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APRIL 2025**

**The Morville  
Annual Community Event  
Monday the 19th of May  
6:30pm - 8:30pm  
Morville Village Hall**

The Morville Parish Council would like to invite members of the community from all the villages within the parish, to drop into The Morville Annual Community Event.

This will be an opportunity for local people to meet whilst also accessing local service providers.

Mostly informal, people can freely move around and talk with each and every one, whilst small stands will guide them to the services on offer, opening the opportunity to network, discuss any concerns and make suggestions.

Attending Exhibits: Local PCSO, Fire & Rescue, Morville Village Hall, The Acton at Morville, Morville PCC, National Trust, Morville Church Building Trust, WI, Shropshire Climate Action, Morville Parish Council plus more.

Discover Morville's great village hall & enjoy the free refreshments on offer in a welcoming & friendly environment.

There will be a brief chairman's report at 7pm from the Morville Parish Council followed by the presentation of our new Morville Community Award.

Do you have a business within or that serves the parish? We would like to help promote as many local businesses as possible at this event. Please do get in touch with Katie on the contact details below.

To help this event run smoothly we are looking for volunteers:

- People to help serve refreshments.
- People to direct parking cars.
- Do you love baking? We would appreciate donations of cake to share at this event.

Thank you in advance.

If you would like to volunteer, donate, or have any questions, please contact Katie:

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07799893300

Overflow car parking will be available on Morville Church Meadow.

## Morville Parish Council

We were extremely sad to learn that our Chairman Steve McDermott passed away on 14th March. It is very largely due to Steve's commitment and hard work that our Council has achieved so much in the last three years and we will greatly miss our friend's unflinching readiness to discuss problems and his skill in solving them.

We will be holding a minute's silence as a mark of respect at the beginning of our next meeting.

Funding for the purchase and installation of White Gates in Morville was agreed at our last meeting and these have now been ordered.

Cllr Moxon-Jones has made an application on behalf of MPC to the Shropshire Hills Landscape Trust's conservation fund, for a project on the study and monitoring of pine martens and dormice in that part of the parish which is within the Shropshire Hills Landscape area. She will keep councillors up to date on the progress of this application.

Litter-picking volunteers collected 23 bags of rubbish along the verges of the A458 between Morville & Muckley Cross, prior to the first "Cut & Collect" of our Restore Shropshire Verges Project, scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> March.

We agree with the Morville parishioners that the footpath along the A458 between St Gregory's Close and The Acton has become dangerously narrowed, due to accumulation of soil and vegetation over the years, and needs clearing. We have one quote for this work and agreed that we should get one or two more before reviewing our options at our next meeting.

The events subcommittee are working hard organising The Morville Annual Community Event at Morville Village Hall on Monday the 19th of May, 6:30pm until 8:30pm. We look forward to welcoming you that evening.

The Annual Morville Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7pm on Monday 12th May and will be followed by the usual Ordinary Parish Council Meeting.

### **Morville Churchyard Working Party Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup>**

The next working party at Morville Churchyard will be held on **Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> 10am to 12pm** (weather permitting). Main outdoor tasks will be to strim the grass below the hedges and trim as necessary, clear gutters, rake over holes in drive and tidy beds and shrubs around lychgate. It would also be useful to undertake some dusting of east windows inside the church. Everyone welcome. If you can spare a morning to help, please come along with gloves and tools for a job you would like to do such as rake, strimmer, blower, fork and secateurs.

Contact: Tim Morris (01746 789271) for information

**OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:**  
the late Mr Ray Gregory, of The Smithies

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### **Lent Lunch at Morville Church**

The soup and roll lent lunch at Morville Church on Saturday 15 March was very well attended. We raised donations of £150 for Blossom Barns, Chelmarsh the local charity for adults with learning disabilities. Thanks to all concerned for making it such a successful event, especially the soup and cake makers.

### **Open Days at Pam's Pools, Bridgnorth, WV16 6TY**

We are very pleased to invite you to the Pam's Pools Open Days from 10am until 2.00pm on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

See the reserve's wetlands and wildflowers, on foot or riding behind a vintage tractor.

Plant sales and stalls, children's activities, disabled access, dogs on leads welcome.

Beautiful cottage garden with advice on fruit and veg gardening and bee-keeping.

Music.

Light lunches, hot & cold drinks, homemade cakes and ice-cream.

