

## Citizens' Academies

Warwickshire Police are launching a Citizen's Academy in Stratford. It's a 10 week course running from 11th April to 27th June. The closing date for applications is 4th April 2018.

### What are Citizens' Academies?

Citizens' Academies provide individuals with access to and information about policing services through a ten-week taught course delivered to 25 students aged 18 or over.

Students develop a knowledge of policing, and will be more engaged with the police and other agencies, and may become more involved in the wider police family through Neighbourhood Watch, or the Independent Advisory Groups.

The main objectives of the academies are:

- To give participants an awareness and experience of policing issues and activities
- To provide opportunities for discussion about perceptions of the police and policing functions.
- To provide information and advice on crime prevention and safety.
- To enable participants to be better informed about policing and the challenges facing policing.
- To seek participants to become involved in policing as a Police Service Volunteer, Special Constable, Police Cadet or join community/ advisory groups.
- To create positive ambassadors for local policing.
- To involve people who may have a negative experience or negative views of policing.

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For further information on the Stratford-on-Avon Area Office visit [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/stratfordarea](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/stratfordarea)

Please note: I work Monday to Thursday

## WI Community Coffee Morning

Saturday 7 April, 5 May, 2 June, 7 July

10am – midday in the Village Hall

Homemade cake, steaming cuppa, newspapers to read, books, cakes and plants to buy – what is not to like?

This is a community initiative from Newbold Pacey & Ashorne WI to raise funds for the group's Centenary celebrations in 1919. Everyone welcome - as are homemade/ homegrown donations for the produce table. First Saturday of each month, everyone welcome  
Contacts: Trish Handsley and Heather Jack  
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## Coffee Morning in aid of Myton Hospice

10:30am – 12:00 on the first Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall

Contact: Pam Cook

## Craft & Chat Group

every Tuesday 10am – midday in the Village Hall

Come along with your current knitting or sewing project and join us for a cuppa.

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## Newbold Pacey & Ashorne Village Show

Monday 27 August 2-5pm

This will be our 5th Village Show so we are looking for lots of entries in the homegrown, homemade, arts and pets categories. Look out for Show Programmes and entry forms coming through your door in early summer.

Show organiser: Trish Handsley 651978

# THE NEWBOLD PACEY & ASHORNE VILLAGE HUT NEWS

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## In Memory of Hilary Ledbrook

Tennyson wrote this in memory of his friend, Arthur Hugh Clough. Hilary Ledbrook told me this poem was one of her favourites and she turned to it again and again. This extract seems particularly appropriate for this time of year and so it is reproduced here.

From In Memoriam by Alfred Lord Tennyson

*Now fades the last long streak of snow,  
Now burgeons every maze of quick  
About the flowering squares, and thick  
By ashen roots the violets blow.*

*Now rings the woodland loud and long,  
The distance takes a lovelier hue,  
And drown'd in yonder living blue  
The lark becomes a sightless song.*

*Now dance the lights on lawn and lea,  
The flocks are whiter down the vale,  
And milkier every milky sail  
On winding stream or distant sea;*

*Where now the seamew pipes, or dives  
In yonder gleaming green, and fly  
The happy birds, that change their sky  
To build and brood; that live their lives*

*From land to land; and in my breast  
Spring wakens too; and my regret  
Becomes an April violet,  
And buds and blossoms like the rest.*

## WI Report

Sadly, in January we lost Hilary Ledbrook, a committed Newbold Pacey & Ashorne WI member for 75 years. Hilary had been a keen keeper of scrapbooks since 1955, recording WI and village life for around 60 years. In her memory we will hold an open evening in the Village Hut where everyone in the village can view the scrapbooks. More information to follow.

Our February WI meeting was really well attended as we welcomed Penny Vigers, an experienced fine artist and willow weaver who showed us how to make wreaths and bird feeders woven from willow. New member Purdie volunteered to have a go and went home with a very professional looking spiral willow bird feeder. Penny will be coming to our 7 April Community Coffee Morning with some of her lovely creations for sale.

In March we all sat comfortably to listen to short stories and poems from our local author, Jenefer Heap. Jenefer is an Indie Author, meaning she self-publishes and started her career after winning a creative writing competition in Good Housekeeping magazine.

On 12 April, we are looking forward to hearing from Jean Cholerton who revealed hidden gems by turning a piece of unused railway line into a nature reserve.

If you fancy learning about reclaiming land for nature or WI generally, do come along and give it a try - 2nd Thursday of the month, 7:30pm in Ashorne Village Hall. We have a wide variety of speakers and are keen to welcome guests and new members at any of our meetings.

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Newbold Pacey & Ashorne WI President

# THE PARISH COUNCIL

The scheduled 7 March Parish Council meeting was postponed in order to interview candidates for the post of Clerk. Watch the noticeboards for the date of the re-arranged meeting.

## Message from your Chairman

Following the resignation of our Clerk, Pam Routly, I am pleased to say that we interviewed two candidates for the position of Clerk to the Council on 7 March, and decided to offer the post to Cat Price who is the current Clerk to Welford Parish Council, and who has accepted the post.

