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**OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2022**

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Queen Elizabeth II**  
**1926-2022**



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FOR ATCHAM, BERRINGTON, BETTON,  
BROMPTON, CANTLOP, CROSS  
HOUSES AND EATON MASCOTT**

# PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

## **Berrington Parish Council**

Berrington Parish Council usually meets at 7pm on the 1st Thursday of every month (except August and sometimes December) at the Chapel Community Centre.

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

Claire Wild (Chair); Richard Purslow (Vice-Chair); Nick Biggs; Claire Bonsey; Henry Carpenter; Stephy Durkan; Geoff Jones; Sue Mason; and Sue Shedden. More detailed information can be found on our website [www.berringtonpc.org.uk](http://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](http://www.berringtonparishcouncil.org.uk)

## **Berrington Parish Clerk**

Interim Clerk: Ian Cruise-Taylor

Tel: 07379 213308 mail: [berringtonpc@gmail.com](mailto:berringtonpc@gmail.com)

## **Atcham Parish Council**

Atcham Parish Council usually meet bi-monthly (Jan, Mar, May, July, Sep & Nov) on a Wednesday evening at the Malthouse, Atcham at 7.30pm.

Atcham Parish Council consists of seven elected or co-opted Parish Councillors: Colin Wildblood (Chairman), Simon Adney, Stephen Cook, Laura Dixon, Sue Shedden and Rob Trow.

**Atcham Parish Council Website** [www.atchamparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.atchamparishcouncil.org.uk)

## **Atcham Parish Clerk**

Interim Clerk: Caroline Higgins

Email: [atchampc@gmail.com](mailto:atchampc@gmail.com)

## **IMPORTANT**

**Deadline for the Dec 22 - Jan 23  
issue is Friday 18th November 2022**



# News from your Shropshire Councillor **Claire Wild**



## **Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 1926–2022**

The passing of our beloved Queen brings to an end a remarkable life of service and dedication to the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. Her death has been mourned around the globe which is testament to the high regard she was afforded on the world stage.

I attended both the Proclamation Ceremony of King Charles III in The Quarry on Sunday 11th September and the Shropshire Memorial Service on Sunday 18th at Shrewsbury Abbey. For both events there was a mixture of emotions, sadness for the Queen's passing but also a sense of history in the making.

May she rest in peace with her beloved Philip. God Save the King.

## **Signalisation of the Cross Houses Zebra Crossing**

Following many comments and requests from residents regarding the upgrading of the zebra crossing to one with lights it was unanimously agreed at the last meeting that the Parish Council would pay for the signalisation of the crossing. Having lights on the crossing will make it much safer and is also likely to slow down the traffic. I will keep you updated as and when I receive more information and timescales.

## **Public Consultation - Speed Reduction Measures**

I am hoping that over the next month the public consultation will commence on the first stage of the speed reduction measures in Cross Houses. The first stage is to move the 30mph limit to the last house on the A458 heading out of the village towards Cressage and to extend the 40mph limit towards Church Lane. Everyone will be able to have their say during the consultation.

## **Atcham Bridge and Old Atcham Bridge**

I have been told that the new street lights on Atcham Bridge should be in place by Christmas. Shropshire Council's Bridges Team are in the process of making an application to Historic England for a grant to carry out repairs and cleaning on the old Atcham Bridge.

Best wishes,

*Claire*

t: 01743 255 884

m: 07582 002 100

E-mail: [claire.wild@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:claire.wild@shropshire.gov.uk)

## POLICE CONTACT INFORMATION

Our Local Police Team: Tel: 0300 333 3000 ext. 69008. There is also a team e-mail address: [shrewsburyre.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:shrewsburyre.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)

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@ Cross Houses

**5th & 19th October and  
2nd, 16th & 30th November**

Firstly we would like to thank all those who came forward to help us keep the club running. We now need to have a meeting to introduce everyone to each other and get a rota sorted.

Mr Bob Thurston is joining us on 5th October to plant our Oak tree which was donated to us by the National Trust. Bob has suggested that we plant the tree in the hedge at the playing field.

