

THE *Moreton Morrell* VILLAGER

February 2026



Carols in the

Churchyard

Can You Help Save the Village Hall?

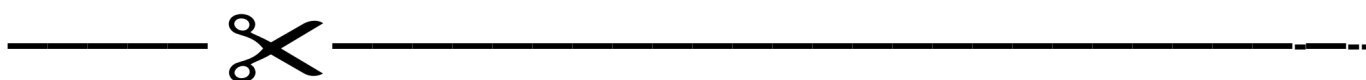
The village hall in Moreton Morrell has been closed for nearly 3 years as it is in need of a lot of structural repair work and has been deemed unsafe to use. It is sad to see this lovely historic building and valuable village asset, sitting empty falling into greater disrepair. There are lots of grants and possible funds which could be applied for to bring this historic building back into use but it needs a group to work with the two remaining trustees to help put together a business case and pull funding applications together to ensure its future.

It also needs the support of the village in relation to future use in order to ensure its long-term viability.

The Village does have the room at the Church which is a great community space and is used by many of the regular groups in the village but it is too small for some activities. The village hall is obviously a lot bigger and if upgraded and funds could be raised, could be used for larger events such as children's parties, village suppers, toddler groups, film nights, dancing classes, fitness classes, art classes, teenage youth club and table tennis. These are all activities which in the past have been carried out in the hall.

It would be great if we could get some volunteers to take on this task, if interested please let the Parish Clerk Pam Routly know by the email detailed below.

It would also help in putting a case for grant aid if **Everyone** in the village could fill in the survey form attached and either email responses to the Parish Clerk : clerk@moretonmorrell-pc.gov.uk or drop off a hard copy to Eileen Edwards at The Garden House, Main Street, Moreton Morrell CV35 9AR or complete a survey on the Parish Council Website : www.moretonmorrell-pc.gov.uk



Village Hall Survey :

Would you like to be involved in helping to save the village hall : Yes /No

Would you use the village hall if upgraded and repaired : Yes/No

What type of activity would interest you and encourage you to use the hall : please state :

Name:

Address:

Email:

Tel number (optional) :

The Parish Council

Chair: Gerry Slora

Vice Chair: Eileen Edwards

Councillors: James Gordon, Steve Bowler, Bernard Keavy & David Butler, Anne Parry

County Councillor: George Cowcher

District Councillor: Anne Parry

The next Parish Council meeting

will be held at The Room on

Monday 16th March 2026 at 7.30_{pm}

and all are welcome to join

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News from the Parish Council

Parish Council meeting 19th January 2026

Who was there:

Councillors: Cllr Slora (Chair), Cllr Keavy, Cllr E. Edwards, Cllr Butler, Cllr Gordon and Cllr A Parry. Cllr Bowler sent his apologies. Also attending, County Councillor Cowcher, the Clerk and 11 members of the public.

Planning and local development

- Little Morrell shelter belt: the Council agreed to strongly object to this proposal, citing concerns about the impact on the landscape and views, and questioning whether the proposal is genuinely necessary for farming or animal husbandry or more likely to lead to dividing the land up prior to a planning application being received.
- Galileo Farm (abattoir / meat processing) – LDP application : this was discussed with members of the public present including the farm's owners. The Council noted that it is not a planning application but a Lawful Development process, and therefore the Parish Council were not formally consulted. Concern was expressed at the scale of the operation and the lack of a farm shop which was mentioned in the application. The deadline for the LDP has been extended to 9 February and if refused would mean a full planning application would be required which would mean full consultation with all interested parties would be carried out which would seem to be a better outcome to ensure all areas of concern were fully covered.

Reports from District and County Councillors

- District Councillor Anne Parry reported that Stratford-on-Avon District Council has approved £250,000 to help parish councils update Neighbourhood Plans. She also raised concerns about delays to the South Warwickshire Local Plan and the pressures this can create for communities.
- County Councillor Cowcher updated on the recent school transport consultation (now closed), and a number of highways issues including speed limit signage options for Moreton Paddox and constraints and junction improvements at Brook Lane to reduce the problems with inconsiderate parking and damage to the verge. Proposals included possible bollards to prevent vehicles mounting the verge and white lining on the junction and on Main Street opposite. Damage to road signs by hedge trimmers were also reported.

