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**Myddle, Harmer Hill & Broughton
Church & Community
A Volunteer Newsletter**



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October and November 2026

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Sunday 8th November 2026, 12pm - 4pm

St Mary's Church, Shrewsbury, SY1 1DX

On Sunday, 8th November we will be bringing together trusted travel partners from the world of cruise, touring and adventure, along with our expert team, to offer you a day of luxury travel inspiration in the heart of Shrewsbury.

St Mary's Church in Shrewsbury will be transformed into a travel showcase for the day. You can soak up holiday ideas and sit down with experts to discuss future trips in more detail.

Places at the event are limited and must be booked in advance.

To book a place call us on **01743 233234** or email **sales@peakestravelelite.co.uk**



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MYDDLE VILLAGE HALL AND YOUTH CLUB RACE NIGHT



Lou's Loser wins the TractorHireUK Stakes by a short head

The Race Night held on 5th September raised £741 for the village hall and the youth club. We are most grateful to our sponsors, to all those who took on ownership of a horse for the night and those who came along on the night and kept the tote busy taking their bets. The race results are set out below.

Race	Winner	Winning Owner
The Myddlewood Garage Oaks	Manchester Mare	Caroline Barron
The Float to Win Stakes sponsored by Shropshire Floats	Beelzebub	Humphrey Kynaston (also known as Paul Flynn)
Forward Thinking Accountancy Biscuit	Equity Card	Howard Williams
The Shingler Stakes	Sunflower	Jan Butler
The GWR Twenty Guineas	Fresh As A Daisy	Mike Jones
The Red Lion Steaks	Houlston Hooves	Bob Griffiths
Special Aircon Best of the Best Cup	Dollie	Henry Griffiths
The TractorHire UK Stakes	Lou's Loser	Louise Bullock



HARVEST LUNCH



**Sunday 4th October in
Myddle Village Hall**

12.30 for 1.00pm

**(following the Harvest Festival Service
in St Peter's at 11.00am)**

To book your lunch please contact:

***Chris Williams 07791 403898
or Linda Savage 01939 290094***

***Ticket price £15 per person
(children £5)***



***Proceeds to be divided between
Myddle & Broughton Church and
Myddle Village Hall***

Harmer Hill Village Hall

Friday 16th October at 19:00



Pie & Mash Night

A comforting evening of classic pies, creamy mash, peas, gravy and good company.

What's on the menu?

Pies from Coopers Gourmet Foods of Roden – choice of Steak & Ludlow Ale, Chicken Ham & Leek or Cheese & Onion.

Vegan pies from ~~Magpye~~ also available.

All served with mash, choice of garden or mushy peas and optional gravy. Tea/coffee and treats for afters.

Bar will be open

Advance booking only – Tickets £9

Contact: Sylvia on harmerhill.vh@gmail.com or 07873 561187

Everyone welcome — bring your appetite!





Myddle Village Hall Christmas Fayre

*Saturday 28th November
10:00AM til 4.00PM*

*Get into the festive spirit
and kickstart your holiday
shopping*

*Discover unique, locally
made Christmas Gifts*

Seasonal Refreshments



Harmer Hill Village Hall

Christmas Social Evening

Saturday 5th December

Join us at 7 pm



Informal evening plus

entertainment with Gabriella Ukelele Queen

To include a light supper and a glass of wine

Tickets only £9 (over 18s only)

Details from any committee member

Call 0787 356 1187 or e-mail

harmerhill.vh@gmail to reserve

**Vegan option (plant based) available – please advise when booking*

Bar will be open, Christmas tree will be lit, decorations up, music on, we just need you



Join us at Harmer Hill Village Hall
as we go

Open House

every Thursday from 10:00 to 12:00
(starts Thursday 14th May)

Drop in for a free cup of tea /
coffee and biscuits



We'll have Scrabble, dominoes,
chess, cards, books or simply
join us for a chat.

We also have free wifi.

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A Message from the Editors

We can't let this edition go to print without making some reference to the controversy over last month's article appealing for more community support.

We would like to apologise for the article not making it clear that the call was specifically for Myddle Village Hall and Church, and any suggestion that the Harmer Hill Hall was at risk was unintentional.

