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The next Parish Council meeting
will be held at The Room on
Monday 22nd January 2024 at 7.30_{pm}
and all are welcome to join
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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)

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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*

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News from the Parish Council

Parish Plan

Moreton Morrell Parish Council has developed a draft Parish Plan over the last 18 months following the analysis of questionnaires completed by residents, a housing needs survey and guidance from Stratford on Avon District Council policy team.

Its purpose is to provide a strategy and vision for the future development of the parish, which includes Moreton Morrell, Moreton Paddox, Little Morrell and the more rural parts of the parish. On adoption it will supersede the previous local plan published in 2006.

The draft plan is now available on the parish website

www.moretonmorrellpc.co.uk to download to view and a public consultation event is being held on Saturday 13th January 2024 in The Room, which is adjacent to the church, from 10.00 am - 12noon, when representatives from the parish council will be available to answer any questions. Hard copies of the draft plan will also be available at the event. The purpose of this Public Consultation is for local villagers to review this draft plan and express their views, in order for the plan to be finalised and provide Moreton Morrell Parish Council with a way forward for its future development. Comments are welcome both

before and at the public consultation event and should be sent to

mmparishplan@gmail.com.

Following this public consultation, the responses and feedback will be considered and the parish plan will be finalised for submission to Stratford-on-Avon District Council.

Triangle Field Development

The parish council has been contacted by Marriott Homes on behalf of Moreton Morrell College to share its proposals with villagers for a new homes' development off John Taylor Way on Triangle Field.

The proposals reflect a potential development of 24 properties, which is significantly smaller than the application for 35 homes that was dismissed at Appeal in 2016, and on this occasion includes some bungalows. The proposals include the gifting of the playing field to the parish council and the developers have been invited to present their plans to villagers on . Saturday 13^{th'} January 2024 in The Room from 10am – 12 noon. Triangle Field is an identified site for housing in Stratford-on-Avon District Council's Site Allocation Plan (SAP).

CPR and Defibrillator TrainingOur thanks are extended to Dr. Duncan Gordon for facilitating an

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excellent CPR and Defibrillator training event in October, which was very informative. Held in The Room, the session was well attended and it was great to see a wide range of villagers from young children to our more mature residents. Those attending were either newcomers or those keen to have a refresher course.





New Website

The parish council has commissioned a new website and our thanks are extended to Steve Routly for his help and assistance in project managing its development. It is anticipated that the new website will be up and running in the New Year and has been designed to improve communications between the parish council and villagers.

Public Footpaths

The parish council's footpath committee has been busy implementing the first phase of a comprehensive maintenance programme which includes the installation of three new stiles and bridge repairs. The issues of overgrown vegetation and trees on Old Farm Drive behind Chestnut Grove was also raised at the parish council meeting and it was agreed to form a working party with councillors and residents to tackle this particular area in view of its close vicinity to an entrance into the playing field. If anyone is interested in joining the working party, please can they email James Gordon

c.gordon212@btinternet.com

The parish council has been successful in being awarded a £250 grant towards the production of a Footpaths map which will be progressed in the New Year.

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Wildlife Community Garden

It is also proposed as a joint initiative between the village Wildlife Group and the Gardening Group, that an area adjacent to the Church be developed into a wildlife Community Garden. An initial grant of £350 has been received from the County Council and it is hoped to develop a plan to turn this area into a community wildlife garden with access from the roadway, some seating and some planting to attract wildlife together with bird boxes etc. Once a plan of the proposals has been drawn up it is hoped further funding from the church and possibly the national lottery can be sought to create a beautiful area for both villagers and the local wildlife to enjoy.

Twenty is Plenty Campaign

The parish council has agreed to look into the possibilities of initiating a Twenty is Plenty Road Safety Campaign in the village including Brook Lane in order to help reduce speeding by motorists and cyclists. The cost of signage together with the production of a location map for the signs will be discussed at the next parish meeting on 22nd January 2024.

The parish council wishes to take this opportunity to thank villagers for their help and support throughout the year and extends seasons' greetings and a Happy New Year to you all.

