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County & District Council Report

It's been a really busy couple of months both at a District and County level in addition to my involvement with the Parish Council.

County Council Community Grants

The new Community Grants closed in June and the applications from both Moreton Morrell Parish Council and Friends of Moreton Morrell Primary School both scored well and I am delighted to confirm that the Parish Council has been awarded £1000 for some outdoor gym equipment for the playing field and the school was granted £500 to purchase two C-Pens. These are a pocket-sized technological device designed to help children who suffer from reading difficulties, such as dyslexia, by reading the text out aloud in a digital voice.

Delegated Members Road Safety Budget

A site meeting with the Road Safety Team was held earlier this month and a white lining improvements scheme, including edge of carriageway markings and 'Slow' markings was approved by the Parish Council in the July meeting. Speeding on the top road at Moreton Paddox

has also been raised with Highways and reported to the Safer Neighbourhood Team. However, the officer highlighted that both speed humps and rumble strips would not be appropriate for the village as there was insufficient street lighting.

District Council Site Allocations Plan

As part of the Core Strategy the district council has to provide a reserve plan in the event that some of the current sites are not forthcoming or the district falls below the Five Year Housing Land Supply which could be caused by any delays in particular to the development of the two new settlements. This is a directive from the Planning Inspectorate and forms part of the adopted Core Strategy.

Essentially the Site Allocations Plan (SAP) is a holding plan and is what it says on the tin in terms of being reserve sites which have been identified for the purposes of ONLY if needed. The plan will be subject to a six weeks consultation starting in August with formal adoption in Summer 2020.

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Moreton Morrell along with a number of villages and towns across the district has been included in the SAP and there are sites which have been identified by Stratford District Council as deliverable, if required, which amount to a total of 51 units from land off John Taylor Way and from Brook Lane.

The next Five Year Housing Land Supply figures are due out at the end of July and the indications are that the figures remain robust for the foreseeable future.

Villagers will have the opportunity to comment on the Site Allocations Plan as part of the six weeks' consultation and there will be a link on the Stratford District Council website which I will copy and put on the village Facebook page.

Wellesbourne Airfield

Negotiations are still ongoing with the owners of Wellesbourne Airfield by the executive team at Stratford District Council, however progress is being made.

SDC Corporate Strategy

As a Cabinet member I am currently working with the management team on SDC's corporate strategy over the next

four years which is focusing on the following elements:

- Communicating more effectively with residents
- Increasing importance of climate change and carbon neutral
- Further developing relationships with Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership (CWLEP), West Midlands Combined Authority and Warwickshire County Council
- Working with The University of Warwick on the development of Wellesbourne Campus
- Reviewing the Core Strategy Managing the ongoing financial constraints on the council



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Community



THANK YOU FOR THE LOVELY BENCH PRESENTED TO ME ON MY RETIREMENT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL, IT WILL SOON BE SET IN THE PLAYING FIELD FOR ALL TO ENJOY. PLEASE COME AND REST A WHILE, HAVE A CHAT.

***THANKS FOR ALL YOUR BEST WISHES.
JANE X***

From the Allotments

By John Moverley

As I write this, the sun is shining and, like all gardeners, I am seeking rain. Watering the plants takes time but it is essential. However there is nothing like rain to make the plants grow well, albeit the weeds too! Is it just me but Moreton Morrell often seems to miss passing showers?

We are in the very special time of year now – harvest. The time which seems to make it all worthwhile. My peas and broad beans have been picked with some in the freezer for later in the year. Early potatoes are being dug, calabrese and cabbage being picked, courgettes in abundance and soon runner and dwarf beans will be ready.

Tomatoes are growing well and soon should be ready in my mini greenhouse in the garden. I have also had my first beetroot of the year, to me the king of vegetables – so good when boiled, I can easily eat it on its own.

It is also that time of year when I

much enjoy an early morning walk around the allotment and indeed my garden, possibly with a mug of tea in hand, listening to the birds, viewing the crops and wondering why the weeds grow so much each night. It sets me up for the working day ahead.

