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HARLEY: 5th April Easter Day 10:00am Praise Service (PT)

12th April 9:30am HC

24th April 6:00pm EP (MCS)

Village Life as we know it now was first conceived at a Village Hall Meeting on the 19th October 1976. At first it was a Cressage "newsletter" because there was constant clashes of dates between fund raising activities at the Village Hal, the Church and the School. Over the years the newsletter developed in to what we have now.

However news items are getting fewer and there has been a drop in advertisers to the extent that this month there is 28 pages, down from recently 32 pages and not so long ago 36 pages.

Some rely on facebook and don't look at Village Life and businesses that advertise perhaps find in an unnecessary cost. If V L is to continue into the next few years do what you can do to support us. The issue isn't just money it's articles / features to make it an interesting viable magazine.

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MUCH WENLOCK MALE VOICE CHOIR

Our next concert at the end of the month will be a return visit to sing at the Methodist Church in Church Stretton where we performed a couple of years ago, with tickets available via the usual choir contacts. However, we are also looking forward to two events to be held in Much Wenlock in the months to come, namely –

Saturday 16th May

Coffee Morning and homemade cake and Plant Stall

More details to follow next month.

The choir AGM takes place this month. The choir remains in vibrant health with over 40 active members and a full programme of concerts to work towards. This year our chairman of two years, David Chantrey, will stand down from the post due to his many commitments elsewhere. During this period, he has been able to greatly improve the avenues of communication within the choir and has proved to be a fine ambassador through his interactions with members, patrons, audiences and the public in general. Thank you, David.

Dick Langford

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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 APRIL 2026

Wed 1st	Coffee & Chat	Harley VH	(4)
Fri 3rd	Social Night	CMVH	(23)
Thurs 9th	Coffee & Chat	Cound GH	(25)
Wed 8th	U3A Much Wenlock		(15)
Thurs 9th	Cressage & District WI	Cressage VH	(24)
Mon 13th	Oil Orders		(25)
Tues 14th	CH&S PC	Cressage VH	(20)
Wed 15th	Coffee & Chat	Harley VH	(4)
Thurs 16th	Farmers Butty Van		(4)
Fri 17th	Noggin & Natter	CMVH	(23)
Sat 18th	Family Quiz Night	Cressage VH	(6)
Fri 24th	Caterpillar Race Night	CMVH	(23)
Sat 25th	Cound GH Breakfast	Counf GH	(5)
Thurs 30th	Bingo	Cressage VH	(6)

Deadline for the next issue is 15th March 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 4th & 18th April 2026



10.30am at...

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The first draw of the the 50+ club took place at the Bingo evening on 6th March and the winners were;
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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 9 April at 10.30 am

Tuesday 21 April at 10.30 am

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)

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CRESSAGE and DISTRICT WI

On Thursday 12th March our members experienced an evening of Needle Felting led by member Kim Russell. Kim is an expert in this craft with some of her work on show and for sale in Shrewsbury. The theme was 'Something for Easter' and enabled members to craft Easter Eggs. Everyone enjoyed themselves, and we are grateful to Kim for her input.

Next month we meet on Thursday 9th April when our speaker will be Geet Athwal (The Wenlock Wardrobe) talking about 'Colour and Style'.

As always meetings start at 7.30pm, and visitors are most welcome. Details from Ruth 510546.



WINE TASTING

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Easter Morning Praise on the 5th April at 10.00 hrs
12th April 09.30 hrs HC (CS)
26th April 1800 hrs EP and APCM (MCS)

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is coming on

Saturday 9th May at 2pm



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FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

*** Date Change ***

Saturday 18th April - 6.30pm

Come and join us for our quiz night, all the family welcome. 10 rounds, something to suit all ages! £2 per person, Hotdogs on sale and licensed bar. Please come along and support your local community facility!

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

WI Meeting 7pm – 10pm

Thursday 9th April

Gardening Club

Thursday 16th April

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:

cressagevillagehall@hotmail.com

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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March/April 2026



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Much Wenlock & Cressage Patient's Voice AGM

- 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



Cressage, Harley and Sheinton Parish Council

Now it is Spring, the Parish Council will be meeting in Cressage again. The next meeting of Cressage, Harley and Sheinton Parish Council will be on Tuesday 14th April at Cressage Village Hall at 7pm.

This month's meeting was held in Harley Village Hall on 11th March. One of the main items discussed was the 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. This work will require obtaining permissions from Shropshire Council to ensure liability is covered.

The Parish Council would like to know if there is any interest in running a similar pilot scheme in Cressage, Harley and Sheinton. If any residents are interested in getting involved in litter picking and tidying up work in their neighbourhoods in a similar scheme, please could they contact the Parish Clerk. The Parish Council will continue to investigate the possibilities of this scheme.

One of the residents attending the latest meeting has asked if the Police could attend a future meeting. The Parish Council will be extending an invitation and hope to see a representative from the police force soon. Residents present also raised concerns about the amount of fly-tipping and litter.

