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CHURCH SERVICES MAY

COUND: 3rd May 11:00 am AAW (LL)

17th May 11:00am E (SR)

31st May 11:00am MP (SR)

HARLEY: 10th May 9:30am HC (CL)

SHEINTON: 23rd May 11:00 E (SR)

Today (7th April) the House Martins have arrived!

These little birds have flown up to 5000 miles from Sub-Saharan Africa for the summer, and have been visiting our house for more than 30 years. To begin with, they built their own little cup shaped nests out of mud, but in a dry summer that isn't always successful so...we bought a couple of nests from the Shropshire Wildlife Trust, and put those up. They were instantly occupied! The following year we bought a couple more, and so on until there are now 16 nests. Last year all were occupied and as far as we could tell each nest produced at least a couple of young – so at the end of the summer twice as many birds set off back to Africa.

House Martins feed uniquely on flying insects and are a real privilege to have around during the summer until the day in September when you realise they're no longer there and have begun their precarious journey South once more.

Roman Catholic Services: for details of services ring 01746 762348 St John the Evangelist Bridgnorth

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Times of services: 11:00am
Minister: Rev. Nik Wooller 07732 263838

NIA Movement at Cound Guildhall

I always feel that Nia is very organic and people find it when they need it but if you we could generate some more numbers to enjoy the joy of Nia that would be incredible. With the stress that is in the world our bodies need Nia and somatic movement more than ever, through somatic movement we find health, my job is to guide your body to explore your movements in a way that heals and restores you, so you learn to move in your bodies way.

I can't wait to move with you again.

12 – 1pm £10 per session 'pay as you go'

Monday 13th April

Monday 20th April

Monday 27th April

Monday 4th May (no class, bank holiday)

Monday 11th May

Monday 18th May

Monday 25th May (no class, bank holiday)

Yours in mind, body and health.

Beth Gardner - mindbodyhealth06@aol.com

Residents of Harley and surrounding area **HARLEY VILLAGE HALL** **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

On

WEDNESDAY 13TH May 2026 at 6.30pm

A short meeting followed by cheese and wine.

Meet the team and see what we do.

We look forward to seeing you!

VILLAGE LIFE MAY 2026

Fri 1st `Social Night	CMVH	(23)
Wed 6th `Coffee & Chat	Harley VH	(4)
Thurs 7th Coffee & Chat	Cound GH	(25)
Sat 9th Cound Church Fete	Cound	(24)
Oil Orders		(25)
Tues 12th CH&S Annual Parish Meeting	Cressage VH	(20)
Wed 12th U3A	Much Wenlock	(15)
Wed 13th Harley	VH AGM (	26)
Thurs 14th Cressage & District WI	Cressage VH	(21)
Fri 15h Wine Tasting evening	Cound GH	(24)
Fri 15th Noggin & Natter	CMVH	(23)
Tues 19th Coffee & Chat	Cound GH	(25)
Wed 20th Bingo	Cressage VH	(6)
Thurs 21st Farmer's Butty Van		(4)
Sun 31st Lunch at Harley	Harley VH	(4)

Deadline for the next issue is 15th May Please send your entries by email to villagel@hotmail.co.uk If you do not have access to email please phone Brian Oakley on 01952 510546 for the March issue. The Editors reserve the right to edit contributions.
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Harley News

Coffee, Chat and Carpet bowls!
Wednesday 6th & 20th May 2026



10.30am at...

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All are most welcome so do come along for coffee or tea, biscuits, carpet bowls and a chat. See you there!

For further information phone 01952 510547

Farmer's Butty Van Thursday 21st May 2026

10.30am to 12 noon

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Please contact Anne Sharpe on 01952 510556 by
Wednesday 27th May for lunch bookings and to



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11th May, 8th June.

13th July, 10th Aug, 7th Sept, 12th Oct, 9th Nov, 30th Nov.

To get the current update on oil deliveries/cost contact Tim for further information

COUND COMMUNITY GROUP

Best wishes of the season as we approach Easter and spring is beginning to burst out all over.

We have planned coffee mornings for the next three months as follows:

COFFEE AND CHAT at Cound Guildhall

Thursday 7 May at 10.30 am

Tuesday 19 May at 10.30 am

Thursday 4 June at 10.30 am

Tuesday 16 June 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)

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BRIC a BRAC needed for Cound Fete

Now is the time to dispense with those unwanted items that someone else might like! We can collect. Please call 01743 761451.



COUND CHURCH FETE



is coming on

Saturday 9th May at 2pm

Put our fun afternoon in your diary,

Lots to see and do, Brass Band music, stalls, childrens games, teddy parachuting and excellent home made teas....

