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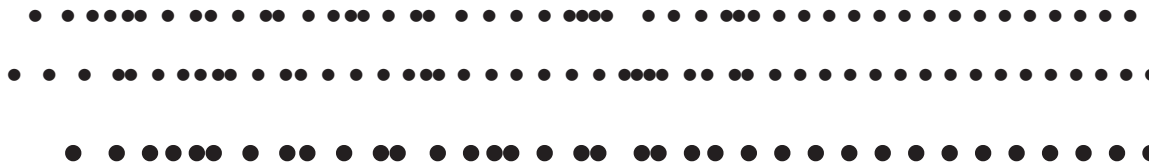
**A newsletter for Atcham, Berrington, Betton,
Brompton, Cantlop, Cross Houses and Eaton
Mascott**

P u b l i s h e d b y B e r r i n g t o n P a r i s h C o u n c i l o



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

Claire Wild (Chair); Richard Purslow (Vice-Chair); Sue Mason; Lezley Picton; Claire Bonsey; Mark Howarth, Julia Brayne, Eric Brayne and Steve Hawksworth. The Parish Council meets at 7pm 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.



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

Colin Wildblood (Chairman), Colin Morris (Vice-Chairman), Jayne Caswell, Alastair Home-Roberts, Laura Plumridge, Sue Shedden and Helen Trow.

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News from your Shropshire Councillor **Claire Wild**



NEW YOUTH CLUB IN CROSS HOUSES

The Cross Houses Youth Club is now up and running and open to children from Berrington, Atcham and surrounding parishes. Please note that parental/guardian permission is needed for children to attend. Many thanks to all those who are working hard to make this a success.

REVIEW OF THE SHROPSHIRE LOCAL PLAN (2017 - 2036)

Shropshire Council are currently reviewing its Local Plan. The increased number of homes needed from 2026 - 2036 will come, predominantly, from Shrewsbury and the market towns. This time Shropshire Council have proposed Hubs (larger villages) for some limited development. I am pleased to say that the parishes of Berrington and Atcham have not been included and therefore will remain open countryside and less likely to see more development.

FENCE ALONGSIDE THE CHESTNUTS PLAY AREA

Over the past 12 months the Parish Council have been working to find a solution regarding the broken fence and over grown hedges alongside the Chestnuts play area. The fence was constructed by Persimmon Homes who say it was a temporary site construction and therefore they have no responsibility to maintain it. The hedge belongs to Severnside Housing. Severnside have recently changed their tenancy agreements to include maintenance of gardens, trees and hedges. After several meetings with Severnside I am pleased to say that they have cut back the hedges and trees. As for the fence..... If the Parish Council does anything to the fence it becomes the responsibility of the Parish. Clearly to replace all the fencing would be very costly. Reluctantly it has been decided that the Parish Council will have to intervene to ensure that this situation is resolved. We will either renew the posts and re erect the current fence panels or remove the fence by the garages which is currently on the floor and replace with a wire fence and plant hedging. We are awaiting quotes for this work.

THANK YOU

Finally I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all those of you who make a difference to our parishes, be it Speedwatch volunteers, youth club helpers, Pump deliverers, litter pickers or neighbourhood watch your contributions to village life are much appreciated.

Kind regards and my very best wishes for the festive season and a Happy New Year to you all.

Claire

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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 Mathew Meade. Mathew can be contacted on 07990 088095 or 01743 252534. Email: Mathew.meade@shropshire.gov.uk

COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM

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

POLICE CONTACT INFORMATION

Our Local Police Team is PC Dave Walton and CSOs Lyn Birch and Jacqui Baldwin Tel: 0300 333 3000 ext. 69008. There is also a team e-mail address: shrewsburyrsw.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk
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SHROPSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY



Tuesday 19th December 2017, 7.15pm

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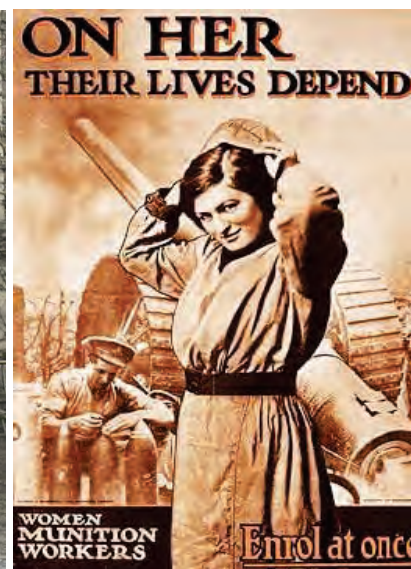


Tuesday 16th January 2018, 7.15pm

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BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Thursday 5th October 2017

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..... The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting

..... Councillor C Wild-Chairman; Councillor R Purslow- Vice chairman; Councillor C Bonsey; Councillor L Picton; Councillor S Hawksworth; Councillor J Brayne; Councillor E Brayne; Also present L Pardoe clerk to the council and one member of the public (Please see attached sheet) were received from Councillor S Mason who was on holiday.

