

THE MESSENGER

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



Spring at last! This photo was taken in the Webscott woods at the end of April.

The bluebells at the Myddle end flourish under the deciduous canopy whereas towards Harmer Hill the pines take over and bracken and rhododendron become dominant.

June & July 2024

Webscott Woods continued

At the time of writing, the Harmer Hill end is up for sale. This leads us to think about the paths through the woodland which are well used by the community although some are Permissive and not public rights of way. If access to the permissive paths was to be denied in the future by a new owner for whatever reason, this would be a great loss. Even a change of use could bring its own problems. We all enjoy the glorious spectacle of the rhododendrons in flower in May and June and what a shame it would be if we were not able to see them other than from the roadsides.

The track known as Keeper's Lane leading from the end of Newton lane down to the Lower Road is a public right of way. Historically the Newton end was known as The Setts, where coffin bearers or pallbearers heading from Newton would "set" the bier down for a rest and some light refreshment before they trudged on all the way to Myddle churchyard. Now don't quote me on this, because I am sure I have read it somewhere but don't know where I got the information from! If anyone knows better, please let the editor know!

I was puzzled at the origin of the word "pallbearer" and Google has kindly given me the answer: Roman soldiers wore a cape or cloak called the pallium. In medieval times the term pallium was shorted to pall, and Christians would use a pall to cover their loved ones when burying them.

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A Message from the Editors

Firstly, we thought this might be the place to pass on Colin Ruck's apology regarding his article in the e-Newsletter about the memorial inscriptions. Unfortunately he copied and pasted the introduction from only the St Peter's Church document and did not include the introductions as they are in the other documents for Harmer Hill and Broughton. Below you will find the introductions that should have been included.

St Mary's, Broughton

This guide to the memorial inscriptions to be found in St Mary's Church, Broughton in Shropshire is based upon a survey completed in 2022 by Paul and Sue Young and Liz Tiernan. Their work was informed by an earlier survey in 1980 by Roger and Veronica Jones. Each memorial has been numbered and there is an index to the memorials by name and a plan showing the location of each memorial in the churchyard or inside the church.

Harmer Hill Chapel

This guide to the memorial inscriptions to be found in the Presbyterian Church of Wales Chapel, Harmer Hill in Shropshire is based upon a survey completed in 2022 by Paul and Sue Young and Liz Tiernan. Their work was informed by an earlier survey in 1980 by Roger and Veronica Jones. Each memorial has been numbered and there is an index to the memorials by name and a plan showing the location of each memorial in the chapel's cemetery.

The editors would like to thank Jad Bienek and Steve Wright for their contributions to the Middle/Myddle debate which are reproduced on Page 20. Also our thanks to Terry Harte for his interesting piece on the origin of the name of Eagle Farm Close which appears on Page 21 and 22,

More of the same please! We could even have a "Letters" page if anyone would like to write to us! Any subjects of interest would be considered, but the Editors' decision whether to publish is final

Bob Griffiths & Liz Tiernan

Joint Editors

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

From The Rectory

Dear Friends,

June this year signals a change in colour. Our church hangings and vestments go green as the long Trinity season begins, a season which lasts right through to November. This green season is also known as Ordinary Time to distinguish it from the festivals and high days and holy days of the church calendar. And after all the celebrations of recent times, in the Church and in our nation, it's good to be ordinary again. Except that nothing in the Christian life really is ordinary, which is where four special people come in – ordinary people who became anything but.

We start on 11th June as we celebrate and commemorate St Barnabas whom we read about in Acts. Barnabas became a member of the early Christian community in Jerusalem and soon became a leader in the Church. Barnabas introduced Paul to the apostles in Jerusalem. Because of persecution Barnabas moved to Antioch and worked with Paul in their mission to the Gentiles. According to Acts, Paul and Barnabas worked together on a mission tour to Cyprus and appeared together at a defining conference in Jerusalem of the apostles and church elders gathered to discuss whether Gentiles needed to be circumcised in order to be able to become followers of the Way. The account given by Paul and Barnabas of their work bringing Gentiles to a knowledge of Christ contributed to the conference decision that this requirement should not be imposed on Gentiles. Barnabas and Paul then sadly fell out and separated over the question of allowing John Mark, Barnabas' cousin, to accompany them on another missionary tour. Acts speaks of Barnabas as "a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith."

