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The Village Pump

February—March 2023



**A newsletter
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 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

Interim Clerk: Ian Cruise-Taylor Tel: 07379 213308 mail: berringtonpc@gmail.com

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IMPORTANT

**Deadline for the Apr - May 2023 issue
is Friday 18th March 2023**



News from your Shropshire Councillor Claire Wild



YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club has been running since 2018 in conjunction with Shropshire Youth Association. Over the years we have struggled on and off for volunteers, to work alongside SYA but the one constant has always been Julia and she will be standing down at the end of March.

The Youth Club cannot run without volunteers and someone to do the organising. Shropshire Youth Association can provide, free of charge, all the necessary checks and training if you would be willing to help out. Of course, the more volunteers we have it makes the rota easier.

Sadly, if we do not have more volunteers to help on a regular basis and also find someone to replace Julia to do the organising the Youth Club will close at the end of March as we cannot run the Youth Club with just SYA.

Julia would be happy to talk to anyone who is interested to explain what is required and her contact details can be found on page 4 under the Youth Club advert.

THANK YOU SUE

I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank Sue Mason who has looked after the Chapel Community Centre since it opened in 2004, Sue retired just before Christmas. Sue has spent many hours (as has her husband Ray) ensuring the venue is up to scratch and running like clockwork. Sue has been a wonderful ambassador for the community centre and although she has retired from the Chapel Management Committee she remains a Parish Councillor. Sue, you will be missed and I wish you a very happy retirement. We are delighted that Rachel and Amy Yeomans have taken up the baton and will be looking after the Community Centre going forward.

CHAPEL CAR PARK

The Chapel Management Committee are arranging to have works undertaken on the car park at the centre. There are currently three cars in the car park that haven't been moved for some considerable time. If these cars are yours or you know who owns them please move them as we cannot do the work with the cars in situ. All three cars have declared SORN with the DVLA. Formal notices will be placed on the vehicles to notify the owners that the cars will be removed after a number of days.

Best wishes,

Claire

t: 01743 255 884 m: 07582 002 100 E-mail: claire.wild@shropshire.gov.uk

POLICE CONTACT INFORMATION

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OPERATION HEADLIGHT

In response to recent rural burglaries a rural crime disruption operation is up and running.

On the 11th and 12th of January, officers from Shrewsbury's Rural Safer Neighbourhood teams, supported by the Rural and Business Crime officers (from Shrewsbury), carried out Operation Headlight working into the small hours.

Headlight is a rural crime disruption operation that aims to pull resources back out into the countryside and intensively patrol these areas in order to disrupt the criminals targeting our farms and villages. The team stopped numerous vehicles and employed tactics such as stop and search, unmarked police vehicles and the use of thermal imagery. Due to the success of the operation it will now be run on a regular basis.

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Club dates

1st & 15th Feb

1st, 15th & 29th March

Times are tough for the Youth Club as there are not enough adults willing to help on a regular basis. The last regular volunteers will be stepping down at the end of this Spring Term including Julia who has been with the club since the very beginning. It is Julia who arranges the rota etc. It's really sad but if replacements cannot be found then the Youth Club will close at the end of March. If you want to help ensure the Youth Club continues please get in touch with Julia on the number below.

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

Our first meeting of 2023 was our AGM followed by making macrame pot holders. Not only designed as a fun session making something which, we hope, may be useful either inside or out, but also a time to catchup with each other and/or meet new members.

On February 16th we will be welcoming our speaker Alison Wakeman who will be giving a talk on 'Awareness of Bees and their Importance to the Environment'.

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14th February 2023

Practical Evening: "Table for Two".

To interpret this theme for Valentine's Day, using the inspiration from the January demonstration.

