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Brompton, Cantlop, Cross Houses and Eaton Mascott**

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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.

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News from your Shropshire Councillor

Claire Wild



ATCHAM - MYTTON ADDITIONAL CAR PARKING PLANNING APPLICATION

The planning application for additional car parking at the Mytton and Mermaid was submitted on Friday 15th November by Berry's. It should be available to view on the planning portal shortly.

ROAD SAFETY ON THE B4380 NEAR LOVE TO STAY

I have been working with Atcham PC, the Police and Shropshire Council Highways to improve road safety on the stretch of road towards the Emstrey Island. A report is included in the update from Atcham PC. The safety improvements include temporary signage, (permanent signage on order) including no over taking signs and we await quotes for the double white lines. A speed reduction is likely in the Spring. Thanks again to Mark Bebb from Salop Leisure for hosting these meetings and his support for the community.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Over the past few years you will no doubt have seen the poppies that appear on lamp posts around our villages. I would like to thank the volunteers, and in particular Richard Purslow, who puts up and takes down our poppies, a small gesture to show our respect for those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

VOLUNTEERS

Talking of volunteers, in this festive season I ask you to join me in thanking all those in our parish who volunteer to make our villages better places to live. Be that delivering this magazine, running knit and natter groups, organising play groups, running Christmas events, cutting grass in graveyards and so much more, every single volunteer is so important and I thank each and everyone of you.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

At this time of year I really enjoy visiting the many Christmas events and church services in our parishes. The Christmas Fayre's I have been to so far have been really well organised and well attended and have raised money for a number of charities. There is a Carol Service at the Church of St Margaret in Betton Strange on Sunday 22nd December starting at 2pm. In this edition of the Pump there is a list of all the Christmas services across the area but I mention the one in Betton Strange as it could well be the last ever service that takes place at St Margaret's as the church is due to be closed. It's a beautiful church and is gas lit and If you've never been this would be a lovely event to attend and see the church before it closes.

I wish you all a happy and peaceful festive season and as always, if you have a problem which you think I might be able to help you with please get in touch.

Best wishes,

Claire

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IMPORTANT

Deadline for the next edition (February - March) is Friday 17th January 2025



A Letter from Westminster



Dear Reader,

South Shropshire is home to some 4,000 veterans, almost one in ten households, so remembrance brings a time of intensified emotion. During the Second World War, an outstanding group of pilots, navigators, and observers served in the Photographic Reconnaissance Unit (PRU). Known as Churchill's eyes in the sky, they provided invaluable visual insights that paved the way for victory in Europe. Despite having a 48% death rate, the PRU's heroic efforts have gone largely unnoticed – until now. The Spitfire AA810 Project is shining a spotlight on these unsung heroes, including our very own Denis Parry and Lionel Scargill from South Shropshire.

As a veteran, I am proud to support this incredible campaign, which aims to establish a national monument in their memory. I was also honoured to plant a tribute in Parliament's Garden of Remembrance on behalf of my constituents. The installation, organised by the Royal British Legion (RBL), will see the main entrance of Parliament filled with red poppies. Together with other charities, the RBL has transformed the life prospects of veterans for the better.

In the run up to October's budget I raised several issues that were important to South Shropshire. This included the need for rural councils to be given more support, to maintain the freeze on fuel duty, boost defence spending, continue the support for pubs and row back on reported plans to tax farmers. While I welcome that fuel duty was indeed frozen, I have raised my concerns about the impact of changes to inheritance tax on local farms – seven out of ten family farms will be affected. On top of this, the increase to employer National Insurance will hit small businesses such as pubs incredibly hard.

As well as recent advice surgeries in Bishop's Castle, Bridgnorth and Dorrington, I was delighted to meet with officials at Shropshire Council working on improving mobile coverage and flooding prevention. I have called on the Health Secretary to put community healthcare facilities, such as Ludlow Hospital, front and centre of plans to transform the NHS into a 'national neighbourhood service.' I am encouraging residents to apply for gigabit vouchers which support the installation of broadband in rural areas. In Shropshire, only a third of those eligible have applied.