Without wishing to make light of the issues raised, we had a feeling that this involved a certain rivalry between the two villages. And a rhyme that our father Ernest Griffiths, who was born at Houlston in 1920 and was definitely a Myddle man, used to quote on a regular basis, sprang to our minds:

*Harmer Hill Bulldogs, fastened in a pen
Can't get out for Myddle Men*

As joint editors of the Messenger, note that one of us lives in Harmer Hill, and the other in (or just outside of) Myddle, and we do our best to ensure that there is no bias against one village or the other. Any disputes are settled by a bout of arm wrestling in front of the Messenger software!

On a different note, we still don't have a new Rector. The appointment process seems to be taking a very long time, but we are assured that there will be a resolution in due course.

We can also report that a new Parish Clerk is now in post. See Colin Ruck's welcome article on Page 22.

Bob Griffiths & Liz Tiernan
Joint Editors

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

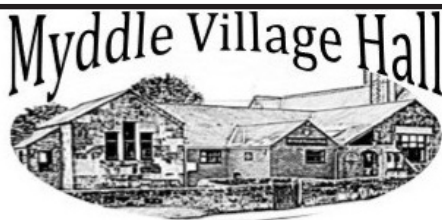
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SAVE THE DATE:

Christmas Coffee Morning in St Mary's Broughton

Saturday 5th December 10.30 am to 12 noon



Visit the village hall's website at www.myddlevh.co.uk

Regular Events

Bingo	2 nd 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 the autumn term: 9th October, 23rd October, 13th November, 27th November and 12th December) Contact Kiri Pashley on 07817 487708
Craft/Needlework Classes	Further classes are planned. Contact Diane Verlaine (01939 220161 or dianneverlaine@googlemail.com) for more information.
Flicks in the Sticks	21st October Disclosure Day and 18th November The Devil Ware Prada 2 (see advertisements in this issue) Contact Jill Thomas on 07484 335716 for more information.
Myddle Clickers	Tuesdays at 10.00am starting again on 13th October . Contact Colin Ruck 07906 622133 or Greg Miller 07940 156373 for more information.
Feel Good Pilates with Kelly Avery	Tuesdays 12.30pm to 1.30pm Booking essential – 07977 290026

Dates For Your Diary

4th October 2026 Harvest Lunch 1pm – see advert for details

28th November 2026 Christmas Fayre 10:00am to 4:00pm

DR GEOFF DAVIES

LIFE AFTER MEDICINE

I retired from General Practice in December 2019 having been a partner at Clive and Roden Grove Medical Practice for thirty years. I would like to thank everyone who sent cards and gifts on my retirement. One of these was a beautiful leather-bound journal and made me think about writing. Covid was



around the corner and after returning to help out on the Covid phonenumber I decided what to do next.

Now friends had suggested I write about my life as a doctor but that was simply not possible. One of the central tenets of the doctor-patient relationship is confidentiality. This cannot

ever be broken, as a doctor you are privileged to be given a glimpse into people's lives, usually when they are at their most vulnerable, at times of ill health, adverse life events and sometimes sadly, tragedy. There are also happier times and emotions, the birth of a child, recovery from illness and hopefully to be cured. It is your vocation to do your best to help. I was also lucky to serve the community I did, patients basically did not come to the doctor unless it was necessary and in many cases did not come when they should have because they didn't want to make a fuss.

Around this time my wife was given an Ancestry DNA kit as a present, so I decided to do it as well. Now I am from Manchester before going to Birmingham Medical School then arriving in Shrewsbury to start my hospital training. As soon as I arrived in Shrewsbury and Shropshire I felt I belonged here, and little did I know at the time it was because I did. After hospital training and rotations in various specialities as well as a few years in Australia and New Zealand I was fortunate to be offered a partnership at Clive which I accepted.

Through my working life I did not know I was related to many of my patients albeit distantly. My grandmother had told me once when she came to visit me

in Myddle that my late grandfather's family was from Shropshire, but she did not know where.

After I had done my DNA I set about researching my family tree and she was right. My grandfather's family came from Corvedale just north of Ludlow and many ancestors are buried in Diddlebury. One line traced back through the years to Myddle where years later I lived. My direct ancestor was Sir Roger Kynaston of Myddle Castle. He married Elizabeth Grey of Powys Castle whose mother, the wonderfully named Antigone Plantagenet was the granddaughter of King Henry IV (gramps). Sir Roger fought on the Yorkist side at the Battle of Blore Heath but his great grandfather Madog Kynaston was at the Battle of Shrewsbury.