Warwickshire College Group update

The College reported progress on improving its financial position (including repayment of over £5m to the Department for Education) and shared updates on site investments and community activity. Work is continuing on the Wildlife Walk, which it was hoped would open in the coming weeks. The College also highlighted a Community Open Day planned for 16 May.

Playing field and equipment

Following concerns regarding the large swings which had some rot in the

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posts discovered on inspection, funding for some replacement swings was approved which will be installed when the weather improves. New goal nets have arrived and will also be fitted shortly.

Cllr Edwards also thanked everyone involved with planting wildlife hedging around the play area in December, it was a great community effort and thanks also to Jane and Ron Cleeton for hosting and serving lovely homemade soup courtesy of fabulous suppers.

Footpaths and village maintenance

Progress on a number of footpath items were mentioned, including the completion of refurbishing the steps near the school and work around stiles. Vegetation clearance is planned for 'Pub Alley' and the footpath to the play area when the weather improves.

Village Hall / Church trustees

The Clerk has been in touch with the Charity Commission again regarding the lack of progress resolving the problems with the village hall and it was noted there are currently only two trustees which is not considered acceptable and it had been closed for 3 years. Councillors expressed frustration at the lack of progress in relation to resolving the repairs, recruiting additional trustees and trying to raise funds. Mike Harwood (trustee) was present, he stated he had tried but failed to recruit additional trustees and committed to resolving the funding position within six months and agreed to give an update including providing a copy of the village hall accounts by the next Parish Council meeting.

Wildlife Walk support

A presentation from David Edwards

from the Wildlife Group and Jack Mc Dill, Head of Farm Development at the College, advised of the progress on the new Wildlife Walk being created through the college grounds. The Parish Council confirmed their support for the Wildlife Walk which they agreed was an excellent initiative and asset for the village and approved a request for help to fund four gates and a pond-dipping area to help children engage with nature. An additional £2,500 was agreed in the budget for this.

Christmas Community Event and Tasty Tuesday's Funding

Everyone agreed the Christmas community event at the Black Horse had been a huge success with good attendance. Cllr's asked for letters of thanks be sent to both Jill Slora for organising the event and Fabulous Suppers who provided the food. The Council also agreed to include £1000 in the budget to help fund Tasty Tuesdays in the village as funding received from the County Council had now stopped as all felt this was an initiative which allowed many residents to get out to meet neighbours and friends and enjoy a hot meal and it was important it continued.

Finance and budget

The Council approved the 2026/27 budget and agreed the precept at £26,570 (a 5% increase). Interest received was recorded as £239.23, and the usual list of payments was approved.

Next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for 16 March 2026 in The Room at the Church.

District Councillor Report

Report from Cllr Anne Parry – Wellesbourne North & Rural – January 2026

Firstly, may I extend a very Happy New Year to you all, and following the Christmas/New Year break there is not a huge amount to report on, as there have been few meetings over the last four weeks. But, starting on a positive note, I am pleased to report that the motion I seconded at Full Council in December - to allocate £250,000 from this year's SDC budget to help parish councils update their Neighbourhood Plans - was approved. This is now being included in SDC's budget for approval in February as preparing and updating NPD's will be even more crucial in view of the government's planning reforms. However, I wish to raise my concerns regarding the continuing delays over the progress of the South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP), which is not being developed at the pace with which it started back in 2022. In terms of timings the proposed plan has to be submitted to the planning inspectorate by the end of this year and having lost a chunk of contingency time over various consultations, the outlook is not encouraging.

Whilst I am in support of the principle of a SWLP, I do have serious concerns regarding the proposed developments and new

settlements which are being exacerbated by the lack of a Five-Year Housing Land Supply (5YHLS) and also by the lack of any sense of urgency by SDC, WDC and the respective administrations.

It would appear to me that Wellesbourne is facing the potential of 3900 new homes in the proposed planned period, which I have argued against as it would be catastrophic for the village to lose its status and become a large town. The impact on neighbouring villages such as Moreton Morrell and rural communities will also be horrendous. The inclusion of Bearley Wilmcote as a potential new settlement would also totally urbanise the area north of Stratford, destroying the historical nature of the area and put even more pressures on our roads, education and health provision this side of the M40.

The villages around Wellesbourne are already facing the impact of potentially increased traffic movements on the A429 if the Barford Quarry gets approved.

WCC Revisit SD311 and Definitive Map!

Having been a district councillor for 12 years I have been chasing Warwickshire County Council on an annual basis to restore the rights of way on SD311 which

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runs from Moreton Morrell to the back of the allotments in Wellesbourne.

