

THE MESSENGER

Myddle, Harmer Hill & Broughton
Church & Community



Hooray Spring at last!
This lovely picture is the north end of Newton Lane looking
towards Sleaf Airfield

June & July 2025

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CHURCH FETE

**To be held at The Rectory, Myddle on
Saturday, 5th July 2025**

2.00pm - 4.30pm

By kind invitation of the Revd & Mrs Clayton

Come and join us for an afternoon of
old favourites such as Lucky Dip Tub,
Splat the Rat, Hook-a-Duck, and,
of course, plenty of Tea, Cakes and Ice Cream



Entry is free of charge

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The Countryside Code

Respect other people

- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Park carefully so access to gateways and driveways is clear
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Follow paths but give way to others where it's narrow

Protect the natural environment

- Leave no trace of your visit, take all your litter home
- Don't have BBQs or fires
- Keep dogs under effective control
- Dog poo - bag it and bin it

Enjoy the outdoors

- Plan ahead, check what facilities are open, be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs and obey social distancing measures



A Message from the Editors

What a wonderful Spring it has been so far, though not so good for the farmers and gardeners.

Enjoy the countryside, but look after it!

Bob Griffiths & Liz Tiernan
Joint Editors

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NB Deadline for copy is the 18th of the month before publication

From The Rectory

Dear Friends,

How do you like birthdays? Do you try and forget when yours is, or do you make a big splash every year? Do you like presents, or would you rather have experiences? This month Christians celebrate the birthday of the Church at Pentecost.

We remember the story in the book of Acts in the Bible, when the Holy Spirit was given to the followers of Jesus 'And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.' Acts 2 verses 2-4.

It's the moment from which a confused, frightened group of people with little hope changed into an inspired, energised group of people who had the confidence and courage to go and tell the world that they had found something wonderful.

Birthdays can be a time for re-evaluating, looking back and planning forwards. How have you changed for better and worse in the years you have been on the planet, what do you want to achieve in the future? It could be said of the Church that it (we) need to do the same – its history since those heady early days has not been completely swathed in glory, let's face it.

So if you are a part of the Church or not, it's good to take stock and work out where next – for yourself, your family, or an organisation you are part of. To look back at the places where we have not taken care of ourselves or others; where we have not been that nice, or thoughtful; where we have allowed ourselves to become lazy and self-serving and out of condition. To look also

at the things we have done well, the talents we have made best use of, the times when things worked well, or we did the right things that resulted in our wellbeing and that of those around us. Christians can ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit to feel real and vital, and to help us change and move forward in hope and courage and energy like those first Christians. The Spirit hasn't gone away, but just like with our bodies, we don't always listen to or take her advice – and it shows!

Perhaps the beginning of Summer is a good time in the year to take stock of ourselves and the things we belong to, the abundance of nature around us and longer days somehow make us feel that new things are possible. So if you decide to begin a new healthier eating regime, or to take up a pastime that will enrich you, or some exercise, or if you think it's time to repair a relationship, or to take yourself in hand in other ways, I wish you every success. And if June or July is your birthday month too, I wish you a very Happy Birthday!

Adam.

Church Fete

Hope to see you at our Church Fete on Saturday 5th July in the Rectory Garden. If you'd like to donate a bottle for the tombola, small toy for the children's lucky dip, or a raffle prize, we'll be collecting these during June. Please drop off at the Rectory anytime.

If you'd like to help with the fete in any other way we'd love to hear from you.

Many thanks.
Adam and Jo

The Benefice of Myddle and Broughton, Loppington and Newtown Services in June and July 2025

June

Sunday 1st

Easter 7

09.45am Family Communion, Burlton.

10.00am All Age Worship, Newtown.

10.30am Family Service, Loppington.

11.00am Holy Communion, Myddle.

Readings: Acts 16:16-34 Revelation: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21 John 17:20-26

Sunday 8th

Pentecost

09.45am Holy Communion, Loppington.

11.00am Parish Worship, Myddle.

11.15am Holy Communion, Newtown.

03.00pm Evensong, Broughton.

Readings: Acts 2:1-21 Romans 8:14-17 John 8-17, 25-27

Sunday 15th

Trinity Sunday

09.45am Holy Communion, Burlton.

10.30am Village Worship, Loppington.

11.00am Holy Communion, Myddle.

Readings: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Romans 5:1-5 John 16: 12-15

Sunday 22nd

Trinity 1

09.45am Holy Communion, Loppington.