Jumping ahead in the calendar brings us to 29th June when we remember Saints Peter and Paul and their extraordinary work for the new Church. Peter was chosen by Jesus to be the rock on which his Church was to be founded and, as we read above, Paul became the great missionary to the Gentiles. Peter was the Galilean fisherman, Paul, an educated Jew and a Roman citizen. Two very different men without whom the Church would not have come into being. Not surprising therefore that Pentecost is when Ordination to the diaconate and priesthood takes place when people today are consecrated to continue the work of the Church started by Peter and Paul.

So in this "ordinary" time may we be encouraged by the saints we celebrate, ordinary people who responded to God's call to them. However ordinary we may feel ourselves to be, God has a job for each one of us. May we by God's grace discern what that is and play our part in building up his Church following the example and in the footsteps of his saints who have gone before.

Adam.

Church Fete on 6th July

Last summer we were pleased to welcome folks into the Rectory garden for our first traditional church fete. The hours before were hectic, with a small group of dedicated volunteers parking in the drive or by the gate to unload all sorts of goodies, having already worked in the heat loading up their cars at home.

We've been thinking about this and wondering how we could help lessen the workload for some this year and we came up with a plan. For a church fete to be fun and successful, lots of prizes are needed: raffle prizes, tombola prizes and of course lucky dip prizes for the children. There were many prizes being unloaded that hot summer day last year, thanks to many generous givers.

Perhaps we could save some labour and collect the prizes here this year. So, if you'd like to donate a prize for the fete, please can you bring your gift straight here, to the Rectory, to save so much carting around. Then we will only need to take them outside into the garden on the day.

The sooner prizes arrive, the sooner we can start sticking on tombola tickets and wrapping lucky dip gifts. There is usually someone in, but you can phone first if you like, 01939 291390, email Jo on jothevicarswife@hotmail.com or speak to Adam if you see him. If you can't get here, perhaps we could come and collect your prize during June.

All sorts of prizes, small (or big) will be very gratefully received, any kind of bottle, or unwanted gift, left-over party treats or small toys, basically anything you're not going to use that someone else may treasure...

Any ideas or help on the day would also be welcome. The fete is a parish event for everyone after all and will hopefully raise funds to help keep the churches running.

If you can't donate a prize or offer help, please come and join in the fun. Free entry. **6th July, 2pm** start. The more the merrier! You might even win a prize!

Adam and Jo

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Services in June and July 2024

June

Trinity 1

Sunday 2nd

09.45 am	Family Communion, Burlton.
10.00 am	All Age Worship, Newtown.
10.30 am	Family Service, Loppington.
11.00 am	Holy Communion, Myddle.

Readings: Deuteronomy 5:12-15 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 Mark 2:23-3.6

Sunday 9th

09.45 am
11.00 am
11.15 am
03.00 pm

Trinity 2

Holy Communion, Loppington
Parish Worship, Myddle.
Holy Communion, Newtown.
Evensong, Broughton.

Readings: Genesis 3:8-15 2 Corinthians 4:13-5.1 Mark 3:20-35

Sunday 16th

09.45 am
10.30 am
10.00 am

Trinity 3

Holy Communion, Burlton.
Matins, Loppington.
Holy Communion, Myddle.

Readings: Ezekiel 17:22-24 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17 Mark 4:26-34

Sunday 23rd

09.45 am
11.00 am
11.15 am
03.00 pm

Trinity 4

Holy Communion, Loppington.
Family Worship, Myddle.
Holy Communion, Newtown.
Holy Communion, Broughton.

Readings: Job 38:1-11 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41

Sunday 30th

10.30 am

Trinity 5

Benefice Service, Newtown

July**Sunday 7th**

09.45 am
10.00 am
10.30 am
11.00 am

Trinity 6

Family Communion, Burlton.
All Age Worship, Newtown.
Family Service, Loppington.
Holy Communion, Myddle.

Readings: Ezekiel 2:1-5 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13

Sunday 14th

09.45 am
11.00 am
11.15 am
03.00 pm

Trinity 7

Holy Communion, Loppington.
Parish Worship, Myddle.
Holy Communion, Newtown.
Evensong, Broughton.

Readings: Amos 7:7-15 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29

Sunday 21st

0.945 am
10.30 am
11.00 am

Trinity 8

Holy Communion, Burlton.
Matins, Loppington.
Holy Communion, Myddle.

