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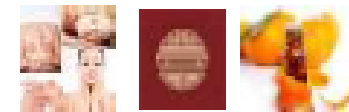
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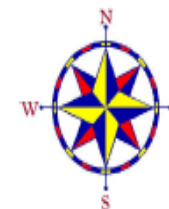
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## February 2021

### Let's Pray

I always love to see early snowdrops, the first sign that spring is on the way; their pure, white flowers and green leaves signal new life, a new beginning, hope. As more local people are vaccinated, we can begin to see the light at the end of the coronavirus tunnel, another reason for hope.



In this short time between Christmas and the pre-Easter season of Lent, we need to remind ourselves why Jesus came to be with us, live with us, guide us and pray for us. Jesus came as God's plan for all of us to have a closer relationship with Him, to realise that there is a greater being who loves and cares for each one of us, young or older, whether we deem ourselves a success or failure, both in the good times and the worse times, such as during this pandemic. He came to give us hope.

In God's loving eyes we are all his children and to believe in Jesus is the success, a good choice. We can call on Him at any time, in any place and give Him our concerns, such as for working parents home-schooling children, and lonely and vulnerable people, never showing on their faces what they are going through.

So, let's actively and collectively ask for God's light to shine into all our lives, by bringing Jesus into our everyday, remembering these words from a well-known hymn:

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everything to Him in prayer!  
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O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?

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Can we find a friend so faithful  
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Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples,  
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Hear my prayers for others and myself,  
and keep me in your care.  
Amen

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Keep us, good Lord  
under the shadow of your mercy  
in this time of uncertainty and distress.  
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may rejoice in your comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us  
from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Amen

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread,  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
for the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen

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The Revd Adam Clayton  
Rector of Myddle

## Harmer Hill Village Hall Monthly Tote Winners

Harmer Hill Village Hall runs a Tote, with a draw made each month.

There was an extra prize in December.

The December draw winners are

|           |         |                 |
|-----------|---------|-----------------|
| 1st - £50 | No. 21  | Joyce Humphreys |
| 2nd - £25 | No. 146 | Barry Maisey    |
| 3rd - £20 | No. 53  | B Chesworth     |
| 4th - £15 | No. 167 | Angela Cook     |

The winner of the first prize, Mrs Humphreys kindly donated the £50 to the Village Hall for which very many thanks.

The January draw winners are

|           |         |                  |
|-----------|---------|------------------|
| 1st - £25 | No. 151 | Julie Bertolini  |
| 2nd - £20 | No. 234 | Ruth Stourton    |
| 3rd - £15 | No. 127 | Julia Millington |

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Christmas Tree and Decorations

## A BIG Thank you From St Peter's PCC

A big thank you to Henry Griffiths and his team again of Daniel Griffiths, Andrew Bidgood and Jonathan Shingler for scaling up the tree .... nearly a 60-footer! It really is beautiful to see. You know Christmas is just round the corner when Henry and his team have worked their magic.

A message from Julia (Clarke) at the point would be appropriate to say a thank you for the Tree Light donations which totalled £460. Thank you, all contributors, very much for your generosity.

Also, an enormous thank you to Olly Jones for his perfect creation of the Nativity in silhouette.

It looked amazing...



...The first time we have had an outside depiction...much admired. Also thank you to the "Lychgate Ladies" for their decorating skills....and other helpers that we could not do without....step ladder climbers, cobwebbers and polishers etc inside church and finally Julia and Bob Millington for decorating the tree in church.

We have yet another THANK YOU, to Trevor (Trev) Jones for his superb carpentry skills, repairing an extremely sick dry rot floor in the cloakroom/cupboard area in church. Spending his free time between Christmas and New Year on the job. We were at risk of falling through.... we never knew quite how far! But all is better now thanks to Trev.

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## Memories from Times Past

Credit - Eleanor Owen's History Files

# All five farm brothers plagued

4th January  
1968

By Jim Willding-Jones

It was never as bad for the farming Cartwright brothers on their Ponderosa ranch... there was always one of them left to save the day.

