

WI Community Coffee Mornings in Ashorne Village Hall

First Saturday of the month - 10am – midday
Spring dates – February 1st, March 7th, April 4th

Homemade cake, a steaming cuppa, toasted teacakes dripping with butter, newspapers to read, books, cakes to buy – what is not to like?

This is a community initiative from Newbold Pacey & Ashorne WI. Everyone welcome.

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Archdeacon's visit in February

Our new Archdeacon Missioner, Barry Dugmore, will be leading the 10.30 service at St George's on Sunday 9th February. Barry is actively involved in attempts to recruit a new vicar for our parishes so we hope that as many of you as possible will come along and take this opportunity to have a chat with him.

Magazine subscriptions

Magazine subs are due in February. We will deliver envelopes with the magazine, so please would you return your £6 sub to your magazine distributor. Alternatively payments can be made via BACS: Newbold Pacey and Ashorne PCC
Sort code 20-48-08 Account number. 20665495 using 'Mag sub' as the reference.

Christmas thanks and our hunt for a new vicar

Thank you to everyone who made our services over Christmas and New Year so successful, from the moving Tree of Light to our popular Carol Service. We are still in search of a new vicar for our parishes after a year-long interregnum. Our dedicated churchwardens, readers and PCC members have worked hard organising worship and a range of different events and activities in the parish – much appreciated. If you could spare an hour or two each month and would like to help out – maybe taking part in church social activities, doing readings or prayers at our services, arranging flowers, joining the cleaning rota or getting involved in one of our occasional working parties to tidy the churchyard, we'd love to hear from you. It's a great way to learn new skills and make some friends. Contact Krys on 01926-651751 if you'd be willing to give us a hand.

Deadline for next issue is March 15th. Please send items for inclusion to Christine Thornton, 1 The Green (Tel 651436) or Judy Cooper, High Paddock (Tel 651315). You are welcome to send items by email or on disc, as well as on paper. Email: jinandchris@googlemail.com or judycooper21@btinternet.com

THE NEWBOLD PACEY & ASHORNE VILLAGE HUT NEWS

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FAREWELL CILLA

Our dauntless and much-loved churchwarden Cilla died just four days before Christmas after coping uncomplainingly with terminal cancer for several months. She will leave a huge gulf, having been at the heart of village life for decades and a mainstay of her beloved St George's Church where she was a longstanding PCC member and churchwarden since 2005, a demanding role which she fulfilled solo for several years.

Embodying the old saying 'If you want something doing, ask a busy person,' Cilla joined the Women's Institute when she moved to Ashorne and became a committee member for many years. She also chaired the parish council and served as a District councillor, loyally representing the interests of the village in this role. Keenly aware of how isolated people can be, even in small communities, she set up a monthly coffee morning in Ashorne after her husband Dennis died, with funds from this going to Myton hospice. She also founded what became the 'Old Chucks' group which still meets every month.

She regularly attended Ashorne's weekly 'Craft and Chat' group – jokily nicknamed 'Stitch and Bitch' - and was involved in making twiddle muffs and cannula mitts for dementia patients at Warwick hospital, plus tiny clothes for premature baby units.

A voracious reader with an astounding memory for offbeat facts, from history to horticulture, hymns to home-making, Cilla excelled at quizzes and puzzles, and generally aced village quiz nights thanks to her incredible breadth of knowledge. She loved attending historical talks and exhibitions and visiting National Trust properties and also enjoyed

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Love Your Village, Love Your Village Hall!
Celebrating 100 Years of Village Halls

'Wonderful Villages' Photo Competition

Run Now!

Ends 15th March 2020!

Win up to £1000 for your Village Hall and £500 for the photographer!
Submit Your Entry & Vote For Others.

Open to ALL RURAL UK Village & Community Halls.
Entry is FREE. No purchase necessary.

Details of prizes, theme and entry dates are in the RULES available from our Facebook page:
<https://facebook.com/AlliedWestminster>
AND on our website detailing free rebuild valuations:
<https://villagehallsurvey.com>

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Photographic Competition

Allied Westminister Insurance have notified us about a forthcoming competition which is designed to champion and emphasise the vital role that halls play in strengthening rural communities. The top prize is £1,000 to the village hall and £500 to the photographer.

Here are the key points about the 'Wonderful Villages' Photo Competition:

- Top prize is £1,000 to the community hall and £500 to the photographer.
- Theme: 'Village Life - a photo which characterises the value of community in your village'. (This is not about 'pretty villages' or professional photography, but rather capturing the essence of 'community' in a village.)
- It's open to all rural halls. No fee to enter. Halls can enter as many photos as they wish.
- Entrants can nominate any rural hall they wish. It doesn't have to be one that is local to them.
- Closing date is 15/3/20 but many halls are using Village Halls Week to capture great photos.
- Details and rules are available from <https://villagehallsurvey.com/survey/photo-competition>

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researching her family history, poking around numerous local churchyards in search of ancestors.

When the old wheelwright's shop Chedham's Yard in Wellesbourne was restored after years of neglect, she at once began volunteering, boosting her love of local history and agriculture.

But it was as a devoted churchwoman that Cilla will perhaps best be remembered, She gave long hours of wonderfully dedicated service to our parishes, showing quiet kindness to everyone, always there, leading by example and willing to sacrifice a lot for what she saw as a sacred trust. She helped organise myriad activities from fetes, flower festivals and harvest suppers to anniversaries, First World War displays and the talks, carol services and summer lunches which attracted more people to St George's. She invariably cleaned the church within an inch of its life, delivered thousands of parish magazines and set out the altar immaculately for services. Her baking and flower arranging skills were in demand at many church events and Cilla was part of the close-knit catering team which produced delicious spreads at the Village Hall for hundreds of wedding breakfasts and wakes in exchange for a donation to church funds. Light-as-a-feather coffee sponges were her signature 'bakes' and she donated hundreds to a vast range of community events.

