DECEMBER
2026

MORETON MORRELL VILLAGER



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 18th January 2027 at 7.30pm
and all are welcome to join.
For more news from the Parish Council, visit www.moretonmorrell-pc.gov.uk



NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on 16 November, with a number of issues affecting the village discussed.

Moreton Road

The unauthorised development off Moreton Road continues to be investigated by Stratford District Council's Planning Enforcement Team and the Forestry Commission. The works include a new access onto the highway and extensive woodland removal. Residents are asked to continue monitoring activity at the site and to report relevant information and photographs to planning.enforcement@stratford-district.gov.uk.

20mph Limit and Road Safety

There was welcome news that Moreton Morrell's interest in introducing a 20mph speed limit through the village has been registered with Warwickshire County Council. Discussions are also continuing regarding the corner of Brook Lane.

Playing Field and Village Footpaths

The next playing field inspection is due before the end of November. The transfer of the playing field freehold remains in progress, awaiting approval being obtained by WCG from the Department for Education.

Thanks were given to Malcolm Whyte and other villagers who have helped clear village footpaths and the area around the playing field swings. Councillors also thanked everyone who took part in the recent village litter pick, which was extremely industrious as the photos all show!

Village Hall

The Parish Council discussed the response received from the Village Hall trustees following the village petition. The trustees confirmed that they are in dialogue with the Charity Commission, and the Parish Clerk has also written to the Commission. The Council is looking into what further action may be available.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Water Leak on Duffus Hill
A suspected water leak on Duffus Hill is to be reported initially to Severn Trent Water for testing. If it proves not to be their responsibility, the matter will be followed up with Warwickshire County Council Highways.

Christmas Community Event
A Christmas Community Lunch event is planned for 17 December, with the Parish Council approving the budget same as last year.

News from Moreton Morrell College
There was plenty of positive news from the college. The upgraded Dene Building has been handed over for permanent classroom use, while the new Taylor Wimpey Centre of Excellence has officially opened. Plans are also progressing for a cadet unit at Moreton Morrell.

The Equine Centre retained its **Five-Star Riding School rating**, while Moreton Morrell students have reached the national finals of the 2026 National Land-Based and Environment Learner Awards. The School of Agriculture, Countryside and Floristry also achieved the highest Term 1 attendance across the college group, at 92%.

Planning is already under way for the **Moreton Morrell Annual Show on Saturday 15 May 2027**.

Planning
The Parish Council raised no objection to the proposed single-storey side extension at Mulberry House, Barn Fields. Planning permission with conditions has also been granted by the District Council for the replacement dwelling at Hales Farm, Fosse Way.

Next Parish Council Meeting
The next meeting will be held on 18 January 2027 in The Room.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

I was pleased to attend the well-organised and well-attended Remembrance Day Service at the Church of the Holy Cross on 8th November. Brian Russell led the service and gave a superb sermon honouring those from Moreton Morrell who gave their lives for our freedom, and the remarkable women who stood behind them. Cllr Gerry Slora, as Chairman of the Parish Council, laid a wreath.





IMoreton Road Unauthorised Development

SDC's Planning Enforcement Team and the Forestry Commission have inspected the site off Moreton Road (between Moreton Morrell and Newbold Pacey). They have confirmed it is unauthorised development: a new access onto the highway has been created and extensive woodland removed without a licence.

Details of the landowners have been passed to SDC, the Forestry Commission and the Police (Wellesbourne Safer Neighbourhood Team). The matter currently rests with the local authority, but the SNT has added regular visits along Moreton Road to its patrols. PCSO Liam Allen has been most helpful.

Both the enforcement and Forestry Commission teams are investigating extensively. Further hedgerow clearance at the front of the site was also noted over the weekend of 31st October, and photos were sent to SDC's Enforcement Team.

SDC's Enforcement Team asks villagers to monitor activity and either tell me or email planning.enforcement@stratford-district.gov.uk with details and photo evidence.

The landowner has told the case officer that the access is the re-opening of an 'old' access hidden by hedgerows and woodland. This has been contested with extensive evidence, including Google Maps, and further investigation is awaited.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

A major fire also occurred in November; several villagers called the fire service and it was fortunately brought under control.
A legal process must be followed. I can confirm there is no planning approval for the works carried out and under way, which in my view is a significant planning breach. Meanwhile, the enforcement team is trying to establish the landowner's plans; their latest proposal is apparently grazing horses.
The site lies in Moreton Morrell parish, adjacent to the parishes of Newbold Pacey and Ashorne. I will continue to liaise with both NPAPC and MMPC on this matter.