Tasty Tuesday- Moreton Morrell Warm Hub A warm welcome awaits at The Room, Church of The Holy Cross in Moreton Morrell between 12.00-2.00pm. Hot food, puddings, cakes and hot drinks available. FREE! Please feel free to bring your family and friends to share a hearty, delicious lunch.

Contact Tracybenbow66@gmail.com with any questions.

Tuesday 9th January
Tuesday 23rd January
Tuesday 6th February
Tuesday 20th February
Tuesday 5th March
Tuesday 19th March



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South Warwickshire Local Plan

The SWLP website has been updated following the Issues and Options consultation which ran between 9th January and 13th March 2023.

The Consultation Statement has now been published online and summarises the consultation process and presents summarised analysis of the consultation questions.

Officers will utilise the consultation responses to inform the next stage in the preparation of the South Warwickshire Local Plan – the Preferred Options Consultation Document.

Since the existing timetable for the preparation of the Plan was approved in March 2022 a number of factors are now requiring a revision to this timetable, including:

- Changes to the administrations of both councils and the need to ensure new administrations and members of all parties understand progress to date on the plan and have an opportunity to input in the process;
- A delay to the publication of 2021 Census data resulting in a delay to the production of the Coventry & Warwickshire Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment (C&W HEDNA), a key piece of evidence required to support the Plan; and
- The uncertainty of potential

changes to national planning policy and to the planning system, including the process for producing plans.

This proposed timetable envisages a Preferred Options consultation in autumn 2024 followed by further stages of consultation and a public examination, with final adoption of the Plan by 2027 – which represents a delay of nearly two years.

Pensioner Parking Permits

63 Pensioner Parking Permits have been issued which provide up to four hour parking for those registered car owners in the Bridgefoot Car Park run by SDC. The permits cost £50 per annum and applications need to be made in person at Elizabeth House with vehicle reg documents and personal ID to prove pensioner status.

Upper Lighthorne Community & GP Centre

Progress is glacial but moving albeit extremely slowly. ICB were to be questioned at an SDC Overview & Scrutiny meeting on Friday 3 November but I understand more time was spent dealing with concerns regarding the Ellen Badger Hospital. However, Tony Perks from SDC was following the issues up with Alison Cartwright of the ICB and has advised that he hopes by the end of next week that the Tandem report will be in place which will also help them to start to move onto more detailed

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discussions that will give answers to the GP issue ... there are now 24 parishes as part of the lobbying group.

- The ICB are committed to delivering an onsite medical facility to serve the Upper Lighthorne community.
- There is a preference that this will be part of a larger community facility that would be delivered in conjunction with the District Council.
- To allow this possibility to be fully explored, the GP selection process has been extended, but the process will still conclude in time to ensure that no delivery trigger points are missed.
- The project is on track to meet the delivery timetable set out within the S106 agreement.

The Police and Crime Commissioner is engaged in respect of the S106 agreement for policing and has indicated to me that a community hub at Upper Lighthorne would be the ideal location for the Wellesbourne SNT to be based.

The ICB has confirmed that there are four GP partnerships that have expressed interest, but decline to identify which they are – however it is understood that three of them include practices in Wellesbourne, Kineton and Harbury plus their respective branch surgeries.

Sir Jeremy Wright KC MP had a meeting with the ICB in October and a further meeting at the end of November, by which time the ICB will have appeared before an SDC Scrutiny Committee, and Graham Black of Tandem Projects may have completed his Options Feasibility Report for SDC.

Wellesbourne Airfield

Sir Jeremy Wright KC MP has received a reply to his letter to the Department of Transport concerning Wellesbourne Airfield which has confirmed that the Government is committed to retaining regional airports and airfields which they see are key in serving local communities and supporting employment and economic growth across the UK. As expected and understood, as Wellesbourne Airfield is a licensed airfield any redesign or changes to the runway needs to comply with the Civil Aviation Authority.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Anne Parry

Ward Member for Wellesbourne North and Rural

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Moreton Morrell and Moreton Paddox Gardening Group

Well Autumn has finally arrived and Winter is hot on its heels.

