

THE *Moreton Morrell* VILLAGER

August 2026



PETITION: RESTORE OUR VILLAGE HALL - DEMAND ACTION NOW

For three years, Moreton Morrell Village Hall has stood **locked, deteriorating, and unused**. This building - purchased for £80 in 1924 and cherished for generations - has been allowed to fall into disrepair while the community is denied access to its own asset.

Despite offers of support from the Parish Council the trustees have **not delivered repairs, not provided full accounts, not explained expenditure and not presented any viable plan** for reopening the hall. Meanwhile, the building continues to decay.

Residents have waited long enough.

We, the undersigned, call for **immediate and transparent action** from the Trustees of Moreton Morrell Village Hall (Charity No. 522968). The hall belongs to the community, and the community deserves accountability.

Why We Are Signing

- The hall has been **closed for three years** with **no progress**.
- A structural engineer's report commissioned by the Parish Council found the hall **unsafe and required repair**.
- Trustees disputed this but **took no action** to repair or reopen the building.
- Trustees have not provided a full breakdown of the **covid grants** or the **£12,481 spent in 2024**.
- The hall is deteriorating to the point where it may become **unusable forever** if action is not taken now.
- This is not acceptable stewardship of a charitable community asset.

Please turn over to continue reading and sign the petition

We the Villagers demand the Trustees take the following actions by 30th October 2026

1. **Publish full, itemised accounts** for 2023, 2024, and 2025, including all Covid grant expenditure.
2. **Prepare and Present a clear, costed business plan** for: A. Repair and re-opening of the hall, **OR** B. A formal proposal for alternative future use.
3. **Hold a public meeting** in Moreton Morrell, open to all residents, to discuss the hall's future.
4. **Commit to transparent communication** with the Parish Council and community going forward.

Statement of Community Intent

By signing this petition, we affirm:

The Village Hall is a vital community asset.

Its prolonged closure is harmful to village life.

The trustees must fulfil their legal duties or step aside for those who will.

The community will not allow the hall to be lost through inaction.

PLEASE RETURN THIS PAGE AND SIGN BELOW TO THE BLACK HORSE BY 31st AUGUST

Name:

Address:

Signature/s:

Date:



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 21st September 2026 at 7.30_{pm}

and all are welcome to join

For more news from the Parish Council visit

www.moretonmorrell-pc.gov.uk



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A group for sharing news and information about the village of Moreton Morrell and Moreton Paddox, and for publicising details of village events.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/moreton.morrell>

News from the Parish Council

Village Issues

A resident raised concerns about overgrown vegetation at the derelict garage site on Old Farm Drive. The Clerk will contact Orbit and the landowners to request clearance.

District & County Updates

- **Local Government Reform:** Warwickshire will move to a two-unitary structure (North & South Warwickshire). Elections for the new authorities are planned for May 2027. Cllrs believe this is good news.
- **South Warwickshire Local Plan:** Progressing to Regulation 19, though concerns remain about a £200m funding gap for major infrastructure and the impact of large housing allocations around Wellesbourne and Bishops Tachbrook.

Village Updates

- **Playing Field:** Wellesbourne Wanderers are now using the field on Wednesday evenings for football practise and have installed new goal nets.
- **Road Safety:** Residents objected to removing the Brook Lane chestnut tree for visibility improvements. The council agreed not to proceed.
- **Village Appearance:** A community litter pick will be organised for the autumn.
- **Footpaths:** Some vegetation has been cut back by the college. More work will be done in the Autumn.
- **Village Hall**
A letter from a resident highlighted

continued lack of engagement from the hall trustees. The council will write again, noting legal obligations, and will circulate a petition this edition of *The Villager* to encourage progress. Please return to the pub.

Planning Decisions

The council supported three applications:

- Replacement dwelling at **Hales Farm**, with a request to improve visibility onto Fosse Way.
- A **Passivhaus** single-storey dwelling at Moreton Paddox, recommending removal of permitted development rights.
- Extensions at **Oakley House**, Barn Fields.
- District Council has granted **Permission in Principle** for 8 dwellings south of Brook Lane.

Other information

- Water main replacement works began on **20 July**; road closure details are on the village website.
- Mobile library visit dates are also available online, please use the library or we will loose it.
- The Clerk will obtain costs for a potential new noticeboard near Oak Tree Close.

