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Sunday 16th Trinity 11

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On Thursday 16th July a large group of members enjoyed a visit to Upper Farm Garden at Rushton, near Eaton Constantine. The hosts, Peter and Paul Tarpin

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No meeting in August but on Thursday 17th September, 7.30pm. in Cressage Village Hall, there will be a talk by Ingrid Millington from Hill View Hardy Plants. The title of her talk is 'Bulbs for the garden throughout the year'. All welcome.

Mavis Hunt

Contact Sally on sallylucasgarner2@gmail.com for more information about the club.

VILLAGE LIFE JULY 2026

Wed 5th	Coffee & Chat Harley VH	(4)
Fri 7th	Noggin & Natter CMVH	(23)
Mon 10th	Oil Orders	(25)
Tues 11th	Coffee & Chat Cound GH	(25)
Wed 19th	Coffee & Chat Harley VH	(4)
Thurs16th	Harley BBQ & cider sampling	(4)
Thurs 20th	Butty Van	(4)
Fri 21st	Social Night CMVH	(23)
Mon 31st	Medical Practice CLOSED	(21)
	Medical Practice	(20 & 21)
	Church Services	(27)
	Shrop Council news	(18 & 19)

September

Sat 5th	Scarecrows, Produce & Dog Show	(24)
Sat 5th	Church bell talk at Cound Church	(26)
Sun 6th	CMVH Summer BBQ	(23)
Frid 11th	Orchestra of Folk	(25)
Thurs17th	Gardening Club at Cressage	(26)
Tues 18th	CH&S Parish Council CressageVH	(15)

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

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Harley News

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Wednesday 5th & 19th August 2026

Wednesday 16th and 30th September (none on 2nd)



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COFFEE AND CHAT at Cound Guildhall, all at 10.30 am

August: Tuesday 11th

September: Thursday 10th and Tuesday 22nd

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The Orchestra of Folk

On Friday the 11th September at 7.30pm in Cound Church.

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Please contact Anne Sharpe on 01952 510556 by Monday 5th October for your lunch bookings and to advise her of any dietary requirements.

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We are always pleased to hear from any fundraising group or organisation who may wish to host a concert with our support. Please use the contact details below for an initial conversation.

The choir takes a summer break until mid-August, and with the William Brookes School closed for the summer, returns for practices at the Priory Hall in the Bullring. These will be **OPEN PRACTICES** where we invite folk to come and see if singing in a choir is for them. It usually takes a little while to get used to how it all works, but you may never regret it. You don't need a voice like a Pavarotti or a Sam Ryder, just a willingness to give it a go. More details are attached to our flyer below.



The flyer features a musical staff with a treble clef and a single note on the left. The text 'MUCH WENLOCK MALE VOICE CHOIR' is in a serif font. Below it, 'OPEN PRACTICES' is in large, bold, sans-serif capital letters, flanked by two sets of three radiating lines. Underneath, 'for potential new members' is in a cursive script. To the left of the main text are three icons: a calendar, a clock, and a location pin, each followed by text. To the right is a circular logo with a musical note and text. At the bottom, a musical staff with a treble clef is followed by text.

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OUND MOOR VILLAGE HALL NOTICES



Noggin and Natter - 3rd Friday of the month 7:30 pm

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Our bar is open, you are warmly invited to come and play pool, darts, dominoes and lots of games for the children. We now have a big screen TV so you can watch football, rugby, tennis or darts when they are on. This is a great opportunity to catch up with your friends and neighbours in Cound Moor and Evenwood. Wheelchair access and disabled toilets.

This year's **Summer BBQ** at the Cound Moor village hall will be

Sunday 6th September, from 3pm

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Bank Holiday Closure

Much Wenlock & Cressage Medical Practice will be closed on **Monday 31st August**. If you require medical assistance during these times, please call 111.

Dog owners

I think I speak for the many responsible dog owners when I say, as a resident of this community for more than 25 yrs, I would like to express my concern over the lack of thought from a minority of dog owners who allow their dog to defecate both on the playing field and the pavement around the village and do not pick it up. May I draw your attention particularly to the playing field. An area frequented by children who are oblivious to the dangers of stepping in or picking up dog faeces unaware of what it is. The simple answer to this is for the adult to pick it up (bags are provided at the entrance of the playing field as well as other locations around the village) there are several bins to deposit the bags. Bags are also on sale in the village shop.

