

# THE VILLAGER

*Moreton Morrell*

**June 2019**



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# County & District Council Report

First of all I would like to thank everyone who kindly supported my district council election and to advise I will continue to work hard on behalf of all the villagers.

I am pleased to advise that I have been appointed to Cabinet and am the new portfolio holder for Regulatory Services which includes environmental health, building control, land charges and enforcement.

The last 12 months have been busy ones and I was delighted to attend the official opening of the new medical centre in Wellesbourne in March, which I am sure has been much welcomed by the villagers – there is no doubt that the new facilities will encourage additional doctors to join the team when they are in a position to recruit more staff.

The District Council has been particularly busy under the new leadership of Cllr Tony Jefferson and SDC has become a councillor driven district council. Key district projects which we are working on include:

- Progressing the Compulsory Purchase Order of Wellesbourne Airfield to stop and protect the owners from selling the airfield for more housing
  - Developing a new Corporate Strategy for 2019 – 2023
  - Establishment of a housing/property company
  - Upgraded Land Charges system
- CCTV Upgrade in Stratford-upon-Avon

## **County Council Matters Community Grants**

The new Community Grants have just been launched and will close early June, so it is recommended that organisations submit their applications quickly.

## **Delegated Members Road Safety Budget**

A new replacement bus stop was installed in the village from my Road Safety Budget and is a big improvement on the previous one. We are currently revisiting speeding through the village and

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a meeting is scheduled with WCC Road Safety Team in June.

## Pot Holes

Pot holes have increasingly become a serious road safety issue, however WCC has been active in repairing pot holes throughout the district so it's therefore important to continue to report any pot holes via the WCC website and also alert myself so that I can chase them.

Problem solving is at the centre of my role and I wish to reassure the Parish Council and residents that whilst I try to resolve issues quickly there are often processes and procedures that appear to block actions and decisions being more rapid which is not only frustrating for all of you but also myself. Thank you for your understanding and I am always



happy to help where I can and I look forward to working with you all over the next 12 months.



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## VILLAGE WELCOME PACK

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

If you would like to obtain a copy please contact

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Moreton Morrell



Welcome to Moreton Morrell Parish

# From the Allotments

By John Moverley

We are now in that really very busy time of year for all allotment holders. Planting out is in full swing, the weeds are growing fast and there is a general feeling of anticipation as the various plants grow and harvest is round the corner. Of course some of us got on rather earlier than we should. The late frost caught my early potatoes and beans but I guess that is all part of gardening – success and failure, with hopefully the former more frequent.

We are all hopeful that this growing year will bring more rain than last although as I write the signs are not good. We all enjoy the sunny weather but good overnight rain to accompany it would be perfect! As allotment holders, we note that often rain forecast for the Midlands seems to pass us by here at Moreton Morrell. In the meantime we will all be engaged in watering when

and where we can – keeps us fit I guess.

As I wrote last month, I really believe tending an allotment has real health benefits, working in the open air and a bout of digging is worth just as much a work-out at the gym. It also can be great fun. If you are interested in joining the band of allotment holders, do get in touch. I am sure that at the very least we can offer a half or quarter plot.

And to finish, a well-known fact with all gardeners:

***When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant***



## Pick it up!

Whatever some people may believe, there's no such thing as the dog poo fairy.

So dog walkers, bag that poo - any rubbish bin will do. *(This includes Box Field)*

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



# Nature Watch

By Steve Harvey

## May

As I scribble this it's still May. I think it's my favourite month. We stand at the end of Spring looking through the doorway of Summer. Everything is buzzing or bursting. The Keck (Cow Parsley) pushes skywards amongst the Nettles and Comfrey. Keck is not poisonous to humans but it is so similar to deadly Hemlock, I wouldn't risk a taste of it.



As far as Hedgehogs go, we had two more brought to us by the lovely Jane and Pete. That's now ten released. I roughly know where three of them are. The pair that "went a-courtin'" over the hedge at the bottom of the garden, did their mating routine for several nights so I hope its mission accomplished and there may be tiny pricklers about soon. If so it'll probably be the first time in over fifty years. The other Hedgehog has been a bit of a traveller. It's managed to cross three large gardens, a single track

road and a bit busier road to make its home in a woodpile in another garden. I think the 'soft release' with food and housing was laughed at by the Hedgehogs as they wander around what must be heaven.