What a strange year weather wise and the plants seem as confused as we are! Our November meeting was held in the School. Thanks goes to Sarah Eadon and her staff who agreed to this and helped out as the Room was booked and the Village Hall was not able to be used at this time. We had a really interesting talk from Colin Clay, a local enthusiast.on wild orchids and where to find them. It was amazing the number of different varieties of these beautiful flowers which are surprisingly surviving in the wild, many at local sites here in Warwickshire

I can't believe it's nearly Christmas and the gardening group has been running a full year, time flies when you are having fun! To celebrate, our December meeting is a social evening to be held in our lovely pub, The Black Horse, courtesy of Jill and Gerry. The event will be a festive quiz loosely based on a Gardening theme and will be on Monday 11th December starting at 7.30pm. Snacks and nibbles will be provided by our very own Tracey Benbow and Fabulous Suppers and I am sure we will have a great time.

All gardening group members and their families are very welcome for free, if anyone else wishes to join in the fun it will be £5 entry fee. There will be a raffle to raise funds for the club to help pay for next years speakers. If anyone has any chocolates, bottles of wine, etc. they would like to donate as prizes please bring on the night or drop them off at my home; The Garden House in Moreton Morrell.

Next year, we start again on Monday 8th January 2024, in The Room at the Church. Put the date in your diary and come and join us. No gardening knowledge or experience necessary.

Membership for the year starts again in January and will be £20, and visitors on the night will be charged £4.

Merry Christmas and a Happy Gardening New Year.

Eileen Edwards (Chair)

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

On Sunday, 12th November, it was so good to see so many of our community coming together at our war memorial to remember all those who have given their lives in conflict. At the sound of the bugle, all fell silent, after wreaths had been laid by the church, college, school and parish council. Following many went into the church to see a magnificent display put together by teachers and pupils of our school and enjoy warming refreshments.

During the service preceding the ceremony at the memorial, again well attended, rain fell heavily but at 10.50am it stopped for which all were grateful.

Coming together like this reminds us of how special our village is, the sense of community. Nick Benbow and I offer our personal thanks to all who helped bring such an important event together and supported.

We will remember them

John Moverley

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From the Allotments

As another year draws to a close (and how fast the months go, or is it just me!), it is time for allotment holders to both look back and look forward. The winter months are always a good time to reflect on what grew well and what did not. Hopefully that reflection provides lessons learnt. However looking back is also a time to remember those golden moments – the first dug potato, freshly podded peas and more. It makes all the effort worthwhile.

However it is also time to look forward and plan. December is a time when I order seeds and potatoes, after studying the catalogues. I like a mixture of old favourites and some new. There are exciting times ahead. Yes, having the allotment is hard work and can be frustrating but to me it is always worthwhile – if nothing else, it helps keep me fit.

At the end of November, we held our Annual General Meeting, I was able to report on a successful year with 100% occupancy of plots and annual income balancing expenditure. In 2024, we are set to lose a couple of allotment holders but have gained three from our waiting list. If you think from this, three does not go into two, it is because one full allotment being given up is to be split into two next year. All of this

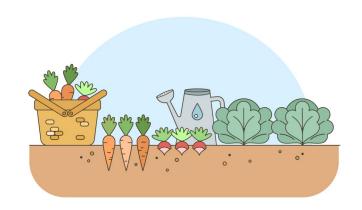
means that we now have nobody on our Brook Lane waiting list so why not get your name on the list.

You have to be on it to get it, if a further vacancy should arise. The village is fortunate to have a thriving Allotment Association and along with the Gardening and the Wildlife groups, nature and horticulture is very much at the fore in our community. So thanks to all who tend the allotments and support them. Thank you Parish Council for your continued support. Now I must get back to my planning for 2024. Where did I put those catalogues?

Every good wish to all for Christmas

John

John Moverley Chairman – Moreton Morrell Allotment Association



Nature Watch

As I scribble this Autumn strolls its misty lane towards Winter. The first frosts have spread silver carpets across the grass. Hedgerows hang with Rosehips and Hawthorn berries for birds to eat and spread their seeds. Scandinavian Thrushes have crossed the North Sea to oblige hoping for a milder Winter, Redwings with their 'seep, seep' call and the larger Fieldfares with their 'chuckles'.

