

# THE *Moreton Morrell* VILLAGER



December 2022

# *Merry Christmas*



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# *The Parish Council*

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*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*

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*The next Parish Council meeting*

*will be on*

*Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.30<sub>pm</sub>*

*and all are welcome to join*

*For more news from the Parish Council visit*

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

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*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](mailto:j_cleeton@btinternet.com)*

*Or call 01926 651529*

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

## **Moreton Morrell**



**Welcome to Moreton Morrell Parish**

# *News from the Parish Council*

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*We were pleased to welcome a number of members of the public to our meeting in November, including Peter Husband from Warwickshire College. It was a short meeting as there were a number of apologies, but we had a very interesting presentation from the Wellesbourne Flood Action Group about the measures that they are taking to prevent flooding in Wellesbourne, including creating ponds and flood plains and creating 'leaky dams'.*

*The overhanging branches on Old Farm Drive should be being cut back shortly. We also noted that some stiles on local footpaths need some attention, so Cllr Gordon will be contacting the landowners. We will also be writing to Warwickshire County Council about the ongoing challenges with the footpath to Wellesbourne.*

*Full minutes of the meeting, including reports from Warwickshire College are available on [www.moretonmorrellpc.co.uk](http://www.moretonmorrellpc.co.uk).*

*We thought it would be helpful to reiterate the role and responsibilities of the Parish Council, and our priorities for next year.*

## **Our role**

*The Parish Council has variety of powers and duties that impact directly on the local community – its safety, appearance and general wellbeing.*

*We are responsible for the playing field, footpaths and rights of way, general village appearance, the allotments, traffic calming measures, litter and dog-fouling, all of which seem quite small issues, but make a huge difference to how we feel about living in the village.*

## **Our priorities 2023**

*The priorities for Moreton Morrell Parish Council in 2023 are*

- Developing a Parish Plan, following the survey run in 2022.*
- Continuing to update the facilities in the playing field*
- Making our roads as safe as possible*
- Maintaining our footpaths and other rights of way*
- Supporting community activities, particularly in the Village Hall*

## **Get in touch**

*We would love to hear from you about any issues you have in Moreton Morrell and Moreton Paddox, so that we can see if we can make a difference. Contact us via*

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



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or on the Moreton Morrell and Moreton Paddox Facebook Page.

## Meeting dates 2023

Meetings for the first half of 2023 will be on 16th January 2023, 20th March 2023 and 15th May 2023 (AGM). All meetings take place at 7.30pm in the village hall and anyone is welcome to attend.

## Your councillors, and their responsibilities:

- Gerry Slora (Chair, church liaison, footpaths, playing field)
- Eileen Edwards (Vice-Chair, college liaison, planning, playing field)

- James Gordon (college liaison, footpaths, speed [awareness](#), village appearance and trees)
- Rob James (college liaison, village appearance and trees)
- Bernard Keavy (footpaths, planning, village appearance and trees, village hall liaison)
- Claire Monks (planning, playing field, village appearance and trees)
- Anne Parry (also our District Councillor, college liaison, planning, speed awareness)

All the councillors will be up for re-election in May 2023.

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# South Warwickshire Health Matters

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## **South Warwickshire Health Matters – Survey on Primary Healthcare Provision**

*This communication concerns the provision of GP and other health services as part of the new Upper Lighthorne development of 3,000 houses. As such, **it affects us all**, whether you live in Upper Lighthorne or in one of the neighbouring settlements, including Moreton Morrell and Moreton Paddox.*

*In May this year we first became aware that the provision of GP services for Upper Lighthorne is not a settled matter. Since then, **Moreton Morrell Parish Council**, along with 17 other parish councils and meetings, have come together under the name South Warwickshire Health Matters (SWHM) with a common purpose to encourage the NHS Integrated Care Board (ICB) to make the vital decisions that will affect future health provision in all of our communities. We have the support of district and county councillors, and our MP.*

*SWHM have compiled a statement of joint objectives for GP and health services which we include below. We ask that you complete the ICB survey intended to help them make the appropriate decisions. The*

