

THE *Moreton Morrell* VILLAGER

April 2023



Coronation Weekend Moreton Morrell



Friday 5th May

Quiz Night

The Room 7.30 p.m. - teams of 6
please book in advance.

Tickets available from nicolaatkins@gmx.co.uk



Monday 8th May

Street Party

Free Event - from 12.00 noon

Music, Food, Children's Entertainment

Fancy Dress Competition



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The Parish Council

Chair: Gerry Slora

Vice Chair: Eileen Edwards

Councillors: James Gordon, Robert James, Bernard Keavy & Claire Monks

County Councillor: Penny-Anne O'Donnell

District Councillor: Anne Parry

The next Parish Council meeting

will be on

Monday 15th May 2023 at 7.30_{pm}

and all are welcome to join

For more news from the Parish Council visit

www.moretonmorrellpc.co.uk

Pick it up!

*Whatever some people may believe, there's no such thing as the dog poo fairy. So dog walkers, bag that poo - any rubbish bin will do.
(This includes Box Field)*

Together let's put an end to this offensive, harmful litter.

Village Welcome Pack

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

*If you would like to obtain a copy please contact
Jane Cleeton: j_cleeton@btinternet.com*

Or call 01926 651529

Or visit www.moretonmorrellpc.co.uk to download.

Moreton Morrell



Welcome to Moreton Morrell Parish

News from the Parish Council

We were pleased to welcome Daniel Loveard from Warwickshire Wildlife Trust to the meeting to talk about what we could do as a village to encourage wildlife and it was good see representatives from the church, school and elsewhere. There are plans to bring a group together to discuss what practical steps we can take locally.

Village Appearance

There is still a lot of litter being thrown onto verges and into the ditches along the roads. Please do make use of the litter bins around the village, and challenge anyone you see disposing of rubbish inappropriately if it is safe to do so.

We know that there are issues with a number of drains and are chasing Warwickshire County Council to get these fixed.

Playing Field

Thanks to a number of grants from WCC, SDC and elsewhere, we are now able to purchase a shelter to go in the playing field. This will be being ordered to be erected as soon as possible. It will be fully metal, with seats and a roof but no sides, so that it is possible to see into the shelter.

A street party to commemorate the coronation –

Monday 8 May

*Following the success of recent village events, the Parish Council will be organising a street party, outside the pub, to commemorate the coronation. It will be on **Monday 8 May, 12pm-4pm.** There will be food provided by Fabulous Suppers but would encourage villagers to bring cakes and other food to share. The pub will be open all day to help us celebrate.*

Parking

Please could villagers and their visitors be considerate when parking, particularly at the top of Brook Lane and at the entrance to Oaktree Close as increasingly it is difficult to see, or cars are obstructing the pavement. The Highway Code advises drivers not to stop or park opposite or within 10 metres of a junction, except in an authorised parking space, to allow for the right visibility. The Warwickshire Police Safer Neighbourhood Team will be making regular visits to the village to keep an eye on this issue.

News from the Parish Council

Village Hall

The Parish Council commissioned a survey of the Village Hall which has outlined some significant concerns in terms of its ongoing safety and viability. The Village Hall Trustees will need to make a decision as to whether they can continue to allow the hall to be booked for some types of events, particularly where there is music or dancing. The full report is available on the parish council website, www.moretonmorrellpc.co.uk.

not have anything suitable, then you can apply for free ID online via www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate or by completing a paper form.

Next meeting – 15 May

*Everyone is welcome to the next meeting on **Monday 15 May 2023**, in the Village Hall, which will be the AGM as well as the first meeting with the new council once it is elected.*

Council Elections – 4 May

Voters will need photo ID for forthcoming elections. If you do

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CIL Grant Award

I am delighted to advise that MMPC is to receive a £4500 grant towards the new youth shelter in the playing field which is being paid in April. This follows extensive lobbying to ensure that small projects were considered, as well as the larger ones and to give a fair balance to the grant allocation. Well done to Pam Routly, the clerk, for submitting such a good application in order to gain maximum accreditation points for this type of grant project.

Council Tax

SDC is raising the council tax by £5 (3.2%) based on a category D property therefore to £159.12. Whilst SDC issue the Council Tax statements and are responsible for collecting all revenues on behalf of Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Police, the district council's share of the council tax represents around 7% of the total monies collected.