As part of Road Safety Week, I am raising awareness of the need to tackle speeding, after numerous conversations on speeding concerns with John Campion, the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). It was excellent to meet Morville Speed Group alongside representatives of the PCC and Dominic Stanford, who has been championing these issues. Although rural roads carry 44% of road traffic, they sadly account for 59% of road fatalities.

I know that as the weather changes, we are going to see increased flooding in South Shropshire. I used Flood Action Week to update the 'local help' area of my website to include advice and support for individuals and businesses. It is important that people set up flooding alerts and know how they can get help should they be affected by flooding. Do contact my office if I can be of any help.

Finally, I have been picking up the issue of protecting the countryside from over-development. Ministers announced a new housing methodology that slashes housing targets for London while doubling it in areas like Shropshire. Given cities like London have infrastructure to support development, I urge the government to pursue densification in the inner cities while enabling small-scale developments which enjoy local support in areas like ours. This would help people stay where they want to live and work while protecting our precious countryside.

In addition to this, we need the Minister to designate water companies as statutory consultees before planning permission is granted, to prevent development in areas with unsuitable water supply and drainage. This was raised with me as a factor that will help prevent flooding and sewage overflows into our rivers.

Kind regards,

Stuart Anderson MP
Member of Parliament for South Shropshire

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For details of services, more information and contact details regarding the Wenlock Team of Parishes please visit www.wenlockchurches.co.uk or call 01952 727396

Christmas Services in the area

<u>Church</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Service</u>
Harley	Saturday 30 th December	6-8pm	Festival of Light
Harley	Sunday 1 st December	5.00pm	Harley Nativity
Much Wenlock	Thursday 5 th December	7.30pm	Young Farmers Carols
Harley	Sunday 8 th December	6.00pm	Carol Service
Much Wenlock	Tuesday 10 th December	7.00pm	Crib Fest with the Salvation Army
Much Wenlock	Friday 13 th December	5.00pm	Carols For Life
Stanton Long	Tuesday 17 th December	7.00pm	Carol Service
Kenley	Friday 20 th December	6.30pm	Carol Service
Cound	Sunday 22 nd December	6.00pm	Carol Service
Church Preen	Thursday 12 th December	7.00pm	Carol Service
Cross Houses Community Centre	Sunday 15 th December	3.00pm	Community Carols
Hughley	Sunday 22 nd December	11.00am	Carol Service
Much Wenlock	Sunday 22 nd December	6.30pm	Carol Service
Bourton	Thursday 19 th December	6.30pm	Carol Service
Betton Strange	Sunday 22 nd December	2.00pm	Carol Service
Easthope	Sunday 22 nd December	6.00pm	Carol Service
Sheinton	Sunday 24 th December	7.15pm	Community Carols

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

There will be a Service with Holy Communion every Sunday at 11 a.m. All welcome

Advent Sunday - 1st December at 11am

Christingle Service - 8th December at 11am

Carol singing at the Mytton & Mermaid - Wednesday 11th December from 6.30pm

Carol Service - 22nd December at 11am

Christmas Eve - 24th December 7pm

Christmas Day - 25th December at 11am.

FOOD BANK - table at back of Church early in December in time for distribution to the Food Bank and The Ark.

Cards suitable for Christmas - on table in Church cost £2.50 each, postcards 50p each. Selling fast.

A Service of Remembrance was held on Sunday 10th November with a full Church for the laying of wreaths on behalf of the Parish and RAF Shawbury and the observance of the 2 minutes silence. Poppy crosses were laid on the War Graves in the Churchyard. LEST WE FORGET.

Rev. Andrew will be with us again from early December following his sabbatical.

Funeral of Susan Anna Cullin was held in Church on Tuesday 29th October. Our deepest sympathy to her family and friends.