11.00am Family Worship, Myddle.

11.15am Holy Communion, Newtown.

03.00pm Holy Communion, Broughton.

Readings: Isaiah 65: 1-9 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8: 26-39

Sunday 29th

Trinity 2

10.30am Benefice Service, Newtown

Readings: 1 Kings 19: 15-16, 19-21 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9: 51-62

July

Sunday 6th

Trinity 3

09.45am Family Communion, Burlington.

10.00am All Age Worship, Newtown.

10.30am Family Service, Loppington.

11.00am Holy Communion, Myddle.

Readings: Isaiah 66: 10-14 Galatians 6: 7-16 Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

Sunday 13th

Trinity 4

09.45am Holy Communion, Loppington.

11.00am Parish Worship, Myddle.

11.15am Holy Communion, Newtown.

03.00pm Evensong, Broughton.

Readings: Deuteronomy 30: 9-14 Colossians 1: 1-14 Luke 10: 25-37

Sunday 20th

Trinity 5

09.45am Holy Communion, Burlton.

10.30am Village Worship, Loppington.

11.10am Holy Communion, Myddle.

Readings: Genesis 18: 1-10a Colossians 1: 15-28 Luke 10: 38-42

Sunday 27th

Trinity 6

09.45am Holy Communion, Loppington.

11.00am Family Worship, Myddle.

11.15am Holy Communion, Newtown.

03.00pm Holy Communion. Broughton.

Readings: Genesis 18: 20-32 Colossians 2: 6-15 Luke 11: 1-13

St Peter's, Myddle: Readers & Other Duties

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Music</u>
Sun 1st June	11.00am	Holy Communion	Bob Millington	Greg Miller
Sun 8th June	11.00am	Parish Worship		Greg Miller
Sun 15th June	11.00am	Holy Communion	Nigel Jones	Margaret Parson
Sun 22nd June	11.00am	Family Service		
Sun 29th June	10.30am	Benefice Service		
Sun 6th July	11.00am	Holy Communion	Margaret Parson	Greg Miller
Sun 13th July	11.00am	Parish Worship	Clare & Sarah Luke	Margaret Parson
Sun 20th July	11.00am	Holy Communion	Lynda Oldham	Chris Williams
Sun 27th July	11.00am	Family Service		

Myddle & Broughton Parochial Church Council

Donations

The Parochial Church Council is most grateful for the following donations received since the last issue of the Messenger.

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Louise Bullock 100 Club Prize kindly donated	Fabric Fund (St Peter's)	£50

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Friday 4th July 7.30pm



PARTNER WHIST

Friday 27th June 7.30pm

Friday 25th July 7.30pm

The Annual Parish Community Litter Pick

Thank you to all who helped in a superb community effort on Saturday, 22nd March. 27 volunteers litter-picked the roadsides in our parish over the weekend, mostly on Saturday morning. We gathered 77 bags of rubbish.

What an achievement!

Colin Ruck





HARMER HILL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Church Elders

Mr. Russell Purslow	01939 290574
Rev'd David Slim	01939 291174
Mrs. Joy Slim	01939 291174

Sometimes, when I feel rather insignificant in the great scheme of life, I take time to remember a simple story with a simple truth that makes me feel better.

Margaret had retired from work and found that she often had 'time on her hands'. She decided to do some voluntary work in a Charity shop. On her first day in the shop the person she was partnering was in the back room sorting out items that would be for sale. Margaret was looking through some CD's when she discovered one made by her favourite singer. The artist was someone who had never really made it very big but whose music Margaret really loved. The shop had a CD player and so Margaret put her find on the machine and pressed "Play".

Sometime later a middle-aged man wandered into the shop and bought a small glass dish but he lingered over the purchase. When he came up to the counter, he surprised Margaret by asking what the music playing in the background was. Then, when the man came to the till to pay for his purchase, he held out a large bank note. There wasn't enough change in the till so he told Margaret to keep the change, saying, "You've no idea how the mood of your shop has lifted my mood this morning. I'll happily donate the extra for the ambiance. Thank you."

"And he was right. I had no idea," Margaret told me later. We hardly ever do, but we all impact the lives of the people we meet, every day in ordinary situations. Mostly we hope for a neutral impact but if we cultivate a mood we actually enjoy, we can make a positive difference to those around us whether we get to hear about it or not.