Readings: Jeremiah 23:1-6 Ephesians 2:11-22 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Sunday 28th**Trinity 9**

09.45 am Holy Communion, Loppington.
 11.00 am Family Worship, Myddle.
 11.15 am Holy Communion, Newtown.
 03.00 pm Holy Communion, Broughton.

Readings: 2 Kings 4: 42-44 Ephesians 3:14-21 John 6:1-21

St Peter's, Myddle: Readers & Other Duties

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Music</u>
Sun 2nd June	11.00am	Holy Communion	Bob Millington	Greg Miller
Sun 9th June	11.00am	Lay Worship	Clare Luke	Chris Williams
Sun 16th Jun	11.00am	Holy Communion	Greg Miller	Margaret Parson
Sun 23rd Jun	11.00am	Family Service		
<i>Sun 30th Jun</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Benefice Service</i>		
Sun 7th Jul	11.00am	Holy Communion	Nigel Jones	Greg Miller
Sun 14th Jul	11.00am	Parish Worship	Carole or Jim	Chris Williams
Sun 21st Jul	11.00am	Holy Communion	Chris Williams	Margaret Parson
Sun 28th Jul	11.00am	Family Service		

Myddle Church Yard Tidy Group

We continue to strive to keep the church yard tidy throughout the year with Simon and a small band of volunteers. It is always challenging but especially at this time of the year when the grass and weeds are growing so prolifically. Myddle Church yard is quite large!

We would really welcome any extra help! If you feel you could give a couple of hours or so to help keep the churchyard tidy it would be great. We meet as often as time allows but usually on a Saturday morning 10.00-12.00 once a month, although, this time of year it could do with being more frequent. However, anyone can do a couple of hours when it's convenient to them. We usually liaise as a team.

We really need your help! Contact Chris Williams on 07791403898. I look forward to hearing from you.



HARMER HILL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Recently, my wife and I had cause to visit the Accident and Emergency department of the local hospital. Waiting for treatment we were sent to a windowless and fairly airless room that had been designated for people who were thought to be "Fit to Sit". There was nothing to do but just sit and wait. As might be expected, other people in the room began talking to each other and as also might be expected those with outgoing personalities led the way. One woman, who nobody there had met before talked and talked to the people around her in a very loud voice, sharing all about many her health problems whether they were interested or not.

Don't let anyone tell you that the English are not polite people. We were there from nine-thirty p.m. until almost three a.m. and this lady didn't stop or hold back. Everyone was tired and stressed and in need of medical attention but no one told her to shut up even though I'm sure they felt like doing so. In that room the talkative lady made no friends. What she had to share was not appropriate, encouraging or in any way "Good News". It made me think about conversations that I have had in similar situations, and led me to ask myself the question, "What do I actually share with people when I engage in conversation?"

As a new Christian at the age of thirty I remember being encouraged to share my testimony whenever I could. That was part and parcel of being a disciple of Jesus I was told. My testimony should involve sharing how I became a Christian and what knowing Jesus means to me in a simple and matter-of-fact way, rather than regaling people with a list of my troubles or illnesses. As doing this became easier with time, it could be expanded by what was referred to as "Gossiping the Gospel" or talking about Jesus' purpose and ministry. Along with sharing personal examples of how following Jesus changed my life for the better, this was the "Good News" I was encouraged to talk about.

The years have rolled by and that first flush of Christian enthusiasm seems to have faded with them but thanks to that talkative woman at the hospital I have been reminded that I, along with every other Christian, do have Good News to share and that as disciples of Jesus we should all attempt to do that when God presents us with the appropriate opportunities, as I know He always will.

Sunday Services in June.

2nd All Age Worship David Slim
9th Holy Communion Joy Slim
16th Morning Worship Russell Purslow
23rd Morning Worship Russell Purslow
30th Holy Communion Joy Slim

Sunday Services in July

7th All Age Worship David Slim
14th Morning Worship Russell Purslow
21st Holy Communion Joy Slim
28th Morning Worship David Slim

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Mr. Russell Purslow, Mrs. Joy Slim. Revd. David Slim
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We also get involved in County Events, Open Meetings with other WIs and Group WI activities.

Our WI Institute enters an annual craft, produce and flower arranging competition organised by the Shropshire WI Federation.

We have been successful over a number of years in gaining major trophies in competitions organised by the County Federation.

All ladies are welcome to join us. You don't have to be a member, just pop in and give us a try, you may be pleasantly surprised!!

No commitment needed. We have over 30 members now and new members are always welcome!