Not so for the farming Griffiths brothers of Shropshire. First one, then two, three, four and finally five of them became victims of foot and mouth disease. They have lost nearly 1,000 stock.

And as if to prove that 1967 really was a woman's year — remember Twiggy and Barbara Castle — their two farming sisters have escaped unscathed.

Now more than 1,100 acres owned by the brothers — Herbert, Ernest, George, Frank and Tom, — are empty and deserted.

### COINCIDENCE

The youngest of the brothers, 43-year-old Mr. Herbert Griffiths, of Higher Kempley Farm, Willaston, Calverhall, can only call it a tragic coincidence because their farms are scattered all over North Shropshire.

Many farms around them have emerged from the epidemic with stock intact but the disease seems to have almost singled out the Griffiths brothers.

They carried out intense precautions against infection, banning visits from everyone including each other.

Mr. Frank Griffiths (50), of Burliton Grange, Burliton, near Shrewsbury, was the first to suffer. He had to have his 160 sheep, 160 cattle and 30 pigs slaughtered.

Then the eldest, 65-year-old Mr. Tommy Griffiths, of Lower Holston, Myddle, became a victim, losing 125 cattle.

### MISFORTUNE

Forty-eight year-old Mr. George Griffiths soon shared their misfortune at Haughton Farm, West Felton, near Oswestry. His 148-strong herd was infected.

Back at Myddle, 45-year-old Mr. Ernest Griffiths, of Houlston Manor, was struck, losing 187 cattle.

Finally, Mr. Herbert Griffiths lost his 150 cows at his Calverhall Farm.

Sisters Mrs. Leslie Downes, of Astley Grange, near Shrewsbury, and Mrs. H. Humphries of Kinlet, Bridgnorth, both married to farmers, are so far safe. And three other brothers are presumably thankful they did not become farmers.

"But we have every intention of going on farming," said Mr. Herbert Griffiths. "It has just been very bad luck."

### HISTORY ON YOUR DOORSTEP

Have you been walking around the parish during lockdown? If so, no doubt you will have seen at least one marker for Gough's Walks.

The original copies were produced as a Millennium project. Sets of six walks in a zipped see-through wallet are still available. They are a suitable size to take out with you, or you can sit at home in the comfort of your armchair and find out about the Parish of Myddle. They are just £3, which all goes to church funds.

Contact Julia Clarke on 01939 291 349

## St Peter's Church 100+ Club 2021

Following on from the information in the previous Messenger, the new payment of £10 is now due.

I would be very grateful if past participants could let me know if you want to continue your membership this year, so that the new list can be ready for the first draw this month.

New members will be very welcome.  
A big thank you to everyone who has already joined again.

Julia Clarke

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## MYDDLE, BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL

### MEETING DATES 2021

All Parish Council meetings commence at 7.30pm.

|               |                          |
|---------------|--------------------------|
| MARCH 3RD     | HARMER HILL VILLAGE HALL |
| MAY 12TH      | MYDDLE VILLAGE HALL      |
| JUNE 30TH     | HARMER HILL VILLAGE HALL |
| SEPTEMBER 1ST | MYDDLE VILLAGE HALL      |
| NOVEMBER 3RD  | HARMER HILL VILLAGE HALL |

Please note that whilst Coronavirus restrictions remain in place Council meetings will be held online using Zoom.

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

MAY 19TH 7.30pm HARMER HILL VILLAGE HALL

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The latest online Council meeting was held on January 6th, when a range of issues were considered, including:

### The Council Budget for 2021 – 2022

Members had been forwarded a copy of proposed budget which had been prepared by the Clerk and already discussed with the Chairman and Vice Chairman. Following consideration of some items and an agreed recommendation that the grant to each Village Hall should be increased to £2,000, the budget was approved.

In spite of anticipated inflationary increases it was unanimously agreed not to seek an increase in the precept which could have resulted in an increase in the Community Tax. Full details of the budget can be found on the Councils website.

