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February 2023

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District Councillor: Anne Parry

The next Parish Council meeting

will be on

Monday 20th March 2023 at 7.30_{pm}

and all are welcome to join

For more news from the Parish Council visit

www.moretonmorrellpc.co.uk

Pick it up!

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

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

Village Welcome Pack

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

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

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Welcome to Moreton Morrell Parish

News from the Parish Council

We were pleased to welcome a number of members of the public to our meeting in January. It was a busy meeting with lots to discuss.

Village Appearance- save the date for litter picking

Sadly, when the foliage dies back during the winter it's very clear that there is a lot of litter being thrown onto verges and into the ditches along the roads. Please do make use of the litter bins around the village, and challenge anyone you see disposing of rubbish inappropriately if it is safe to do so.

*We will be holding a village litter pick at **10am on Saturday 1 April** so would love volunteers to join us – meet by the bus stop – bags and litter pickers provided. Let's do what we can to keep the village tidy.*

We have asked a contractor to cut back the overhanging branches on Old Farm Drive and will be chasing to ensure this is done sooner rather than later.

A street party to commemorate the coronation – Monday 8 May

*Following the success of recent village events, the Parish Council will be organising a street party, outside the pub, to commemorate the coronation. It will be on **Monday 8 May, 12pm-4pm**. Once again we will be organising a hog roast, but would encourage villagers to bring cakes and other food to share. We hope that the pub will be open by that time to help us celebrate together!*

Speed Awareness

We are still looking for volunteers for speed gun training, to discourage speeding in the village. Please get in touch with Cllr Parry if you would be able to join this village initiative.

Council Elections – 4 May

The Parish Council is up for election again in May and we are keen to hear from anyone who might like to stand as a councillor. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact our Parish Clerk, Pam Routly, on pamroutly@btinterent.com or any one of the current councillors would be very happy to talk to you. The deadline for applying is 4pm on 4 April.

News from the Parish Council

As Cllr Parry mentions in her District Council update, voters will need photo ID for forthcoming elections. If you do not have anything suitable, then you can apply for free ID online via www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate or by completing a paper form.

South Warwickshire Local Plan

The Parish Council will be making a formal submission in response to the South Warwickshire Local Plan, particularly with regard to housing provision, but we would encourage everyone to have their

say on www.southwarwickshire.org.uk. Full minutes of the meeting are available on www.moretonmorrellpc.co.uk.

Next meeting – 20 March

*Everyone is welcome to the next meeting on **Monday 20 March 2023**, in the Village Hall, where we hope to have representatives from the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust come to talk to us about how we can make the village more sustainable for local wildlife.*

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Upper Lighthorne GP Services Update

A collaboration of 22 parish councils, including Moreton Morrell PC, speaking with one voice, has resulted in an unprecedented move of support for the delivery of a new health centre in Upper Lighthorne.

Following considerable uncertainty, the Integrated Care Board (ICB) confirmed at a meeting on 20th January it will now deliver a new GP service in accordance with the outline planning permission secured for the Gaydon Lighthorne Heath development back in 2015.

Despite the new health provision being a fundamental part of planning permission being granted, the question mark over the new facility came to the fore last year in May 2022 when GB Partners (GBP), the consultancy charged by the ICB with engaging with local stakeholders, approached parish councils in Upper Lighthorne and Lighthorne.

The implications of such an engagement were soon realised as a potential U-turn on a proposed new health facility, and the subsequent consequences to other parishes served by the nearest GP practices, who are all operating at or near capacity.

However a business-like approach with precision and determination followed, with a programme of activity over the last nine months. All the district and county councillors, together with our MP

were totally united and strongly supported the view that Upper Lighthorne should have its own GP Practice and health facility, as proposed in the approved planning permission for the GLH development, in order to relieve pressures on all the other medical centres as more houses are built and additional people move into the area.

Let's hope the development of the new health facility is fast-tracked in the best interests of residents in Upper Lighthorne and all of us as patients with the existing GP practices.

Budget 2023/24

The draft budgets for the next five years are currently being finalised as SDC only received notification of the Government's settlement a few days before Christmas. It is inevitable that SDC will need to draw on its general reserves in order to produce a satisfactory Medium Term Financial Plan which has been made possible by prudent management over the last few years.

The proposal for the District Council Tax element is for an increase of £5 which is well below inflationary levels. Awaiting details of the proposed increases by WCC and Warwickshire Police which both take a much larger share of the council tax pot.