She always decorated the font exquisitely at Christmas and Easter in memory of her much-missed husband Dennis. How appropriate that this Christmas her sister-in-law Pam, herself an outstanding flower arranger, created a glorious display on the font in her honour.

A bright, thoughtful lady, Cilla devised numerous good ideas for fund-raising and gave successive vicars valuable guidance and help on church traditions and the arcane regulations governing burials, Electoral rolls, ecclesiastical protocol and the dreaded 'Faculty', required from the diocese before the slightest piece of building work could take place at the church.

Although fiercely independent and a great perfectionist, she remained extraordinarily modest, keeping quiet about much of what she did rather than taking centre stage. Even when increasingly frail in the final months of her life, she would bravely try to come and 'do her bit'. We shall all miss her hugely and our thoughts and prayers go to her daughters Susan and Emma and her extended family.

WI Report

Newbold Pacey & Ashorne WI wishes friends, neighbours and prospective new members a very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Just before Christmas we were very sad to hear of the passing of Priscilla Cook in Bromson Hill Nursing Home. Cilla was a stalwart of our village WI and will be sorely missed.

We wound up our WI centenary year in style with a well-attended 1920s evening. Members donned their feathers and fringing and were fed to bursting by caterer Sue Dalby and team. Entertainment and Charleston dance tuition was ably delivered by vintage songstress Betsy Harmony.

January saw a good turnout to our first meeting of 2020 with annual membership payments being made and Nick Martin, an entertaining wildlife enthusiast and photographer, encouraging us to plant early nectar providers to feed emerging wildlife.

In February we'll be trying Walking Netball and running a Bollywood Dance workshop which should be fun! Our March meeting is centred on bold imaginative folk art with artist Vanessa Cooper and in April we'll be welcoming Sarah Westmacott to share all things honey bees. And since November we've been doing a monthly ramble with our newly formed Walking Group.

If you've decided that 2020 is the year you are going to join WI, start rambling, fancy hearing about walking netball, Bollywood dancing, folk art or bees or just popping out for a chat and a cuppa, do come along and give our WI a try - 2nd Thursday of the month, 7:30pm in Ashorne Village Hall. We have a great year ahead and are keen to welcome guests and new members at any of our meetings.

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Coffee Morning in aid of Myton Hospice

The coffee mornings will now take place on the first Thursday of the month from 10.30-12 in the committee room of the village hall. Contact: Pam 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.

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THE VILLAGE HALL

Advent windows

Thank you to all who took part and put up such amazing displays which really lit up the village. Apologies to those who would have liked a number but weren't successful. There's always next year.

New Year breakfast

The New Year breakfast was again a very convivial occasion and a good way to welcome 2020 with friends and neighbours. The Committee would like to thank all those who attended and especially the helpers who came along to cook, make toast, washup, sell raffle tickets, serve and clear tables. Thank you all very much.

Village Hall AGM

We had previously planned to hold this in January, but owing to other commitments, have had to postpone it. The meeting will now be held in the Committee Room at the village hall at 7pm on Wednesday February 26. Everyone is welcome to attend and there will be cheese and wine and a chance to hear about what we have been doing this past year and our plans for the future. We should dearly like to welcome new members to join us, so

do come along, meet the Committee and Trustees and see whether you'd like to be more involved.

Roof leaks, repairs and renovations

You will have seen the tarpaulin over the roof and possibly the damage caused by water ingress in the kitchen. The hall was built in 1983 and we have had some water leakage for a while. This past period of extreme wet weather has caused further major problems and we are currently looking to replace the roof and make good the damage internally. The hall is still open for business and available for hire so please bear with us whilst we apply for the funding to get it put right.

We have applied successfully for a grant to enable us to renovate the toilets to improve disabled access and hope to embark upon this project shortly.

We have been in touch with Severn Trent about the hole which keeps appearing in the forecourt. They have been to have a look and can find no cause so it is now in the hands of the Parish Council to follow up. In the meantime, please take care when using the drive to the hall, either on foot or in a vehicle and if the hole reappears and a wheelie bin is placed over it as a safety precaution, please do not move it.

VACANCY FOR PARISH CLERK FOR NEWBOLD PACEY AND ASHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Newbold Pacey and Ashorne Parish Council (NPAPC) is in Stratford on Avon District Applications are invited for the post of part-time Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to NPAPC. NPAPC is a small Parish Council and Councillors meet 6 times a year, bi-monthly, with occasional additional meetings to discuss planning applications. Meeting are held in the evenings and the Clerk would be expected to attend all meetings. The successful applicant will work from home, and deal with the overall administration and finances of the Council.

The role briefly includes :-

- Preparing meeting agendas, writing and publishing minutes.
- Obtaining quotes, placing orders, paying invoices and maintaining all financial records including annual reports and statutory returns.
- Dealing with planning applications.
- Administering allotments and other council assets.

- Advising Councillors on their responsibilities together with managing compliance with statutory policies.
- Maintaining the council website.

The post is 20 hours per month - primarily working from home. Financial acumen and good IT skills are essential. Salary for the post is in accordance with the current National Joint Salary Scale LC1, salary point SCP 9 (£10.57/per hour) Applications are invited from suitably qualified or experienced individuals. Alternatively, applicants should be willing to undertake training.

For more information or to apply please send a CV and any other supporting information ideally by email to <malcolm.whyte55@gmail.com> or alternatively in writing to Malcolm Whyte – Chair, Newbold Pacey and Ashorne Parish Council, 12 Chestnut Grove, Moreton Morrell, Warwick, Warwickshire. CV35 9DG

Closing date for applications is 16th february 2020.