

The Village Pump

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

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; Hamish Eccles, Sharlene Hess, and Sue Mason;. 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

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**Deadline for the Dec 24 - Jan 25 issue is
Friday 15th Nov 2024**



News from your Shropshire Councillor

Claire Wild



ATCHAM - ROAD SAFETY AND PARKING

Atcham PC have been working hard to help address road safety concerns on the B4380 near Love to Stay (please see Atcham PC Report on page 8. Meetings between the Police, Shropshire Council and the PC are making progress. Thanks to Mark Bebb from Salop Leisure for hosting these meetings and his support for the community.

A planning proposal will shortly be submitted to increase car parking capacity for the Mytton and Mermaid. A public consultation event will be held in October at the Malthouse. For those of you who live in Atcham, look out for the invitation which will drop on to your door mat.

436 & 437 BUS SERVICE

I have received a large number of compliments regarding the half hourly bus service through Cross Houses. Residents seem to be very happy with the increased frequency. Lets hope that bus passenger numbers stay the same, or better still, grow to ensure we retain the service.

BERRINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Berrington Village Hall celebrated its 100th Anniversary recently. It is a treasured local amenity, built after World War I. Many village halls were built across the county at this time as part of a national effort to improve social and educational services in rural areas and many were also built as memorials to those who fell during the Great War. The National Council of Social Service (NCSS) led the initiative, which was supported by the Women's Institute. Many of the village halls were built by local people. We still have a direct link to the building of Berrington Village Hall as Richard Purslow's (Berrington Parish Councillor and Chair of the Chapel Community Centre Committee) Grandfather helped build the hall in 1924.

It was fantastic to see the young people from the village designing and making tiles for the commemoration plaque which you can see outside the village hall (see page 19 for more details).

WINTER FUEL ALLOWANCE/PENSION CREDIT

I have had a number of residents contact me regarding the withdrawal of the Winter Fuel Allowance. If you are affected by this matter and you would like further information regarding Pension Credit you can find details of the scheme and the website address on page 11. You can also contact Age UK on 0800 678 1602 or via their website www.ageuk.org.uk, they have lots of information on line and a calculator to see if you might be eligible for Pension Credit. It is always worth checking.

As always, if you a problem which you think I may be able to help you with, please get in touch.

Best wishes,

Claire

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A Letter from Westminster



Dear Reader,

August has flown by, and autumn will soon be upon us. I have enjoyed the summer recess, with its opportunity to get out and about in our wonderful constituency. I have seen the valuable community services delivered at the Mayfair Centre in Church Stretton and the Cavalier Centre in Much Wenlock. I have also met with officials at Severn Trent in Ludlow to see how we can further improve water quality.

Now that the office has been set up in Ludlow, with another office in the works for Bridgnorth, it has been great to start local advice surgeries, and I look forward to many more going on in the coming months. Following on from these surgeries I have launched campaigns, asked the Government questions, and achieved meaningful change in the specific situations of residents.

Readers will know that the Chancellor has announced winter fuel payments will only be paid to those in receipt of means-tested qualifying benefits like Pension Credit. Charities and constituents have raised significant concerns about the change, with an estimated 880,000 people eligible for Pension Credit not yet claiming it. Regrettably, the new government chose not to put the decision before Parliament. So, my colleagues and I signed a motion calling for MPs to be given the right to debate these changes. As per convention, the government conceded to doing so. I made my thoughts on the decision clear; we should not be depriving pensioners of this payment. After a lifetime of hard work, pensioners should get the dignity and respect in retirement they deserve.

It was fantastic to visit one of the free holiday clubs in South Shropshire, at St Lawrence Primary School in Church Stretton. Under the previous government, more than £200 million funding per year was provided to local authorities for the Half-Term Activities Fund (HAF). This provided 11.3 million days of enriching activities with healthy food to children and young people in this country. I have urged the new government to continue funding this scheme.

Additionally, our pubs in South Shropshire are hugely valued community assets. I love to nip into the George and Dragon Inn in Much Wenlock for a spot of lunch or for an evening out with my wife at The Mill at Leighton, as well as many other great community pubs. To recognise the value of our great pubs, I have called on the government to confirm it is committed to continuing the last government's package of support for pubs - including the Brexit Pubs Guarantee, which means that the duty paid on a draught pint in a pub will always be lower than its equivalent in a supermarket. The government should also continue to freeze alcohol duty and discount business rates for small businesses.

