

THE *Moreton Morrell* VILLAGER

October 2023

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12TH

Service in Church at 10am
Assemble at the War Memorials at
10.50am

Act of Remembrance 11am

Wreaths will be laid by the Parish
Council, the School, the College
and our Church

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The Parish Council

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County Councillor: Penny-Anne O'Donnell

District Councillor: Anne Parry

The next Parish Council meeting

will be held at The Room on

Monday 20th November 2023 at 7.30_{pm}

and all are welcome to join

For more news from the Parish Council visit

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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)

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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Moreton Morrell



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News from the Parish Council

Village Hall Update

The trustees of the village hall have commissioned a specialist structural engineer's report which follows the full building survey undertaken by McKelvie Lloyd earlier this year.

Consequently, the hall is not available to hire for events or meetings until the findings of the structural engineer's report are known, together with a costings estimate of any essential safety repairs/refurbishment works which may be required.

In the meantime, The Room provides a much welcomed and warm community space.

Defibrillator Training

Our thanks are extended to Dr Duncan Gordon who has kindly offered to provide defibrillator training to villagers on Saturday 14th October at 2pm in The Room. Villagers are encouraged to put the date in their diary and attend in order to learn or sharpen their life-saving CPR skills at this important event.

Playing Field Matters

The condition of the nets to the small football goals on the playing field was raised at the September

parish council meeting by one of the villagers and it was unanimously agreed that these should be replaced at the earliest opportunity.

New Website

The parish council has commissioned a new website for Moreton Morrell, in order to improve accessibility and provide improved communications to residents across the parish. It is hoped that the new website will be operational by the end of the year.

Moreton Morrell Parish Plan

The new Parish Plan is in its final stages of drafting, awaiting a response from the policy team at Stratford-on-Avon District Council and will then proceed to the design stage. Following approval at the next parish council meeting in November, it is planned to hold a public consultation event for villagers on the new parish plan in order to make any final amendments before being adopted in 2024.

Dog Fouling

The Parish Council continues to receive complaints about irresponsible dog owners who fail to pick up and dispose of their dog's business in the most

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appropriate way, either by taking it home with them to put in their black bin or one of the many dog bins which are strategically located around the village. Farm drive appears to be a particularly bad area for dog fouling and such behaviour is totally unacceptable, as is the dumping of large household bags of dog poo into the village waste bins rather than your own black bin.

Dogs off Leads

Dog owners are respectively reminded that dogs off leads are totally prohibited on the playing field due to the health and safety risks to all children and adults. As highlighted on the signage, displayed around the playing field, dogs must be controlled on a lead by their owners at all times in order to access the public footpaths which adjoin this protected area. The parish council has a zero tolerance policy on this matter, which is applicable to every canine breed or cross breed and therefore also applies to dogs which may be particularly small or which are deemed to be well trained by their owners.

In view of the recent dog related incidents as reported in the national media, the parish council

has consequently contacted the Environmental Health team at Stratford District Council which has the powers to enforce dog-related by-laws and the Public Spaces Protection (Dog Fouling) Order 2020.

Moreton Morrell welcomes responsible dog owners, but will be forced to take appropriate action where necessary.

Footpaths

Members of the parish council are forming a working party to ensure the network of footpaths are accessible and safe to use. In addition, plans are being developed to produce a useful footpaths map for villagers and visitors to use more frequently which will help to maintain the footpaths in and around the village.

Parish Council Meeting

The next parish council meeting will be held at The Room on Monday 20th November 2023 at 7.30pm and all villagers are welcome to attend.

District Councillor Report - Cllr Anne Parry

Success of 123+ Waste Collection Service

Changes to Stratford-on-Avon District Council's rubbish and recycling collections introduced a year ago have been a success, with figures showing a reduction in the amount of rubbish being disposed of and residents recycling more than two-thirds of all household waste collected in the District.

In the first year of operation, figures show that 68% of the District's rubbish has been recycled and 26% less residual waste was collected. During the period August 2022 to July 2023, 16,226 tonnes of residual waste was collected, which is 5,635 tonnes less than the same period the previous year.