Orbit and Oak Tree Close
Orbit is currently investigating matters concerning ASB issues which have been reported in Oak Tree Close and the situation is still under investigation. There have also been major repair issues in respect of hot water and heating matters which I have had to deal with swiftly in view of the vulnerable adults involved.

Planning Reforms
From 31 October, elected councillors have lost their say on most planning decisions, a major blow to local democracy.
The new National Scheme of Delegation for Planning Functions shifts most decisions to officers and sharply limits committee referrals, including ward-member call-ins and objection thresholds.
It sets a uniform national system for deciding which applications officers handle and which may go to committee.
Schedule 1: Applications Decided by Officers – householder applications, minor commercial development, minor residential schemes (up to 9 dwellings on sites <0.5 ha), discharge of conditions, prior approvals, permission in principle, non-material amendments, biodiversity gain plans, certificates of lawfulness and most reserved matters. These cannot go to committee simply because of objections or councillor requests.
Schedule 2: Applications That *May* Reach Committee
Schedule 2 covers wider categories, including larger residential or commercial applications, listed building, advertisement and tree preservation order consents, Section 73A retrospective applications, and Section 106 modification/discharge decisions.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

A Schedule 2 application can go to committee only if the nominated officer and member both agree to refer it and at least one statutory gateway test is met:

- It raises an economic, social or environmental issue significant to the local area, or
- It raises a significant planning matter relating to the development plan or other material considerations.

Referrals are expected to be exceptional, not routine.

Own-Interest Applications

Applications from the authority itself, a councillor or an officer, or in which they have an interest, may be referred to committee by agreement between the nominated member and officer, but otherwise officers decide them.

It will be interesting to see how these reforms affect the planning committee, though SDC is being inundated with new-home applications from developers and land agents.

Local Government Reorganisation

The Government confirmed this week that Stratford-on-Avon District Council will hold local elections in May 2027 on its existing boundaries. A new South Warwickshire Council will be established in 2029, with shadow council elections in May 2028.

Throughout this process, the District Council's priority remains delivering services for residents and supporting communities across the district. Further information will follow as it becomes available.

Cllr Anne Parry
07917 117737

The Room
At Moreton Morrell

TRAMM
Calendar 2026

Fundraising and Community Events

2 December — Wreath Making

23 December — Nine Lessons & Carols

Regular Bookings & Activities

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Tuesday evening weekly from September — Village Choir

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YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR COMMUNITY

It has once again been a busy two months since I last wrote for your church in our community. Aside from our regular church activity, the church and adjoining Room act as an important village hub. Early in October, we held a Craft Fair which took place in the church, church yard and the Room. It was highly successful and all who worked so hard to make it so deserve our thanks. Led by Nicky Atkins with so much enthusiasm, it raised significant funds to help our church, especially for essential work to roof and walls.

On November 8th was Remembrance Sunday. Following a moving service in church led by Brian Russell, many of the community gathered at the War Memorial at the church gate. Just before 11am, the bugle sounded and we held two minutes silence to remember all those who have given their lives in war and conflicts to preserve our freedom. This too was led by Brian Russell, a great friend of the village and the author of 'Remembering and Honouring' – an account of the impact of the two world wars on the lives and families of those living in the village. Copies of the latter are still available from John Moverley moverleyjm@outlook.com or at the back of the church, in return for a donation to the Church Restoration Fund.

In October, the wedding of Ben and Lucy took place. The church looked at its best and we like to think did the young couple proud. Sadly, we also have had both a funeral and a memorial service in the last two months. It is the order of things. As regards the Room, it is such a vital community hub acting as a site for many activities and for hosting meetings of our Parish Council , Allotment Association and Gardening Club. Tasty Tuesday is now established as a really important community networking event – thanks to all who make it happen.

