

# The Villager

Moreton Morrell

February 2019



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# Chair's Report

As we begin 2019, I'd like to wish everyone a happy healthy year.

The Parish Council have continued to fund the Monday evening circuit training at Moreton Morrell College Sports Hall to support those seeking a healthy start to the year. We will also be funding monthly table tennis sessions in the village hall. Efforts to improve footpath availability will hopefully allow more people to walk safely on our local footpaths. Any other ideas for supporting the health and fitness of villagers will be considered by the PC.



Elizabeth Greetham

We are also funding significant improvements to the Village Hall - new doors and windows - and hope this will encourage more community events and engagement over the coming year. On that note, I hear that the Burn's Supper on 25 January was a great success, thanks to all involved.

The new bus shelter has been installed and is a marked improvement, our thanks to County Councillor Parry and WCC.

Our conversations with College regarding the Playing Field lease continue.

As I mentioned before there are Parish Council elections on 2 May. Anyone interested should contact the Clerk to find out how to stand for election.

All of our Councillors work hard to fulfil the needs of the village and I am grateful for all their work.

**Elizabeth Greetham**  
**Chair MMPC**

The Parish Council met  
on the 21st January 2019

To read the full minutes from the meetings and the latest news and updates  
please visit the Parish Council website.

**[www.moretonmorrellpc.co.uk](http://www.moretonmorrellpc.co.uk)**

# Village News

## From the Allotments

Whilst on a recent train journey, I came across an article in a magazine commenting upon the results of an extensive survey published in the Journal of Public Health. Overall, the findings of this study indicated that one single session of allotment gardening can improve both self-esteem and mood. Furthermore, in the study, allotment gardeners had a reduced level of abnormal psychological functioning than non-gardeners. Thus, it went on, in order to improve health and well-being, people in the UK should be encouraged to take part in short bouts of allotment gardening. Health organisations and policy makers should consider the potential of allotment gardening as a long-term tool for combatting the increasing prevalence of ill-health and local public authorities should seek to provide community allotment plots to allow residents to have regular opportunities to partake in gardening activities.

I am aware that we are bombarded with surveys and advice but I think this one made good reading especially as in our village, we are blessed with allotments. We still have some space available for quarter or half plots, so if you are interested, please let me know. For an investment of £5 or £10 per annum, you get access to the best gym facilities!

Life is fairly quiet on the allotments just now although crops of winter onions, beans and the like are growing and some cabbages and leeks still being harvested. As for me, my seeds are ordered and soon I can start the 2019 sowings. As I look out at the cold landscape now, I think forward to spring, start of the new growing year. I am sure it will be a good one!

**John Moverley**

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*“What water yields the most beautiful veggie garden?  
Perspiration!”*

# Nature Watch

BY STEVE HARVEY

## JANUARY

Early January, just before dawn breaks, Venus hangs brightly in the southern sky. Robins fill their lungs with chilly air and begin to sing. One by one they stake their claim on their chosen tall trees of many shapes and species that stand around me in silhouette as I listen. First light is beginning to make itself known. I'm standing in a circle of five Robins all singing at each other.

The dark shape of a Heron flies silently across Venus. It's large wings in a relaxed flap as it heads towards the lakes at Ashorne. There's more than a hint of pterodactyl about it in this light.

The Robin that holds the territory nearest the cottage has prime position with sunflower hearts rarely running out. He had a partner before the end of last year, he sings, stays near her and chases off any other Robin that comes near to her or the food.



Later that day and near Newbold Comyn an air incident was about to happen. Now, I'm not sure if anyone reads this scribble but, do you remember I wrote last year about a Peregrine that bullied a Gull? Well, I'll carry on anyway. In the same location as before a Gull cried out in panic. It sped away as a Peregrine flew towards me at treetop height. It had no interest in the Gull because it was under attack from two Sparrowhawks. The tables were turned now the Falcon was being bullied by two smaller Hawkes. The Sparrowhawks took turns in flying high then swooping down on the Peregrine. The Falcon's only defense was to turn on its back in mid flight and thrust its feet and talons out in the direction of the incoming attack. The Sparrowhawks anticipated this and pulled out at the last moment. This went on for a couple of minutes with the Peregrine screaming all the time. The Sparrowhawks had proved a point and flew off.

