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Moreton Morrell

Then & Now

The Parish Council

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Keavy & David Butler

County Councillor: Penny-Anne O'Donnell

District Councillor: Anne Parry

The next Parish Council meeting

will be held at The Room on

Monday 16th September 2024 at 7.30_{pm}

and all are welcome to join

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Pick it up!

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

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

News from the Parish Council

Deers Leap Solar Farm

Representatives from Innova, the developers for the proposed Deers Leap Solar Farm attended the parish council meeting in July to discuss plans for the 102.2 acres site which is located off the B455 (Fosse Way) within the parishes of Moreton Morrell and Lighthorne. The planning application is scheduled to be submitted in August 2024 and the developers anticipate a decision is likely during 2025. If permission is granted they said construction of the site would take around six months and the cable route connection would go into the substation in the Newbold Road. Innova are the same developers for the Elms Solar Farm at Newbold Pacey which has been under construction since November 2023. The meeting was also attended by villagers whose properties would be directly impacted by the proposed development and an extensive Q&A was conducted. As and when the planning application is submitted to Stratford District Council by Innova, the parish council will arrange a meeting with Lighthorne Parish Council to discuss the plans and consider its response as a consultee.

Anti-Social Behaviour and Vandalism

The parish council agreed to order new replacement signage around the playing field boundary which had

been removed/damaged by vandals in the middle of a night in June. This also coincided with a number of villagers being disturbed between 2.00am – 3.00am by a couple of youths knocking on their doors which was extremely frightening for all those concerned. The police have been alerted to these incidents and a member of the Wellesbourne Safer Neighbourhood Team has subsequently been invited to the next parish council meeting on Monday 16th September for an update on Anti-Social Behaviour and rural crime in the area.

Planning Matters

The parish council has supported the planning application for the removal and replacement of a modular classroom plus construction of new tarmac path, fence and gate for Moreton Morrell Church of England Junior and Infant School together with the construction of a new timber outbuilding. The application follows a successful bid to the Government's Condition Improvement Fund (CIF) by the Fosse Multi Academy Trust, which now controls the school, to replace an old and dilapidated 'temporary' classroom that has actually been in place for over 40 years.

District Councillor Report - Cllr Anne Parry

The last couple of months have been fairly quiet at SDC with the exception of planning committee in view of the extensive amount of work which was required to fulfil the General Election.

Sir Jeremy Wright QC MP has been elected as our MP again and will continue to be of great support to our constituency.

As a member of the joint committee in respect of the South Warwickshire Local Plan's development we anxiously await the new government's proposals in respect of its commitment to build 300,000 new homes per annum - 1.5 million new homes over the next five years, the planning reforms and development on green belt, as this will clearly have an impact on the development of the SWLP and also communities in Stratford on Avon district.

In addition, the new secretary of state for energy, Ed Miliband has

just reversed the planning inspectorate's advice by giving permission to the largest solar farm in Cambridgeshire and this could have an impact on proposed solar farm planning applications across our district.

However, the Conservative group has put forward a Notice on Motion for Stratford District Council (SDC) to consider the importance of developing a Supplementary Development Plan on Renewable Energy, which looks at policies for both wind and solar, and in particular the cumulative impact on the character of the landscape, in view of the number of sites currently being targeted by developers for solar farms both in SDC and Warwick District Council areas.

Anne Parry

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Your Church in Your Community

As we work our way through the changeable summer season, changes are afoot in the diocese which will have a profound effect on our local Churches and communities.

At a meeting in the school on Tuesday 9th July attended by representatives from not only Moreton Morrell, but also Newbold Pacey, Chesterton and Lighthorne, with deanery representatives led by Archdeacon Barry Dugmore, a new vision for serving the Churches in rural parishes was presented and discussed, with the added future complication of the new housing development in Upper Lighthorne.

Yet to be fully ratified, the plan aligns the current Churches in our parishes with new partners and hence new Priests in charge. The current suggestion is linking Chesterton with Harbury, Newbold Pacey to Alveston with a view to develop a place of retreat, Upper Lighthorne and Lighthorne to Wellesbourne, and finally Moreton Morrell to Kineton.

All Priests in charge will have expanded roles, supported by Curates and new appointments in Upper Lighthorne/Lighthorne (full

time) and surrounding areas. The overarching idea is to deliver a more team based approach to delivering service and pastoral care.

The local PCCs are meeting with their nominated new Priests in charge imminently to confirm the new arrangements.

Until the reconfiguration is formally confirmed, Moreton Morrell has been fortunate to have the service of Rev Brian Russell who leads the Communion service at Moreton Morrell on the first Sunday of each month at 10.30am. The Primetime service continues on every 3rd Sunday at 10.30am.