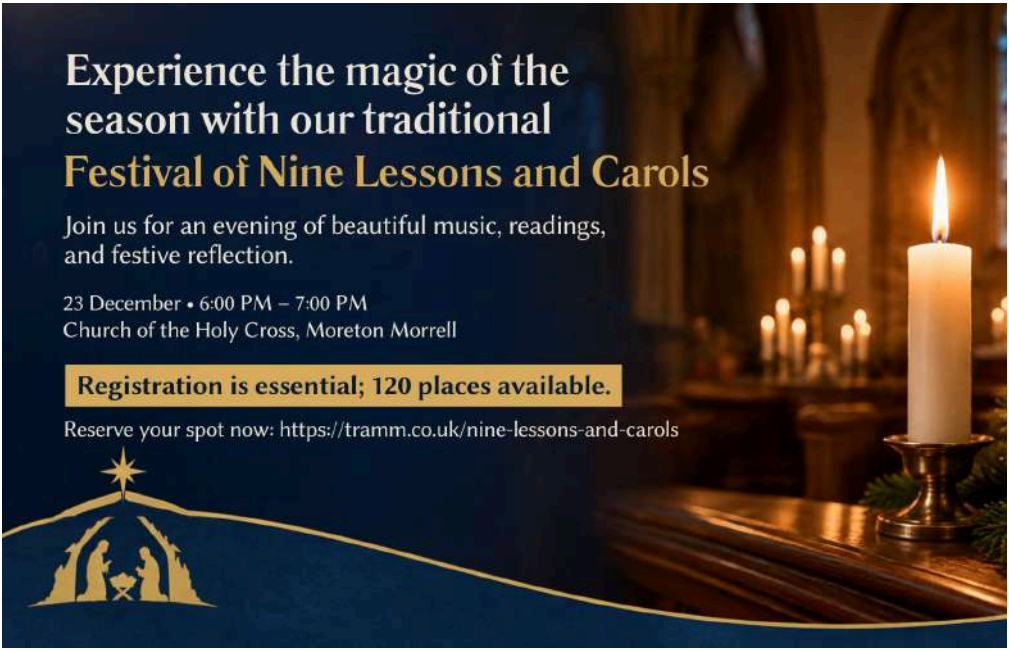
So looking forward, well we have got to Christmas – is it me or does it not seem to come round quicker these days? There will be carols in the churchyard, the school carol service, communion on Christmas morning and the ever-popular village Carol Service. Given its popularity last year, and to maintain health and safety, this will be a ticketed event this year but we are setting up video facilities so capacity can be increased using the Room. Details of all these events are given in this magazine below. And don't forget to make a note of the third Sunday in December when we will have our Christmas Nativity at 10.30am in the church. This was very well supported last year and everyone is welcome.

YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR COMMUNITY

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. 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 or you can contact me direct. Every little helps.

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)



THERE'S NEVER BEEN A CHRISTMAS QUITE LIKE THIS

Some things just make Christmas feel like Christmas. The decorations coming down from the loft, the familiar carols, Christmas cards, presents, favourite foods and family traditions. The annual debate about when the Christmas tree should go up! These familiar traditions connect us with Christmases we've celebrated before.

For all the things that make Christmas feel the same, there has never been a Christmas quite like this one.

Centuries ago, a Scottish philosopher called John Duns Scotus drew a distinction between the whatness and the thisness of things. The whatness is what makes something recognisable for what it is. The thisness is what makes it unique, different from every other example of the same thing.

And I wonder whether that might help us rediscover something of the wonder of Christmas.

We know what Christmas looks like. But this year there will be new faces around some tables, and empty chairs around others. Some families will be celebrating together, while others will be painfully aware of those who cannot be with them. For some, this Christmas will be full of laughter and excitement; for others, it may bring loneliness, grief or uncertainty. And sometimes, of course, joy and sadness sit side by side.

This Christmas will be different from every Christmas that has gone before. And so will we. We bring with us everything that has happened over the past year: the joys, the disappointments, the changes, the things we've gained and the things we've lost.

The poet Gerard Manley Hopkins believed that everything possesses a unique depth and beauty that reveals itself when we take time to notice. He suggested that when we look closely at something, it can almost seem to look back at us.

Perhaps that's part of the secret of rediscovering wonder. Not necessarily doing something extraordinary, but learning to see the ordinary with fresh eyes. A conversation, a shared meal, a small act of kindness, a moment of unexpected beauty. There is often far more going on beneath the surface than we realise.

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And that brings us to *that* first Christmas.

We can be so familiar with the Christmas story that we forget how extraordinary it really was. We picture Mary and Joseph, the manger, the shepherds and the angels, all arranged rather beautifully in our nativity scenes.

