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## Services for February 2026 for Cressage, Harley, Sheinton and Cound.

### Sunday 1st Presentation of Christ in the temple.

**Cound 4.00pm Candlemass A A W** Rev. Preb Matthew Stafford  
Whole team to Cound

### Sunday 8th 4th Sunday before Lent. Sexagesima.

Harley 9.30am Eucharist Rev. David Janes  
Whole team to Harley.

### Sunday 15th The Sunday next before Lent.

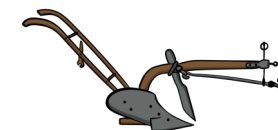
Cound 11.00am Eucharist Rev. Sam Rigby  
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### Sunday 22nd The first Sunday in Lent.

Sheinton 11.00am Eucharist Rev. David Janes  
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## VILLAGE LIFE FEBRUARY 2026

|            |                                        |          |
|------------|----------------------------------------|----------|
| Wed 4th    | Coffee & Chat Harley VH                | ( 4)     |
| Thurs 5th  | Cound Community group                  | (29)     |
| Sat 7th    | Snowdrop refreshments, Cound Guildhall | (26)     |
| Sun 8th    | “ “ “ “                                | (26)     |
| Mon 9th    | Oil orders                             |          |
| Tues 10th  | Parish Council mtg at Harley VH        | (7)      |
| Wed 11th   | U3A Much Wenlock                       | (14)     |
| Sat 14th   | Harley—Snowdrops for sale              | (5)      |
| Tues 17th  | Cound Community group                  | (29)     |
| Wed 18th   | Coffee & Chat Harley VH                | ( 4)     |
| Thurs 19th | Farmer's Butty Van, Upper Stanway      | ( 4)     |
| Fri 20th   | Flicks in the Sticks Cound GH          | (27)     |
| Thurs 26th | Cound Community group                  | (29)     |
|            | Church                                 | (31)     |
|            | School                                 | (16, 17) |
|            | Medical Practice                       | (24, 25) |

Deadline for the next issue is 15th February Please send your entries by email to [villagel@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:villagel@hotmail.co.uk) If you do not have access to email please phone Geoff Hunt on 01952 510665 for the March issue. The Editors reserve the right to edit contributions.

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## **COUND COMMUNITY GROUP**

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Herewith the new Coffee and Chat dates for the next month.

COFFEE AND CHAT at Cound Guildhall

Our dates for February into March 2026 are:

Thursday 5th February at 10.30 am

Tuesday 17th February at 10.30 am

Thursday 26th February at 10.30 am

Thursday 5th March at 10.30 am

All welcome. Transport can be arranged for those who need it. We look forward to seeing you.

Sue and Tim Wright [01743 761461](tel:01743761461)

Linda Clutterbuck [01743 761435](tel:01743761435)

Tim Roberts [01743 761257](tel:01743761257)

Our Gardening Club year ended in December with Garden Club members, and their partners, enjoying a great evening at The Horseshoes in Dorrington.

Good company and delicious food, a great way to start our Christmas celebrations.

In February we welcome back Mike Poultney, also known as the Compost King. Mike will be talking about Raised Beds and No Dig Cultivation, sounds like a good idea to me!

January saw 20 members at our AGM. The business side of the evening was completed as quickly as possible and followed with plenty of time for everyone to join in with garden quizzes, garden bingo or just to chat to each other whilst enjoying the delicious cakes and coffee on offer.

We always welcome new members and visitors to our meetings which are in Cressage Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact me

Sally Lucas-Garner on 07506 351032



## Snowdrops for sale

At Longlands, Domas Lane, Harley with tea and cake

on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2026 10.00-12.30

in aid of St Mary's Church Harley.

Walk around the garden to see some 60 varieties of snowdrop; some with yellow ovaries and inner markings, with very grey pleated leaves, or markings on the outer petals. Some 20 different ones for sale.



**Susan Coleman**  
**Shropshire Councillor for Severn Valley**  
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### Happy New Year

Christmas, New Year and snowstorms are in the past, and we can look forward to spring! The snowdrop walk in Cound is always a delight to open the year. The farming community came out to help clear and grit roads to allow safe travel: our farmers are under constant attack by changes in legislation which affect their livelihoods and those who work to support them in the agricultural industry which is such a large part of life here in South Shropshire. We know we can rely on their good nature and community spirit and thank them.

### Planning application

I attended a public meeting in Cressage in December about the new housing development proposal for 96 homes. Feelings ran high amongst the 100 people who attended, and the chief executive of Raby Estates and his team listened carefully to their objections and gave detailed answers where they could. They went away promising to look at the points raised. I will continue to monitor this with our planning department.

PTO

### Financial situation

Shropshire Council has applied to the government for substantial financial support to enable us to deliver services until the end of the financial year, but we won't know if it is approved until February. It is very disappointed with the government's recent funding decision. The Fair Funding Review was supposed to make funding fairer for rural councils like Shropshire, instead it leaves us with less money which makes it even harder to provide essential services. As a large rural county, essential services like waste collections, social care, and road maintenance across a large, spread-out area costs more money, yet the funding doesn't reflect this. The removal of the Rural Services Delivery Grant stripped Shropshire residents of millions, the Fair Funding Review was supposed to address this but its now even worse. Over the next three years, the council faces a £15m reduction in government funding. The council will have to make tough choices about what services it can afford to provide in the future and it is likely to have to put the Council tax up by the maximum each year.