Madog left Ellesmere Castle with his men and after collecting more from Myddle on the way, went to the Battlefield where he was supposed to fight for the King but his wife was Isolde Percy sister of Henry Percy. Once I had discovered I was a Plantagenet I considered writing to the Palace to state my claim to the throne but I quickly realised that the Plantagenets made a mess of it last time and I didn't really fancy the King's job in any case. Instead I had found the story to write about and Madog's story is the first chapter of my book *The Bloody Siege 1417* which then moves on to the invasion of Normandy by King Henry V (Uncle Henry). The hero is Gruffyd Kynaston who was Madog's grandson and Sir Roger's father. I have tried to tell the stories of ordinary people caught up in the tides of war, mainly based in Shropshire and the Welsh borders but also in Scotland and France.

This is the first in a series of five novels called The Kynaston Chronicles and is in the same style of novelist Bernard Cornwall which is historical fiction set around true events. The second, *The Fight for France 1418* will be out soon. For those who would like to purchase a copy either to read or as a gift it is available in Wem Bookshop or online through Amazon, Waterstones or T G Jones. How ironic that the Battle of Shrewsbury site is part of the GP practice area. There is a Corbet from Moreton Corbet in there as well another ancestor.

So life after medicine for me has been writing which I have enjoyed immensely, as well as spending time with family and the arrival of grandchildren. Less golf but lots of travel.

Look after yourselves

Geoff Davies

The Benefice of Myddle, Broughton and Burlton Services in October and November 2026

October

Sunday 4th

- 10.00am All Age Worship at Newtown
- 10.30am Family Service at Loppington
- 11.00am Holy Communion at Myddle with Burlton - Archdeacon

Sunday 11th

- 9.45am Holy Communion at Loppington with Rev Edith Quirey
- 11.00am Family Service at Myddle
- 11.15am Holy Communion at Loppington with Rev Edith Quirey

Sunday 18th

- 9.45am Holy Communion at Burlton with Rev Mike Cotterall
- 10.30am Village Worship at Loppington
- 11.00am Holy Communion at Myddle with Rev Mike Cotterall

Sunday 25th

- 9.45am Holy Communion at Loppington with Rev Mike Cotterall
- 11.15am Holy Communion at Newtown with Rev Mike Cotterall

November

Sunday 1st

- 9.45am Holy Communion at Burlton with Myddle Archdeacon
- 10.00am All Age Worship at Newtown
- 10.30am Family Service at Loppington

Sunday 8th

- 9.45am Holy Communion at Loppington with Rev Edith Quirey
- 11.00am Remembrance Service at Myddle with Rev John Darch - TBC
- 11.15am Holy Communion at Newtown with Rev Edith Quirey

Sunday 15th

- 9.45am Holy Communion at Burlton with Rev Mike Cotterall
- 10.30am Village Worship at Loppington
- 11.00am Holy Communion at Myddle with Rev Mike Cotterall

Sunday 22nd

- 9.45am Holy Communion at Loppington with Rev Mike Cotterall
- 11.15am Holy Communion at Newtown with Rev Mike Cotterall

Sunday 29th Benefice Service

- 10.30am Holy Communion at Loppington with Rev Justin Bailey

Myddle Friendship Club

Our meeting on the 6th August was our annual outing. This year was a mystery tour from Myddle to end up at Bridgemere Garden Centre. A huge thanks to Lakeside Coaches of Ellesmere for planning a route that kept us all guessing where we were going to end up. We spent around 4 hours at Bridgemere Garden Centre, enough time for a shopping fest plus some lunch. By popular request we then moved on a few miles to Dagfields Craft & Antiques for the group to peruse for a couple of hours.

The speaker at our meeting on the 3rd September was Pip Machin, a fundraiser from the Midlands Air Ambulance charity.

Pip showed the group a very interesting video which explained that the service was 35 years old and gave the history of how it grew from starting out with one helicopter, which was chained to a tree when not in use. To now owning 3 helicopters strategically based around the West & East Midlands. She explained how the service operates. Pip said that the idea of the helicopter was to take the hospital emergency facilities to the patient out at the scene of the incident, and not necessarily taking the patient to hospital. During the nighttime the same team use a four wheel drive car to get to incidents carrying the same team and equipment as the helicopter would. And as the 4 helicopters bases are all close to major roads they can respond very quickly.