I am also campaigning for the better provision of defibrillators and enhanced training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, after meeting volunteers from Clun Valley AED Scheme. They provide a vital service in the community, responding to emergency referrals from West Midlands Ambulance Service. They have also grown a network of 35 defibrillators. When used within the crucial first few minutes of a cardiac arrest, the chances of survival increase to as high as 70%. The increased availability of this equipment could save many more lives.

Supporting our local communities is an integral part of my plan for South Shropshire. By listening to what matters to you, I can support your concerns and deliver more for our community. So please do not hesitate to get in touch if I can ever be of any assistance to you.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SA', written in a cursive style.

Stuart Anderson MP
Member of Parliament for South Shropshire



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8th October ~ Club AGM & Practical

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12th November

Workshop with Suzanne & Andrea who lead a floral craft workshop

26th November ~ Christmas Demonstration

"Seasons Greetings" By Guest Demonstrator NAFAS Area Demonstrator Becca Morris – **Bring friends & Family – Everyone Welcome**

10th December - Christmas Social & Club

Competition

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CHURCH SERVICES and NEWS **from ST EATA'S at ATCHAM**



There is a Service with Holy Communion [Book of Common Prayer] every Sunday at 11am. Refreshments and chat on alternate Sundays. All welcome.

Sunday 3rd November Morning Prayer - 11am.

Baptised recently - 23rd June -Harper & Lilly Houghton. We welcome them into the Church family.

Harvest Thanksgiving Service - Sunday 6th October 11am. Anyone who can donate flowers or help to decorate the Church would be most welcome. A table will be available at the back of Church for contributions to The Food Bank.

Saturday 19th October - Octoberfest Oompah Band Concert. Home Farm, Attingham. 7pm - 11pm. Tickets £15 including food. Tickets from Joyce 358767, Vicki 07884 231211.

Sunday 27th October, CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR . Patronal Festival Service at 11am.

Sunday 10th November - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY- 10.55am.

1st December - 1st Sunday of Advent - 11am.

8th December - Christingle Service - 11am.

22nd December - Carol Service - 11am.

COFFEE MORNING in Church - 1st Friday of each month. All welcome for tea and chat.



Atcham Parish Council



Emstrey Bank road safety

A meeting was held on 6th August between representatives of the parish council, police, Shropshire Council (Traffic Engineering), and Salop Leisure. All parties are deeply concerned about the frequency of serious accidents (and near misses) on the B4380 Emstrey Bank, particularly at the entrance to Salop Leisure/ Love2Stay. As a result of the meeting, temporary 'No Overtaking' signs have been put up and Shropshire Council is currently liaising with their contractor, Keir, regarding the introduction of double solid white 'no overtaking' lines on the section of road from the roundabout to just past the Salop Leisure entrance. In the longer term, the introduction of a reduced speed limit is a possible safety option, which Shropshire Council will investigate. The parish council will continue to push for this. The police are fully in support of any engineering improvements put forward by Shropshire Council intended to reduce the number of road casualties and to generally improve road safety in this area. A further meeting will be held in November.

Extra pub car park

Representatives of Brunning & Price attended the parish council meeting on 11th September. They gave a full update and answered questions on the proposed plan to install an extra car park on the Shrewsbury side of the river, with pedestrian access across the Old Bridge. Key points: The pre-application was submitted in April and the response from SC was received in July. Working on the recommendations of that report, they are now putting together a detailed proposal. This will be presented to the parish council and public for comments in the first half of October (public meeting and leaflet drop) and is hoped to be submitted in its final form for planning permission at the end of October. B&P are keen to get the work completed by the start of the Spring/Summer 2025 season.

Construction access via Malthouse Lane

A recent planning application caused much concern regarding construction access. Shropshire Council has granted permission for the project, with the proviso that a Construction Traffic Management Plan is adhered to. A copy of this plan is available on our website. Part of this plan is that a Community Liaison Officer will be appointed for the duration of the project. Contact details for this person will be published at a visible location at the site and also on our website, as soon as they are available.

