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Dear Readers,

I have changed the order of this edition to make it easier to find church contacts on the inside cover and for the content to be more mixed in with the adverts.

In recent months we have lost a few advertisers, as Businesses have struggled with the challenges faced by the pandemic.

We hope all businesses will find some good news in the months to come and build themselves back up on the other side of this.

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We are now in the church season of Lent, 40 days leading up to Easter, the time of year when we normally don't have flowers in church and altar cloths are purple, denoting a serious and thoughtful period in the church calendar, before the joyous celebrations of Easter.

Lent is that time when we may choose to deny ourselves by giving up something we enjoy, or maybe we may decide to do something extra, perhaps take time to chat to a lonely neighbour, or make that extra effort to smile whilst out on our daily exercise around the village, or to concentrate on being thankful that we are able to live in such a safe part of the world.

It is a time to remember and ponder on the fact that Jesus lived and died for us, to enable each of us to have a good, open and healthy relationship with him. We count our blessings, measure up our shortcomings and come before him with gratitude.

Here is a prayer written by the Very Reverend Adrian Dorber, Dean of Lichfield Cathedral:

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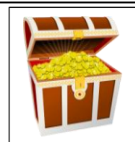
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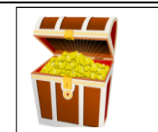
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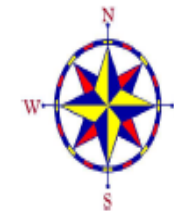
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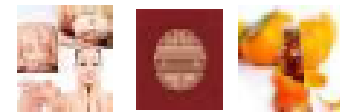
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The Covid-19 pandemic has had a dramatic effect on church funds.

In a normal year we are able to raise about £7,000 from church collections and fund raising events.

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Colin Ruck

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 Alison Utting about the founding of Save the Children

This will be held on:

- **Thursday 11th March at 7.30pm** •

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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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During this awful pandemic it is very easy to look on the dark side always, but I would like to share with you the following story. One day a professor entered the classroom and asked his students to prepare for a surprise test. They waited anxiously at their desks for the test to begin. The professor handed out the question paper with the text facing down as usual. Once he handed them all out, he asked his students to turn the page and begin. To everyone's surprise, there were no questions, just a black dot in the centre of the page.

The professor seeing the expression on everyone's face, told them the following, "I want you to write what you see there." The confused students got started on the inexplicable task. At the end of the class, the professor took all the answer papers and started reading each one of them aloud in front of all the students. All of them with no exceptions described the black dot, trying to explain its position in the middle of the sheet etc. After all had been read, the classroom was silent.

The professor began to explain, "I am not going to assess you on this, I just wanted to give you something to think about. No one wrote about the white part of the paper. Everyone focused on the black dot and the same happens in our lives. We have a white paper to observe and enjoy, but we always focus on the dark spots. Our life is a gift given to us by God with love and care. We always have reasons to celebrate: nature renewing itself every day, our friends around us, the job that provides our livelihood, the miracles we see every day."

Take your eyes away from the black spots in your life. Enjoy each one of your blessings, each moment that life gives you. Life goes on no matter what, so do not waste your time thinking about the negatives. I repeat, our life is a gift given to us by God with love and care. Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions the Church is still closed for normal Sunday services.

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Memories from Times Past

Credit - Eleanor Owen's History Files

Preserving a piece of history



People in the picture: Tom Parker, Billy Guilt, Walter Evans, John Griffiths, Rod Phillips, Percy Thrower, Doug Whittingham, Alan Boughey, Russel Purslow, Tom Powell

Scores of visitors to The Magnolias, Bomere Heath — the home of the nation's best known gardener, Mr Percy Thrower — have helped to preserve a little piece of North Shropshire's history for a while longer.

Mr Thrower this week presented Myddle Parish Council, through its chairman Councillor Alan Boughey, with a cheque for £1,085 to wipe off the debt outstanding on work to make safe Myddle Castle (see picture above).

The cash was part of the proceeds of popular open days at The Magnolias.

Little is left of the castle, dating back to the 14th century and standing on farmland belonging to Mr Rod Phillips; but the remains still attract visitors — mainly because of the castle's former resident, Wild Humphrey Kynaston, who turned outlaw and

sought refuge in a cave at Nesscliffe.

It was decided to make it safe to visitors and tourists by spending £5,000 on essential repairs.

The Department of the Environment gave a 50 per cent grant and a £450 grant from Shropshire County Council was matched by North Shropshire District Council; leaving Myddle Parish Council to find £1,600.

Councillor Boughey said: "We decided the raising of this ought to be through voluntary effort. We didn't want to put it on the rates."

Some £515 was immediately forthcoming through donations — and then Mr Thrower made his generous offer to meet the residue of £1,085.

Councillor Boughey said the work on Myddle's historic castle had ensured its future for some time to come.

St Peter's Church 100+ Club 2021

The First Draw was made on February 14th. Winners were -

1st - £50. Margaret Burden.

2nd - £20. Bob and Margaret Wellings.

3rd - £15. Paul and Bethan Flynn.

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.

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

A Special Thank You

As we approach a year on from lockdown I thought it would be timely to include thanks to all volunteers.

So, grateful thanks to Danielle, for taking on the role as editor of The Messenger and those who have continued to deliver it to everyone in our Myddle, Harmer Hill and Broughton community. Also all who have organised help, offered support and made a difference throughout these difficult times.

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MYDDLE, BROUGHTON & HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will again be an online virtual meeting and will take place on Wednesday March 3rd. starting at 7.30pm.

Copies of the agenda for the meeting will be placed on various notice boards; // can be viewed on the Council's web site – www.myddleandbroughton-pc.gov.uk or obtained from the Clerk by email at myddlebroughton-clerk@talktalk.net or by telephone at 01743236810. If you have anything you wish to have considered at the meeting please contact the Clerk before February 26th. or if you wish to gain computer access to the meeting you will need to contact him by email on March 1st. for details.

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