*survey can be found at [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ULPrimarycaresurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ULPrimarycaresurvey)*

*The survey is open until Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. If you have problems completing the survey or require a paper hard copy version, please contact Anne Parry 07917 117737.*

*By publicising this survey SWHM are not endorsing the survey or the manner in which the ICB are going about their business. We have concerns, some of which are covered in an article in this week's Stratford Herald which you can read at*

*[lighthornepc.uk/health/herald.html](http://lighthornepc.uk/health/herald.html)*

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE ICB SURVEY AS YOUR VIEWS WILL COUNT AND ARE IMPORTANT, THANK YOU.**

## **South Warwickshire Health Matters – Statement of Objectives**

- **No resident of Upper Lighthorne should have to travel outside of Upper Lighthorne to receive GP services.** *We recognise that residents of Upper Lighthorne currently travel for primary healthcare, but the objective should be that this should no longer be necessary after a certain*

# South Warwickshire Health Matters

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*level of occupancy of the new Upper Lighthorne developments.*

- **No surrounding parish should suffer a degradation of GP services as a consequence of primary healthcare provision for Upper Lighthorne.** *A risk of relying on existing neighbouring GP services to take on Upper Lighthorne patients is that these services become over-stretched. Dedicated provision for Upper Lighthorne is essential, and will likely reduce load on neighbouring services, but must not result*

*in a reduction of existing GP services in surrounding parishes.*

- **On site provision should be made available as soon as practically possible.** *The longer it takes to open a facility on site, the more new residents will attempt to register with facilities in surrounding villages, risking over-subscription, or difficulty in registering. The Integrated Care Board (formerly CCG) must reach a conclusion as soon as is practical so that options are not limited simply as a consequence of delay.*

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## District Councillor Report - Cllr Anne Parry

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### **Dementia Café**

*I am working closely with Cllr Penny-Anne O'Donnell and the Dementia Café team in Wellesbourne to establish what additional help can be provided to carers and their loved ones with the support of WCC and Sir Jeremy Wright KC, MP. This is a marvellous facility, held every Wednesday afternoon, providing some respite to carers and their loved ones and open to anyone from the village looking for*

*additional support.*

### **GP Facilities – Upper Lighthorne**

*Wearing both my councillor hats I am in close liaison with neighbouring parishes regarding the provision of new GP facilities for Upper Lighthorne, as without a new, standalone medical facility this will impact on the existing high pressures of nearby GP services that residents in*

# *District Councillor Report - Cllr Anne Parry*

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*Moreton Morrell currently use. Please complete the ICB Survey – details of which are being included in this edition of The Villager.*

*Whilst there is Section 106 monies to build a new health centre in Upper Lighthorne, in accordance with the development of GLH, the ICB (formerly CCG – Clinical Commissioning Group) appear to be dragging their feet in terms of a strategy to provide doctors and support staff and are continuing to look at all the possible options and involvement of neighbouring practices. SDC and WCC are in support of a new health centre at Upper Lighthorne.*

## **Wellesbourne Campus**

*I attended a pre-consultation workshop about the University of Warwick's early stage vision for the development of the campus, which was both interesting and informative and provided attendees, including representatives from Charlecote PC to have a say and make comments on its future vision. The Wellesbourne Campus is identified for employment development and SDC is in the process of drafting an Economic Strategy which will be brought forward to Cabinet early 2023*

*prior to going out to consultation.*

## **Cabinet Responsibilities**

*I am now the portfolio holder for economic development, inward investment and strategic partnerships, as well as tourism, transformation, ICT and communications. I am also a member of the Planning Committee.*

*And finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Looking forward to seeing you in The Black Horse very soon!*





# From the Allotments

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*The Annual Meeting of the Allotment Association took place on November 16th and was well attended. Those present heard that the allotments had been fully let in 2022 and would be also in 2023. Whilst an existing holder had resigned this year, two others had come forward to share the vacant plot and they were welcomed as new tenants by the meeting. Business included some slight revision to the constitution; no major issues but just a review. The individual tenancy agreements have also been reviewed and updated.*