Oh, the Parakeet that stayed for a few days, it did leave. I heard it down the road near Moreton Morrell heading south. I bet it wanted was to find another Parakeet, sad really. Maybe it will hear one in an avery and be recaptured. At least it won't be lonely.

We've been so lucky recently to be able to watch a family of Foxes. Now I know people have a 'love hate' feeling with them.



All I can say is where the Foxes are there has been a bit of a Rat explosion. Rats could be seen and heard every night and young ones were out and about in daylight. No sooner had the Fox pair had their Cubs and started feeding them, the Rats

## Nature Watch cont.

disappeared. There was a beautiful little tortoiseshell cat called Lottie who lent a paw. The Cubs at this point are smaller than the average cat and two of them are tiny. They play and jump over each other, hide behind rocks, lay flat like a Border Collie and generally leap about. Now and then they are joined by the Vixen. On one occasion the Dog Fox arrived with a small cub trotting behind him. If the Cubs have food they have the habit of pushing their bottoms against a rival cub, reversing into them and holding them off whilst eating. They are classed as vermin but where they are at the moment they are eating everything else classed as vermin so they are doing more good than harm.

If you read the last scribble you may remember the Jackdaw that was building a nest in the outhouse. Well, two weeks of almost nonstop twig collecting and building came to . . . . . nothing! The book tells you both sexes build but I only ever saw one Jackdaw, never two, so I wonder if the male became obsessed with his project taking all his time over it but didn't get planning permission from his partner, then conceded it was not the best idea after all! Ring any bells chaps?



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# College Update

## **Wasps swap rugby balls for saws at Moreton Morrell College**

Members of the Wasps rugby squad swapped rugby balls for saws and chisels when they attended a beginners' carpentry workshop at Moreton Morrell College on 15 May.

The aim of the session was to introduce the players to some of the vocational skills and training opportunities currently on offer at college. As a professional rugby player's career is relatively short-lived, it is important they have a second profession to rely on when the time comes to retire.

Under the close supervision of instructors from the college's Construction Centre, the teammates undertook a variety of measuring, sawing and chiselling tasks which included perfecting cross halving joints in order to make their own picture frame. All seven enjoyed a day of learning new skills away from the daily routine of training schedules and fitness sessions.



## **Primary pupils do PE**

School pupils in Year 5 and 6 from Moreton Morrell CE Primary School have been getting extra PE lessons thanks to students studying sport and exercise science at Moreton Morrell College.

Thirty pupils aged between nine and eleven years old have enjoyed the training sessions every Thursday since January in the college's new Wellingtonia sports hall, delivered by first year students on the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport and Exercise course.

As part of the practical assessment module of the course, students have to deliver a live session to demonstrate 'sports leadership' and 'coaching for performance'. It is hoped to extend this project to younger pupils in due course.

Teacher at Moreton Morrell Primary School, Will Gimes, said: "It's been a great initiative. Pupils have benefited from receiving high quality coaching from the next generation of sports leaders as well as getting access to extra PE in a first-class environment."

Lecturer in sport, at Moreton Morrell College, Karl Goddard



# College Update cont.

said: "It's been a win-win situation. Our students get first-hand experience of coaching in a real life scenario and our local primary school pupils get to use our new facilities."



## **British Eventing and Moreton Morrell Horse trials**

Hundreds of horses and riders took part in the British Eventing two-day Horse Trials that took place at Moreton Morrell on 1-2 May, enjoying the great weather and strong competition.

They were around 580 professional and amateur competitors taking part over the two days including two first year Equine Sports Coaching undergraduates and many former students.

Staff and students from a range of courses from the college were involved in the running of the event and did a fantastic job. Students who acted as fence judges were particularly praised

for their professionalism by the British Eventing Cross Country control team.

The following Sunday the college hosted an unaffiliated Horse Trials event which saw 250 riders competing and had staff and students fully involved with the running of the day.



## **Students go for gold at Chelsea**

Three floristry students from Moreton Morrell College made their college very proud when they competed in this year's national final of the RHS Chelsea Florist of the Year competition.