### Highways

It was noted that following letters of complaint to Shropshire Council's Leader and C.E.O about the lack of action over reported problems, there had been positive responses to some of the issues that had been raised, although there were still a few outstanding. It had been hoped that these would have been resolved following the break for Christmas and the New Year but with the new 'lock down' regulations it was felt that there would be a further delay.

The Clerk reported that the need for the construction of a footpath alongside the old Red Castle car park had been added to the Parish Place Plan but there were difficulties in securing CIL (Local) funding for the Project.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the CEO again, thanking him for his actions but pointing out the difficulty in getting responses for certain officers who may well be working from home or furloughed.

### Correspondence

Over seventy items of correspondence from a variety of sources had been received by the Clerk and passed to Members since the previous meeting. These were considered and where necessary replies had been made or were approved at the meeting.

## St Peter's Myddle Church Donations

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| Myddle Senior Social Club        | Messenger Fund  | £40.00  |            |
| G Brown - 100 Club prize donated | General Fund    | £10.00  |            |

The Covid-19 pandemic has had a dramatic effect on church funds. In a normal year we are able to raise about £7,000 from church collections and fund raising events.

If you would like to help us reduce the shortfall, donations can be made at:

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or by cheque payable to Myddle PCC



## St Peter's Christmas Quiz 2020-21

We would like to thank everyone who took part in the Christmas Quiz raising £293 which included many very generous donations too.

The Winner was Debbie Williams from Harmer Hill and the Lucky Dip was won by the Markland family in Myddle. We had 25 entries from far and wide, of which 9 were correct. So well done everyone. The draws were taken by Bob Millington. Many thanks also to those who contributed towards the wonderful Luxury Hamper.

For those of you who would like to know the answers please see below;

### St Peters Quiz for Christmas - Answers

#### Round 1 Christmas Ditloids

Complete the following phrases associated with Christmas

- |                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 25th of D is C D          | 25th December is Christmas Day |
| 2 W 3 K of O A              | We three kings of Orient are   |
| 3 3pm is Q C S              | 3pm is Queens Christmas Speech |
| 4 4 S in A                  | 4 Sundays in Advent            |
| 5 9 L D                     | 9 ladies dancing               |
| 6 T 12 D of C               | the 12 days of Christmas       |
| 7 I S 3 S                   | I saw 3 ships                  |
| 8 3 G for J                 | 3 gifts for Jesus              |
| 9 1000 Y H C and G ( Carol) | 1000 years have come and gone  |
| 10 T 1st N                  | The 1st Noel                   |



#### Round 2 Cryptic Clues answers associated with Christmas

- |   |              |
|---|--------------|
| 1 Artist loses con (6)  | Stable       |
| 2 This word scores 13 in Scrabble (3)                         | Joy          |
| 3 Copy from a friend or lie down here (4)                     | Crib         |
| 4 Where Mr Ed would find his dinner (6)                       | Manger       |
| 5 Mr Lampard at home with one of five it sounds like (12)     | Frankincense |
| 6 Barliman Butterbur for example (9)                          | Innkeeper    |
| 7 I hear the Spanish knight lost Miss Mabuse. The animal! (6) | Donkey       |
| 8 Thought about alcohol? you are getting warm! (6, 4)         | Mulled Wine  |
| 9 Three strikes will get you the bird (6)                     | Turkey       |
| 10 Robbie's song (6)  | Angels       |

#### Round 3 Anagrams

- |                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 1 Axing Body (6, 3)            | Boxing Day       |
| 2 Some Title (9)               | Mistletoe        |
| 3 Sub Bale (7)                 | Baubles          |
| 4 Listen (6)                   | Tinsel or Silent |
| 5 So Raced into (11)           | Decorations      |
| 6 Pin A Hype (8)               | Epiphany         |
| 7 Cram The Sister (9, 4)       | Christmas Tree   |
| 8 Bade Six Long Ales (6, 4, 5) | Boxing Day sales |
| 9 Man Dims Sight (8, 4)        | Midnight Mass    |
| 10 Press Ten (8)               | Presents         |

