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Cressage, Harley and Sheinton Parish Council

An Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 13th May at 7pm at Cressage Village Hall. Residents are welcome to come along and raise any issues or concerns. Representatives of village organisations are invited to come along and report on their activities.

This meeting will be followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting. This year will be a new Council as it is election year. There were not enough candidates to make an election for the Parish Council and we will start off with 5 Councillors elected unopposed and 2 vacant seats.

April's meeting was held at Cressage Village Hall on Tuesday 8th April 2025 at 7.00 pm:

- A local resident raised a concern about parking on junctions. This follows an incident where a bus collided with a vehicle parked near the corner of Severn Way and Sheinton Road. The Parish Council will be approaching Highways to ask about putting double yellow lines in place. In the meantime, it requests that residents consider their parking options and are reminded that buses need space to move around its route through the village

- Village gateway signs will be placed at either end of the entrance to Cressage as part of a project to improve the area. It is intended that the gateways will increase the impression to motorists that they are entering a residential area and encourage a reduction in speed. Verges have been cut and tidied and will be getting another cut.

- The Parish Council has requested that BT do not remove the payphone in Harley due to the poor mobile phone signals in the area and the number of road traffic incidents that have occurred in the last two years. This has been supported by Shropshire Council and will be sent to BT for review.

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.co.uk/>

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

VILLAGE LIFE MAY 2025

Fri 2nd Wine Tasting	Cound GH	(26)
Fri 2nd Social Night	CMVH	(23)
Tues 6th Cound Community Group	Cound GH	(29)
Wed 7th Coffee & Chat	Harley VH	(4)
Thurs 8th Cressage & District WI	Cressage VH	(14)
Sat 10th Cound Fete	Cound	(28)
Mon 12th Oil Orders		(26)
Tues 13th Annual Parish Meeting	Cressage VH	(30)
Wed 14th U3A	Priory Hall MW	(29)
Wed 14th Harley VH AGM	Harley VH	(5)
Fri 16th Noggin & Natter	CMVH	(23)
Sat 17th Cressage Gardening Club Plant Sale	Cressage VH	(17)
Wed 21st Coffee & Chat	Harley VH	(4)
Thurs 22nd Cound Community Group	Cound GH	(29)
Thurs 29th Richard Durant	Harley VH	(4)

Deadline for the next issue is 15th April 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 May issue. The Editors reserve the right to edit contributions.
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Harley News

Coffee, Chat and Carpet bowls!
Wednesday 7th and 21st May



10.30am at...

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Happy return to Spring and better weather!

The book group is proving popular and is underway. Less enthusiasm for the walking group, but if the good weather tempts you out, please let us know and we will see what we can do.

COFFEE AND CHAT at Cound Guildhall

Our dates April and May 2025 are:

Tuesday 6 May at 10.30 am

Thursday 22 May 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)

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HARLEY VILLAGE HALL

AGM

Wednesday 14th May 2025 7pm

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Harley 50+ Club

The second draw for 2025 was made at the Coffee Morning on 12th April.
The winners were; £25 Stuart Hay, £10 Elaine Sherwin,
£5 David Parkes, Steve Sherwin and Wendy Clench

Harley Open Garden Trail

The PCC is organising the 8th Harley "Open Garden Trail" on **Sunday 29th June 2025**. The takings are split between our church and the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust. We benefit from considerable advertising of this event through the SHCT whose purpose is in turn to support Shropshire Churches. We were recently awarded a grant of £7500 towards the repair of the church tower costing £40,000.

8 gardens will be opened in and close to the village and the popularity of the event is that people greatly enjoy walking around our very attractive village looking at a variety of gardens – large and small.

We offer teas, sandwiches and cakes at the Village Hall and there is always a need for volunteers to help with preparing and serving these refreshments. We are fortunate to have permission for a car park on the Pound field to be manned and this also involves the selling of tickets. In addition to the gardens being open we have a display in the church, plant sales, books and tombola.

