

# The Village Pump



**APRIL - MAY 2021**

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The Parish Council has received a number of complaints that people are not keeping their dogs on leads in fields where livestock are present. The panic created by loose dogs chasing livestock is horrible and you are also putting your dog at risk. Please follow the Countryside Code.

**PLEASE KEEP ME  
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If you allow a dog to worry livestock, you may be prosecuted or fined and ordered to pay compensation.

The majority of pet owners are responsible, but as a last resort, under the Animals Act 1971 a farmer, landowner or anyone acting on their behalf has a legal right to shoot a dog to protect their property.



The winners of the Easter Egg Hunt will be announced in a Facebook Livestream Event at 12 Noon on Saturday 17th April. The Raffle will be drawn at the same time. Keep a look out on the Cross Houses Community Facebook Page for more details.

**THE VILLAGE PUMP, A NEWSLETTER FOR ATCHAM, BERRINGTON, BETTON, BROMPTON, CANTLOP, CROSS HOUSES AND EATON MASCOTT**

Published by Berrington Parish Council on behalf of the parishes of Atcham & Berrington

## PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

Please note there are elections on the 6th May so the information below may change

### **Berrington Parish Council** Covid-19 Arrangements.

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

**Until the Parish Council is able to meet in person, meetings will be held via the online platform Zoom. Details of each meeting can be found on the Parish Council's Website. To take part in these meetings you need to contact the Parish Clerk no later than 36 hours before the meeting to request access.**

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

Claire Wild (Chair); Richard Purslow (Vice-Chair); Claire Bonsey; Eric Brayne; Julia Brayne; Geoff Jones; Sue Mason; Lezley Picton 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**

Mrs Lorna Pardoe,  
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Tel: 07379 213308 mail: [berringtonpc@gmail.com](mailto:berringtonpc@gmail.com)

### **Atcham Parish Council** Covid-19 Arrangements.

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

**Until the Parish Council is able to meet in person, meetings will be held via the online platform Zoom. Details of each meeting can be found on the Parish Council's Website. To take part in these meetings you need to contact the Parish Clerk no later than 36 hours before the meeting to request access.**

Atcham Parish Council consists of seven elected or co-opted Parish Councillors: Colin Wildblood (Chairman), Colin Morris (Vice-Chairman), Jayne Caswell, Alastair Home-Roberts, Sue Shedden and Rob Trow. Parish Councillors can be contacted as follows:

Jayne Caswell - [jmjaswell@gmail.com](mailto:jmjaswell@gmail.com)

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Sue Shedden - [sueshedden52@gmail.com](mailto:sueshedden52@gmail.com)

Colin Morris - [colinmorris113@googlemail.com](mailto:colinmorris113@googlemail.com)

Alastair Home-Roberts - [home.farming@btconnect.com](mailto:home.farming@btconnect.com)

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

### **Atcham Parish Clerk**

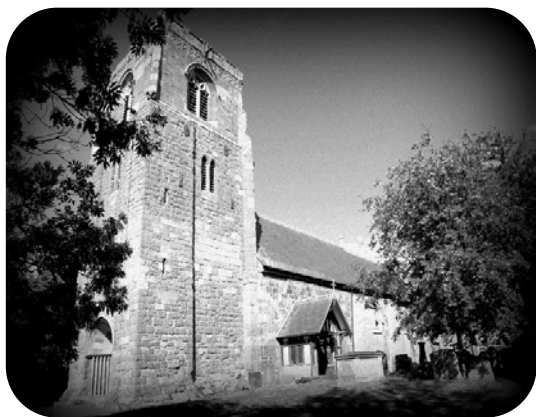
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## IMPORTANT

**Deadline for the JUNE—JULY 2021 issue is  
Wednesday 18th May 2021**



# **CHURCH SERVICES and NEWS from ST.EATA'S, ATCHAM**



Good news - the Church has been made ready and very slowly and carefully will return to full use. Services will take place on Palm Sunday - March 28th at 11 a.m. Palm Crosses will be distributed at the Church Door, and Easter Day Sunday April 4th also 11 a.m. These will be said services, masks to be worn and hymns played on the organ. If anyone would like to come to these services they would be very welcome but please telephone the Parish Office [01743 355300] either on a Tuesday afternoon or a Thursday morning to book a place.