A few days later a Peregrine flew over me in Norton Lindsey. It came in a straight line from Leamington, looking stunning with all its markings clear to see. It may even have been the same bird.

# Nature Watch

BY STEVE HARVEY

Back to Ashorne. A bright sunny morning and an interesting encounter with a Fox. It trotted up behind the Village Hall. I couldn't resist trying to get its attention. There's a noise you can make, a sort of squeak an injured Rabbit might make. So I made it. The Fox stopped, turned to face me although it was some way off, and sat down just as a dog would have done. It spent a few moments looking in my direction scrutinising for any movement then trotted off. I love a little moment like that.



Now a few minutes after that and within a few yards there was a rare and exotic African bird wondering about as large as life. It looked very dapper in grey plumage. It had a white face, red jowls and a black neck. The bird stood a little taller than a chicken and seemed to have no fear of passing cars.

Not a single Twitcher stirred in a bush. Of course, if I told you it was an escaped Guinea Fowl that would only ruin the story. If that Fox gets its scent it may well be an extinct exotic bird!

## Help us make The Villager

Please continue to send your news, events, letters, photos, stories and comments by email to [moreton.morrell@gmail.com](mailto:moreton.morrell@gmail.com)

***Deadline for April edition***

***25th March 2019***

*This is your magazine, please do contribute in any way you can.*

Extra copies of The Villager are left in the church  
and a copy is online at [www.moretonmorrellpc.co.uk](http://www.moretonmorrellpc.co.uk)

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## COULD YOU BE THE NEXT EDITOR OF THE VILLAGER?

We are looking for a budding enthusiastic newshound with a few hours to spare alternate months; May, July, September, November and January.

If you are interested and would like to know more  
please contact Jane Cleeton  
Email: [cleej1@btinternet.com](mailto:cleej1@btinternet.com) Telephone: 01926 651529

# Village News

## MORETON MORRELL COLLEGE UPDATE

### March lambing weekend

After a very chilly but successful return of the live lambing event last year, this popular family weekend makes a welcome return to Moreton Morrell College on 23-24 March from 10.30am-4pm. Villagers are invited to come and see the newborn lambs, meet Farmer Henry Dingle, climb upon a tractor and find out how the livestock is looked after.

Nether Moreton Farm features a flock of over 500 sheep, beef cattle and arable crops. It functions as an educational resource for agricultural and countryside management students, allowing them to be part of a working farm that operates in the same way as any other commercial farm.



As well as being able to see the newborn lambs, members of the public will also be able to participate in tours of the Animal Welfare Centre and see exotic creatures such as meerkats, raccoon dogs and lots of other interesting characters. Award-winning Pershore juice will be available for sale as well as plants from the Pershore College plant stall.

Tickets in advance cost: Adult £6, Concession £4, Child £3, Family £15, 2+2 U16s. For more information: [www.wcg.ac.uk/lambing](http://www.wcg.ac.uk/lambing)

### Solar farm visit

Level 3 Wildlife and Countryside Management students from Moreton Morrell recently enjoyed a trip to a local solar farm to understand how electricity is generated and how that can go hand in hand with wildlife conservation. The students were given a tour of the farm and shown the variety of wildlife habitats that have been created. During the visit several different species of wildlife were spotted including rabbits, hares and roe deer. The students were also shown bee hives from which the farm produces its own honey. A very interesting and educational afternoon was had by all.



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### Walkies!