If anyone can offer up any ideas that we could use on our evenings, please contact us. Julia

Our youth club caters for young people aged 8 - 15. Every other Wednesday evening, 6.30pm - 8.00pm at the Chapel Community Centre, The Chestnuts, Cross Houses SY5 6JH. The Youth Club is open to young people from all the surrounding parishes and is run by a fully trained Youth Worker from Shropshire Youth Association along with (fully checked and trained) volunteers. The cost per child, per week is £1. This money will go towards paying for the cost of trips that will be run throughout the year. **Please note parent/guardian permission will be required.**

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## CRESSAGE Gardening Club

After a very busy Summer visiting many splendid and interesting gardens, we are back with our meetings at the Cross Houses community hall.

Our first meeting is planned for 15th September which I do hope you'll have attended ( I write this on 12th). The talk by Robert Doran on Wildlife garden ponds promises to be of great interest for many. He is an ambassador for the Wildlife Trust.

On 20th October, Malcolm Millard presents his talk 'Let them Eat Cake' - Opening your garden for the NGS. Some humour there with his wide knowledge.

I have an NGS Shropshire gardens guide, where gardeners who've done this list 10 reasons why it's so rewarding. Do come.

On 17 November we have Katy Doody of 'Colours' in Much Wenlock to do Flower arranging displays. You may know her shop at 5 High st. It's beautiful.

15 December is our Christmas Meal.

Booking is being confirmed as I write.

Members watch out for email regarding this event.

Best wishes Liz

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7pm (for a 7.15pm Start)

**Column Flower Club send its condolences to the  
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### **11th October**

Practical Evening Halloween - Dark & Daring.

*An opportunity for members to create an arrangement using a  
Pumpkin (or other seasonal fruit/vegetables) and Seasonal  
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### **8th November**

Christmas Demonstration by guest demonstrator – Jane  
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### **13<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Social Evening & Mini-Workshop

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Visit the cost of living help page – [www.shropshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help)

### More information

The cost of living advice and support is a partnership between Shropshire Council, Citizens Advice Shropshire, Marches Energy Agency, Shropshire Food Poverty Alliance, Age UK and Shropshire Mental Health Support.

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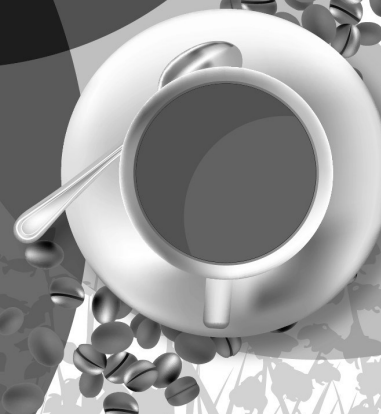
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Services with Holy Communion on the other Sundays at 11 a.m.

Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 11 a.m. All donations of produce will be donated to The Food Bank and The Ark.

Reminder - Summer Time ends on 30<sup>th</sup> October. Don't forget to put your clocks BACK ONE HOUR.

Remembrance Sunday - November 13th. The Congregation will assemble in Church at 10.55 a.m. to prepare for the 2 minutes silence at 11 a.m.

Services for Advent and Christmas are at the planning stage at this time. Notices will appear on all the Notice Boards at Church and in the Village.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022, the Nation and the World were shocked when it was announced that H.M. Queen Elizabeth II had died at Balmoral aged 96. We, the Congregation of St.Eata's and the whole Village extend our deepest sympathy to all the royal Family at this very sad time.

We thank Steve Evans and his team of Bellringers who rang the bells half muffled which added to the solemnity of the occasion when a Service of Holy Communion thanking God for the life of her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Her duty is done. May she sleep peacefully and join her beloved Philip for evermore. Rest in eternal dignity and peace beloved Queen. GOD SAVE THE KING.



