

THE *Moreton Morrell* VILLAGER

August 2022

VILLAGE GARDENING GROUP **October 3rd**

It is proposed for a gardening group to be set up in the village if there is enough interest.

The first meeting will be held in the village hall on Monday October 3rd at 7.30pm.

Everyone is welcome especially anyone new to gardening . We will discuss what people would like from a local gardening group .

Suggestions include having regular speakers and/or demonstrations, garden visits, a village show and even if people are keen we can look at setting up a community garden or allotment which may benefit those without a garden or with a very small garden .

Our aim is to make it an interesting, fun a place to make friends, go on outings and share our love of gardening and the outside environment.

Please come to the initial meeting and help shape how the group will be run. All ideas are very welcome.



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The Parish Council

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*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 19th September 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.

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Welcome to Moreton Morrell Parish

News from the Parish Council

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone who braved the cold to turn up to celebrate the Queens Jubilee in June at the Party in the Park, despite the weather the event was a great success and it was good to see over 200 villagers enjoying the fun. A big thank you to the local bands who were brilliant and everyone involved in the organization of the event.

The Playing Field annual safety inspection has taken place and happily only a few minor issues were noted which will be remedied in the near future. If any resident or user of the play area notices any problems please contact a member of the Parish Council as soon as possible with the details, as the safety of the children using the equipment is of our utmost concern.

A meeting with Moreton Morrell College's local manager, Peter Husband, has been held and various issues were discussed including complaints received about students racing up the Farm Drive off John Taylor Way. If anyone witnesses this please try and photograph vehicles or take registrations numbers and again pass these on to a Parish Councillor as the college has promised to take action against any students driving dangerously or causing a nuisance.

There have been several serious incidents of flytipping particularly on the Newbold Pacey Road, these thankfully have been cleared quickly after reporting to the Council. The Parish Council has expressed concern to the County Council about the reduced hours the recycling centre and waste facility centre in Wellesbourne is open since the Covid outbreak and a meeting is due to be held in the near future to discuss this and other matters.

The proposed Solar Farm at Newbold Pacey was also discussed and the Parish Council has sent an objection on the proposals to Stratford District Council based on the size of the development and type of panels which we feel will dominate the landscape and could cause a distraction to drivers on this already dangerous stretch of road. This matter is due to be discussed at the District Council on August 17th.

A group of Councillor's and residents attempted to clear a footpath to Wellesbourne in July as this had come up in the village questionnaire as something that many residents would value. Good progress was made and part of the route has been cleared and marked and a further attempt will be made soon and if

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anyone would like to help with this please contact Cllr Gerry Slora or Cllr Anne Parry.

Following a request for financial assistance from the Allotment Group it was agreed to fund some necessary repairs and improvements to the allotments. These are a valued village asset which give enjoyment to lots of residents and it was considered their upkeep was important.

Finally, various other issues were raised including cleaning of the bus stop and other village appearance matters. The Parish Council has tried unsuccessfully to recruit a handyman to do small jobs around the Parish. We are trying to establish if some of these jobs could be done by the lengthsman who we share with

Wellesbourne Parish Council but again if any resident would be interested in doing jobs on behalf of the Parish Council either on a voluntary basis or paid for depending on time commitment and experience, please contact Pam Routly our Parish Clerk. Contact details for the Parish Councillor's and the Parish Clerk can be found on our website : moretonmorrellpc.co.uk.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is 19th September 2022 at 7.30pm in the village hall, please do come along, it is hoped the draft village plan will be available at that meeting to share with residents and it would be good to hear your thoughts on future plans and proposals for your village.

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I do hope this finds you well and enjoying the beautiful Summer Season now upon us.

Re DELEGATED BUDGET

At present from my delegated budget I note works on Brook Lane re the Drainage that has been completed and then the resurfacing that is programmed for 19/09/2022. These two jobs are at a cost of £10,000 from said delegated budget.

Brook Lane

Cllr Parry contacted me with a query re Brook Lane within the SAP. The response I have received is below . Any questions do please let me know.

Stuart Buckley at the Warwickshire Property and Development Company advised:

"As I understand it this site was submitted a number of years ago by WCC in a previous call for sites and was noted as a reserve site in the local plan. The update of the plan has just re-affirmed the position".