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Wellesbourne Safer Neighbourhood Team – Warwickshire Police

I attended a meeting with the Wellesbourne SNT in January and was introduced to PC Chris Taylor who has joined the local community policing team following the transfer of PC Catherine Morgan to another role. Our thanks are particularly extended to Catherine who is well known to many of us having provided an invaluable role in keeping our village as safe as possible. We look forward to swing both PC Chris Taylor and PC Liam Allen out and about in the village.

Voter ID

Photo ID will need to be shown by residents voting in person at the local elections in May. This is the first time that residents will need to show photographic ID to vote at the polling station and are being urged to make sure they are ready in good time by checking they have an accepted form of ID.

This includes a UK, EEA or Commonwealth passport, a UK, EEA or Commonwealth drivers' licence and some concessionary travel passes, such as an older person's bus pass. Voters can also use expired ID if they are still recognisable from the photo.

Anyone who does not have one of the accepted forms of ID will be able to apply for free ID online via www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id

[voter-authority-certificate](#) or by completing a paper form.

Please do contact me on 07917 117737 if you experience any difficulties in applying as I am more than happy to help you.

Photo ID is not required if you opt in for a postal vote.

Wellesbourne Innovation Campus Framework Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

The Council is preparing an SPD to provide additional guidance on the interpretation and implementation of Core Strategy Policy AS9, which sets out the principles for considering development proposals and other initiatives relating to the Wellesbourne area.

In particular this reflects the current policy relating to Economy of AS9 which states that the Council “Support the use of the Horticultural Research International (Warwick University) site for research and development and educational purposes”.

This Masterplan has been produced in the context of AS9 and includes the existing site which has been divided into five different zones. The SPD sets out the principles and guidelines for the look, feel, materiality, scale and building types within each character areas, as well as the associated green and

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blue infrastructure.

The document follows a number of workshops involving parish councils and district councillors and will be discussed at Cabinet in January and is anticipated to go out for a six week public consultation in February/March.

Wellesbourne Airfield

Plans for the proposed Code2 runway are with the CAA for review and the new runway would have the same operating length as the existing 917m one, which is suitable for small commercial aircraft for business travel.

There is NO HOUSING planned for the development of Wellesbourne Airfield, just improved facilities and development for high-tech and innovative industries.

A press announcement from the bid winning delivery partner is anticipated soon with more details about their plans.

SWLP Consultation

The development of the South Warwickshire Local Plan is making good progress and the Issues and Options consultation is the second stage in its preparation and was launched on 9th January. In view of its complexity and size it is out for public consultation over an eight week period rather than the usual six and is accompanied by a User Guide to help direct parishes and

members of the public to areas of specific interest in an easy to find way.

Whilst Moreton Morrell Parish Council will be submitting its views to the Issues and Options Consultation, any resident can also take part in this public consultation which essentially is looking for feedback on where the principle of new housing developments should go across the district from 2025 to fulfil a requirement of 868 houses per annum.

www.southwarwickshire.org.uk

South Warwickshire Economic Strategy

Another major piece of work which is also scheduled for public consultation in February is the development of an Economic Strategy which presents a five-year strategy for the South Warwickshire economy. This has been developed jointly by SDC and WDC which have worked together to draw up a common vision with ambitious plans and actions over the next five years.

This will provide key evidence for economic development in respect of the SW Local Plan and is scheduled to be launched for public consultation in February 2023.

Anne Parry

Ward Member for Wellesbourne East

Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Tourism

Moreton Morrell and Moreton Paddox Gardening Group

In December, at its launch, the Gardening Group had a very interesting talk from local garden designer and wildlife expert Lucy Hartley about how to encourage wildlife into your garden. The meeting was very well attended and over twenty people signed up for membership and a grant from the Parish Council has also helped get the group off the ground.

At our January meeting, local resident and long time gardener John Moverely, gave a lighthearted but very informative talk on the various issues gardeners face and ways to deal with them, including the weather, weeds and pests.

The next meeting is on Monday 13th February at 7.30pm in the village hall and our speaker will be Jane Benefield who is Head of the Floristry Department at Moreton Morrell College.

Future meetings will include speakers, garden visits, plant swaps /sales and open gardens in the village.

Please come along, all welcome, visitors £3 on the night or why not sign up for annual membership £20.



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From the Allotments

Well Christmas has come and gone, and now, as I write, we are in January. This can often be quite a difficult month, certainly for us allotment holders, too wet and cold to get on the patch despite the knowledge that there will soon be much to do. As for me, well it is time to make sure my seed order has been put together, and made, including ordering my seed potatoes ready for chitting on their arrival. I have also taken opportunity to prune my apple and pear trees. I hope for a good crop again in 2023 provided the frost does not impact on the blossom which will appear in the coming months. Certainly the cold in December has done for a number of plants under glass, not surprising when we recorded temperatures of minus 11.