This was originally requested by the Ramblers Association back in 2005, so it has only taken just over 21 years for WCC Footpaths to start looking into it, with the objective of changing the definitive map and restoring the route to its original form.

WCC are contacting the landowners, hoping to restore the bridleway and footpath.

My thanks are also extended to Cllr Simon Howes from Wellesbourne and Walton Parish Council who has also been

actively lobbying for this to be considered as well.

SDC Budget

February is a busy month in respect of council budgets and therefore I'm afraid we can all anticipate increased council tax to pay from April across the board. Subscriptions for the emptying of garden waste in green bins has also opened online with an increased cost of £46 per bin.

Cllr Anne Parry, Ward Member for Wellesbourne North and Rural

PLEASE STOP:

Ten whole slices of white bread have been picked up out of the ditch on the farm track behind No 4 and 5 Oak Tree Close. Please use a bird table or be careful how you dispose of food as it can encourage vermin.

Pam Routly, Parish Clerk

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 in Your Community

The run up to Christmas proved a very busy time for your church. The school carol service and the Christmas Eve lessons and carols were so enjoyable. The church was packed and the services so well presented. Then there were carols in the churchyard, again so well attended. The nativity service was also an immense success with a number demonstrating really high-quality acting standards! I could go on – Christmas Tasty Tuesday, a moving Christmas Day communion service and more. And, of course, the floral arrangements in church and churchyard mounted by our own flower arrangers and the award-winning students from the college, all further enhanced by the external lighting. in church and churchyard. I often talk about the importance of church and community. With these events it was demonstrated to the full – Moreton Morrell, a wonderful place to live.

And so, we have entered 2026, what will it bring? For our church, we will continue our normal services but also the recently launched Lego Church. This takes place on the first Sunday of each month in the Room at 2pm. It is a time for cake, refreshment and construction open to all – children and adults! Why not give it a try. Also, we are delighted that our great friend, the Venerable Brian Russell, has produced a booklet reflecting on the history of our village and its people during the two world wars (see later) – well worth a read. And we have received

funding for a new family and community worker (see advert). Then there is our planned Barn Service in July. So much to look forward to

Thank you

John Moverley (Warden)

Message from the Reverend Barry Jackson **Unprecedented**

In the 2020 pandemic, news channels increased their use of the term ‘unprecedented’ by a whopping 70,830%! And it continues to be used heavily to describe everything from political events to natural disasters to economic shocks and rapid market shifts.

It has moved from a term for historically unique events to an overused catchphrase, often employed to emphasise the severity of 21st-century crises... and there are a lot of crises. Political tensions are higher than they’ve been for many decades, economic uncertainty is growing, and natural disasters are reaching new levels... there’s plenty to concern us, but it is not unprecedented.

The unfortunate reality is that the times we live in are far from unique; political instability, market turmoil, natural disasters, and even pandemics have happened before and will happen again. As we enter 2026, we are not wrong to be concerned about the state of our nation and the world, but how should we respond?

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In a complex and unstable world, the multiple concerns we carry can leave us feeling overwhelmed. But many of the things that concern us are well beyond our control, and worrying about them just saps our energy and focus.

The Stoics taught that we could live more peaceful and fulfilling lives if we focused our attention and energy on what we could control, rather than on concerns we could do nothing about. They argued that things in our control included our thoughts, emotions, actions and reactions... and let's be honest, we can all have a hard time controlling even those few things!

The Stoics said there are far more things beyond our control: other people's actions and feelings, the weather, the economy, international politics, etc. They taught that dwelling on these things would only lead to unnecessary stress.

In his book, 'The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People', Steven Covey added a dimension to this: the things we can influence. For example, we can try to reason with people, volunteer to help our community, vote in elections, write to our MP, or join a protest.

There are countless things in our circle of concern that we cannot control or influence, and spending time worrying about them just makes us feel worse.

Covey wrote that 'proactive people' work on the circles of control and influence; things they can do

something about. He said the nature of their energy is positive, enlarging and magnifying. In contrast, he said that 'reactive people' focus on the weaknesses of other people, the problems in the environment, and circumstances where they have no control. He said that their focus leads to blaming and accusatory attitudes, as well as increased feelings of victimisation.

So, when we feel worried and anxious, we need to ask ourselves if we're focusing on things in our circle of concern. If we are, psychologists suggest refocusing on things in our circles of control and influence to help reduce anxiety.