Entry by ticket with profits going to Shropshire Wildlife Trust, ring-fenced for Pam's Pools.

Book your tickets in advance for £5 by clicking on the TicketSource link which will be in the next newsletter or pay £6 cash or card on the day. Children under 10 free

Adults who volunteer in advance for a two hour shift also get in free!

For any queries, email Pam on [pamela.yuille@doctors.org.uk](mailto:pamela.yuille@doctors.org.uk) or phone 07793939291 - no texts.

## Morville School News

Hello from the Morville school family.

Although the weather can't quite seem to make up its mind as to whether we are now in Spring or remaining in the cold and wet Winter, the children and staff have been making the most of the weather this week.

This week the children had a wonderful day on Thursday with each class taking part in a cricket taster session from All Stars club in Barrow. The children certainly gave it their all with lots of determination and team working skills being demonstrated.

The children also recently took part in the East Shropshire Sports Partnership Tag Rugby Tournament with Morville coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> place out of all the schools in the local area. We were so impressed with our children for displaying resilience and determination during the whole event.

It was World Book Day on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March and the whole school dressed as their favourite book characters. The staff also got fully involved and all dressed as different characters from the famous Mr Men and Little Miss books.

Our KS1 children also had an author visit from Sarah Isaacs, who shared her book *Derek the Alien and the Raspberry Milkshake Sky* with the children. Sarah talked about what inspired her to start writing and told the children she wrote her first story aged just 6 years old.

The KS2 children took part in live lessons including hearing stories read out loud from world famous footballers.

In Chestnut Tree Class the children have started learning all about Anglo-Saxons. They have begun by learning who the Anglo-Saxons were, where they came from and why they wanted to settle in Britain. They are now progressing on to how their kingdoms were organised as well as what life in a settlement might have been like. They will go on to learn about Anglo-Saxon writing and learn the story of King Alfred and why he is remembered as 'great'. Finally, they are very excited to be bringing our learning to life on an educational visit to Tamworth Castle where we will learn about life for Anglo-Saxon soldiers and the types of artefacts they left behind that archaeologists study today.

In Birch Tree Class the children have started learning all about the ancient Greeks as part of their topic called 'Eureka'. They have been finding out who the ancient Greeks were and where they lived along with the events of the Olympic Games. They will discover what daily life was like as a Greek and explore the story of the Trojan Horse.

The children will also investigate Ancient Greek philosophers and explore their key ideas and questions as well as exploring the Olympian Gods and the impact of Alexander the Great on the Greek empire.

In Oak Tree Class the children have been ‘Stomping in the Swamp’ as their class topic as they have been learning all about Dinosaurs. The children have been naming, sorting and grouping a variety of dinosaurs and talking about their features. They have looked at the life cycle of a dinosaur and then compared it to the lifecycle of another reptile they have learnt about previously. The children will be finding out about the life and discoveries of Mary Anning and how she improved people’s knowledge and understanding of dinosaurs. Looking forward to sharing our next update – Miss Docherty

## **Morville WI**

Our president opened the March meeting with a warm welcome to a packed room of members and visitors including four representatives from Read Easy, the charity that Morville WI raised money for last year.

We all stood to sing the WI anthem, Jerusalem and then we were delighted to present Read Easy, who are in the process of starting a new group in Bridgnorth, with a cheque for £1000.00.

After business of the night had been concluded it was time to hand over to our speakers for the evening, the lovely India and Lydia from Stallion AI Services & Cryogenetics Ltd.

They gave us a fascinating insight into their work at the the UK's largest artificial insemination centre based in Whitchurch, where they have been pioneering advanced techniques in equine reproduction and cryopreservation. In 2020 the founder of the company, Tullis Matson also set-up Nature's SAFE a charity dedicated to preserving genetic material from threatened animals in their living biobank.

We then all enjoyed a delicious tea provided by Becky, Yvonne & Eileen and a chance to catch-up with friends.

If you would like a flavour of what WI is all about, why not come along, we are always delighted to welcome visitors. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at Morville Village Hall, from 7.15pm.

We always follow our meeting with a delicious tea and have a raffle and competition each month.

You can just 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 Community Award 2025

### Do you know someone who goes above and beyond?

The Morville Parish Council events team are thrilled to receive such a positive response to the launch of our new Morville Community Award. We'd like to thank those who have already nominated deserving candidates.