Stratford District continues to have the lowest levels of Council Tax across Warwickshire. The levels of Council Tax to be charged by the other Borough/District Councils in the county for a Band D property in 2023/24 are:

	2022/23	2023/24	Increase	%
North Warwickshire	£222.30	£228.86	£6.56	2.95
Nuneaton & Bedworth	£248.51	£255.94	£7.43	2.99
Rugby	£204.72	£210.84	£6.12	2.99
Stratford	£154.12	£159.12	£5.00	3.24
Warwick	£176.86	£176.86	Nil	Nil

Upper Lighthorne GP Services

I have been involved in the lobbying activities for standalone GP and Health services in Upper Lighthorne and have been working closely with Cllr Andy Smith of Lighthorne PC in this respect and as a conduit with SDC. Following a meeting that SDC set up with the parishes and the Integrated Care Board it was agreed that a new GP practice be developed in Upper Lighthorne which would relieve pressures on the surrounding GP facilities.

Pressure on the ICB is being continued and SDC has appointed a project manager to develop the timescales and manage its development from an SDC and planning perspective. I am attending a meeting in Coventry on Friday to progress discussions with Homes England for both a temporary and the permanent surgery facilities.

SWLP Consultation

According to the Head of Development there appears to have been excellent levels of response to this consultation but we will need to wait a few months to have some

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feedback on the outcomes.

Economic Development Strategy

The draft South Warwickshire Economic Development Strategy has been launched for public consultation and sets out the priorities for how SDC and WDC wish to support the economy. Whilst there is no legal requirement for local authorities to prepare economic strategies both SDC and WDC recognize the importance of doing so. This has been produced to provide evidence in the preparation of the South Warwickshire Local Plan.

Wellesbourne University

Innovation Campus Framework Masterplan SPD

Cabinet has approved the go ahead of the publication for this document which is designed to attract innovative new businesses and encourage economic growth delivering high calibre jobs for local people. This is also out for public consultation and the links can be found on SDC's website.

Wellesbourne Airfield Update

The future of Wellesbourne Airfield has been protected and is to benefit from enhanced flying functions, generating economic growth and safeguarding jobs.

Equally welcome to local residents is that there is now NO HOUSING planned for the development of the airfield, which I have actively

campaigning for over the last eight years.

Plans for the proposed Code2 runway are currently with the Civil Aviation Authority for review and the new runway will have the same operating length as its existing 917m one, which is suitable for small commercial aircraft for business travel.

Stratford District Council will continue to be extensively involved in the development of the airfield by Stoford which is looking to invest a £multi-million sum into the airfield, improving the existing facilities and plans for the development of high-tech and innovative industries. In view of the progress to date there could be a planning application in by the end of the summer. This site could create 4-5,000 highly skilled jobs over the next 5-7 years which would be a great result for Wellesbourne and the District as a whole.

Local Authority Housing Fund

SDC has been allocated £2.35m of support for its refugees from Afghanistan and Ukraine from the Government's £500m Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF) which will be used to provide an additional 17 homes in the district both to accommodate refugees in the short term and provides a welcome boost to the district's capacity for affordable housing in the longer term. Platform Housing

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Group has been identified as the preferred partner to help the Council deliver these new homes which are to be purchased.

Electric Vehicle Infrastructure in South Warwickshire

SDC will be carrying out a feasibility study in partnership with WDC to help inform the future infrastructure for Electric Vehicle charging across the districts. The study will build on the report considered last year which identified the number of charging facilities that may be required and will investigate how these could be implemented. In a nutshell this will be looking at making sure that the location of chargers are in well-lit locations and addresses issues surrounding accessibility to cater for the needs of all users.

VOTER ID

Villagers are urged to make sure they understand the new rules which require voters to show photographic ID before voting in this year's local elections on 4th May.

The requirement to show photo ID at the polling station was introduced by the UK Government's Elections Act, which was passed last year and comes into effect for the first time this May.

Anyone who does not have one of the accepted forms of ID will be able to apply for free ID online here, in person at Stratford District Council, or by completing a paper form. The deadline for applying is 5pm on Tuesday, April 25.

Acceptable forms of ID include:

- *a passport*
- *a driving licence (including a provisional one)*
- *an older persons or disabled persons bus pass*
- *a Blue Badge*
- *a biometric immigration document*
- *an ID card issued by an EEA state*
- *an ID card bearing the proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (a Pass Card).*

Voters will be able to use an expired ID if the photo still looks like them. Alternatively, voter ID is not required if you register for a postal vote. I have a poster which can be laminated and promoted accordingly in the village.