3. There were none at this point.

..... It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the decisions reached at the meeting; Proposed by Councillor R Purslow; seconded by Councillor L Picton and agreed by all members present.

..... All matters were covered on the agenda.

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The member of the public asked why the minutes were not a verbatim record of the meeting.

The clerk explained that the minutes were a record of the decision making of the Parish Council and not a record of every conversation in the meeting. This is normal practice.

The member of the public wanted the figures he had said about the CIL to be recorded and the clerk explained that she would need to see the figures in writing from Shropshire Council for them to be recorded in the minutes. The member of the Public maintained that if the Parish Council had a Neighbourhood Plan it would be entitled to 25% from the CIL money instead of 15%. The Chairman explained that to produce a Neighbourhood Plan can be very costly. Members of the Council were concerned that the benefits of having a Neighbourhood Plan might not outweigh the cost of producing one.

It was explained that the Parish Council had priorities which were listed in the Place Plan and Sites of Community Concern. These were reviewed annually and updated by the Parish Council. The sites of Community Concern were on the agenda for tonight and Place Plans would be considered at a future meeting. There is an existing list of priorities and therefore the cycle path would be unlikely to receive 100% of any CIL money.

Councillor Purslow said there was little point in taking this matter further until the member of the public had the agreement of all the landowners for the project to go ahead.

The member of the public is in the process of compiling a report and will present it to the Parish Council when it is completed.

..... This would be circulated to members when received by the clerk.

..... After discussion it was agreed to defer this item until January when the Sites of Community Concern could be reviewed alongside the Place Plan.

..... Councillor E Brayne reported on the meeting that had been held recently with officers of the Shropshire Youth Association. (Clerk to get copy of report from Councillor Brayne)

10.

i) Councillors to report on Highway matters

- Councillor Purslow reported that in Lower Cross the leaves are beginning to fall and that in previous years this has resulted in the drains becoming blocked. The clerk was asked to contact Ian Walshaw and see if Shropshire Council could come and remove the leaves in a week or so.
- Councillor Brayne reported that the council needed to get some dust to build up the entrance to the playing field which will stop the playing field flooding. Clerk & Councillor Brayne to look at contacting S Bott to see if he would be able to do this for us.
- The Parish Council agreed to have the edge of the field reseeded by S Bott to make cutting the grass easier.
- Councillor Brayne reported that the Brompton Bench had been removed by the National Trust for Health and safety reasons as it was directly under a tree which is dying. To replace the bench the parish council would need to put a new concrete base down before purchasing a new bench. It was agreed to leave it as it is for the time being.
- Councillor Purslow reported that some trees had been cut down and that Fletcher Homes were beginning to put in the markings for the layout of the new roundabout.

- Clerk was asked to contact Jason Hughes at Shropshire Council to find out when the VAS would be moved.
- ii) Clerk had nothing to report.

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- Reference: 17/02466/FUL
Address; Berrington Hall, Berrington, Shrewsbury
Proposal: Conversion of stable block and apple loft to provide residential accommodation for multiple occupancy ancillary to the main building and workshop/studio/storage space; Permission granted 25/9/2017
- Reference:17/02467/LBC
Address; Berrington Hall, Berrington
Proposal: Works to listed building to facilitate the renovation and conversion of Stable Block and Apple loft to provide residential accommodation to include the insertion of doors/windows/roof lights; insertion of partition walling; wood treatment, insulation, drainage and facilities; replacement flooring, erection of external staircase, remedial works to walling. ; Permission granted 25/9/2017
- Reference: 17/03417/LBC
Address; the Wain House, Berrington, Shrewsbury
Proposal; Replacement of the windows and doors to the front elevation; Permission granted 5/9/2017
- Reference: 17/03554/FUL;
Address: Royal Oak, Pitchford Road, Condover
Proposal. Demolition of existing outbuildings; conversion of existing pair of dwellings into one dwelling with garage extension; erection of detached dwelling with garage and formation of new relocated site access. Awaiting decision

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- Reference;17/04112/PMBPA
Address: Grove Barn, the Grove, Pitchford Road, Condover
Proposal: Application for prior approval under part3, class MB of the Town * Country Planning (General permitted Development) (Amendment & Consequential provisions) (England) Order 2014 for the change of use from agricultural to residential use.
After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would offer no comment to this application. Proposed by Councillor C Wild; seconded by Councillor S Hawksworth and agreed by all members present.

.....there were no new applications.....
for consideration.

12.

- Bank Reconciliation for the month end September 2017; it was agreed to accept the Bank reconciliation as presented by the clerk; proposed by Councillor E Brayne; seconded by Councillor S Hawksworth and agreed by all members present.
- Accounts for payment; It was agreed to pay the accounts as presented by the clerk with the addition of two extra cheques. Proposed by Councillor E Brayne; seconded by Councillor S Hawksworth and agreed by all members present.