The Parish Council is very grateful for the work Pam Routly has done on behalf of the whole Parish over the last twelve years. I think that we can look back on a period of achievement and progress. We must also thank Steve Routly for his support as well.

I am sure that you will join with me in thanking Pam for efforts, and welcoming Cat Price.

## Rural Housing Needs Survey

Last year you all took part in this survey. We will now hold a drop-in session with Sarah Brooke-Taylor, Warwickshire's Rural Housing Enabler, who will be able to answer any questions you may have. Come along to the WI coffee morning on Saturday 7 April from 10 am to 12 pm where we will have lots of information on display.

Another date for your diary: The May meeting, as you know, is when we hold 3 meetings including the AGM.

Cllr Judy Cooper will be standing down from the Council at the AGM so if you are interested in filling her seat please contact Cllr David Johnston (davjohnston@hotmail.com) or the new Clerk, Cat Price (catprice1978@gmail.com).



## Friends of Oakley Wood

The Friends held its AGM on Wednesday 7 March at Barford Memorial Hall. Our Chairman, Liz Sheehan, gave an interesting and informative report on the year's activities and Karl Curtis (of WWT who manage the Wood on behalf of Warwick District Council) gave us an update on work in the Wood and plans for the future. This was followed by refreshments and then the highlight of the evening was a screening of footage from a trailcam placed in various locations showing us the secrets of the Wood when no-one is looking. Caught on camera were roe deer, muntjacs, badgers, owls, buzzards, and foxes. Our thanks go to Chris Wood, initially for collecting the footage, and then for spending hours no doubt, compiling such an interesting film together with a lively soundtrack. The meeting was well attended and an enjoyable time was had by all. Contact Helen Tudge MCSP 01926 259293

## The Village Hall

### The Monday lunch Club

The next village lunch will be on Monday April 16th at 12.30. A two course lunch plus tea / coffee will be served and will cost £5. Please remember to let Chris Thornton know on 01926651436 by the previous Friday if you would like to attend.

### St George's Day Celebration

Following on from our recent successful St David's day event we shall be celebrating St George with a 3 course meal and quiz on Saturday April 28th at 7.30pm in the village hall. Tickets cost £15. Call Jim on 01926650587 to reserve your place.

## Ashorne Cricket field bridge

**Back in early 2012 we formed Ashorne and Newbold Pacey Diamond Jubilee Committee and started to organise events to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee later in that year. We also aimed to have several lasting legacies to mark this event.**

Members of our Parish Council and the Diamond Jubilee committee have been involved in discussions with WCC and their intent to carry out repair works on the bridge where the brook runs through the Cricket Field alongside Ashorne House in Ashorne.

WCC Highway Department was intending to carry out remedial work on the bridge that spans the brook between the cricket field and the public footpath to Newbold Pacey, but due to cut backs etc the full amount of the works could not be carried out other than a small amount of work on the footings to the bridge.

So we (The Diamond Jubilee Committee and the Parish Council) decided to work together and raise some money for the renovation of the bridge.

The Parish Council wrote to the two neighbouring landowners and asked them for a certain amount of money each towards the bridge repairs, including the damming and piping of the brook water from one side of the bridge to the other. We also applied for a grant from our County Councillor and together with the Parish Council, we raised an amount of money for this work on the bridge to go ahead including the damming and pipework etc.

The actual repairs and re-pointing on the bridge is hoped to be carried out by the local parishioners under the leadership and supervision of myself and Roger Wright.

I and the Parish Council have obtained a quotation for the damming and pipeworks required to take the brook water from upstream, under the bridge and to a point about 10metres the other side of the bridge so as to give the area under the bridge time to dry out and work to be carried out on repairs to brickwork low down on the bridge, then re-pointing of the underside of the bridge etc.

Once this work is completed on the lower part of the bridge on both sides and the arch under the bridge, the pipework and the dam can be removed.

The other repairs and re-pointing to the bridge can be done from normal ground level and can be done at any time after the under section is completed.

Myself as a Councillor and former Chairman of the Parish Council and Diamond Jubilee Committee, together with the present Newbold Pacey and Ashorne Parish Council see this venture as a community project and it is hoped that the community as a whole will support this project as they did with other lasting legacies from the Diamond Jubilee, by offering their help with renovating this bridge.

I would like to have all the paperwork complete, approved and agreement with the contactors to install the dam and its associated pipework in place by the middle of March 2018 so as work on the repairs and re-pointing could start by the end of April 2018, with a view to be completed by the end of June.

I am aware of a small number of people that have already offered their help, so if you would like to help in anyway with this project, (Even if it is making a cup of tea for the helpers) that would be great.

Please contact me by email <stephen.bolton@homecall.co.uk> or by phone 07790323822 or 01926651768.

I look forward to your call.

**Steve Bolton**

## St. Georges Church

The AGM of the PCC will take place on Monday 30th April in the committee room of the village hall at 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome to this meeting.

The services for Easter are on Maundy Thursday at 7pm and on Easter Sunday at 10.30 We will be decorating the Church on the Saturday morning and any help will be very welcome.

I hope that by the time you read this that the wild daffodils and primroses won't have gone over because the area at the rear of the Church is well worth a visit. **Cilla Cook**