Why not give it a try yourself.

There is plenty of hard work but this time of year is the great reward. And think of the benefits of all that exercise. Get in touch if you are interested in a plot for the next season. Our year runs from 1st October and rental is very reasonable.

And so I close – the sun is setting in the sky and rain is promised for tomorrow, hopefully.

A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows.



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Nature Watch

By Steve Harvey

July

Rain, rain, then more rain on top. After one downpour the lawn at the front of the cottage came alive with frogs. All this year's model and small enough to sit on your finger nail, nicely camouflaged until they Jump! Then they could easily be eaten by birds or hedgehogs. Talking of Hedgehogs, the eleventh one has now been released. He had been attacked by a Border Terrier but now looked great and was raring to go! Only one Hedgehog has stayed to live in our garden. It's living very close to the cottage bribed by lots of food each night and its own hedge and undergrowth. I saw it a couple of times near the porch when a Fox passed by it. The Hedgehog froze for a moment but the Fox showed no interest in it -phew! It appears about 10 o'clock each evening and finds its food. Now, within 24

hours of release Hedgehog number eleven found her; yes we know she is a her now because romance began immediately, so fingers crossed, on that one. Hope he stays.



Having mentioned Foxes, there have been changes in the family setup. From almost being able to set your watch by them, now it's hit and miss if we see any. It all began with a glimpse of a tiny cub in the dark (well it was probably mating screams that began it!) We learned there were seven Cubs that would leap and play like puppies. By about fourteen weeks old a cub came through

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 or 01926 651529

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Welcome to Moreton Morrell Parish

Nature Watch cont.

the hedge in daylight with a small rabbit in its mouth. It saw me and quietly turned round and took its prize back through the hedge. The best moment was when Krista whispered, "Come and see though you won't believe it". It was almost dark but enough light to see there stood a vixen, legs slightly splayed. Seven Cubs ran to her, she suckled them all. We felt so privileged. I bet we never witness a sight like that again.



Not long after that all but one cub left. Maybe the vixen took them further from people or they naturally headed off on their own. One cub remains, it's easily half the size of the vixen and seems to tag along with the dog Fox whether he likes it or not - I think not. The adults are just about tolerating the cub, they must have thought they'd got rid of their kids, but this one doesn't want to go. It developed a limp in the front paw but that healed in a few days. It would dash from parent to parent, it's tail wagging in a circular motions, it tried to lick its parents as if it was begging for food. Old habits die hard. This was met with a snap and the cub would back off or lay down in submission. Sad to see it trying to work out why it's parents had changed. Growing up is not easy is it? Oh well, the cub is fully capable of looking after itself now so I'll bet it will soon be off. About half the diet of a Fox is made up of mice

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.

Nature Watch cont.

voles and rats so on balance they are an asset in the right place.

There's an old farmhouse I go to. Every year Swallows return to nest in the stables there. This year, with so much rain they've found it hard to find enough flying insects. Then we had some chilly nights, so the young ones, who were getting near to fledging all died; so sad.

On a happier note on a sunny Sunday morning the Blue tits prepared to leave the box, parents nearby, caterpillars twitching in their beaks, waiting- a chick halfway out of the hole. At this point the chick had never felt the sun or rain and had never actually flown before. How daunting is that. It took best part of an hour to build up the courage to make that instinct driven leap into midair. Then they were out! They and the other fledglings seemed to be everywhere, all calling to keep in touch with each other and their parents.

The trees around here are full of young; Blue tits, Great tits and Coal Tits. Within a week they have learned how to use the bird table and feeders and, importantly, to hang upside down among the leaves searching for insects. The cold and wet was the last thing they needed but with a constant food supply it saw them through. Who ever coined the phrase "Run ragged" must have been watching parent birds. Their feathers were matted, the colours darkened with all the rain. They were shadows of their former selves- run ragged literally.