Harmer Hill & District WI

13th June

Peter Dunhill will be entertaining us with a fun look at the Shipping Forecast entitled "Light icing later, good".

This is Peter's third visit to us, so he must be worth seeing!

11th July

Emma Spencer is talking about the Land Army and this is a new venture for us as we're going to Hodnet WI for a joint meeting!

*To join or for more information, contact Jenny Walsh on
07714 108507 or 01939 210649*

Parish Council News

Two Council meetings were held in Harmer Village Hall on Wednesday 8th. May. The first was the Annual Parish Meeting which was open to the general public giving an opportunity to meet the local Councillors and discuss issues related to the Parish.

Unfortunately, only two residents took the opportunity and the meeting went ahead beginning with an update on the items raised last year, a full report from the Council Chairman and information from two of the PCSOs from Wem Police.

Outlining the items raised last year it was reported that:

(a) No progress had been made with the proposal to build a small estate of affordable properties on land adjacent to Godings Lane in Harmer Hill. The Council had agreed to relinquish the lease but the land had not yet been purchased by Shropshire Council.

(b) Neither the police nor Shropshire Council supported a request to reduce the speed limit on Wem Road to 30mph without additional calming measures, which currently Shropshire Council were not able to finance.

(c) The request for an additional street light and an extension of the 40mph speed limit in Shotton Lane had been investigated and the new streetlight contractors had stated that there was no network to connect additional lights to and there were too many trees in the area to consider installing solar lights. There were no objections from the police or Shropshire Council to the extension of the 40mph if and when finance could be made available.

(d) The request for a dog waste bin close to Harmer Hill Village Hall resulted in a new bin being purchased by the Parish Council and put in place and this was being emptied regularly.

Chairman's Report:

The Chairman gave an interesting and informative report, highlighting the range of activities undertaken by the Council in the past year, in an effort to meet the needs of the community. These included road safety measures, litter and dog fouling control, maintenance of the two play areas and the many footpaths which are well used by residents.

By careful budgeting and the monitoring of expenditure, it had not been necessary to seek an increase in the precept, which meant that the local element of the Council Tax had not increased. However, he was pleased to report that the Council had still been able to make grants towards the upkeep of the Village Halls and Church Grounds as well as supporting the publication of the Messenger and the development of the Youth Centre. Small grants had also been given to three local charities.

He wished to extend thanks to all the Members, the Parish Clerk and Shropshire Councillor Brian Williams for their dedicated support throughout the year.

A full copy of the report was made available to all those attending and one can be found on the Council's web site.

Police Report.

CSO Liz Walmsley and PCSO Olly Morris were in attendance and stated that they had been made aware of concerns raised by the Council with the major one being road safety and speeding traffic. They were engaged in carrying out roadside speed checks and would respond to identified locations. Although the Parish has a low crime record it was essential for the public to be vigilant and report concerns to the police on 101 or direct to the Wem team. The plan is to make the public aware of their presence and they were happy to attend organised events. No further issues were raised.

The second meeting was the Council's AGM when the first item was news that Miss Karyn Row had resigned from the Council because of her study commitments. Thanks were expressed for the work she had undertaken for the Council and it was confirmed that an attempt would be made to appoint a replacement Councillor for the Harmer Hill Ward. Members then moved on to elect Officers and appoint representatives for the next year. Councillor Colin Ruck was elected as Chairman and Councillor Marshall Andrew as Vice Chairman, both on a unanimous vote. Details of all the other appointments can be found in the minutes of the meeting.

Other issues considered were:

(a) Affordable Housing:

There was concern about the lack of further information about the proposal to develop the small affordable housing estate adjacent to Godings Lane and the Clerk was asked to make contact with the legal department at Shropshire Council to discuss developments.

(b) Entrance Signs for both Villages:

In the absence of Councillor A. Harris who was dealing with the proposed project and had been unable to attend the meeting because of a family illness, it was decided to defer any discussion until the next meeting.

(c) Myddle Church Clock:

Councillor G. Miller reported that he had contacted three companies and to date had received two quotations for carrying out the upgrade but understood that the third one was in the process of being prepared. Once all three had been received and considered by a representative of the Diocese he would bring the figures to the Council for consideration.

(d) Audit:

Members considered and approved the Annual Governance Statement which was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk. A range of other draft audit documents were issued for consideration before the full audit was approved at the June meeting

(d) Planning Applications:

Details of four applications had been received from Shropshire Council's planning department and these were considered and responded to and it was noted that the application for development at Sleaf Airfield had been approved.