Next Meeting:

21 September 2026, in *The Room*.

Have a great summer holiday !

District Councillor Report

News and update from your District Councillor, Anne Parry

Local Government Reform

Some positive news at last! The government has announced that Warwickshire should become a two unitary council, rather than a single unitary, which means the county will comprise South Warwickshire and North Warwickshire unitaries. This is excellent news for us and will include both Stratford and Warwick district areas, bringing a greater focus on localism in my view. Elections will take place next May 2027.

South Warwickshire Local Plan

The South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP) is progressing forward to Regulation 19, following approval by both district councils on 15th July and the statutory public consultation has now gone live and runs until Tuesday 8th September -

<https://southwarwickshire.oc2.uk/document/168>

At the full council meeting I raised my concerns about the plan and the impact on my Wellesbourne and Rural North Ward, which will be affected by nearly 4000 new homes in Wellesbourne and

Bishops Tachbrook areas over the plan period. My concerns related to the impact on education, health, sewerage and drainage infrastructure plus the inevitable increase in vehicle movements through our local villages, which remain lacking in public transport provision.

In addition, the plan risks being found unsound by the Planning Inspectorate because circa £200 million funding is yet to be identified for a Western Bypass around Stratford or a new bridge at Bidford, both of which are needed to support the proposed housing numbers in Long Marston and Bidford.

I also raised my concerns about the last-minute changes to the ratio balance between affordable social rented homes and shared ownership properties. In my view, residents need and want more affordable rented homes, and shared ownership is not their preferred form of affordable housing – however it is more viable for the developers to build shared ownership houses as they can charge the housing associations more for these than the social rental properties!

Consequently, I did not vote in favour of this LibDem plan as it is my view that SDC should be

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focusing on gaining back a Five Year Housing Land Supply as their main priority as the lack of the 5YHLS will also impact on the soundness of the SWLP.

Planning

Planning continues to dominate my workload, with a number of recent applications in Moreton Morrell. The Planning in Principle (PIP) application for Brook Lane has been granted quickly by SDC, as there were no material planning grounds for refusal.

Two further Moreton Morrell sites are expected to come forward shortly: a second, smaller site in Brook Lane for five dwellings, and the John Taylor Way site on Triangle Field. All three sites are included in an updated planning statement from SDC.

Cottage Tavern Pub – Ashorne

Villagers from Newbold Pacey and Ashorne have launched a share offer as part of a fundraising initiative to purchase the Cottage Tavern in Ashorne for the local community. For those interested, further information can be found via www.cottagetavern.com

Wellesbourne Community Hub

The new Community Hub, located in Church Street, Wellesbourne has been officially opened and provides flexible spaces for local groups, organisations and residents to use and enjoy.

It is home to the Parish Council and features three meeting rooms and a superb snooker lounge with three full-size Riley tables which can be hired on an hourly basis – contact 01789 841434.

U3A in Wellesbourne has also formed a snooker group meeting fortnightly and further details can be obtained by contacting

timnjparry@btinternet.com

Wishing you all well for a great time over the summer holidays.

Anne Parry
cllranneparry@gmail.com



The Room
At Moreton Morrell

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Calendar 2026

Fundraising and Community Events

11 October	Autumn Craft Fair
13 November	Village Quiz
2 December	Wreath Making
23 December	Nine Lessons & Carols

Regular Bookings & Activities

First Monday monthly	Gong Bath
Third Monday bi-monthly	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday lunch from September	Tasty Tuesdays
Tuesday evening weekly from September	Village Choir
First Sunday of month	Lego Church

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

Friday 28th August. We do something different in August - contact us for details about our relaxed morning coffee at a local hotel. Loved ones are welcome.

Friday 25th September. We're back at Kinton Village Hall. Please join us for a gentle movement session (seated) from Arts Uplift.

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 (new website under construction).

A Wonderful Summer Evening of Song

Music, community and summer sunshine came together beautifully on Monday 6th July when Moreton Morrell Village Choir and Wellesbourne Sings joined forces for a memorable concert at St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne.

The evening attracted an audience of more than 100 people, who gathered to enjoy the warm weather and an uplifting programme of choral music. Throughout the evening, each choir performed a selection of pieces individually, showcasing their own distinctive character and musical strengths. The varied programme offered something for everyone, from reflective and moving moments to lively and energetic performances.