After the presentation a collection box was passed round, and Pip answered numerous questions from the members.

Our next meeting is on **1st October** when the speaker will be Tullis Matson, Founder and Chair of Nature's SAFE, which is a pioneering expert in equine artificial insemination and cryopreservation, with over 30 years of experience. **November's** meeting will be on **Thursday 5th**, and will feature Mike Haynes with "How the supermarkets trick us"

We meet in Myddle Village Hall on the first Thursday of the month at 2pm.

New members are always welcome. Annual membership costs £10, plus a £3 entrance fee for each meeting. For further information, please contact Paul Goulbourne on 07552 759819

MYDDLE CLICKERS CLUB

Clickers restarts on Tuesday 13th October in Myddle Village Hall - Open to anyone - **FREE**

It is your chance to learn how to use your smartphone, laptop or tablet computer. In this day and age, it is almost impossible to get through the day without using your smartphone. From an NHS appointment to banking to parking your car to using maps, all sorts of things, apart from being able to ring a telephone number and talk to a relative face-to-face in Australia. All lessons are free. Come and have a chat about your phone with free coffee and biscuits.

If anyone would like to help other villagers with their smartphones, please contact Colin at colinruck50@gmail.com or **07906 622133**



HARMER HILL **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

We are now in meteorological autumn, having had a very hot summer. During the heatwaves we were all saying how much we needed and wanted rain. Yet back in the very wet spring time we were all complaining and wanting some sunshine.

During the summer whenever I complained about the heat wondering if we would ever get rain again, my husband would say, "After the sun the rain, after the rain the sun." It was a line from a hymn he learnt in Sunday School many years ago.

The lines came true at the end of August when rain showers started.

My husband, of course, boasted about being right by what he quoted.

Many times, during our married life my husband and I through things we said and done have been a sign of hope for each other because things we do or say turn our thoughts towards God who is the real source of hope in our lives.

Having been married for 50 years I now say my husband is a godsend. That is because he tries to live his life making everything, he says and does is done on behalf of a kind and loving God.

Of course, my husband and I aren't perfect so don't always succeed in our aim.

But, as our late Queen Elizabeth said, "It has always been easy to hate and destroy. To build and to cherish is much more difficult."

My husband and I have tried through our marriage to build up and cherish our relationship and our relationships with others.

How much better would the world be if we all try to build and cherish our own relationships, be it with family, friends or our communities.

Anything worth having in this life will take a bit of work. Whether it be our words, attitudes or behaviours, don't take the easy way out.

Let us all put in the effort to follow Jesus' example of how to live and make sure we leave a positive impression on the world.

Joy Slim

Church Elders

Mr. Russell Purslow	01939 290574
Rev'd David Slim	07541 820821
Mrs. Joy Slim	07763 471425

Services

4th October	All Age Worship	Russell Purslow
11th October	Morning Worship	Joy Slim
18th October	Holy Communion	Revd. David Slim
25th October	Morning Worship	Russell Purslow
1st November	All Age Worship	Joy Slim
8th November	Remembrance Service	Revd. David Slim
15th November	Holy Communion	Joy Slim
22nd November	Morning Worship	Russell Purslow
29th November	Holy Communion	Revd. David Slim

All Sunday Services are held at 10 a.m. followed by refreshments in the Village Hall

Service 501 from 07/07/25

Weekdays

ELLESME - SHREWSBURY via Cockshutt, Burton and Harmer Hill

	SDO	SHOL
Ellesmere, Cross Street	0715	0715
Cockshutt, Post Office	0725	0725
Burton, Crossroads	0729	0729
Marion, The Toll House	0733	0733
Myddle, Red Lion	0737	0737
Harmer Hill, Bridgewater Arms	0742	0742
Preston Gubbals	0745	0745
Albrighton, Hall Hotel	0747	0747
Battlefield Way - Ford Garage	0750	0750
Little Harlescott Lane	0753	0753
Hubert Way / Chelwood Drive	0800	0800
Ellesmere Road / Hubert Way	0806	0806
Shrewsbury Bus Station - stand P - arr.	0815	0815
Shrewsbury Bus Station - stand P - dep.	0821	0821
Frankwell, Cycle Shop	0821	0821
Meole Brace School	0835	0835

