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COUND: 7th Dec. 11:00am MP (MCS)

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SERVICES IN JANUARY 2026

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Wed 3rd	Coffee & Chat Harley VH	(4)
Fri 5th	Social Night CMVH	(23)
Sat 6th	Harley Festival of Light	(5)
Sun 7th	Harley Nativity	(5)
Tues 9th	CH&S Parish Council Harley VH	(7)
Wed 10th	U3A Much Wenlock (	25)
Thurs 11th	Cressage & District WI Cressage VH	(14)
Sun 14th	Carol Service Harley	(4)
Tues 16th	Farmer's Butty Van Cardington	(4)
Tues 16th	MW Male Voice Choir	(28)
Thurs 18th	Community carol Service Cressage School	(17)
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JANUARY 2026

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Thurs 8th	Cressage & District WI Cressage VH	(14)
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Wed 14th	U3A Much Wenlock	(25)
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Wes 21st	Coffee & Chat Harley VH	(4)
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May I wish you all a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas

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MUCH WENLOCK MALE VOICE CHOIR

We enjoyed our short afternoon concert at the Priory Hall recently where we entertained the Much Wenlock & Cressage Medical Practice Wellness Group and their supporters, and we now look forward to a full programme of Christmas engagements. Hopefully this year we will sing at both Lady Forester's and the Wheatlands care homes, before attendance at the Wenlock Christmas Fayre. As usual, we'll be singing under the Corn Exchange from 11am with a mixture of seasonal music, some familiar, some new, with also a selection from our favourite songs.

Our own Christmas concert will be held at the William Brookes School on **Tuesday 16th December at 7pm**. This is a **FREE** concert with mince pies and mulled wine, a Christmas raffle and a pay bar that will be open before and after the event. Please consider joining us. Entry is by ticket that are available through choir members, by contacting us on the number below or from Penny Farthing in the Square in Wenlock.

Into 2026 and whilst the choir have concerts lined up, we have quite a few weeks of practice before we perform again in March. This means that we'll be able to work on some new repertoire. It will also be an excellent time to join us if you are looking for a new and rewarding interest for the New Year, with our first rehearsal being on Tuesday January 6th from 7.20pm at the William Brookes School.

Wishing all our friends, supporters and patrons a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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Saturday 6th December 6pm to 8pm.

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We have decided to repeat a request which has been very popular and well supported. For the Festival of Light, the Nativity, Carol Service, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services we are inviting you to bring a gift of non-perishable food. This will be placed on one of the displays in the church and after Christmas taken to a Food Bank to boost their supplies for the New Year.



HARLEY NATIVITY SERVICE

We wish to remind people that our Annual Nativity Play will be taking place on Sunday 7th December at 5pm.

The Nativity this year will be held at St Mary's Church.

There we will have our usual joyous celebration of the Christmas story with children and adults taking part with traditional Carols.

Would any adult or child wishing to take part please let Paul Trenberth know by the 30th November on 510547 so that the script can reflect the numbers attending.

CRESSAGE HARLEY & SHEINTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Councillors have concerns and wish to remind residents of Cressage, Harley & Sheinton of their responsibility to ensure their hedges, shrubs, trees and plants do not extend beyond your boundary, whether it is a wall, fence or verge.

Some hedges in Severn Way, Sheinton Road, Harley rd., Shrewsbury rd. and Harley are in fact encroaching onto the road and in others parts onto the footway.

We would like to ask residents to stand outside their house and boundary hedge & assess whether a mother & child, a couple, a mobility scooter or double pushchair could pass without hindrance on the footpath. Similarly, hedges extending beyond a wall, fence or verge where there is no footway, should also be cut back.

The next 2 months is the optimum time to cut hedges and your co-operation for the safety and wellbeing of our residents is requested.

OTHER NEWS

As a Shropshire resident, you are probably aware of the unfortunate financial circumstances Shropshire Council find themselves in. This situation has resulted in cutting services and a resolution to increase revenue (i.e. the increase in car parking charges in November). This position will continue indefinitely. As a Parish Council we have continually been frustrated by the negativity, the inability to access officers, personnel, services and information.

There is a move afoot, in the Parish Council, to think and work differently in how we can maintain what we do locally BUT more particularly how we can provide these services by implementing a different way of sourcing the services hitherto provided by Shropshire Council.

In this regard, please consider how you can help and serve your local community by considering what time, effort, resources you have to offer your village community.

MORE OF THIS IN 2026

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15/11/25

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Cressage, Harley and Sheinton Parish Council



The next meeting of Cressage, Harley and Sheinton Parish Council will be on Tuesday 9th December at Harley Village Hall at 7pm.

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.

This month's meeting was held in Harley Village Hall on 11th November.

Another development plan for has been put forwards for the Eagles Inn. Previous plans have all been rejected by Shropshire Council. Residents can find details of the latest plan on Shropshire Council's Planning Portal. Its reference is 25/04000/FUL.

25/04000/FUL | Development of 4No. residential dwellings, including access, internal roads, and associated landscaping. | Hardstanding Adjacent To The South Of The Former Eagles Inn Harley Road Cressage Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 6DF

Residents have until Monday 24th November to comment on the amended plans.

The Parish Council agreed to support the plans. Councillors noted that there is strong public feeling that the site needs to be developed.

The Parish Council has purchased two new benches for the recreation area. Their placement will be discussed at the December meeting.

Work has been undertaken to improve the condition of the village noticeboards.

Organisations who may wish to apply to the Parish Council for a grant are encouraged to do so, please contact the Parish Clerk at the email address below. A grant form is available on the Parish Council website.

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/>

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Monday 29th December 2025 - Wednesday 31st December 2025 - Much Wenlock open as usual from 08.00am and Cressage open from 08.30am

Thursday 1st January 2026 - Practice closed. For medical assistance please contact 111 or in the case of an emergency please contact 999.

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Cressage and District WI

Members and Guests met together on Thursday 13th November to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of Cressage WI. Celia had researched our archive of minute books and photographs to discover the early days. In 1935 meetings were quite formal, led by formidable ladies wearing hats and always referring to each other by title never by first name. In order to become a member one had to have a proposer and seconder and be recommended to the committee. The minutes of the first AGM of 1936 show a membership of 38. The first programme shows that members enjoyed a variety of demonstrations, all of a practical nature though there was always a social half hour (a robust game of musical chairs is mentioned) and competitions (jelly eating, candle lighting) The meetings have always taken place in Cressage Village Hall though originally in the afternoons.

Ruth read a piece reflecting Cressage WI during the war years when members responded to the call to man the Home Front forming working parties to knit, sew, grow vegetables, make jam and bottle fruit.

After enjoying a delicious buffet supper, made and served by local caterer Tracey Nock, we were entertained by Jazz musicians Lesley and David Foster from Much Wenlock. Tracey had made and iced a large cake which was cut by four past presidents: Lynne, Ruth, Josephine and Celia and everyone received a piece to take home along with a copy of the 1935 programme , the report of the very first AGM. and a floral button hole made by member Julia Brayne.

County Chairman Bridget Thurgood presented Celia with the SFWI certificate marking the occasion, and Kath Neville asked us to raise our glasses of bubbly in a toast to Cressage WI past, present and future.

Josephine brought us up to date with Cressage in the 21st century remarking on all the changes mainly in the use of technology which would have been so unfamiliar to our founding members but at the same time acknowledging the debt we owe to them all.

Next meeting : Christmas Crafts, a practical session on December 11th.

The meeting in January will be on Thursday 8th

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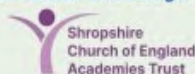
Thursday 8th January
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