As part of their enrichment session, Level 1 Land Based students have been busy in January exercising the dogs that spend the day at the Animal Welfare kennels in order to help students with their studies. This activity develops the student's animal handling skills, whilst also providing them with the opportunity to learn important life skills such as responsibility. In addition, the dogs got to go on a lovely walk around the college grounds!



### Vet physio workshop

In January higher education Veterinary Physiotherapy and Equine

Therapy students were given a two-day equine kinesiology taping course by Rock Tape UK. The hands-on course looked at the benefits and techniques for the rider (pain, inflammation, and posture), and horse (pain, inflammation, and movement



correction) to improve muscle function and maintain a level of functionality and comfort for the horse throughout its rehabilitation process.

### VILLAGE WELCOME PACK

The Village Welcome Pack is available to anyone who is new to the village or perhaps returning after a spell away.

If you would like to obtain a copy please contact

Jane Cleeton: [cleej1@btinternet.com](mailto:cleej1@btinternet.com) 01926 651529

Or visit [www.moretonmorrellpc.co.uk](http://www.moretonmorrellpc.co.uk) to download.

Moreton Morrell



Welcome to Moreton Morrell Parish

# Village News

## MORETON MORRELL COLLEGE UPDATE

### School pupils get sporty

School pupils in Year 5 and 6 from Moreton Morrell CE Primary School are getting the opportunity to have regular PE lessons at the college's new Wellingtonia sports hall thanks to students studying sport and exercise science. Thirty pupils aged between nine and eleven years old are having the training sessions every Thursday from the first year students on the (Level 3) Extended Diploma in Sport and Exercise course. As part of two modules on the course, students have to deliver a practical session to demonstrate 'sports leadership' and 'coaching for performance'. It is hoped to extend this project to younger pupils in due course.

### Memories of Moreton reminder

A reminder that Moreton Morrell College is keen to gather historical stories, memories and information, including images of Moreton Hall and the village, which brings the heritage of Moreton to life. If you would be willing to donate any documents or other items related



to the history of the hall, the college will be delighted to preserve them for posterity. To share your memories please contact WCG comms team by email [pr@Warwickshire.ac.uk](mailto:pr@Warwickshire.ac.uk) or posting a copy of your photo to the Marketing & Communications office, Royal Leamington Spa College, Warwick New Road, Royal Leamington Spa, Warwickshire CV32 5JE.

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# Village News

## YOUR CHURCH

Christmas is always very special and it certainly was a busy time for your church. Our Christingle Prime Time was closely followed by the School Carol Service and a packed church enjoyed all the contributions from the pupils and their teachers. On Sunday, December 23rd, there was again a packed church for our candlelight Nine Lessons and Carols. This always a really enjoyable event and certainly was so this year. On Christmas Day, a well-attended Service celebrated the birth of our Saviour Christ.



I would like to thank everyone for their contributions including the College and our fantastic band of flower arrangers, who work so hard throughout the year, and helped make our church look so special at Christmas time.

Now we are into a new year. It will undoubtedly be one of challenge but hopefully opportunity. Your church will look to play its part in community life and, as I always say, whether you are a believer or not, your church is an essential part of the village and always there as a place of rest, contemplation or to partake in our services or varied activities offered in The Room.

Our world is certainly in turbulent times, and I conclude with a prayer I recently used in your church. *“Gracious God as we begin a new year, remind us of the things that are truly important and worthwhile. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time. The infant Christ received gifts of gold, incense and myrrh. Father, accept the offering of our hearts and minds. Lord of glory”*

If not too late to say it, Happy New Year to all!

**John Moverley**  
Church Warden

### **Free Wi-Fi Hotspot at Moreton Morrell Village Hall**

To access the service , search Wi-Fi on your device for **MMPC-VH-FREE-WIFI** and connect using password **mmfreewifi2016**



# Dates & Events



## Village Choir

The choir is held every Tuesday

*(except school holidays)*

**7.30pm - 8.30pm in the School Hall.**

**Anyone can join, just turn up.**

Just £3.00 a week to cover costs.