By the time you are reading this the clocks will have gone forward 1 hour. Spring has really come and the Churchyard is blooming with primroses and daffodils - a very beautiful and peaceful scene.

**THE RED TELEPHONE BOX** - there are 64 redundant in Shropshire. Is Atcham one of these? They can be adopted for £1 and used to exchange books, jigsaws, surplus plants and seeds, even mini history museums, and defibrillator units. A thought for the future.

As you celebrate Easter may you remember God's perfect love for all mankind, and may that love fill you with hope for the days to come. HE IS RISEN

## **NATIONAL TRUST ATTINGHAM ESTATE 10-YEAR PLAN**

The National Trust will be presenting their 10-year estate plan at an open meeting held via Zoom on Tuesday 20th April starting at 7pm.

This is an opportunity to hear the ideas and future plans for Attingham Park.

If you would like to attend this meeting please contact the Atcham Parish Clerk on 07379 213308 or email: [atchampc@gmail.com](mailto:atchampc@gmail.com) who will send you the link via email for the meeting.



## **Atcham & Cross Houses Mobile Library**

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For more information please call Sue on 01743 761355 or email [sushedden52@gmail.com](mailto:sushedden52@gmail.com)

### 2021 Reading List

April

*"The Crossing Places"* - Ellie Griffiths

May

*"The Mirror and the Light"* - Hilary Mantel

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*"The Girl Who Sewed Parachutes"*

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July

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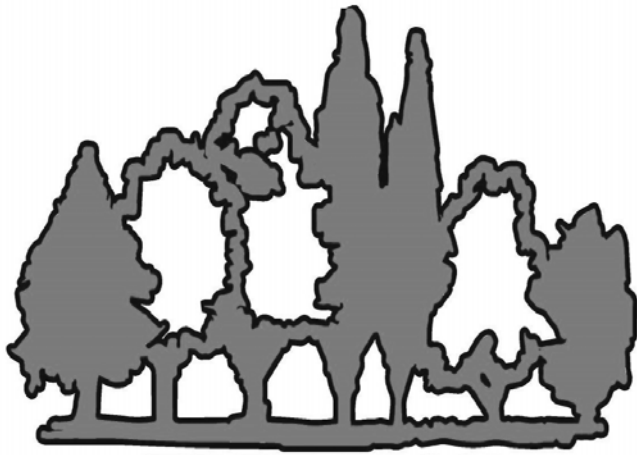
Copies of the agendas and full minutes for both Atcham and Berrington Parish Councils can be found on the Parish Council Websites:

[www.atchamparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.atchamparishcouncil.org.uk) OR [www.berringtonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.berringtonparishcouncil.org.uk)

Planning Applications can be found by visiting the links below:

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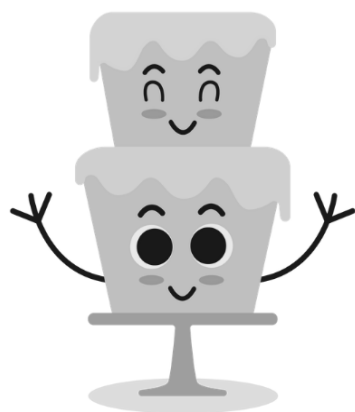
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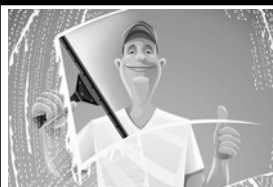
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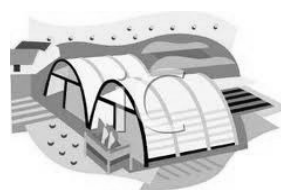
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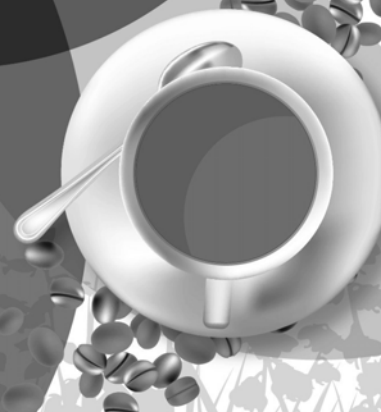
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## Janet Rowney nee Lloyd

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Janet was known to many of you in both Cross Houses & Berrington and up until the last couple of years, could often be seen out walking the fields around the village along with her faithful border terrier Bailey.