	SDO	SHOL
Ellesmere, Cross Street	1230	1230
Cockshutt, Post Office	1240	1240
Burton, Crossroads	1244	1244
Marion, The Toll House	1248	1248
Myddle, Red Lion	1252	1252
Harmer Hill, Bridgewater Arms	1255	1255
Preston Gubbals	1259	1259
Albrighton, Hall Hotel	1301	1301
Battlefield Way - Ford Garage	1303	1303
Little Harlescott Lane	1305	1305
Hubert Way / Chelwood Drive	1309	1309
Ellesmere Road / Hubert Way	1315	1315
Shrewsbury Bus Station - stand P - arr.	1315	1315
Shrewsbury Bus Station - stand P - dep.	1315	1315
Frankwell, Cycle Shop	1315	1315
Meole Brace School	1315	1315

	SDO
Ellesmere, Cross Street	1725
Cockshutt, Post Office	1735
Burton, Crossroads	1739
Marion, The Toll House	1743
Myddle, Red Lion	1747
Harmer Hill, Bridgewater Arms	1750
Preston Gubbals	1754
Albrighton, Hall Hotel	1756
Battlefield Way - Ford Garage	1758
Little Harlescott Lane	1800
Hubert Way / Chelwood Drive	1804
Ellesmere Road / Hubert Way	1804
Shrewsbury Bus Station - stand P - arr.	1810
Shrewsbury Bus Station - stand P - dep.	1810
Frankwell, Cycle Shop	1810
Meole Brace School	1810

Service 501 from 03/05/25

Saturdays

ELLESME - SHREWSBURY via Cockshutt, Burton and Harmer Hill

Ellesmere, Cross Street	0715	0830	1230	1430	1700
Cockshutt, Post Office	0725	0840	1240	1440	1710
Burton, Crossroads	0729	0844	1244	1444	1714
Marion, The Toll House	0733	0848	1248	1448	1718
Myddle, Red Lion	0737	0852	1252	1452	1722
Harmer Hill, Bridgewater Arms	0740	0855	1255	1455	1725
Preston Gubbals	0744	0859	1259	1459	1729
Albrighton, Hall Hotel	0746	0901	1301	1501	1731
Battlefield Way - Ford Garage	0748	0903	1303	1503	1733
Little Harlescott Lane	0750	0905	1305	1505	1735
Hubert Way / Chelwood Drive	0754	0909	1309	1509	1739
Ellesmere Road / Hubert Way	0754	0909	1309	1509	1739
Shrewsbury Bus Station - stand P - arr.	0800	0915	1315	1515	1745
Shrewsbury Bus Station - stand P - dep.	0800	0915	1315	1515	1745
Frankwell, Cycle Shop	0800	0915	1315	1515	1745
Meole Brace School	0800	0915	1315	1515	1745

Meole Brace School	0800	1045	1520	1640	1815
Shrewsbury Bus Station - stand P - dep.	0801	1046	1521	1641	1816
Cherwell Street	0806	1051	1526	1646	1821
Ellesmere Road / Hubert Way	0806	1051	1526	1646	1821
Hubert Way / Chelwood Drive	0806	1051	1526	1646	1821
Little Harlescott Lane	0810	1055	1530	1650	1825
Battlefield Way - Ford Garage	0812	1057	1532	1652	1827
Albrighton, Hall Hotel	0814	1059	1534	1654	1829
Preston Gubbals	0817	1102	1537	1657	1832
Harmer Hill, Bridgewater Arms	0820	1105	1540	1660	1835
Myddle, Red Lion	0823	1108	1543	1663	1838
Marion, The Toll House	0827	1112	1547	1667	1842
Burton, Crossroads	0831	1116	1551	1671	1846
Cockshutt, Post Office	0835	1120	1555	1675	1850
Ellesmere, Cross Street	0845	1130	1605	1685	1860