The introduction of a separate weekly food waste collection service has seen 4,888 tonnes collected between August 2022 and July 2023. The new 123+ waste collection service was introduced on 1 August 2022 to boost recycling rates and reduce the amount of general waste.

One year on, the figures show that the three-weekly refuse collection arrangements have reduced the amount of general rubbish each household puts out and has encouraged residents to recycle more.

Whilst members of the new administration were not in support of the service last year, it is hoped that no changes will be made in view of its success.

Shakespeare's England Partners with Destination Coventry

Shakespeare's England is partnering with Destination Coventry to form the Coventry & Warwickshire Destination Partnership. The new partnership has been formed under the new Local Visitor Economy Partnership (LVEP) framework, which was developed and administered by VisitEngland as a result of the government's response to the independent de Bois Review of Destination Management Organisations in England, with the overarching aim of supporting and growing the visitor economy. It will see both organisations

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working together strategically with local authorities to ensure that Coventry and Warwickshire's tourism community has a powerful voice at national level regarding future policies.

Upper Lighthorne GP Facility

It is understood that up to four local practices have expressed an interest in tendering for the new Upper Lighthorne GP Facility and they will be expected to respond to a brief from the ICB this year. The chairman of SDC's OSC committee has invited the ICB to a meeting on 3rd November when questions regarding the new GP facility and the Ellen Badger Hospital amongst other topics will be raised. I have also been advised that SDC are in discussions with Warwickshire Police to establish their involvement in the proposed new community hub in Upper Lighthorne.

Brook House Dental Practice

The dental practice in Moreton Morrell is sadly closing with effect from 30th November 2023 as it is no longer financially viable to keep the

dental practice open. This means that patients will need to find alternative NHS dental care going forward. I am sure you will all join me in thanking Dr Fiona Smart and her team for all their care over the years.

According to the website it is likely that patients can be transferred to an NHS dental practice in Shipston-on-Stour along with Dr Holly Finley. Other NHS dental providers can be found online using www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-dentist and I have been contacted by Nuvo Dental Warwick (formerly Westgate Dental Practice), to advise that they are welcoming patients from Brook House.

The next Full Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday October 16th 2023.

Anne Parry

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Moreton Morrell and Moreton Paddox Gardening Group

The Gardening Group had an excellent visit to Winterbourne House and Gardens in September.



It was a perfect day and our own John Moverley gave us a guided tour followed by coffee and Apple strudel courtesy of Tracey Benbow on the beautiful terrace in the sunshine. Huge thanks to them and our drivers and everyone who came, It was a true gem and hard to believe you were so close to the centre of Birmingham!



Our meetings start again in October but due to problems with the structure of the village hall

these will be now held in the Room, attached to the Church.

Our first speaker on 16th October will be Fiona Tansey, the landscape manager at Compton Verney . She will talking to us about the Landscape at Compton Verney. We will start at 7.30pm, teas and coffees provided and all welcome . Members free and Visitors £3 (pay on the door).

Our November meeting date may need to be moved due to prior bookings in the Room but will be a talk by the Head Gardener at Charlecote Park.

Watch this space for details, we will also post on our WhatsApp page.

In December we will have a quiz & social evening, why not come & join us for fun & friendship, hopefully get some ideas for your garden.

See you on the 16th.

Eileen Edwards, chair.

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Your Church in Your Community

The Church of the Holy Cross continues to hold regular monthly 'Prime Time' family friendly services on the 3rd Sunday of each month starting at 10:30am, followed by refreshments in the room attached to the Church.

Conceived and presented by regular members of the congregation, these services provide a forum for reflection and prayer interspersed with songs of praise.

This is in addition to our regular Communion Service on the 1st Sunday of the month at 10:30am

Planned events include the Autumn Churchyard working party, which will have occurred on the 30th September in the morning; this regular event to freshen up the Churchyard and clear the paths will be advertised again in Spring to allow any prospective gardeners or villagers to get involved.

