The Chilton Consort

St Eata's Church, Atcham

Thursday 29th December 2016, 3pm

Followed by afternoon tea at The Malthouse

Tickets: £15 or Groups of 4: £55

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It is advisable to book early for this very popular annual event

Tickets from Ann Grant 01743 243133 or Sheila Weaver 01952 257682

Or other members of the Church Committee



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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**Sunday 27th November,
10am**

Chapel Community Centre
Cross Houses

Café Church

& Christmas Crafts

Adults and children of all ages
welcome

**Sunday 18th December,
2:30pm**

**St Margaret's Betton Strange
Cards by Gaslight**

A service of readings and carols

**Tuesday 20th December,
7pm**

**All Saints' Berrington
Cards by Candlelight**

A service of readings and carols
followed by Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

**Thursday 22nd December,
6pm**

Chapel Community Centre
Cross Houses

Crib Service

Particularly suitable for the very young,
fancy dress optional.

**Sunday 25th December,
11am**

**All Saints' Berrington
Christmas Day
Family Service**



Everyone welcome

Please note there are no services on New Year's Day

The Reverend Sarah Hare writes



As you look back on this year, what kind of journeys have you had? Our journey in the last 12 months has led us in different directions with many twists, turns and surprises along the way as we looked for the next place where we felt God may be calling us to be in my first post as Vicar. Little did we know 12 months ago that we would now be settling in to the Wenlock Team.



As I look at the Christmas story, it is one of travelling and journeys. We see Mary and Joseph travelling to Bethlehem, the place where Mary gave birth to the baby Jesus. The shepherds who were told of the birth of Jesus, the Messiah, by a multitude of angels got up from their fields and went to Bethlehem and went back telling people what they had seen. The Wise Men or Kings made a long journey to come and worship the baby Jesus after they saw and followed a star. All these people were aware that something very

special happened that day as Jesus was born in a stable in Bethlehem, so much so that they left the tasks of their daily lives to come and see Jesus.

I wonder if there are times you feel alone on your journey through life? You are not. Another name for Jesus is Emmanuel which means God with us. Even though this baby was born over 2000 years ago, God is still with us here at this time and in this place and I pray that you will know him walking with you every step of your journey this Christmas and in the New Year.

I hope you have a very Happy Christmas and a blessed New Year

Revd Sarah Hare

Team Vicar in Wenlock Team of Parishes

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Berrington Church

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**January
Wk 1 & 2**
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December
Cheryl King

January
Jean Law

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OCTOBER

1st G Jones, 2nd Andrea, 3rd K Titley

NOVEMBER

1st Mabel Davies, 2nd V Ward, 3rd C Wild

A BIG THANK YOU

Our thanks to everyone who helped with the Working Party at Berrington Church on Saturday 29th October, their hard work was very much appreciated.

BERRINGTON CHURCH WEBSITE

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14th December, 11th and 25th January

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Monday 26 December 2016 Bank holiday closure

Tuesday 27 December 2016 Bank holiday closure

Wednesday 28 December 2016 Open as usual

Thursday 29 December 2016 Open as usual

Friday 30 December 2016 Open as usual

Monday 2 January 2017 Bank holiday closure

Tuesday 3 January 2017 Open as usual

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111 will be available to provide medical advice over the Christmas and New Year period.

We would like to wish all of our patients a very merry Christmas and happy and healthy New Year.

HINTS & TIPS TO KEEP WELL THIS WINTER

- At the first sign of a cough or cold, get immediate advice from your pharmacist before it gets more serious
- Speak to your pharmacist about medicines you should have in stock over winter
- Pick up prescription medications before the Christmas holidays start as many GPs and pharmacies will close over the holidays
- It is important to keep warm in winter, so heat your home to at least 18°C (65°F), if you can, you might prefer your living room to be slightly warmer
- Make sure you get your flu jab
- If you need help over the holiday period when your GP surgery or pharmacy is closed, call NHS 111 or visit www.nhs.uk

Minor Illness Clinic

As you are aware, in June this year we extended our protocol of reception staff requesting a reason for an appointment to include GP appointments, in order to direct patients to the most appropriate service. From mid-November we will be piloting a Minor Illness Clinic offering pre-bookable and same day appointments with our Nurse Manager who is a qualified Nurse Prescriber. If you request a same day appointment you will first be asked for the reason for the call so we can direct you appropriately.

MUCH WENLOCK & CRESSAGE PRACTICE SUPPORT GROUP

The current membership of the Much Wenlock & Cressage Practice Support Group have formally resigned from the Committee after 14 years of dedicated funding raising to improve the patient experience at the Practice. During these 14 years the group have raised over £33,000.

Thank You

The partners and staff at the Practice would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks for the members of the Practice Support Group for their voluntary work. The money raised from the group has improved the comfort of patients at the practice and enabled us to provide a better service. The Group have also made our flu clinics much more of a social and enjoyable event for the hundreds of patients who have taken advantage of their refreshments over the years.

Our grateful thanks go out to :

Mary Pacey, Ann Craig, Pam Wood, Ann Wynn, Yvonne Holyoak, Jean Willets, Karen Childs, Val Wood, Phil Pickard, Pat Moore and particular thanks to Linda Rowlands Treasurer for the group, Ann Lloyd the never tiring Chair and David Lloyd for all his help in staging events.