Shrewsbury Bus Station - stand P - dep.	0830	1030	1330	1600	1800
Cherwell Street	0831	1031	1331	1601	1801
Ellesmere Road / Hubert Way	0836	1036	1336	1606	1806
Hubert Way / Chelwood Drive	0836	1036	1336	1606	1806
Little Harlescott Lane	0839	1041	1341	1610	1810
Battlefield Way - Ford Garage	0842	1044	1344	1612	1812
Albrighton, Hall Hotel	0844	1046	1346	1614	1814
Preston Gubbals	0847	1049	1349	1617	1817
Harmer Hill, Bridgewater Arms	0850	1052	1352	1620	1820
Myddle, Red Lion	0853	1055	1355	1623	1823
Marion, The Toll House	0857	1059	1359	1627	1827
Burton, Crossroads	0901	1103	1403	1631	1831
Cockshutt, Post Office	0905	1107	1407	1635	1835
Ellesmere, Cross Street	0915	1117	1417	1645	1845

SDO - 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.



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for details Tuesday, Thursday & Sunday evenings

Indoor Bowls Tuesday afternoons 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Women's Institute 2nd Thursday monthly from 7.30pm Visitors always welcome. Call Jenny Walsh 07714 108507

Bingo 1st Friday monthly 7.30pm,

Partner Whist last Friday of each month 7.30pm

Calligraphy with Shropshire Scribes. 2nd Saturday in the month 10.00am - 4.00pm. Contact Rachel Pocock 07967 150466

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

Open House every Thursday 10.00am—12 noon. Contact Sylvia 07873 561187 (see advert on page 11)

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

NB November Bingo will be on Friday 13th

Harmer Hill Village Hall Tote Winners

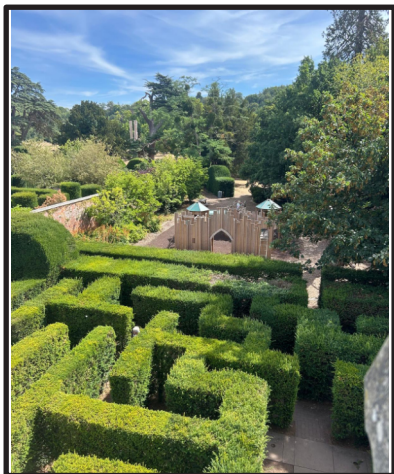
September 2026

	Name	Ticket	Prize
1st prize	Maria Whittaker	211	£70
2nd prize	Karen Horton	298	£35
3rd prize	Bob Griffiths	152	£25

Thank you very much to everyone who has subscribed to this year's HHVH Tote.

Harmer Hill & District WI

In place of our August meeting, our summer excursion was to Hampton Gardens at Hope under Dinmore near Hereford and we had a fascinating and informative conversation with the head gardener there. It was a beautiful and relaxed sunny day, and the gardens were not at all commercialised. The only fraught moment was when some of us got lost in the maze!



Harmer Hill did very well at the WI Day which was held at the Abbey Church, Shrewsbury in September when our members showcased their considerable craft and cookery talents and achieved a score of 20/20 for interpretation! Well done everyone!

At our October meeting on the 8th, Shaun Higgins will talk on Heroes in the Sky. It's also our Autumn Show and we judge our entries ourselves.

November 12th is our Christmas Craft meeting lead by Chris, Clare and Linda - this will probably be floral themed.

To join or for more information, contact Jenny Walsh



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New members always welcome

Parish Council News

A Fond Farewell and a Warm Welcome from the Parish Council

On behalf of Myddle, Broughton and Harmer Hill Parish Council, I would like to share some significant news regarding our parish council.

After an extraordinary 26 years of dedicated service, our Parish Clerk, Jack Wilson, is officially retiring on the 30th September. Serving a parish community for well over two decades is a remarkable milestone. Throughout his tenure, Jack's tireless hard work, steadfast commitment, and calm guidance behind the scenes have kept our council running smoothly and effectively. Whether navigating complex local governance, managing parish administration, or supporting residents and councillors alike, his contribution to our community has been invaluable. We owe Jack an immense debt of gratitude for his loyalty and dedication, and we wish him a happy, and well-deserved retirement.

As we bid farewell to Jack, we are also very pleased to announce the appointment of our new Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, Vanessa Voysey. Vanessa brings a wealth of local government experience and qualification to the role, and we are delighted to have her join us as we begin this new chapter.