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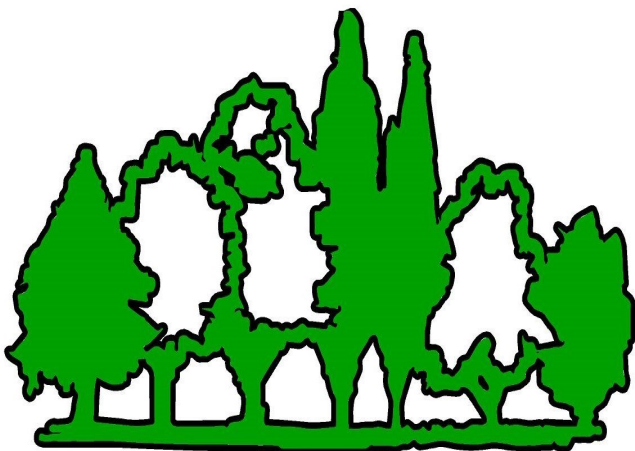
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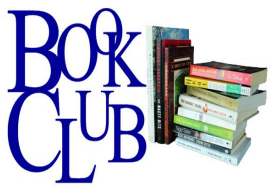
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### 2022 Reading List

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November - *"Being the Supervet – How animals saved my life"* - Noel Fitzpatrick

December - *"The Air Raid Killer"* - Frank Goldammer

## COUN & DISTRICT CRAFTERS

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## CROSS HOUSES



We are a small group of very friendly ladies who meet on the third Monday of the month, 10am - 12 noon at the Community Room, Noel Hill Road for a chat and to make items for charity events which we run twice a year for local causes - everyone is welcome and you don't have to worry about ability - we are all different and learn from each other whilst having a laugh.

**We welcome new members, please come along and join us.**

For more information please contact Sue on 01743 761355 / 07773 161635 or email [sueshedden52@gmail.com](mailto:sueshedden52@gmail.com)

The ladies of Knit and Natter, Cross Houses Book Club and Cound Crafters were very saddened to hear of the death of her Majesty after a lifetime of service to our country. She was a unique role model for all who wish to show loyalty, leadership and service to others. She will be missed by many generations of her subjects but will be remembered for her true and unwavering loyalty to us all the world over. May she rest in peace and be remembered with affection.

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## Preparing, Sowing, Growing

### Special Days...

The start of a new school year has marked some special days at Christ Church in the first few weeks of term.

We enjoyed celebrating Roald Dahl Day in September by dressing up as our favourite character and enjoying a special lunch full of Roald Dahl linked food. Year 1 to Year 6 have been to the theatre to watch David Walliams' Demon Dentist production. Oak Class have been to Concord College to take part in some great sound wave experiments to help their physics understanding. All this, and getting back into normal everyday routines, welcoming new children, and new members of staff.



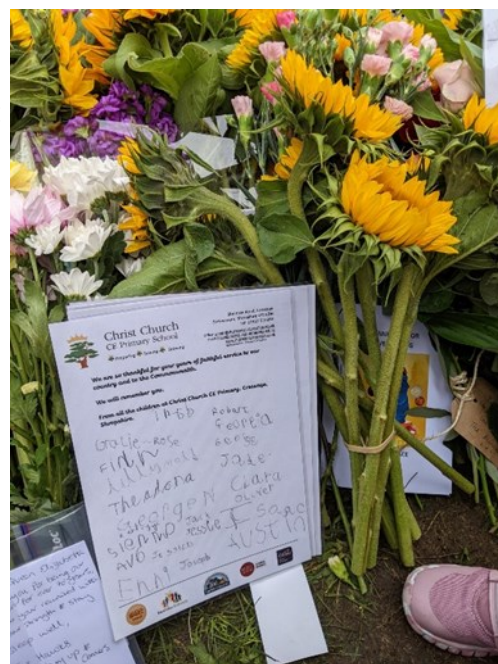
Marking the death of Her late Majesty, the Queen was a special, if extremely sad event. The children had so enjoyed the Platinum Jubilee events and getting their special books and so it was fitting that we were able to fly our flag at half mast and have a special commemoration and hold a silence. We were so proud of our youngest Reception children who joined in with this so well, given it was their first week of school. Thanks to one of our school families who laid tributes at Windsor, we were able to leave a note of condolence signed by all the children and staff at Windsor Castle.

### Events in October

*We try to let you know about events which may cause traffic/parking in the village and always remind parents to park considerately.*

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Evenings 3.30-5.30pm

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October – School Disco – 6.00-8.00pm



### Would you like to find out more about our school...?

We are always happy to show prospective parents around school. Please contact the School Office on 01952 510383 or email [admin@christchurch.shropshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@christchurch.shropshire.sch.uk) for more details

**Tracey Cansdale, Headteacher**

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