1113	Shropshire Council	Lighting 1st Quarter	179.23
1114	SJF Printing	Pump printing	628.00
1115	HMRC	PAYE	34.60
1116	L Pardoe	Expenses	28.28
Standing Order	L Pardoe	Salary	358.21
1117	National Trust	Rent	112.10
1118	Shropshire Council	Lighting 2nd Quarter	179.23
1119	L Pardoe	Delivery of Pump	20.00
1121	Came & Co	Insurance	1102.87
		Total	2642.52

- lii) Council to consider quotes for Insurance renewal in October –e-mail forwarded to all members. Came & Co have given the Council three quotes for consideration and recommend accepting Ecclesiastic there is the potential for further saving with a three year contract. It was agreed to accept the Ecclesiastical quote for the next three years for the Parish Councils Insurance.£1,102.87pence
 - iv) Council to consider if it wishes to continue receiving the power for the street lighting through Shropshire Council. After discussion it was agreed to remain with Shropshire Council as being the best value for money. Council to consider the purchase of Christmas tree for the Community Centre. The Community Centre already has an artificial tree.
 - v) It was agreed that the clerk would contact E-on for prices to replace the street lamps with more energy efficient LED ones and also the cost for the replacement of some of the lamp posts which were in a bad state of repair.
- As the Parish Council had still received no response for the clerks request for a copy of the ROSPA inspection reports for the Play Areas from Greenbelt. She asked if she should contact Persimmon as the owners of the Play Areas (Greenbelt managing them on their behalf). It was agreed that she do this and see if we could get any response.
- This was noted.
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- Councillor Brayne had some prices for a shed for the Play Equipment to be stored in. He suggested that the Parish Council wait and see how the Youth Club went before purchasing a shed for storage.
 - The clerk to contact E-on and arrange a site meeting with Councillor S Hawksworth, J Brayne & E Brayne to look at which street lights were in a bad state of repair and in need or replacement.
16. was agreed that this would be held on Thursday 2nd November 2017 starting at 7.00pm.
- The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

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- Why didn't Roy Hodgson go to visit Santa at The North Pole?**
He couldn't get past Iceland.
- Philip looks out of the window on Christmas Eve: 'That's some reindeer!' he says. The Queen replies: '63 years. Yes, that is a lot.' When fruit and veg prices are so high, what do you get if you cross Donald Trump with a Christmas Carol?
O Comb Over Ye Faithful.
- How does Good King Wenceslas like his pizzas?**
One that's deep pan, crisp and even!
- What did Adam say to his wife on the day before Christmas?**
It's Christmas Eve, Eve!
- What's the most popular Christmas wine?**
'I don't like Brussels sprouts!'
- What does the Queen call her Christmas Broadcast?**
The One Show!



Practice News

Access to Medical Services over the Christmas/New Year Period

Please see list below of Christmas and New Year closures:-

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*Monday 25 December - Closed * Tuesday 26 December - Closed*

*Wednesday 27 December - Open as normal * Thursday 28 December - Open as normal*

*Friday 29 December - Open as normal * Monday 1 January - Closed*

Tuesday 2 January - Open as usual

Whilst the Practice is closed Shropdoc will be handling urgent requests for medical attention. Please note their contact number has changed to: **0333 222 66 55**

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 a happy, healthy New Year.

GP Telephone Consultations – Book GP Telephone Consultation Appointments online!

A number of telephone consultation slots are available each day for patients to speak with GPs if they do not need a face-to-face consultation (e.g. to discuss results, medications, problems or advice). Please note telephone consultations are not appropriate for life threatening acute illnesses and complex mental health needs.

How to book a telephone consultation

The majority of our telephone consultations can be pre-booked. Please request a telephone consultation when speaking to receptionists or we now offer an alternative way for patients to book a telephone consultation via **patient online access**. When booking your appointment on line you will need to type in the comments box the reason for your request along with a telephone number you will be contactable on. Alternatively telephone the Practice and ask for a telephone consultation.

Anonymous Call Barring

If you have the 'Anonymous Call Barring' facility active on your phone, please ensure you turn it off that day – otherwise the doctor will **NOT** be able to get through to you.

How to cancel a telephone consultation

If you wish to cancel a telephone consultation you can also do this via patient access or telephone the practice as soon as you are aware the consultation is no longer needed as there may be another patient who needs to speak to a GP.

When will the doctor call me?

The doctor will usually call you back at the end of their appointment list.

What happens if I have to go out?

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Monday 4th December

Social event to decide on 2018 programme

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.

December Meeting will be held on **Thursday 14th December**. As from January meetings will be held on the **third Thursday of every month** (except August) at The Bell Inn at 7pm - please come along and join us.