The full minutes of the meeting can be accessed on the Council's website – www.myddleandbroughton-pc.gov.uk

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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

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contact Sue Young 01939 291437 for further details

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

Or email kellyclarkyoga@gmail.com

For more details on the above and news of upcoming events

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

Myddle Friendship Club

Membership is £10 per year. It is then £2 per person per meeting for tea or coffee, cake and entertainment.

Meetings are normally held in Myddle Village Hall. The club's next meeting will be held on Thursday the 4th of April at 2pm, but please arrive at 1.45pm ready for a prompt start.

The schedule for April and May is as follows:

Thursday 6th June

Gill will present her Ukelele Band

Thursday 4th July:

Musical entertainment with Sue Butler

Contact Sue or Tony Smith on 01743 246186 for further details

HARMER HILL VILLAGE HALL TOTE WINNERS

May 2024

1 st Prize £70 No. 201	Pauline & Geoff Mead
2 nd Prize £35 No.150	Elizabeth Butler
3 rd Prize £25 No. 236	Val Risdon

Thank you to all the HHVH Tote members for showing your faithful support by joining us for this coming year. Do please contact Ruth Stourton on 01939 290267 or 07973 665641 if our collectors did not reach you, and you would like to join.

Thank you very much, Ruth.

HARMER HILL VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held in the Hall on
Tuesday 4th June at 7.30pm

Everyone is welcome to attend to hear reports on the past year, and make suggestions for future plans.

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.

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“Myddle” or “Middle”?

Between the years 1021 and 1242 the village was called variously, “Muthla”; “Mulleht”; “Mhutle” and “Mudle” – see Exwall’s Oxford Dictionary of English Place Names. By 1800 it had become “Middle”, but as there was frequent confusion with “Middletown”, a village on the near-by Welsh border, the Rev. Preb. G H Egerton, who was Rector of Myddle for fifty-eight years, proposed the spelling of “Myddle” which has been used since around 1878.

Steve Wright

Revd. Spencer Woolward



Myddle has been spelt with a y in the past; Richard Gough’s History of Myddle was written in 1701-2 and he spelt the name with a “y”. The Revd. G H Egerton, who was Rector from 1847 to his death in 1905, referred to his own campaign to change the spelling when he gave a paper on the history of the village to the Shropshire Archaeological Society in 1895. The “i” spelling, he felt, caused confusion because people unfamiliar with the district tended to think that his address, “Middle Rectory, Shrewsbury”, referred to a Rectory somewhere in Shrewsbury.

Nothing seems to have come of this suggestion until his successor, the Revd. Spencer Woolward, put forward a proposal at the Parish Council meeting on 15th August 1907. Resolution 230 stated: “Upon the motion of the Revd. S A Woolward,

seconded by Mr Green, it was resolved that steps be taken to have the spelling of Middle adopted to its original spelling of Myddle”. The clerk must have been kept busy writing to all the official bodies to notify them of the change. In October 1907 he was writing to the Guardians of the Ellesmere Union (the local workhouse) and Salop County Council took action as in December 1907 the Rector reported that “Myddle” had been adopted by the Board of Education and the Local Education Authority.

The Shrewsbury Chronicle of 15 November 1907, under the heading “Myddle not Middle” reported on the name change with the additional

announcement that the Postmaster General had authorised Myddle as the new postmark and also the telegraphic address for the recently opened telegraphic office. Old habits die hard however; the 1929 Kelly's Directory of Shropshire still listed the village as "Myddle or Middle".

Jad Bienek

Eagle Farm Close

When we were purchasing our house in Myddle the name of the close in the documents was originally Red Castle Close. However, the Parish Council in their wisdom had it changed to Eagle Farm Close. This piqued my interest and little did I know it would lead to links to a Welsh Prince, an illegitimate king's daughter and the Battle of Shrewsbury.

Were there ever eagles in Myddle? This may not be as silly as it sounds. I was involved, in a minor way, with a dig at a Norman Hunting Lodge in the Vale of Glamorgan. There they found the wing of an eagle. It was thought that they had killed the eagle and had taken the wing with them to use the feathers to fletch their arrows. Sea Eagles have recently been reintroduced to England on the Isle of Wight and they have ranged far and wide. In one instance as far as Germany, so their presence in ancient times would be far more common.