Vanessa will formally take up her duties from the 1st of October. If you need to contact the Parish Council after this date, please feel free to get in touch with her.

- Telephone: 07968 859990
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Please join me and the rest of the Parish Council in thanking Jack for 26 exceptional years, and extending a very warm welcome to Vanessa.

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HISTORY, BUBBLES & BITES

Many thanks to Canon William Price for an entertaining talk on the history of Myddle and Broughton churches. And special thanks to the Churchwardens and helpers who provided a wonderful spread of canapes, and at least one glass of bubbly for all.

We learnt about the original Broughton Church, and its demolition and move to its current site. We also learnt that although there was a church in Myddle in Saxon times, the current building is very much a Victorian creation, with the exception of the tower which was built in 1634.

St Peter's and St Mary's Churches 100 Club

The most recent draw was made at the History, Bubbles and Bites evening in Myddle Church on Friday 18th September. The winners were as follows:

	Name	Ticket	Prize
1st prize	Ange Carline	32	£50
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3rd prize	Helen Price	76	£15

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Training at Sleaf was demanding and sometimes dangerous. Several Whitley crashes occurred in 1943, including collisions with the control tower and fatal night-flying accidents. From late 1944, Vickers Wellington bombers replaced the Whitleys, and early jet aircraft such as the Vampire made appearances as the RAF modernised. I remember seeing the Vampire with its twin tailed fusilage in the skies over Houlston.

Post-War RAF Use 1945 to 1964

After the War, Sleaf remained active as an RAF station, shifting to air traffic control training and hosting visits from early jet aircraft including the Gloster Meteor. The RAF finally released the airfield in 1964, though it continued to be used as a relief landing ground for nearby RAF Shawbury.

Shropshire Aero Club 1955 to present

Civilian flying began while the airfield was still in use by the RAF. Shropshire Aero Club was founded in 1955. Today Sleaf Aerodrome holds a Civil Aviation Authority Ordinary Licence, supports public transport flights, and provides pilot training from Private Pilots Licences to commercial ratings. It is home to over 800 members and around 140 visiting and resident aircraft.

The airfield retains two tarmac runways, a café in the historic control tower which is open to the public, and a Heritage Museum preserving wartime artefacts and local crash-site recoveries and memorabilia. It is well worth a visit if you've not been, especially if followed by a hearty breakfast in the café!

HARMER HILL VILLAGE SHOW

Despite the interesting weather this summer Harmer Hill Village Show was a great success with over 250 entries. Vegetables were a little challenged but flowers, photos, craft, literature and the childrens' section were very good.

Heather Evans won Best In Show with her superb hydrangea flower head.

In previous years an entry in the craft section has been for items to be donated. We have had twiddle blankets, dementia rugs, teddies, and more.



This year's donation item was the making of premature baby cardigans. We have been delighted by the response and are now able to take 50 cardigans to the neo-natal unit at the Princess Royal Hospital, Telford.

A big thank you from the Hall Committee, and thanks to all who entered the Show and those who came to see the displays.

By the time this goes to print, we are sure we will have had an equally successful Dog Show, emphasising what a vibrant community we have here in Harmer Hill!



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Emily Blunt, Josh O'Connor, Colin Firth, Eve Hewson, Colman Domingo

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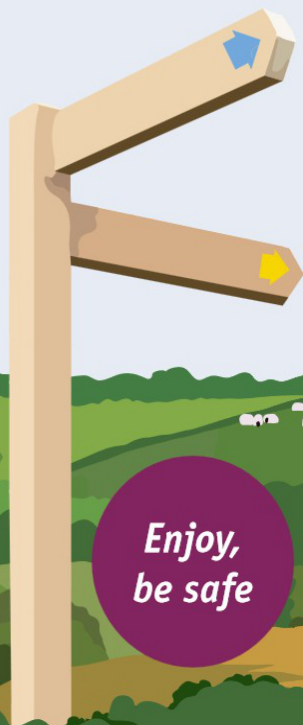
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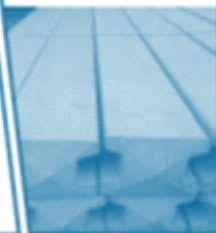
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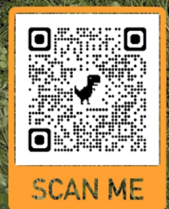
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