Contact Sarah Irwin on 01926 651 364

Here's what some of us say about it....

- ✓ "It is the best hour of the week, and the shortest." Hilary
- ✓ "I always leave feeling happier than when I arrived!" Sara
- ✓ "I usually arrive exhausted, and leave exhilarated!" Jenny



## The Community Café

At Moreton Morrell Village Hall

We will be open at 11 am on

**February 7th and 28th**

**March 14th and 28th**

**Everyone is welcome.**

We always have homemade cake and there is no charge for the refreshments so why not give us a try if you haven't done so yet.

*Also with free Wi-Fi and use of the community laptop.*

**For information contact**

**Jo on 650068**

Have some Fun for Charity  
Come and Play

## BINGO

at

Moreton Morrell Village Hall

**Saturday 2 March**

**Saturday 6 April**

7.00pm – 8.30pm (approx)

ALL ages welcome

£3.00 for 3 cards, each card to have a mini game plus a full house.

BYO snacks, drinks and pens

For further details contact  
Katrina 651544

**100% of monies will benefit  
the British Heart Foundation**

# Dates & Events

## The Science of 'POWER' Half-Term Activities at the British Motor Museum

16 -24 February

February half-term at the British Motor Museum is all about exploring POWER and the science behind it! Come and find out about the Museum's jet powered cars. Have a go at making a jet powered car yourself! And, enjoy our daily science shows with Professor Pickle and Doctor Pumpkin who will bring the science of power to life with a BANG! To find out more visit

[www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk/events/family-activities](http://www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk/events/family-activities)



### Free - Fitness Training

Monday's 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm



Moreton Morrell Parish Council has kindly agreed to fund the rent of the hall - so sessions will be free to villagers until the end of the financial year.

Sport England has funded equipment and insurance.

Sessions are designed so that all fitness abilities will be catered for - the circuits are designed so you can work at your own pace and each exercise in the training has a range of levels.

**Please sign up at [www.agewell.fit](http://www.agewell.fit)** - Over 18 years old only.

Note : Access to the College is either down John Taylor Way with parking behind the Suggett Centre or down Lime Tree Drive with parking just before the barrier. These route can be used for cars or on foot.



Moreton Morrell Fitness Club

# Community

## Creative WRITING COMPETITION



Warwickshire  
Safer Internet  
Day 2019

Calling all  
creative writing  
geniuses in Warwickshire,  
aged from 6 to 17 years old!

Can you use your talents to spread the message about Safer Internet Day 2019 among young people in Warwickshire?

### The challenge:

Write a poem or rhyme, some song lyrics, a rap, a blog post, or a short story based on one of the Safer Internet Day 2019 themes:

**Together for a better internet** OR **Respect online** OR **#BeCyberKind**.

**Prizes to be won for you and your school!**

### The fine print

Entries must be no longer than 200 words each, and must be your own work.

There are three age categories:  
6 to 8, 9 to 11 and 12+.


The competition opens on Safer Internet Day 2019 (Tuesday 5 February).

All entries must be received by  
5pm on Thursday 28 February 2019.

### For more information

 [www.safeinwarwickshire.com](http://www.safeinwarwickshire.com)

 [SID2019@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:SID2019@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk)

 01926 412261  
Warwickshire County Council  
Cyber Crime Team

 01926 415141  
Jo-An Golding, Warwickshire Police



# Community

## We need your clothes and shoes

Don't forget the school has a hungry clothes monster... or a recycling bin if you prefer!

Have your children outgrown their clothes or shoes or perhaps you need some space for your summer wardrobe! If you have any bedding, clothing or shoes that no longer fit or you simply no longer want or can be bothered to repair! why not feed the blue bin located opposite the main reception entrance to school.

The bin is emptied by an external company and the school is paid an amount depending on the weight of the clothing.