Spencer Bebbington - did The Great North Run in 2 hrs & 6 mins and raised £900 for the Church Fabric Fund. Thank you Spencer.

COFFEE MORNING - 1st Friday of each month - all welcome

A BLESSED and PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS SEASON from all at St.Eata's





Atcham Parish Council



Emstrey Bank road safety

A further meeting was held on 4th November between representatives of the parish council, police, Shropshire Council (Traffic Engineering), and Salop Leisure, to follow up on progress. Temporary 'No Overtaking' signs are to be replaced with permanent signage within the next few weeks. Shropshire Council is awaiting the quotation from Keir for double solid white 'no overtaking' lines from the roundabout to just past the Salop Leisure entrance. If all is agreeable, this could be in place by the spring. Reduction of speed limits is to be considered as part of a wider consultation next year. A request has been submitted to put Emstrey Bank on the high priority list for speed monitoring by West Mercia Police. The police would also welcome any reports from civilian drivers with webcam footage of events they consider to be dangerous. Reports can be submitted via the WMP website and can lead to successful prosecutions.

Extra pub car park

Following the public consultation there were one or two improvements to the scheme which have been worked on. A Car Park Management Plan and Flood Plan will form part of the planning submission, which B&P hope to submit within the next few weeks. Once the planning application is published by Shropshire Council, anyone can submit responses via the online Planning Portal and the Parish Council will consider its response at its next public meeting.

A new parking attendant has been recruited to replace one who left.

New notice board

B&P have kindly donated and installed a new notice board by the bridge. This will be managed by the Parish Council.

Village parking restrictions

The formal application for the TRO (double yellow lines and no parking in bus laybys) will be published in the newspaper soon, with a response period of 3 weeks. If there are any negative or controversial responses, a further 12-week consultation process will become necessary. Otherwise, work should go ahead fairly soon. The H-bar markings and some white line replacements are queued with Shropshire Council highways and will be progressed as soon as contracts allow.

Community Governance Review

Changes affecting Atcham will be implemented on 1st April 2025. The Sovereign Park development (which lies to the north of the A5) will no longer be part of Atcham parish but will become part of Sutton & Rea Brook, for election and parish council purposes.

And finally...

The parish council and clerk would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year.

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.

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Practice News

Much Wenlock & Cressage Appointment Changes –The Right Service, First Time

From mid November 2024, the Practice will be piloting a new appointment system.

For Urgent Non-Life-Threatening Medical Assistance

Patients in need of non-life-threatening urgent assistance will be asked for a few details from our Reception team and added to our Emergency Doctor list. The Emergency Doctor will then review the information gathered and provide medical assessment and support as appropriate. We aim to address all emergency requests as timely as possible but ask that you are patient with us whilst we manage all those needing our help.

For Non-urgent Medical Assistance (for new or existing problems)

Our Reception team will ask for some basic information to enable them to help direct you to the most appropriate service. This information is specifically designed to help them to navigate your care and has been designed with our clinical team.

★ Available services include:

- ✓ Online Access via Contact Us on Line Form on the Practice website
- ✓ GP face to face consultations
- ✓ GP telephone consultations
- ✓ Practice Nurse/Health Care assistant appointments
- ✓ Nurse Triage
- ✓ Clinical Pharmacist
- ✓ First Contact Physiotherapist
- ✓ Dietitian
- ✓ Mental Health Practitioner
- ✓ Social Prescriber/Healthy Lives Advisor (for Adults and those aged 11 – 18 years)
- ✓ Minor Eye Conditions Service
- ✓ Pharmacy First
- ✓ 111

Patients will continue to have access to routine appointments and request their preferred clinician and appointment method.

Same day appointments/Online Bookable Appointments

To allow equity of access to appointments and to ensure our appointments are used as suitably as possible, directly bookable GP appointments via the NHS App/Patient Access and appointments released on the day will no longer be available. Patients will be required to complete the Contact Us Online form on our Practice website or contact the Practice for the next available routine appointment.