Please help us if you can. Please let us know in which areas you can help by emailing sharpesinharley@aol.com or telephone Anne on 01952 510556

With Very Many Thanks

Paul Trenberth and Anne Sharpe

MUCH WENLOCK MALE VOICE CHOIR

Our joint concert in Holy Trinity Church with Snowdown Male Voice Choir from Kent was a great success last month and we were really pleased to see such a large and enthusiastic audience in attendance to share it with us. Our visitors were really struck with the welcome they received and the beauty of our town, even though they kept calling it a village! They particularly enjoyed the 'afterglow' and the hospitality provided by our friends in The Talbot. Many thanks to them from both choirs.

Our next concert will be at Rodington Village Hall on 10th May. This is a return visit for us as we sang there in 2023. Later in the year (October) we will be singing in Habberley Village Hall which is just outside Pontesbury. These evenings are enjoyable for us but also a very useful source of fundraising for the organising groups, in this case the village hall committee. With the price of entry, a raffle and a bar, groups can soon find that they've made a good income on the evening to help their particular cause. Our costs are modest covering fees to our MD and accompanist, and the rest of us come free! We are now booking into 2026. If you or anyone you know may be interested in hiring us, please get in touch.

However we hope many of you will join us on **Saturday morning 17th May** for our coffee (and cake) morning in Holy Trinity Church. This year we are adding a **plant stall** as well as it will be the perfect time to enhance your garden with something new – all at VERY reasonable prices!

Finally, our search for a new accompanist continues. If you know of someone who may be suitable for the role, please encourage them to get in touch for an informal chat in the first instance. Many thanks.

Dick Langford

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NEW! A Cound Parish What's App group

is being set up to keep everyone within the Parish up to date with community events and news; an extension to Village Life and the two Cound notice boards but appearing on your phone!

Cound doesn't have a village shop, pub or school, the usual places where people meet and exchange news, but we do have St Peter's Church, the Cound Guildhall, a tennis club, a cricket club and Cound Moor village hall, all of which are part of our community and need our support.

We would like to keep everyone up to date with news about our community events on an information only What's App group - it isn't a group where people can chat so you won't end up with an extra 100 messages every day! The administrators will be the only people who can post, but if you have information that you would like sent out then you can let them know directly.

If you would like your mobile phone number added to this new group, or would like further information, then please contact either Sue Crack on 07866 414311 or Kate Payne on 07597 325235 (What's App only) / 07967 584035 (calls & texts only).



Our annual Plant Sale on Saturday 17th May in Cressage Village Hall from 10.00am - 12.30.

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5.00pm

8th June - Summer Family Fun Day - 11.00am - 3.00pm

29th June - Wimbledon Fun Grand Slam Social Event - 2.00pm -
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Take care all, Dr Jess Harvey

Practice News

May 2025

Carer Connect Carer Connect is an all-inclusive community group. It provides an opportunity to meet others and to connect with the support services available to you in the local community. The group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at Priory Hall, from 2pm until 4pm. Sessions are Dementia Friendly, supported by Julie Rose from the Alzheimer's Society. Refreshments are provided and there are a variety of activities throughout the year. For more information, please contact Jo Weaver-Jackson on 01746 551137 or joanne.weaver-jackson@nhs.net. The next Carer Connect meeting will be held on the 6th May where the AB Ukuele Band will be playing.

Much Wenlock & Cressage Compassionate Communities (Coco) ***Due to increased demand, we need more CoCo volunteers*** CoCo volunteers provide companionship and a willingness to help people in practical ways. This could be helping with paperwork, collecting prescriptions, shopping together, befriending, walking a dog or feeding a cat; anything that the person and their volunteer agree might be helpful. If you are able to support someone in the community, please contact the surgery for more information on 01952 726011.

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

Social Night the 1st Friday of the month 7:30pm

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. Wheelchair access and disabled toilets.

