

# NEWSLETTER

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## **Important**

**Would contributors to the APRIL newsletter please send in your articles by MARCH 20<sup>th</sup> at the very latest. Thank you.**

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Thank you to Mrs Alison Foxall for sending this in:

### **The Donkey's Owner**

Snaffled my donkey, he did....good luck to him!  
Rode him astride, feet dangling, near scraping the ground.  
Gave me the laugh of my life when I first saw him,  
Remembering yesterday ...you know, how Pilate came  
Bouncing the same road, on that horse of his  
Big as a house and the armour shining  
And half of Rome trotting behind him. Tight mouthed he was  
Looking as if he owned the world.

Then today,  
Him and my little donkey! Ha! Laugh...?  
I thought I'd kill myself when he first started.  
So did the rest of them. Gave him a cheer  
Like he was Caesar himself, only more hearty:  
Tore off some palm twigs and followed shouting,  
Whacking the donkey's behind.....Then suddenly  
We see his face.  
The smile had gone, and somehow the way he sat  
Was different.....like he was much older....you know....  
Didn't want to laugh no more.

(Clive Swanson)

## **Morville Parish Council**

The next meeting of Morville Parish Council will be held on Monday March 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6.30 pm, in Morville Village Hall.

Parishioners are welcome to attend – as always, there will be time at the beginning of the meeting allocated for questions from members of the public.

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### **From “A Village Childhood, Monk Hopton” by Mr Robert Corfield**

The Churoh at Monkhopton was always beautifully decorated for all festivals.

One Festival which stands out in my mind was Easter. - the flowers were so beautiful and smelled so nice - the services were always well attended. I liked to see whole families at Church on Sunday mornings. Sunday, in those days was observed as a day of rest.

On Sunday morning we went to Sunday School and always to Church for evening service which was always very cheerful.

I am sure I had a very happy childhood and was very sorry to leave School.

At the end of 1918 times were very bad as Spanish `Flu struck the Country and many thousands died.

I must say Monkhopton was very lucky only having a few mild cases. In Bridgnorth and the Corvedale the situation was much more serious.

(**Thank you** to Mrs Doreen England for sending the newsletter a copy of her Father's memories. More extracts will appear in subsequent newsletters.)

## **BEST WISHES FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:**

Mr Derek Pugh of Upton Park Farm

### **Morville W I**

Our February meeting fell on the 14th – Valentine's Night - but despite this our members still turned out in force and were welcomed with a glass of wine. After a particularly rousing rendition of "Jerusalem" business of the night was dealt with and our president Gel, introduced the "Brown Clee Community Choir".

Led by the lovely, funny and inspirational Karen Kirkland, the lead teacher of Shropshire Music Service, we travelled round the world through the power of music. The wonderful choir gave us a fascinating mix of songs, in several different languages and even had us all singing along with them. Between songs Karen told us a bit about her history and that of the choir and explained that they are looking for people to join them and have fun making music.

Supper was provided by the Morville WI committee in the form of cheese, biscuits and more wine, with baskets on each table made from LP records by our clever programme secretary, Yvonne.

A very well stocked sales table with a variety of items donated by members, helped to swell the funds for this year's chosen charity "Read Easy" and the presidents table looked beautiful with its vase of red roses provided by Carol.

Each month we have a competition which in February was "favourite childhood book" and in March will be "favourite piece of jewellery with personal meaning". Why not come along and see what we are all about? We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at Morville Village Hall, from 7.15pm.

**For more information please turn up on the night or if you would like any further information we can be contacted by e mail at [morvillewomensinstitute@gmail.com](mailto:morvillewomensinstitute@gmail.com) or check us out on Facebook**

## Morville School News

Hello once again from the Morville School family.

Hasn't it been wonderful to see the glimmers of sunshine and slightly lighter nights beginning to creep in. It truly feels like Spring is arriving, especially with the daffodils and crocuses beginning to pop up.

**In Oak Tree Class** the children had a wonderful time being Museum curators at the end of last half term. The children took great pride in showing both their peers from across the school and their own parents/ carers around their very own class toy museum. The children could describe and discuss the toys from the different eras and could confidently compare and contrast them. This half term the children will be delving into the wonders of Shanghai as they kick start their topic of 'We're off to Great Places' with an exploration of the traditions and customs linked to Chinese New Year.

**In Birch Tree Class** the children found dragon eggs last half term in the forest schools and were even more shocked when the eggs then appeared in their classroom. This was a wonderful provocation for their independent story writing in class. Miss Owen was amazed by some of the wonderful vocabulary and plot lines created by our very imaginative children. This half term the children will be travelling through time with the class book of Major Glad and Major Dizzy by Jan Oke. The story is based on the true discovery of a hidden hoard of Victorian toys under the author's floor. This will also introduce some of the milestones of recent British history.

