

WI Report

In April we met Jean and David Cholerton who over 16 years bought a 3.5 acre half mile section of disused railway line to life at the bottom of their garden in Cranhill, Bideford on Avon. This hardworking pair of moth, butterfly and nature lovers cleared the site, planted native wildflower and tree species and dug out ponds to attract native butterflies and moths.

Jean goes out at night with her lamps and moth box, trapping, identifying and recording what she sees along the richly populated cutting. Often joined by local expert David Brown of the Butterfly Trust, Jean is proud to see that her planting and landscape improvements are bringing back some of the rarer species whose numbers had been dwindling.

Jean welcomes private groups for a tour of the site so we may visit next year – in the daytime though!

Our May meeting saw us discussing and voting on our 'Mental Health Matters' resolution for the Annual WI Meeting in Cardiff. We spent the rest of the evening happily looking through village scrapbooks and old Moreton Morrell WI documents.

On Thursday 14 June we will be welcoming artist Irene Tyack from The Yellow Hat Tribe Gallery in Chipping Norton to talk to us about her work and love of colour. In August we will be having an afternoon tea in the village hall (for those of us not on holiday) then in the evening, putting our village scrapbooks out for all to see. (See Scrapbooks on Show item for more information).

If you fancy learning about colourful artists, reclaiming land for nature or WI generally, do come along and give us 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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5th Newbold Pacey & Ashorne Village Show

Monday 27 August 2-5pm

Hoping for lots of entries across all classes this year so get your seeds sown, photos taken, crafts finished and pets spruced up. Village residents, look out for Show Programmes and entry forms coming through your door in early summer.

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Friends of Oakley Wood

On Sunday 15th April Colin Potter, the renowned local ornithologist, led a walk for approximately one and a half hours, to help us identify birds, their behaviour and their songs.

The morning was grey but dry. Whilst standing in the car park Colin quickly identified new arrivals from Europe and Africa namely the Chiffchaff whose name reflects its call and the clear fluty notes of the Blackcap. These birds breed here and return to France, the Mediterranean regions and West Africa in September. In case you see one in your garden, a small population of Blackcap now winter here.

We heard the surprisingly loud and varied call of the Nuthatch and the "sweet sweet" of the Coal tit. Many other birds were heard and identified. A Long-tailed Tit came very near and seemed to be listening to Colin. From time to time he makes a quiet whistle to encourage a bird reply. Colin said that the presence of Marsh tits and Blackcaps is a good indicator of healthy woodland. The Chiffchaffs were certainly making good use of the bramble clusters to conceal their nests.

We were a relatively small group so we were able to question Colin freely, and in conjunction with Warwickshire Wild Life and the District Council we are doing our best to maintain and improve Oakley Wood.

THE NEWBOLD PACEY & ASHORNE VILLAGE HUT NEWS

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Village Scrapbooks on Show

Ashorne Village Hall Thursday 9 August 7:30-9pm

As many will be aware, our Ashorne neighbour and long time WI member Hilary Ledbrook died in January this year. Hilary was a great keeper of village scrapbooks, starting in 1955 when she entered a WI Scrapbook Competition. She continued for around 60 years, recording village life in all its forms - births, deaths, marriages, achievements, felons and court appearances! In Hilary's memory, Newbold Pacey & Ashorne WI will be displaying the scrapbooks in the village hall on the evening of 9 August. We are delighted to invite all friends and neighbours to come along and appreciate the social history that Hilary captured. A glimpse into times gone by - you may even recognise some faces! Refreshments and home baked cakes for sale.

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St. Georges Church Flower Festival at Newbold Pacey

There will be a flower festival at St George's, Newbold Pacey over the weekend 16-17 June. The theme will be World War 1, home and away.

The church will be open between 11am and 4pm on both days and refreshments will be served. There will be a working party in the churchyard on June 6th at 7pm. All offers of help will be appreciated.

St George's signed up for Eco-church earlier this year, a movement promoting conservation and creation care. One of the first things we'll be doing is creating a wildlife garden in a neglected part of the churchyard. Regular updates on progress will be on the noticeboard in the church. If anyone fancies an afternoon of smashing concrete to start off the project please contact Cilla Cook or Krys Pietrecki.

