

# NEWBOLD PACEY AND ASHORNE

Newbold Pacey is the older of the two places, Newbold Pacey being at one time the village and Ashorne the hamlet. Local folklore says that Ashorne came about when a gentleman named Edward Carew came to Newbold Pacey to escape the plague in London but brought it with him. The villagers then crossed Woozeley Brook to escape the plague and built their houses in Ashorne. Ashorne is an Anglo-Saxon word for north-east, so it signifies the north-east corner of the parish.

There is a monument to Edward Carew and his infant daughter in the church. This monument was brought from the previous church which was partly wooden. The present church was designed by J L Pearson, who was also the architect of Truro cathedral. There are a few interesting monuments in the church, one to a past vicar who was nephew of the poet Southey and another to somebody who was 'a martyr to the gout'.

It is rumoured that a lot of the cottages in Newbold Pacey were burnt down and never rebuilt so that only a few remain today. The old vicarage has an exact replica in Virginia, USA. In Ashorne the oldest houses are around the Green, except Stonehouse Farm House, which is mentioned in the Domesday Book. Several of the houses are wattle and daub, the marl being collected from the 'Holloway', which is now a C class road. At one time this was the only way in and out of the village.

In recent times the village has built a new Village Hall which replaced a hut dating from the First World War. Unfortunately, the village has lost its school, post office and shop. The chapel has been sold and converted into a house.

One of the local large houses, Ashorne Hill, was once owned by Mr Bryant of Bryant & May Matches and was bought by the iron and steel industry during the Second World War as their headquarters. It is now a conference centre.

There is a cricket field which is the only one in the country where you cross water to get from the pavilion to the field. In the adjoining Ashorne House, at one time, lived Major Bouch, whose uncle was the architect of the doomed Tay Bridge.

As in countless English villages, Newbold and Ashorne now have little to offer in the way of employment. Thus, families which have lived in the parish for many generations must look elsewhere for jobs. As they commute to nearby towns, so do the newcomers to the village. There are still a significant number of family names which also appeared in the 1851 census and whose grandparents feature, as children, in the 1869-70 Log Book of the village school.

# WELCOME



I would like to extend a very warm welcome to you from the communities of Newbold Pacey and Ashorne on behalf of the Parish Council.

We trust you will feel very much part of our community and feel wherever possible you can join in our rural parish life. We sincerely hope you and your family will be happy living here.

The Council consists of six councillors and exists to serve the whole community. Our aim is always to try and improve amenities and enhance our local environment for the benefit of residents, irrespective of age.

We trust that you will find the information in this pack useful and interesting and that you may like to get involved in continuing the good community spirit!

I look forward to seeing and speaking to you around Newbold Pacey and Ashorne.

With best wishes to you all  
Stephen Bolton  
Chairman

# Parish Council

Your Parish Council represents the interests of the villagers of Newbold Pacey and Ashorne and forms the part of local government closest to the people. In hierarchal terms there is also Stratford on Avon District Council, Warwickshire County Council and ultimately National Government.

The Parish Council consists of 6 members elected every 4 years. The Council usually meets on the first Wednesday of the month during January, March, May (AGM), July, September and November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Meeting notices confirming dates, agendas and minutes are posted on the village notice board at least 3 working days before a meeting.

The Council receives funding from a small element of the council tax precept and uses it to the benefit of all local people. The council provides funds to help maintain the churchyard, village hall and the historic village clock mounted on the Old School.

The Council communicates to villagers via the notice board and by funding a local newsletter known as the 'Village Hut News'. The Council also provides allotments in the village and helps maintain footpaths and bridleways. In recent times the Council has developed a comprehensive village plan, campaigned for flood prevention measures, water mains repairs, ditch and gulley cleaning, speed reduction measures, highways repairs and mowing of verges for road safety.

The Parish Council comments on all local planning applications to represent the interests of villagers and to ensure development is in line with the local plan.

