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People with COVID-19 symptoms should **NOT** take a less-accurate rapid Lateral Flow Test. Instead, please stay at home and book a more reliable PCR test online at www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or call 119.

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

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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

Berrington Parish Clerk

Mrs Lorna Pardoe,
Home, Back Lane, Longnor, Nr Shrewsbury SY5 7PP
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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), Jayne Caswell, Stephen Cook, Laura Dixon, Sue Shedden and Rob Trow. There is one vacancy.

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IMPORTANT

**Deadline for the August - September 2021 issue is
Friday 16th July 2021**



Report of the Chair - Berrington Parish Council

Claire Wild



The last year has been a difficult one for all of us. Covid lockdowns and restrictions have meant great changes for everyone. The Parish Council, like many of us, have had to change the way that we work so all our meetings have been on-line. Many of us in the community have played an important role in keeping us safe. Thank you and thanks also to our key workers. Hopefully we will soon emerge from this pandemic and life can return to some sort of normality.

The Smart Water roll out went well and everyone within the parish should now have Smart Water and have marked up lots of their valuable items. The police posted out the last batch at the start of the last lockdown to ensure the parish was covered.

In July 2020 we received the news from Shropshire Council that they are NOT proposing any new allocated sites for housing within the parish. Shropshire Council's recommendations for the refresh of the Local Plan will now go to the Planning Inspectorate later in the year for their approval. Thanks should go to all the present Parish Councillors who lobbied so hard for this over the past year.

In amongst all the restrictions thanks go to all the volunteers who helped our socially distanced litter pick on 18th September 2020. Hopefully, moving forward, we can start to litter pick on a regular basis.

I want to pay tribute to Julia and Eric Brayne who have now stepped down from the Parish Council. Their contribution to the community over the years has been so appreciated by everyone. Julia and Eric really were the driving force behind the start-up of the Youth Club. They organised events and parties to raise funds and ensure that the young people of the village had events to attend. It was no surprise that the Youth Club was at capacity and Julia and Eric will still be involved with the Youth Club and we look forward to working with them in the future. Moreover, Eric has also looked after the playing fields and organised drainage works and benches. What stars they are!

We have a really great team of councillors who give their time to the community in many ways, whether it's helping at the Community Centre, organising Speed Watch, litter picking, delivering smart water or being our eyes and ears. Thank you all.

Last, but not least, thanks should go to our clerk Lorna who has helped us all through these strange times.

Claire

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POLICE CONTACT INFORMATION

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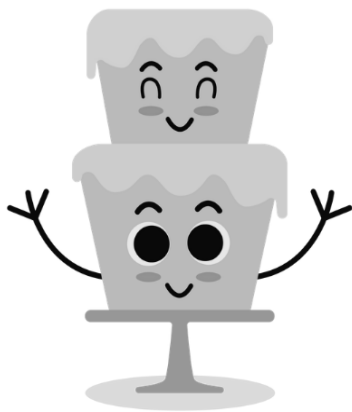


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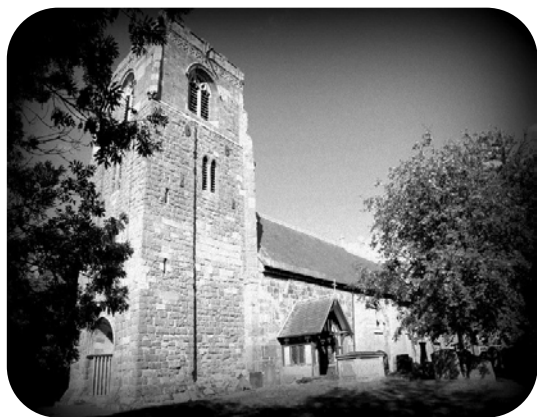
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Saturday 22nd May sees the first of 11 weddings due to take place between now and October. We wish these couples a memorable day and many happy years together.

When restrictions are lifted we hope to get busy with more social events to raise much needed funds for our ancient Church.

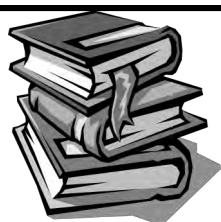
Smile - Mrs Smart was fumbling in her purse for her offering when a large TV remote control fell out and clattered into the aisle. The curious usher bent over to retrieve it for her and whispered "Do you always carry your remote control to Church". "No" she replied, "but my husband refused to come with me this morning and I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him legally."

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Berrington Parish Council are taking part in the Great British Spring Clean. Join us on

Saturday 5th June, 10.30am

Equipment will be provided. Meet at the Community Centre at 10:15am to collect equipment. This will still be a Covid-19 Socially Distanced Litter Pick so please only come along in family groups.