But that first Christmas wasn't a nativity scene. It was real life, with all its messiness and uncertainty. A young woman giving birth far from home. A man trying to do the right thing in circumstances he could never have anticipated. Shepherds going about their ordinary work when something extraordinary interrupted their night.

And in the middle of it all, God was present.

The wonder of Christmas isn't that everything was perfect when God came among us, but that God came among us when everything was far from perfect.

The Bible puts it simply: 'The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.' God didn't enter the world in some vague, general way, but as one particular child, born in one particular place, at one particular moment in history.

So this Christmas, as we enjoy the familiar traditions, the carols, the decorations and the celebrations, perhaps we can take a little time to notice what makes **this** Christmas different: the people who are here, the people we miss, the small kindnesses, the unexpected moments of joy.

Because this Christmas has never happened before, and it never will again.

And whether it brings laughter or tears, excitement or uncertainty, the wonder of that first Christmas is that God comes to meet us in the midst of life as it really is.

My prayer for us all is that we might rediscover something of that wonder **this** Christmas.

Rev Barry Jackson

NEWS FROM THE ALLOTMENTS

I guess that you could say that we are in the close season for the allotments just now. Whilst some crops are still to be found, such as winter and spring brassicas and leeks, this is the time for many to dig over the plots and start planning ahead for the new growing season in 2027.

I have managed this year to roughly dig over my plot before the winter sets in giving time for the frosts to break down the soil and to kill lingering diseases in them. My father always said that an allotment needed some good frosts over winter to do just that. I have also just ordered my seed potatoes and other seeds. Whilst the potatoes will not arrive until February, I like to plan ahead so I can secure my chosen varieties. I particularly like Scottish seed. Having said that I know that many of my fellow allotment holders buy in the Spring – as said my challenge is that I like planning ahead so never too happy to leave too late.

This year I have also taken up all my old raspberry canes and planted new bare root stock. I have had the canes in for some 15 years and their fruiting has dropped off to all most nil – not helped this year by the hot summer – raspberry plants need moisture in their roots. I have also done the same with my strawberries. I recognise that cropping in 2027 will be low but hopefully I will reap the rewards in future.

For those of us with fruit trees, we wonder what 2027 will bring. Last year we avoided the frosts when they were in blossom – great – but then the hot dry weather made its mark, especially for apples and pears. For the latter there was an abundance of fruit on my trees but so small. Without moisture, they had not swelled. Hey Ho, the joys of gardening – one thing we cannot control is the weather, thank goodness.

For the coming season, some allotments on the Brook Lane site have become available. Why not give it a try? No experience needed and plenty of advice on hand from fellow allotment holders. A full and half plot is available but the full can be split into half or quarter. At a rent of just £25 for a full plot, £15 for a half and £10 for a quarter, all represents great value. If interested, please get in touch (see below).

Thank you

John Moverley
John@dunmovin.co.uk

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FUNDRAISING BALL

In March 2022 a 10 day old baby known to us was rushed to Birmingham Children's Hospital in a specialist paediatric ambulance from Good Hope Hospital for lifesaving heart surgery. Another child known by our fundraising team wasn't quite so lucky and despite everything the hospital could do, they died. But still the family received amazing support from BCH.

Our fundraising team, support both BCH, and the Restoration Fund for the Ancient Building within Moreton Morrell village known as The Church of The Holy Cross. Both of these amazing places need your support so they can continue their work with the communities that surround them.

Whether you go to church or not the restoration of the building needs the support of all of us.

In the Spring of 2027 we hope you will attend a Spring Ball at Ashorne Hill to raise money for these two great causes.

Ticket cost includes welcome drink, 3 course meal, wine, tea/coffee and music from The Tom Hale Band and also singer Tom Corsi.

So please book a ticket and dress to impress. Black tie is optional.

Thankyou

Sarah Irwin, Niki Atkins, Jill Slora, Fran Walsh and Rachel West.

MORETON MORRELL COLLEGE

It has been a busy and rewarding term on campus, with plenty of good news to share from our students and staff.

Top Carpentry Training in the Region

Our Level 2 Carpentry and Joinery apprenticeship programme has been ranked best in the West Midlands, and fourth nationwide, in the latest Department for Education tables. Our apprentices achieved an 81.6% achievement rate and a 100% pass rate, well above the 64.7% national average.