She lived nearly all her life in the Parish, born at No. 20 Berrington and moved to King Street with her sisters Ruby & Freda, they all attended Berrington school. After leaving school Janet worked in the County Stores and met her husband Ken (who also lived in Cross Houses) when they were together on a WI trip to Blackpool. They married at Berrington Church in 1963 and after bringing up their two daughters Tracy & Julie while living at Berrington Hall, she also began work at the

school during lunchtime. They moved into Grove Farm House and then later went on to live in Cross Houses. Janet was a very active member of many committees including the Mothers Union, WI, they were both on the Parish Hall Committee and PCC.

Both she and Ken were regular worshippers at Berrington church where, along with other members of her family they both sang in the choir and rang the bells. On their various committees they helped to organise cleaning, flower arranging, fetes and harvest festivals. In recent years Janet will be remembered for organising the very enjoyable Carol Services, always keen to include as many 'volunteers' as possible.

Janet was a determined lady and at the age of 66 ,after Ken was diagnosed with Parkinsons', she successfully passed her driving test and even went on to tow their caravan. At 69 she obtained her first passport and flew with her sister Freda all the way to Canada to visit their older sister Ruby.

After her beloved Ken passed away in 2007 she moved into Noel Hill Road, joined the local Knit and Natter, Atcham Flower Club, Tuesday Club, Cound Crafters and Acton Burnell WI and combined her love crafts, friends and a good old natter. Janet was renowned for her dry sense of humour and her lovely singing voice.

Janet loved spending time with family, especially her three grandchildren of whom she was immensely proud. A strong, determined, kind, caring and loving Mum, sister and Grandmother who touched the hearts of everyone she knew.

Janet passed away peacefully at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital after her third and final battle with cancer. She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends

*Freda, Tracy, Julie and all their families take great comfort in knowing she had so many friends in the village, thank you all for the kind message we have received.*

### 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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Feedback will be welcome from adults, carers and the parents of children that have accessed any blood taking services or would simply like to express their views.

Please click on the following link to access the blood patient survey: [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/8JPTBNQ](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/8JPTBNQ). You can also call 07870 973241 for assistance in completing the survey or request a paper copy and freepost return envelope from the CCGs.

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## COVID Vaccinations

We continue to provide COVID vaccinations in the hub for our Primary Care Network (PCN) in Bridgnorth as well as smaller clinics in the surgery on a more ad hoc basis. We have now started to give our second doses alongside first. We are currently concentrating on Cohort 6 – those aged 16 – 64 with Underlying Health Conditions, whilst the larger national hubs are vaccinating those in Cohort 5 and then moving to Cohort 7.

We have recently held vaccination clinics in William Brookes School. Our clinics were a huge success and we are incredibly grateful to the school and their staff for their generosity and hard work in supporting us with this campaign. We were also helped by family, friends and volunteers from our patient group, and it is only through these people giving their time and energy that we have been able to continue running these clinics.

It is important that you have your **second dose in the same vaccine clinic as you had your first**. This is to ensure vaccine supplies are maintained and clinics appropriately available and filled. If you had your first vaccination with us at Bridgnorth or in the surgery or William Brookes School, you will be contacted as you approach 12 weeks after your first dose to book your second dose. This is because we do not have exact dates of vaccine supplies for weeks in advance hence need to arrange clinics as we go along rather than giving you a date at your first appointment. If you have not heard from us in the few days before your 12 week date is due please let us know, but otherwise we ask that you wait for us to contact before approaching to ask about your appointment.

We understand that this has been a difficult time for you all and are grateful for your continued support and patience as we work as hard as possible to deliver vaccinations, alongside keeping your normal services at the practice running.

Take care,

**Dr Jess Harvey**, on behalf of all at **Much Wenlock and Cressage Medical Practice**

## Looking After Your Mental Health

All the ongoing news and media about the wide ranging economic, social and political impact of the COVID Pandemic can be overwhelming and have a huge impact on something much closer to home for us all – our mental health.

We have put together 5 easy steps to look after your mental health.

**Keep active:** Regular exercise can boost your self-esteem and can help with concentration, sleep and general mood as well as keeping fit.

**Eat Well:** You need a mixture of nutrients in order to keep your mind and body healthy. A diet that is good for your physical health is also good for your mental health.