Zoe Rowlinson and Hannah Beckley were two of the 16 finalists from across the UK who made it through to the RHS Young Chelsea Florist of the Year competition. Dean Sharpe, who walked away with a bronze medal in last year's competition competed for the title of RHS Chelsea Florist of the Year.



# College Update cont.

After an extremely tough and nerve-wracking competition, Zoe was delighted to walk away with a silver-gilt medal and Dean was over the moon to upgrade last year's bronze to a silver-gilt.



**Zoe Rowlinson at Chelsea Flower Show**

Zoe Rowlinson said: "I think competing at Chelsea Flower Show is a dream come true for most florists, to have your design on display on such a world famous stage gets you fantastic exposure. For myself it's an overwhelming sense of pride to not only show at Chelsea but to win a silver-gilt. It makes all the blood, sweat and tears (lots of!) worth it."

Floristry course leader at Moreton Morrell College, Jane Benefield, said: "I am delighted to be able to support learners who achieve one of the ultimate accolades in the professional floristry industry of competing at RHS Chelsea. It is a privilege to teach such talented and dedicated florists and I look forward to seeing them progress in the competitions in the future."

*The brief for the final was to create a floral crown to celebrate Queen*



**Dean Sharpe at Chelsea Flower Show**



**Hannah Beckley at Chelsea Flower Show**

*All Photos on this page - Credit to the British Florist Association*

# Your Church

**Recently I gave an annual report to the Parish Council about your church. It read as follows:**

“Thank you for the opportunity to present this brief report. This has certainly been another busy and successful year for your church. The Room continues to get extensive use complementing the facilities of the Village Hall but also for wide ranging community use. Working with children from the village school, we have run well-attended monthly coffee mornings for parents after school drop-off. Other uses have also included, village photograph sharing events, a puzzle day, musical events, clergy meetings

and more. Your church has had packed attendances at services such as the school carols and our own nine lessons and carols.

We were delighted to combine with the Parish Council and School in the Remembrance celebrations. The service itself was well attended and a large number of villagers joined us at the church gates at 11am for the period of silence and laying of the wreath by our Parish Council Chair. We would hope that we can gain your support for this being an annual event. The link with our school is very strong and we held a successful fete together as well as the school using the church for a range of activity.



# Your Church cont.

We are currently in a period of interregnum as the Vicar of our Benefice of Churches left us last year, as did our curate. It has taken some time to work thorough the issue of replacement and bring together a profile for a new Vicar. However it is now being advertised and our hope is that a new appointment will be made soon. In the meantime, it has been very much business usual as you will see and our thanks are due to the many in our community who have helped. We are especially thankful to the Venerable Brian Russell, recently retired Archdeacon, who has taken the bulk of our services and helped with weddings, funerals and baptisms.

As a church, we attract good attendances and as said are blessed with all the voluntary support we receive from flowers, maintenance etc. Financially we recorded a small deficit this year in terms of income and expenditure and so any support

for your church in any way is well received. We thank the Parish Council particularly for their support. Thank you"

In closing, can I remind everyone about the Village fete on July 13<sup>th</sup> – let us hope for another sunny day. Also I am pleased to report that the metalwork poppy, created last year by the College for the Remembrance celebrations, will be placed permanently on the church gate as part of the village War Memorial. We intend to fix this to the gate on the evening of 6<sup>th</sup> June to coincide with the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D Day.

*For our priest's 50th birthday, the congregation decided to give him a new suit.*

*He was so touched by the gift that the following Sunday he stood before everyone and, with tears in his eyes, announced, "Today I am preaching to you in my birthday suit."*

John Moverley  
Church Warden

## **Come Along and Have Fun with the NEW Table Tennis Club**

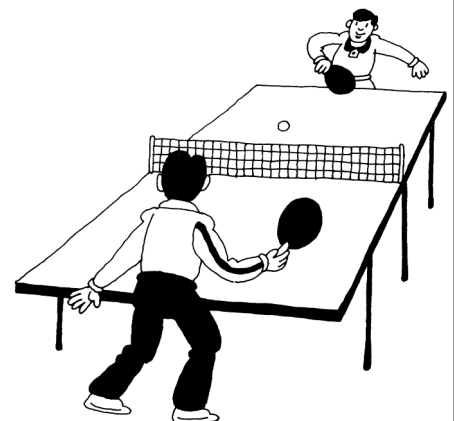
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month | Moreton Morrell Village Hall  
6.30 pm - 8.30 pm