Now I know why they call it "flaming June" because it hardly stopped flaming raining!



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Your Church

At a recent Sunday Service, the reading was the story of the Good Samaritan – a man walking on a dangerous road who saw another on the other side badly beaten and needing help. Unlike others, he did not pass by but went to his aid, recognising the dangers, but seeing someone who was in distress and needed help. He took the man to an inn, paid for his care and later returned to see all was well.

In our modern world, we hear so many bad stories and I guess it is easy for all of us to pass by and not get involved. Yet all communities depend on involvement, looking out for each other without fear or favour. That is why I feel so blessed to live in this village; there is a real community feel that is tangible and real. We recently held the Village Fete, a joint effort by church and school. The sun shone and villagers arrived. There was much catching up, talking

and enjoyment. It was a real community event and thanks must go to all who made it possible. It takes real effort and time but is so worthwhile, not just in the funds raised for school and church, but for so much more. As regular readers of this column know, I often make a plea to everyone to reach out to their neighbours and acquaintances. It may make all the difference. I recently called by to someone in our village to say hello and discovered that I was the first person they had seen for over a week. Can you be a good Samaritan – a quick hello may be all it takes.

Your church continues to offer a range of services for all; the Room is increasingly being used for all manner of events and I hope that everyone who lives here sees it as their church, irrespective of their beliefs or not. We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival soon followed by

Moreton Morrell is on



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Your Church cont.

a light lunch and on Remembrance Sunday, we will once again hold our service in church at 10am before assembling outside the church gate at 10.50 am for a moment of silence and to remember those who gave their lives. We hope, as last year, many will join us either at church or outside the church gate close to the village war memorial.



As I write, the advert for our new Vicar is in place and we pray that it will not be too long before they

are in post. Until then it is business as usual and full information on services, dates and times, are always in the Parish magazine or the church notice board.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and, if time permits, why not visit the churchyard, sit on a bench and take in the sounds and sights.

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?"

"Because white is the colour of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life."

The child thought about this for a moment, then said "So why is the groom wearing black?"

John Moverley
Churchwarden



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College Update

Student FE awards ceremony

Exceptional further education students from Moreton Morrell College were celebrated for their effort and achievements at the annual Further Education Student Awards ceremony held at Moreton Morrell on 12 June.

Students from all academic departments were recognised for their hard work, dedication and attainment throughout the academic year at the event attended by family, friends, members of staff and college governors.

Principal of WCG, Peter Husband, gave out awards from each academic department for Outstanding Achievement, Commitment to Learning and Student of the Year, before the overall Student of the Year from each college was announced.

This year the accolade of Moreton Morrell College Student of the Year 2019 was given to Sport and Exercise student Liv Fletcher. The 20-year old from Warwick said: "I was very surprised and overwhelmed to have been chosen for the award. I feel a sense of achievement and am proud of myself for putting the hard work in during the last two

years as I knew what I needed to achieve as my end result, and I was not going to stop until I had got it!"



"Thanks to the distinctions I've achieved in all of the modules, I am now on track to start physiotherapy at the University of Birmingham, the top-ranked university for physiotherapy in England."

WCG awarded The Planet Mark™ certificate

WCG has been awarded The Planet Mark™ sustainability certificate for its commitment to reducing its carbon footprint. This is the fifth year that the college group has achieved the Planet Mark™ certificate which recognises an organisation's commitment to continuous

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improvement in its sustainability.

As part of WCG's commitment to improving its environmental sustainability, 27 members of staff from across its seven colleges attended a sustainability workshop in July at Moreton Morrell College delivered by Sarah Gillett from The Planet Mark™.



The plan is to create a 'green team' to devise a sustainability master plan to influence behaviour change and to action further sustainability measures across our colleges with the main emphasis during the new academic year on Moreton Morrell campus.