Anne Parry
Ward Member for
Wellesbourne East

Moreton Morrell and Moreton Paddox Gardening Group

At our meeting in February we had a fabulous talk and demonstration by Jane Benefield who is the Head of Floristry at Moreton Morrell College.

Jane who is extremely talented and the winner of numerous prestigious awards made a beautiful hand tied bouquet supported by a frame of twigs and lichen, she made it look so easy!

Next month we meet in the village hall on March 13th at 7.30pm and start a plant and seed swap for members to bring along anything they have they don't need such as half a pack of seeds for example, this will be followed by a local expert Andrew Gordon who will talk about trees and their seeds.

Lots of interesting talks and visits coming up including a visit to Evenely woodland garden in April and a coach trip to RHS Wisley in July.

Everyone welcome! Come and meet new friends and have some fun.



Moreton Morrell and Moreton Paddox Gardening Group

We had an interesting talk from local expert Andy Gordon at our March meeting on trees and their seeds and how to collect them as well as a plant and seed swap.

Next months meeting will be a tour of Evenley Wood Garden on April 17th leaving the village at 1pm. Anyone interested please contact Eileen Edwards on 07927311126 , members £6 and non members £12.50.

The following is the provisional programme for the year :

Monday 17th Apr: Guided Tour Evenly Wood Gardens 2pm leave MM at 1pm

Sunday 21st May: Open Gardens in MM with Tea and Cakes at Garden House 2-5pm

Monday 12th June: Visit to Ryton Organic Garden

Saturday 15th July : Coach trip to RHS Wisley Full day leaving village 9am

August Summer Break

Monday 4th Sept: Visit to Battsford Arboretum or Speaker TBA

Monday 16th Oct: The Landscape at Compton Verney ,Fiona Tansey Head Gardener.

Monday 13th Nov : Talk by Paul, Lead Ranger at Charlecote Park NT.

Monday 11th Dec: Christmas Social and Quiz

Why not join us even if you are not a keen gardener , it's a fun group and hopefully the outings will be a way of making new friends and meeting neighbours.

Membership is £20 per year or £3 per meeting. Trips vary depending on venue costs and travel.

Happy Gardening!



From the Allotments

I write this towards the end of March; the start of an extremely busy time for allotment holders and gardeners. For those able to do so, sowings of a variety of plants has already been made under glass or cloche, but this is just a precursor to the main sowings and planting outdoors. Last year by mid-March, my early potatoes were in the ground but the wet and cold conditions meant this year that planting has been delayed. Along with my main crop seed, they are still chitting – hopefully planted in the next week or so. I also was late in planting out onion sets but and early spring broad beans are appearing. I used to sow broad beans in the autumn for an early harvest but had very mixed success so spring sowing is now my norm. Buds have appeared on fruit trees and canes. Along with the appearance of daffodils in the garden, this always heralds the start of a new growing year.

Also, at this time, the number of people appearing on the allotments increases. A previous allotment holder used to refer to it as everyone coming out of hibernation! We all hope for a good growing year. We know that there will be highs and lows but, as I have often said in this column, the allotment is a great outdoor gym – a place you can work with the sound of birds and

be at the heart of nature. I am delighted that the formation of the Moreton Morrell Garden Group has gone so well; a sign that there are many in the village with an interest in the subject and wanting to get involved. The programme for the year suggests an open gardens event, assuming people agree to open them! Also at a recent Parish Council meeting, a member of the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust spoke. There is work on going in producing a village plan to encourage spaces for wildlife and enhancing the environment. All very exciting and to be welcomed. Finally I would mention plans by our church for a Flower Festival with one of the window displays seeking to profile vegetable and fruit growing.

So as we settle into a new growing season, there is much to look forward to and I certainly wish all allotment holders and indeed gardeners, old and new, the very best of luck in the months ahead. Maybe this year is going to be one when all goes well and successful in the garden. I doubt it but it is good to dream. Good gardening to you all

John Moverley

Chairman - Moreton Morrell Allotment Association

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Your Church in Your Community

After quite a number of years authoring this item for the Villager, the current contribution is my last. Having stepped down as a church warden, it is time to pass over the responsibility to someone else. My support for our church in our community will be as strong as ever. As I have often said, the church is a core part of the village and community in so many ways.

I will continue to be part of the Prime Time team who organise the informal service and activity on each third Sunday in a month and please remember that is open to all, whatever your faith or none. It is informal, you are sure of a warm welcome and the refreshments afterwards are great.

The success of the warm hub initiative, in the Room every Tuesday lunchtime, has been really pleasing. It provides opportunity to meet and chat as well as enjoy a soup and pudding or cake, and it is free! It is a great community initiative and thank you to all involved.