*The Allotment Association are very grateful to the Parish Council who have provided financial support in 2022 for essential maintenance work. The meeting asked the chairman to write to the clerk to pass on these thanks. The allotments are a vital village asset.*

*Activity on the allotments slows during winter. Those who have managed to fully dig their plots in autumn are to be congratulated; some of us did not achieve this! Some harvesting continues of roots and brassicas and that great staple for these months, leeks, features in many of the plots. We are now at a time when seed catalogues are read to discover new varieties and opportunities – a time to reflect*

*on the successes and yes, the failures of 2022 cropping wise. As every good allotment holder knows, there is always something to learn.*

*Whilst we have a fully let situation now, if you are interested in a quarter, half or full plot and are not yet on the waiting list, please let me know. There may still be vacancies arising in the year.*

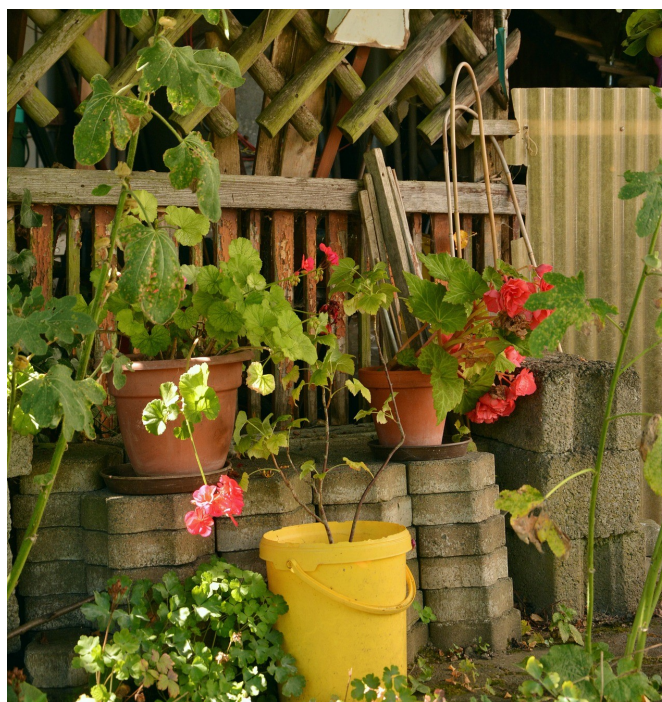
***What do you call a short tempered grumpy gardener – a snap dragon***

***What do you get if you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter? Pumpkin pi.***

John Moverley

Chairman - Moreton Morrell Allotment Association

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# *Your Church in Your Community*

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*Thank you all who supported the act of remembrance on Sunday 13th November. Just under 50 people gathered to respect the two minutes silence. A fantastic banner was on view made by Jane Cleeton and wreaths were laid by the church, school, college and the parish council. Ben Irwin contributed some tremendous trumpet playing of the Last Post and Reveille and it was a very moving community event.*

*Thanks are also due to those who supported the Craft Fair held in the church and its surrounds. It was extremely well attended and successful. Also the series of quiz nights, fab suppers and other events continue to be held in the Room.*

*In December, we will have our All Age communion service on the 4th and, on the 18th, our Christmas Prime Time, both at 10.30am. Prime Time is an informal short service led by members of the congregation and open to everyone of faith or none. It seeks to be participative and so if you have not tried, why not join us. Everyone is assured of a warm welcome.*

*December also includes a Crib Service. This is certainly a community event and family orientated. We will also be holding our community carol*

*singing event in the churchyard at 4pm on the 18th. Please do join us as it always proves a great time. Also across the four churches in the Benefice, there will be opportunity to attend services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Details are as below:*

- 4th December 4pm tree of light Newbold Pacey*
- 18th December 4pm community carols Moreton Morrell churchyard*
- 18th December 5.30pm carols by candle light Chesterton*
- 23rd December 9 lessons and carols Moreton Morrell*
- 24th December 4pm crib service Moreton Morrell*
- 24th December 11.30pm midnight mass Newbold Pacey*
- 25th December 9am Chesterton, 10.30am Lighthorne*
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*As I always say, the church is your church in your community and your support is always valued in whatever manner. So if you can help do let us know. We are all facing steeply rising costs and the church is no exception. Whilst very difficult times face us all, all at our church send their greetings for Christmas. Perhaps a central message of peace and goodwill to all has never been so apt.*

