

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; Sharlene Hess, Geoff Jones 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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IMPORTANT

**Deadline for the June - July 24 issue is
Friday 17th May 2024**



News from your Shropshire Councillor Claire Wild



SPEED REDUCTION SCHEME ON THE A458 THROUGH CROSS HOUSES

I have received very positive feedback from residents regarding the proposed speed reduction scheme through Cross Houses. It is likely that the scheme will be implemented later this year. As soon as I have confirmed dates I will let you know.

QUIET LANE, ATCHAM TO CROSS HOUSES ROAD

The proposals for the "Quiet Lane" were seen and commented on by Atcham Parish Council. Now that both Parish Councils have had a chance to comment the plans will be published on the parish council websites as they are too complicated and detailed to put in the Village Pump.

DRAFT TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER PROPOSALS FOR ATCHAM

Atcham Parish Council will be consulting all residents of the Atcham Parish regarding the various options for the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) in the village. See Atcham Parish Council's Report for further details.

THE BIG SPRING CLEAN

A big thank you to the Cantlop and Berrington Litter pickers who have undertaken works around the area including tidying up the area around Cantlop Bridge. Thank you also to those residents who regularly litter pick around our villages. If you would like to help spruce up a particular area please let us know and we will advertise this and provide litter picking equipment.

EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD (HAF SCHEMES)

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- Children and young people living in areas of high deprivation and/or from low-income households who are not in receipt of benefits related free school meals.

All bookings are being made directly with the organisations running the holiday clubs. All organisations have safeguarding policies, DBS certificates, insurance and risk assessments in place and will be following government guidelines re Covid-19.

Find out more by visiting the HAF site at <https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-haf/haf-holiday-clubs/>

As always, if you think I can help, get in touch.

Best wishes,

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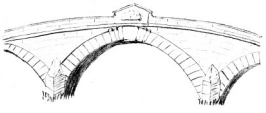
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Atcham Parish Council



Parking issues and roads

April will see a formal consultation being sent to every household in Atcham parish, to accurately assess how much support there is for the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) in the village. There are various options which you can vote for, involving the installation of double yellow lines to try to prevent dangerous and inconsiderate parking. The proposals have been put together using comments and suggestions that came in from the informal consultation, so many thanks to all who responded to that. If you do not receive a questionnaire, please contact the Clerk.

Improvements

The Parish Council has voted to replace the bench outside the gates of Attingham Park (the one in the hedge!). We should also soon see a new notice board by the bridge, donated by Brunning & Price. And Salop Leisure have kindly offered to fill the planters for us, by Crosshouses Lane.

Atcham Airfield Memorial

A new memorial - donated by the Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust - is to be unveiled on 11th April, commemorating Atcham Airfield and all who served there. It is to be situated on the small roundabout at the entrance to Atcham Business Park, where the post boxes are. (The Business Park occupies part of what was the old airfield).

The unveiling ceremony will begin at 10.30am and all are welcome. The unveiling will be done by Kenneth Bannerman, of the ABCT, and Councillor Colin Wildblood, Chairman of Atcham Parish Council. You can find out more details about Atcham Airfield on the ABCT website: www.abct.org.uk/airfields/airfield-finder/atcham/. There are also lots of old photos on the 'RAF Atcham' Facebook group.

Annual Community Meeting – Wednesday 8th May

You are warmly invited to attend this meeting, which is chaired by the Parish Council but is open to all to take part. If you represent a local group or organisation, you would be very welcome to present an annual report on your activities. The agenda will also include discussion about the results of the parking consultation, a proposed footpath to link Atcham with Cross Houses, and any other matters that you feel need to be discussed. Please contact the clerk if you would like anything included. The meeting starts at 7pm in the Memorial Hall. The Parish Council will hold its annual meeting immediately afterwards.

