

WI Report

Our June meeting was spent making poppies for the Warwick Poppy appeal as our speaker was taken ill. It was a very relaxing evening with some members knitting, some sewing and other getting creative with a glue stick and crepe paper. Our scarlet creations will form part of the display in St Mary's Church, Warwick to commemorate 100 years since the end of WW1 and be installed during September, remaining in place throughout October and November 2018. We look forward to seeing the display in situ.

In July we were reminded of the challenges facing housewives during the war when we had a visit from Mrs Jane Arnold and her assistant Mrs Thompson from the 'Ministry of Food'. Jane gave a fascinating insight (with items of original clothing, equipment and publications) into how rationing affected all aspects of life. Her imaginative cookery demonstration with recipes for mock duck, carrot biscuits and mock banana sandwiches made us grateful for the choices we have today.

In August we will be having an afternoon tea at our President's house (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). And then in September we look forward to welcoming Gill Hawtin from Flower Thyme to show us how to make an autumnal wreath for our front door.

If you fancy learning about wartime cookery, autumn wreaths 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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WI Community Coffee Mornings

Ashorne Village Hall

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

The Saturday Coffee Mornings continue to attract friends and neighbours. Homemade cake, a steaming cuppa, toasted teacakes dripping with butter, 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 Mornings 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. We will now be concentrating on our WI centenary wall hanging as well as turning our hand to knitting gloves, hats and scarves for the Warwickshire WI appeal for the homeless. Hats and scarves for the Warwickshire WI appeal for the homeless.

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THE NEWBOLD PACEY & ASHORNE VILLAGE HUT NEWS

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Newbold Pacey and Ashorne Village Show

5th Newbold Pacey & Ashorne Village Show – Monday 27 August 2-5pm

We're 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 with this Newsletter.

As in previous years there are classes for children and adults in our 5th Show including crafts, photos, jams, cakes, pets and much more. For more details contact **Trish Handsley 651978** or **toulouse23@btinternet.com**

Village Scrapbooks on Show in Ashorne Village Hall

Thursday 9 August 7:30pm – 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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The recent Village Hall BBQ was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended

St George's Church, Newbold Pacey

On Saturday 9 September the Bishop of Warwick will be officiating at the 10.30 am service at St George's. He has a keen interest in rural affairs so we are looking forward to hearing him speak on this. Everyone is welcome to join us and to stay for refreshments afterwards.

We will be holding a Harvest Supper on 6 October in the Village Hall. We hope that many of you will join us for a fun evening with a quiz.

As we will have no vicar after the end of August, please contact me if you need anything to do with the Church on **651558** or

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THE PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from Newbold Pacey and Ashorne Parish Council meeting on 4th July

First of all, can I thank Judy Cooper for her contribution to the work of the Council over 12 years. She used to take on the notes of the Council meeting published in the newsletter, so now as Chair I am taking on the task.

Progress is taking place on current projects. There are a number of Highways issues we are pressing the County Council to respond to, including the Cricket Ground Bridge, and the road drains in the centre of the village. Discussions with the PCC about the need for more burial plots are continuing,

Applications are due for the annual Community Grants from the County Council, mentioned in Cllr Parry's report which follows. We are keen to see an application coming from this Parish. If you have an idea for a project, let me know by the end of the first week in August and we can complete an application.

We now have two vacancies for membership of the Parish Council. The task is not too onerous, generally only a meeting once every two months, for about an hour and a half. Please contact either myself or our Clerk, Cat Price.

On 11th November, the centenary of the end of the First World War, after a Remembrance Day service at Newbold Pacey Church in the morning, residents of this Parish are invited to join a commemorative event at Moreton Morrell school in the early evening. The Parish Council has commissioned a metal poppy from Moreton Morrell College for display in the village. More details in the September News.

We are also encouraging users of Notice Boards to make sure that they are clear and up to date! Also take a look at the Parish Council website!