The mighty Cedar tree has given us its pollen fest. Tens of thousands of tiny green buds develop all over its branches during August. They continue to grow, looking like candles all over the branches making the Cedar look like the biggest Christmas tree in the world. In October the male catkins produce so much pollen that everywhere is covered in a fine yellow powder. When it rains the puddles have yellow tide marks around them. I'll always marvel at this magnificent tree.

Meanwhile, under the Magnolia tree the bird table is beyond busy. As I go out to feed them early morning they are waiting - usually ten to twenty Bluetits, half a dozen Great Tits, a couple of Coaltits, a Nuthatch, a Robin, several Chaffinches, lots of

Goldfinches and a pair of Collared Doves. Half a jug of Sunflower hearts go on the table and down they come before I walk away. Its all cleared before midday. That's what happens in the right location and a daily guaranteed feeding station. I only feed sunflower hearts as all species that visit the table love them and nothing is wasted.

I've been worried about the Tawny Owls here. Since we moved in over six years ago there's been a pair spending their days dozing in the spinney in front of the cottage. They great each other in the late afternoon or early evening, sounding excited to reunite. For the last few weeks there's only been one Owl calling with no reply. It seems the more you get involved and notice the wildlife around you the more concerned you get. Now going back a month or so I remember seeing a small bundle of feathers on the road not far from the village, smaller than a Pheasant and with Tawny markings.

Each evening the remaining Owl would call and keep calling with still no reply. It would move further into the park across the field calling night after night. Tawnies generally mate for life and don't

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move more than a few miles from where they were born so this seems to be such a loss and so sad to hear the calling every evening.

Then today, just before I scribbled this I heard the Owl call and there was an answer. Can't tell you how good that sounded. From the Spinney the calls continued. I'll

never know if the Owl had found another mate or one of its offspring had returned. Either way after two months our Owl has company. No more lonely nights, thank the Lord for a happy ending.



Newbold Pacey & Ashorne WI

Newbold Pacey & Ashorne WI have had a busy start to this month. On Friday 1st December we were making festive door wreaths under the guidance of Nicky Jones from Kineton Craft Studio and on Saturday 2nd we welcomed friends and neighbours to our Xmas Coffee & Crafts Fair in Ashorne Village Hall. Both events were really well-attended, lots of donations were received for the complimentary drinks and mince pies and together with sales of our handmade craft items these funds will enable us to make some generous donations to local charities in the coming weeks.

Thursday 14th December will see us enjoying our annual Christmas meal at The Malt Shovel in Gaydon with a guest appearance from 'secret Santa'. Then on Monday 18th our member and musical director Nicki Atkins of Moreton Morrell will be leading us in an hour of festive vocalising for the residents of our Bromson Hill Nursing Care Home on the outskirts of our village.

All members of our WI thank friends and neighbours for their support for our community fundraising events this year and wish you a happy healthy Christmas and fun-filled New Year.

Why not make it your New Year Resolution to give WI a try? We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month, 7:30pm – 10pm in Ashorne Village Hall. £5 per meeting as a guest including raffle, homemade cake and a cuppa. We also have a monthly community coffee morning on the first Saturday of the month – everyone is welcome from 10am – midday in Ashorne Village Hall.

Into 2024, and we start with speaker Tracey Barnbrook on the subject of 'Health and well-being through gut health' on Thursday 11 January and in February Dr Urvashi Sahni is coming from Warwick University to talk about her work promoting 'Equal opportunities for women and girls in Asia'. Our walking group and the craft and chat group continue to meet regularly.

Contact Trish by phone for a chat or email: npandawi@gmail.com if you want to find out more.

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The College Update

Moreton Morrell College students celebrate graduation

Graduates from Moreton Morrell College have been celebrating their successes at a graduation ceremony with a historic backdrop in Warwick.