That's great advice... but some of the concerns we are carrying can seem huge. So, I'd add that it can help to give those concerns to God in prayer. God is not in control, so he's not going to just fix the world's problems. But naming the burdens we carry helps to free our minds... and we know that God's influence is far greater than ours.

That's perhaps what's at the heart of Jesus' teaching in Matthew 6:25-34, where he tells his followers not to worry, but to seek first the kingdom of God.

As we step into 2026, I pray we'll all get better at focusing our efforts on our circles of control and influence, and find freedom in giving God those things in our circle of concern.

Rev Barry Jackson

Your Church in Your Community

Church Activities

The Church enjoyed a heartening December with the approach of the Christmas season and the celebration of Jesus birth which is the cornerstone of our faith. Carols in the Church yard, the nine carols and lessons service, the school carol service and the infant nativity service were all well attended by regulars and the community, and it was lovely to hear the reconditioned organ played so rousingly by Chris Monks. The Music in the Church is always lifted by the voices of our own Village Choir so ably led by Nicki Atkins

The Church as ever was beautifully decorated and our thanks go to the College for their ongoing support with this as well as our own team who keep our church looking so well throughout the year. With the steadfast support of Brian Russell, the Church was also blessed with a Christmas morning service

The New Year has started with the important mission of raising money for urgent roof repairs - any money raised locally will encourage grant giving bodies so our new QR code and electronic card reading machine are invitations to donate if and when you are able. Exciting news is the news that we are to have a Youth Worker post to increase the reach of the Church the young including families in our community. Rev Barry Jackson has been a strong supporter of this initiative and will be the leading light of the recruiting and

advertising team

Lego Church will continue on one Sunday pm per month led by Barry and provides an opportunity for families and especially young children to visit and play and become familiar with the Church and The Room. Tasty Tuesdays will carry on their great work alternated Tuesday lunchtimes - look out for the advertised dates.

The church is very much a central part of our village and community – another exciting year ahead.
Clive Irwin

The Church Roof

Our church building has evolved over the centuries with the oldest part of our current church dating back to the 12th century. Over its life the church has seen thousands of baptisms, weddings and funerals, tens of thousands of church services, countless times of people entering for a time of rest or prayer and of course many concerts, flower festivals and more.

We have a beautiful building cared over the centuries by the generations who have gone before us but now it is our time. A recent external inspection has revealed the need for essential work to roof and walls and we are set to launch a campaign to raise the funds through grants and donations.

It is appreciated that all aspects of our life are under financial

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pressures but if you can make a donation, whatever size, it would be appreciated. You can do this by bank transfer by contacting me for the details or quickly and easily by using the donation machine at the rear of the church where all that is needed is a swipe of your card or you can make a cash donation in the secure box provided. Also if you are buying on line why not use the easy fundraising site. It costs you nothing and you still get directed to the site you seek for your purchase. www.easyfundraising.org.uk Please help us if you can – every little helps.

John Moverley

The village and families of Moreton Morrell through two world wars – a new booklet

Moreton Morrell is a unique place whose history tells us a great deal about life in south Warwickshire villages in the first half of the twentieth century. This booklet looks at the village in the years approaching the Great War of 1914-18, and the impact this war had on families and the community. We see how the village coped with loss and recovered its resilience and a sense of purpose, before finding itself again in a time of dramatic change in 1939. The names on our war memorial are a key to unlock a wealth of true, human stories, some heroic, some profoundly moving and some tragic. This lost world lives again through this fascinating booklet, enlarging our

understanding of life in south Warwickshire and conveying a strong sense of identity and hope for our community now and in the future.

The booklet shortly to be available has been developed by Archdeacon Brian Russell based upon talks he has given in Moreton Morrell church on Remembrance Sundays since 2018. Proceeds from its sale will benefit the maintenance of our church of the Holy Cross. If you would like to receive a copy, please contact our church warden, John Moverley.