Margaret happened to tell her teenage granddaughter about her first day in the shop. "Gran," her granddaughter told her, "There are people on social media called "influencers" but with your "ambiance" you've become one without even using a phone."

We all have far more influence in the world than we usually realise. How is your personal ambience?

Sunday Services in June and July 2025

All Sunday Services take place at 10 am unless otherwise announced.

June 2025

1 ^s	All-Age Worship	Revd. D. A. Slim.
8 th	Morning Worship	Mr. R. Purslow.
15 th	Holy Communion	Mrs. J. Slim.
22 nd	Morning Worship	Revd. D. A. Slim.
29 th	Morning Worship	Mr. R. Purslow.

July 2025

6 th	All-Age Worship	Mrs. J. Slim.
13 th	Holy Communion	Revd. D. A. Slim.
20 th	Morning Worship	Mr. R. Purslow.
27 th	Morning Worship	Mrs. J. Slim.

“TWISTED STITCHES”

Keep Calm and Knit Appeal STOP PRESS! 3,000 poppies completed, 2,000 to go

We are a small group that get together every Thursday in The Red Lion in Myddle at 7.00pm to Knit and Crochet. We have set ourselves a huge task and are looking for volunteers to help us make 5,000 poppies to cascade from St Peter's Church in Myddle. If you would like to join us or would prefer to help by knitting at home, that would be much appreciated. We have donation boxes in place, including in the church itself, for deposits of completed poppies or relevant materials.

Patterns will be available via links on Myddle Village Community Facebook page and printed copies can be collected from the Poppy Donation Box at the back of the church.

We are also looking for donations of the following:

Red Wool	Black Wool	Purple Wool
Black Buttons	Camouflage Net	

For further information please call in to the Red Lion between 7pm and 9pm on a Thursday evening, or email Louise on glbullock@btinternet.com

Many thanks from all the ladies at Twisted Stitches.

Useful Contacts

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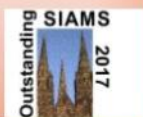
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Harmer Hill & District WI Monthly Meetings

June 12th

Food bank

Visit to Hodnet Hall Gardens with
Hodnet WI

July 10th

Homeopathy with Jeremy Derrick

August

No meeting. Outing to be arranged

The WI ladies have had some wonderful meetings recently, starting with our April meeting which was the Spring craft show. We were treated to a collection of wonderful items including spring cards, a memorable quotation and of course the culinary options of cheese straws and gluten free flapjack. Obviously they all had to be sampled, in the name of competition of course!

Our May meeting was held in conjunction with Hodnet WI, listening to the micro artist Graham Short talk about his life and some of his most famous works. It was an evening full of laughter! We were also treated to some excellent refreshments and lots of lovely raffle prizes on the night.

A huge thank you to the Hodnet ladies for hosting, and we are also heading to Hodnet again for our June meeting to visit the Hall and gardens.

*To join or for more information, contact Jenny Walsh on
07714 108507*

Parish Council News

The first meeting of the newly elected Council was held in Harmer Village Hall on May 14th, when three new Members and the recently elected Shropshire Councillor for the Meres Division Sarah Marston were welcomed before business began.

Councillor Colin Ruck was re-elected as Chairman of the Council with Councillor Alex Harris taking over the role of Vice Chairman and a number of Officers and Representatives were appointed to various roles. There was disappointment that there was still one vacant seat and efforts will be undertaken to co-opt a Harmer Hill resident to take on that position. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk for further details.

There was a full agenda for Members to consider and debate but before that was undertaken, five members of the public were in attendance and raised issues for consideration.

Affordable Housing Project in Harmer Hill

The Chairman reported that there had been no further developments. The area in question had been offered for sale to Shropshire Council for the erection of a small unit of affordable properties for local people to rent but to date Shropshire Council had not agreed to purchase the land. If and when the project went ahead a local committee would oversee the proposals, which would then be subject to the legal planning application regulations.

Speeding Traffic

Concerns were then expressed about the speed of traffic along Wem Road in Harmer Hill with a request for a 30mph limit to be installed. The Chairman stated that discussions had been held in the past with Shropshire Council and Police representatives but after detailed checks had been carried out, both organisations were unable to support the request.

Myddle Church Clock

Members were informed that Myddle Church Clock was back in working order and many favourable comments have been received.

"Welcome to" Signs and Myddle Village Hall Car Park

The 'Welcome to' signs had been erected. A quotation had been received for the re-surfacing of the car park. The Council had helped to finance these projects with much of the money coming from Community Infrastructure grants rather than from rate payers.