Please be aware and take care.

David Quenby
Ex-chair of Parish Council

Much Wenlock & Cressage Medical Practice

Newsletter August 2026

Our very own Dr Jess Harvey, has been named national winner of the leadership award at the inaugural NHS Excellence Awards.

The awards, delivered by NHS England, celebrate the people, teams and organisations driving improvement, innovation and collaboration across health and care in England. Winners were announced during a ceremony at NHS ConfedExpo in Manchester in June.

The judges recognised Dr Harvey for her engaging, evidence-led style of leadership, recognising her work with the Primary Care Network to implement several initiatives successfully as part of a push to improve neighbourhood services. Judges said the breadth of activity and impact made her nomination stand out.



Dr Harvey said: "I am incredibly honoured to receive this recognition. It means a great deal. I feel very fortunate to do a job that I genuinely love and to have had so many opportunities to make a difference. Most importantly, I am privileged to work alongside so many talented and dedicated people. They have supported me throughout my career, and many of the projects I have led or been involved in simply would not have been possible without them. This recognition is as much a reflection of their contribution as it is mine".

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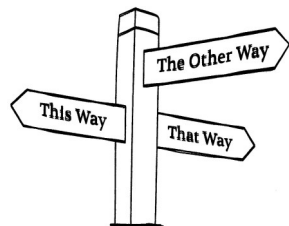


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Cllr Susan Coleman

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Cressage Village Life Art Competition

The winners of the first Cressage Village Life Art Competition have been chosen!

In the younger category, William Brassington (6) was selected as the winner with his fantastic drawings of the village war memorial and a beautifully colourful tree. [Congratulations](#), William!

When asked what he loves most about Cressage, William said:

“I love the willow tree at my school because I have fun playing around it.”

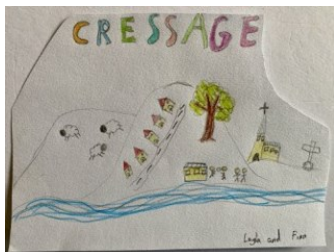
He also told us that he likes the village war memorial and is very interested in the history behind it.

The older category was won by Layla (10) and Finn Davies (9) for their wonderful landscape picture, which captures Cressage and many of the things that make our village such a special place to live.

When asked what he loves about Cressage, Finn said:

“I love how everyone is really friendly, and I enjoy playing on the recreation ground. It’s so much fun.”

A huge thank you to everyone who entered the competition and helped brighten the pages of Village Life with your creativity. If your child would like to see their artwork, poem or story featured in a future edition, we’d love to hear from them! Simply email your entry to robleedavies@yahoo.co.uk with something that celebrates what makes Cressage and our local area such a wonderful place to grow up and live. Your child’s work could appear in a future edition of Village Life.



Cressage, Harley and Sheinton Parish Council

The Parish Council will be in recess over the summer but can still be contacted during this period and will try and help where possible, contact information is below. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th September at Cressage Village Hall at 7pm.

It is between this next meeting and the meeting held on 14th July that we get news about the planning permission granted for 60 houses in Cressage. Like many residents, the Parish Council has concerns about infrastructure in the village and the impact on road safety and traffic volume. We will be watching developments carefully, in the meantime, interested residents can find details about the plans on Shropshire Council's website.

[25/03043/OUT | Outline application for residential development of approximately 60 dwellings \(to include access\) | Land To The West Of Harley Road Cressage Shrewsbury Shropshire](#)

Residents from Harley attended the July meeting and expressed their concerns at sites published as part of Shropshire Council's Local Plan. The plan is in the early stages and at this point is looking at how to assess sites. Locations that have been put forward will not necessarily be included on the final plan. Residents were concerned at the suitability of the pockets of land to sustain development and noted that in the case of Pound Field it has been rejected by the planning process on previous occasions.

There is always an Agenda item for members of the public to speak on Agenda items. Every meeting will cover Highways issues, environmental maintenance and finance.

Residents are reminded that complaints about the condition of roads in Harley, Sheinton and Cressage including potholes or other Highway issues need to be logged through Fix My Street. This can be accessed on Shropshire Council's website:

<https://improvingyourroads.shropshire.gov.uk>

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 clerk@cressageharleysheinton-pc.gov.uk or by phone to the Parish Clerk on 07968 859990