Key Moreton Morrell Service

Dates:

1st February - 10.30am Family

Communion with Lego church at 2pm

15th February - 10.30am Prime Time

1st March - 10.30am Family

Communion

15th March - 10.30am Prime Time

Tasty Tuesday Dates -

10th February, 24th February,

10th March, 24th March

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Services across the East Fosse churches (normal pattern)

Combroke – Second Sunday of each month at 9am

Warmington – Second and fourth Sundays at 10.30am

Kineton – Sunday service each week at 10.30am

Radway – First Sunday 8.30am and third Sunday 10.30am

Ratley – First Sunday 10.30am and third Sunday BCP Evensong 6.30pm

Burton Dassett and Northend - Sunday service each week at 10.30am

Fenny Compton - Sunday service each week at 10.30am

Services across the Mid Fosse churches (normal pattern)

Lighthorne – Service each Sunday at 10.30am and at 4pm Lighthorne Heath Village Hall (Contemporary Worship for Everyone)

Newbold Pacey – Service on second Sunday at 10.30am; first and second Sundays 5pm Evensong; other Sundays

Chesterton – Third Sunday service at 10.30am



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From the Allotments

At this time of year, allotment activity is generally low. Hopefully holders pre the winter have tidied their plots, weather permitting, and where possible dug over. However now is the time to leave them and wait until the growing season can once again starts in earnest. Having said that, there is still some produce that can be harvested for some in terms of leeks and winter greens for example.

It is a time for planning, ensuring seeds required are ordered or purchased, pruning of fruit trees etc. In the greenhouse, I have sown tomatoes and peppers in heated propagators as well as antirrhinums and many more will go in during February and March.

Over Christmas I was asked why I kept an allotment. My answer as always was first and foremost for the enjoyment and the exercise, with the bonus of the taste of fresh produce that can be grown. So, what will 2026 bring – who knows but I wish good gardening and growing to all.

*‘My next-door neighbour told me that every morning when he measures his allotment, it is a couple of inches smaller than the day before.
I think he is slowly losing the plot...’*

John Moverley
John@dunmovin.co.uk

Moreton Morrell College

Coming Soon: Moreton Morrell Annual Show

Plans are underway for the return of the much-loved **Moreton Morrell Annual Show**, taking place at **Moreton Morrell College** on **Saturday 16th May 2026**, from **10:00am to 5:00pm**.

The event promises a full day of family-friendly fun, with hands-on activities, creative workshops, dog agility sessions, lawn games, and plenty of opportunities to explore stalls focused on food, animals, home, and garden. There will be something for all ages to enjoy, with more details to be announced closer to the date.

Put the date in your diary now - further information, including ticket details, will be shared soon.



Join Us for Tasty Tuesday!

Every other Tuesday at **The Room behind the Church in
Moreton Morrell 12:30 – 2.30pm**

Come and enjoy a community lunch.

Donations welcomed

We'll be serving **piping hot soup, crusty bread, and delicious
homemade desserts**, along with tea and coffee.

- **Drop in for a coffee with friends**
- **Enjoy a warm, welcoming atmosphere**
- **Use our space to work – FREE Wi-Fi available**

Spring 2026 Dates:

13th January - 27th January - 10th February - 24th February - 10th March

Everyone is welcome

Whether you're here for a meal, a chat, or a place to work.

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We look forward to seeing you there!

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Nature Watch

Well the bird table received a sparrow hawk for Christmas, I didn't ask Santa for that! I've seen it twice, the first time it caught and carried off a small bird, the second time it missed. After that most of the finches stayed away for a couple of days. All the tit family grab a sunflower heart and take it off to safety, not so the finches, they stay put chomping on the seed, leaving them in the open, prone to attack.

I'm scribbling this in the cold snap in January, most creatures are struggling with the prolonged cold spell. I'm putting out loads of food each day. It's not just the food though, it's water, there isn't any, it's all frozen. Each day I take two empty cans, either from soup or pet food, these get placed on the bird bath and a water dish on the ground. The tins get filled with hot water; this melts the ice and keeps the water defrosted for a reasonable time. It's a lifeline.

The pheasants, both males and females, spend the night up in the trees, then at first light they all fly down and make their way to the garden. It didn't take them very long to work out where the food is. The bird table is teeming with often 12 species of feathered bundles, all craving sunflower

hearts.