The day saw the university centre take over Warwick Castle, where graduates were gowned and had photos, before making the short walk to the historic St Mary's Church for the graduation ceremonies.

The ceremony opened with an address from Gill Clipson MBE, Chair of the Corporation Board for WCG, before Angela Joyce, CEO of WCG, addressed the graduates and their guests. It also saw Nik Spencer, an entrepreneur and founder of the HERU and former student at Moreton Morrell College, receive a Fellowship from WCUC. Moreton Morrell College graduates came from a wide range of courses, including Veterinary Nursing, Equine Science, and Animal Behaviour and Training.

Brigitta Matthews, 26, graduated with a BSc (Hons) Bachelor's degree in Veterinary Nursing. Brigitta said: "My time at Moreton Morrell College has been amazing, I have made so many great friends and felt very supported by my lecturers

throughout the course. Although it was a big transition academically working with scientific writing and journals, my tutors have always been on-hand to support my learning."



Students from Moreton Morrell College celebrating graduation at Warwick Castle

Carpentry students showcase skills for local school

Carpentry students from Moreton Morrell College have partnered with the local school to create hand crafted welly racks for the children's outdoor education programme.

The college's apprentices collaborated with Moreton Morrell Primary School to build two wooden stands for use during the outdoors activities of the school's reception class.

The bespoke welly stands were built in the college's carpentry studio by students on the Level 1 and Level 2 carpentry and joinery courses.

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The students worked from the school brief, used their carpentry and joinery skills to design and build the racks to fit up to 30 sets of shoes and added customised writing on the frame's top.

Staff and students recently visited the school to unveil the finished project and see the rack in action during the children's outdoors lessons.

John Billings, Head of Workbased Learning – Construction, said: "It is great to see our apprentices continue to develop their skills as budding trades people with a real-life design brief whilst getting involved in the local community.

"The apprentices completed the project to a high standard and we are delighted to hear how useful the new welly racks have been for the children."



Carpentry students with the new welly racks

Bronze medal success for floristry student

A Moreton Morrell College floristry student has won a bronze medal in her first ever national final after being called up from the reserve list

World Skills is an annual competition which recognises excellence in apprentice and technical education with over 400 students competing across 43 categories.

Emma Rochford, 44, from Tamworth, competed against eight florists from across the UK and the finals followed three selection heats where Emma competed to gain points for qualification.

Emma's points accumulation meant she was first reserve for the competition, and after a competitor pulled out through illness Emma was called up to compete.

Following two intense days of competition, Emma won a bronze medal.

Emma's success at World Skills was in her first competition and follows a career shift after 20 years working as a primary school teacher in Tamworth.

Emma was inspired to retrain in floristry after enrolling on a parttime Level 2 course at the college and now runs her own flower shop Floriana Floristry in

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Tamworth.

Emma said: "It was a complete surprise when I heard my name called, but I am over the moon to have won the bronze medal against such strong competition."



Emma Rochford with her World Skills bronze medal

Restoration work returns to gardens of an historic hall

A project which will see apprentices restore the gardens of the historic Moreton Hall is being given a new lease of life. The Hall, which is a grade II listed Georgian-style heritage house, is surrounded by extensive gardens and located within the grounds of Moreton Morrell College. Apprentices started work on a project to restore the Italianate Garden in 2019, but work was

postponed by the pandemic
The Italianate Garden consists of
an ornamental astrolabe,
herbaceous borders, formal
hedges, lawns and a central
water feature dating back to
1920s.

Work has restarted on the gardens' restoration, and will see horticulture apprentices from Pershore College, demonstrating their learned practical knowledge. WCG will be utilising the gardens as a permanent educational resource to give apprentices a space for them to test their skills. Matt Handy, Work Based Learning Manager at Pershore College said: "The project was just getting started when the pandemic struck, but now we have pressed the play button again.

"This is a very exciting project and we will be sharing updates throughout as we restore the beautiful gardens at Moreton Hall to their former glory."



Apprentices starting work on the gardens at Moreton Hall

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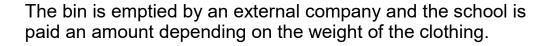
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