More information can be found on our website: atchamparishcouncil.org.uk

We also now have a Facebook page (Atcham Parish Council), which will be updated frequently with important local matters such as road closures. If you have a community event or local information that you would like us to share on our website and on Facebook, please contact the Clerk.

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

Clerk: Alison Utting (atchampc@gmail.com)

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



There is a Eucharist [BCP] every Sunday at 11 a.m. Everyone is most welcome at this Service. Tea, Coffee and Cake on alternate Sundays.

Sunday 31st March, CLOCKS GO FORWARD 1 hour at 1am.

Sunday 31st March - EASTER DAY - Service at 11am.

FOOD BANK - there will be a table at the back of Church to receive contributions.

MONDAY 15th April - Annual Parochial Church Meeting - at 7pm.

28th April - Blessing of the Animals at Home Farm - 11am.

19th May - Longner Hall Gardens open 2pm - 5pm. Proceeds from The Tea Pavilion to St Eata's Church.

7th July - Annual Church Fete & Duck Race starting at 2pm. Ducks will be on sale at various events leading up to the Fete and on the day.

28th July - Teddy Bears Picnic - date, time and place to be confirmed.

COFFEE MORNINGS - in Church on 1st Friday of each month, at 10.30am, starting on APRIL 5TH.

MOTHERING SUNDAY - amid the sweet smell of spring posies and the flickering candles we welcomed back our Rector, Rev Andrew from his trip to New Zealand.

Practice News

April 2024

Think! Pharmacy First

NHS England has launched a new Pharmacy First Service.

This new service is expected to free up GP appointments for patients who need them most and will give people quicker and more convenient access to safe and high quality healthcare. It includes 7 common conditions including earache, sore throat, and urinary tract infections, aiming to address health issues before they get worse.

What can the pharmacy deal with?

Pharmacy First will enable community pharmacists to supply prescription-only medicines, including antibiotics and antivirals where clinically appropriate, to treat seven common health conditions without the need to visit a GP.

What are the seven common conditions?

- 1) Sinusitis
- 2) Sore throat
- 3) Earache
- 4) Infected insect bite
- 5) Impetigo (a bacteria skin infection)
- 6) Shingles
- 7) Uncomplicated urinary tract infections in women

How can I access treatment from my pharmacy?

Shropshire Council have confirmed that all community pharmacies in across Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin have signed up to Pharmacy First and patients can use the Find a Pharmacy tool online, just walk in and ask to speak to a pharmacist or call 111 to be given details of local pharmacies participating.

Patient Online Access – Notification of Changes

Patient Online Access have notified the Practice that they are making improvements to their online security. Users will now be required to input a one-time passcode that will be sent to their registered mobile phone number.

For further information or if you need further help and support with regard to the changes, please go to: www.patientaccess.com.

PRACTISE NEWS continued

Practice Social Prescribing Service

Social Prescribing is a free and confidential service that is available to our patients to help improve your health and wellbeing with the support of a trained advisor.

Who is this service for?

If you feel lonely or isolated

If you are caring for someone

If you are feeling low, stressed or down.

If you want to lose weight, quit smoking and get more active

If you need help accessing housing or financial advice

If you need help with completing forms such as Blue Badge requests etc.

How Patients Can Access the Social Prescribing Service?

Social Prescribing is available to anyone over the age of 18 years old. Patients can refer yourself to Social Prescribing by calling 0345 678 9028 Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm and selecting the self-referral to Social Prescribing option. Or you can email healthylives@shropshire.gov.uk with the subject “Social Prescribing self-referral”.

Practice Closures

The Practice will be closed for staff training on Tuesday 23 April 2024 from 12 pm and will reopen at 8.30 am the following day.

The Practice will also be closed on the following bank holidays:

Bank Holiday Monday 6 May

Bank Holiday Monday 27 May

If you have an urgent healthcare problem which cannot safely wait until the surgery is open, please call ‘Out of Hours’ on 111.