**In Chestnut Tree Class** the children will be building on their learning about Isambard Kingdom Brunel and his work on bridges. They will begin by learning about building strong structures and how different shapes affect a structure. The children will then go on to design and make truss bridges, first testing their designs using spaghetti then evaluating and reinforcing them. The children will then construct their final designs in wood using saws and other tools. Finally, they will evaluate our finished bridges against our design specification before sharing with parents and carers.

Although this, once again, is only a short half term we will also be hoping to take part in many other special events and days including;

- Tag Rugby
- World Book Day
- Science Week Activities
- Comic Relief PJ Day.

I look forward to sharing more about the school and the children's learning with you in the next issue.

Miss Docherty

**Morville Countryside Club  
Ploughing Match  
at  
Catstree Farm, near Bridgnorth  
WV15 5JY  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March  
Starting at 10 o'clock  
Contact 01746 785691**

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**The Divine Image**

To Mercy, Pity Peace and Love  
All pray in their distress;  
And to these virtues of delight  
Return their thankfulness.

For Mercy, Pity Peace and Love  
Is God, our father dear,  
And Mercy, Pity Peace and Love  
Is Man, his child and care.

For Mercy has a human heart,  
Pity a human face,  
And Love, the human form divine,  
And Peace, the human dress.

Then every man, of every clime,  
That prays in his distress,  
Prays to the human form divine,  
Love, Mercy, Pity, Peace.

And all must love the human form,  
In heathen, turk or jew;  
Where Mercy, Love and Pity dwell  
There God is dwelling too. (William Blake)

## **Bishop's Letter**

I have just read the Rule of St. Benedict, to my shame for the first time. It is a monastic rule from the 6th century that sets out the disciplines and structures for the effective running of a monastery. The rules of poverty, chastity and obedience are highly restrictive; the punishments for violations severe; the lifestyle highly demanding. Praying at set offices eight times a day (including at 2 in the morning) meant that the monk would rarely get more than few hours of unbroken sleep. Central heating was for wimps and the diet uninspiring. Although eased in later centuries, it has been the basis for the monastic tradition in Western Europe ever since. It's not the sort of discipline that works in everyday life, but that doesn't mean it has no value. It is designed to foster Christian virtues of humility, and obedience (albeit expressed through submission to the Abbot), and a growing Christlikeness.

Most of March will be the season of Lent, when we Christians have traditionally given up things that give us pleasure to focus on our spiritual journey. As our world has changed it seems increasingly anachronistic. Our culture screams at us from the lifestyle sections that the way to real fulfilment is getting what you really desire. The idea that giving something up might be good for you, other than as a grudging acknowledgement of post-Christmas weight gain, is anathema. Consumerism works by creating desire and then offering to fulfil it. But our strongest desires are not necessarily our deepest ones. Giving things up, or fasting can get us in touch with these deeper desires that only God can satisfy. There is evidence that restricting calories by intermittent fasting or turning our mobiles off is actually good for us physically and psychologically. A good Lent can be like leaving the Christmas presents unopened under the tree until Christmas day. There is a joy in the opening that is enhanced by the waiting. So, as well as helping us grow closer to God, our Lenten restraint can amplify the joy of Christ risen when we get to that glorious Easter celebration. I once gave up tea and coffee for Lent and had my first large cup on Easter morning. Before I knew it, I'd done three services and built a compost heap! Lent can be spiritual dynamite.

+Richard

## SERVICES FOR MARCH

### MORVILLE

Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup>	11.15am	Morning Prayer (Lay)
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Mothering Sunday (JP) MP with refreshments
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Morning Prayer (Lay)
Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Palm Sunday (KS) MP with refreshments
Sun	31 <sup>st</sup>	11.15am	Easter Day Holy Communion / Baptism (SB)

### ASTON EYRE

Sun	10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mothering Sunday MP (JP)
Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Morning Prayer (KS)

### MONKHOPTON

Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	Holy Communion (ND)
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### ACTON ROUND

Sun	10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mothering Sunday MP (KS)
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### Morville Readers and Readings for March

		<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>
Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Exodus 20: 1- 17 (Lucy Thompson)	John 2: 13-22 (Helen Smith)
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup>	Exodus 2: 1-10 (Louise Shropshire)	John 19: 25b -27 (Tim Heatley)
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup>	Jeremiah 31:31 - 34 (Tim Morris)	John 12: 20-33 (Elaine Crisp)
Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 50: 4-9a (Hilary Evans)	Mark 11: 1-11, 15: 1-39 (Mike Skinner)
Sun	31 <sup>st</sup>	Acts 10: 34-43 (Readers for Easter Day)	Mar 16: 1-8



**CLERGY**    **In the vacancy** (the period of time between vicars) all enquiries about church services should be addressed to the church office at St Leonard's Hall church on Racecourse Drive, or to the church wardens of each parish.

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