

## WI Report August

November - December

**In November we gathered in the Village Hall for our Newbold Pacey & Ashorne WI 2018 AGM. We looked back over our activities in the past year and forward to a host of centenary activities planned for 2019.**

We enjoyed a delicious pie supper courtesy of Lesley from the Cottage Tavern and 'naughty but nice' puddings made by our committee. We then had the chance to get creative (and sticky) as Krys showed us how to make Xmas baubles from fabric scraps.

President Trish thanked our committee for their work during 2018 then we elected our Centenary Committee. Cilla Cook stepped down after many years' service and Purdie Proudman and Sarah Castle stepped up to join Trish Handsley (President), Heather Jack (Secretary), Krys Pietrecki (Treasurer), Helen Oakley, Pam Cook, Judith Little and Pauline Prestt.

During November we will be planting native daffodils and tulips in WI colours around the village so do give us a wave if you see us on our hands and knees in a verge! December marks the end of our year when we invite our 'plus ones' to our meeting to relax and let the caterers take over.

If you fancy doing a bit of gardening 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 year full of fun ahead with wide variety of speakers and outings. We are keen to welcome guests and new members at any of our meetings.

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## 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 embroidering our WI centenary wall hanging as well as knitting hats and cardigans for premature babies at Warwick Hospital.

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## WI Community Coffee Mornings

in Ashorne Village Hall

Saturday 1 December 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 community initiative from Newbold Pacey & Ashorne WI will continue through 2019 as the group celebrates its Centenary.

Everyone welcome – as are homemade/homegrown donations for the produce table. First Saturday of each month, everyone welcome  
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## St George's Church

### The Tree of Light

The service will take place at the church on December 2nd at 4pm when our loved ones will be remembered. If you would like the name of a loved one to be read out please contact Pam Cook on 651558. Refreshments will be served after the service.

### Carol Service

On Christmas Eve at 3pm there will be a short service of carols and readings

### New year Breakfast

It is the turn of the church to organise this event which will take place in the Village Hall on New Year's morning between 10.30 and 12 noon. Please join us for a friendly start to the new year.

# THE NEWBOLD PACEY & ASHORNE VILLAGE HUT NEWS

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## St George's bonfire and fireworks spectacular

**On a perfect evening for the 5th November there was a great turnout of over a hundred residents of the Parish to celebrate Guy Faulks Night.**

A roaring bonfire and fireworks spectacular were enjoyed by all and warm and tasty soup, hotdogs and mulled wine kept the masses content.

Many thanks to Lesley and Ant at the Cottage Tavern for the hearty homemade soup, Nigel and Lisa for the deliciously large hotdogs, and Sally for the spiced mulled wine.

Thanks to William Little and the Hadley family for facilitating the use of the field, Luke and Ray for building a cracking bonfire and Pete and Kate for the great firework display, and thank you also to all those who helped steward and serve refreshments.



Photo by Garry Such

The generous donations for the refreshments raised over £300.00 for the Church. A big thank you to everybody there on the evening for a really enjoyable occasion.

## THE COTTAGE TAVERN

### Lighting up the pub

On the 1st of Dec we are turning the Xmas lights on at 7.30pm with mulled wine, and mince pies followed by live music at 9pm from an amazing solo artist called Levi Washington.

**Pink night** We raised the brilliant amount of £252 and had amazing support from everyone on the pink night. Also we raised £155.00 selling some crocheted poppies donated by Highams butchers.

We are looking forward to Xmas and the village meal on the 16th Dec and hope it will be as much fun as last year.

## THE PARISH COUNCIL

### Notes from Newbold Pacey and Ashorne Parish Council meeting on 7th November

Progress is taking place on current projects. We have now received consent to carry out work on the Cricket Club Bridge, but we are still chasing the County Council on other Highways issues including road drains in the centre of the village, and the ditch overflowing at 'The Square'.

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We have expressed views on the proposed mineral extraction close to Barford, seeking assurance that there will not be an increase of traffic on the B4087.

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The replacements for the Jubilee trees have been ordered and we hope to be able to plant them in the next few weeks.

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We are concerned that there is a lot of on street parking in Ashorne. Could we ask that parking is made as safe as possible?

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We remain with a vacancy for membership of the Parish Council. Enclosed is a note encouraging anyone to become a member of the Parish Council.

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The next meeting of the Council will be at 7.30 on 9th January in the Village Hall. This is a week later than the usual first Wednesday of the month.

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01789 841100

Or contact our clerk, Cat Price on  
npacclerk@gmail.com

### Coffee Morning in aid of Myton Hospice

Committee Room, Ashorne Village Hall  
10:30am-12:00 on the first Wednesday of the month. Contact: Pam Cook, Cilla Cook

## The Village Hall

### Demob afternoon tea

On Sunday December 30th the poppy which the Parish Council has commissioned and donated to the village to commemorate the bravery of all those who served in the first World War will be unveiled at an event to mark the ending of the war. Tea will be served from 3pm and the poppy and its accompanying plaque will be unveiled at 3.30. Everybody is welcome to attend.