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Chapelcommunitycentre@gmail.com

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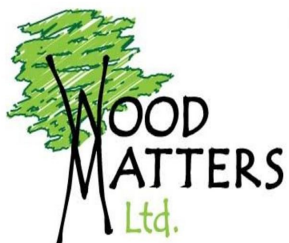
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If you would like to 'have a go' either as a new tennis player or a 'rusty racket' we would love to hear from you. For membership enquiries please contact us at membershipatcound@btinternet.com

Future Club Events

Sunday April 14th - American Tournament Social Event, 2.00pm – 5.00pm

Sunday May 19th - French Open Fun Grand Slam Social Event – 11.00 – 3.00pm

Sunday June 2nd - Summer Family Fun Day - 11.00-3pm

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14th May

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11th June

Talk and Mini Demonstration by Debbie Murphy on the theme of 'Mary Webb'

Annual Club Membership: £35.

Normal Non-Member/Visitor fees: £5 per session

For more information/contact details visit our website

<https://www.columnflowerclubshrewsbury.co.uk>



St Eata's Church Atcham

A Blessing of the Animals Service

at Home Farm, Attingham on

Sunday 28th April, 11am

A service to bless all the animals for the work that they do, the food they provide and the joy that they bring. Come and join us for the service and bring your pet along for a blessing. Tea and cake will be served after the service.

You will be most welcome

CRESSAGE Gardening Club

Our February meeting was a great success with Nancy Lowe, The Natural Gardener, giving us some good ideas about how we can incorporate wild flowers into our gardens or create a wild flower meadow.

At our meeting on March 21st we will be welcoming back one of our favourite speakers, John Scrace, to give us another fascinating talk. This time we will be hearing all about 'Fabulous Fungi and Malicious Moulds'.

On April 18th we will be having a presentation by Jim Almond from the Shrewsbury Alpine Garden Society entitled 'Alpines For Everyone'

All of our meetings are held in Cressage Village Hall and begin at 7.30pm.

We are always happy to welcome new members, or occasional visitors, to join us.

We would love to see you.

Do consider joining our friendly Garden club. You'll enjoy it even if you don't have 'green fingers'

**Contact: Sally on
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The UK's telephone network is changing. Openreach are removing the old analogue public switched telephone network (PSTN) between now and 2025 to a fully digital network across the UK.

What is The Digital Switchover or 'landline switch off'?

Between now and 2025 Openreach are removing all old analogue lines (analogue lines are also often referred to as copper wire connections used by most old telephone services) on the public switched telephone network (PSTN) to a fully digital network across the UK. This means that most telephone providers will be moving their customers from an old analogue line over to a new upgraded digital landline using a digital service such as fibre. This move has already started across the UK.

Telephone providers should be contacting all their customers to make them aware of the changes, and have moved their customers onto the new digital services by November 2025. The PSTN is a privately-owned analogue telecoms network, and the decision to upgrade it was taken by the telecoms industry. It will be replaced by 'voice over internet protocol' (VoIP) technology, which carries voice calls as data using an internet connection.

How will it affect me and what do I need to do?

This will affect everyone, whether it's in your home as a resident or as part of your business, and it won't just affect voice telephony services; it will also impact other analogue line technology that you may use. Your telecoms provider (Virgin Media, BT, etc) should contact you before the switchover to discuss what you need to do to make sure your service isn't interrupted. However, we're encouraging everyone to be prepared for what to expect. Further details can be found in the sections below.

What technology and services are impacted?

It's not just your phone services you need to think about. It's everything else that currently uses the old phone network, such as:

- All your non-voice services connected to PSTN or ISDN lines
- Alarms eg building or personal
- EPOS (electronic point of sale) machines
- Payment lines
- Door entry systems
- CCTV
- Fax machines
- Building energy management systems (BEMS)

Your provider will be able to confirm the services you currently use that will be impacted by these changes.



In an emergency

Digital landlines can't carry an independent power connection like the old analogue lines, so in the event of a power cut they won't work without mains power.