We understand that reserve sites are only required if there is a significant fall in their Housing Land Supply or housing trajectory of the Council. At present SDC have a substantial housing land supply of 8.62 years".

General Update

I do hope you have survived the heatwave and are not wilting as a result.

In a week that has seen the two hottest days (and a night) in UK History, Warwickshire County Council is joining the UK100 to call for meaningful action on climate change.

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service thank community for heatwave support

WFRS have thanked the Warwickshire community for both their practical and virtual support over what has proven to be a busy 72 hours for the Service.

Mental Health Support for Young People

A new animation from Warwickshire County Council shares genuine mental health journeys from young people in Warwickshire.

The young adults within the video, who are anonymised to protect their identities, share details of the challenges they have faced, such as self-harm and contemplating suicide. But they also talk about how they started to feel better – small acts such as going for a walk or eating well, as well as finding support on the internet or from mental health professionals. They talk about how their lives have

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improved since, with one saying "I'm the happiest I've ever felt". You can watch the animation on the [Warwickshire County Council YouTube page](#).

Extra School Support **Parents and carers of children who will be starting Year 6 in September are being given extra support to prepare for their child's application to secondary school in the autumn.**

Warwickshire County Council have produced a short animation video giving lots of helpful tips on choosing a shortlist of secondary schools to include on their application form. They hope that by sharing this, parents and carers will make realistic choices of schools to increase their chances of an offer at one of their preferences on national offer day. The video can be found at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applying-secondary-school-place>.

If the Summer Hols are revealing a literary talent previously undiscovered in your youngsters thenwhy not enter the Warwickshire Libraries' next Young Poet Laureate

Warwickshire County Council Libraries are delighted to announce that the competition to become Young Poet Laureate

2022/23 is now open.

SEND Pilot.

Finally, as you are aware it has been a busy time within Education with the Schools White Paper and the consultation only just ending on the SEND Green Paper. During this time Warwickshire was one of 8 authorities approached by Ofsted to be involved in a Pilot framework for assessment and inspection.

A pilot was held in Warwickshire from 13th June to 1st July to help the inspection team test the new approach to assess the impact of local arrangements on children and young people with SEND and their families services, and how the local area partnership work together to plan, evaluate, and develop the SEND system.

Although there is no formal report or judgement from the pilot, the inspectors shared some valuable feedback which we will build into our improvement plans to ensure that all Warwickshire children and young people with SEND lead a fulfilling life and are part of their community.

*Have a great week.
Kindest Wishes*

*Penny-Anne O'Donnell
Wellesbourne Division
Cabinet Support SEND.*

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123+ Waste Collection

The new waste collection went live on 1st August and if anyone has not yet received their food waste bins, please can they contact me. Food waste is now being collected weekly, dry recycling and subscribed green bins fortnightly and grey bins every three weeks. As part of the new 123+ waste collection service SDC has launched an App to help residents get bin collection reminders, find out what you can put in which bin and much more about other services using the App. This can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play (Stratford District Council) or by searching www.stratford.gov.uk/app

Site Allocation Plan (SAP) Public Consultation

The public consultation for the revised SAP has now closed and followed the Call for Sites initiative last year inviting landowners and developers to put forward sites across the district to be considered by SDC as potential Reserve Sites, in the event of a shortfall on the Five Year Housing Land Supply. At present the only development that can be brought forward are those sites within the Built Up Area Boundaries (BUAB) of villages and towns, with the exception of small sites submitted

for Custom and Self Build, which may be considered on sites adjacent to BUAB's.

There are three sites included in the SAP for Moreton Morrell: one off John Davis Drive (20 dwellings) and two off Brook Lane (13 dwellings); however it should be noted that the density requirement has been reduced to a ratio based on 25 dwellings per hectare in order to reflect the neighbouring character of the village.

It is my view and that of the parish council that the village will need to take some development over the next ten years to meet its growing needs and ensure the sustainability of the local primary school. However, any new development should include the provision of one or two single storey properties, as outlined in the Housing Needs Survey undertaken by MMPC in 2020 and must include the full long term protection of the playing field.