#### Round 4 Christmas songs without vowels ( Example

SLNTNGHT would be Silent Night )

- |                     |                                   |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 DYHRWHTHR         | Do You Hear What I Hear           |
| 2 LTTLTWNFBTHLHM    | O Little Town of Bethlehem        |
| 3 CMLLYFTHFL        | O Come All Ye Faithful            |
| 4 SWTHRSHPSCOMSLNGN | I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In |
| 5 WYNMNGR           | Away In A Manger                  |
| 6 NTHBLKMDWNTR      | In The Bleak Midwinter            |
| 7 JYTTHWRDL         | Joy To The World                  |
| 8 HRKTHHRLDNLSSNG   | Hark The Herald Angels Sing       |
| 9 LTTLDRLMMRBY      | Little Drummer Boy                |
| 10 HLYNGHT          | O Holy Night                      |

#### Round 5 Dingbats

- |                           |
|---------------------------|
| 1 Mince Pies              |
| 2 Snowball                |
| 3 Wrapping Paper          |
| 4 Festive season          |
| 5 White Christmas         |
| 6 Presents under the tree |
| 7 Seasons Greetings       |
| 8 Tinsel                  |
| 9 Turkey Leftovers        |
| 10 Opening Presents       |



## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### Planning Applications

A total of eight applications for development had been received and most of these were for extensions to existing properties. Details had been forwarded to Members for consideration and appropriate responses made.

A new application for development at Harmer Hill Reservoir for conversion to form holiday let accommodation had been considered and responded to. The Council had indicated that it was not adverse to the proposal, providing all the current development on the site had been removed before approval was granted.

### Meeting Dates

The programme of dates was approved with the hope that later in the year they would be held as normal in the Village Halls – details can be found on the Council web site. The Clerk reminded Members that the March meeting would be the final one for the current Council with elections planned for early May to elect the new Council.

### Other Issues

Members reported various issues related to pot holes and it was noted that increased heavy goods traffic on Lower Road, Harmer Hill was causing the edges of the road to break away. It was also noted that volunteers were coming together to provide help for those seriously affected by the new 'lockdown' regulations.

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myddlebroughtonclerk@talktalk.net

## **Harmer Hill & District W.I**

Meetings will now be held virtually on Zoom until further notice, so feel free to join.  
All ladies welcome!



This month's talk will be from Graham Fuller who will be talking about Power of Attorney.

This will be held on:

- **Thursday February 11th at 7.30pm** •

Please contact Jenny Walsh on 07714108507 for more information.



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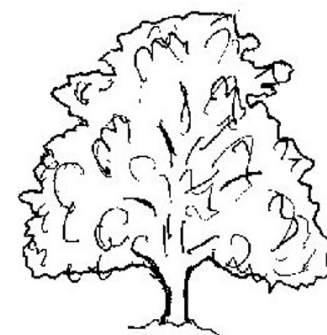
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## **Tree planting at Harmer Hill Village Hall**

Here at Harmer Hill Village Hall we have been planting trees during 2020 in land at the rear of the hall both to beautify the area and to help the environment as we have all been urged to do. We started planting in the spring just before the first Covid lockdown, and we planted 26 assorted and mainly native species. These were birches, field maples, oaks, horse chestnuts, larches, limes and a Norway maple. Later a bigger tree was added – a walnut tree donated by someone, as were the chestnuts.

They have all been kept well-watered during the dry times of the year and seem to be flourishing so that in a few years' time, with the others that have been planted up there over the past ten years, should look very well.



## **St Mary's Church, Broughton**



Is still open for small weddings and is known to be a charming, private, rural location for ceremonies. The church has a beautiful ceiling with exposed wooden beams and is surrounded by trees.

Flowers can be arranged for your day, on request to be put in the windows and around the church. If you would like to see the church, please contact Pauline or Elizabeth, who would be happy to show you around and answer any questions.

During the pandemic, the usual fundraising activities have had to be suspended, so if anyone would be willing to donate any funds to help in the running and upkeep, please do get in touch.

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