The award is open to anyone living, working, or volunteering within the Morville Parish and we are now looking for nominations of a worthy candidate.

This is an award that recognises people who have made outstanding contributions to the community, such as through voluntary activities, helping others, or being an excellent role model.

**To nominate please contact: [morvillecommunityaward@gmail.com](mailto:morvillecommunityaward@gmail.com)**

With the following information by the 30th of April 2025

**Nomination Name:**

**Age (if under 18):**

**Reason for nomination:**

This award will be presented at approximately 7:10pm at The Morville Annual Community Event on Monday the 19th of May

**Morville Parish:** Morville, Monkhopton, Aston Eyre, Acton Round, Upton Cressett, Weston

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### **Easter Monday** (an extract)

Out in the rain a world is growing green,  
On half the trees quick buds are seen  
Where glued-up buds have been.  
Out in the rain God's Acre stretches green,  
Its harvest quick tho' still unseen:  
For there the Life hath been.

(Christina Rossetti)

## Letter from the Dean of Hereford

We talk a lot about failure. It is something we are super sensitive about. We have all had our failures. I am no exception and struggle most days with a fear of failing family, colleagues, church and God. Fear of failure is the reverse of what the gospel teaches but we are all extremely susceptible. It causes leaders to become risk averse and instinctively protect the institution, sometimes shamefully at the expense of the vulnerable. Farmers have told me that they don't want to be the one that lets the farm go under and church people vow to battle on because 'this mustn't fail on our watch'. The pressure of the ancestors, of tradition, of the sheer hard work of those who have gone before is colossal. Believe me, I do not want to be the Dean of Hereford under whose leadership a millennia of cathedral life goes horribly wrong. When Christ's Church fails, it is particularly heartbreaking, for it implies to others the failure of God.

The shame that accompanies personal and institutional failure scars us and trains us to count the cost, play it safe, and fear the unknown. Yet we know from experience that often failure leads to change and growth. Fear of failure among those called to live by the Spirit in the discomfort of risk leads to a lack of trust in God that literally asphyxiates His ability to create fresh possibilities, the most powerful of which is resurrection.

In the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus sweated over His anticipated cup of suffering, begging the Father to take it from Him. In the end, he chose to enter into the tragedy of his crucifixion. The long-awaited Messiah ended his mission in what looked like abject failure. Yet His willingness to trust God and submit to that failure led to the unimaginable expansion of God's kingdom.

Even if our model of mission today also seems doomed to failure, we are called to step into it and trust in a fruitful future because that is what God promises and what Jesus did. The physical resurrection of Jesus on Easter morning is both concrete testimony that God accompanies His people into the very depths and a blueprint for his plan to show that His love is stronger than all our faults, fears and failures. The Resurrection shows His capacity to redeem and make new life even out of death itself.

In these difficult times let us live and die as people who believe in Resurrection not out of naïve optimism but because we have seen the Risen Christ. If God can do that then all bets on personal and institutional failure are off and as Peter Pan observed, 'to die may be an awfully big adventure'

The Very Reverend Sarah Brown, Dean of Hereford



## SERVICES FOR APRIL

### MORVILLE

Sun	6 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Passion Sunday Morning Prayer (Lay)
Sun	13 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Palm Sunday Morning Prayer (JP) with refreshments
Sun	20 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am	Easter Day Holy Communion (SB)
Sun	27 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Morning Prayer (Lay) with refreshments

### ASTON EYRE

Sun	13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Palm Sunday Morning Prayer (JP)
Sun	27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Holy Communion (SB)

### MONKHOPTON

Sun	6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Passion Sunday Holy Communion (SB)
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### ACTON ROUND

Sun	13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Palm Sunday Holy Communion (SW)
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### Morville Readers and Readings for April

	<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>
Sun	6 <sup>th</sup> Isaiah 43: 16-21 (Alison Foxall)	John 12:1-8 (Helen Smith)
Sun	13 <sup>th</sup> Isaiah 50: 4-9a (Louise Shropshire)	Luke 23:1-49 (Tim Heatley)
Sun	20 <sup>th</sup> Acts 10: 34-43 (Tim Morris)	Luke 24: 1-12 (Elaine Crisp)
Sun	27 <sup>th</sup> Acts 5:27-32. (Hilary Evans)	John 20:19-end (Mike Skinner)

### Readings for Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> May

Acts 9: 1-20

John 21: 1-19

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