

THE VILLAGER

Moreton Morrell

October 2019



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County & District Council Report

Community Speed Watch

Speeding throughout the county continues to be a major issue and Warwickshire Police is encouraging rural villages to set up and get involved in Community Speed Watch schemes.

Moreton Morrell Parish Council is keen to explore interest in such an initiative as speeding remains a key community concern and a Community Speed Watch encourages motorists to drive at a safe and appropriate speed, reduce speed in areas of concern and helps to re-educate drivers about the dangers of speeding.

Grants are being made available to fund the speed detection equipment providing the following criteria is met in order to establish a scheme:

- Speeding must have been identified as a community priority (agreed by MMPC)
- Active speed enforcement operations must not already be underway in the area by Warwickshire Police
- There must be at least six volunteers in each CSW scheme.
- Speed checks must be conducted by at least three volunteers.

The area must have a 30 or 40 mph speed restriction.

Providing we can find at least six volunteers to get involved and

take part in the necessary training we can introduce this initiative to both Moreton Morrell and Moreton Paddox.

Villagers wishing to register their interest as a volunteer should email Anne Parry on avparry1@btinternet.com

County and District Councillor Report Road Safety Delegated Budgets

An improved road safety scheme including additional white lining on entering the village and down to Duffus Hill has been approved and is hoped will be implemented before the end of the financial year.

Road Closure

Warwickshire County Council proposes to make a Temporary Traffic Order closing D6075 Moreton Road, Moreton Morrell from its junction with the B4087 Newbold Road to its junction with Moor Furlong, to vehicular traffic. The closure is required for carriageway patching works, 08.00 - 16.00 daily. The Order will commence on 30 September 2019 and will last for a period of 18 months, or until the works are

completed, whichever is the earlier. However, it is anticipated that the works will be completed by 1 October 2019. Pedestrian access to and egress from properties and land situated adjacent to the length of road to be closed will be maintained at all times. Vehicular access will be maintained where possible. An alternative route will be signed and is available via: B4087 Newbold Road, Ashorne Road, Moreton Morrell Road, Moreton Road and vice versa.

Climate Change

Following the unanimous decision to declare a 'Climate Emergency' Anne Parry has been appointed to Warwickshire County Council Task & Finish Group so will be able to keep us advised from a first hand perspective on the issues we face together with the county's recommendations in due course.

Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan

Work is still ongoing to identify potential new permanent sites for allocation within the Gypsy & Traveller Plan. A list of

approximately 25 potential sites owned by SDC or WCC have been assessed against a range of factors, including policy constraints, accessibility to facilities and WCC site intentions. An overall total of 70 reserve pitches are required from 2019 – 2035 but there are no sites which have been identified within the Wellesbourne and Walton Parish or my ward.

Dementia Friendly Activities

As WCC is keen to support Dementia friendly activities please spread the word to anyone you think maybe interested in the following activities.

Stratford Picturehouse will hold a dementia friendly screening of Downton Abbey on Monday 30th September at 12 o'clock. I'm sure there are many people who attend your cafes or groups who are Downton fans and would like to see this film on the big screen! The classic Gentlemen Prefer Blondes will have dementia friendly screening on Wednesday 9th Oct at 12 o'clock. There will

also be a dementia friendly screening of the new Judy Garland film 'Judy' on Wednesday 16th October at 12 o'clock.

The Picturehouse run regular dementia friendly screenings – mainly of old films but want to offer some relevant 'new releases'. Dementia Friendly screenings are open to all. The lights in the screen are left on low, and guests are free to walk around, take a break, and sing along to any familiar songs.



Anne Parry
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Community

THANKS TO YOU BOTH!

Two young men driving a 4x4(I think) cream or white, one of you called Max. You very kindly stopped to check how I was when I had an accident & crashed my scooter ending up in the road on Thursday night

after table tennis. I ended up in hospital having an operation on my elbow, bruised from top to toe, but recovering now. My family & I thank you so much.

Jane Cleeton
(Lady who does the flowers.)

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From the Allotments

By John Moverley

As I write this, September is here and we are into autumn, a time when the hectic pace of harvest and watering plants slows a little and thoughts turn to tidying and digging our plots ready for the next year. Of course, there is still produce to harvest. This has been a great year for tomatoes and I see these are still being picked on the allotments along with other veg. including sweetcorn, courgettes, cabbages and the last of the runner beans. There are still carrots, beetroot and parsnips in the ground but these no doubt will shortly be lifted for winter storage where possible. Then there are the leeks growing away to hopefully last through the winter.