I have also been busy washing and cleaning my seed trays and tools in advance of the new season and put some buckets over my rhubarb to force an early crop. As a good Yorkshireman I have to grow rhubarb. As many will know the county is renowned for its production of the crop. I also in January need to resist the urge to sow seeds in the propagator too early, yet I always seem to do so. I also need to focus on my resolution to learn from my mistakes. I have tried to grow celery two years in a row and failed, maybe it is time to accept defeat.

I am delighted that the Moreton Morrell Garden Group is now formed and hope that it will get support from my fellow allotment

holders. A full programme of speakers and visits are planned but the key value is in the talk before and after meetings discussing matters gardening.

I am also delighted to report full occupancy of the allotments in 2023 but, as always, if you are not already a tenant, do get in contact and I can place you on the waiting list. Most years opportunities arise in one way or another.

So January, a time to look forward and plan. Maybe this year is going to be one when all goes well and successful in the garden. I doubt it but it is good to dream. Good gardening to you all.

John Moverley

Chairman - Moreton Morrell Allotment Association

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Your Church in Your Community

December was a busy month for your church. The service of lessons and carols was again very successful as was the Crib Service. Despite the weather conditions and competition from the World Cup on television, carols in the churchyard was very well attended and memorable. Because of the weather, it was moved into the church building but this seemed to add to the occasion and the band were certainly excellent. We look forward to next year.

A new initiative which seeks to benefit all the community is what is called the Moreton Morrell Warm Hub held in the Room each Tuesday from 12 noon to 3pm. It commenced in January and runs until the 21st February. If successful, it may be extended. It seeks to provide opportunity for anyone in the community to attend, enjoy a warm room, catch up on some magazines and village activities, make new friends and enjoy warm food and refreshments. It is FREE and seeks to provide a real community experience, so please do support. We also continue to collect items for the food bank. If you are in a position to donate, please leave at the back of the church and we can organise distribution and don't forget to make use of the community bookshelves in the church. These are challenging times for many in

our community and where we can help, it is important to do so. Your church and supporters do seek to do all we can but at the same time, we too face substantial challenges in covering the escalating costs of maintaining our church building. The church of course is a place of worship but it is more than this. It is a focal point of the village. It is always difficult to ask for financial support when so many face great difficulties but if you are in a position to help in any way, it would be most gratefully received. If you wish to discuss, please do contact me. Your church in your community. Our regular programme of services remains as Family Communion on the first Sunday and Prime Time on the third Sunday both at 10.30am. Prime Time is an informal short service open to all. Afterwards we enjoy refreshments and great conversation. To attend a service I know can be daunting but be sure you will always receive a very warm welcome. Why not try Prime Time – you may just enjoy it.

Thank you

John Moverley

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Nature Watch

By Steve Harvey

Before the first real light the Song Thrushes start to sing. Robins are there too pushing into the day just like the light. I heard a couple of Blackbirds singing in December and their contract doesn't start until mid-February. Collared Doves, Wood Pigeons, Stock Doves and Great Tits are all singing in this very changeable weather. Oh, and the Starlings who just go for it with pure 'don't care' joy. There's a big Starling murmuration going on each evening up above the rooftops between ASDA (other Supermarkets are available) and the Tachbrook Road, possibly thousands of birds, moving like shoals of fish, waiting for that last bit of light before diving into the trees to roost for the night. Always a mesmerising sight.

Meanwhile, down on the garden floor Snowdrops have pushed through and are prepping to open. Primroses were open by mid-January and the Daffs are on their way. Hazel Catkins, the male pollen carriers, are swaying in the breeze getting ready to 'pollen up', waiting to pollinate the tiny red stars of the female flowers on the same twigs. They'll be Hazel nuts in Autumn.

Two Honey Bees have dashed passed me enjoying a mild spell, feeding on Heather and Mahonia. Hope they are ready to dash back in again at the next cold spell.

There's been a Muntjac Deer calling around the cottages for a couple of weeks. They do call them 'barking deer' - you can see why. A drawn out single bark repeated several times

both in the night and early morning. Nice to see it at the bottom of the garden as long as it ignores the Roses that is.

Now, a neighbour of ours, over at the big house, found a wandering Hedgehog during the big freeze we had. It should have been well tucked away cozily hibernating. May be it had been disturbed. Anyway, she supplied food under a Hedgehog house which it took to readily. Fingers crossed she's saved its life and it will get through the rest of the Winter. Good luck 'Harold'

This time of year seems to be 'Raven time'. There's usually a pair flying and calling around here often to the annoyance of the Carrion Crows who seem to think they are top of the Crow family. That's until the larger Raven flies by. We now regularly get five Ravens flying together and calling, going between Ashorne and Morton Morrell as they pass over us. In December there were sixteen Ravens over the back end of Ashorne all flying together. As the youngsters take two years to mature they often hang around in groups annoying their elders . . . a bit like teenagers!