2017/18 Reading List

December

'Mother, Mother' – Coren Zailckas

January

'The Keeper of Lost Things' – Ruth Hogan

February

'Past Imperfect' – Julian Fellows

March

'The Moon is Down' – John Steinbeck



News from Christ Church C.E. Primary School

Learning, Listening, Living

Christmas in a Primary School is a magical time... whether it is practising for a Nativity play, learning songs to sing with other schools for a joint carol concert (see you at Much Wenlock Church on 11th December for 'Carols for Life') or making amazing Christmas decorations with a liberal sprinkling of glitter! You probably have your own memories of favourite school Christmas celebrations. Although we are a school making full use of interactive whiteboards, iPads and all manner of technology, sometimes the old fashioned traditions are the best!



School staff have also been busy planning exciting topics for next year. We love starting new terms with an inspiring visitor or trip out which will really 'wet our learning appetites' for the term ahead. As well as great local attractions – Red Class are going to RAF Cosford for a 'Let's Fly' experience for their transport topic in January, we also like to invite visitors in. Yellow Class have 'Titus' the Roman Centurion and Green Class have a Horrible Histories historian coming in to help them try out Egyptian art, counting and mummification. We look forward to telling you more about those visits, next time.

Do you have a child who will be 4 between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018? Our Wednesday Stay and Play sessions are an excellent way of seeing our school in action and being able to 'get a sense' of whether we are the right school for your child – we know this is one of the most important decisions parents make – and we want to help you experience a normal slice of school life, rather than see us on show at an 'Open Morning'. We are always happy to show prospective parents round at any time if you feel a village school might be the right environment for your child to flourish and we can give you a personal tour and answer questions.

Remember we are the catchment school for many villages: Cressage, Cross Houses, Harley, Cound, Coundmoor and Sheinton but we also have children attending from further afield. Ring the office for more details on 01952 510383.

Red Class: Year R and Year 1

Red Class have a Winter wonderland theme and using their weekly Forest School sessions to notice the changing seasons. They are looking forward to their ice experiments!

Green Class: Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4

Green Class are enjoying their London topic and learning about the amazing diversity of our capital city. Carrying on elements of our Castles topic with learning about the Tower of London but also the importance of the River Thames and the Underground in transporting people and goods.

Yellow Class: Year 4, Year 5 and Y6

Yellow Class are continuing their Rivers, Mountains and Coasts work and enjoying quality children's books and poetry which have a river setting, alongside a particular Science and Geography focus.

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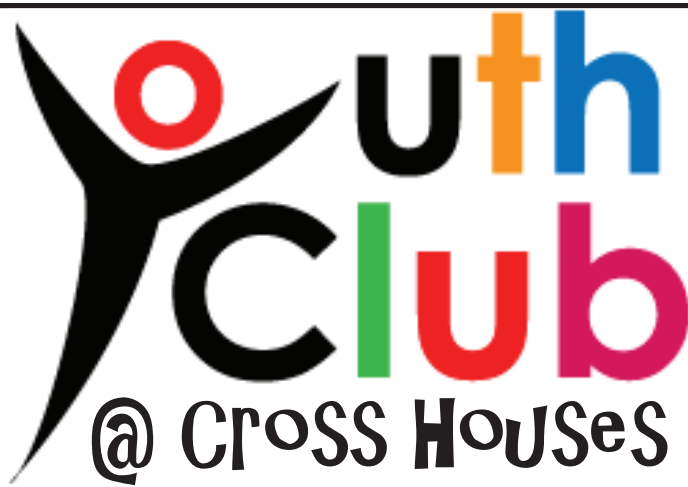


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The Youth Club will be run by a fully trained Youth Worker from Shropshire Youth Association along with (fully checked and trained) volunteers.

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.

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It's not too late to volunteer

If you would be interested in helping out at the Youth Club please contact Richard Parkes (Contact details below) . The more volunteers we have the less evenings each person has to cover so.... Tin true Christmas spirit - the more the merrier!

For more information regarding the Youth Club please contact Richard Parkes on 01743 730005 or by email richard@sya.org.uk



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The Reverend Sarah Hare writes



Dear Friends

I can't quite believe that another year is nearly over. As I look back over this year, quite a lot has happened with our churches in the Berrington with Betton Strange Parish which also covers Cross Houses. As we moved through the year it became apparent that we would have to look at the viability of our Parish and as we come to the end of the year we have met and held a public meeting about Berrington which Bishop Alistair came to and helped us to explore the various options open to us now. Thank you to all who came and shared your views with us. You will find some of the minutes of this meeting in this magazine, but I just wanted to tell you briefly where we are now:

- A report has been submitted to the Church Buildings Council for Berrington about the church, the history and the surrounding area. This will trigger the Church Buildings Council to come and visit the Parish and make recommendations about the future. The two potential options if closure of the church is decided by the Parish is that the building would either go to the Churches Conservation Trust or to the Diocese. The Churchyard may remain open in part.
- A report is also being submitted for Betton Strange Church to the Church Buildings Council, but this is a separate process to Berrington and will need a separate consultation.
- We will consult further with you when recommendations are known.
- The monthly service at Cross Houses Community Centre will finish after the Crib Service in December 2017 as this has not been well attended. I would like to say a big thank you to Tracy, Alan, Janet, Paul and Jenny who have run this over the last few years for all they have put in to this.