The aim of the Council is to represent and involve local people and therefore it invites all members of the public to attend meetings. There is always an opportunity at the start of each meeting for members of the public to raise concerns or comment on agenda items. District and County Councillors also attend the meetings, and they provide feedback on services such as waste collection and recycling.

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It is a great pleasure to welcome you to the communities of Ashorne and Newbold Pacey. Hopefully you have already found the locals to be both friendly and helpful, and you are finding your way around the area. The welcome pack that this letter came with should give you the basic information that you will need to settle down and get into the rhythm of rural life.

You have come to live in a thriving community in which the members of the local Church play an important part. St George's Church is a beautiful building with fabulous views across farmland and is located about half a mile from the centre of Ashorne in the nearby Newbold Pacey. It is accessible either by car, which is a slightly longer journey, or by foot passing through the local cricket ground and across a field, which can be rather wet in winter! Services take place on every Sunday of the year, although please see the Parish magazine for the specific times as they vary depending on the Sunday in the month. The services cover a range of both Eucharistic and non-Eucharistic, morning and evening, clergy led and lay led, with one service beginning with tea and cakes.

It is a Church where virtually every member is involved to greater or lesser degree, and where many people are passionate about their faith. We also have a number of people from the community who support the Church in various ways, whilst not being regular worshippers. This is the nature of village life, where many pull together for the common good because they see its intrinsic value for the wider community.

It would be lovely to see you one Sunday at one of our services, but even if we do not get the chance to meet there please introduce yourself to me when opportunity knocks! Alternatively please contact me on 650451 and I would be happy to call round.

I look forward to meeting you.

Every Blessing

Rev John Parker

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## INSPIRING WOMEN

President: Sue Byrd                      651789  
Secretary: Jenny Woodfin              651752  
Treasurer: Pam Cook                    651508

### **NEWBOLD PACEY AND ASHORNE WI**

Would you like to learn a new skill, make new friends or just have some fun? Well you can if you join the ever growing band of ladies who belong to Warwickshire WIs. For just £33 a year you get eleven meetings and a subscription to a glossy magazine - WI Life. At the meetings there might be a speaker or a demonstration or simply a social evening with lots of chat. There are trips both locally and further afield and you can visit Denman College to learn a new skill in more depth and then there is the campaigning if you want to help make a difference.

Newbold Pacey and Ashorne is a small friendly WI who meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7.30 in Ashorne Village Hall.

We would be delighted to see you.

# USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

## **Location**

Ashorne is situated on the C167 which is between the B4087 and B4100. (Helpful for the emergency services if needed.)

## **Schools**

There is a primary school in Moreton Morrell and a secondary school in Kineton. For more information go to [www.warwickshire.gov.uk](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk).

## **Rubbish Collection**

Currently rubbish is collected on Thursday mornings. Wheelie bins are left at the kerbside for collection. Fortnightly collections: one week blue and green bins, alternate week grey bins. Please see the enclosed leaflet for details.

## **Bank**

Barclays Bank and cash point in Wellesbourne. Further cash points in Wellesbourne at the Co-op and within both One Stop shops.

## **Post Office**

Bridge Street, Wellesbourne within the One Stop shop. There is also a cash point here.

## **Bus**

There are buses which call at Ashorne and Newbold Pacey. See enclosed timetables.

## **Community bus**

For those unable to access public or private transport there is a community bus available between the hours of 9.30 am to 2.30 pm on weekdays. Contact Judy Cooper on 651315 for a registration form.

# USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

## Doctor

Hastings House, Kineton Road, Wellesbourne 01789-840245

## Hospitals

Lakin Road, Warwick 01926-495321

Arden Street, Stratford-upon-Avon 01789-205831

University Hospital, Clifford Bridge Road,  
Binley, Coventry 024-7696-4000

## Dentist

Brook House Dental Surgery, Moreton Morrell 01926-651400

Langman & Associates, Wellesbourne 01789-840786

## Police

Wellesbourne – Safer Neighbourhood Scheme 01789-842114

Crime desk 024-7648-3432

General enquiries 101

## Chemist

5 Kineton Road, Wellesbourne 01789-840404

## Library

Kineton Road, Wellesbourne 01789-840528

## Vet

Avonvale, 29 Warwick Road, Wellesbourne 01789-841072

## District Council

Stratford-upon-Avon 01789-267575

## Warwickshire County Council

Warwick 01926-410410

# Community First Responders or Heartstart Scheme

Some years ago we ran a Heartstart scheme in which volunteers were trained to use a defibrillator purchased through fund raising and donations. The defibrillator is used to aid suspected heart attack victims. It is a semi-automatic device that can be safely used by trained non-medical personnel.

Unfortunately this scheme, organised by the ambulance service became increasingly complex and difficult to maintain. Therefore it is currently not running in Ashorne and Newbold Pacey.

However the good news is that Jane and Neil Reading Field View Cottage, Ashorne have successfully completed training in the use of the defibrillator as part of a First Aid course. They have very kindly offered to keep the defibrillator at home and will come out to residents in an emergency if a heart attack is suspected. (Symptoms may include difficulty in breathing or unconsciousness.)

IN THE EVENT OF SUCH AN EMERGENCY PLEASE PHONE 999 **BEFORE** contacting Jane or Neil. Their telephone numbers are 01926 651521 (home) or 07900 924580 and 07975 503299.

Clearly they will **not be available all of the time** but make a note of the numbers.

If anyone has any queries, comments or concerns about this scheme please contact either Mary Cobb, Gardeners Cottage, Ashorne 01926 651377 or Jane or Neil.

# WHAT'S ON

At the Village Hall The Village Hall was built 30 years ago after a lot of fundraising by the parishioners. The Hall is available for hire during the day, evening or weekends and is suitable for a number of different functions from children's parties to meetings.

The Chairman and Booking Secretary is Chris Thornton, telephone her on 651436.

Social events organised by the Village Hall Committee such as barn dances, wine tasting evenings etc to raise funds for the upkeep of the Village Hall. If you are interested in joining the Village Hall Committee contact Chris Thornton.

Whist Drive – every 2 weeks. Contact Sheila Wyatt on 651762 or Jim Thornton on 651436.

Table Tennis – We play in both the Stratford and Leamington leagues and occasionally have practice nights in the Village Hall. If you are interested please contact Steve Bolton on 651768.

New Year's Day breakfast from 10.30 am to 12.00 pm.

Monthly coffee mornings from 10.30 am – 12.00 pm on the first Wednesday of the month. Just turn up.

## **Women's Institute – see separate sheet.**

Footpath volunteers gather at the Village Hall periodically before setting off to spend time keeping our footpaths clear. Phone Steve Bolton on 651768 to volunteer your services.

## **Ashorne Ramblers**

Ashorne Ramblers meet 3 or 4 times a year for Sunday morning walks around the area (dogs welcome) followed by lunch at the Village Hall. See village noticeboards and Village Hut News for dates. Contact Trish Handsley on 651978.

## **At the Cottage Tavern**

Crib on Tuesday nights Quiz on the last Sunday of the month Themed supper evenings If you are interested in any of the above, please call in and ask or telephone 651410.

## **Cricket**

Within Ashorne village is a cricket ground which is the picturesque home of Ashorne and Moreton Morrell Cricket Club. The Club has been in existence since 1860 and plays on a ground fairly unique in that the pavilion is placed within the Newbold Pacey hamlet, whilst after crossing Woozeley Brook, players actually play their game within Ashorne hamlet!

The Club fields a single team on both Saturdays and Sundays throughout the summer. Saturday cricket is currently played in Division Two of the competitive Cotswold Hills League, whilst Sundays are for friendly matches. We are a friendly Club which is always looking for additional playing and social members of all ages and abilities.

For further information please visit the Club's website: <http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/ashornecc> Alternatively, contact the Club Chairman, Richard Moon on 651640 or the Club's Secretary, Mark Freeman on 01789 840504.