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Notice of
Extraordinary Parish
Council Meeting on
Monday June 2nd at
6.30pm in Morville
Village Hall re: plans

for new housing
development of 1500
homes near Tasley.

**Come and hear
more about it and
express your
views, whether
for or against**

See first page inside



MORVILLE SCHOOL



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JUNE 2025

Notice of Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting Monday 2nd June 6.30pm Morville Village Hall

Bloor Homes and Taylor Wimpey have submitted an application for Outline Planning permission to build 1500 new homes on the outskirts of Tasley, Bridgnorth.

This would have a huge impact on Tasley, Bridgnorth and surrounding areas and your councillors urge all parishioners to come and hear more about it and express their views.

Any parishioner who is unable to attend can make written representations to the Chairman, Cllr Jonathan Davey cllr.jonathandavey@morville-pc.gov.uk and these will be read out at the meeting.

To learn more, visit Morville Parish Council's website and click on planning and you will find a link to the proposal and/or look at the planning portal on Shropshire Council's website ref 25/01722/OUT.

Open Day at Pam's Pools, Bridgnorth, WV16 6TY

We are very pleased to invite you to the Pam's Pools Open Day from 10am until 2.00pm on **Sunday 22nd 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, 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 <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/shropshire-wildlife-trust-pams-pools/e-kzvgya> or pay £6 cash or card on the day. Children under 10 free.

For any queries, email Pam on pamela.yuille@doctors.org.uk or phone 07793939291 - no texts.

WELCOME:

Joanne and Molly Powell to The Cottage, Morville Hall

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Ian Rowe for his Morville Community Award

Katie and the MACE team for a very successful first Morville Annual Community Event

Morville Parish Council

A minute’s silence as a mark of respect for our late Chairman Steve McDermott was held at the start of the Annual Meeting of Morville Parish Council on 12th May.

Cllr Jonathan Davey of Aston Eyre was unanimously elected to become our new Chairman and signed the Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting of 13th May 2024.

A Morville Parish Council meeting immediately followed.

During the public session, Mike Skinner of Park Grange, speaking on behalf of 6 families, asked for assistance in getting the County Council and Police to implement measures to regulate traffic speeds and improve road safety along the A458 between Morville Village and Muckley Cross.

Councillors agreed a sub-committee to tackle these issues as requested plus the same issues along the B4368.

We then welcomed our newly-elected County Councillor, George Hollyhead.

Cllr Yuille reported having led a volunteer working party to clear the dangerously narrowed footpath along the A458 between St Gregory’s Close and The Acton after being unable to obtain a reasonable quote for this work.

Cllr Moxon-Jones reported having obtained a grant, on behalf of MPC, from the Shropshire Hills Landscape Trust, for a project on the study and monitoring of pine martens and dormice and said their first training day had gone very well.

Cllr Yuille reported that the first volunteer litter-picking followed by “cut and collect” along the A458 between Morville and Muckley Cross had been successfully completed and a second was scheduled for the end of July/beginning of August.

The first ever Morville Annual Community Event, organised by Cllr BriggsThomas and her team, on the 19th May was extremely well-attended and very successful.

Morville School News

Hello from the Morville school family.

What wonderful weather we have all been having. The children here at Morville have definitely been making the most of it and enjoying all the sporting activity that we can.

Chestnut Tree Class are busy this week focussing on the idea of Craftivism. The idea behind craftivism is to use the gentle, personal touch of crafting to communicate messages of change, protest, or support in a thoughtful and often non-confrontational way. Craftivists believe that making something by hand can be a powerful tool for expressing ideas, building community, and inspiring positive action. The children of Morville are using their D&T work on textiles to research, design and create/ craft their own tote bag with a message on the issues surrounding conservation. This includes messages around recycling, reducing single use plastics and saving bees. These tote bags are then going to be sent to local people including the chair of the parish council and our local MP to encourage them to help us spread our message of support. This textiles work will help our children engage with the issue by using their hands, head and heart together. As part of work as a Church of England school it can help us see where we can be God's stewards of our fragile world.

Birch Tree Class have been locating France and Paris on a world map, before taking a closer look at some of Paris' most famous landmarks, features and characteristics as part of their topic of Perusing Paris. This topic has also helped them to develop their understanding of this famous city by comparing Paris to London. The children are also learning cross-stitch and appliqué to decorate and assemble a mini apron for a French character as part of their D&T textiles work. The children have to focus on the interests and personality of their character to create the decorated apron.