Within all of this, the PCC, Matthew and I continue to pray that we will find the right way forward. As Rev Matthew said at the meeting, these discussions and actions are not about abandoning the parish, but we need to look at different ways of going about the mission and ministry in Berrington, Betton Strange and Cross Houses and we will continue to seek to do this.

As we enter the Advent and Christmas season, there are many different services in our churches and we would love to see you over the Christmas period as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, God with us.

May you have a very happy, healthy and blessed Christmas and New Year

With every blessing

Rev Sarah

Team Vicar in Wenlock Team of Parishes, Contact Details: 3 Grenville Drive, Much Wenlock, Shropshire, TF13 6HB Tel - 01952 728045 E-mail – wenlockteamvicar@aol.co.uk

Berrington with Betton Strange PCC
Public Consultation Meeting Wednesday 18th October 2017
Berrington Church 7pm

Welcome Prayer – Rev. Sarah Hare

Introductions – Rev. Sarah Hare

Richard Ward (Churchwarden) Mark Harris (Churchwarden) Bishop Alistair Magowan (Bishop of Ludlow) Rev. Matthew Stafford (Rector in Charge Wenlock Team)

Mark Harris – outlined the general feeling of the PCC, who have over the past few years found it very difficult to be motivated when the support for events and more importantly the lack of congregation at each of the services has led them to this decision. It is not that they wish to see the church close, but as a place of Worship it appears to have run it's course. This is the third occasion in the last 15 years that closure has been considered.

Rev. Sarah Hare – the PCC approached Sarah and Matthew in May to discuss potential options for Berrington Church and a meeting was held with the PCC. Following this meeting, Bishop Alistair was contacted and visited the Parish for an overview. Rev Sarah has completed the Church Building Council report and Sarah Girling and Tim Bridges also visited to complete the report for the Church Buildings Council. Berrington being the Parish Church, with Betton which is a Chapel of Ease offer a range of services together with an informal worship at Cross Houses Community Centre, even this has not increased the congregation. The Services at Cross Houses will cease in December. Betton does not have to close if Berrington does but will need to have a separate consultation as this would lose the structure of the current PCC. In the Wenlock Team there are 14 churches, some are struggling and Cressage is currently going through the potential closure process.

Rev. Matthew Stafford – The Ministry will continue even if Berrington closes, we just need to go about things in a different way. We need to act in the best interest of Berrington, it's about sorting out how the people are looked after, not just the Building.

Bishop Alistair – We no longer use the term 'Redundant Church' the building will be 'no longer used for regular public services' but this isn't irreversible. There are instances where churches have been closed but later re-opened. If the building is handed over to another organisation we hope to maintain access. It is hoped that the building can be maintained in reasonable order, there are of course many churches in this situation and the funding will always be stretched. Berrington is a listed building and this is to our advantage. The Churches Conservation Trust (supported by the State) would be one option, another would be that it is supported by the Diocese, in which case some services may still be possible. Even if the building closes the churchyard may still be open for burials as burial plots are in short supply but would need to be managed locally by a PCC. However funeral services would not be held in the church.

Following this a Question and Answer session took place. We don't have room to include the questions and answers in the Pump but they will be available on the Parish Council website which can be found at www.berringtonparishcouncil.org.uk or you can request that a copy be sent to you by telephoning Tracy Weaver on 01743 761795.

Berrington Church Lottery Winners

1st £15, 2nd Prize £10, 3rd Prize £5

OCTOBER

1st Richard Ward, 2nd Mary Saul, 3rd Debbie Carpenter

NOVEMBER

1st Heather Ward, 2nd V Coggins, 3rd Andrea

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2017

Sunday 17th December - 2:30pm

St Margaret's Betton Strange

Carols by Lantern

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

Tuesday 19th December - 7pm

All Saints' Berrington

Carols by Candlelight

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Thursday 21st December - 6pm

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Cross Houses

Crib Service

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Monday 25th December - 11am

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BETTON STRANGE

DECEMBER

Sunday 3rd December,
9.45am

B e t t o n S t r a n g e

Sunday 10th December, 11am

B e r r i n g t o n

JANUARY

Sunday 7th January, 9.45am

B e t t o n S t r a n g e

Sunday 14th January, 11am

B e r r i n g t o n

Berrington Church

ALTAR FLOWERS

January

Wk 1 & 2

Freda Donnelly

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CHURCH CLEANING

December - Cheryl King

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Shelter + Hardware Sleeping Bags, Roll Mats, Blankets, Tarpaulin, Plastic Cups and Plates, Kettles, Metal Tea-pots, Pots and Pans, Small Tents, Backpacks, Torches, Mobile Phones

Food + Kitchen Tinned Tuna, Kidney Beans, Chick Peas, Tomatoes, Tea, Coffee (Instant + Filter), UHT Milk, Olive Oil, Veg Oil, Rice, Washing Up Liquid, Cling Film, Zip-lock bags.

