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Morville Parish Council

The Annual Council Meeting will be held on Monday May 13th, at 7.00pm, in Morville Village Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to elect a Chairman for the coming year – it will be immediately followed by an Ordinary Meeting of the Council. Parishioners are welcome to attend – the Agenda will be published on the notice boards and on our website, a few days before the Meeting.

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On the following Monday, May 20th, at 7.00pm, the Parish Council will be hosting the Annual Parish Meeting, in Morville Village Hall. All parishioners are invited – this is an opportunity to hear reports on what the Council has been doing during the past year, and to ask questions, or to raise any matters of interest or concern.

Our local PCSO, Malcolm Goddard, hopes to be able to attend, to update us on policing in the Parish.

The Draft Minutes of last year's Parish Meeting are published on the PC website:

<https://morville-pc.gov.uk/>

Biodiversity and Natural Flood Management

The Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity for all parishioners to meet and discuss local issues and some of you may be interested in discussing the issues that I'm interested in –

Natural Flood Management [NFM] and the advantages of setting up a Local Flood Group.

Biodiversity including extending “Green Corridors” along Mor Brook and its catchment and the Restore Shropshire’s Verges Project [RSVP].

The likelihood of Salop Sand & Gravel submitting an application to extend Morville Quarry.

Like everyone on the Parish Council, except the chairman, I attend the Annual Parish Meeting as a parishioner, not a councillor, but I'll bring my maps and try and answer any questions you may wish to ask me.

You are also welcome to contact me in advance.

Pam Yuille 07793939291 pamela.yuille@doctors.org.uk

The following article appeared in the printed April Newsletter but was not available when the pdf version went out:

Woodworm in the Organ

During a recent service of the pipe organ at Morville Church, woodworm damage was discovered, and the organ will need to be completely dismantled to enable the various wooden parts to be treated urgently to prevent further damage. This work will begin on April 3rd and take about three weeks. During that time the chancel will be cordoned off as the organ builders will use it for the dismantling process. Sunday services will continue as normal with a keyboard in place of the organ. The church may also be closed on any days the organ builders are not working on the premises. Clearly the restoration project is expensive at nearly £7,000 and the Church Council is hoping to cover some or all of this cost through grants and donations. The following is a description of the organ displayed in the Church:

“Morville is fortunate in having a 19th century organ by a famous maker in almost original condition. It was built c1855 by George Maydwell Holdich who was a highly esteemed and prolific organ builder of the Victorian period. The organ is of historic interest being registered by the British Institute of Organ Studies as “an instrument of importance to national heritage and deserving preservation for future generations”.

Holdich was born in 1816, the son of the Reverend Thomas Holdich, the Rector of Maydwell, Northamptonshire. It was intended that George should enter the medical profession, but, before his studies were completed, he apprenticed himself to the organ building firm of Bishop. He set up in business on his own in about 1837 at 12 Greek Street, Soho, a large house divided into three parts. By 1854 his business had expanded enough to warrant larger premises, so he moved to 4 Judd Place, King's Cross, London. There he remained until the early 1860's when he moved to Islington.

As an organ builder, Holdich stands out from his period. The tone of an organ is varied by the different use of varied ranks of pipes brought into action by the player through controls called stops. Holdich's tonal designs are classical in conception seeking to produce a tonal entity rather than a miscellaneous collection of stops of various tone colours which was the usual tonal make-up of the Victorian organs. An interesting feature of his organs is the inclusion of the stop invented by him and found on very few instruments, called the Diacton. It is generally agreed that his best work was the original organ in Lichfield Cathedral and the small village organs such as we have in Morville. Most of his organs have been either destroyed or altered out of all recognition. We are fortunate in having one of his organs in almost its original state. It still has its original ivory maker's name on its keyboard with his Judd Place address and from which it can be dated to 1854 - 1864.

The fact that on Sundays throughout the year the organ of Morville Church produces the same sounds as accompanied the worship of God for more than a hundred years is a tribute to Holdich and the craftsmen who built it.”

Tim Morris

More from Mr Robert Corfield's Memories of Monk Hopton

Bridgnorth was a very different town in those days compared with today. All the tradesmen who owned shops always were on hand to give a welcome.

A few of them I can mention –

Mr.Lee George whose grocers shop was first class . Mr.A.Weale the Barber; Mr.Colin MCMichael ; Jim and Bob Foxall; Mr.Roland Bowen the saddler in St.Mary`s Street. Mr.George Beaman, butcher, Tom and Archie Corser who owned the clothes shop in the High Street, carried on today by Mr.Cyril Rogers.

The Cross Keys Public House stood in the High Street.; that was the place to find on Saturday afternoons all the chauffeurs from the big houses from around Bridgnorth - Jock Beattie from Monkhopton, George Pitman from The Woodlands and many more.

Mr.Perrot lived at Monkhopton House until he went to live at Faintree Hall. Lord Wenlock then came to live at the Big House, he had been a Lt.Col. in the Hussars.

Lady Wenlock was a very charming lady. They were both very good and kind. They gave the school children a treat in the summer and also at Christmas when every child received a present.

There were very few cars; His Lordship owned a dark green Argyle , his chauffeur was Alexander Beattie an Aberdonian. His great delight was playing the bagpipes and I believe in later years he was in demand to play at weddings etc.

(Thanks to Mrs Doreen England)

W I April Meeting

Business of the night dealt with and raffle tickets sold, our president introduced our speaker Lucinda Lovesey.