The next meeting of the Council will be at 7.30 on 5th September in the Village Hall.

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District and County Councillor's report:

Wellesbourne Airfield - Stratford District Council has commenced Compulsory Purchase Order proceedings on Wellesbourne Airfield in order to protect the facility as a working airfield following a court judgement ruling in favour of the owners not to renew the business leases. The District Council has also requested that the businesses on site be given temporary tenancies to preserve the livelihood of the 100 employees.

Hi-5 Holiday Activities for Children - Hi-5 is the holiday activity programme delivered by SDC for children aged 5 -11 and venues during the summer holiday include Wellesbourne Primary School costing from £12 a day or from £50 a week. Call 01789 260643.

Affordable Housing - SDC is reporting the successful completion of 377 new affordable homes, the highest-ever recorded annual total for the year ending 31 March 2018. Almost three-quarters of the homes were for rent.

Jeremy Wright QC MP Surgery - Jeremy Wright will be holding a surgery for local residents at St Peter's Church Hall in Wellesbourne on Saturday 8th September from 9.30am-10.30am.

Community Grants - Local groups are encouraged to apply for WCC Councillor Community Grants by 31st August. For further information please visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/cllrgrants

Steve Hartley's July Nature Notes

On a warm, dry Sunday morning an explosion of Blue Tits occurred. Constant calls could be heard around the cottage. Young fledglings in pastel shades of yellow and blue were staying in touch with each other and their parents.

This is such a dangerous time for them, now having left the safety of the nest hole, they have no experience and flutter and dangle from twigs. They must call and listen. To lose their family group and parents would prove fatal. Their parents' lives have just got harder. They now have youngsters scattered and vulnerable to predators. They have to find them to feed them. At the end of the first day the youngsters settle down outside for the first time, having to perch and sleep instead of lying in the nest.

Within a week those that have survived and been fed enough have almost learnt to feed themselves from the feeders and insects in the trees and bushes. At this point a second wave of Blue Tits fledge and they all have to learn the same life skills. Two weeks later the first batch are fairly good at being Blue Tits as the first batch of Great Tits emerge. The garden is teeming now, some of the parents look as if they've flown down a wind tunnel and I wonder if they will survive the year.

Now, talking of bird calamity reminds me of something that happened to my friends Des and Pat. They were getting ready to go to bed after a late night watching telly. Des wearily climbed the stairs with trusty companion Sunny the ginger cat blissfully unaware of what awaited them behind the bedroom door. The window had been left open and the room was in darkness. Des' hand rested on the door handle then turned it. He pushed the door open as he always did then reached for the light switch. It was as the light came on that pandemonium struck. Des described it as, "Like a scene from Alfred Hitchcock, you know, "The Birds"!" As the light flooded the room it woke 40 startled birds!

Now, I have to say this figure dropped to 30 and ended up as about a dozen, probably due to the shock of it all. "They were flying everywhere!"

Des said, "I couldn't believe it!" Des tried to shoo the birds towards the window. Sunny the cat knew just what to do and, even though he is no spring chicken, he sprang into the air like a ginger ninja, leaping and missing every bird.

Meanwhile Pat dashed to the spare room hiding her head under the pillow shouting "Take them away, take them away!" Des, not to be defeated left the room and got a bath towel. Opening the towel wide he moved purposefully towards the window succeeding in removing most of the birds. Sunny, with moves like 'Jagger' continued to miss. Three birds dashed into the open wardrobe. Des and Sunny retreated to join Pat in the spare room. "We were both exhausted" he said. We reckon it was a family of Great Tits that had decided to roost in the spare room for the night.

Early next morning Sunny awoke. He may be getting on a bit but like his claws his memory is still sharp. Des and Pat were rudely awoken as the Ginger Ninja turned the wardrobe into a rummage sale and got two of the three remaining birds. The third flew out of the window. All is now peaceful there and Des keeps the window closed!