Aside from tidying and preparing for next year, our allotment holders are sowing some winter lettuce, planting onion sets and broad beans amongst many other tasks. Having an allotment is great fun and exercise. Yes, it requires some work but there is real reward. I for one always look

forward to that first sweetcorn picked and served in 15 minutes! The taste is fantastic.

As an Allotment Association, our year ends on September 30th each year, so this is an ideal time for anyone interested in joining us to do so and get involved in growing. We have some plots available this coming year so do please contact me if you are interested. Full plots are currently £15 per year, half plot at £10 and a quarter plot at £5. Why not join us? You can be sure of a great welcome and advice is always freely given when sought.

Why is the Incredible Hulk such a good gardener? Because he has green fingers (Groan, groan)



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Nature Watch

By Steve Harvey

September

After the rain came the sun, slugs and snails slimed their way to any damp shady place. Some frogs, large and small, headed for the pond. One or two lay flat under the potato leaves in the well watered veg plot. In the evening the runner bean wigwams must have been dripping like rain forests for them.

It was nice to watch the young squirrels this summer. They have slim tails, much less fluffy than the adults. They would run around then stop and jump in the air for no reason, then scamper after each other again just playing while the adults stayed calmly eating seed on the grass. Oh to



be young! Well they better start growing more tail before Winter, that's their duvet.

As I scribble this I've just released the twelfth Hedgehog. She was taken into care with a urine infection and pregnant. She's now fit and well and desperate to get away from the kids. The Hoglets are now independent and still at the sanctuary so she's come to join our lot here. At around ten o'clock the rustling and snuffling starts. We now have three Hedgehogs that, at the moment, seem to live in the garden. Hope they stay. Next Spring we may have the first breeding colony in over fifty years.



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

Jane Cleeton: cleej1@btinternet.com or 01926 651529

Or visit www.moretonmorrellpc.co.uk to download.

Moreton Morrell



Welcome to Moreton Morrell Parish

Nature Watch cont.

As evening slowly began to drift towards night a new call echoed among the trees in front of the cottage. Now if you can try to imagine a very large mouse, sneezing loudly twice, then a pause and two more sneezes, that's what it sounded like. As I quietly wandered down the lane in the twilight towards the sound another sneezy call answered the first one. I stood looking up into the well spaced branches of the Cedar tree, the calls continued. It had to be Owls. I scanned the branches trying to pin down the position. Then I saw it right in front of me. A Tawny Owlet had been watching me walk down the lane. It had no idea what I was as it bobbed up and down trying to focus on me. I could only see the silhouette of a beautiful round blob of baby Owl. Then it got even better as a second Owlet flew in to sit by the first one.

There was much flapping and excited greeting before they settled down and somewhere, over the parkland an adult Tawny answered them, staying in touch as it hunted for their first meal of the night.



Follow me on Instagram
steviespics56

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.

Your Church

Your church continues to offer a range of services for all and the Room is increasingly being used for all manner of events. I hope that everyone who lives here sees it as their church, irrespective of their beliefs or not. Everyone is welcome to visit the building or churchyard, perhaps sit a while and take a break from the hectic pace of modern life. In the Gospel according to Mark, Jesus says, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." Whilst we are all incredibly busy and have many challenges, taking time out, if only for a short while, is so important.

We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival at 10.30am on Sunday October 20th followed by a community lunch in the Village Hall at 12 noon. All are welcome at either or both. The lunch cost is £8 per head with children free – good home-made food and a chance to meet and have fun. Donations of food, gloves, and socks etc. for Leamington Night

Shelter will be welcomed. If you are to attend lunch, please do let us know so we can ensure enough food and reserve your place by ringing 651310 or 651371.