On enquiry, I was encouraged to read Gough's History of Myddle and there at the beginning was a map showing the Eagle Farm. Whether the map was part of the original book or added by the publishers I do not know, but subsequently Gough gives a full account.

Thomas Jukes kept an Inn at Myddle and put up a sign of the Eagle and Child. It was common for inns at that time to associate themselves with the nobility of the region. The Le Strange family, being the previous owners of Myddle and Knockin, had come over with William the Conqueror. The family foundation story was that the original Le Strange or "Strang" was found in an eagle's nest. Thus, the family took an Eagle and Child in swaddling clothes as their coat of arms. Gough further states that the first grant of deeds seen by him were all from "Johannes Le Strang Dominus Myddle".

In days gone by, in the absence of post codes and house numbers, a sign or other visual image was an aid to easily identify a property or place. Thus the farm next to the Eagle and Child eventually became shortened to Eagle Farm.

Evidence of its presence continues to this day. Pieces of clay pipe stems turn up in the topsoil along with various pottery and china. Willow pattern china is present having become popular from the 18th century onwards. Clay pipes were most popular between 1600 to 1700 AD, at the time Richard Gough was writing his history. I also found a gold ring, which once held ten

stones, but those are now gone. Originally, I thought it was a cheap piece of costume jewellery, but when I later cleaned it, I could see some sort of hall-mark on the inside. Not wishing to be prosecuted, although I think it is of recent date, I emailed the finds officer for Shropshire to see if they were interested. I never received a reply, but Eagle Farm Close continues to this day to be a reminder of the history of Myddle.

What about the Welsh Prince, the king's illegitimate daughter and the Battle of Shrewsbury, that can be a story for another day, if you are interested?

Terry Harte

The Lych Gate

On looking through old copies of the Myddle and Hadnall Parish Magazine dated June August 1898, we discovered some interesting articles about the commissioning and building of the Lych Gate. There will be a third article in the next Messenger.

The Lych Gate.

The Subscribers to the Rector's Jubilee may possibly be wondering why there is no appearance as yet of the Lych Gate, which was to form part of the Memorial, and for which the money is provided. The fault rests entirely with the Contractor, Mr. Price, of Shrewsbury, who has delayed beginning the work under the plea of inability to find any old oak suitable for the purpose. The Committee however, who have been greatly annoyed by the delay, have now taken the matter vigorously in hand, and have bound Mr. Price (under a heavy penalty) to complete the work before the end of July.

The Lych-Gate.

An addition has just been made to the Lych-Gate, which the Parish so generously erected in commemoration of the Rector's Jubilee, which not only adds to the beauty of the structure, but also prevents a possible misunderstanding.

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Burlton, Crossroads	07:29	10:04	12:44	14:24		17:24
Marton, The Toll House	07:33	10:08	12:48	14:28		17:28
Myddle, Red Lion	07:37	10:12	12:52	14:32		17:32
Harmer Hill, Red Castle	07:42	10:15	12:55	14:35		17:35
Preston Gubbals	07:45	10:19	12:59	14:39		17:39
Albrighton Hall Hotel	07:47	10:21	13:01	14:41		17:41
S/bury, Battlefield Way-Ford Gar.	07:50	10:23	13:03		15:48*	17:43
Shrewsbury, Little Harlescott Lane	07:53	10:25	13:05		15:50*	17:45
S/bury, Hubert Way, Chelwood Dr.		10:28				
Ellesmere Road/Hubert Way Jct	08:00	10:29	13:09	14:46	15:54*	17:49
Shrewsbury, Bus Station, Arr	08:15	10:35	13:15	14:50	16:00*	17:55
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Albrighton Hall Hotel	09:14	10:59	13:34		16:34	18:14
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Burlton, Crossroads	09:31	11:16	13:51		16:51	18:31
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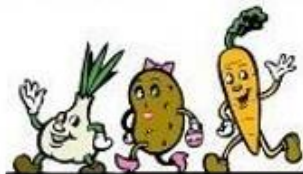
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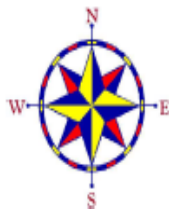
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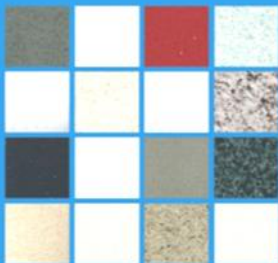
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