Village parking restrictions

The applications for the TRO (double yellow lines) and H-bar markings are now with Shropshire Council. We will let you know as soon as we have any progress to report.

Planters by Cross Houses Lane

With thanks to a donation of plants from Salop Leisure, the autumn planting up should be in place shortly.

More information on all the above issues can be found on our website.

Do you have any comments? Or a new idea that might benefit the community? Please come along to one of our meetings or contact the Clerk. Also, don't forget to let us know if you have a community event or local information that you would like us to share online.

Website: atchamparishcouncil.org.uk

Facebook: 'Atcham Parish Council'

Parish Councillors: Laura Dixon (Chair), Simon Adney, Stephen Cook, Keith Daley, Gareth Jones, Martin Ruston, Rob Trow.

Clerk: Alison Utting (atchampc@gmail.com) 01691 622093

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At the time of publication we are anticipating that we will be offering joint vaccination clinics in our planned Winter Vaccine Clinics held at William Brookes School on:

Saturday 5 October 2024 – *FULLY BOOKED*

Saturday 19 October – UNDER 65'S APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE

Saturday 26 October – OVER AND UNDER 65'S APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE

These clinics will be for booked appointments only; we will not be able to offer any in walk in vaccinations.

Patients unable to attend the joint vaccinations clinics on the dates above, are advised to contact the Practice and request to be added to the patient waiting list for any additional vaccination clinic dates.

We would like to thank the Patient Volunteer Support Group for their kind offer of help and support during the vaccination clinic dates.

As a reminder, the following groups of patients are eligible for flu vaccinations this year:

- Patients aged 65 years and over
- Patients who are immunosuppressed
- Close contacts of immunocompromised individuals
- Those aged 6 months to under 65 years in clinical risk groups
- pregnant women
- Carers
- Frontline workers working in social care settings

For patients who are housebound or reside in a care or nursing home; we will be notifying the housebound patients and homes of the scheduled visit date(s) shortly.

Blood Pressure Readings – Check while you wait!

Whilst you are waiting for your appointment, please take a few minutes to take your blood pressure reading using the machine in the waiting room, this helps us with the continued monitoring of your overall health.

Instructions are displayed on the front of the machine and your result will be printed on a slip of paper which you can take into your consultation to be recorded on your medical records.

Over State

Pension age?

You could be entitled to
Pension Credit and get
the **Winter Fuel Payment.**

Check your eligibility for Pension Credit online.

Pensioners are being urged to apply for a benefit that could be worth on average £3,900 per year.

It is thought that as many as 880,000 pensioners are missing out, and the Pension Credit Week of Action aims to spread awareness and increase claims for Pension Credit, which from this year will also automatically passport eligible pensioners to receive the Winter Fuel Payment.

Families, friends and neighbours are being encouraged to reach out to retired family members to encourage them to check their eligibility and apply. The **21st December** is the last possible date to make a successful backdated claim in order to receive the Winter Fuel Payment.

While around 1.4 million pensioners are already receiving Pension Credit, up to an estimated 880,000 households are eligible for the support but are not claiming it.

Friends, families and neighbours can also encourage their loved ones to apply, so that they are not missing out on this vital benefit.

Pensioners whose weekly income is below £218.15 for a single person or £332.95 for a couple should check to see if they are eligible for this support which is worth £3,900 a year on average, using DWP's online calculator.

People with a severe disability, carers and those who are responsible for a child or young person who lives with them could get more. Pension Credit can also include extra amounts for certain housing costs, such as ground rent or service charges.

Find out more at <https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit>.



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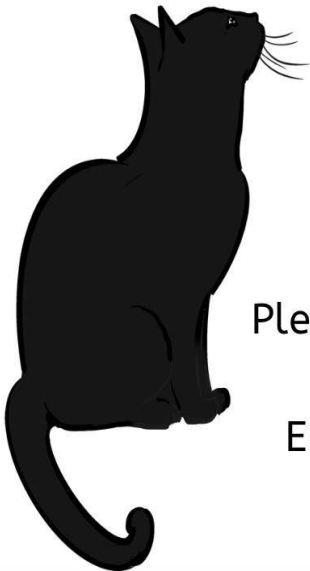