Harmer Hill Reservoir Development

Disappointment was expressed that Shropshire Council had still not activated the enforcement order as it seemed the owner was ignoring the order and continuing to add additional items. Shropshire Councillor Sarah Marston was given an outline of the problem and she promised to carry out a detailed review.

Myddle Youth Club

Members welcomed the news that a new Youth Club had successfully opened in Myddle Village Hall and had attracted many young people to the first meeting.

Other items considered included a police report, news on the internal audit, a proposal to develop Myddle Woodland and planning application information. In conclusion, a four-year action plan for the Council was considered and approved and this will be published on the Council website or can be obtained from the Clerk.

As always the full minutes of the meeting and other information can be found on the Council's website –www.myddleandbroughton-pc.gov.uk and for advice or help, Jack Wilson the Parish Clerk can be contacted by email at myddlebroughtonclerk@talktalk.net or by phone on 01743 236810

Myddle Friendship Club

Programme of Events:

Thur 5th June	Gabriella Foley	Musical Entertainer
Thur 3rd July	Gill Castle	Ups & Downs of Doing Good
Thur 7th August	MYSTERY OUTING!	Details to be confirmed

Meetings are normally held in Myddle Village Hall at 1.45pm ready for a prompt start at 2.00pm.

Membership is £10 per year. It is then £2 per person per meeting for tea or coffee, cake and entertainment. Contact our Chair Paul Goulbourne on 01691 623868 for more information.

See Page 48 for a nice photo!



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Women's Institute 2nd Thursday monthly from 7.30pm Visitors always welcome. Jenny Walsh 01939 210649

Bingo 1st Friday monthly 7.30pm

Partner Whist last Friday of each month 7.30pm

Caligraphy with Shropshire Scribes. Contact Peter Furniss 01743 355848

U3A Family History 10.30am to 12.30pm 2nd Tuesday of the month

contact Sue Young 01939 291437 for further details

U3A Stitchers 10am to 12 noon 4th Tuesday of the month

contact Sue Young 01939 291437 for further details

Yoga : Wednesday evenings 6.00pm-7.00pm contact Kelly 07814 142527

Or email kellyclarkyoga@gmail.com

Circuits and Pilates Monday 5-6pm and 6-7pm contact Cerys on bookwhen.com/cerysjonesfitness

For more details on the above and news of upcoming events see website www.harmerhill.com

The village hall is available for private hire. Please contact bookings on 07873 561187 or email harmerhill.vh@gmail.com

HARMER HILL VILLAGE HALL TOTE WINNERS

May 2025

1 st Prize £70	Ticket no. 57	Holly Steed
2 nd Prize £35	Ticket no. 67	Jenny Walsh
3 rd Prize £25	Ticket no. 167	Angela Cook

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ELLESMERE - SHREWSBURY via Cockshutt, Burton and Harmer Hill

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Cockshutt, Post Office	0725	0725	1000	1240	1420
Burton, Crossroads	0729	0729	1004	1244	1424
Marion, The Toll House	0733	0733	1008	1248	1428
Myddle, Red Lion	0737	0737	1012	1252	1432
Harmer Hill, Bridgewater Arms	0742	0742	1015	1255	1435
Preston Gubbals	0745	0745	1019	1259	1439
Albrighton, Hall Hotel	0747	0747	1021	1301	1441
Battlefield Way - Ford Garage	0750	0750	1023	1303	1443
Little Harlescott Lane	0753	0753	1025	1305	1445
Hubert Way / Chelwood Drive	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Ellesmere Road / Hubert Way	0800	0800	1030	1309	1449
Shrewsbury Bus Station - stand P - arr.	0815	0815	1040	1315	1455
Frankwell, Cycle Shop	0821				
Meole Brace School	0835				

ELLESMERE - SHREWSBURY via Cockshutt, Burton and Harmer Hill

Ellesmere, Cross Street	0715	0930	1230	1430	1700
Cockshutt, Post Office	0725	0940	1240	1440	1710
Burton, Crossroads	0730	0945	1245	1445	1715
Marion, The Toll House	0735	0950	1250	1450	1720
Myddle, Red Lion	0740	0955	1255	1455	1725
Harmer Hill, Bridgewater Arms	0745	1000	1300	1500	1730
Preston Gubbals	0748	1003	1303	1503	1733
Albrighton, Hall Hotel	0750	1005	1305	1505	1735
Battlefield Way - Ford Garage	0755	1010	1310	1510	1740
Little Harlescott Lane	0758	1013	1313	1513	1743
Hubert Way / Chelwood Drive	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Ellesmere Road / Hubert Way	0803	1019	1319	1519	1747
Shrewsbury Bus Station - stand P - arr.	0810	1025	1325	1525	1753