A Spring clean up of the Churchyard has come and gone- our next Saturday am session is planned for Sat October 5th ahead of the planned Craft Fair on Sunday 13th October - this latter event assumes more importance in terms of fundraising with the postponement of the Village School fete which is usually held in the summer season.

The Church and Community Wildlife project is gathering pace and is supported by the Church

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and local Community groups - any queries can be directed to John Moverley.

Further work is needed to sustain the fabric of the Church building - the mould/damp issues affecting the internal walls, have already gained attention from Jenny Hetherington and her willing team of helpers, and roofing issues detected at the Spring clean up will also need professional attention.- quotes are currently being sought.

The Room hosted the voting for the General Election and recent additions to the facilities include a small fridge and a microwave oven. Any enquiries to book the Room for individual or recurring events should be directed to TRAMM

Members of the PCC, including recently reinstated Church warden John Moverley, would be happy to address any queries / concerns relating to the Benefice reconfiguration.

Ashorne and Moreton Morrell Cricket Club

This thriving village cricket club is looking for new players and social members for the 2024 season. We play at one of Warwickshire's most attractive cricket grounds, in Ashorne and compete in Division 1 of the Cotswold Hills League (Saturdays).

We also compete in a Warwickshire evening T20 League, whilst also maintaining a full season of social Sunday afternoon friendly matches. We are wholly open to potential members of all ages and abilities.

If interested, please contact Mark Freeman (Secretary) on 01789 840504.



From the Allotments

This has been a strange year for all involved in growing. The very wet period earlier in the year had a devastating impact on UK farming and we will feel the impact of lost crops and poor harvests in the year ahead. Farming is so dependent on the weather and we feel very much for them.

In the same way, it has had impact on allotment growers. Those, like myself, who sowed early have had plants seemingly taking an age to grow with the inevitable impact on production. This was certainly the year to be late sowers and planters.

However in spite of all this, crops have and are being harvested. I have started to fill my freezer with peas, beans, calabrese and the like. It has not been a good year for raspberries but strawberries did quite well and, as I look around, fruit trees seem to be developing a good harvest. For the first time this year I struggled to establish courgette plants, normally the easiest to grow, but I persisted and fruit is now being harvested.

Having an allotment has its challenges but it is so rewarding

too. It certainly provides a great outdoor gym and a place to relax and enjoy the sounds of nature all around. Whilst we currently have 100% occupancy, there will be vacancies for 2025 so why not contact me and get your name on the waiting list? If a full plot is too daunting, how about a half or quarter plot. If you want to discuss or visit before deciding, again get in touch.

“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.”

John Moverley
Chairman – Moreton Morrell
Allotment Association
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Nature Watch

Well the Bluetits left the nest box without meeting the cat, that's always a bonus. They fledged very early one morning with the first flight only needing to last a few seconds to reach the big Magnolia tree and the Bird table. I imagine getting halfway out of the nest hole and then doing something you've never done before - flying! Instinct must take over as they leap into thin air and open those wings properly for the first time.

I've known the occasional fledgling flutter to the ground which is why I was glad the cat was still in bed. Now the parents had them all parked in the tree they took sunflower hearts to each chick in turn. Apparently they are easily digestible with having no shell on them and are full of protein and fats.

The little Bluetits learned very fast. By day two most of them were on the bird table accepting food from their parents but trying to feed themselves. By day three they were practising the classic technique of holding food with their feet and pecking at it. By day four they'd got it and were just about self sufficient. They also scanned the trees and bushes for Aphids and Caterpillars. From looking out of the nest box to

looking after themselves in four days is impressive.

There's tension among the Crows here now. The Jackdaws can't stand the Carrion Crows being around and see them as a threat to their young. So would I if I was them. They dive on them and the Carrion Crow pair of youngsters when they see them. In turn the Carrion Crows now call manically when a Buzzard flies through, chasing it and seeing it as a threat.

The Ravens, on the other hand, must be busy feeding their young and are staying out of it. Haven't seen a Raven for a couple of weeks.

Early one morning, well about 3am we had a visit from the fleeting Foxes. I heard barking down Church Lane beyond old Geoff's garden. It was moving and heading our way. The porch light was on so there was a chance of a glimpse. Sure enough a fox ran into view moving fast and still barking. With it were at least two more foxes, possibly a Vixen and a couple of cubs. They did several criss cross runs in front of the cottage then ran off through the spinney and back again. Finally they disappeared down the Lane towards the road, stopping for

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nothing and still barking almost as if she was nervous, keeping the cubs close.

Another early morning of barking, this time about 5.30am, came from a Muntjac, not far from the cottage, somewhere in the back garden. I got out of bed (must be mad) and went to have a look. I saw the rear end of the deer and its brown fur in the early morning sunlight. It must have sensed me because it turned round, we were

about fifty feet apart and we stood there looking at one another for a few seconds. The Muntjac was chewing and licking its lip. Bet it had been at our Roses. It turned in no great rush and headed up the garden and through the hedge. That night I hadn't used the shaggy old garden fleece to cover the plants. Better not forget again as we seem to be the best delicatessen for Muntjac around here.