The two choirs came together to perform Adiemus by Karl Jenkins and a rousing rendition of the gospel song "I Sing Because I'm Happy", was a joyful and uplifting finale.

If you have ever thought about joining a choir, Moreton Morrell Village Choir would love to welcome new members. The choir resumes rehearsals in September, offering a friendly and supportive environment for singers of all abilities. Whether you have years of experience or simply enjoy singing for pleasure, you can be assured of a warm welcome.

Moreton Morrell Village Choir rehearses on a Tuesday from 7.30 - 9.00 p.m. in The Room behind the church and returns on 15th September – come along or email niccolaatkins@gmx.co.uk for more information.



The background is a light green gradient with a large, faint white arc. It is decorated with autumn-themed illustrations: a large red maple leaf in the top left, a cluster of red berries on a green stem in the top right, and a branch with orange and red leaves and berries in the bottom right. There are also several yellow and orange leaves scattered throughout.

Moreton Morrell Craft and Local Produce Market

Sunday 11th October

11.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

**Church of the Holy Cross
Moreton Morrell**

**Cider, Honey, Samosas
Jams & Chutneys,
Jewellery, Candles,
Cards and lots more**

Your Church in Your Community

I wish to start this introduction by both highlighting a forthcoming event and reporting on two excellent ones held recently.

On Saturday June 27th, the village fete was held, providing a truly community event as well as raising funds for both school and church. It was our village and community at its best. Then the following Sunday, July 5th, saw the return of the annual Barn Service after a break of a few years following COVID. Alongside the service there was a children's play area, an art competition with entries from local schools, animals and vintage tractors to see, a musical contribution from our village school and more. And yes, people came in great number to Chesterton Fields Farm, keeping the car park stewards very busy, and we were delighted that our Bishop also came along and judged the art competition.



Vintage tractor at the barn service

So, a truly memorable day giving thanks for those who manage the land to produce our food and maintain our environment. We were reminded that there are many financial challenges facing those who work on the land and live in rural areas. Rural deprivation can too often be hidden. A voluntary collection raised valuable funds for two rural charities who provide help to those in need. Thanks are due to Robert Hadley for hosting the event and we look forward to next year! My own personal thanks to the brilliant team who helped make it happen.



Goat attends the barn service

Your Church in Your Community

As for the forthcoming event – our annual craft fair held in the church and churchyard. Another initiative bringing church and community together. Your church in your community – working together.

Looking back over the last two months, there has been very much activity involving or focussing on our church. In terms of regular services, we hold a family communion on the first Sunday in the month led by our great friend of the village, the Venerable Brian Russell, and we hold a family friendly Prime Time service on the third Sunday led by members of the church. Holy Cross has a great and dynamic team of supporters all committed to our church and its community links.

As reported previously, following a recent architects review, the church building needs extensive work to repair its roof and halt the dampness in the walls. A church restoration fund has been established, and we will continue to run activities to raise the much need funding. Recently we have been delighted to receive a significant grant from the Cadbury Trust. This certainly provides a real start. Whilst we know times are challenging, not least financially, if you are in a position to donate whatever the amount,

please do. There is a giving machine in the church for card donations and a box for cash.

The church is not just the building, but it is an important part of our village. We are so blessed that everyone in the community works together and we at Holy Cross will continue to do all we can to support this.

John Moverley (Warden)

Church Services

- **Holy Communion** - 10.30am Sunday 2nd August
- **Prime Time**– a short informal service for all the family 10.30am Sunday 16th August
- **Holy Communion** - 10.30am Sunday 6th September
- **Prime Time**– a short informal service for all the family 10.30am Sunday 20th September



A Word from Curate Rev Matthew Arnold

Make Space for Wonder

As the end of the summer term beckons, many of us will no doubt be taking some time to holiday, be that at home or in places far-flung from the familiar. For those travelling, after the first day filled with all the doings of the journey, unpacking, getting one's bearings, there comes that moment of peaceful exhale - relief. The busyness and pace of the day-to-day might be put on hold for a time; breakfast-time comes later, takes longer than necessary, and conversations lack the urgency they did just hours before. Perhaps we might notice something with the capacity to generate in us feelings of awe, delight and exultation – a beautiful sunset, some natural wonder, a deepening love or friendship, or simply feeling more alive owing to a little more required rest.