14th March 2023

Club Demonstration by Donna Cieslik:
"The Secret Garden"

11th April 2023

Introducing the Club Summer Term on
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Atcham Parish Council meet bi-monthly (Jan, March, May, July, Sept & Nov) on a Wednesday evening at the Malthouse, Atcham at 7.30pm. The Council consists of seven elected or co-opted Parish Councillors: Colin Wildblood (Chairman), Laura Dixon, Sue Shedden, Simon Adney, Rob Trow, Stephen Cook and Martin Ruston. The locum Clerk is Caroline Higgins email: atchampc@gmail.com

New Public Access Defibrillator

The Parish Council has invested in a new defibrillator which will be installed on the outside wall of the Old Malthouse in Atcham village. The defibrillator will be installed in a locked cabinet, but the code will be registered with the ambulance service who will provide it to anybody calling 999 in the vicinity.

The Council is very grateful for the support of the Village Hall Committee for their agreement to host the defibrillator and allowing us to take a power supply to keep the cabinet warm and lit.

Once the cabinet is installed the Council will arrange training for residents to give them confidence to use the defibrillator in an emergency, but the unit is designed to be safe to use for any person and gives full audible instructions.

If you would like to join the training session, please contact the Parish Clerk on atchampc@gmail.com

Roadside Planters for Cross Houses junction

The Parish Council is working with Shropshire Council to address the issues of inconsiderate parking next to the old Atcham Bridge, particularly during the hot weather when many visitors are using the 'beach' for wild swimming. This has caused problems for larger agricultural vehicles getting blocked in & danger whilst using the junction.

We have arranged for three roadside planters to be installed on the grass verge to discourage cars from parking on the verge and other adjustments to the kerb heights and bollards. They should provide for a colourful display to welcome visitors to the village. Salop Leisure has kindly agreed to sponsor the plants, but we are looking for some local volunteers who can help to keep them watered and tidy through the summer months. If you would like to get involved, please contact the Parish Clerk or Cllr Laura Dixon (laura_k_dixon@hotmail.com)

The next meeting of Atcham Parish Council will be held on 8th March 2023 in the Old Malthouse, starting at 7:30pm. We would like to extend our welcome to all Parish residents to hear about what is happening in the Village and beyond. View minutes and more details at: www.atchamparishcouncil.org.uk

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Mothering Sunday - 19th March - this will be a Family Service at 11.15am. No Communion.

Posies of Spring Flowers will be presented to all Mums and candles will be lit for those no longer with us. Refreshments served afterwards.

Sunday 26th March - British Summer time begins - clocks go FORWARD 1 hour

Palm Sunday - April 2nd - Communion at 11am with the distribution of Palm Crosses

Christmas 2021 - a large congregation for the Carol Service, 1st Communion of Christmas on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The Church was beautifully decorated and a very big "Thank You" to the team who dedicated their time to do this. Items were donated for The Food Bank and the response was amazing. A request for cash towards meat vouchers raised £280. Thank you to all who contributed. It is hoped to arrange another collection for the Food Bank on Easter Day - Sunday 9th April. All contributions very welcome.

Longnor Hall Gardens - Open afternoon - Sunday May 7th. 2 pm to 5 pm. Proceeds of Tea Room for Atcham Church.

Last April a Pets' Service was held at Home Farm, Attingham which was a great success. Plans are underway for a repeat this year around the end of April or early May. More details in next Village Pump. Information will appear on Notice Boards around the Village and in Church about future events, fund raising and the Coronation. Plan ahead - it wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

Thank You Sue

Sue Mason has been looking after the Chapel Community Centre since the venue opened in 2004. That's over 18 years of dedicated service. With Sue's hard graft and the guidance of the the Community Centre Management Committee the centre has gone from strength to strength.

It's had many upgrades and



has become a venue that is extremely popular with businesses, community groups, and a firm favourite for parties, especially as the large room can hold a bouncy castle!

Sue retired from her post just before Christmas but the Committee could not let Sue go without a small celebration. On Saturday 7th January the committee gathered to say a thank you to Sue. As you will see from the top picture Sue

was mightily surprised when Chairman Richard showed her that one of the rooms was now named in her honour.

Enjoy your retirement Sue, you'll be missed.