As I write we are in Lent approaching that great moment in the church year when we celebrate Easter and what it means to us all. At Holy Cross there will be an Easter Service at 9.30am. This is earlier than normal but I understand that

celebrations are planned at the village pub at noon so we felt the early timing was appropriate. There are a number of other services in the week before; these are all listed in the Parish Magazine.

Over the time that I have been writing this piece, I am so pleased on the many developments linking church to the community – the library at the back of the building, activities in the Room and much more. I am keen to champion the creation of a wildlife garden and space in the wooded area of the churchyard. I do hope it gains support and can become another great community initiative.

Thank you for reading these notes now and in the past. And to finish, an amusing story

After church, Johnny tells his parents he has to go and talk to the priest right away.

“Vicar,” Johnny says, “I heard you say today that our bodies came from the dust.”

“That’s right, Johnny, I did,” he says.

“And I heard you say that when we die, our bodies go back to dust.”

“Yes, I’m glad you were listening,” the Vicar replies. “Why do you ask?”

“Well you better come over to our house right away and look under my bed, because there’s someone either coming or going!”

*Thank you - John Moverley
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Nature Watch

By Steve Harvey

March - *The Snowdrop asks for very little as it pushes through the cold earth, soon to be joined by Aconite and Primrose; each one hoping for a little warmth from the sun to bring the Bees out. Many people think of the Snowdrop as a native flower however, depending on which historical story you believe, the gorgeous little flower was either introduced by the Romans or a bit later by the Monks from Normandy(think that's my favourite) or in the 1600's. Well, whoever dug them up and transplanted them over the Channel from Europe and Asia I'm very glad they did.*

Now there's an old country tale that says the birds do their courting and get married around Valentine's Day. Very romantic, although there's a few species, like the Jackdaws, that have been married for a good few years now and have a few anniversaries behind them. Back in mid-January a pair of Blue Tits were actively going in and out of the nest box exploring the possibilities. They're still visiting now but no decision has been made yet as there may be other properties to view.

Great Spotted Woodpeckers have been drumming loudly on

favourite dead parts of trees to get the best acoustics; their equivalent to a song, serving exactly the same purpose. Not much melody but plenty of drum and bass. One male hammers to the left of the cottage then stops to hear its rival drumming to the right of the cottage both proclaiming their territories and knowing exactly where they stand.

I was driving along the narrow road to Moreton Morrell as the light began to fade and was joined on my right by a Barn Owl. It skimmed the top of the hedgerow then low over the grass verge. We were both doing about 15miles an hour (have no idea what that is in kilometres). Luckily there was no-one behind us. Twice it swooped and landed but caught nothing. The second time it settled on the grass. It looked at me realising I was there. Beautiful white and cream plumage and that long Barn Owl face. It decided I was up to no good stalking along behind it so flew across the lane and into the next field like a big white moth. This hedgerow trawling is obviously an Owl speciality as I saw a Tawny doing the same thing not far from there last year. Just happened to be in the right place at the right time. I reckon the Owl would have disagreed though.

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Had a couple of close encounters in the garden back in late January as a Muntjac crossed once in front of me then behind me. Always nice to see them up close, head down and tail up. Around the same time I drove passed a female Muntjac on the verge with its fawn near Oakley Wood. They can breed throughout the year. They both stood feeding near the edge of the road. Hair raising Green Cross Code lesson going on there as cars drove passed them.

By mid-February I heard my first Chaffinch with its happy bouncing song right on cue. Then within days, my favourite, the Blackbird, definitely the Ella Fitzgerald of birdsong. This means the door to Spring is creeping open. Roll on the first of March!

April - *So as Spring stood poised in the doorway, as so often happens, Winter slammed the door shut again. No sooner had I thought the lawn could have its first mowing it started snowing.*

Frogs had already laid their spawn in the cold water of the pond. I'd only glimpsed one frog. They'd obviously carried out their business and hopped it. The eggs are developing despite the

freezing temperatures. They're a brave lot these Frogs!

We had our first Hedgehog out and about at the beginning of March, but when the cold snap came it snuffled back to bed. Haven't seen it since.