Holidays offer us a time to wonder. An opportunity to embrace our natural capacity to look upon the world and people around us amid the stillness that holiday affords, without the immediacy that many of our days demand and (re)discover a new sense of meaning. Wonder allows us the time of not only self-discovery, but to wonder upon things beyond ourselves, those things that generate awe, amazement, that cause us to simply marvel.

After Whitsun (Pentecost), the church year moves into so-called Ordinary Time, not in the sense of it being seemingly mundane as the name might suggest, but instead that it is a time outside of the major feasts and celebrations – time to reflect upon living life in all its fullness. One theme of Ordinary Time is the Holy Trinity –

the Christian reading and understanding of the bible that God is One yet three Persons, Father, Son (Jesus) and Holy Spirit. It describes the mind-bending mystery that within God's very being, there has been - from eternity – relationship: a giving and receiving of love between Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is the understanding that God *is*, by His very nature Love and Relationship.

Maybe it is no surprise that perhaps the most important things to us all are love and relationships. If we are indeed created in the image of God, the one who is Love and Relationship, we might expect this to be so. Psalm 19 begins 'The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands'. It perhaps then also of no surprise that we experience that deep sense of awe and wonder when we witness something in the natural created world that reflects such beauty, wisdom and goodness beyond ourselves.

Waiting, as we make space to wonder, are our relationships, meaning, our faith and spirituality. When time stretches because the pace is reduced and the number of commitments is on hold, we can notice things differently. Perhaps our challenge is how to both make the most of this time to wonder, and also how we might do so between our holidays too.

I wish you a most splendid summer, a time to renew, to wonder, to live life in its fullness.

Rev Matthew Arnold



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Introducing our Children and Families Worker

Hello! My name is Tim Swards, and I have been appointed to the new Children and Families Worker role for the churches in Moreton Morrell and Fenny Compton. I am really enjoying getting to know Moreton Morrell and Moreton Paddox and am very grateful for the warm welcome I have already received through the school, church, community events and local families.

My background is in primary education, where I spent more than twenty years working with children, families and schools, including many years in senior leadership roles. I am also the Churchwarden at St Peter's Church, Barford. Both our churches have a long-standing commitment to supporting local families, and this new role has been created to help build on that work.

Although my job title includes the words "children and families", my role is about much more than organising activities for children. It is about helping families build connections, find support, and feel part of village life. We hope to create opportunities for parents, carers, children and grandparents to spend time together, meet others and enjoy a sense of belonging within the community. Alongside our monthly family event on the first Sunday of each month, such as Lego Church, we are also exploring ideas for weekly activities during the summer holidays and other ways of supporting families throughout the

year.

Before making too many plans, however, I would really like to hear from local families. What would make family life in Moreton Morrell and Moreton Paddox even better? What opportunities, activities or support would be most valuable? Are there gaps in village life that we might be able to help address?

Please drop me a line on the email address below. Your feedback will help shape what we offer in the future, ensuring that any activities, events or support are genuinely useful, welcoming and relevant for local families.

Tim's typical working days are Tuesdays and Wednesdays and occasional weekends.

You can contact Tim by email fmc.families@gmail.com



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29/07 - Fenny Compton

05/08 - Moreton Morrell

12/08 - Kineton

19/08 - Fenny Compton

26/08 - Moreton Morrell

Fenny Compton
Village Hall

St Peter's Church
Kineton



Sessions will include: Lego, craft, games, puppets, singing, soft play, snacks and more!

All ages welcome; £2 per family.

From the Allotments

As often is the case in these pieces, I refer to the weather. After all, in many ways, this dictates the outcome of the labours of allotment holders. After an incredibly wet start of the year, we have now had an extended period of dry hot weather. As I write, we are in the third declared heatwave of the year and the thermometer in my garden is recording 36 degrees. It is very dry and despite attempts to water as and when we can, crops have really suffered.

So how have I fared on my plot? Well dealing with the good first. My potatoes planted early, and protected with fleece from frosts, benefitted from the early moisture and have done well as is the case for my broad and dwarf beans and early sown brassicas. I am also hopeful for the sweetcorn, tomatoes and courgettes although giving them priority when watering. Top fruit in terms of apples, plums and pears are coming on well although just this morning I noticed even they are flagging a little in the heat. Given the extensive root systems of trees, this tells you how dry it is. On the not so good side, my peas this year have not coped well with the conditions and my strawberries yielded extraordinarily little. The only comfort I can gain from the latter

is the same seems to have applied to many fellow allotments' holders. Although my neighbouring plot did seem to defy this position – well done them. The raspberries also will not yield well; they need their roots to be kept moist so these conditions are not good at all.