**Coffee, tea and squash provided**

**Next session - 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

*Funded by Moreton Morrell Parish Council*

See Facebook and NextDoor.co.uk for details



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## Volunteering Opportunity

**Are you a 'people person' who enjoys engaging and presenting to people?**

The British Motor Museum is looking for Outreach Volunteers to help deliver presentations and object handling sessions to local community groups such as Probus, WI, youth groups, dementia groups and local car clubs.

Full training will be given and whilst an interest in cars and the motor industry is useful it is certainly not essential.

Hours and timings will vary according to when the community groups book, but if you have a few spare hours a week or even month and would like to find out more, then visit

[www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk/about-us/get-involved/current-vacancies](http://www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk/about-us/get-involved/current-vacancies)

or contact Sonja Dosanjh, Volunteer Co-Ordinator on 01926 927820

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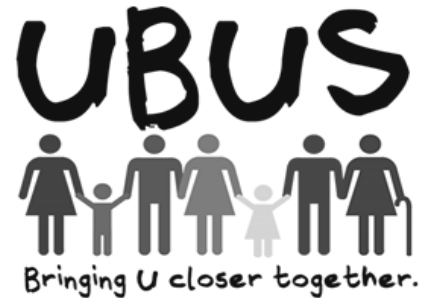
You have a dial a ride bus service which operates Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays between 09:30 am and 2.30 pm in Moreton Morrell.

Travel locally and within the district to go shopping, visit friends or attend social groups.

**To register with UBUS or for more information please call 01789 264491**

between 09:30 am and 2:30pm  
Monday – Friday.

Return journey fare £5.40.



## We need your clothes and shoes

Don't forget the school has a hungry clothes monster... or a recycling bin if you prefer!

Have your children outgrown their clothes or shoes or perhaps you need some space for your summer wardrobe! If you have any bedding, clothing or shoes that no longer fit or you simply no longer want or can be bothered to repair! why not feed the blue bin located opposite the main reception entrance to school.

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



**The Silver Line** is a helpline for older people that offers information, friendship and advice 24 hours day, 365 days a year.

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

The Silver Line also offers telephone and letter befriending by matching up a Silver Liner to a volunteer for regular conversation.

So if anyone is lying awake at night - or feeling lonely at anytime - or is worried about a problem that they have - and think that a chat with someone friendly who cares might help, **please call The Silver Line on**

**0800 4708090** [www.thesilverline.org.uk](http://www.thesilverline.org.uk)



# Community



## Free - Fitness Training

**Monday's 6:30pm - 7:30pm**

Moreton Morrell Parish Council has kindly agreed to fund the rent of the hall - so sessions will be free to villagers until the end of the financial year.

Sport England has funded equipment and insurance.

Sessions are designed so that all fitness abilities will be catered for - the circuits are designed so you can work at your own pace and each exercise in the training has a range of levels.

**Please sign up at [www.agewell.fit](http://www.agewell.fit)** - Over 18 years old only.

Note : Access to the College is either down John Taylor Way with parking behind the Suggett Centre or down Lime Tree Drive with parking just before the barrier.  
These routes can be used for cars or on foot.



**Moreton Morrell Fitness Club**

## Help us make The Villager!

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

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# Moreton Morrell Village Fete

*Saturday 13th July 2019*

**1-4pm**

**on the  
school  
field**

Come and join us for fun,  
games, BBQ, cafe and bar plus  
a fantastic raffle and auction



# The Parish Council

**Chair:** Robert James

**Vice Chair:** Gerry Slora

**Councillors:**

Anne Parry

Eileen Edwards

James Gordon

Bernard Keavey

## The Next Parish Council Meeting

Monday 17th July 2019

7.30pm start

*In the village hall*

All are welcome to attend

For more news from the Parish Council visit

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