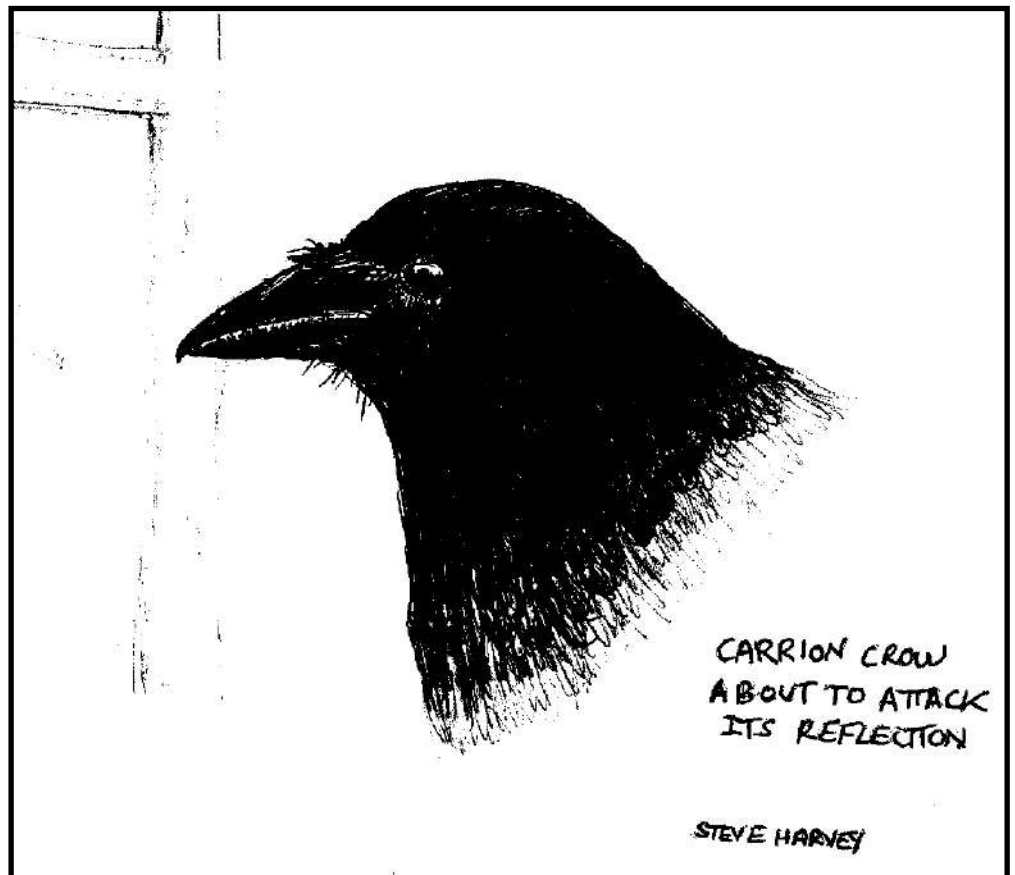
The jackdaw that feeds from my hand sits on the fence, patiently waiting to be noticed. He gets some moist seeded bread which he takes with his beak and then places between his toes to break up and eat. Then I go up the garden to feed the other 30 or so jackdaws.

In other news, going way, way back to when I was at school – yeah, very old news – our class was disturbed by a loud tapping on the window. Not just any window, but a small high one going onto a flat roof. We saw a large, black bird tapping its beak on the window, way above our heads. It was a carrion crow. The teacher told us to carry on with our work and pay attention. Well, I ask you, maths or a big black crow tapping on the window, hmmm..... This was nature, live and way more interesting than the lesson – I was interested. It was years later before I learned what was happening. There's a friend in Honington, near Shipston, she's had the same thing with a carrion crow, but he's been tapping on windows for three years, won't

Nature Watch

leave them alone. So, what's happening? Well, the large bird is seeing its own reflection in the glass and is attacking it. The glass soon gets covered in oil from the bird's feathers and beak marks. My friend has drawn some curtains and that's helped a bit. It becomes an obsessive habit with the carrion crow, and each time it moves to another window it must be surprised to see that the other crow has already got there! Drawing curtains or trying to block access seems to be the best way –

or maybe a cat? It's funny how I can remember the crow back in the 1960s as if it were last week, but can I remember the lesson? No chance.



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Gardening Group

Happy New Year to all and what a damp wet January we have had so far, let's hope by the time you read this things may have improved and the snowdrops and other spring flowers will be making their appearance to cheer us up.

Our Christmas Social last December was a fun event with an excellent quiz thanks to Jo our treasurer and great food from the Benbow team at Fabulous Suppers. We also raised over £70 for our funds with a Christmas raffle, thanks to Jane.

The gardening club year got off to a great start with a very informative and entertaining speaker Timothy Walker the former head of Oxford Botanical Gardens . His advice on when , what and how to prune was well received and he made a rather dry subject fun with all his anecdotes.

