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Message from the Editor

Autumn is finally upon us and I'm ecstatic to see the orange leaves on the ground around Harmer Hill already.

It feels cosy getting my coat and woolly hat out from the cupboard for the dog walks, although these will probably have to move to mornings now that the evenings are starting to draw in.

I'm delighted to say that my house move is coming along nicely and I should hopefully be in there for November (hopefully in time for the next edition!)

As The Messenger is starting to get more and more full with the return to normality, please be aware that some pages may need to be reduced down to a smaller size than previously printed at. There may even be times when content will have to be turned away potentially, as we run mainly on advertising and can only print so many pages on our budget.

I hope everyone is enjoying the content and if anyone wants to get in touch, my email is below.

*** Content Deadline is 18th October at 5pm for the November Edition ***

Your Editor,

Danielle

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St Peter's Myddle

St Peter's Walkers

Sunday 17th October
Meet at 2.30pm in the
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Churchyard Tidy

Saturday 23rd October
10am-12noon

Church Flowers

Sunday 3rd October will be our Harvest Festival Service. We would like to invite anyone who would like to come along and decorate the church on the Saturday 10.00 am onwards or Friday if it is more convenient. Any contributions of flowers or produce would be gratefully accepted.

16th/23rd
Mrs Tricia Lea-Howarth

Readers Rota

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|---|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Sunday 3 rd October 11.00am | Harvest Festival HC Myddle | Greg Miller |
| Sunday 10 th October 11.00am | Parish Worship Myddle | Sarah Davies |
| Sunday 17 th October 11.00am | HC Broughton | Bob Millington |
| Sunday 24 th October 3.00pm | Evensong Broughton | Rosemary Narburgh |

30th October/ 6th
November
Mrs Julia Millington

Results of the Photography Competition

Thank you to all those people who entered the competition. There were some fabulous photos and we hope to be able to produce some super cards.

Winner: Suzanne Robinson
£25 Gift Voucher awarded
2nd Mark Hodge
3rd Mark Hodge

Children Winner: Stuart
Phillips
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2nd Ethan Duffner
3rd Daniel Smith



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After a gap of 2 years the Village Show took place on Saturday 11th September when we were delighted to welcome a wonderful number of exhibitors, including children, bringing their produce, flowers, cookery, handicraft, witty writing, and photographs. It was particularly exciting to see new exhibitors as well as those returning to the Show. We do hope to see you all again next

year.

Collage of Photo by Jenny Levers

Scrumptious Cream Teas were served by members of Harmer Hill & District WI and we are very grateful to them. A sunny afternoon saw people able to enjoy their tea outside.

VILLAGE SHOW TROPHY WINNERS 2021

| | |
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| Shropshire Horticultural Society Cup for Best Exhibit in Show | Mrs M Sargeant |
| Eric Jones Memorial Cup (Vegetable classes) | Nigel Pritchard |
| Mary Austin Challenge Cup (Flower classes) | Erica Martin |
| NJ Dandy Perpetual Challenge Cup (Vegetable & Flower Classes) | Nigel Pritchard |
| Alf Davies Challenge Cup (Floral Art) | Ruth Stourton |
| Ellen Ellis Memorial Cup (Cookery) | Debbie Williams |
| Harmer Hill Craft Award | Janet Horner |
| R Lea- Howarth Cup (Literature classes) | Eleanor Martin |
| Higgins Trophy (Photography classes) | Eleanor Martin |
| HH Horticultural Show Challenge Shield | Not awarded this year |
| Martin Junior cup (ages 4 & under) | Hugo Savage |
| Walter Evans Challenge Cup (ages 5-8) | Seren Morgan |
| Committee Cup (ages 9-12) | Lyla O'Brien |
| Kenny Cank Shield (Heaviest Onion) | Nigel Pritchard |
| JJ Sergeant Memorial Plate | Erica Martin |
| John Everall Memorial Plate (The Best Vase of mixed flowering stems) | Nigel Pritchard |

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St. Paul was writing to the very early church in Ephesus, the Ephesians, and was very conscious of his audience and very clear about his aim. He had hope for all of humanity, irrespective of background; for Paul the family of God includes all who have believed in Him in the past, all who believe in the present, and all who believe in the future.

I agree with what Paul says. We are all a family because we all have the same Father God, the source of all creation, the rightful owner of everything. As Paul writes, God promises His love and power to his family, the Church.

If we want to receive God's blessings it is important to stay in touch with other believers. Those who isolate themselves from God's family and try to 'go it alone' cut themselves off, not just from the family, but from God's power, not. His love, His

power – God will always love us despite ourselves.