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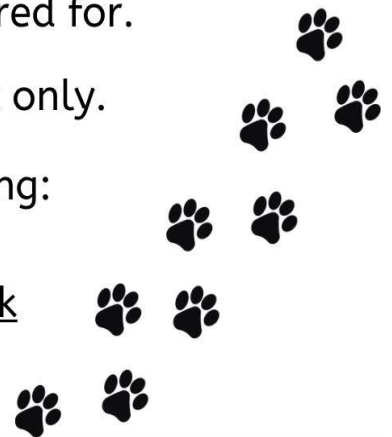
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Berrington Village Hall 1924 - 2024

Artistic youngsters from the parish have joined forces to create a spectacular mosaic to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Berrington Village Hall.

The talented team ranged between one and 18 years of age.

Set in concrete outside Berrington Village Hall, the 22 tiles represent aspects of village that the children like or are interested in. They include a tractor, a badger, a butterfly and the village hall itself, and are arranged over the 1924-2024 dates.

The mosaic is the brainchild of Rachel Morgan who also oversaw the project. Emily Stuckey helped Rachel cut the tiles, and it has been polished by volunteers.

It is a magnificent celebration of the hall's first century and will hopefully still be admired in another 100 years!



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Gardening Club



At our meeting in July gardening club members and friends enjoyed a private visit to Sunnycroft house and gardens in Wellington. Although a National Trust property, Sunnycroft is usually only open to the public on selected days so we were extremely pleased to have the opportunity to explore this Victorian 'estate in miniature'. The house itself was fascinating, with many items still preserved of things several members could remember from their youth (although we're definitely not as old as that makes us sound).

The gardens are quite extensive with glasshouses, flowering borders, orchards, vegetables and bees. Traditional games were available for us to enjoy on the lawns, along with deck chairs to relax in the sunshine whilst enjoying tea and cakes. A good afternoon out.

Our monthly meetings start at 7.30 pm in Cressage Village Hall and we welcome members, new members and visitors to all our meetings.

If you would like any further information about the Gardening Club please contact Sally LucasGarner on 01694771271 or 07506351032

**Do consider joining our friendly Garden club.
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Keeping well this winter..... Winter vaccinations and winter health

There are some things you can do to help yourself stay well in winter. This includes getting your flu and COVID-19 vaccinations.

Flu and COVID-19 vaccinations

It's important to get your winter flu and COVID-19 vaccinations if you're eligible. Getting vaccinated every year will top up your protection and reduce your risk of getting severe symptoms.

Flu vaccination

The flu vaccine is offered on the NHS every year to people at higher risk of getting seriously ill from flu. Most eligible adults will be able to get the flu vaccine from 3 October 2024. Some people can get vaccinated from September 2024, including anyone who is pregnant.

[Find out more about the flu vaccine](#)

COVID-19 vaccination

The COVID-19 vaccine is offered on the NHS every year to people at increased risk of getting seriously ill from COVID-19. Eligible people will be able to get the winter COVID-19 vaccine from 3 October 2024. The NHS will contact you if your NHS record suggests you may be eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine.

[Find out more about the COVID-19 vaccine](#)

Who's most at risk from cold weather?

Some people are more vulnerable to the effects of cold weather. This includes: people aged 65 and older * babies and children under the age of 5* people on a low income (so cannot afford heating) * people who have a long-term health condition * people with a disability * pregnant women * people who have a mental health condition.

If you're 65 or over, or in one of the other at-risk groups, it's important to get medical help as soon as you feel unwell.

You can get help and advice from a pharmacy – pharmacists can give treatment advice for a range of minor illnesses and can tell you if you need to see a doctor or your GP – you may be able to speak to a GP online or over the phone, or go in for an appointment if they think you need to. For NHS 111 – go to 111.nhs.uk or call 111 if you have an urgent medical problem and you are not sure what to do.

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Evening	£60	£80

Standard sessions consist of 4 hours.

Bookings can be made for timings outside of the session, subject to consideration for other bookings. We try to be as flexible as possible. Costings may be adjusted accordingly. Please request a firm price when booking.