Steve Malkin, CEO and Founder of The Planet Mark™ said: "WCG's latest achievement is truly outstanding and demonstrates that businesses with the right level of commitment

will continue to make progress, year-on-year. The college group epitomises how organisations can make positive contributions to society and the environment and enjoy the process. We are delighted that The Planet Mark™ is helping embody this vision by bringing together staff and students and embedding sustainability into the wonderful communities they create."

India conservation trip

In July, thirteen students studying animal sciences at Moreton Morrell College enjoyed a trip of a lifetime when they spent twelve days visiting India's Golden Triangle.



The students, under the guidance of lecturers Helen Coleman and Katie Gazey, undertook a variety of activities connected with conservation projects. Highlights

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were days spent helping Wildlife SOS looking after rescued elephants and dancing bears, and at the Ranthambore National Park observing a community project supporting human-wildlife conflict mitigation. At this project, the students helped with camera trapping to locate tigers. Whilst on safari they were also fortunate to observe a pair of mating tigers. A



particularly amazing sight, as before the project started there were no tigers left in this national park.

The trip continued to Jaipur where the group visited the Ladli project which looked after orphaned and street children. Some students helped in lessons and also served the childrens' lunch, - a humbling experience! As well as visiting the projects, the trip itinerary took in some iconic cultural sights such as the Taj Mahal, Agra Fort and the Pink City.

Higher Education lecturer Katie Gazey said: "This was a very busy trip with much to see and do. We stayed in some amazing locations and met some fantastic people and saw so much wildlife. The students gained invaluable experiences and it has inspired some to fundraise for Wildlife SOS, while others are keen to volunteer in schools or orphanages like the Ladli project while taking a gap year."



British Florist Association Awards

Moreton Morrell College's renowned floristry department continues to be recognised nationally after being shortlisted for three categories at this year's British Florist Association Awards. Floristry department course

College Update cont.

leader, Jane Benefield is one of fourteen finalists in the Floristry Tutor of the Year category alongside the college itself which is nominated for Floristry Training Provider of the Year. Two of its Level 5 Master Diploma in Professional Floristry students, Zoe Rowlinson and Amy Shakeshaft have also been nominated for the Institute of Professional Florists Student of the Year award. Jane Benefield said: "It is a great honour and very humbling to be nominated for the Tutor of the Year award. I am

also particularly delighted that we have been nominated for the Training Provider of the Year and of course very proud that our students Zoe and Amy have also been shortlisted." If you would like to show your support and take part in the voting then you can do so by going to www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BFA_IndustryAwards2019Voting before the polls closes on Sunday 15 September.



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Dial a Ride UBUS service in Moreton Morrell

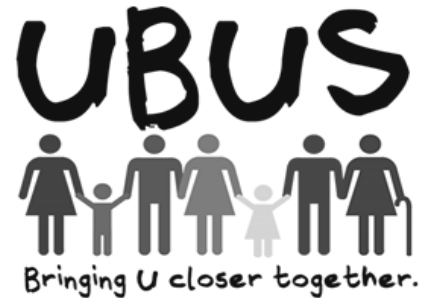
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We need your clothes and shoes

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.



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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



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Free - Fitness Training

Mondays 6:30pm - 7:30pm

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 - 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 routes can be used for cars or on foot.



Moreton Morrell Fitness Club

Help us make The Villager!

Please continue to send your news, events, letters, photos, stories and comments by email to cleetonjane@gmail.com

Deadline for October edition

23rd September 2019

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Come along and have fun with the **TABLE TENNIS CLUB**

Session Dates - (Thursdays) September 19th,
October 17th, November 21st & December 19th

Moreton Morrell Village Hall 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm

Coffee, tea and squash provided

Next session - 20th June 2019

Funded by Moreton Morrell Parish Council

See Facebook and NextDoor.co.uk for details



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At Moreton Morrell Village Hall

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The Next Parish Council Meeting

Monday 16th September 2019

7.30pm start

In the village hall

All are welcome to attend

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**SEE YOU NEXT YEAR.
JANE**