We can also make use of babies', children's and other adult clothes – but ask yourself "Would I wear this to walk up the Wrekin in December?" before donating!

For more information see facebook.com/PeopleInMotion15/ Or contact Rev Sarah on 01952 728045 or wenlockteamvicar@aol.co.uk

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Sunday 17th December 2017 at 4pm

where we will be celebrating Christmas

Sunday 21st January 2018 at 4pm

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Report on the November meetings including a visit by Peter and Alison from Wenlock Farm, the Annual Flower Christmas Demonstration by Chelsea of Bridgnorth and Christmas Meal will appear in January 2018 as they fall too late for inclusion in the December editions of your village magazines.

Thursday 18 January is the date for CGC's AGM followed by a presentation on their recent travels by Annette and Nigel Ambrose.

New members welcome. Current membership is £5 a year.

Contact Jan on 01952 510594 for further information.

Meetings 3rd Thursday of every month in the Village Hall at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated.

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

Sunday 3rd December - Advent Sunday. Family Service without Communion at 11.15 a.m. Everyone welcome - Advent Calendars will be presented to all children present.

Sunday 10th December - Holy Communion 11 a.m. - Advent 2

All help and donations of flowers would be gratefully received on Saturday 16th when the Church will be decorated for Christmas.

Sunday 17th December - Service of Lessons and Carols 11 a.m. - Advent 3

Sunday 24th December - Matins 11 a.m.

Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve Service - First Eucharist of Christmas at 9.30 p.m.

Monday 25th December [Christmas Day] Service at 11 a.m.

Sundays in January - Holy Communion at 11 a.m.

Church News

Joyful news - the beautiful wedding on Saturday 14th October of Miranda Higham and David Luard when 200 guests packed our ancient Church. The floral arrangements were stunning and we thank Catherine and John Higham [the brides parents] for donating them to the Church where they gave many weeks pleasure to all. The brides sister Charlotte had also married in St. Eata's in July.

Sad News - Mrs Freda Favager passed away on 15th October and her funeral was held on Wednesday 1st November. So many people in the Village and surrounding district knew Freda and spoke of all the help and support she had given to so many including the Church. Rest eternal grant unto her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her. Our deepest sympathy to Nigel, Karen and all Freda's family.

Remembrance Sunday 12th November

This service was an emotional occasion for so many when the names of all the young men of the village who had given their lives in two World Wars were read out. A short service was also held in the Churchyard afterwards for the five airmen who are buried there. Two Airmen from RAF Shawbury came to represent the Royal Air Force.



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One was Martin Wood, Shrewsbury's town crier, who was Edward Woodward's stand-in.

Shrewsbury was one of Dickens's favourite places, so it was appropriate that the film should be made there. In fact it was in the Music Hall in Shrewsbury that Dickens gave the first ever public reading of *A Christmas Carol*. Dickens had stayed at the Lion Hotel and it is said that Shrewsbury was a favourite place of his. At the time of its writing Dickens was incarcerated in the debtors' prison, the money he made from the book paid for him to get out of debt and out of debtors' prison.

The grave of Ebenezer Scrooge is still to be seen in the churchyard of St Chad's overlooking the Quarry and if you look very closely at the film poster the Old Market Hall can be seen on the far right.



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A Letter to Santa From Mum



I've been a good mum all year. I've fed, cleaned and cuddled my children on demand, visited the GP Practise more than my doctor, sold sixty-two trays of chocolate brownies to raise money to plant a tree on the school playground and figured out how to attach nine badges onto my daughter's Brownie uniform with staples and a glue gun.

I was hoping you could spread my list out over several Christmases, since I had to write this letter with my son's red crayon, on the back of a receipt in the utility between loading and unloading the washing machine, and who knows when I'll find any more free time in the next 18 years.

Here are my Christmas wishes:

I'd like a pair of legs that don't ache after a day of chasing kids (in any colour, except purple, which I already have) and arms that don't flap in the breeze but are strong enough to carry a screaming toddler out of the sweetie aisle in the supermarket. I'd also like a waist, since I lost mine somewhere in the seventh month of my last pregnancy. If you're hauling big ticket items this year I'd like a car with fingerprint resistant windows and a radio that only plays adult music; a television that doesn't broadcast any programs containing talking animals; and a fridge with a secret compartment behind it where I can hide to talk on the phone.