We are living in difficult times, unlike any of us have ever known. Enforced isolation has made things so hard and all of us have been looking forward to the time when we can rebuild, begin to restore our nation, our church, and our lives, to something recalling what we thought was 'normal' life.

The Church is beginning to re-awaken. We are having Harvest Festival Services again, a chance to come together and thank God for all He provides, to re-connect with one another and remember that God blesses us in many ways, often taken for granted.

God doesn't change; His message is the same. I pray in Paul's words: 'May you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.'

Adam Clayton
Rector of Myddle

Teams 4U Christmas Shoe Boxes

Thanks are due to all those already preparing shoe box gifts for the very poor, also to those who are knitting and collecting gifts for shared boxes being packed at the Rectory.

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www.teams4u.com

The deadline for boxes to come to the Rectory is **6th November**.

If you would like to help, but can't shop wrap or pack, you may like to consider sponsoring a box online for £15.

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9.45am- Holy Communion, Burlton

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10.30am- Matins, Loppington

10am- All Age Worship, Newtown

11am- Holy Communion, Broughton

10.30am- Family Service, Loppington

Readings: Isaiah 53:4-12
Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45

11am- Harvest Festival, Myddle

Sunday 24th Last Sunday of Trinity
9.45am- Holy Communion, Loppington

Readings: Genesis 2:18-24
Hebrews 1:1-4,2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16

11.15am- Holy Communion, Newtown

Sunday 10th Trinity 19
9.45am- Holy Communion, Loppington

12.30am- Food and Fellowship, Myddle

11am- Parish Worship, Myddle

3pm- Evensong, Broughton

11.15am- Harvest Festival, Newtown

Readings: Jeremiah 31:7-9
Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-56

3pm- Harvest Festival, Broughton

Sunday 31st All Saints
10.30am- Benefice Service, Broughton

Readings: Amos 5:6-7,10-15
Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31

Sunday 17th Trinity 20
8.30am- Holy Communion, Myddle

3 pm- Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, Newtown, Loppington & Myddle

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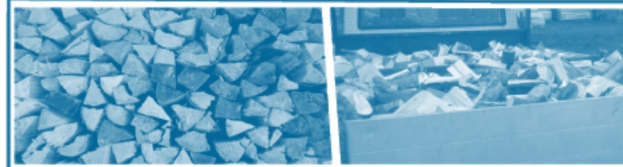


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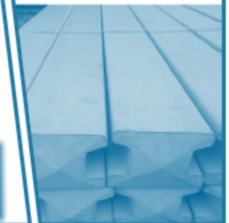


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Parish Council News

The easing of the pandemic regulations meant that it was possible to hold the much postponed **Annual Parish Meeting** in Myddle Village Hall on September 1st. when six residents joined Councillors and Shropshire Councillor B. Williams to receive reports from the Council Chairman and Police Inspector Claire Greenaway and have the opportunity to raise or comment on issues of interest or concern.

In his report, council Chairman Colin Ruck, outlined the work the Council had been undertaking and how it had managed to continue to meet during the various lockdowns by using Zoom. It had been a busy time which included a **Council election** when six existing Members had decided not to seek re-election and as a result, six new Members joined the team.

However, much of the Council's business had been compounded by the regulations surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, which has had a detrimental effect and delays to both the Parish and Shropshire Councils.

Highlighting some of the many activities undertaken, he stated that as usual each year the Council had been asked to comment on a variety of **planning applications**, most of which were renovations or extensions to existing properties, although two which had raised concern and were eventually refused permission by Shropshire Council were developments at Harmer Hill Reservoir and the site of the old Red Castle Public House. Looking ahead he stated that the Shropshire Housing Plan for the next twenty years had indicated that the Parish would not have large scale developments.

Dog Fouling and Litter were still a major concern and even though the Council had provided a ready source of bags for collecting dog waste there were still many owners who failed to clean up after their dogs. He was pleased to report that although it had not been possible to hold a litter picking event many residents were making an effort to clean local areas and Mr Busi, who is employed by the Council, had continued to make regular collections of...

Harmer Hill & District W.I.

All ladies are welcome to join!

The usual business will be held at the start of the meeting, followed by a talk from Paul Johnson - Signal Man.

The first face to face meeting went well, with the ladies trying out vegetable cakes and rinsing them down with a cup of tea/ coffee or a prosecco!



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INSPIRING WOMEN

*The next meeting is
being held*

***** IN PERSON *****

*at The Village Hall
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We also had a new member join us who had seen this page in The Messenger!