(Donations to the bric a brac stall welcomed by Sheila - contact her on 01743 761451)



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Further details are available from Blair Nimmo on 07485484863



Much Wenlock & Cressage Medical Practice

Newsletter May 2026

Much Wenlock & Cressage Patient's Voice AGM

Find out who are the Care Co-ordinators working in the practice and what they do to support patients.

When - Tuesday 12 May 2026 - 18:30 hrs

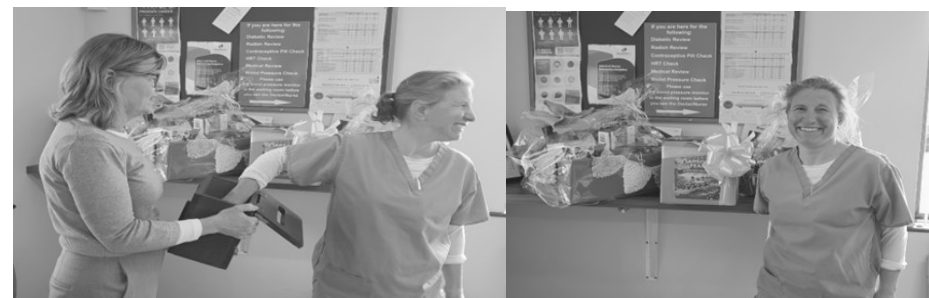
Where - Much Wenlock Medical Practice, Kingsway Lodge, King Street, Much Wenlock TF13 6BL

Who can attend? - All patients registered at Much Wenlock & Cressage Medical Practice

Do I need to book? - No, just turn up on the 12.5.26 at 18:30

We look forward to seeing you there

Easter Raffle to support Wrekin Oarsome Team The raffle was drawn by Dr Harvey on the 30th March 2026 and the prize winners are: 1st Prize - Purple ticket 48 – Air fryer 2nd Prize - Purple ticket 51 - Large Easter Hamper 3rd Prize - Yellow ticket 51 - Medium Easter Hamper Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone who bought tickets for your support. We raised £263.50.



May Bank Holiday Closures Much Wenlock & Cressage Medical Practice will be closed on Monday 4th May and Monday 25th May. Should you require medical assistance during this time please call 111.



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Forthcoming Events



CRESSAGE BINGO NIGHT

Wednesday 20th May from 7:00pm

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Come and join us at one of the following events...

WI Meeting 7pm – 10pm

Thursday 14th May

Gardening Club

Thursday 21st May

Tia Chi

Every Wednesday 10am-12pm

For all our latest information on all our events, please visit our Facebook page



All enquiries please email our committee members:

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CRESSAGE, SHEINTON & HARLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Meeting

With reports from the Parish Council Chairperson

Shropshire County Councillor

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COUND MOOR VILLAGE HALL NOTICES



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

We have the bar open and, this is a great opportunity to catch up and have a chat with neighbours along with the excitement of the monthly Lotto draw taking place live. If you would like to join the village lottery, please get in touch.

If you fancy fish & chips please ring Jean before 7:00pm on 01952 510602 or 0794043231

Social Night the 1st Friday of the month

An opportunity to enjoy a night out with all the family

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. Wheel-chair access and disabled toilets.

Hall Bookings

If you would like to book the hall for your own party or event, please contact on Gary Tudor Smith 07740583461 or use our email for this or any other village hall matters. cmvh.info@gmail.com.

You can find us on our website www.cmvh.co.uk

We are always looking for new members to join our Village Hall committee, if you are interested please contact our Chairman Bob Carter 01694 731310

Caterpillar Race night Friday 24th April

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CRESSAGE and DISTRICT WI

18 members and a visitor gathered in Cressage Village Hall on Thursday 9th April. Janet was welcomed back after several months recovering from an injury to her foot. Celia dealt with Local and SFWI business. The main item was a reminder about our Group Meeting on 29th April which Cressage WI is hosting.

Celia welcomed Geet Athwal of Wenlock Wardrobe who gave a wonderful talk and demonstration about how to determine the colours (clothes and jewelry) which suit us best. The classification was based around the seasons and sub seasons. Veronica volunteered to be model for the demonstration, and Geet used colour cards and pieces of fabric to show the colours which looked best for her skin and hair colouring, asking us what we thought. Geet is always on hand in her shop to offer advice to customers.

Sue and Jo served delicious, home baked, refreshments after which Janet selected Josephine as the winner of the competition for a well dressed wooden spoon.

Next month ,on May 14th, we will have Mel Latham presenting 'Chutney and Cheer' and there will be a discussion / vote for the 2026 National Resolutions.

Details of all meetings from Ruth 510546



Cressage, Harley and Sheinton Parish Council

On Tuesday 12th May there will be an Annual Parish Meeting at Cressage Village Hall at 7pm. The annual meeting of the Parish Council will follow after it.