I fear if the heat continues it will bring more challenges. I think of our farmers who produce our food. Their work is vital but so influenced by climate. Ah well, we must deal with what we get; certainly, keeps we allotment holders on our toes. As ever if you are interested in taking an allotment of any size, let me know. Even if we do not have a vacancy now, you will be very much on the waiting list.

And finally, where would my item be without a touch of humour to make you groan:

Why did the gardener quit? His celery wasn't high enough.

I told my vegetables to behave... now they're in a stew

John Moverley
John@dunmovin.co.uk



The Black Horse

Moreton Morrell

Warwick

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Opening Times

Mon-Thurs 16:00-23:00

Fri 10:30*-23:00

Sat 11:00-23:00

Sun 11:00-20:00

*(We open at 8.30am during school term time for coffee, cakes and bakes).

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.

Moreton Morrell College

Moreton Morrell College - Upcoming Events

We'd like to share some upcoming dates for 2026 and 2027 as we welcome students, families, and the local community to Moreton Morrell College.

Following exam results, we'll be hosting **Drop-In and Discover Days on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st August 2026**, giving students the opportunity to visit campus, explore their options, and speak with our teams.

Our Open Events for 2026/27 will take place on:

Autumn Open Day - Saturday 17th October 2026 (10am-2pm)

Winter Open Day - Saturday 16th January 2027 (10am-2pm)

Spring Open Evening - Wednesday 17th March 2027 (5:30pm-7:30pm)

Summer Open Evening - Wednesday 23rd June 2027 (5:30pm-7:30pm)

We'll also be welcoming the community back for the **Moreton Morrell Annual Show on Saturday 15th May 2027**, with more details to follow soon.

We wanted to make our neighbours aware that these events will bring increased visitor numbers to campus, with more activity around the college on these dates. Thank you for your continued support and understanding, and we look forward to welcoming our community throughout the year.



Nature Watch

As I scribble this in early July it's the time of year when the birds are going about their business way before I get out of bed, and are still busy after I get back in. Elderflowers have passed and blackberry flowers have almost done their job, now pollinated, the berries will soon begin to form.

My friend Hilary in Moreton Morrell tells me her swifts are back and nesting. She lives in a three-storey vicarage which is perfect for swifts. They have long wings for those little bodies and tiny legs, so if they touch the ground by accident they can't possibly take off again, so a high launch pad is vital. Swifts and house martins are now on the red list and considered at high risk, so Hilary's helping to keep them in the air.

The run of hot, dry weather is causing problems for wildlife. Worms go deeper down in the soil, slugs and snails go into hiding. This causes big problems for hedgehogs and badgers. Hedgehogs can develop injured feet as they try to dig for worms and insects in hard soil. Nursing hedgehogs can run out of milk and abandon their hoglets. Ground feeding birds like blackbirds, thrushes and robins will find it difficult. If you have a birdbath keep it clean and full of water. A couple of shallow water

bowls such as plant saucers are great for hedgehogs and anything that can't reach a birdbath. Even the muntjac can't reach that high. Oh, and if you put pebbles in the water saucer then bees and insects can drink without drowning. All you have to do then is remember to fill them up.

Talking of bird baths, I heard a story of a very clever carrion crow who picked up pieces of dried bread from the floor, then flew to the birdbath to dunk them in the water. Always better dunked I say.