Any young people looking to complete a community service as part of their DofE Award or Scout/ Guiding would also be very welcome to contact a member of

the PCC as there is always something that needs doing in the churchyard.

Our important fundraiser, The Craft and Local Produce Market, will happen in the Churchyard and Church building itself on Sunday 8th October between 11am and 2pm. A range of stalls will include handicrafts and Artisan food and drinks. Refreshments will be available including bacon butties! Adult entry £1 to include a ticket for the Door raffle. General raffle tickets at £1 each will also be available for a host of other prizes donated by the stalls.

Preparations are already underway for Remembrance Day on Sun 12th November. The Church service will start at 10am led by Rev Lynda Lilley and the Remembrance Day gathering at the Church gate will follow at 11am with a brief Memorial Service involving laying of wreaths.

This poignant day will coincide with the final formal service at Moreton Morrell for Rev Lilley who will be moving to a new post in

Your Church in Your Community

Herefordshire before Christmas.
Rev Lilley arrived at a very
challenging time during the Covid
Pandemic and we all wish her well
in her next appointment.

lunchtime sessions for food and
drink and chat for all age groups.
These sessions are alternate
weeks and run from 12noon to
2pm

Pending discussions with the
Diocese and other PCCs, the
Christmas rota of services will be
confirmed at a later date. The
uncertainty of the duration of an
interregnum will challenge all 4
local PCCs involved, but will
provide an opportunity to reset and
plan for a settled and active
Church involved with both the local
community and village school.

The Room continues to be the host
venue for Tasty Tuesdays, free

**Forthcoming dates for
Tasty Tuesdays:**

Tues 10th October

Tues 24th October

Tues 7th November

Tues 21st November

Any one interested in using the
room for events should make
contact via the TRAMM website.
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From the Allotments

Well I think it is fair to say that it has been an interesting summer, weather wise. However the warm moist period of July and August helped crops on the allotments to grow well, in addition to the weeds of course! So overall it has been a pretty good year. Sadly some of my main crop potatoes were blighted – a factor of the humid wet conditions at the wrong time but other crops have done well, and the same seems to be the case for fellow allotment holders. Of course we have all had our highs and lows.

I think of a neighbour having planted out some cabbages, only to find in the next few days how attractive they were to slugs and snails. Hey Ho – the joy of gardening.

The rewards though are many – freshly picked sweetcorn eaten within minutes of picking, peas fresh from the pod and that first boiling of new potatoes. Whilst in 2023, all allotments were fully let, vacancies will no doubt arise. Indeed a half plot is one that I already know about. Our new allotment year starts in October so if you are interested, make sure you are on the list by emailing me.

There is a waiting list for the pub site but Brook Lane is a great possibility.

The village is extremely fortunate to have its allotments so why not get in touch. You can always start with a quarter plot.

And to conclude a couple of quotes I recently came across – food for thought

“I like gardening. It’s a place where I find myself when I need to lose myself.” ~Alice Sebold
“When gardeners garden, it is not just plants that grow, but the gardeners themselves.”
~Ken Druse

John Moverley
Chairman – Moreton Morrell
Allotment Association
John@dunmovin.co

Nature Watch

October Nature Page

As I scribble this, through the bedroom window comes the sound of our very chatty Raven still proclaiming his territory as evening draws near.

Well! I for one am glad the heatwave has gone. Sorry if you were a fan of the hot weather. It took its toll on wildlife. Bumble Bees stop flying when the temperature rises to around 30*c. Not surprising with a fur coat on. Honey Bees cope better but hive communities can suffer. Wild flowers and even nettles can wilt and get scorched. Caterpillars may then die, so less for the birds to eat and less pollinating for the Bumbles.

Badgers and Hedgehogs (not the best of friends) suffer with the soil being baked. Worms dig further down to escape the heat and find moisture so less food and dangerously less water available. Whenever there's a hot or even a warm spell, if you put out a shallow dish of water and keep them

topped up they will be a lifeline to Hedgehogs, small mammals and birds. Perhaps keep them away from bushes to stop cats planning an ambush of the birds.