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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

We also have the Cound Moor Village Hall Facebook page – please join and check out the latest goings on and see the photos from village hall events.

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CRESSAGE and DISTRICT WI

Cressage WI members were joined by six visitors for the meeting on April 10th. It was Josephine's turn to chair and she presented several members with birthday flowers.

Lynne, Treasurer, was on hand to receive subs, marking the beginning of another WI year. There was discussion of the arrangements for our Spring Craft Dabble Day, The East Shrewsbury Group Meeting on 29th April, and the visit to Much Wenlock Priory on 22nd May. It was noted that there are still seats available at the Annual Meeting in Theatre Severn on 15th May.

Guest speaker was Debbie Murphy, whose mother Julia Brayne is one of our Committee members. Debbie discovered some time ago that she shares the philosophy of Shropshire's Mary Webb and has researched her life as a Shropshire Lass. Debbie read parts of Mary Webb's writings to us, and showed beautiful flower arrangements which she uses to illustrate some of the famous books. Ruth thanked Debbie for her presentation.

After refreshments served by Yvonne and Maggie, Debbie selected the Shropshire poem written by Celia as the winner of the competition. She also gave her flower arrangements as raffle prizes much to the delight of the lucky winners.

Next month our meeting is on **Thursday 8th May** when we will be considering the 2025 Resolution which is to go forward to the National AGM in June. This concerns 'By standers can be Lifesavers' and we will be joined by two Much Wenlock members, Hazel and Ange, for their First Aid input.

Details of all meetings : Ruth Oakley 510546

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

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News from Christ Church C.E. Primary School



Outdoor Education opportunities prepare our children for life.

After Covid, we have seen a change in the way children spend their free time after school. Electronic devices have become an integral part of their lives and, as a staff we have been reading 'The Anxious Generation' by Jonathan Haidt, which reveals how the decline of free-play in childhood and the rise of smartphone use among adolescents is changing our world.

At Christ Church School, we have extensive grounds and a forest school area, which all classes use throughout the year.

Outdoor education is vital for children to explore their world away from electronic devices and screens. Each year we take 36 children from Year 4, 5 and 6 to Arthog Outdoor Centre near Barmouth in Wales for three days. For some children this might be the first time they have been away from home, which is an adventure in itself.



During their stay at Arthog, our children started their trip with some team challenges, developing their ability to work together and communicate effectively. Over the next two days they tried canoeing, walking up a stream in a gorge, rock climbing on the beach, running up and down the sand dunes, beach art with found materials, a night walk into Fairbourne but the hardest skill was trying to get to sleep when all of your friends are in the dorm with you! We can see, when they return, how our children's resilience, teamwork and communication, with each other, have developed showing the impact of the outdoors.



Emma Clarke, Acting Head of School

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At our March meeting we welcomed Mike Poultney, also known as The Compost King, who talked about A Year on the Plot. This is a very large allotment where he produces all the vegetables, and a few flowers, needed for the year and creates all of his own compost. A very informative and amusing talk which had us laughing out loud with some of his stories.

As I write this we are looking forward to our April meeting when we welcome back Alison Wakeman to give us her second talk about Bees. Alison visited our club some time ago to give us her introductory talk about bees and had us all enthralled with her amazing knowledge about them so we are really looking forward to hearing more!

May sees the start of our summer visits to private gardens, both local and farther afield. In May we will be visiting a local garden, The Leasowes on Count Straight, with further visits in June to Wollerton Old Hall and Goldstone Hall in July, so plenty to look forward to.

We will also be holding our annual Plant Sale on Saturday 17th May in Cressage Village Hall from 10.00am - 12.30. Great plants, great bargains and wonderful refreshments to be had so please come along and join us.

We usually meet in Cressage Village Hall (except for the visits) on the third Thursday of the month and always welcome visitors and new members to our meetings. If you would like any further information about the Gardening club please contact me, Sally Lucas-Garner on 01694 658302 or 07506 351032