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- Christopher Baker

July

"All the Winding Worlds" - Kate Innes

August

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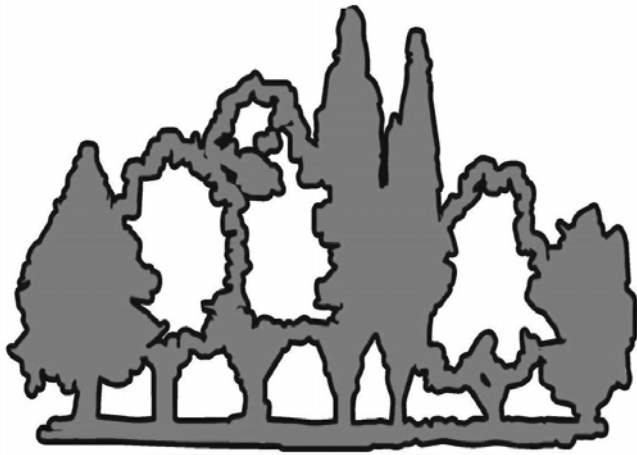
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www.atchamparishcouncil.org.uk OR www.berringtonparishcouncil.org.uk

Planning Applications can be found by visiting the links below:

<https://www.atchamparishcouncil.org.uk/community/atcham-parish-council-15085/planning-tracker/>

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Report of the Chair - Atcham Parish Council—Colin Wildblood

Good evening everyone.

May I take this opportunity to welcome Stephen Cook as a new councillor to Atcham parish council and to Mrs Laura Dixon who will be joining us soon.

I would also offer the Parish council's warmest congratulations to Claire Wild on her re-election as Councillor for the Severn Valley.

2020 turned out to be a bit of a non year for us all, we have however managed to conduct our business in the not so normal manner via zoom meetings. This was quite an experience. Thankfully we are now able to meet 'face to face' as we are tonight, observing protocols set down by the government.

Although we are a small parish we still have our responsibilities to members of the parish.. We are actively working with Shropshire Council to improve some matters which have been brought to our attention by members of the parish. Replacement lights on the road bridge, extra new light on the Glebe and at Berwick Wharf, removing the grass which has encroached across the footpath from the Tern Bridge to Emstrey roundabout. We have planted two new trees in the Glebe which replaces the tree removed some time ago due to its decaying condition.

The repairs to the parapet stonework on the old bridge are now taking place.

Finally I need to thank our Clerk, Lorna Pardoe for her sterling work, especially during the lockdown period organising the zoom meetings. Lorna is the lifeblood of this parish council, Thank you Lorna.

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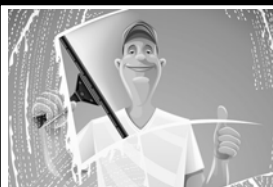
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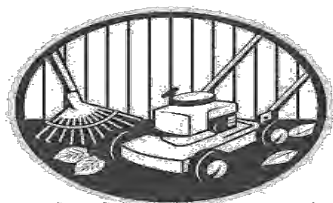
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Thankful for our local area...

How thankful we have all been for the lovely area we live in, especially as we have lived through the lockdowns! This term we have been making the most of our locality with the help of Arthog Outreach. I am sure many of you who attended Shropshire schools will have memories of weeks away at the Arthog Centre in Snowdonia. We still enjoy regular residential visits there with children from KS2 and are looking forward to our next one in January 2022. In the meantime, with residential centres currently closed, the instructors have been helping as many children as possible experience fun and adventure outside.



Willow Class enjoyed a Guided Walk up the Wrekin. Not only did it help them appreciate their nearest 'hill', it built teamwork as they took a challenging route to the top. Thankfully, we managed to pick one of the days of sunshine instead of rain!

Holly Class walked even more locally, doing the Sheinton Loop over the course of a day. It is amazing what is just around the corner ... including alpacas.



Thank you to their lovely owner who gave us an unexpected highlight of the walk by introducing us to them.

The easing of restrictions means that we are looking forward to Sports Days and Leavers Events, as well as holding a Family Picnic on the School Field so that we can all begin re-connecting as a community after over a year of 'distancing'. Our 17 new Reception children will be able to enjoy some transition visits, before they start in September, and some have already started 'Stay & Play' sessions with Mrs Martin, their teacher.

We are holding a PTA Summer Raffle to raise money for School, so do look out for raffle tickets. We are blown away by the kindness and generosity of local businesses in offering vouchers and prizes to support us – a huge thank you to all those who have been in touch via 'The Message From Cressage' FaceBook page.

Finally, we know some parents of children who will be 4 between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 are wondering about the possibility of visits as they think about school places for Reception in September 2022. If that is you, we would love to show you round, so do ring the School Office and we can book a time.

Tracey Cansdale, **Headteacher**



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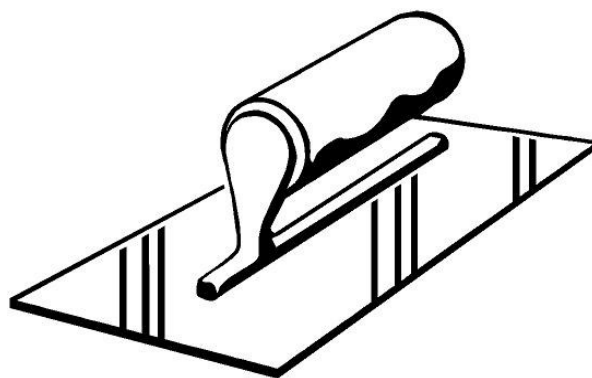
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