Lucinda was a semi finalist on the 5th series of the tv show "The Great Pottery Throw Down" in 2022 and lives in Shropshire.

Her talk about how she got accepted onto the show in the first place (the application process is very long) and then her experience of being on tv was so entertaining and really brought the show to life.

Lucinda showed us the "story boards" she produced as a guide for each of her "makes" and we were all so impressed by her drawings, especially the animals! She also brought along the pieces of pottery that she made on the show which were delightful and can be seen on the web site.

What a lovely lady, who had spend 25 years working in the NHS specialising in Mental Health, where she ran Psycho-educational groups that were creative and included pottery. Her enthusiasm for pottery and the benefits of creating things was inspiring. I think many of us were tempted to try one of her classes and buy some of her lovely pieces.

We finished off the evening with some yummy sandwiches and cake and a chance to chat with friends old and new.

Our speaker in May will be Emma Spenser who will be talking about The Women's Land Army and we are inviting everyone to dress up in clothing from the 1940's and bring along a World War 2 item for the competition.

Morville WI are always pleased to welcome visitors; why not come along and see what we are all about? We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at Morville Village Hall, from 7.15pm.

For more information please turn up on the night, or if you would like any further information we can be contacted by e mail at morvillewomensinstitute@gmail.com or check us out on Facebook.

Morville School News

Hello from the Morville school family.

Well, what a start to the Summer term. I think we have experienced every type of weather this week alone. We have had school runs in the sleet, rain, hail and eventually those wonderful glimmers of sunshine. Let's hope that all these April showers lead us into a sunshine filled May.

In Oak Tree Class this half term the children are learning all about the topic 'Wonderful Weather'. The children will start by identifying the four seasons in the UK and investigating seasonal changes in our school grounds. This will then lead them into learning all about the four compass directions and using these to describe the location of landmarks in our school and in the UK. The children are looking forward to investigating the weather in our school grounds and learning how the weather changes in the UK. Finally, the children will be becoming weather reporters to demonstrate their knowledge of the seasons and will suggest clothing and activities people might do in each season as part of their weather reports.

In Birch Tree Class the topic will be focusing on Australia this half term. The children will be learning to locate the country on a world map and finding out about its cities, landmarks, climate and animals. The children will then use this new information to compare the country to the UK and develop their abilities to say what is similar and what is different. Birch Class will also be using compasses to navigate their way around maps of Australia and look at its human and physical features.

In Chestnut Tree Class the children will be learning all about Waters, Rivers and Coasts as part of their Geography work. The children have started by recapping their knowledge of the water cycle and using atlases and the internet to research water around the globe. The children will go on to consider why water is so important and learn how water is used in the UK and compare this to water usage in a water-scarce country like Kenya. The children will consider ways in which water can be saved and investigate how water can be used to create electricity as well as finding out about any benefits or detrimental effects of this. Finally, the children will undertake some fieldwork to a local river to investigate its source, features and water quality. This will link to our whole school workshop and assembly in June from Severn Trent Water on sustainability with water.

I look forward to sharing more about the school and the children's learning with you in the next issue.

Miss Docherty

OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

the late Mr David Digwood of Muckley Cross

the late Mr Bill Childe, formerly of East Farm, Underton

the late Mr James Bucknell

THANK YOU TO:

Mrs Angela Jones for her very kind donation to the Newsletter in memory of her husband, Geoff.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

James Luke Hunter and Scarlett Lydia Lendrum on their forthcoming marriage at Acton Round church

Open Days at Pam's Pools, Bridgnorth, WV16 6TY

We are very pleased to invite you to the ever-popular Pam's Pools Open Days from **10am until 2.00pm on Sunday 19th May and Sunday 30th June.**

- See the reserve's wetlands and wildflowers, on foot or riding behind a vintage tractor.
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- Music

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Book your tickets in advance for £4 by clicking on the link or pay £5 cash on the day. Children under 10 free

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If the event has to be cancelled advance payments can be refunded.

For any queries, email Pam on pamela.yuille@doctors.org.uk or phone 07793939291 - no texts.

SERVICES FOR MAY

MORVILLE

Sun	5 th	11.15am	Morning Prayer (Lay)
Sun	12 th	11.15am	Holy Communion (VS) Refreshments
Sun	19 th	11.15am	Morning Prayer (Lay)
Sun	26 th	11.15am	Morning prayer (JP) Refreshments

ASTON EYRE

Sun	12 th	10.00am	Holy Communion (VS)
Sun	26 th	10.00am	Morning Prayer (JP)

MONKHOPTON

Sun	5 th	10.00am	Morning Prayer (Lay)
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ACTON ROUND

Sun	12 th	10.00am	Rogation Service (RL)
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Morville Readers and Readings for May

	First Reading	Second Reading
Sun	5 th Acts 10: 44- end (Alison Foxall)	John 15: 9-17 (Helen Smith)
Sun	12 th Acts 1: 15-17, 21-end (Louise Shropshire)	John 17: 6 - 19 (Tim Heatley)
Sun	19 th Acts 2: 1- 21 (Tim Morris)	John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15 (Elaine Crisp)
Sun	26 th Isaiah 6: 1- 8 (Hilary Evans)	John 3: 1- 17 (Mike Skinner)

CLERGY In the vacancy (the period of time between vicars) all enquiries about church services should be addressed to the church office at St Leonard's Hall church on Racecourse Drive, or to the church wardens of each parish.

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