Snow brought in by North and East winds made it tougher for livestock and wildlife. Bird tables and feeders were a lifeline. Talking of bird tables it was Shakespeare who wrote "A pox on all your houses" in Romeo and Juliet. (Just trying to bring a little culture into the Nature scribble). Now the cottage is fine but the bird table see POX. There's a Great Tit that has a large pink lump on its cheek. This turns out to be a viral pox. It was originally spotted in Scandinavia on birds in the 1960s. As it swells it makes it harder for the bird to see as well and so more at risk to predators. Apparently it can regress in Great Tits so maybe this bird will survive. Hope so. It is contagious so each morning I spray the table and feeders with disinfectant. Its all I've got so fingers crossed.

On a brighter note the hedgerows in mid March have clouds of white flowers on the Blackthorn and sprinklings of small green leaves on the Hawthorn, always the first fresh green leaves - love

Nature Watch

'em! Down below the Primroses are in bloom, snow or not. 'Primrose' meaning first, so its the 'first Rose'. Although not a rose at all there is a hint of Dog Rose about the shape of the flower. Just a touch more culture there. Early Honey Bees and Bumbles are checking them out.

Ravens are still very busy, often flying as a pair. a couple of weeks ago the two of them flew low over the cottages. You could actually hear the air beneath their powerful wing. Now you wont hear that from a Carrion Crow. Another time the Ravens flew over our cottage each one with a twig in its beak. I reckon that was symbolic and the pair were adding new twigs to their nest; a nest that will be there for years. Well that's my theory and I'm sticking to it.

Along with the Primroses and Violets wild Arrum and Garlic are pushing through. So are the Stinging Nettles, nothing much holds them back.

The Muntjac are still around the cottage. Looks as though the male that was calling (barking) morning and night achieved his dream of finding a wife because we regularly see the female and

her calf. So lovely to see the calf following its Mum, stopping to sample the emerging vegetation along the hedgerows down the lane.

We've had a single Long-tailed Tit on the bird table. Unusual to see that in Winter. The "Billy no mates" of the Long-tailed Tit world. Glad to say within a couple of days half a dozen others had turned up. Maybe he was their scout and went ahead to find food. Well, it paid off - they've hit the Jackpot here!

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*Fabulous Supper event- Friday
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Cross, Moreton Morrell.*

*Fabulous breakfasts- Saturday
25th March 9.00am- 11.00am
The Village Hall, Moreton
Morrell.*

*Fabulous Supper Event Friday
21st April 7.00pm - 9.00pm, The
Room at the Church of the Holy
Cross, Moreton Morrell.*

*Fabulous Breakfast Saturday
29th April - 9.00-11.00am, The
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*Fabulous Supper event Friday
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The College Update

Record visitor numbers for lambing and animals weekend

Moreton Morrell College attracted record visitor numbers for its annual lambing event. The college welcomed more than 5,000 visitors for its popular annual Lambing and Animals Weekend held at Nethermorton Farm.

The two-day event was filled with farm-themed activities, from meeting the college's herd of cattle, sitting on tractors and the highlight of getting the chance to hold baby lambs and see them being born.

Farm Manager Daniel Hale and agricultural students from the college were on-hand to answer questions about lambing, life working on the farm and their college courses.

Visitors also got up close with exotic animals including reptiles, raccoon dogs and more at the Animal Centre, including the exciting new addition of Dug the black monitor lizard who was bought using funds raised at the previous year's event.

Farm Manager Daniel Hale, who enjoyed his first Lambing & Animals Weekend since joining Moreton Morrell College in late 2022, said: "It was wonderful to welcome so many people to the farm for our annual Lambing and Animals Weekend.

"We received great feedback with a record number of visitors

enjoying holding the new born lambs, meeting our 500 ewes and exploring our beautiful 650-acre farm."



Families enjoying the Lambing and Animals Weekend

Equine students complete unique horse coaching qualification

Equine students have gained an extra stride in their step after successful completion of a unique horse coaching qualification.

Rachel Courts, Grace Debruyne and Ellie Rowe, all students on the BSc Hons Equine Performance Coaching course at Moreton Morrell College, passed their 1st4Sport Level 1 Award in Equestrian Coaching (General Riding).

The course, which was recently integrated as an option module in the Equestrian Performance Coaching course, is a mixture of classroom-based and practical learning in the coaching of general riding.

Once completed, students are

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able to work as a coaching assistant with additional qualifications in safeguarding and first aid.

The college also supports students to progress and successfully complete Level 2 qualifications, which deepens their knowledge and experience, qualifying them to coach in general riding or specialised equestrian disciplines.

One of the successful cohort, Grace Debruyne, 19 from Whitnash, said: “I really enjoyed the course. The qualification was really well integrated into our degree which made it easy to balance.