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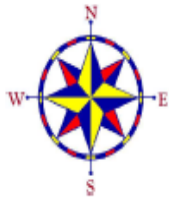
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Parish Council News continued...

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Road safety was always a
major concern – especially the
problem of speeding traffic
and during the year two
additional VAS units had been
erected on the Baschurch
Road through Myddle and
these seem to be having an
effect in reducing speed.

He outlined the work being
carried out by a dedicated
team on the many and varied
footpaths throughout the
Parish to enable full use of
them to be made by residents
during the recent lockdowns.

Police Inspector Claire
Greenaway confirmed that
crime figures across the
whole Parish were very low
and that the main concern
raised by residents related to
speeding traffic and
anti-social behaviour. There
had been a small number of
incidents related to violence
but most of these related to a
domestic situation which
appears to have been
resolved.

She was aware that the
Council had indicated their
major areas of concern which

mainly related to road traffic
offences and anti-social
behaviour and these would be
kept under constant review.

The **small police team**
responsible for the area were
based in new accommodation
in Wem which was not
manned all the time and she
advised residents to be aware
of the officer's email
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were widely publicised. They
would always be willing to
respond to reported incidents.

Three items were raised by
members of the public with
two relating to planning and
repeated flooding.
Shropshire Councillor Brian
Williams indicated that these
were the responsibility of
Shropshire Council and he
would seek a resolution to
them both. The third was a
request for the Council to
consider installing some
outdoor fitness units
for adult use and it was agreed to
consider the request but to
initially investigate the legal
conditions related to a
location close to Children's
Play Areas.

Memories of Times Past

Credit Mrs Margaret Boughey

Golfing get-together



THE Ladies Section of the Hill Valley Golf Club held a social get-together after their recent nine hole golf competition. Margaret Hiles, vice-president of Hawkstone Park Golf Club and the first president of Hill Valley Ladies Section enjoys a chat with Lady Captain Pam Shaw, Margaret Boughey and Roseanne Drayton.

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The Myddle Community Events Association, which is made up of representatives of Myddle Village Hall, the C of E Primary School and St Peter's Church, are planning to organise an event for the whole community to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of The Queen's reign.



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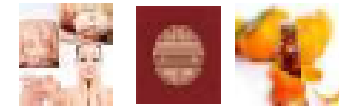
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And it doesn't stop at village halls and community buildings. The RCC has just launched a brand new networking service for ALL charity trustees – attracting trustees from a wide range of charities right across the county.



The new network has been launched as part of RCC's membership service and will include the opportunity to attend events and training courses, as well as meet other local organisations to share ideas and support. Plus – there's an information-packed Bulletin that will keep members in the loop.

Topics up for discussion will include succession planning, and how to attract younger people to join a board or committee, Shropshire Charity Trustees Network will also be especially beneficial to those people who are currently toying with the idea of becoming a charity trustee but need to know more about what's involved before making a decision.

Julia added: "It can be a wonderful thing to be a charity trustee. It's not only a fantastic opportunity to 'give something back' but it also offers you a wealth of personal benefits."

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Parish Council News

Parish Council Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was followed by a normal Parish Council Meeting when a range of business items was considered including:

Planning:

Nine new applications were considered including two which Members were unwilling to support without modifications. These both related to the use of agricultural land to provide modern holiday accommodation

Allotments:

Councillor Miss K. Row stated that she had received a very large response to her suggestion that allotments should be provided in the Parish and the Vice-Chairman indicated that his wife would be prepared to lease an area of land for this purpose.

Councillor Mr G. Harding outlined the actions that had been taken to provide allotments in Baschurch, pointing out that it was a time consuming and expensive operation.

The Chairman indicated full support for the proposal but felt that an Allotment Association should be created to undertake the development with the Parish Council giving advice and hopefully agreeing on some financial support.

Miss Row agreed to undertake the initial steps in forming an Association following further discussions with Ms G. Mayall.

Parish Speed Limits:

Councillor Mrs H. Morgan outlined a range of situations within the Parish where new speed limits needed to be considered following housing developments and increases in the amount and type of traffic. She agreed to forward the Clerk a detailed list of her proposals which would then be forwarded to Shropshire Council's Road Safety Officer and the Police for consideration and comment.

Ellesmere Road, Harmer Hill – VAS Unit:

A site meeting had been held on August 10th. and a possible site identified for the erection of a unit on the verge opposite Acacia House. Shropshire Council had been notified and asked to send someone to meet with Council representatives and hopefully approve the site. The Clerk had been informed that because of high demand it may take some considerable time to arrange a visit. The police had indicated support for the project.

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