Meole Brace School	0900	1045	1320	1640	1800
Frankwell, Roundabout	0901	1046	1321	1641	1801
Shrewsbury Bus Station - stand P - dep.	0906	1051	1326	1646	1806
Chester Street	-----	-----	R - 1327	R - 1647	R - 1807
Ellesmere Road / Hubert Way	0910	1055	1330	1650	1810
Hubert Way / Chelwood Drive	0912	1057	1332	1652	1812
Little Harlescott Lane	0914	1059	1334	1654	1814
Battlefield Way - Ford Garage	0917	1102	1337	1657	1817
Albrighton, Hall Hotel	0920	1105	1340	1700	1820
Preston Gubbals	0923	1108	1343	1703	1823
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Myddle, Red Lion	0931	1116	1351	1711	1831
Marion, The Toll House	0935	1120	1355	1715	1835
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S50 - Meole Brace School Days ONLY

SHOL - Meole Brace School Holidays ONLY

R - by request to driver from passengers already on board the bus.

From 1st April 2025 service 501 can no longer serve the bus stop outside Shrewsbury Railway Station due to the permanent 'right turn' ban in Cross Street put in place by Shropshire Council. On request to the driver, the bus will stop at a safe place in Chester Street on journeys towards Shrewsbury to set down only. This will facilitate a short walk to the station.



Regular Events

- Bingo** 2nd Wednesday each month at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start
Contact Delphine Coleman 07572 622245
- Myddle Friendship Club** 1st Thursday each month at 2.00pm
Contact Paul Goulbourne on 01691 623868
- Myddle Youth Club** Alternate Fridays during term time at 6.30pm
(dates for June/July: 6th June, 20th June, 4th July and 18th July)
Contact Kiri Pashley on 07817 487708

Future Events

The Village Hall is hoping to host a series of monthly **Craft/Needlework Classes** starting in **June**, contact Dianne Verlaine (01939-220161 or dianneverlaine@googlemail.com) for more information.

On 13th September the Village Hall and the Youth Club are holding a **Scarecrow Festival**. Full details including arrangements for entries will be published in the August/September Messenger.

The first draw for the **Myddle Village Hall Lottery** will also be held on **13th September**. If you have not yet bought your ticket speak to a member of the village hall committee or email myddlevh@gmail.com

Flicks in the Sticks returns on **17th September** with the film **A Real Pain** starring Jesse Eisenberg and Kieran Culkin.

On 20th September there will be a community coffee morning. More details in the August/September Messenger.

The Harvest Lunch will be at the Village Hall on **5th October** and as in previous years will run in conjunction with the Church.

On 11th October there will be a **Pre-Loved Clothes Sale**

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Just a reminder of last issue's piece from Margaret Parson about getting registered for the Church Electoral Roll. You may collect a blank form from the table at the back of the church, to the left of the tower, or phone Margaret on 01939 290818. Then please return your completed form to Margaret at "The Outpost" at the top of the hill.

Coffee Morning at Broughton Church on 12th April

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Coffee Morning at St. Mary's Church, Broughton on 12th April.

It was an enjoyable and busy morning that raised £392.82p for the two churches.

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100 CLUB WINNERS MAY 2025

The first draw for the St Peter's and St Mary's Churches 100 Club took place at the garden party on 3rd May. The winners were:

1st Prize £50 Ticket no. 155 Louise Bullock

2nd Prize £20 Ticket no. 76 John Price

3rd Prize £15 Ticket no. 117 Val Everall

The total number of tickets sold this year was 140. This raises the prize fund to a total of £480 this year. The extra £140 will be divided into two bonus prizes, one of £100 and the second of £40, which will be drawn at the Christmas draw.

HISTORY CORNER

The near completion of the works at the Old Rectory and the welcome disappearance of the vans parked on the road, made us think about the house and its history. Our information is that the present Georgian house was built around an existing timber-framed building during the 1740's. Further alterations and additions were made in the early to mid 19th Century. The house is a Grade 2 listed property.