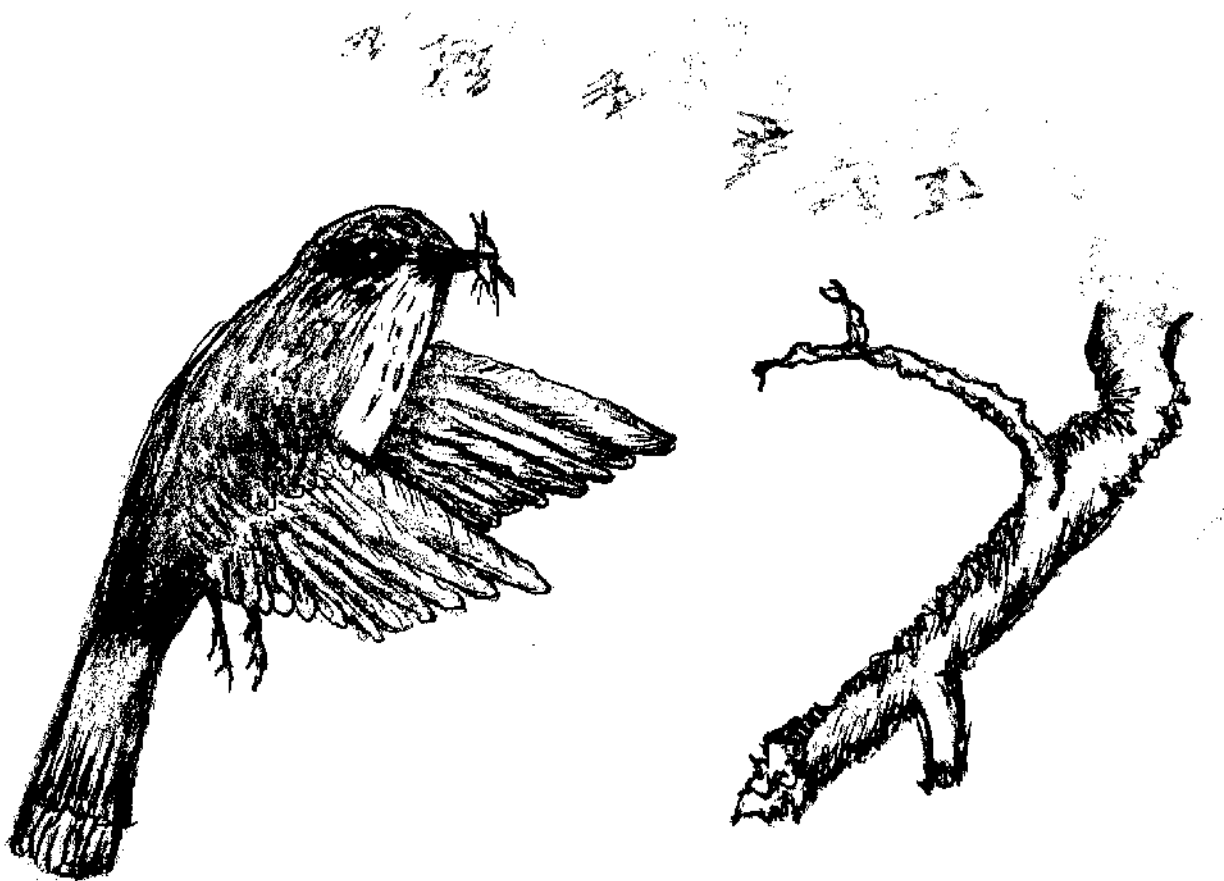
Back to endangered species. We've had the return of the spotted fly catchers. They nested on a rafter by the bedroom window last year and again this year. As soon as I hear their 'see chip chip' call I know they are home. They will have travelled at least 6,000 miles and crossed the Sahara twice since I last saw them – that's crazy. And they found their way back to the same cedar tree and same old nest on the beam by the window. Fly catchers are a similar size to robins, but they sit up straighter and have longer tails. Their trademark trick is to sit on a branch, dash off to catch an insect and return to the branch. Well named then. I've seen them catch two butterflies and a moth while they were here, with clouds

Nature Watch

of dust in the sunlight from the dusty wings of the moth. As the chicks got nearer to fledging, so the parents got more protective. I saw one flycatcher dive at a squirrel in the tree, bouncing off its back, and the same with a jackdaw. On a warm, sunny morning the chicks successfully fledged, I glimpsed one youngster on the edge of the beam. It was all done an hour, and they'd gone. Hope to see them next year.

You know that lovely smell you get when rain lands on the ground after a dry spell? I remember my mum, many years ago, telling me and my sister Jane how she loved

that smell. Well, that smell's called 'petrichor'. When rain hits dry soil geosmin is released into the air. It's an organic compound produced by soil bacteria mixed with plant oils and ozone. Apparently, we humans can detect the smell even at only five parts per trillion. Now that's better than a shark can smell blood in water. So you actually have a super sense! Our ancestors needed to smell water in dry areas for survival. Why hasn't someone synthesised it and bottled it? If they do, by the way, I thought of it first.