Oak Tree Class have had a fantastic half term so far exploring the Oceans and Continents as they have followed Pirate Pete on his adventures around the globe. The children have received postcards and updates from Pete as he visits a country on each of the seven continents and explores their features, people and landmarks. It has also provided opportunities for the children to perfect their map reading skills. The children have also been having fun with their D&T projects where they had to design a waterproof lunchbox for Pirate Pete. They really enjoyed hoisting their creations up a main sail in forest schools and spraying them with water to really test out their designs.

Miss Charie and Mrs Wickens are also busy supporting our Year Two and Year Three children to develop their skills in archery and cricket this week, with both cohorts of children taking part in a festival event at the Bridgnorth Cricket Club. The children have been working hard as part of their PE lessons in school to prepare for the event and are looking forward to demonstrating their skills alongside all the local schools.

Looking forward to sharing our next update – Miss Docherty

**Thank You To All Who Helped Make
The Morville Annual Community Event
A Success**

The Winner of The Morville Community Award 2025:

Mr Ian Rowe

Ian was a wave of support during covid.

He is always happy to help, from car parking duties to emergency call outs at Morville Hall.

As he retires, locals want to thank him for the many years he delivered the newsletter.

Cherished as Bell Tower Captain, Ian was also instrumental in securing the funds to repair the church tower and restoration of the bells, which were inactive for numerous years,; he undertakes many other duties at the church from opening & closing to clock checks.

He was a founder trustee and treasurer of the Morville Church Building Trust

Ian has raised thousands of pounds for the National Garden Scheme and Shropshire Historic Churches through organising garden open days at Morville Hall over many years, also opening his own garden to the public.

In the past Ian has looked after Morville Village Hall as booking secretary. Thank you, Ian

Nominated by: Carol Skinner, Trustees of Morville Church Building Trust, Morville Parochial Church Council and Bobbie and Kieth Battersby

This event was an opportunity for local people to get together, whilst also accessing local service providers.

We are thrilled with the turnout and want to thank the community for supporting us with this new format of the annual parish meeting. We heard of people meeting neighbours for the first time, others seeking much needed advice and many enjoying the buzz of the room and the delicious baked goods on offer.

We hope to see you again next year.

This event could not have run smoothly without the support of the volunteers: Thank you to all who helped!

Refreshments Service, Car Parking Attendants, The Most Fabulous Bakers, The Washer Uppers and The People Who Donated.

With Thanks To The Attending Exhibits: Local PCSO, Fire & Rescue, Morville Village Hall, Morville PCC & The Church Groups, National Trust & Pam Yuille, Morville Church Building Trust, Morville WI, Shropshire Climate Action, Morville Parish Council, Brown Clee Health & Well-Being Society LTD, Bridgnorth Food Bank, & George Hollyhead, Our Brown Clee Councillor.

On Behalf of The Events Committee & Morville Parish Council, **THANK YOU**

If have any questions, comments or suggestions please contact Katie:

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Morville WI (April Meeting)

Our president was pleased to welcome 25 members and 4 visitors to our April meeting of Morville WI

After business had been concluded our speakers for the evening, Brian and his son Michael McCarthy were introduced.

What a lovely couple of genuine people who told Michael's story with a lot of humour. Michael was involved in a very serious accident at the age of 8 and spent many months in a coma and many more enduring painful physiotherapy to enable him to walk again. He is registered blind, hemiplegic and has learning difficulties so that he can not read or write.

That has never stopped them. Michael has competed in The London Marathon, The London to Paris bike ride challenge, The Great North Run, and visited Kenya to work with the Street Kids. He has won a swimming gold medal, climbed mountains and raised thousands for charity, all with his dad beside him. His sheer determination was inspiring. Now aged 49 Michael is on his seventh series of books about 2 dogs called Woodstock and Churchill.

As always we had a delicious tea provided by Karen and her lovely daughter and a raffle. Our competition this year is all about the signs of the zodiac so items related to Aries were on display.

Morville WI then had a team in the annual Chetton & Glazeley Quiz at the end of April and we were very proud as they came fourth.

Morville WI (May Meeting)

For our May meeting we changed things round a bit and started with a fish and chip supper from The Seagull in Bridgnorth, which despite it being one of the hottest days of the year so far, went down a treat with the 29 members who attended.

Our speaker for the evening was Natalie Cummings and she described how she became involved in the charity Missing People.

When Natalie's son didn't return home from a night out at the age of 16 in 1973, the local police said he would only be considered missing after 48 hours and to go home and stay by the phone he would turn up. Natalie contacted the local newspaper who put his picture in the paper the next day. When they still didn't hear from him and nor had any of his friends, she travelled from her home in Devon to London. She went to Scotland Yard and said she wasn't moving until they listened to her. It was a harrowing story told by an engaging speaker which happily saw Natalie's son returning home after months of living on the streets in London and heart ache for his parents.