### Burns Night Supper

Tickets will soon be on sale for our very popular Burns Night supper which will be held in the Village hall on Saturday January 19 2019. Make a note in your diary now.

### Lunch Club

The December lunch will be run on the same lines a last year and normal service will resume in the new year on the third Monday of the month, every month at 12.30 in the Village Hall. Everybody is welcome to attend and enjoy a home cooked two course meal plus tea or coffee for the cost of £5. Please let Chris Thornton or Mary Cobb know by the previous Friday if you would like to book a place.

Come and join

**Pilates**  
at  
**Ashorne Village Hall**  
with Chartered Physiotherapist  
Helen Tudge MCSP

**Monday**  
9:30  
to  
10:30 am

**Mat Class**  
Pilates improves strength,  
flexibility, posture and balance

**Seated Class**  
All the benefits of Pilates, without  
having to get down to the floor

**Monday**  
10:30  
to  
11:15 am

To Book a place in a class, contact Helen

01926 259293  
07769222524  
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## Remembrance weekend

### Armistice Centenary Service

It was standing room only at our moving Armistice Centenary Service on November 11th at which war historian Sir Andrew Hamilton from Walton spoke compellingly on the way Christianity framed much of Britain's Great War narrative. Sir Andrew, whose grandfather Captain Robert Hamilton, an officer in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, helped to instigate the 1914 Christmas Truce on the Western Front, described how, by the end of the War, over 3,000 Army chaplains were ministering to the Allied troops, many of the clerics showing exceptional bravery and selflessness. Several hundred were killed by enemy action while tending the wounded. Our heartfelt thanks to Sir Andrew and to the Lighthorne Heath Scouts and Cubs who presented their colours during the ceremony. Thanks also to the Mid-Fosse bell-ringers who rang a series of changes and tolled a muffled bell while the 18 names of those killed in two World Wars from Newbold Pacey, Ashorne and Chesterton were read out. Former RAF serviceman Tony Partington was among those who laid wreaths at the war memorial.

### Great war exhibition

Visitors flocked to see the meticulously-researched and illustrated exhibition by historian Michael Dane from Wellesbourne over Armistice weekend on the people from this area who served and those who died in WWI. Pete Elliott from Ashorne fashioned a beautiful metal poppy from the base of an unexploded German shell, having carefully extracted the remaining explosive from it to avoid any unpleasant surprises! St George's was honoured to have received four of the haunting Perspex shapes of Great War soldiers from the "There but not there" initiative commemorating the Fallen and raising funds for the survivors of more recent wars. Huge thanks to Michael, Pete and everyone who made this fascinating exhibition possible, including the stalwarts who manned the church, baked cakes and served refreshments throughout the weekend. The reactions from our visitors were uniformly congratulatory and we made the front page of several local newspapers including the Stratford Herald.

## December Nature Page

Steve Harvey

**Most gardeners will have enjoyed a close encounter with a Robin. Often sitting close by, watching as they dig, any sign of a squirming worm and they fly down to grab it.**

Now, many a bird book will tell you this only happens in the British Isles because we are passionate gardeners. Well I had an encounter with Mrs B, who wishes to remain anonymous. "Can't think why Beryl". Anyway, she told me that in France Robins have followed Wild Boar since time began knowing how the Boar turns over the soil similar to us, exposing worms and insects. As humans developed into farmers and gardeners Robins learned to follow us as well.

In late Summer the big old Cedar tree in front of the cottage begins to grow its male catkins. There are thousands of them, each one standing upright, about the size of a little finger. During October they change colour and are loaded with pollen. Any breeze will release millions of pollen grains wafting into the air. Everything gets covered, cars, windows, fences, grass in a pale greenish yellow dust as if the BFG had sneezed into a giant tub of custard powder. I love the thought that Victorians here would have seen the same phenomenon from the same tree.

Flocks of Redwing fly over with their 'seep, seep' call often joined by the larger Fieldfares with their 'chuckling' call coming in from Scandinavia to get an easier Winter. Last Winter that plan failed didn't it?

Hedge Sparrows, or Dunnock, are very active round the garden, having scuffles and sorting themselves out before Winter. They keep repeating a one note whistle, one after another will join in until it sounds like a group of football referees having a mass 'blow off' so to speak.

This is the first place I've lived where there are no Hedgehogs. The locals around here, who are very lovely, and will be reading this. . . . tell me they have never seen one. Well this looks to me like Hedgehog heaven. I'm guessing, many years ago a population moved off or died out. So next year our garden is going to be part of a Hedgehog release programme putting the prickly ones back - fingers crossed.