Graduate Named in London Vet Show 30 Under Thirty

Congratulations to Veterinary Physiotherapy graduate Caileigh Eddie, who has been named in the prestigious London Vet Show 30 Under Thirty 2026 cohort. Caileigh runs a veterinary physiotherapy clinic in nearby Princethorpe based on her undergraduate dissertation, and has even used her skills to help her own England international trials sheepdog, Floss, walk again following illness.You can read both of these full stories at wcg.ac.uk/latestnews.

Upcoming Open Events

Our next Open Events take place on Saturday 16th January 2027, 10am-2pm and Wednesday 17th March 2027, 5:30pm-7:30pm. Prospective students, adult learners, and local neighbours are welcome to visit the campus, tour our facilities, and speak with our teaching staff.

Moreton Morrell Annual Show Date Confirmed

The date is confirmed for our Annual Show on Saturday 15th May 2027, 10am-4pm. Local neighbours are invited back to campus for a vibrant community celebration featuring an agricultural learning hub, live equine displays, blacksmithing and trade demonstrations, a fun dog show, local market stalls, and food and drink vendors. Tickets will be launching soon, so keep an eye on our website and social channels for updates.

NATURE WATCH

The first autumn mists hang low over the fields, linking trees and hedgerow together under a moist, grey blanket. The first light of dawn glints in the water droplets hanging off hawthorn berries and sloes. Way up above them, the 'seep, seep' calls of redwing can be heard, cousins of our thrushes, that have crossed the North Sea. Many have flown over 500 miles from Iceland and Scandinavia. It's reckoned up to 700,000 arrive each winter.Also flying in from Scandinavia and Russia are the fieldfares, a larger thrush with a loud, chuckling call. Some of them will have flown 1,000 miles, all of them looking for fruits and berries from our hedgerows, eating as many as they can find. That must put a heck of a pressure on our native birds who are looking for the same food.

As we greet the winter thrushes, we've already said farewell to our swallows, martins and swifts. These headed south, and when actually migrating those little birds can fly 200 miles in a day! The front runners have pushed across the Sahara desert; that daunting journey takes them about five days.

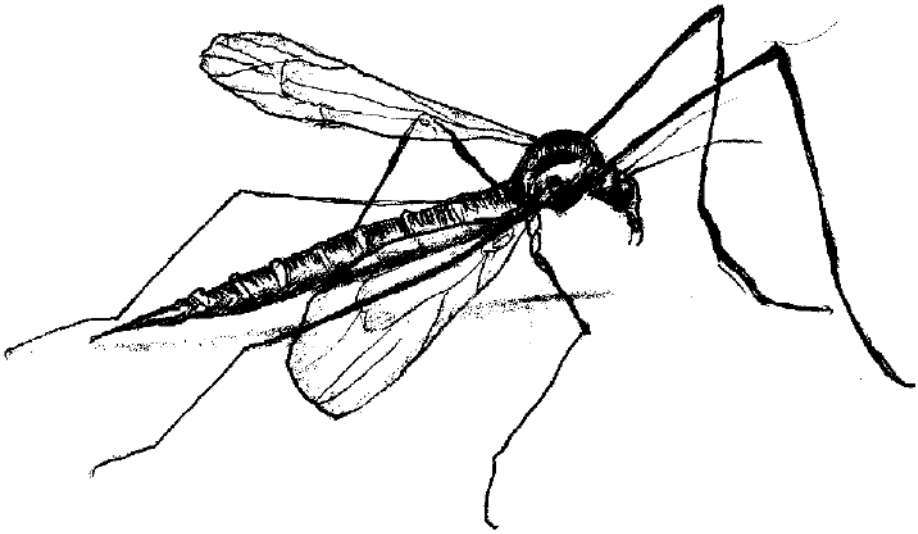
So how do they find water to keep them going? Many of the waterholes are high in salt and so no good for drinking. How do they survive the journey? Well, there is a way. Many water holes are swarming with flies. Now, these flies can naturally filter out salt from water inside their bodies.As the swallows feast on the flies, they gain food and water in every gulp. Not bad, eh?