“The coaching experience has boosted my confidence both in and outside the livery yard which I work at alongside my degree. In the future I am hoping to use my coaching qualifications to move forward into the equine industry.”



From left to right - the successful student cohort of Rachel Courts, Grace Debruyne, and Ellie Rowe with their certificates at the equestrian centre of Moreton Morrell College.

Major regional construction contractor strengthens college relationship

A leading regional apprenticeship provider is strengthening its relationship with a major regional construction contractor.

Stepnell, which is headquartered in Rugby, has seen a third apprentice begin their training with college group WCG (Warwickshire College Group) at Moreton Morrell College.

The construction business employs over 300 people and is committed to 10 per cent of its overall workforce being apprentices or trainees.

WCG is the largest college provider of apprenticeship training in the region, with up to 2,000 apprentices trained every year and working with over 1,100 local, regional and national employers.

Stepnell took on two apprentices in the first year of the working with WCG with focuses on site carpentry and joinery – the apprentices work day-to-day from Stepnell’s joinery workshop at its head office.

John Colclough, Head of Business Development and Industrial Placements at WCG, said: “Our construction apprenticeship provision is of the highest standard and it is great to be able to help develop talent for a reputable business such as

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Stepnell.”

Jayne Suthard, training manager at Stepnell, added: “We hope to be able to take on further apprentices through WCG in the coming years.”



Left to right – John Colclough, Alex Burnett, Stuart West and Harvey Heise.

Feline behaviour expert published in international journal

A lecturer at Moreton Morrell College has recently had three articles published in an international renowned peer-reviewed journal.

Sarah Pointer, a qualified veterinary nurse and expert in feline behaviour, has seen the articles published in the *Veterinary Nursing Journal*. The articles are set to help fellow veterinary nurses with how to address various challenges in cat behaviour.

Sarah is subject lead for veterinary nursing degree courses at Moreton Morrell College, which delivers its degrees through Warwickshire

College and University Centre (WCUC).

The expertise shared in the *Veterinary Nursing Journal* included introducing a cat to a new home and a range of considerations for owners who maybe experiencing ‘inappropriate elimination’ with their cat.

Sarah also urged owners to first seek the guidance of a registered veterinary nurse for any issues. She said: “The animal industry still suffers from a lack of regulation and many titles are not protected, so it is vital to check the registers of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) to ensure you are dealing with a qualified veterinary nurse. For behaviourists, look and see if they are a certified clinical animal behaviourist (CCAB) or a member of the Associations of Pet Behaviour Counsellors (APBC).”



Sarah Pointer at Moreton Morrell College.

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Dial a Ride UBUS service in Moreton Morrell

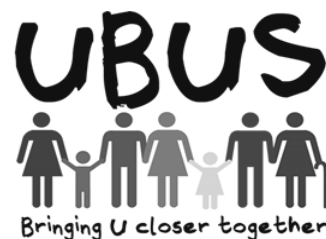
The UBUS dial a ride community transport service operates in Moreton Morrell and surrounding areas on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays between 09:30 - 14:30.

UBUS is available to anyone who struggles to access public transport due to mobility issues, health problems or due to infrequent or no public transport.

Travel locally or into Stratford upon Avon to go shopping, visit friends or attend social groups.

Single journey fare: £2.90 | Return fare: £5.80

To register with UBUS or for more information please call 01789 264491 between 09:30 - 14:30 on weekdays.



COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICE

Our volunteer drivers can take you to medical appointments, lunch clubs, groups, activities and to visit family and friends.

01789 262889

transport@vasa.org.uk



Areas covered: **Stratford, Warwick, Leamington Spa, Kenilworth, Southam, Alcester, Shipston & surrounding villages.**

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reducing isolation within our communities

RELIABLE SERVICE

All our volunteer drivers are enhanced DBS checked, referenced and carry ID.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

You pay your volunteer driver **45p per mile** and a **£3 admin fee** to help us sustain the service. **Two hours of waiting time** is included in the cost of your booking.

HOW TO BOOK A JOURNEY

Our booking line is open Monday to Friday between 9.30am & 3pm.

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WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEER DRIVERS!

Have you got some spare time during the day? Could you help this invaluable service in your community? You can choose to do as many journeys as you like each month. 45p mileage costs paid.

Call 01789 262889 or email volunteer@vasa.org.uk.

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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



Community



at Moreton Morrell

Suitable for parties,
meetings and regular events

Broadband Wi-Fi available



To make an enquiry please email
contact.tramm@gmail.com

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booking form visit

www.midfosse.co.uk/tramm

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