Gardening Group

Moreton Morrell & Moreton Paddox Gardening Group

Well, can you believe we are already in August, how did that happen? Did I miss the summer?

The Gardening Group has enjoyed some interesting visits over the summer months including Hill Close Gardens in May and Spetchley Hall Gardens in July .

Unfortunately, due to lack of numbers and road closures we never made it to RHS Wisley but maybe next year we will try again.

We also had a fabulous evening in June Visiting some lovely local gardens in the village on our open garden evening. A huge thank you again to all those brave souls who shared their special places with us .

A visit is planned to Micheal Heseletine's garden in Thenford near Banbury on August 3rd. Anyone interested please contact me at

dedward@btinternet.com

Our programme of speakers starts again in October in the Room next to the Church with meetings scheduled for the second Monday in the Month starting on Monday October 14th at 7.30pm .

All welcome, please come along.

Membership is £25 per year or pay £5 on the night.

Hopefully see you there, happy gardening!

Eileen Edwards (Chair)



Moreton Morrell Wildlife 'Pocket Park'

-adjacent to the Churchyard.

Please keep the date 21st September free in the diary to come and help us create the park. Things are progressing well. We have ordered a nice new iron gate in keeping with the existing "estate" fencing so there will be a separate entrance to the park and one that is wide enough for buggies and wheelchairs. The professional design company Leaves of Green will be supervising works on the day and helping order and install materials to make rustic benches, all weather paths and other features. Olivia from Warwickshire Wildlife Trust and Catherine Stacey a local enthusiast are making sure we think about all things wildlife and we will be undertaking a little bit of tree surgery (with permission from SDC) to let more light into the area both to encourage plant diversity and also make it a more pleasant space for people. The school have already provided us with wonderful bird boxes made by the children with help from the college and we hope to secure some low cost hedgehog accommodation from a local supplier at £20 each if anyone feels like sponsoring ! Educational signage is being created and if anyone feels like making some bat boxes, bug hotels please do get involved

and help make being wildlife friendly a reality. This link shows you how it's pretty straightforward and has loads of other fun ideas.

[https://
www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/actions](https://www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/actions).

Finally take a look at this lovely feature carving that we have purchased with sponsorship from Parish Cllr Anne Parry, Eileen Edwards and our old Vicar Linda Lilley. Let's hope we get a lovely new asset in the village. For more information if needed please contact Cllr Eileen Edwards or me davidl.l.edwards@icloud.com



Newbold Pacey & Ashorne WI

WI Report – July

There has been a flurry of activity on the recruitment front, resulting in six new members from Moreton Morrell and surrounding villages joining our WI in the past month!

We had a great turnout at our July meeting when Rachel Dean of Crafty Business showed us how to create colourful glass hanging ornaments and tea lights. It was a lovely opportunity to chat with and get to know our new members. Rachel fused our creations in her kiln and secretary Jackie is busy returning them to their makers. [See photo below]

In August we celebrate 105 years of our WI and to recognise this 19 of our group are having an afternoon outing to Michael Hesseltine's Thenford Gardens near Banbury. In September we're finalising our sunflower growing competition and looking forward to hearing about honey bees & beekeeping with Burton Green apiarist, Alan Deeley.

We have also signed up for a stall at the Moreton Morrell Craft & Produce Fayre on Sunday 13 October.

To spread the word to those who may not know about our WI, we have launched a breakfast club at Nel's at The Pavilion at

Lighthorne on Thursdays 10am – 12midday. Pop along, grab a cuppa and a bacon sarnie and one of our committee members will be there most Thursdays to talk to you about WI and what it could offer you.

Our Craft Groups continue to meet on Tuesdays - morning for knit & natter, afternoon for skills sharing and making items to sell at Craft Fairs. Our Walking Group continues to seek out dry and accessible routes over which to stretch our legs, we are off to the Stratford Greenway this month. We continue to run our 'first Saturday of the month' Community Coffee Mornings so if you are passing Ashorne Village Hall around 10am at the beginning of the month do pop in. We offer a warm welcome, bottomless tea/coffee, toasted teacakes and homemade cake.

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

Membership subscription is £48 for a year of speakers/workshops and enjoying the company of like-minded women. Or come as a guest to try us out, £5 per meeting including raffle, homemade cake and a cuppa. Contact Trish by phone for a chat or email: npandawi@gmail.com if

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you want to find out more.

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Jenna named Student of the Year

An agriculture student who has been described as a “credit to British farming” has been presented with a prestigious award.