Thank you also to all our patients and staff , past and present, who have supported the Group's events over the years and donated.

If you are interested in taking the Practice Support Group forward and setting up a new committee with the support of the Practice, please contact Sarah Hope, Practice Manager on 01952 726011.

PRACTICE EMAIL ADDRESS

The contact email address for the Practice is: **muchwenlockmp@nhs.net**

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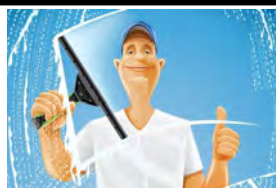
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- that your containers were out by **7am**
- that your containers were out in the correct place
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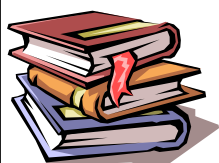
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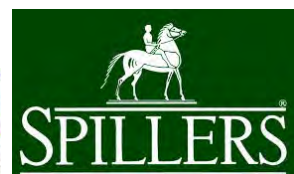
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9		7		3		2		1				3		6		5		2
	1						8					9					6	
7								2				1						3
	5						1					5					9	
4								9				9						6
	7									7							8	
1		9		8					6		5					9	2	4
	8		9		4					2					3	2	7	
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			4		1					2		3						
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6		4		5					5		7				7		1	6
	2									1							7	
9								8					6					4
	4						2							8			2	
3								5					7					8
	9						6							1			4	
2		8		7		1		9					8		6		3	
	5		1		2		3							4		1	9	

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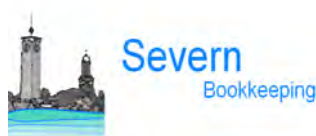


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Fill in all the squares in the grid so that each row, column and each of the 3 x 3 squares contains all the digits from 1-9.

	7	6	3				8	
	9	2						
5			7					
		1		9	7	6		
		5		3		7		
		7	8	4		9		
					2			6
						2	5	
	8				5	3	4	

SUDOKU X

5			7	3				
						7	1	
7		4			1			3
	4					5	9	2
			8					1
			9				4	
		5		2				
	6	3						
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GARDENING MATTERS

Top Tips courtesy of Tim Robinson, Manager of Love Plants



Bare-rooted fruit trees and hedging.

Once the first frost arrives and leaves fall from the trees; bare-rooted trees and hedging plants can be lifted from the nursery fields. Reduced light levels and cooler temperatures mean deciduous plants begin to shut down and become dormant. This is a perfect time to transfer plants in a bare-rooted state and take advantage of the fact that they are less expensive to purchase than pot grown plants. They can be planted any time from early November to the end of February as long as the ground is not frozen.

Tips for planting bare-rooted trees and hedging.

- Never let roots dry out – if you are not ready to plant, dig a hole or a trench anywhere in the garden, insert the roots to keep them moist and use the heel of your boot to firm them in.
- Plant them in position as soon as possible - improve the soil by adding organic matter such as compost or well-rotted manure and add slow release fertilizer or bone-meal.
- Dig a hole wide enough and deep enough to accommodate the roots easily, keeping the soil mark from the nursery field at ground level.
- Fork the bottom and sides of the hole, add Microrhizal fungi (Rootgrow) to the bottom of the hole or dip hedging plants in Microrhizal fungi gel (Rootgrow gel), stand the roots of the tree or hedging in the hole.
- You may need an extra pair of hands to help you as this is the time to insert a stake carefully between the roots, 4-5cm (2"-3") next to the trunk of the tree on the windward side where the wind will blow the tree away from the stake. Hammer the stake in approximately 30cm (1ft) into the ground, fasten a tree tie about 30-45cms (1-1.1\2ft) from the top of the stake into a figure of eight so the center of the tie acts as a buffer between the tie and the trunk. For hedging whips you may only need to insert a cane to support the plant.
- Back fill the hole with the soil mixed with well-rotted manure or compost and slow release fertilizer a bit at a time. Firm soil between the roots and around trunk with the heel of your boot as you go to ensure there are no gaps or air pockets left behind as these could fill up with water and freeze which could damage or kill the roots of the plant.

- If a dry spell follows after planting keep the roots watered and continue for the first couple of years particularly through the summer months.
- Prevent rabbits eating and stripping the bark by fitting rabbit guards around the base of the trees or hedging plants (wrap around the cane as well this will stop them blowing away).
- Keep the base of the tree free from weeds as they will take water and nutrients from the tree while it's trying to grow. Use a mulch such as sheets of newspaper or weed suppressant material to keep weeds clear at the base of hedging plants.
- Check trees and hedging plants regularly after planting to ensure correct watering and the wear and loosening of tree ties, stakes and rabbit guards. Tree stakes need to be kept in place for the first 2-3 years after planting until the roots have anchored

Tim Robinson

Manager – Love Plants at Salop Leisure

If you have any top-tips be it gardening, cleaning etc. or have an article that you think the residents of Atcham and Berrington Parishes would find interesting please get in touch with the Village Pump Editor.



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