Five Year Housing Land Supply (5YHLS)

The 5YHLS is currently at 8.4 years and new updated figures are scheduled soon on calculations based up to 31 March 2022. Early indications

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suggest there is unlikely to be much change in the current figure for 2022.

Fly-Tipping

I reported another major fly tipping incident last week on the road to Newbold Pacey, which fortunately SDC removed within 24 hours. There have been suggestions via social media to look at putting a camera or a CCTV sign up to suggest the area is being monitored as it appears to be a favourite spot, however contact with the landowner will be required. In the meantime, I am exploring options with the Streetscene Team.

Census 2021 First Results Release

*The first results from the Census 2021 have been released and this initial release includes total population estimates for local authorities and number of households. The population of Stratford-on-Avon District, as of March 2021, was estimated by the Census to be **134,700**.*

*The population of the District is estimated to have grown by **11.80%** between 2011-2021. This is well above the average for both England and the West Midlands. Stratford-on-Avon's population saw the third highest % growth across the West Midlands, with only Rugby and*

Wychavon growing more, by 14.3% and 13.3% respectively. Stratford-on-Avon's population remains weighted towards the older-end of the age spectrum compared to the regional and national averages. Over a quarter of the population are aged 65 years or over, compared to less than a fifth in the West Midlands or England & Wales. According to the latest Census figures there are now an estimated 59,500 households in the District as of 2021, compared to 51,900 in 2011 – an increase of 14.5%

Since the last Census in 2011, there has been a 27.5% increase in the number of residents aged 65 years and over in the District. This compares to an increase of 6.9% in the number of residents of working age (16-64 years) and an increase of 8.5% in those aged 15 years or younger.

Anne Parry

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Village Hall Activities

Last week of the school holidays, yay!!!!

Kids getting bored? Come along to the village hall we have activities happening from the 1st September to 6th.

Thursday 1st September - 1.30 til 3pm

Puppet puppy dog decorating or decorate a pebble.

Small charge £2.50 per child.

Friday 2nd September - 1pm til 3pm

Board games

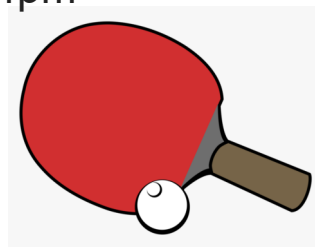
Monday 5th - 10am til 12pm and 2pm til 4pm

Table Tennis

Tuesday 6th 2pm til 4pm

Junior Bingo- with Prizes!!

Small charge £1



Do come along and have some fun.

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looking for gardening work**



From the Allotments & Your Church

Allotments

As I write, allotment holders are at well into the harvest period with fresh vegetables and fruit to collect and eat or store for the winter months where possible. Overall I think most would say that it has proved quite a good season thus far. Of course we all have our disappointments along with our triumphs. The former often leading to a resolution not to repeat next year! We have had periods of needing rain desperately and battled with pests such as slugs and snails. We have expended much energy on digging and keeping weeds to manageable levels. And is it all worth it? I think so. Of course it is not for everyone but as I always say, who needs to go to the gym when you have an allotment as your work out area.

Next season we may well have quarter, half or full plots coming available, so, if not already, register your interest and get on the waiting list.

*To conclude with a little humour:
"I own a small allotment. Every night someone throws soil in on top of it.
I've absolutely no idea why.
The plot thickens"*

Church

In the business world, there is a phrase 'thinking outside the box'. It is a challenge to break free from perceived ways and thoughts and instead of saying it cannot be done, find ways in which it could. If we apply that to our church, what we as regular attenders consider important in our worship can seem outdated, too traditional to others.

The problem that this poses though can be that we can't reach new people if we keep doing the same thing that we have always done. We need to find ways in which we can preserve what those 'within the box', regular worshippers, like but find new ways to attract others in our community. We can do this by thinking outside the box; it may at times be uncomfortable in some ways but in my view essential if we as a church are to fulfil our core purpose in our community and take out God's word. And never as that been as important as now.

In that context, every third Sunday of a month at our church here at Moreton Morrell, we hold a short informal service at 10.30am. We seek for it to be a relaxed and informal service open to all of any age.