The church has been contacted by the War Graves Commission with the idea of designating the churchyard as a war graves churchyard. As you may be aware, there are two war graves at St George's, one from each of the two world wars. They will put up a sign to let people know. You may not know that there is also a grave of someone from The Battle of Edgehill. Unfortunately, there is no way of knowing where this is. **Cilla Cook**



Fresh as Paint

The phone box in Ashorne looks splendid thanks to the work of the Wellesbourne and Walton lengthsmen.

The Village Hall

Lunch Club

This event takes place at the Village Hut on the third Monday of every month at 12.30. The cost is £5 for a home cooked 2 course meal plus tea or coffee. To book please contact **Chris Thornton** 01926 651377 or **Mary Cobb** 01926 651377 by the previous Friday.

Village Walk and BBQ

Saturday, 14th July. The walk will take place in the afternoon, followed by a BBQ in the evening. Everyone is welcome to come on both or either/ or the walk and BBQ. Please contact **Mary Cobb** 01926 651377 for more information and to book your place for the BBQ.

THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council AGM Cllr David Johnston was unanimously re-elected as Chairman. Cllr Andrew Marshall will continue as Vice Chairman (to be confirmed). Malcolm Whyte from Moreton Morrell was elected as a new councillor.

Meeting dates for the coming year will be:

4 July 2018 5 Sept 2018 Nov 2018
9 Jan 2019 6 March 2019 8 May 2019 (GM)

Appointment of committee members and responsibilities:

Village Hall rep – *Andrew Marshall*

Church rep – *David Johnston*

Responsible Finance Officer – Clerk, *Cat Price*

Allotments – Clerk, *Cat Price*

Emergency Plan – *Steve Bolton* (to be reviewed at the November meeting)

Village Hut news – *David Johnston*

Footpaths – *Steve Bolton*

Welcome Pack Committee – *to be decided at next meeting*

Oakley Woods rep – *Judy Cooper*

The Annual Parish Meeting The Chairman, David Johnston welcomed the new Parish clerk, Cat Price, who can be contacted on npapclerk@gmail.com He also thanked the outgoing clerk, Pam Routly, who had worked tirelessly for the Council, and welcomed Malcolm Whyte who has been co-opted

With reference to current activity, the council need to rethink the play area, some flood prevention work at Newbold Pacey has been carried out by the County Council and the Housing Needs Survey has been published and will be available on the website soon. In addition The Lengthsman Scheme has been adding value to village amenities.

Work on the Cricket Ground Bridge will be carried out during the current year.

The Council would like feedback on

- the use of social media.
- Extending the churchyard

Unfortunately nobody from the Village Hall, PCC or Police was available to report and it is hoped that these reports can be presented at the next meeting on 4 July.

District Cllr/County Cllr Anne Parry's report.

We are now seeing the benefits of having the Core Strategy in place, together with a 5 year housing supply, which means that we can currently stop any further large scale development in the district which have not been approved.

A draft Stratford Area Transport Strategy was considered at Full Council in April 2018 and an amendment to exclude the exploration of funding for an Eastern Relief Road was successful on the grounds that it was premature and not an infrastructure project identified in the adopted Core Strategy.

Construction of the new medical centre has now started together with further development of the welcomed Wellesbourne Sports & Community Centre.

As a result of accidents in Newbold Pacey involving cars travelling from the Wellesbourne direction WCC is working to implement increased road safety signage measures on the Newbold Road approaching Newbold Pacey from both Wellesbourne and the Crematorium end. We need to monitor this stretch of road carefully and look at additional improvements in 2018/19.

'Wellies' is to be retained as one of 16 Children Centre sites as an outreach 'Hybrid' model. As a 'Hybrid' model this will involve a mixture of in-house delivery (Family Support Workers) and commissioned services (Management, Administration, Stay and Play and Volunteer Co-Ordination).