Once we arrived at the first day or two of August the Robins began to sing as always. Their moulting was done, fresh new feathers were in place to keep them warmer in the Winter. The kids were on their own now, so territories were being established to space themselves out to give enough area to find food.

The Tawny Owls are still having their evening chats. There was a lovely encounter a couple of nights ago. An adult approached the often mentioned Cedar Tree. It gave a very soft 'Whoo'. It was answered by another adult with a 'Keik Kreik'. The first adult replied with an even softer 'Whoooo' this time with a wobble to it. Now if that wasn't a heartfelt 'I'm glad to see you' call then I don't know what was.

Going back to pre heatwave and pre accident - I was on the veg plot as the light was beginning to fade. Something small moved over to my right. A Hedgehog bustled through

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the open gate and walked straight towards me. It. Climbed onto my boot then froze and so did I. As the Hedgehog stood on my boot I could imagine it thinking, processing the alien smell of what must be potentially dangerous. We

stayed there for what seemed ages until the little Hog lost its nerve and dashed into the Rhubarb. It wasn't to know I was a Hedgehog fan!

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Newbold Pacey & Ashorne WI

We have enjoyed the summer months and now look to the mellow fruitfulness of autumn.

At our September meeting we welcomed Martin and Pete from Warwickshire & Solihull Blood Bikes whose stated mission is 'riding to save lives.' This hard-working charity provides an emergency, free of charge, out of hours motorcycle courier service for blood products, premature baby milk and urgent medical equipment for the NHS around Warwickshire and Solihull.

Martin arrived into our village hall on his brand-new liveried BMW motorcycle, complete with heated seat and handlebars! He says both will help beat the cold on a 3am January shift! We were fascinated to hear how many volunteers are involved, how much fundraising is needed to run the service each year and that since its inception 11 years ago, the charity has saved the NHS around £2 million.

For our 12 October meeting, we will be in full ghoulish mode with Eddie Smallwood in the persona of the Barber Surgeon in the War of the Roses – in keeping with Halloween but not for the faint-hearted! We will also be at the Moreton Morrell Craft & Local Produce Market on Sunday 8 October between 11am and 2pm at the village church. We will have a fun toiletries tombola and information about our WI. Do come over for a chat and try your luck on the tombola.

Our 9 November meeting will be mindful crafting, creating items to sell at our

December Christmas Craft & Coffee Morning. We are also looking to organise a Christmas Wreath Making evening at the beginning of December.

Our community coffee mornings continue in Ashorne Village Hall on the first Saturday of the month – open to all and there will always be toasted teacakes and homemade cake. Our walking group meets regularly, the craft and chat group continue to meet every week.

Why not come along and give WI a try? We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month, 7:30pm – 10pm in Ashorne Village Hall.

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

World Cup glory for floristry students

Budding florists from Moreton Morrell College have won the inaugural student competition at a prestigious international floristry event.

Five students struck gold as they claimed the top spot in the first ever Student Team Competition at the Interflora World Cup.

The winning team consisted of Jane Horton, from Stoke Lacey; Hannah Beckley and Alexandra Bolton, from Evesham; Sarah Williams, from Wellingborough; and Heather Marshall, from Kenilworth.

A total of 20 Level 2 and 3 floristry students from the college also immersed themselves in the event, working across the three days to create floral twisted metal columns and branches as centrepieces for the closing night's gala dinner.

Jane Horton, a member of the winning team, said: "The World Cup was an incredible experience and to win the student competition was amazing. We worked really hard as a team to prepare for the competition and are delighted to have come away with the win. Moreton Morrell College also saw success from its work supporting

florist Elizabeth Newcombe, who used the college as her training base and received support from Head of Department Jane Benefield during her preparation for the World Cup. She finished third in the world in the individual competition.