Where the patient is unable to complete the online form, it will be completed together with our reception team and submitted on the patient's behalf. These requests will be triaged by a clinician and if required, a sooner appointment offered. This is to enable an increased capacity for Emergency Care and better availability of routine appointments, together with ensuring those with clinical needs have appropriate and timely clinical contact.

Home Visits

For those patients who are housebound, the Practice asks that, where possible, requests for visits are made to the surgery in the morning before 12:00 midday. Having early notice of these requests allows our clinicians to coordinate and ensure timely and efficient assessment of all our patients.

Much Wenlock & Cressage Medical Practice News Continued/.....

Let there be kindness at Christmas

Let there be kindness at Christmas, for one and all,
Let others know the dove of peace has come to call.
Let others see that with you, Christmas can be kind.
Leave spoonfuls of joyfulness for others to find.
Distribute your smiles, let them float to those around,
So when the smiles reaches them, happiness is found.

Let there be understanding at Christmas this year,
Let others know that your forgiveness is now here.
Let others see that with you, hate does not belong.
That with you, they will once more find hope and feel strong.
Open up your heart, and let them know that you care,
And that when tomorrow comes, you will still be there.

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Christmas & New Year Practice Closures

Christmas Eve – Cressage Dispensary and Cressage Practice will be closed from 1.30pm. Much Wenlock Practice will remain open until 6pm

Christmas Day – Practice will be Closed

Boxing Day – Practice will be Closed

New Year Day – Practice will be Closed

Whilst the Practice is closed please contact Shropdoc, 111, who will be available to provide medical advice over the Christmas and New Year period.

We would like to wish all our patients a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.



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

COUNDRY & 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.

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Central

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South

Mayfair Community Centre, Church Stretton; Enterprise House, Bishops Castle; Craven Arms Library; Ludlow Library; Bridgnorth Library; Broseley Library; Much Wenlock Library; Shifnal Library.

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Enable: for people receiving support into employment and/or training

Taking Part: for people with learning difficulties

Sight Loss Shropshire: for people with visual impairment.

Autumn is now well upon us which means that many of our outdoor gardening tasks are nearly completed for the year. Thoughts, for some, go towards indoor 'gardening' so, with this in mind, for our October meeting members, and visitors, welcomed Vicky Williams, from The Garden Room Shop in Shrewsbury. Vicky gave a very interesting talk about house plants, introducing us to some plants which we may not have been aware of previously, and giving us ideas about the best way to care for all of our house plants.

At our next meeting on Thursday November 21st we welcome back Kate Doody from Colours Florist in Much Wenlock. Kate will again be demonstrating ideas for Christmas flower arrangements and a Christmas wreath. Non members are very welcome to attend this meeting although an entry fee will be made to help cover costs. All flower arrangements will be included in the evening's raffle. This event is held in Cressage Village Hall and begins at 7.30pm, although it is advisable to arrive a little before this time as the event is usually well attended.

We do not have an open meeting in December as this is when members gather together for our Christmas meal at The Huntsman in Little Wenlock. Our regular monthly meetings start at 7.30 pm in Cressage Village Hall and we welcome members, new members and visitors to all our meetings.

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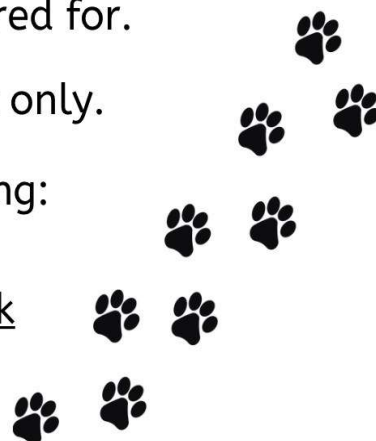
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Evening	£60	£80

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Please ensure curtains are closed in the main hall for evening rentals, as the hall faces a residential building.