On the practical side, I could use a talking daughter doll that says, "Yes, Mummy" to boost my parental confidence, along with one potty-trained toddler, two kids who don't fight and three pairs of jeans that will zip all the way up without the use of power tools. I could also use a recording of Tibetan monks chanting, "Don't eat in the living room" and 'Take your hands off your brother,' because my voice seems to be just out of my children's hearing range and can only be heard by the dog. And please don't forget the Playdoh Travel Pack, the hottest stocking stuffer this year for mothers of pre schoolers. It comes in three fluorescent colours and is guaranteed to crumble on any carpet making the in-laws' house seem just like mine. If it's too late to find any of these products, I'd settle for enough time to brush my teeth and comb my hair in the same morning, or the luxury of eating food warmer than room temperature without it being served in a plastic container. If you don't mind I could also use a few Christmas miracles to brighten the holiday season. Would it be too much trouble to declare ketchup a vegetable? It will clear my conscience immensely. It would be helpful if you could coerce my children to help around the house without demanding payment as if they were the bosses of an organized crime family; or if my toddler didn't look so cute sneaking downstairs to eat forbidden ice cream in his pyjamas at midnight.

Well, Santa, the timer on the tumble dryer is buzzing and my son saw my feet under the utility room door. I think he wants his crayon back. Have a safe trip and remember to leave your wet boots by the chimney and come in and dry off by the fire so you don't catch a cold. Help yourself to the biscuits on the table but don't eat too many or leave crumbs on the carpet.

Yours Always...Mum.

P.S. - One more thing...you can cancel all my requests if you can keep my children young enough to believe in Santa.

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Enjoy picking and eating luscious soft fruit

Autumn is the optimum time to plant soft fruit while the earth is still warm and moist. It's easy to imagine you need at least a reasonably sized garden to grow your own fruit, but in fact a small patio, or even a balcony could be home to a whole host of fruit if you know which ones to choose. These include all your old favourites such as blackcurrants, gooseberries, raspberries and blackberries. Or you can try the new super-fruits; Blue berry, Gojiberry, Honeyberry and Jostaberry.

Try planting our favourite top five soft fruits

Blackberry and hybrid berries

The fruits of cultivated blackberries and hybrid berries such as loganberries and boysenberries are borne on canes in late summer. The hybrids have arisen from crosses between different *Rubus* species or cultivars. Before planting, the ground should be well prepared and fertilized. Thornless cultivars are usually less vigorous than prickly ones. Blackberries and hybrid berries are all self-fertile and consequently may be singly grown. They need a sunny or partially shaded position. So not plant them in exposed sites. Provide support for the canes: walls and fences, with horizontal wires set up at 30cm (12") intervals. Plant shallowly, spreading out the roots well and firming the soil at the base of the plants. Space more vigorous cultivars 4-5m (12-15ft) apart, less vigorous ones 2.5-3m (8-10ft) apart. After planting, shorten the canes to 22cm (9"). Tie in new growth to wires or weave new growth along wires on more vigorous varieties. The plants fruit on one-year-old wood, so training needs to separate fruiting canes from newly developing ones. After cropping, cut out the fruiting canes at ground level. Retain and tie in those canes that have grown during the current season.

Honeyberry

Native to Siberia, this edible member of the honeysuckle family is the latest super-fruit on the market. The large elliptical berries are a similar colour and taste to blueberries with a slight after taste of honey. The fruit is very high in antioxidants, loaded with vitamin C and retains flavour and form when frozen. For the best results plant two. Plant, prune, mulch and feed the same as Gojiberry.

Jostaberry

It is a thornless hybrid cross of a blackcurrant and a gooseberry. It combines the large fruit from a gooseberry and the unique taste and vitamin content of a blackcurrant – very nutritious. Very vigorous, upright bush producing reliable heavy crops of large shiny black berries – double the size of normal blackcurrants. Flavour is good and berries are rich in Vitamin C – excellent for preserves. They are very resistant to mildew but will require protection against frost. When planting soak the roots in water for two hours before planting to the same depth of soil as in pot, then firm in. Mulch the area around the plant but not right up against the stems to preserve moisture and suppress weeds. After planting prune back all the stems to 5cms (2"), in later years remove 25% of the stems to encourage new growth from the base.

Gooseberry Hinnonmaki Red

Is a very hardy and vigorous mid-season red gooseberry. Produces heavy crops of large, sweet, red berries of excellent quality, fruiting in mid-July. It was specifically bred for hardiness and disease resistance and is particularly resistant to mildew making it ideal for organic gardeners. It is also a slow growing variety so is ideal for small gardens. It is an excellent variety for dessert or culinary purposes. Soak in water for to 2

hours before planting. Pruning is not required after planting but in subsequent years prune the new growth on the main branches back by 50% and any side shoots back to 5cms (2"). Mulch yearly to retain moisture and suppress weeds, water in dry periods and apply Growmore in spring.