We have found the following memoir from the Myddle.net history pages which we print here.

MYDDLE RECTORY 1915 to 1920 Recalled by Guy Hereward



Off the main road, eight miles north west of Shrewsbury is the scattered Shropshire village of Myddle, where I had many happy holidays during and after the First World War. In August 1915 I was met at Baschurch railway station and taken by pony and trap along winding lanes between hedges and fields to Myddle Rectory. There were few motorcars in those days. They were noisy, smelly things which frightened the horses.

Rounding a corner we saw the stumpy, red sandstone tower of the church and on the other side of the sunken lane was the large, three storied, red brick Georgian Rectory. This was built round an older, half timbered house which had by then become the servants' quarters of the Rectory. I remember the lofty, "L" shaped drawing room, and the large dining room. Some of the

bedrooms had fourposter beds. All of them had washstands with jugs and basins. The bathroom had one huge bath. Every room had a bell-pull, which, by a system of wires, rang bells in the kitchen, one bell for each room. The whole top floor was unfurnished and unused.

In the garden there were lawns, ancient cedar trees, and a walled garden full of vegetables and a row of sweet peas growing taller than myself. There was also the Glebe Farm with about eight cows.

Of a morning I would be wakened by the maid who would draw back the curtains, open the shutters which folded into the window openings. She would then empty the basin I had used the night before, wipe it, fill the jug and place a can of hot water in the basin, covered with a cosy to keep it warm. When leaving the room she would say, "Thank you Master Guy," indicating that she had finished and I could get out of bed. We came down to breakfast in our own time, provided only that we finished in time for prayers. During breakfast the maid would stand by the sideboard. When I had finished my bowl of porridge, with cream from their own cows, the maid would bring me my bacon and egg and tomatoes on a plate with a small silver dish-cover, to keep the food warm. The maid would remove the cover. Thin toast with crusts removed were in the toast rack, curls of butter from the farm, marmalade or honey.

After breakfast someone would pull the rope in the hall which rang a bell on the roof. This would call the household together for prayers, in the hall. The farmer, farm-hand and boy would come in by the front door, close the door and put a bench across the door on which they sat. The cook and two housemaids, all in grey dresses, with starched white caps and aprons, would sit half way down the hall, with the Rector, his family and guests at the top. The Rector standing at a reading desk would read the Collect, Epistle and Gospel and lead prayers - then silence, deep silence, except for the tic-toc of the grandfather clock, as we prayed for our brothers fighting in France. After prayers the Rector would give his orders to the "outside staff" and the Rector's wife to the cook.

Over the mantelpiece in the dining room hung the half length portrait of Captain Woolward, the grandfather of the then Rector. Captain Woolward had been press-ganged into the navy as a boy, and worked his way up to being captain of his ship. His name had been Woolard, but as he was too nervous to spell it out clearly, the captain enrolling him, lost patience and said, "WOOLWARD". "That's your name." And so it remained. He was at the Battle of the Nile and was deafened by the blowing up of the French ship L'Orient.

On the back stairs, in the old part of the house was the smoking room. We boys made this our den. Next to it was a room which had been a linen store; but in our time it was a veritable Aladdin's Cave. Its shelves were full of model trains, steam engines, clockwork engines, trucks and carriages, lines, points, signals and stations. On a wet day we would push the furniture

against the walls and lay out elaborate systems of rails. We would have three trains running at the same time, and had great excitement avoiding "railway accidents", at junctions and crossings. The Yankee steam engine was for out of doors, and ran on six-inch gauge rails. We laid down rails the length of the tennis court. By canting up the last length of rail at each end of the lawn we would make it reverse itself and puff back and forth on its own until it ran out of paraffin.

In the coach house was a four wheeled carriage, the pony-trap, and a sleigh to which the pony would be harnessed when the Rector wished to go visiting in snowy weather. On the wall hung a penny-farthing bicycle which I never saw used, but there were always cycles available for us boys. I remember the farmer, Mr Crew, saying in his sing-song Shropshire accent "Me son Garge'e never take me bicycle out but what he don't get it punctured accordin'."