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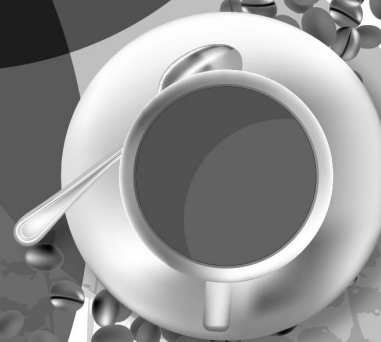
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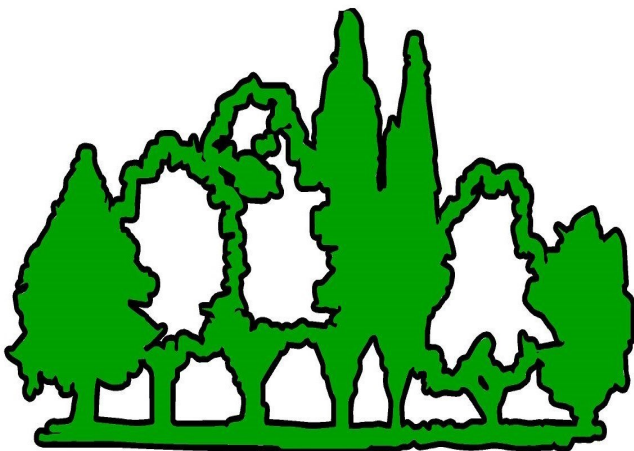
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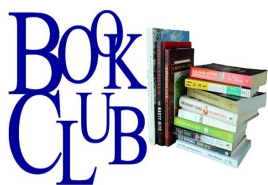
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Cross Houses Book Club

Do you enjoy reading and would like to discuss your ideas and thoughts with like minded people - then please come and join our small, free, friendly and local book club.

2023 Reading List

February

"The Miniaturist"

Jessie Burton

March

"The Lovely Bones"

Alice Sebold

April

"Forgotten Women"

Freda Lightfoot

For more information please call Sue on 01743 761355 or email sueshedden52@gmail.com

COUND & DISTRICT CRAFTERS

Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at Cound Guildhall 10am - 12 noon. £5 per session, different crafts each meeting.

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.



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.

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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.

SUDOKU X (Hard)

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Complete the grid so that every row, column, diagonal and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 - 9 inclusive.



News from Christ Church C.E. Primary School

Preparing, Sowing, Growing

Keeping Fit and Healthy?

Apparently, it takes 32 days for the average person to give up on their New Year's Resolution, so at this stage of 2023 how are yours going? As a school we don't have New Year's Resolutions, but we do set priorities to focus on at the start of each academic year.

One of these is children's physical and mental well-being which is an important priority for parents as well as school. We all want our children to fit, healthy, happy and active. How do we achieve this?

A recent piece of research found that children who took part in outside adventurous play had better mental health than children who played mostly inside. We know how hard it can be to get children off devices at home so we give children lots of opportunities for free play at playtimes but also opportunities to take part in Forest School. Forest School gives children the opportunity to be in nature (which in itself is good for mental health) as well as developing teamwork, resilience and learning to be independent. Our younger children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have weekly sessions and our older KS2 children have a block of Forest School every year.



Children in KS2 are also taking part in yoga sessions as part of our PE curriculum. This helps them to connect their minds and bodies in a helpful way and hopefully enjoy exercise which they might decide to carry on as adults. So, if you made a New Year's Resolution to get outside more or do more exercise, maybe some of our children might inspire you to continue past 32 days!

Congratulations to **Childrensworld** who share our school grounds and provide childcare and nursery provision plus wrap around care for school age children. They have had an '**Outstanding**' Ofsted report: "Children thrive in this setting."

We are always happy to show prospective parents around school, you do not need to wait for an 'open day' – just contact us and we can arrange a mutually convenient time. Please contact the School Office tel: 01952 510383 or email admin@christchurch.shropshire.sch.uk for more details.

Tracey Cansdale, Headteacher

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