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The College Update

South American students arrive at college

Brazilian students are heading to Moreton Morrell College as part of their vocational education with the support of college group WCG.

A total of 46 young people from Paraiba - a state in the north east of Brazil - will be developing their English language ability and skills in agriculture, business, computing, engineering and E sports as part of the initiative with college group WCG.

Students are split across sites at Moreton Morrell College, Royal Leamington Spa College and Warwick Trident College and are living with families in Warwick, Leamington and Kenilworth. Students will also be provided with work experience opportunities during their stay, to help gain practical experience and exposure to UK industry. Ben Fairhurst, Head of FE Quality and International Programmes at WCG, said: "The programme is a great opportunity for the college group to enhance its international reputation and hopefully will lead to further international exchange programmes partnering with WCG in the future."

The Connect the World

programme is funded by the government of Paraiba and aims to encourage the internationalisation of the states and the growth of its prosperity through international exchange initiatives for students and staff from state schools.



Brazilian students arrive in Warwickshire as part of the Connect the World programme

Crafty students support great cause

The craftsmanship of students at Moreton Morrell College are set to raise crucial funds for a great cause.

Level 1 carpentry and joinery students have joined forces with site carpentry Level 2 and 3 learners to create an array of items including coasters, chopping boards, tea light holders and tables.

These products will be sold or raffled off at the college's annual Lambing and Animals Weekend

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on Saturday, March 25 and Sunday, March 26.

Students selected Molly Ollys as their chosen charity. It was set up 11 years ago by Rachel and Tim Ollerenshaw after their eight-year-old daughter Molly died from kidney cancer. Molly Ollys emotionally supports UK children between 0 and 18 who have a life-threatening illness. John Billings, carpentry and joinery lecturer at Moreton Morrell College said: "As part of their personal development, the full-time learners choose a charity, to help promote being a good citizen and raise money for that charity. Everything we are making is on the basis of 60 per cent of the sale will go towards materials and the rest be donated to charity.

"It really helps students with learning how to price materials and planning labour schedules."



Jennie Ludford, from Mollys Ollys, with students from Moreton Morrell College

Foodbank efforts supported by students and staff

Foodbank shelves were kept stocked over the Christmas period thanks to kind donations and the efforts of college staff and students.

Moreton Morrell College's library was one of four collection and donation points, alongside other WCG colleges Royal Leamington Spa College, Rugby College and Pershore College.

Generous donations of tinned meat, lentils, biscuits, pasta, tea and coffee were then taken to each of the colleges' local Trussell Trust food banks.

The Trussell Trust coordinates with local partners providing a service which assures residents can put food on their tables. This year marked the fourth successive year of donations, with WCG's collection campaign beginning in December 2019 and continuing through the COVID lockdowns of 2020 and 2021. Steph Nettleton, library manager at WCG, said: "We were delighted to support the wonderful work of our local food banks, playing our part in helping to maintain people's access to food and supplies over the winter months. "The campaign's success would not have been possible without

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our library users and we have seen a variety of staff and students generously donating to a great cause."



Richard Hull, Library Team Leader at the Library collection point of Moreton Morrell College

Lambing event set for return

The first lambs of spring will feature as a popular event returns at Moreton Morrell College.

Nethermorton Farm is hosting its annual Lambing and Animals Weekend on Saturday, March 25 and Sunday, March 26, giving people to the opportunity to meet the new born lambs as they are welcomed to the world. Visitors to the event can learn about how the farm looks after

its lambs and ewes as well getting up close to exotic animals such as meerkats, raccoon dogs, porcupines, coatis and lots of other cute characters.

Last year's event attracted more than 4,000 people and this year visitors will also get the chance to meet Farmer Daniel and climb up on a tractor for a photo opportunity.

The event runs from 10.30am until 4pm on both days, with last entry at 3pm.

Advanced tickets are priced at £18 for a family ticket (two adults and two children). Tickets on the day are priced at £7 for adults, £4 for under 16s and £5 for OAPs. Children aged under two can enter free of charge. For more information and to book advanced tickets visit www.wcg.ac.uk/lambing



A new-born lamb at last year's event

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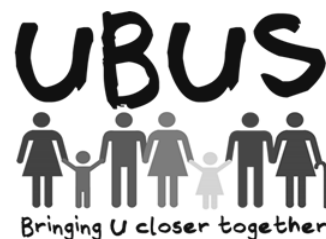
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