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Hawkes Point Mobile Library

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The Library will be available on these Thursdays in 2026

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April 23	May 21	June 18
July 16	August 13	September 10
October 8	November 5	December 3

Stop No	Location	Stop Name	Arrive	Depart	Stay
1	Preston on Stour	Village Hall	9:45	10:05	20
2	Alderminster	Old Road	10:15	10:35	20
3	Newbold on Stour	Outside The White Hart Inn	10:45	11:15	30
4	Stratford upon Avon	Reading Court	11:35	11:50	15
5	Tiddington	Margaret Court	11:55	12:10	15
6	Tiddington	Tiddington Court	12:15	12:35	20
7	Moreton Morrell	Oak Tree Close	14:05	14:20	15
8	Leamington Spa	Busy Bees Nursery	14:35	15:00	25

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Newbold Pacey & Ashorne WI

WI Report – June/July

For a while in May we were warmer than Greece, but just as we were getting used to it, June arrived with a 15-degree drop and the rain we had missed the month before. Time to find the brolly and pack away the T-shirts!

On a breezy, drizzly June morning, we held our monthly Coffee Morning. It was well attended, and as always, it was lovely to welcome friends and neighbours to Ashorne Village Hall for homemade cake and a cuppa.



At our monthly meeting, we welcomed Beth Adams, a trained nutrition and health coach, who spoke about healthy ways to start the day through food and lifestyle choices. She also explained how

to read nutrition labels and spot added sugar—best done at home rather than while navigating the supermarket, as there is a reason the print is so small! Even foods that seem healthy can contain hidden sugars, and ingredients ending in “ose” are all forms of sugar.



There were lovely entries in our monthly flower competition, including a beautiful peony, some lovely roses, and a gorgeous allium from Vicki's garden. Delicious cakes from our hosts,

Newbold Pacey & Ashorne WI

Bev and Julie, helped make it a very enjoyable evening.



Our craft group has planned activities through to July, including watercolour painting, paper quilling, and gel printing. Our walking group is also planning some new circular walks. Weekly coffee drop-ins take place at around 11am on Wednesday mornings at Lighthorne Pavilion, where anyone is welcome to come along for a chat about WI. Community Coffee Mornings are held on the first Saturday of each month in Ashorne Village Hall. There is always something going on.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 9th July, when Jennie Rutte from Historic Coventry Trust will talk about their work restoring and renovating Coventry's natural and built heritage.

New members are very welcome.

We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month, from 7:30pm to 10pm, in Ashorne Village Hall. Subscriptions are currently £54 for a year of speakers, workshops, and the company of like-minded women, with pro rata rates available for those joining after July. You are also welcome to come as a guest at any time to try us out. Guest attendance is £5 per meeting, including the raffle, homemade cake, and a cuppa.

Contact Vicki by phone for a chat or email:

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Repair Café, Wellesbourne



...has moved!!

The very well-utilised and supported Repair Café has moved to larger premises.

The Church Centre just to the left of St Peyer's Church, Church Street CV35 9LT

The WRC will still be operating as usual on the **first Saturday of each month - 10-12pm** and offering our customary home-made cakes & hot-cold refreshments - Oh! & repair expertise!

Our first session there was May 2nd and being a Bank Holiday weekend, we had no idea how many patrons might come along - it was buzzing in fact with at least 4 new faces with their problematic items!

The WRC Volunteers were truly delighted with their chosen new venue with so much more space to investigate several Flymos, at least couple of vacuums, a clock or two & paper shredder that day! And that was just for starters...oh! and a fresh Volunteer.

We have enjoyed the hospitality of the Methodist Hall since our beginnings back in November 2021 yet now we have out-grown that space and require more 13amp sockets & Wi-Fi! - *going forward*.

In that time, we estimate to have saved/repaired/breathed new life back into everyday appliances, myriad beloved items of some circa 570+ pieces of equipment/fabric/china/leather/wooden goods + - and given people pleasure in not having to put hand in pocket to purchase a new whatever

We look forward to welcoming our regular visitors & new ones alike. There is plenty of parking and an easy stroll from Bridge Street.

We'd be really delighted to encourage more Volunteers to join our convivial team - whether for meet & greet roles together with hand's-on repairers with whatever skills!!

If you have any queries - please contact **Fizz** - Fizzzz@thefms.me
or **Nicky** - n_morle@yahoo.co.uk



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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.



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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**

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