**Drink sensibly:** Alcohol is sometimes used by people to manage symptoms of anxiety and depression, but excessive drinking is likely to make those symptoms worse. Consider having a glass of water before you have alcohol and alternate alcoholic drinks with water or other non-alcoholic drinks. Take a break, and have several alcohol free days each week.

**Keep in touch:** During the pandemic we have not been able to meet with friends and family as we have done previously. This may have had a negative effect on your mental health. Go on – get in touch with someone you haven't heard from in a while, give them a call, drop them a text message or chat to them online. Keep the lines of communication open: it's good for you!

**Accept who you are:** We are all different. It's much healthier to accept that you're unique, you are you, and whilst you may not know it, you are special and the world needs you! Feeling good about yourself can boost your confidence and help to learn new skills, visit new places (when we can) and make new friends. Good self-esteem helps with positive mental health.

None of us are superhuman. We sometimes feel overwhelmed, frustrated or angry by how we feel, or when things don't work out as we'd hoped. If you are feeling things are getting too much for you, overwhelmed, or struggling, please ask for help. This may be from your family or friends who may be able to offer practical advice or just be there to listen, and remember we are always here to help and support. There are lots of self-help guidance, apps and information available online – we have listed a few here for you to check out:

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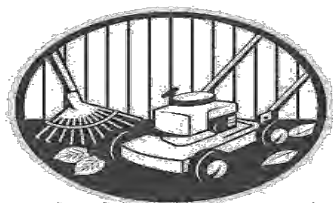
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### Light at the end of the tunnel....

"It feels a little bit like Christmas Eve..." was how one family described the return to school on 8<sup>th</sup> March – children excited and full of anticipation and parents also relieved that the run up to the day (and all the hard work and juggling of home schooling) was over. As staff, we had been preparing and talking to the children in our daily live lessons (KS2) or weekly Zooms (KS1) and could not wait to have them properly back.

Learning is an inherently social activity and it is not good to be alone! Whilst technology has certainly helped the isolation, it is still hard to collaborate realistically from behind a screen. As children have returned to school we have planned the first few weeks to be full of activities which develop their 'social muscles' again – learning to speak and listen, take turns, share ideas, build on other's ideas, disagree without falling out. As we've talked about what children need, we've felt aware that it's probably not just the children either! Lockdown has narrowed all of our social experiences and we will all take a while to 'reset'.

As well as focusing on social development, we have planned plenty of physical activities, as it was harder to keep fit in this last lockdown with the colder weather and darker nights. We have lovely school grounds and are making the most of being in them. For the rest of this term, children are coming in tracksuits and trainers to help them feel comfortable, be active and because we know how difficult it might be to source school shoes that fit when shops are still shut! We will also be carefully monitoring the 'emotional temperature' of school. It is a big adjustment after an extended time at home to suddenly be back in school with larger groups, more noise and fewer adults than at home. All of our worlds have shrunk during this last lockdown, and we will be making sure that children are aware that they are cared for and looked after, and that adults are always available to listen.

It is good that as a nation we are asking questions of our education system - is it fit for purpose in a 'post-Covid' world? We should be looking again at our values, curriculum content, the structure of the school year, the length of the school day. Our children don't just need short term 'catch-up', they deserve carefully considered, planned and costed change which will prepare them for all the challenges and joys of being a citizen of such a fast changing world. So as this conversation develops over the coming weeks and months, please do join in. As a Headteacher I am expected to have an opinion on these things, but to be truly effective the change will need to take into account the voices of children, parents, grandparents, educational research, workplaces, the opportunities of technology and our dearly held values. Do make your voice heard!



*Tracey Cansdale,*      **Headteacher**

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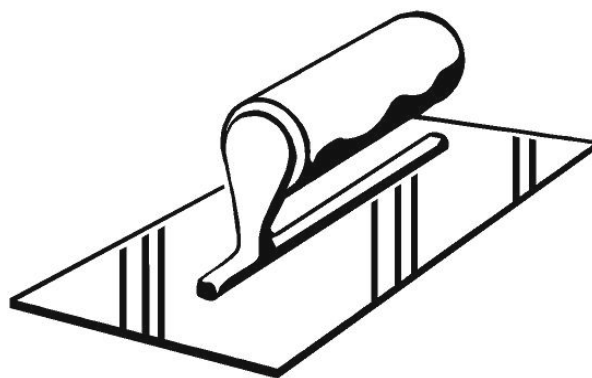
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