Jenna Alesbrook-Wain, from Nuneaton, has been announced as Moreton Morrell College’s Student of the Year for 2024.

Jenna, aged 19, was presented the awards at the annual WCG Student Awards ceremony, which saw students from across the college group’s Warwickshire sites recognised for their achievements across a wide range of courses.

She was praised by her tutors for demonstrating exceptional commitment and being a charismatic and enthusiastic learner in her field.

Jenna said: “I was really surprised to win the Student of the Year award. Because I’m a first-generation farmer and don’t live on a farm. I’ve always had some self-doubt, so this award means a lot.”

Laura Hutson, Head of Department for Agriculture at Moreton Morrell College, added:

“Jenna is a total credit to British Farming.

“She has adopted practices in preparation for Higher Education with absolute ease, and we are confident that she will continue to do great things in the farming industry to take the sector forward.”



Jenna Alesbrook-Wain

Jobs available at college

Jobs are available at Moreton Morrell College as it gears up for the next academic year.

WCG (Warwickshire College Group) is recruiting for 75 roles across its six colleges in Warwickshire and Worcestershire.

This includes 35 positions which will support its special educational needs and disability (SEND)

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delivery. The college group is also seeking tutors and lecturers to fill a wide range of academic posts. There are also opportunities in a range of non-academic roles, from finance and a new Director of MIS (Management Information Systems), to gardening, ground maintenance and estate management.

Elise Lamberton, recruitment manager at WCG, said: “We are recruiting for a diverse range of positions to enhance and strengthen the team across the college group.

“At WCG we are proud to offer a comprehensive staff training programme to aid the continued development of our employees and an employee health and wellbeing scheme to ensure staff are supported when they need it most.”

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Moreton Morrell College

Ofsted success for WCG

WCG (Warwickshire College Group) has been praised for its work with employers, understanding of skills needs and productive learning environments in its latest Ofsted report.

The college group, which includes Moreton Morrell College, has maintained its “Good” overall rating following an inspection from the education watchdog.

The four-day inspection was carried out across all six of the group’s college, including a visit to Moreton Morrell.

Ofsted rated the overall effectiveness of all areas of assessment as “Good” at the college, including quality of education, behaviour and attitudes, personal development,

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leadership and management and education programmes for young people.

Adult learning programmes, apprenticeships and provision for learners with high needs were also recognised as “Good”.

Mark Bonham, Assistant Principal and Ofsted Nominee at WCG, said: “This report is a credit to the hard work of all of our staff and students who deliver incredible work day in day out across the college group.

“Employer and stakeholder engagement is something we have worked very hard to develop over the last five years, so it is fantastic that among all the other praise, the inspectors have highlighted our efforts in this area.”



Staff and students celebrate Ofsted result

Floristry students star at RHS Chelsea Flower Show

Floristry students from Moreton Morrell College starred at the world’s greatest flower show and attracted attention from a string of well-known names.

A group of eight students from the college’s Level 5 Floristry course presented a floristry installation at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show.

‘Awakening’ reflected the start, middle and end of nature’s journey, and how florists have a role to play at key stages throughout a person’s life.

The students received sponsorship, donations and support from a range of businesses, organisations and individuals to make the installation possible.

Their work received praise from Dame Mary Berry, the Duchess of York Sarah Ferguson and many other attendees.

Jane Sked-Connop, one of the student florists, said: “Our amazing team worked collaboratively with months of planning, weaving, meeting and liaising with sponsors to bring this

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installation to fruition and we couldn't be prouder of the result."

Lecturer Jane Benefield added: "It was an absolute privilege to be at the greatest flower show in the world with an amazing team of students. They made Moreton Morrell College proud and it was

an incredible event for them to be involved with, organise and to then have on their CV."

Photo caption: Amanda Stagg, Jane Sked-Connop, Katherine Weekes, Catey Burn, Jen Jones and Elizabeth Newcombe at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show.



Amanda Stagg, Jane Sked-Connop, Katherine Weekes, Catey Burn, Jen Jones and Elizabeth Newcombe at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show.

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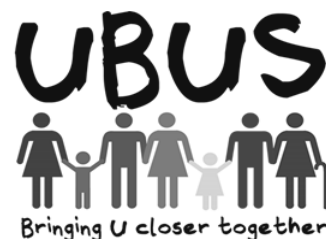
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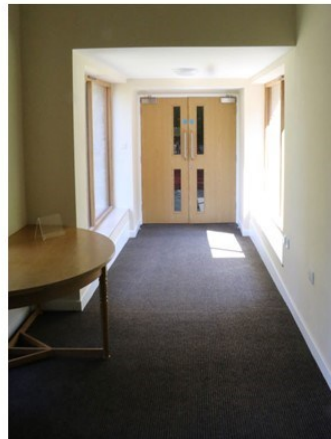
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