**The Silver Line** is a helpline for older people that offers information, friendship and advice 24 hours day, 365 days a year.

Originally founded by Dame Esther Rantzen, it is the only national, free and confidential helpline for older people in the UK.

The Silver Line also offers telephone and letter befriending by matching up a Silver Liner to a volunteer for regular conversation.

So if anyone is lying awake at night - or feeling lonely at anytime - or is worried about a problem that they have - and think that a chat with someone friendly who cares might help,

**please call The Silver Line on 0800 4708090**

[www.thesilverline.org.uk](http://www.thesilverline.org.uk)



# Community

## HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED BEING A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

- Don't know what it entails?
- Feel like you might not be qualified?
- Not sure if you can spare the time?

**Come along and find out**

If you are eligible to stand as a Councillor • Learn about the code of conduct and the training available • Find out what your Council can do for your communities and how you can influence that • Find out about a councillors role in looking after public money and spending it wisely • Identify the council's responsibilities as the employer of a clerk • Get first hand knowledge of why people become councillors and what fulfilment they get.

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**FREE TO  
MEMBERS OF  
THE PUBLIC**

**Thursday  
7 February 2019  
The Grange Hall  
Coventry Rd, Southam  
CV47 1QA**

**Monday  
11 February 2019  
Stratford District  
Council Chambers  
Elizabeth House, Church St,  
CV37 6HX**

### **SPEAKERS**

- The County Officer of the Warwickshire Association of Local Councils (WALC)
- Experienced local clerks
- Local Parish Councillors
- The Chair of WALC

**WALC**  
Representing and Advising  
Town and Parish Councils

# Community



The Room

**This new facility is suitable for small gatherings, meetings and regular events.**

To make an enquiry or to book The Room please contact [contact.tramm@gmail.com](mailto:contact.tramm@gmail.com)

or visit the website for more details  
[www.midfosse.co.uk/moreton-morrell-holy-cross/the-room](http://www.midfosse.co.uk/moreton-morrell-holy-cross/the-room)

The Church of the Holy Cross, Main Street, Moreton Morrell, Warwick CV35 9AL

## **Dial a Ride UBUS service in Moreton Morrell**

You have a dial a ride bus service which operates Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays between 09:30 am and 2.30 pm in Moreton Morrell.

Travel locally and within the district to go shopping, visit friends or attend social groups.

**To register with UBUS or for more information please call 01789 264491**

between 09:30 am and 2:30pm  
Monday – Friday.

Return journey fare £5.40.

# UBUS



Bringing U closer together.

# The Parish Council

**Chair:** Elizabeth Greetham  
Email: elizabeth@acttwo.co.uk

**Vice Chair:** Jane Cleeton  
Email: cleej1@btinternet.com  
Telephone: 01926 651529

**Clerk to the Council:** Pam Routly  
Email: pamroutly@btinternet.com

## **Councillors:**

Jo Ford  
James Gordon  
Bernard Keavy  
Anne Parry  
Gerry Slora

### **Planning sub-committee**

Cllr Parry, Cllr Gordon, Cllr Keavy, Cllr Greetham, Cllr Ford

### **Playing field sub-committee**

Cllr Cleeton, Cllr Greetham, Cllr Slora, Cllr Ford

### **Speed awareness sub-committee**

Cllr Gordon, Cllr Parry

### **Village appearance and trees sub-committee**

Cllr Cleeton, Cllr Gordon, Cllr Ford

### **Village Hall, Church and College sub-committee**

Cllr Cleeton, Cllr Keavy, Cllr Greetham, Cllr Ford

### **Footpath sub-committee**

Cllr Slora, Cllr Gordon, Cllr Keavy

## **The Next Parish Council Meeting**

*Monday 18th March 2019*

*7.30pm start*

*In the village hall*

*All are welcome to attend*

For more news from the Parish Council visit  
[www.moretonmorrellpc.co.uk](http://www.moretonmorrellpc.co.uk)