The winning team from Moreton Morrell College with their first place floral design

Tutor recognised for four decades of services

A tutor and technician who has played a leading role in the development of animal welfare at Moreton Morrell College has been celebrating four decades of service.

Brian Morgan, 75 from Wellesbourne, is the longest-serving staff member at Moreton Morrell College and staff joined together to recognise his 40 years

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at the college.

He joined the college in September 1983 and became a lecturer in the animal welfare, agriculture and equine department in 1989. He has played a key role in developing the practical facilities for the animal welfare department.

Brian said: “Seeing students develop over the years has been incredibly rewarding, particularly when they have returned as lecturers or gone on to hold high-profile positions in the land-based sector.

“I’ve invested so much in this place, from the students and animal welfare, to the trees and the hedges, that I don’t think I’ll ever completely leave.”

Angela Joyce, CEO of WCG, said: “On behalf of everyone at the college group I would like to thank Brian for his 40 years of service, in particular his commitment to supporting the growth and development of the animal welfare department at the college.”



Brian Morgan celebrating with staff at Moreton Morrell College

BTEC students celebrate results day success

Moreton Morrell College students and staff celebrated a stellar set of BTEC and City and Guild Technical results this summer.

Across college group WCG, a third of all BTEC students achieved the top-grade, triple Distinction star, with more than half the students gaining the top grades in Animal Management and Equine.

More than one third of students also gained triple Distinction in agriculture and construction.

Lucy Lovett, aged 20 from Rugby, celebrated achieving triple Distinction star in her National Extended Diploma in Animal Management.

Lucy said: “I’m very pleased with the results I have achieved. I chose to study animal management because of my love of animals and being outside in nature.

“I really enjoyed studying at Moreton Morrell – it has a good reputation and a lot of animals at the unit, and the course was very good.

“I’m currently working as President of WCG’s Students’ Union which I’m doing for a year and after this I’m going on to study Animal Behaviour and Psychology at the University of Chester.

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“It’s unique as it’s the only course in the country which covers both, and I’m really looking forward to it.”



Lucy Lovett on results day

Hundreds compete in British Eventing Horse Trials

[Equine students showcased their skills as the British Eventing Horse Trials returned to Moreton Morrell College.](#)

The prestigious competition is an annual event in the British eventing calendar and sees top riders compete across dressage, cross country and showjumping.

This year’s event saw over 500 entries across the two days and competition featured two British Olympians Oliver Townend and Kitty King alongside three students from the college.

Level 3 Equine Management students Molly Morrison and Sophie Widern, and Faith Penn,

who is studying for her BSc in Equine Therapy and Rehabilitation, all competed in the eventing weekend.

Faith who only began eventing last year, came top out of 32 riders in the BE90 modified category alongside her horse Erwlas Jump for Gold.

Sophie and her horse Dodington came fifth in the BE100 Open category, with Molly drawing on her two years of eventing experience to take home the bronze in the BE90 Under 18 category with her horse Knockateemore Patch.

Wayne Rodwell, Equine Events and Sports Coordinator at Moreton Morrell College, said: “The event is a fantastic way for our students to experience elite competition and develop new skills amongst the excellent facilities on offer at Moreton Morrell College.”



Molly Morrison riding Knockateemore Patch

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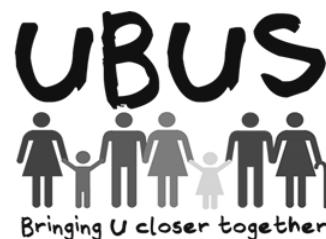
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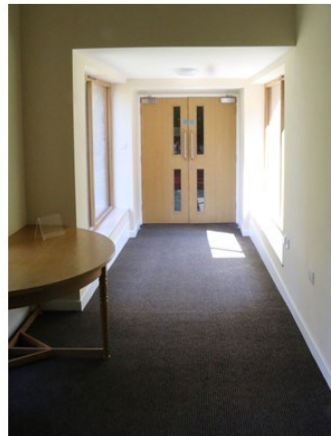
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