After such a long, dry summer we wondered what effect that had had on the fungi of field and woodland. It turns out it had a big effect, but not what I'd imagined. During drought the trees were under life threatening stress, some would lose branches, others may lose their lives. Now trees are often connected to other trees by a vast fungal system that wraps around and even enters their roots. This network allows trees to communicate chemically with each other. The trees provide the fungi with sugars, while the fungi can help trees absorb water and nutrients.
So, the trees would have sent out distress signals, while having an early leaf fall as they got rid of some leaves to survive.The fungi were able to feed on the fallen leaves, and so as soon as the first good downpour of rain blessed the ground, the fungi produced a bumper crop of toadstools that then produced spores to make more fungi to help the trees. This co-operative network is called the 'wood-wide web'. It's true! I didn't make it up, honestly!

NATURE WATCH

As the dark, damp evenings arrive so do the crane flies, or daddy-long-legs. I've got lots of childhood memories of my mum going into panic and asking dad to 'get that thing out of the house', as it danced around the lightbulb on the ceiling.Dad would always say 'It won't do you any harm' as he obligingly caught it and put it out the back door, often letting three more in!

In fact, the crane fly is a bit weak and wobbly and a poor flyer, they have no sting and can't bite you. They have no proper mouth parts, so all they can manage is to sip water and nectar. They evolved about 245 million years ago. After starting as an egg they hatch into a chubby grub, nicknamed a leatherjacket. They'll spend nine months underground, eating grass roots and rotting plant material, before finally emerging as crane flies. As an adult they will only live up to 15 days, their mission is to mate, lay eggs and try to avoid everything that is trying to eat them – spiders, birds, small mammals and fish are waiting to snack. So, if you do find a daddy-long-legs dancing around the lightbulb, be kind and let it out, they haven't got long at all.



DADDY LONG LEGS
CRANE FLY

GARDENING GROUP

Seasons come and go and as I write this after a lovely Autumn it feels now well and truly wintry on this grey and drizzly November afternoon.

It's a time when we tend to do less in the garden but that hasn't stopped the Group meeting in the Room at the back of the Church to listen to some entertaining speakers.

Our speaker in November, was a local florist Sarah Horne who entertained us with her life story from how after working in a florist as a Saturday job aged 12 , now runs her own floristry business in Leamington and has won 3 gold medals at Chelsea as well as travelling all over the world demonstrating her skills and competing. All the while she was talking to us she also made a stunning Autumn basket display which we raffled off at the end of the meeting.

As well as running her shop and business, Sarah also grows many of her flowers locally at the College in polytunnels, her flowers also being used by the college's own floristry department. Sarah has promised we can visit to see her flowers in the summer next year.

December and Christmas is nearly upon us and as a change from speakers we will have our annual Christmas Quiz prepared by our Treasurer Jo who also doubles as a very able quiz master. Food will be provided by our very own Fabulous Suppers and a Christmas raffle to help top up our funds will complete the evening. If anyone has any items to donate for the raffle please drop off with me at The Garden House or bring along on the night.
The date of our Christmas Social has changed and will now be on Wednesday 9th December at 7pm in The Room.

As I'm having a knee replacement in January there will be no meeting but we start again on Monday 8th February with a talk from Vanessa Berridge who heads up the National Garden Scheme locally.

On Monday 8th March , Lottie Newitt returns who always entertains us and brings along lots of beautiful plants. She will talk to us about seasonal scented plants and demonstrate how to put together a spring scented display in a basket or tub.

Lots to look forward to, please feel free to join us at any of these events, annual membership £25 or £5 on the door .

Merry Christmas to you all. - Eileen (Chair)

TASTY TUESDAY

MORETON MORRELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY HUB

Tasty Tuesday's are back from Tuesday 8th September 12.30am-2.30pm! A warm welcome on offer along with delicious soups and tasty puddings. Bring a friend, meet for lunch, free WiFi, all welcome.

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Tuesday 26th January
Tuesday 9th January
Tuesday 23rd February
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Tuesday 23rd March
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NEWBOLD PACEY & ASHORNE WI

As Autumn's last warm glow fades into crisp Winter evenings, thoughts turn to cosy comforts: a good book, a steaming mug of hot chocolate and, perhaps, a spell in a Scottish castle working out which of the faithful is secretly a Traitor!

Our monthly Coffee Morning drew a wonderful crowd on a foggy November morning, with homemade cakes, cuppas and plenty of friendly chat. Many thanks to our hosts, Ann, Sarah B and Anne. New faces are always welcome, so join us next month at Ashorne Village Hall. Our December coffee morning is the annual Christmas Craft Fayre, raising money for local charities, so please come along.