### Parish Councils

There are seven parish councils in Severn Valley and at the time of writing all of them are looking at their finances to set their precept for 2026/27. Careful financial management means that both Cressage and Cound have been able to make zero increase whilst continuing to maintain key parish services like play parks, verges, green spaces, street lighting, defibrillator provision and other general maintenance. Parish councilors' are all volunteers who work hard on behalf of their community all year round - many have been doing it for decades - and they understand the pressures that households are under at the moment with rising costs and are pleased not to have to increase their precept.

Please do email me with any concerns that you have and I will try my best to help you. I have a Facebook page where I share useful information, events and services so do please follow me!

Cllr Susan Coleman

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Kind regards

*Susan*

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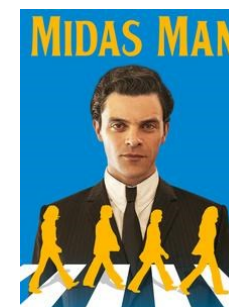


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## Cressage, Harley and Sheinton Parish Council



The next meeting of Cressage, Harley and Sheinton Parish Council will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February at Harley Village Hall at 7pm.

This month's meeting was held in Harley Village Hall on 13<sup>th</sup> January. Business included agreeing a precept for the 2026/2027 financial year. It was agreed to file a Zero Percent increase this year as a goodwill gesture to our residence. The Parish Council's finances are in a healthy state and it was considered that this could be responsibly managed in the year ahead.

There is always a public forum in the Parish Council meetings for residents to raise issues of concern and the public are welcome to attend. A member of the public raised concern about hedgerows obscuring road signs in locations in Harley and Cressage, and frustration that nothing is being done about it. The Parish Council intends to send out reminders to householders about their responsibilities to keep hedges from protruding onto footpaths and from obscuring road signs.

A development plan for the Eagles Inn site has been granted permission. Approval has been given for the development of four residential dwellings including access and internal roads on the hardstanding next to the former Eagles Inn. Permission to convert the former Eagles into two dwellings was granted in June.

Following last meeting, Shropshire Council's public transport department has been contacted with concerns raised about buses entering Cressage at a sharp angle. Further details of services and routes will be provided so that an investigation can proceed.

The Parish Council has agreed to purchase additional signage for the village gateway area in Cressage asking motorists to drive carefully. These will be placed on the gateways already in place.

The Parish Council has a social media page on Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61555996779517>

All ratified minutes can be accessed on the Parish Council's website. <https://www.cressageharleysheinton-pc.gov.uk/>

It is requested that contact to the Parish Council remains through its email on [chsparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:chsparishcouncil@gmail.com) or by phone to the Parish Clerk on 07968 859990



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### **Option 2 – Take a video**

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# Practice News

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## Changes to Prescription Ordering Direct (POD)

Patients will be able to order medicines with the NHS App or through their GP practice. Prescription requests can be dropped off in the boxes provided outside each Practice and these will be collected by staff daily; please use the right-hand side of your prescription form to indicate which medications you need; sorry we are not able to take prescription requests over the phone. .

## Getting started with the NHS App Step-by-step instructions for patients Installing the App

1. Open the App Store or Google Play
2. Search for 'NHS App'.
3. Install the app.

## Registering the App

If you already have an NHS login account for other apps and websites, you can use the same email address and password to log in.

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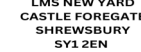
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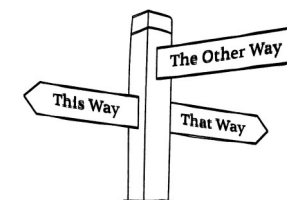
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Join us to see our school in action, meet our dedicated staff and feel the warmth of our caring, family atmosphere. We'd love to welcome you and share what makes our school so special.

### **We have spaces in our Nursery for children who are 3 or over in September.**

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. Please come and have a look at our nursery, Little Acorns and meet our staff and chat to us informally.

### **Would you like to visit us and see our friendly, village school?**

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Our school choir, inspired and expertly guided by Mr Brotherton, have been working tirelessly since September, pouring energy and enthusiasm into a vibrant medley of songs as they prepared for their performance at Young Voices 2026 in Birmingham this January.

### **Our choir enjoying the atmosphere before the performance**



Alongside 6,000 children from primary schools across the country, our pupils took part in an exciting warm-up, perfecting spectacular Mexican waves that rippled around the BP Pulse Arena. They then threw themselves wholeheartedly into almost two hours of joyful singing,

filling the arena with energy as friends and family cheered them on from the audience.

Taking part in events such as this creates lifelong memories and plays a vital role in building confidence, resilience and self-esteem. Our school places great value on developing the whole child, and we are certain that this incredible experience will stay with our children for years to come.

**Emma Clarke, Acting Head of School**