The National Missing Persons Helpline was co-founded by Janet Newman and Mary Asprey after the estate agent Suzy Lamplugh went missing in July 1986. The charity Missing Persons was founded in 1993. Someone is reported missing every 90 seconds in the UK and 170,000 people are reported missing each year, including 75,000 children. The charity is dedicated to reconnecting missing persons and their loved ones, providing supporting for missing children and adults and their families.

Morville WI was founded in 1926 and we aim to provide a varied programme of events throughout the year. The speaker for our next meeting on Wednesday June 11th is from Laura's delicious dairy, who make icecream.

If you have ever wondered about Morville WI come along & see what we are all about, we are always delighted to welcome visitors and there is no charge for your first visit. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at Morville Village Hall, from 7.15pm, unless there is an outing planned.

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

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 or check us out on Facebook.

Message from Rev. Suzan Williams

Fire from Heaven: Rediscovering the Power of Pentecost Today

“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place...” — Acts 2:1

Every spring, fifty days after Easter, churches around the world celebrate Pentecost—a feast often described as the “birthday of the Church.” But Pentecost is more than a page in Christian history. It is a powerful reminder that the Spirit of God still moves, still speaks, and still ignites hearts with divine fire.

Pentecost originally marked the Jewish festival of Shavuot, a time of thanksgiving for the first fruits of the harvest. Yet, in the upper room in Jerusalem, it became something far greater. Acts 2 tells the story: the apostles, fearful and unsure, were gathered together when “a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house.” Then came fire—tongues of flame resting on each one of them. Filled with the Holy Spirit, they spoke in languages they had never learned, proclaiming the wonders of God.

It was the fulfillment of Jesus’ promise: “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses...” (Acts 1:8). The frightened disciples were transformed into bold preachers of the gospel. The Church was born not through strategy or structure, but through Spirit-empowered witness.

Pentecost for Today

In a world saturated with noise, opinion, and division, Pentecost reminds us that the Church is not just an institution—it is a movement of the Spirit. The same Holy Spirit that descended on the apostles is still with us today, equipping believers to speak life, cross barriers, and live out the gospel with courage.

Too often, we reduce Pentecost to a historical footnote or a once-a-year liturgical event. But its message is urgent: the Spirit is still being poured out. The fire of Pentecost was never meant to be contained within the first century—it was meant to spread.

Are we ready to receive that fire?

What does it look like to live a Pentecost-shaped life today?

- **Boldness in Faith:** Pentecost people are not silent spectators. The Spirit gives us the boldness to speak truth in love, to stand up for justice, and to proclaim Christ without shame.
- **Unity in Diversity:** At Pentecost, the gospel was heard in many languages. The Spirit doesn’t erase our differences but uses them to reflect God’s glory. In a fractured world, the Church must model unity rooted in Christ.
- **Mission in Action:** Pentecost compels us outward. The early Church didn’t stay in the upper room—they went into the streets. The Spirit empowers us to serve, to reach out, to love beyond comfort zones.

Come, Holy Spirit

Pentecost is not about spectacle—it’s about surrender. When we open our lives to the Spirit, we are drawn into God’s mission. We may not see literal flames, but we can burn with holy purpose. We may not speak in foreign tongues, but we can speak hope in a hurting world.

This Pentecost may we not just remember a moment, but rekindle a movement. May we pray, as the early Church did, “Come, Holy Spirit”—and may we live as if we expect Him to answer.

Every Blessing *Suzan*

SERVICES FOR JUNE

MORVILLE

Sun	1 st	11,15am	Holy Communion (SW)
Sun	8 th	11.15am	Morning Prayer (JP) with refreshments
Sun	15 th	11.15am	Morning Prayer (Lay)
Sun	22 nd	11.15am	Morning Prayer (Lay) with refreshments

ASTON EYRE

Sun	8 th	10.00am	Morning Prayer (JP)
Sun	29 th	10.00am	Holy Communion (SB)

MONKHOPTON

Sun	1 st	10.00am	Holy Communion (SW)
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Sun	8 th	10.00am	Rogation Sunday Service (Refreshments to follow)
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Morville Readers and Readings for June

	First Reading	Second Reading
Sun	1 st Acts 16: 16-34 (Mike Skinner)	John 17:20-end (Helen Smith)
Sun	8 th Acts 2: 1-21 (Louise Shropshire)	John 14::8-27 (Tim Heatley)
Sun	15 th Romans 5: 1-5 (Tim Morris)	John 16:12-15 (Elaine Crisp)
Sun	22 nd Galations 3:23-end. (Hilary Evans)	Luke 8:26339 (Alison Foxall)

Readings for Sunday, 6th July

Galations 6: 1-16

Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

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