On Remembrance Sunday, we will once again be holding our service in church at 10am before assembling outside the church gate at 10.50 am for a moment of silence and to remember those who gave their lives. We hope, as last year, many will join us either at church or outside the church gate close to the village war memorial. Wreaths will be laid and a bugle call will summon us all for two minutes silence to remember those who gave their

Moreton Morrell is on



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Your Church cont.

lives for our freedom.
Refreshments will be available in
The Room afterwards.
This year there will also be a
Midnight Service on Christmas
Eve at our church commencing at
11pm. We hope to welcome as
many as possible for this joyous
event. There will also be a service
of Lessons and Carols as well as
one for the School. Dates at time
of writing are yet to be confirmed.
Finally our thoughts, I know, go to

all in our community who are
suffering particular challenges or
illness. Your church, your
community.

And I conclude with a rather
terrible joke told to me by a young
person recently.

*Did Eve ever have a date with
Adam? No, just an apple.*

John Moverley - Churchwarden



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College Update

Top European florists tutor at Moreton Morrell College

Florists from across the country flocked to Moreton Morrell College to be schooled by three of Europe's leading floral designers.

Top experts from Finland, Spain and Russia were on hand at the third edition of the European Florist School which is held at the college every two years.

Spanish florist Alex Segura, Niina Minkkinen-Westerlund, from Finland, and Russian designer Roman Steinheaur were brought in to tutor more than 20 of the UK's up-and-coming floristry stars.

Roman said: "The people who have attended here have been very good. My English isn't great, but if I show something they have been able to understand because the event here is so professional. "I travel all over the world and from here I will be going straight to Beijing. It has been good to be here."

Jane Benefield, course leader at Moreton Morrell College said, said: "We would like to thank Alex, Niina and Roman for joining us and sharing their expertise. "This is the third time we have hosted the event and each year it goes from strength to strength."



From left to right
Front - *Roman Steinheaur, Niina Minkkinen-Westerlund and Alex Segura.*
Back - *Tracy Tomlinson (British Florists Association), Jane Benefield (Moreton Morrell College) and volunteer Claire Hammond.*

Renovation works start on Italianate Garden at Moreton Hall

Apprentices have started work on a project to restore the garden of a historic Georgian-style heritage house to its former glory.

Work-based learning students have started renovation works on the Italianate Garden at Moreton Hall, with completion expected in 2022.

The Italianate Garden features an ornamental sundial, herbaceous borders, hedges, lawns paving, steps and a water feature. There will also be work carried out on a small parterre which is visible on

the approach to the hall.

The Palladian-style mansion house is set to undergo a major refurbishment to create a national hotel training school and boutique hotel, which will train young people in the key skills required to forge a successful career in the hospitality industry.

Matt Handy, Industrial Training Manager for Horticulture at Pershore College, said: "We are able to engage apprentices from across all of our work-based learning areas with this wonderful project, as we look to restore the gardens to their original standard. "We've had great feedback from those involved so far. Everything they do on the site has a purpose, the range of tasks is diverse and they can see that they are contributing to a wider project with a clear end-goal."



Tutors and students on site at Moreton Hall.

Tutor accompanies star florist at WorldSkills final

A florist who utilised facilities and expertise at Moreton Morrell College to train for the WorldSkills final received a Medallion of Excellence.

Elizabeth Newcombe, from Guildford, achieved a fifth place finish in Kazan and was accompanied to Russia by floristry course leader at the college Jane Benefield.

The 22-year-old was trained by Laura Leong and Lynda Owen at Moreton Morrell College and has praised their support.

Elizabeth said: "I couldn't have done it without the incredible floristry support team of Jane Benefield, Laura Leong and Lynda Owen.

"The facilities at Moreton Morrell were fantastic and I really enjoyed my time there.

"They were truly incredible and together with their expertise and all-round support I was able to achieve fifth place in Kazan. I was able to practice with similar materials which we knew we could possibly have at the competition which was really helpful."

Jane added: "It was a privilege to accompany Elizabeth to Kazan and see her shine on the world stage."

College Update cont.



Jane Benefield and Elizabeth Newcombe in Kazan

Phillipa Gerrard, Head of FE Sport, Animal Welfare, and Equine at Moreton Morrell College, said: “It’s important that we show young people that there are a wide range of avenues that you can follow to pursue a career in the land-based sector.

“The Moreton-in-Marsh show is one of the best in the region and attracts huge crowds, so it is the perfect opportunity to reach new people.

“We hope that the display and activities we put on on will inspire more people to consider a career in agriculture and the wider land-based industries.”