At our October meeting, Rachel Dean of Crafty Business led a fused glass workshop, where we enjoyed decorating our own glass Christmas wreaths. There were lovely entries in our monthly flower competition, and our hosts, Pam and Sarah C, provided delicious cakes, making for a very enjoyable evening.

In November, local author, actress and playwright Ginny Davis spoke about her crime and psychological suspense novel 'What Lies Beneath the Surface', which features lawyers, an actor and a high court judge and answers many questions about the criminal justice system. Set around London's little-explored Regent's Canal, it taught us a lot about that area too. Lovely flower competition entries and delicious cakes from our hosts, Trish and Sarah B, made it another very enjoyable evening.

Our December meeting will feature a Christmas dinner from Fabulous Suppers, a visit from our very own Secret Santa and a talk on medieval Christmases by Eddie Smallwood.

The Craft Group has been busy making quilts for the Esther Project, while the Walking Group is planning new routes with stops at local hostelries for a light bite. Anyone interested in the WI is welcome at our coffee drop-ins every Wednesday at 11am at Lighthorne Pavilion, or at our Community Coffee Mornings at Ashorne Village Hall on the first Saturday of each month.

NEWBOLD PACEY & ASHORNE WI

New members are welcome. We meet at Ashorne Village Hall on the second Thursday of each month, 7.30 pm to 10 pm. The annual subscription covers speakers, workshops and good company, with pro-rata rates after July. Guests may attend for £5.00, which includes the raffle, homemade cake and a cuppa.

Contact Vicki by phone for a chat or email: npandawi@gmail.com if you want to find out more.

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On the 17th December from 11 am the Black Horse pub will be hosting a community lunch. This is generously sponsored by the Parish Council . Food will be supplied by Fabulous Suppers and there'll be some entertainment.
There'll be a tab for drinks which when its gone its gone ! Do come along.

CARERS 4 CARERS

Finding support through supporting each other

Carers4Carers – your local support group for family carers. Loved ones are welcome and can attend our Companionship Group during the meeting.

Friday 11th December 10.30am-12 noon, Kineton Village Hall: As the year draws to a close, we'd be pleased to welcome you to our December gathering. There will be mince pies, an opportunity to chat with others who understand the caring role, and some seasonal songs led by the Swan Singers.

Friday 22nd January 10:30-12 noon, Kineton Village Hall: to be finalised. Please contact us nearer the time or check our Facebook page for updates.

For further information, or assistance with transport arrangements, please contact Gillian on 07947 893504, email kcarers4carers@gmail.com or visit our website www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk.

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Have your children outgrown their clothes or shoes or perhaps you need some space for your summer wardrobe! If you have any bedding, clothing or shoes that no longer fit or you simply no longer want or can be bothered to repair! why not feed the blue bin located opposite the main reception entrance to school.

The bin is emptied by an external company and the school is paid an amount depending on the weight of the clothing.

The Silver Line is a helpline for older people that offers information, friendship and advice 24 hours day, 365 days a year.
Originally founded by Dame Esther Rantzen, it is the only national, free and confidential helpline for older people in the UK.
The Silver Line also offers telephone and letter befriending by matching up a Silver Liner to a volunteer for regular conversation.
So if anyone is lying awake at night - or feeling lonely at anytime - or is worried about a problem that they have - and think that a chat with someone friendly who cares might help, please call
The Silver Line on 0800 4708090
www.thesilverline.org.uk

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0800 4 70 80 90

IndieGo

Information can be found at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/public-transport/indiego/3

Or telephone 01926 742000



COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICE

Our volunteer drivers can take you to medical appointments, lunch clubs, groups, activities and to visit family and friends.

01789 262889

transport@vasa.org.uk



Areas covered: **Stratford, Warwick, Leamington Spa, Kenilworth, Southam, Alcester, Shipston & surrounding villages.**

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reducing isolation within our communities

RELIABLE SERVICE

All our volunteer drivers are enhanced DBS checked, referenced and carry ID.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

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.

HOW TO BOOK A JOURNEY

Our booking line is open Monday to Friday between 9.30am & 3pm.

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WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEER DRIVERS!

Have you got some spare time during the day? Could you help this invaluable service in your community? You can choose to do as many journeys as you like each month. 45p mileage costs paid. Call 01789 262889 or email volunteer@vasa.org.uk.

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