In the Pump Room, fixed to the wall was the pump. It was worked by a large wheel with a wooden handle, like a mangle. The farm boy would stand on a box and pump water from the well to a tank in the attic. The overflow pipe from the tank discharged right over where the boy stood to work the pump. When the tank was full he would hear the water gurgling in the pipe and would jump clear to avoid a shower bath. I would sometimes do this job for the boy. To me it was a new experience, to him it was a chore. He was about my age. I, the town boy, taught him, the country boy, how to climb onto the top of the hay in a hay barn. There we found a clutch of eggs laid by a hen which was laying-away. In a few years he out-grew me in size and muscle. On one visit I was shocked to hear that he had fathered a "come-bechance" by a village maiden. Oh, the shame of it! He had to leave the village, and became "chauffeur to a gentleman in Wales."

During the war, fox hunting was suspended. The young men and the young ladies were all on war-work of some sort. At the first meet after the war there seemed to be a "scatter" of foxes, and it was not easy to keep the pack together. I followed the hunt, as best I could, on a cycle. One fox jumped the hedge, nearly hit my front wheel, and away over the fields. On one occasion the hunt could be heard coming towards the Rectory. The Rector and Mrs Woolward came onto the lawn to watch the hunt go past. The fox came over the fence, across the lawn, through the rose garden, over the wall into the lane, closely followed by the whole pack, and then the first huntsman. He realised that he was on the Rectory lawn, pulled up, dismounted and holding his cap in one hand and his horse with the other, he bowed his apologies for the damage to the lawn. It is a picture I shall never forget. The Rector, Mr Woolward, tall, with ample white hair down to his shoulders, that lovable Mrs Woolward next to him, the huntsman in pink, with his beautiful hunter, all on the lawn with the ancient cedars and the church in the background. The lawns were mown with a large mowing machine drawn by the pony who had wide leather shoes laced over his hoofs to prevent damage to the turf.

Mr Hereward's memoir reminded us of this piece from Ernest Griffiths' Times Past, we think dating to around 1930.

At this time, also, I joined the Church choir (and still there sixty odd years later) and because of the distance involved, Mrs Nesbit, the Rector's wife, insisted that I went straight to the Rectory from school on choir practice nights. There I was given tea with the family. It consisted of four boys and two girls, one of whom was very pretty and my age, a wonderful incentive to attend practice regularly. The Rectory then was almost double the size it is now (the new Rectory) and in winter was very cold, so we always had our tea on small tables round a huge fire, very cosy.

We had practice in the drawing room which was very large with a grand piano at one end. Miss Walton was our organist then, and we used to play all sorts of tricks on her. On one occasion at a choir supper, we boys were sitting on a bench with Miss Walton at one end. At a given signal we stood up, the bench reared up and Miss Walton was dumped on the floor. Although she is now in her nineties, she still talks of her happy days with the choir. She was a good sport and took it all in her stride.

The Home Guard

Changing the subject entirely, but following on from the last issue, we just had to publish this photo from Russell Purslow. What a fine bunch of young and old men. If anyone can identify faces, please let us know.



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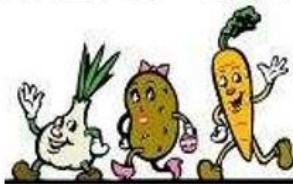
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HISTORY CORNER - EXTRA BITS

Following the cancellation of a regular advertiser, we find ourselves with an extra half page to fill.

Those that follow the Parish Council News will be aware that the Village Hall car park is to be resurfaced. This is of course the former playground of the school. Well, we found this piece from the Parish Magazine from October 1895.

The Schools.

The schools have now resumed work after the holidays, and are diligently preparing for the Government Examination, which falls due on Nov. 1st. The schools during the holidays have been coloured and painted, and now look very bright and clean. A very great improvement has been carried out at our Myddle School, by Mr. Tower on Lord Brownlow's behalf, by laying down asphalte over the girls play-ground, and levelling and gravelling that of the boys. Hitherto in wet weather the play-ground has been covered with black mud, which has been carried into the school on the children's shoes, and made it impossible to keep the school decently clean. A dry play-ground will also be a great boon to the children, and contribute both to their health and comfort.



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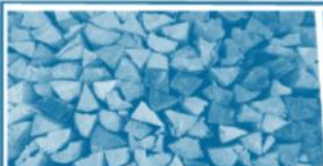


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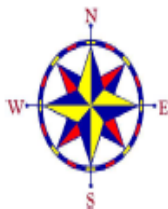
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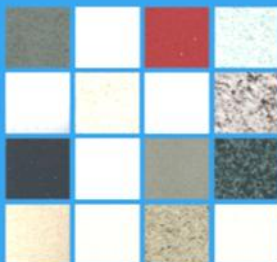
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