For more information

This switch off is being undertaken by Openreach and your phone provider, therefore Shropshire Council is unable to help you directly with any queries.

For more information, please contact your telephone provider and/or visit [Openreach's main page](https://www.openreach.com/upgrading-the-UK-to-digital-phone-lines).
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Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is the second biggest killer in England, causing a quarter of all deaths – around one death every four minutes; and since 202 and the pandemic starting, deaths from CVD have been increasing. Hypertension, or high blood pressure, the biggest risk factor in CVD, is often undiagnosed, as it can have no symptoms.

It is estimated that there are 4.2 million people in England who are currently walking around with undiagnosed hypertension. Yet many of these deaths are preventable because it can be easily managed.

You can find a pharmacy that offers free blood pressure checks near you by searching “pharmacy blood pressure check” or clicking here: [Find a pharmacy that offers free blood pressure checks – NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

Volunteers wanted

Oswestry-based community charity Qube are working with Shropshire Council and NHS, Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin to support the Shropshire Community Blood Pressure Checks Project. The project aims to recruit volunteers from across Shropshire to target high-risk populations to increase the detection of hypertension and improve awareness of CVD risk factors.

If you have some spare time and wish to volunteer you can find out more about the project at [Qube | Cancer Champions Programme \(qube-oca.org.uk\)](#)

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- that your containers were out on the right day.
- that your containers were out by **7am**
- that your containers were out in the correct place
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Exhibition - Shrewsbury & Newport Canal Trust at The Flaxmill, Ditherington

The Shrewsbury & Newport Canals Trust (SNCT) is holding an exhibition at the Shrewsbury Flaxmill Maltings, to celebrate the county's and, particularly, Shrewsbury's canal heritage.

The free exhibition will celebrate the county's and, particularly, Shrewsbury's canal heritage. The free exhibition will be open from the 23rd of March 2024 until the 19th of April 2024 inclusive, with opening times from 10am to 4pm. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays (except for the school Easter Holiday). It will showcase the history of the Shrewsbury & Newport Canals, their decline and the work by the SNCT to restore these historically important canals to navigation.

The Trust, a registered charity formed in 2000, aims to return the 25 miles of the Shrewsbury & Newport Canals to navigation and manages and has restored several important sections between Newport and Shrewsbury. Phil Tarrant, Events Director said: "Several sections of the canal are already rewatered for the benefit of the community and the environment. This includes one and a half miles in Newport which our volunteers help to maintain.

"At Wappenshall Junction the Newport canal that Thomas Telford built, meets the earlier Shrewsbury Canal. Here volunteers have restored the splendid Grade II Listed small transshipment warehouse and rewatered the East basin. After many years of planning and fundraising the physical restoration of the wharf finally began in 2018. A dedicated team of volunteers are currently converting the small warehouse into a quality café and meeting place. Phase 2 of the project will see the larger Transshipment Warehouse open as a visitor centre that celebrates Thomas Telford's life and works. The café is planned to be open early in the summer of 2024."

The canal route continues from Wappenshall via Eyton and Longdon-upon-Tern where the oldest iron aqueduct in the world, designed by Thomas Telford survives. Then on through Long Lane, Rodington, Withington and Upton Magna to Berwick Wharf, where regular work parties are restoring various sections of the canal, Widows Bridges, Berwick tunnel portals and towpaths. At Ditherington, the line of the canal is visible in front of the Shrewsbury Flaxmill Maltings and currently ends at the foot of the old Canal Tavern. Further into the county town the Butter Market was the former terminal warehouse.

Other organisations will also be present to highlight the importance of these canals, their history, the environment they create, and the benefits of their restoration.