Our February meeting is on Monday 9th in the room at the Church at 7.30pm . The speaker for the evening is Judith Mason who heads up the Warwick and Leamington Beekeepers association and will talk to us about bees and pollinators and what we as gardeners can do to help them.

Lots of planning going into speakers for the rest of the year and visits to local gardens during the summer months. One date for your diaries is Monday May 18th when we will visit Winterbourne gardens on the outskirts of Birmingham and be treated to a tour of their seed bank by curator Henrietta Lockhart , followed by a walk round the stunning gardens and lake and lunch in the excellent cafe.

If you are interested just turn up, all welcome you don't have to have a big garden or be an expert , it's just a chance to meet up with friends and neighbours and learn something new. You can join for £25 for the year or just pay £5 on the door .

Happy Gardening
Eileen Edwards (chair)
contact :
dedward@btinternet.com



Newbold Pacey & Ashorne WI

WI Report – December/January

Christmas and New Year are all done. We hope that all our readers had a very happy festive period and are set for healthy and solvent 2026.

Late November into December was busy for our WI members - making and baking away at home in preparation for our Christmas crafts & coffee morning. The event was very well attended with friends and neighbours popping across to the village hall for a free coffee and mince pie in exchange for a charity donation. Thanks for your support, your donations were very much appreciated. After totting up and topping up from our WI funds we were able to donate £300 each to local charities LWS Night Shelter, The Esther Project and Refuge.



Mid-December saw us dressed to impress in the village hall for our members' Christmas meal catered by Tracey and Wendy from Fabulous Suppers. Absolutely delicious food, highly recommended

local caterers from Moreton Paddox. Our very own Mrs Santa Proudman appeared to distribute Secret Santa gifts then we played a couple of hilarious games of bingo.

It was lovely to see our regulars at the January coffee morning but sadly our mid-month members meeting had to be cancelled due to the snow and black ice brought courtesy of Storm Goretti. We missed out on hearing from investigative journalist, Philip Yorke but hope to bring him back at some point in the future.

Our committee had a post-Christmas get together at The Malt Shovel, Gaydon to kick off 2026.

Our Craft Group is currently discussing ideas for our spring programme; our Walking Group will be out and about when the weather allows and there are usually one or two of us having a coffee on Thursday mornings at the Lighthorne Pavilion around 10am. Come and find us, we are always happy to chat.

Next meeting is Thursday 12 February when our speaker is Dr David Brown from the Warwick University Department of Physics. David is a Senior Research Fellow in the field of exoplanets, working with the European Space Agency. He will be taking us on a virtual exploration of the Solar system (and beyond) asking 'is there life out there? And how would we find it?

Newbold Pacey & Ashorne WI

New members are very welcome. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month, 7:30pm – 10pm in Ashorne Village Hall. Our membership years starts in April. Subs are currently £50 for a year of speakers/workshops and enjoying the company of like-minded women. Pro rata subs apply if you join after July. Or come as a guest any time 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 you want to find out more.

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Finding support through supporting each other

Carers4Carers – your local support group for family carers. We usually meet on the **fourth Friday** of the month (except December) from **10:30 to 12 noon** at **Kineton Village Hall**. Loved ones are welcome too – they can join our Companionship Group during the meeting.

Friday 27th February – Act on Energy. We know energy costs can be tough, particularly with no gas supply across local areas. Sian Orchard, Act on Energy's Community Outreach Officer for Stratford District, understands these challenges and is here to help. She can offer clear guidance, explore ways to reduce bills, and support applications for available grants.

Friday 27th March - Citizens Advice. We're welcoming Lynne Morris, Reach Out and Help caseworker with Citizens Advice South Warwickshire to tell us about the work of Citizens Advice and, in particular, their home-visiting service for people who struggle to access support in person.

For further details about our group or help with transport arrangements to/from our meetings, please contact Gillian on 07947 893504, send an email to kcarers4carers@gmail.com, or explore our website www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk

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You pay your volunteer driver **45p per mile** and a **£3 admin fee** to help us sustain the service. **Two hours of waiting time** is included in the cost of your booking.

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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



Stuck for transport for your group?

Back & 4th have several minibuses available for hire to get community groups to events, meetings or interesting places. The groups can include small school classes, charity groups, and care home residents, but whatever the group, we aim to accommodate you.

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