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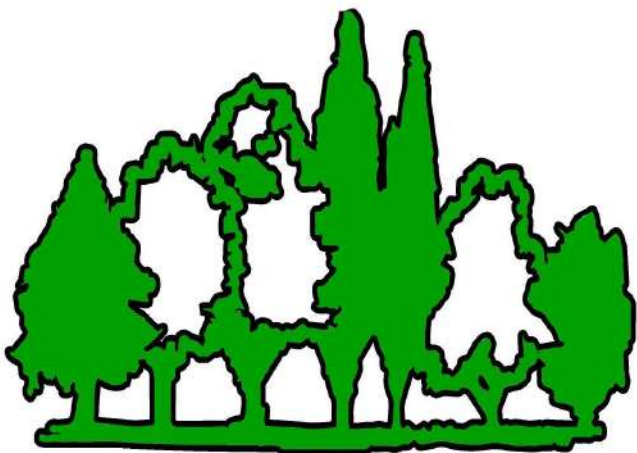
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We are a small group of very friendly ladies who meet on the third Monday of the month, 10am - 12 noon at the Community Room, Noel Hill Road for a chat and to make items for charity events which we run twice a year for local causes - everyone is welcome 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 sushedden52@gmail.com

CROSS HOUSES BOOK CLUB

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2024 Reading List

October

"Rebecca's Tale"

- Sally Beauman

November

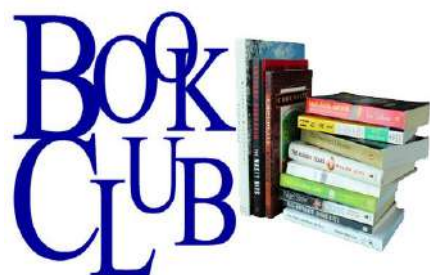
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News from Christ Church C.E. Primary School

Preparing, Sowing, Growing

Autumn Leaves...

Term is well underway now and we are trying to make the most of every day we can play on our field before it gets too wet and muddy. Our outdoor space is so important to us and the children are always very excited if it is 'field time' at playtime or lunch. However bad weather won't stop us using our Forest School area – all our classes have regular Forest School with weekly sessions in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 and 2 and blocks organised across the year for older children in KS2. We do now have a teepee shelter which we can use to work under when it is especially wet – and are very grateful to the Scouts for its donation. Forest School is an important way in which children develop skills of negotiation, self-reliance, managing risk and decision making – all essential for life! It is not just an activity but a philosophy and it reflects our school belief that parents want us to develop the whole child, not just focus on academics – important as they undoubtedly are. We have a number of Forest School trained staff but are so grateful for Lucy Walton who leads most sessions. The photo below shows our Y6 in their garden – wearing their colourful Y6 hoodies!

Join our team

We are a friendly and supportive staff team and are looking for some new team members. Mr and Mrs McElvaine, two of our amazing premises staff are retiring at the end of October so we have vacancies for a cleaner and caretaker. We also have a vacancy for an admin assistant in our school office. You can find out more about these posts on the [Council Jobs website](#) or you can ring the office for application packs.

What are our themes?

Little Acorns and Acorns (our EYFS setting catering for Nursery 3+ and Reception) led by Mrs Martin, they are looking at Nursery Rhymes.

Maple (Y1 & Y2) led by Miss Fortune, they are looking at Kings and Queens

Holly (Y2 & Y3) led by Mrs Douch, they are looking at 'Sensational Safaris'

Willow (Y4 & Y5) led by Mr Brotherton, they are looking at 'To Infinity and Beyond'

Oak (Y5 & Y6) led by Mrs Clarke, they are looking at 'Diversity' and following the life story of Baroness Floella Benjamin.

Would you like to visit us and see what we are like? Are you thinking of your child attending Christ Church in September 2025 in Reception or do you need a nursery place sooner?

There are a few options:

You can come and see what we are like any Monday – join us for Stay and Play. During our Stay and Play sessions at 1.30-3.00pm on Mondays pre-schoolers and toddlers join Little Acorns to play and you can meet staff and chat to us informally. We use inside and outside areas so come prepared for both.

You can ring the office: 01952 510383 and make an appointment to come and see school during the school day or afterwards – we can find a mutually convenient time. We love showing prospective parents around as we are very proud of our school.

Tracey Cansdale, Headteacher Follow us on FaceBook for regular news and updates: [@ChristChurchSY5](#)

Our website is also full of updates and information: christchurchcressage.co.uk

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