Warwickshire County Council is encouraging both individuals and organisations to become Dementia Friendly. Work is being carried out in Wellesbourne to become a dementia friendly village. To find out more about become a dementia friend, please visit www.dementiafriends.org.uk

As chairman of the Wellesbourne & Kineton Community Forum I have welcomed the input from the Wellesbourne Safer Neighbourhood Team who report on the police activity in and around the villages, in terms of crime, traffic issues and anti-social behaviour. The Forum meets three times a year and members of the public are very welcome to attend, I am well supported by Stephen Bolton as Vice Chair and wish to thank him for his help and valuable contribution.

If you require help resolving a council related contact me by phone 07917 117737 or via email anne@anne-parry.co.uk

At the Parish Council Meeting.

Matt Bates requested an additional poly tunnel to be erected beside the existing one. He is in discussion with SDC for clarification on certain points but in principle the PC have no objections.

The re-planted trees from the village garden need staking and tying and Matt has very kindly offered to do this job for us.

District Councillor's report:

Housing SDC is looking to reinforce the preferred type and mix of housing in developments as follows:

1 bedroom: 5-10%; 2 bedroom: 35-40%;
3 bedroom: 40-45%

In view of the increasing demand for affordable housing, tighter controls on the housing mix will be included in the final version of the Supplementary Planning Document and developers will need to justify with evidenced reasons to deviate from the housing mix criteria.

Medical Centre Construction of the new medical centre is progressing well and completion is anticipated in January 2019 with the centre being fully operational at a date in February 2019.

County Councillor's report:

Community Grant The community grants for 2018/19 have been increased and therefore the Parish Council and respective community groups are encouraged to identify a worthy cause which could benefit from a grant of £500 - £1000 this coming year. Adult Social Care and Health It is widely known that GP Services are extremely stretched at present, however the issue is being compounded by no-shows from patients and those booking appointments for minor ailments which could otherwise be dealt with by the local pharmacy.

Community Forum Thursday 7th June 2018 at St Peter's Church Rooms at 6.30 for 7.00 pm. Speakers include Philip Seccombe, the Crime and Police Commissioner for Warwickshire and Dr Martin Read Jones who will be providing an update on the new medical centre construction.

Rural Housing Survey Public Consultation

The Rural Housing Survey on 7 April identified acceptable sites and unacceptable sites for affordable housing in the opinion of parishioners. Go to our website, www.npapc.co.uk to see Sarah Brooke-Taylor's full report. At this stage these are just suggestions. If anyone has an identified need and would like to take the Survey on to the next stage please contact Chairman David Johnston or the Clerk.

Churchyard capacity and approach to landowner A small patch of land has been identified and we are hopeful that a solution can be found.

Councillor recruitment

There are 2 vacancies for parish councillors, details on noticeboards If we do not have a Parish Council then the District Council takes control and we lose the chance to have a say in any parish matters so please consider joining us and making a difference to your community.

WI Community Coffee Mornings

Ashorne Village Hall

Saturday 2 June, 7 July, 4 Aug, 1 Sept, 6 Oct, 3 Nov, 1 Dec: 10am-midday.

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

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Coffee Morning in aid of Myton Hospice

Committee Room, Ashorne Village Hall

10:30am – 12:00 on the first Wednesday of the month. **Pam Cook, Cilla Cook**

WI Craft & Chat Group

Committee Room, Ashorne Village Hall – every Tuesday 10am – midday

Come along with your current knitting or sewing project and join us for a cuppa. At the moment we are mostly knitting poppies – some for the St Georges Church, Newbold Pacey display and some for the WI display in St Marys Church, Warwick in remembrance of those lost in the Great War.

We are also turning our hand to knitting gloves, hats and scarves for the Warwickshire WI appeal for the homeless.

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Whist Championship 2018

The Ashorne Whist Championship took place on 19 nights between September and May, when competitors' top 10 scores were counted to decide the winner. This year's Grand Champion was Sheila Wyatt of Ashorne and the runner-up was Margaret Brown of Rugby, a reversal of last year, where Margaret won and Sheila was runner-up. Barbara Day won the trophy for the highest single score with a magnificent 186. The lowest single score trophy went to Carol Alston of Barford with 126.

If you would like to join us for a friendly Thursday evening of whist come along; dates are posted on the Village Hall and Parish Council notice boards.

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