College staff inspire at Moreton-in-Marsh show

Staff from Moreton Morrell College were on hand at one of the region’s most popular country shows to educate young people about careers in land-based industries.

An estimated 25,000 people visited this year’s Moreton-in-Marsh Show on the Batsford Estate in the north Cotswolds – as the show celebrated its 70th anniversary this year.

Tutors from the college put on displays about animal nursing, science and biology – while also hosting a display of a range of animals and insects, offering youngsters the chance to learn more about each species.



Moreton Morrell College staff at the Moreton-in-Marsh show



Community

Dial a Ride UBUS service in Moreton Morrell

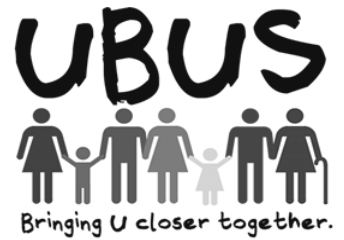
The UBUS dial a ride community transport service operates in Moreton Morrell and surrounding areas on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays between 09:30 - 14:30.

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.

Travel locally or into Stratford upon Avon to go shopping, visit friends or attend social groups.

Single journey fare: £2.90 | Return fare: £5.80

To register with UBUS or for more information please call 01789 264491 between 09:30 - 14:30 on weekdays.



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



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Fitness Classes are designed for **all abilities** and sessions are self paced

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Moreton Morrell College - Suggett Centre

Directions – [Park in staff car park behind the Suggett Centre](#)

Check if it is on a specific week by e-mailing – mmcommunitytrust@gmail.com

Come along and have fun with the TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Session Dates - (Thursdays) October 17th,
November 21st & December 19th

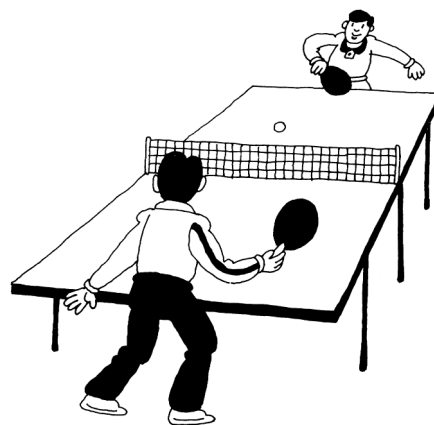
Moreton Morrell Village Hall 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm

Coffee, tea and squash provided

Next session - 17th October 2019

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25th November 2019

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Extra copies of The Villager are left in the church
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Community

The Community Café

At Moreton Morrell Village Hall

We will be open at 11 am on

**October 10th & 24th and
November 7th & 21st**

Everyone is welcome.

We always have homemade cake and there is no charge for the refreshments so why not give us a try if you haven't done so yet.

Also with free Wi-Fi and use of the community laptop.

For information contact

Jo on 650068

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at

Moreton Morrell Village Hall

25th October, 22nd November

7.00pm – 8.30pm (approx)

ALL ages welcome

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The Next Parish Council Meeting

Monday 18th November 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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31 OCTOBER - 2 NOVEMBER

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The British Motor Museum opens for Museums at Night

Looking for a good way to avoid the trick or treaters? Come join us for a night of all things 1970s instead!

The British Motor Museum is taking part in the national 'Museums at Night' festival to open up the collections to those who cannot come during normal opening hours. Come and meet the Archive Team and view press, advertising and sales material generated in the 1970s. You will have access to the Reading Room to view bookbinding by the Conservator, be able to see the restored 'K's from Longbridge's famous gate and watch 1970s motoring footage in the cinema.

Arrive from 5.30pm and enjoy a hot & cold buffet and refreshments, view some of the iconic 1970s designed cars on display including the recently donated 1971 Morris Marina 1.3 deluxe, a Triumph Dolomite Sprint, Austin Maxi 2 and a Triumph TR6. There is also full access to the main Museum to explore at leisure and an exclusive 1970s themed tour with a costumed guide.

So come and join us for a fun and relaxed evening that is intended to appeal to not only motoring enthusiasts and those who love British motoring heritage but also to those with an interest in 1970s culture, iconic advertising & design, and those with an interest in gender studies, social history and diversity.

Book Tickets

Tickets are just £10 per person. For visitors who hold a Gift Aid Annual Pass there is a £6 supplement for the evening to cover the catering.