A younger resident has contacted the Parish Council about getting a pump track installed. The Parish Council will be looking at the potential of this at the next meeting. Also on the agenda for the next meeting is maintenance of the village gateways, keeping the defibrillator operational and on the national circuit, and an update on a volunteer plan to repair the missing bridge on a well-used local footpath.

The Parish Council has a social media page on Facebook:

Some of these bridges have been broken for a long time, so we've asked Shropshire Council for permission to carry out the repairs ourselves with the help of local community groups and volunteers.

If you're interested, please contact the Clerk.

The Parish Council has a social media page on Facebook
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If the parish council is satisfied with the explorations and enquiries and feel it is suitable for Cressage, Harley & Sheinton we will invite you to an information session in the village hall.

So, if you think you would like to become involved in improving our villages and lanes and have practical skills, time, or just want to improve your environment, just drop an email to our Clerk, Vanessa on clerk@cressageharleysheinton-pc.gov.uk or mention it to one of your councillors:- John Esp, Rob Davies, Shaun Bott or Roger Beardsmore, Matt Murray, Colin Campbell.

WHAT COULD IT INVOLVE?:-

- Litter picking in lanes and village
- Checking gulleys / clearing of debris
- Carpentry skills repairing items
- Cleaning signs
- Checking village lighting (are they on/off)
- Minor repairs to street furniture
- Ditch clearing
- Cutting around signs, left by hedge cutter
- Identifying footpath hazards
- Defibrillator check/monthly
- Identifying dog fouling areas
- Defibrillator Volunteer Training
- Clearing footpaths, where residents haven't
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Thank you for taking your time to read how we can together improve the villages we live in.

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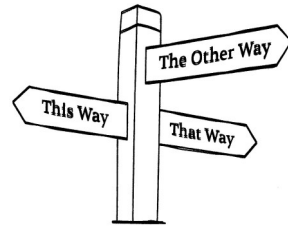
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This is where you come in?

The parish council, is in the early stages of investigating a scheme whereby at local level services are identified and instead of trying to persuade/expect Shropshire Council to do the work we call on a team of local volunteers and enthusiasts to make the difference, improve our villages and lanes and get the jobs done ourselves.

This requires a completely different way of thinking for us all and may take a little while to embed in our conscience and expectations. How this scheme will look and the timings are at this moment uncertain. By the time we have liaised with other parishes and taken advice from Shropshire Council /Shrewsbury Town Council to pursue, it may well be the Autumn. That will give us the summer to pursue any legal re-

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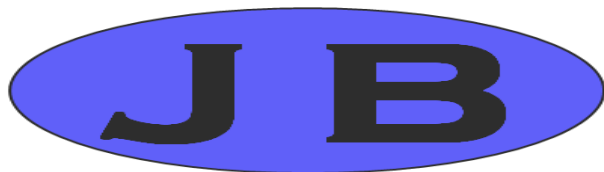
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News from
Christ Church C.E. Primary School
Our vibrant curriculum!



The start of the summer term sees new class topics, which are chosen to link with our school vision of: Preparing, Sowing and Growing. We are preparing children for life in modern Britain today to be active and compassionate citizens. We are sowing seeds of kindness, love, care and intellectual curiosity to ignite a life-long love of learning. We are growing an understanding of the Christian faith and the link between belief and behaviour. We want to see our Christian values take root and grow in our community life, so all are treated with dignity and respect.

This term our Nursery children in Little Acorns Class, are learning about 'What Places do we Visit?' and they are loving learning about the differences between villages such as Cressage and those next to the seaside. Acorns Class, who are Reception and Year 1, are asking 'What is life like in Shanghai?' looking at the differences between our local area and Shanghai. Maple Class, who are Years 1 and 2, are starting their topic of 'Shipwrecked' looking at Grace Darling. Holly Class, who are Years 3 and 4 are exploring 'Why did Britain have to go to war in 1939?' developing their historical enquiry skills. Willow Class, Years 4 and 5, are starting a new topic this year about 'How diverse are North and South America's places and landscapes?' comparing two very different continents. Our oldest children in Oak Class, who are Year 6, will be looking at 'Why does Population Change?' exploring the reasons for population variation and change around the world.



All of our children's learning is enhanced by exciting trips and visitors to school. This year Acorns Class have visited the Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre to take part in minibeast workshop. Maple Class have experienced a 'Night Under the Stars' where they made their own pizzas and listened to a storyteller under the stars. Holly Class were immersed in an Ancient Egyptian

workshop led by Shrewsbury Museum and Art Gallery. Willow Class made some fantastic Roman clay pots at Shrewsbury Museum and Art Gallery and Oak Class explored the wealth of Greek architecture on a walk around Shrewsbury. All of these rich opportunities help develop our children's love of learning.

Last term all classes experienced a lesson about different aspects of Space in the Wonderdome!



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.

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