The Annual Parish Council is an opportunity for residents to raise matters that they would like to put to general discussion, whether that be concerns they may have or ideas they would like to see put for consideration. Everyone is welcome to the meeting.

Village organisations who would like to make a report at the Annual Parish Meeting are very welcome to do so, written reports are welcome also for those unable to attend. A report can be filed with the Parish Clerk in advance (details below).

In last month's article it was mentioned that the Parish Council had discussed a pilot project 'Looking After Our Lanes' in neighbouring Church Preen, where volunteers are planning to undertake environmental maintenance work such as litter-picking, ditch and gully clearance, signs maintenance, and possibly minor pothole repairs, subject to obtaining permissions from Shropshire Council. The Parish Council would like to thank residents who came forward after we asked if there would be any interest in running a similar pilot scheme in Cressage, Harley and Sheinton. If there are other residents who are interested, please let us know, as we are still considering the potential of it.

The young resident who contacted the Parish Council about getting a pump track installed attended the meeting held on April 14th with a parent. The Parish Council will be continuing to look at the potential of this idea including identifying funding possibilities. A wider look at the recreation area and ideas to refresh it will also be discussed in future meetings.

The Parish Council has a social media page on Facebook:
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Anni Lawrence

Community Outreach Administrator | Foodbank PLUS

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The choir will be performing at the Regal Theatre in Tenbury Wells on Sunday 3rd May, tickets available from the venue. The theatre was converted from an existing building on Teme Street and opened as a cinema in 1937. Although closure 30 years later brought uncertainty, the theatre was rescued from demolition for a car park and is now run by a very proud and dedicated team of volunteers and we look forward to helping them keep the venue alive.

Our Coffee Morning and Plant Sale take place in Holy Trinity Church in Much Wenlock on Saturday morning, 16th May. Please find time to drop in and support our fundraising and enjoy some lovely home-made cakes too!

Our main home concert of the year will take place on Saturday 6th June at 7pm, again, in the Church. We will be delighted to welcome the Narberth, Pembrokeshire based ladies' choir, SERENDIPITY, who are touring Shropshire following their very successful appearance in the Welsh inaugural Festival of Female voices featured on BBC Wales recently. Tickets are £12 from choir members or Penny Farthing in the square in Wenlock. The evening will feature both choirs singing individually and also together. Hope to see you there!

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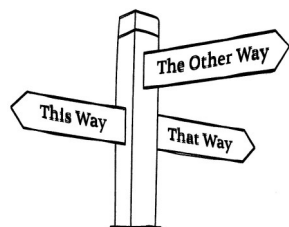
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The Changing Face of Food Poverty

Many people associate food poverty with large towns and cities, but the reality is that it can affect families in our villages and rural communities too. No one ever expects to need the support of Shrewsbury Foodbank, yet every week we meet people from across the area who have found themselves in difficult circumstances and who need a helping hand in a crisis.

For most, the main challenge is financial pressure. The rising cost of fuel, electricity and food has made it harder for households on limited incomes to make ends meet. While many people manage carefully from month to month, unexpected expenses such as emergency car repairs, broken appliances, or sudden bills can quickly push a household into crisis. We have seen a real increase in double income households, showing how much the rising cost of living is affecting people across the county.

We also support people who have experienced sudden changes in their circumstances. This might include those who have lost their jobs through redundancy or ill health and are waiting for their Universal Credit payments to begin. Others may have lost their source of income because a small business has had to close.

In recent months we have seen a number of people affected by fraud and scams. Sadly, increasingly sophisticated cyber criminals can take control of bank accounts or savings, leaving individuals and families without access to their own money.

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News from Christ Church C.E. Primary School



We are so privileged to work and learn in such a beautiful setting and we try to make the most of our location in the curriculum we offer our children. We have plenty of topics throughout school which link with our rural heritage, whether that is farms, habitats, woods and rivers or weekly sessions of gardening and Forest School.

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 and talk, both inside and soon in our new outside area. We are really excited to currently be extending our Early Years outdoor provision to create an extra 60 m² of outside covered space for the children to focus on developing their physical coordination, communication, social interaction and cognitive growth through nature-based play, including gross motor skills (climbing, running), fine motor skills (gathering, weaving) and imaginative play with loose parts. Look out for photos in the next issue.



Last month, Maple Class experienced a magical 'Night Under the Stars' evening with storyteller Sal Tonge, pizza and smores around the campfire in the story area at school.

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 2026 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 on Thursday 16th April 2026.

Emma Clarke, Acting Head of School

We have spaces in our Nursery for children who are 3 or over in the Summer term and 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 Little Acorns and meet our staff and chat to us informally.

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

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

Follow us on FaceBook for regular news and updates: [@ChristChurchSY5](https://www.facebook.com/ChristChurchSY5)

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

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