*Thank you*

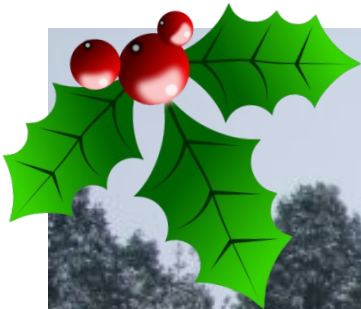
*John Moverley*

*john@dunmovin.co.uk*

# **FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS**

Holy Cross Church, Moreton Morrell | Friday 23 December | 6pm

Join the village choir for our annual carol service in the exquisitely decorated candlelit surroundings of our medieval church. With a feast of traditional carols and readings, it is the perfect way to begin the Christmas celebrations.





# Nature Watch

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## By Steve Harvey

*It's nice to see Jupiter shining brightly in the evening sky, rising in the south east and chasing the moon. Later in the evening Orion rises from the same direction to chase both of them across the night sky; all appearing in slow motion of course. It's the closest Jupiter has been to Earth since 1963 when the Beatles were No 1 with "She Loves You". Oh! Those were the days! However in 1963 we had one of the coldest Winters ever with snow until March. . . . So here's hoping that doesn't repeat itself.*

*Meanwhile as I scribble this we are having one of the warmest Novembers on record. There are Bluebottles, Honey Bees, Bumble Bees and Wasps all making a go of it with many flowers enjoying the warmth, not yet cut down by the frost. I bet by the time anyone reads this (if anyone does) it will all have changed. Bats are still active and I've seen a Barn Owl near Moreton Morrell and a Tawny flying along the hedgerow out of Ashorne. It flew along the top of the hedge regularly dropping either side towards the ground, maybe trying to flush out roosting birds,*

*Talking of Tawny Owls, we still have them close to the cottage.*

*I'm guessing its the adult pair. Their position is given away a couple of times a week at the moment by very observant birds. The loud calamity of birds calling out in what must be 'abusive bird speak' is often started by a Blackbird or recently by a Jay. Quickly other species arrive. Chaffinches seem to particularly enjoy the action along with Great Tits, Blue Tits, Jackdaws and Robins. Even heard a Nuthatch join the throng. I do feel sorry for the 'picked on' Owl that will sit tight and hope it all goes away whilst perched on one of the many Yew trees. The other birds take exception to the bird of prey even though it was quietly minding its own business. Sooner or later the bird mob wear themselves out and disperse only to repeat the exercise in a day or so. The only good thing is I know exactly where our Tawny Owl roosts.*

*A few hundred yards from the Owl is a very large tree that stands tall and wide and catches the early morning sunshine. This has become the hub for a large flock of Fieldfare and Redwing. I'm not sure if these spend the night there or just arrive. Its a great meeting place for them as they chatter, not unlike the Starlings but with more melody. They can be heard half a field away.*



# Nature Watch

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*Down on the ground we've had another eight Hedgehogs released over the past couple of weeks. That must bring us up to around sixty in the last couple of years. We've even had at least one hang around for me to glimpse. We should be "Hedgehogs are Us!" around here but, as its their nature, to disperse I very rarely see one. Hopefully most of them are still out there and we'll keep trickling them into the community.*



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# The College Update

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## **Professor named on review board for new scientific journal**

*A Moreton Morrell College professor has been named on the editorial review board for a major new scientific journal.*

*Professor Richard J. Pearce, associate professor for Animal Ecology and Biodiversity Research at Warwickshire College and University Centre (WCUC), has been appointed to the editorial review board for Frontiers in Arachnid Science.*

*Professor Pearce is a nationally-renowned arachnologist, and runs his research programme from a laboratory at the college.*

*He is currently focusing on a long-term research project that investigates the ecological impact of solar farm installations, assessing the consequences and benefits from a biodiversity standpoint.*