Afterwards we enjoy refreshments together, a time to chat and get to know each other better and of happenings in our community. For the young ones there are toys and activities during the service itself.

We know many perhaps feel somewhat intimidated to attend a church service especially for the first time. Prime Time offers you a warm welcome and we hope an enjoyable and uplifting time. So please join us. Our next Prime Time is on the 21st August and after that on September 18th

Also look out for events and activities being held in the Room and church – again a warm welcome is always guaranteed.

John Moverley

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Nature Watch for May

By Steve Harvey

Evening was setting in as I drove passed Oakley Wood. Some Elder bushes were still in flower as the Wild Rose and Blackberry were preparing to take over. Ahead of me on the grass verge a very large Hare appeared, long legs and long ears. They have a certain air about them, a sort of elegant majesty. It lifted its head and ran out into the road. I saw it in plenty of time, as I slowed down it speeded up, crossing to the other verge to get into the field.

Back at the cottage I was greeted by the calls of this year's Tawny Owlets. I reckon there are two of them taking it in turns to do their squeaky call. Each one hoping to get the attention of a parent for food. I was also joined by a local Cat who'd come over for a bit of fussing from me. That's when the adult Tawny arrived and took exception to the Cat. The Owl swooped down near the Cat a couple of times. This unnerved the Cat who decided to leave the scene. The Owl flew up to the roof just above the bedroom window and ruffled its feathers, probably pleased with itself - "Job done!"

Most mornings the garden is teaming with fledgling birds; Blue Tits, Great Tits and now Goldfinch youngsters gather on the feeders and bird table, all able to look after themselves. Those who find the feeders are ahead of the game. Remember they need clean water as much as food.

The Jackdaw Squadron are always firmly based around the cottages and quickly scramble for food if called. The parents are very protective of their young who now park up in the tall trees at the bottom of the garden. Food's regularly flown up to the noisy fledglings. The very calm adult, that stands out from the crowd, will now take food from both of us and often flies down to sit with us in the garden. I know its only seeking food but its a great companion to have out there.

I was working on a large house in a nearby village the other week. It has a big natural pond. Now the gardener came over to me and said (now you'll have to imagine a broad country accent here), "Have you seen the snake yet? It's in the pond, you'll have to sneak up on it." So, of course, I sneaked up on the pond thinking bet I never see it! There it was!

Nature Watch for May

Laying on the blanket weed basking in a sunny spot. It was, of course, a Grass Snake, black and yellow band behind the head. It saw me and raised its head out of the water, very interested to find out what I was. For a few seconds its tongue waggled and tasted the air. Eye to eye with a

snake, it soon decided I was trouble and swam off. What a privilege that was.

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Students celebrated in award ceremony

A student who swapped a career in marketing for floristry has been named Student of the Year at Moreton Morrell College. Amanda Stagg, 48, has completed a Level 3 Floristry course at the college and was crowned in a ceremony celebrating student achievements across the college.

A total of 33 awards were presented on the evening. Staff, students, parents and guardians attended the seventh annual student awards – which were being held in-person for the first time in three years.

Amanda said: “I’m absolutely overwhelmed. I don’t think I’ve ever won anything before, so I was gobsmacked when I found out I had won.

“I decided to take my hobby of flowers and the garden, and turn it into something I could do as a career.”

Peter Husband, College Director at Moreton Morrell College, said: “I’m pleased to have been able to celebrate the hard work our students have put in over the last 12 months in our first students awards ceremony for three years.

“We have a diverse range of courses and students at the college and that was evident with

the vast array of awards presented on the evening.”



Award-winning students at Moreton Morrell College

Rail track simulation facility opens

A new training facility has been laid at Moreton Morrell College to help develop the next generation of skilled individuals to keep the country’s trains on track.

The college has partnered with RMF Group to create a new simulation rail track facility. The track gives learners the chance to perfect their track maintenance skills while working effectively as a team and preparing for a promising career in the rail industry.

The new teaching facility has cost more than £78,000 and has been funded by the Department for Education through the Skills Accelerator Development Fund. It comes after colleges across Coventry and Warwickshire

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secured more than £5 million in funding through the fund to reshare technical skills training in the region.