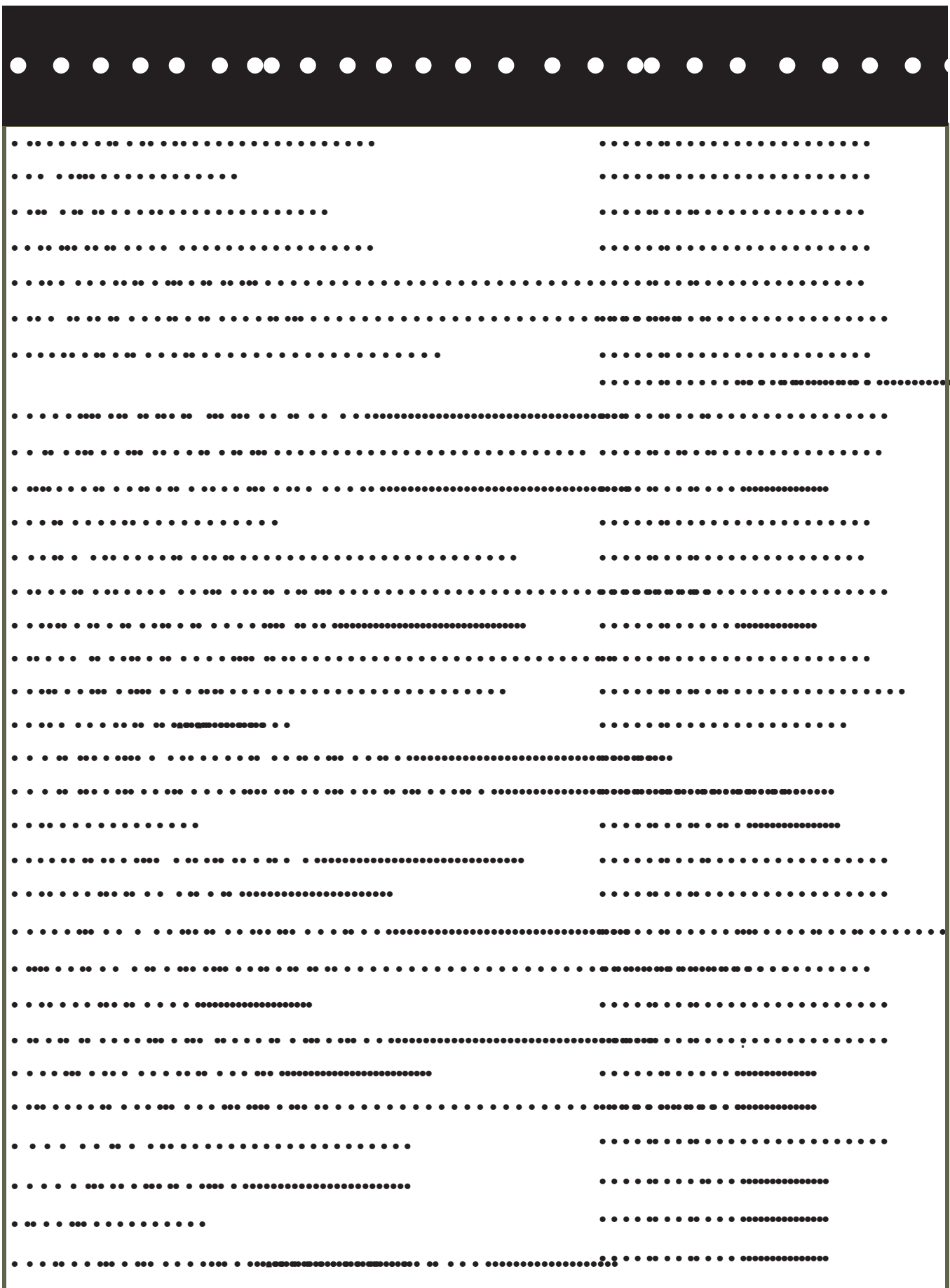
Blueberry Bluecrop

This superb mid-season variety is without doubt the leading commercial blueberry to date. Vigorous upright growth reaching 4-6ft at maturity but can be kept compact by growing in a container. The high quality fruit has a good rich flavour and is borne in medium-large open clusters for easy picking from the end of July. The firm berries are light blue in colour and are ideal for all purposes. It has stunning bronze foliage in the autumn followed by attractive red stems in winter. Frost tolerant. Prepare area before planting by digging over and mixing organic manure or compost into the topsoil. Plant as soon as possible after purchase, provided weather conditions are suitable. Soak bush for 2 hours in water and plant to the depth of the soil mark on the stem, tread in firmly and water. Where the soil is not suitable, plant in a 20 litre container using ericaceous compost. Needs no pruning, mulch yearly with well rotted compost or manure to retain moisture and suppress weeds. Blueberries have a very fine shallow root –system making them very susceptible to drying out. Water throughout the summer to ensure their soil remains moist, a thorough weekly drench should prove sufficient. Apply a Growmore type fertiliser in the spring.

Tim Robinson, Manager – Love Plants

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