*“I’m delighted to have been appointed to the editorial review board of what will be a vital new platform for the study of arachnids,” said Professor Pearce.*

*“This will be an open access journal which is important and will mean the material can reach a much wider audience. There is*

*an absolute need for a journal in this area of research and I am excited to be a part of it.*

*“This is great news for WCUC and our ongoing development of a robust and internationally recognised research profile.”*

## **College helps flood prevention work in Wellesbourne**

*A vital project to help minimise the impact of flooding on people living in Wellesbourne has been completed by a local voluntary organisation with the help of Moreton Morrell College.*

*Wellesbourne and Walton Flood Action Group (WWFAG) has been working with the college, to help slow the flow of Newbold Brook, which runs through the north of Wellesbourne.*

*Its work comes after a hydrological survey of the catchment area was commissioned in 2019.*

*The group has created a channel at Bog Brook, so when the brook floods the rising waters are channelled into a bog field. Works have created three holding ponds in the field, which can be filled with excess water from the brook.*

*Moreton Morrell College is planting wildflowers along the*



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*new earth bund on the perimeter of the field and the new ponds are set to become a popular wildlife habitat.*

*Stephen Kirk, Chair of WWFAG, said: “We are pleased to have completed the first stage of works to help minimise major flooding in Wellesbourne.*

*“We would like to thank Moreton Morrell College for their support during the project and look forward to working with them on stage two.”*



## **Leading equestrian figure made fellow of Moreton Morrell College**

*A leading figure in the equestrian industry has been presented with a fellowship from Moreton Morrell College – which she has supported for more than 40 years.*

*Judy Edwards, who led The Pony Club for 10 years, has been*

*named a fellow of Warwickshire College and University Centre (WCUC).*

*The award is in recognition of her significant contribution to the equestrian provision at Moreton Morrell College, which is part of WCUC, and the leading role she played in the development of the wider equestrian industry.*

*She has judged the horse trials at the college since their inception and was the first to represent the equestrian interests of the college on the Board of Governors.*

*Judy said: “I am extremely surprised, proud, and honoured to have been made a fellow.*

*“Over the years I have enjoyed my involvement with the college, be that on the board of governors, or as show jumping judge.*

*“Moreton Morrell College was the first to introduce courses in the equine area and those courses have now developed into degree courses.*

*“Being a fellow will give me opportunities to continue my involvement with the college and support the development of more skilled individuals for the equine sector.”*

# The College Update



Angela Joyce and Judy Edwards

## **Student first to benefit under new scholarship scheme**

*A Moreton Morrell College student is the first recipient of a new scholarship and bursary scheme launched in memory of a major supporter of the college.*

*Tom Horn, 20, from Coalville in Leicestershire, has been named the inaugural recipient of The Looi Trust scholarship for this academic year.*

*Tom is in his second year studying for a degree in Equine Therapy and Rehabilitation and will receive £500 under the scheme.*

*He joined the college after being impressed with the equine therapy facilities, despite initially considering a degree in geography.*

*The scholarship fund was created from an endowment made by*

*Madame Gertrude Marsh-Looi, the widow of the college's first ever foreign student, Eng San Looi.*

*The scholarship is for gifted students studying any subject at the college, and applicants will need to demonstrate excellence, commitment, and dedication to their chosen career path.*

*Tom said: "I'm proud to be the first recipient of the Looi Trust scholarship. I first came across the scholarship program on the college social media channels and my tutor Mark Edwards really encouraged me to apply. "The college and its staff have been so supportive and communicative during my studies and I can't thank them enough."*



Tom Horn



# Transport

## Dial a Ride UBUS service in Moreton Morrell

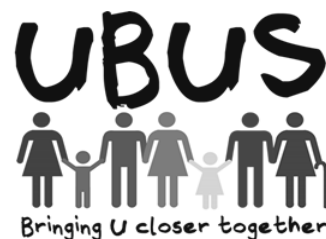
The UBUS dial a ride community transport service operates in Moreton Morrell and surrounding areas on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays between 09:30 - 14:30.

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.

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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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***30<sup>th</sup> January 2023***

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

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