Mark Bonham, assistant principal at WCG, has overseen the project for the college group. He said: “It’s fantastic to have partnered with RMF on this project, and to see the facility now finished and operational. “The facility will enable students to gain real-world practical rail skills and also enable them to gain their workplace tickets – making them immediately employable after completing their course with us.”



From left to right – Amanda Evans (WCG), Paul Coyle (tutor), Jacob Handscombe, Stefan Blakeman, Mark Bonham (WCG), Rachel Green (RMF), Gareth Turner, Conor Hutchinson, Kieran Kerlihy and Jenny Cooper (WCG)

National housebuilder creating training facility at college

Apprentices from Moreton Morrell College and across the wider WCG college group have been celebrated in a special graduation ceremony at Warwick Racecourse. The apprentices were joined by family, friends, tutors and employers to celebrate completing their apprenticeships with WCG (formerly Warwickshire College Group). More than 60 apprentices graduated on the evening, with over 170 guests in attendance for the eighth apprenticeship graduation event hosted by WCG. Apprentices graduating are embarking on careers in a wide range of sectors, from engineering and horticulture, to marketing and dental nursing. Outstanding Apprentice for Land-based, Motor Vehicle and Construction went to Jake Summers, a 20-year-old Land Based Engineering Technician from near Hinckley. He had completed his apprenticeship with Chandlers Farm Equipment in Lutterworth, with studies at Moreton Morrell College. Angela Joyce, CEO of WCG, said: “We believe in formally celebrating success at every level of education and we are proud to

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train more than 2,000 apprentices each year for more than 1,100 employers.

“Congratulations to all of our graduating apprentices this year and we wish them all the best as they move forward in their careers.”



One of the learners in the facility

Carpentry student wins regional prize

A Shipston-on-Stour apprentice is a cut above the rest after claiming the top prize at a Midlands carpentry competition and will now go on to compete on the national stage.

George Clarke, 18, studies at Moreton Morrell College and came first in the Site Carpentry category in the SkillBuild challenge for the Midlands region.

He competed in a category of 15 other carpenters and was tasked

on the day with drawing, cutting, fixing and assembly of a complex roof.

George will now go on to represent the college and the Midlands in the national WorldSkills UK competition. College group WCG, which includes Moreton Morrell College, entered a team of seven in to the challenge and also saw Wade Montgomery place fourth in the Site Carpentry category.

“I really enjoyed the day. It was something a bit different and it was fun working under pressure with the time schedule,” said George.

“While I didn’t think I was going to win at the start, during the process I knew it was going quite well and thought I might have had a chance.”



From left to right, WCG students Dan Mckewon, George Clarke and Ryan Gidney

Friends of Hastings House

Friends of Hastings House (FOHH) is a new charity serving the residents of Wellesbourne, Kineton and the surrounding villages. The charity will be raising funds to provide services and facilities for patients of Hastings House Medical Centre, which are over and above those provided by the NHS and Social Services.

Pictured here is Eileen Edwards, a Trustee of the charity, receiving £5000 from Cllr Anne Prior of Wellesbourne Parish Council. This generous grant will primarily help to fund the work of Wendy Walters also pictured (far right). Wendy is a Wellbeing

Navigator, and she works with individuals and groups locally who need additional support, particularly the elderly and those who are socially isolated.

Wendy recently helped organise a 'Holiday at Home' event for individuals who for one reason or another are unable to go away on a proper holiday and a Jubilee celebration at Ettington Lodge care home. This event was held on Friday 3rd June and included live music from 1960's style live band Shadowfax, and was attended by more than 80 people, including customers of Ettington Lodge and members of the local community.



Transport

Dial a Ride UBUS service in Moreton Morrell

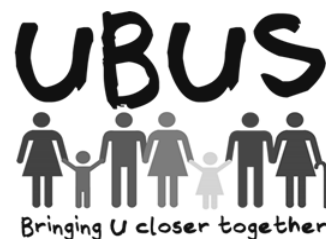
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The bin is emptied by an external company and the school is paid an amount depending on the weight of the clothing.



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

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