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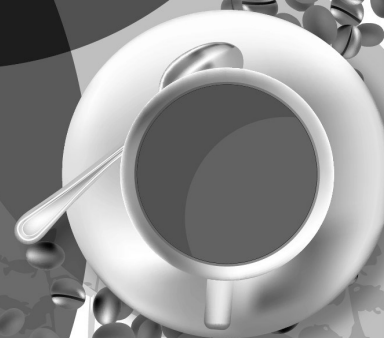
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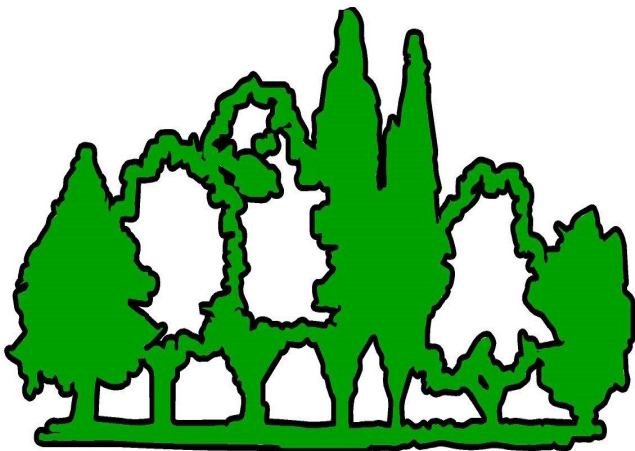
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Please contact Sue on 01743 761355 or email sushedden52@gmail.com for more information.

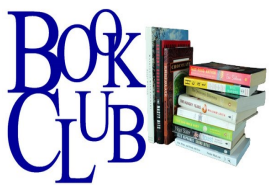
CROSS HOUSES



We are a small group of very friendly ladies who meet on the third Monday of the month, 10am - 12 noon at the Community Room, Noel Hill Road for a chat and to make items for charity events which we run twice a year for local causes - everyone is welcome and you don't have to worry about ability - we are all different and learn from each other whilst having a laugh.

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

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.

2024 Reading List

April

"Horse" - Geraldine Brooks

May

"The Witch of Tin Mountain" - Paulette Kennedy

June

"A Winter Grave" - Peter Kay

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News from Christ Church C.E. Primary School

Preparing, Sowing, Growing

Is your child starting school this year? It is the time of year when Primary School 'Offer Day' happens.

If your child will be 4 by 31st August then they are due to start school in September. We are really excited to make contact with the families who have applied for places with us and will be offering our new children some transition sessions in the Summer term. Watch out for an email from us with more details, after offer day (16th April).

We are really proud of Acorns - our Reception children and Little Acorns – our Nursery children. They are developing so much and learning all the time, through play, talk and in more formal learning groups. We have just had some eggs hatching in school and the children have enjoyed the process of watching the eggs in the brooder, then watching them hatch and the chickens move to the incubator. They have then been able to see how quickly the chicks grow and develop – their understanding of the life cycle of a chicken is superb! They have also developed their speaking and listening skills – talking about the chicks with each other and developed their empathy as they have thought how carefully they need to hold them.



Acorns have loved their Pets and Vets topic and we are very lucky to have involved parents who are happy to share their working life with our children. Thank you to Mrs Brassington who came and talked to us about how vets care for our pets.



We have spaces in our Nursery for children who are 3 or over in the Summer term. We have a wonderful setting and accept 15 or 30 hour vouchers. As a school we are 'not for profit' which means we don't have lots of extra charges and you can use your hours flexibly.

Does your child need a nursery place in September? If your child will be 3 by 1st September, then please come and have a look at Little Acorns or come along to our toddler group and meet staff and chat to us informally.

A New Toddler Group – Little Seedlings

We are really excited to offer a Baby and Toddler group on Monday afternoons in term time 1.30-3.00pm in the School Hall. Come along – parents, carers and families welcome – we have a great selection of toys and activities and refreshments too (£1 donation). No need to book, just come to the main school entrance. If you need any information, please phone Wendy or Charlie on 01952 510383 and they will be happy to chat.

Tracey Cansdale, Headteacher

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