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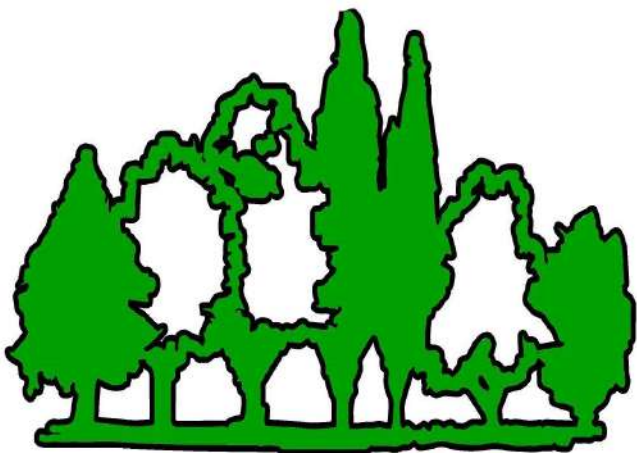
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Why was the snowman rummaging in a bag of carrots?
He was picking his nose!

What do you get if Santa goes down the chimney and a fire is lit?
Crisp Kringle!

What do you call an old snowman?
Water.

What do you call a child who doesn't believe in Santa?
A rebel without a Claus.

Why did the turkey join the band?
Because it had drumsticks!

How do snails fight?
They slug it out.

What athlete is the warmest in winter?
A long jumper!

How does Darth Vader like his turkey?
On the dark side.

Why do reindeer like Beyoncé so much?
She sleighs.

Where did the asparagus go for after work drinks?
The salad bar.



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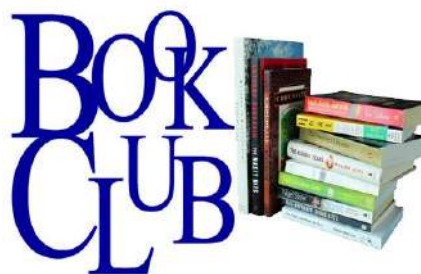
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News from Christ Church C.E. Primary School

Preparing, Sowing, Growing

Celebrations and New Starts

By the time this lands on doormats and pings into inboxes, we will be in the season of Christmas celebrations – there is no better time to be in a primary school. We all have special memories of the Christmas play at school where someone fell off the stage, or a shepherd fell asleep or –every teacher’s nightmare – someone was sick during the performance. Its no wonder that the film Nativity is shown every year (along with its many sequels)! But these community events are as much a part of primary school as learning to read and write and we can’t wait to welcome families to our performances. The children look forward to grandparents coming along to watch them sing, dance or ‘be the narrator’.

As well as Christmas performances we have some others in the pipeline too. Willow Class who are 9 and 10 are going to be singing at the NEC Arena as part of Young Voices. We went last year in January and it was an amazing experience to be part of a choir of thousands with professional musicians leading us. They have already been learning some amazing medleys of traditional and modern music. Singing has been proven to be good for mental health and we certainly see that as the smiles and resilience grows as they have learnt some really tricky pieces. Our youngest children also have a more public performance ahead – Acorns are practising hard for the William Brookes Dance Festival. 4 and 5 year olds have few inhibitions and we love the care-free way they throw themselves into the moves of the routine – long may that confidence last!

January 2025 is going to be a new start for me. After 15 years at Christ Church, 8 of them as headteacher, I am moving with my husband to the Greater Manchester area and a headship of a church primary school in Radcliffe, one of the old mill towns. It will be a huge change and I will miss Cressage more than I know (although will be travelling back to visit family members who live locally here). However just as the Christmas plays roll round quickly each year, I know that the rhythm of life at Christ Church will carry on with the strong staff team and a new head. I hope they enjoy writing for the village magazine as much as I have done. This part of Shropshire is a wonderful place and the value and support given to our village schools is very special – they will be a beneficiary of that, as I have been. A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at Christ Church.



Our nursery children are enjoying making decorations outside.



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 for a 3 year old sooner?

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](https://www.facebook.com/ChristChurchSY5)



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