

# NEWSLETTER

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**APRIL 2024**

## **Prayer for the Royal Family**

"I join with others in praying for The Princess of Wales, The Prince of Wales and their children following the news this evening, I pray she makes a full recovery. This is difficult news and Her bravery in sharing so openly is a testament to her compassion and sense of service to others.

Please join me in continuing to hold in prayer all The Royal Family and remembering all those who are sick at this time. May they know God's peace."  
(Richard, Bishop of Hereford)

## **Morville Parish Newsletter**

The newsletter printing machine, which has been housed at Morville School for a very long time, is proving to be an unattractive proposition for renovation, in that it is now obsolete and spare parts are seemingly impossible to find.

This printer has been very cheap to run and has required very little maintenance over the years, so it was a good investment and owes us nothing.

Morville School has been a welcoming host for the many and various printing machines, and for the newsletter team, over many decades but space on the landing in the former School Master's house is limited and printers have grown ever larger as the years rolled by. Purchasing, or leasing, a new one would be too expensive and there would be a problem of finding adequate space.

The editor would like to thank everyone at the school for their past help. However, inevitable safety regulations had to be implemented during and following the pandemic, which have necessitated restricted access in the normal school day. Thank you Miss Docherty for allowing evening access to the school and Kim, for letting us in "after hours" and always being so helpful and cheerful on dark, wet evenings!

**We are very fortunate to have been able to arrange a new way forward with the Team Office in Bridgnorth.**

Avril, the welcoming Office Administrator, and Tim (Morris), carefully considering all the financial implications, have very kindly agreed to allow Morville Parish Newsletter to be printed at the office in Racecourse Drive.

A friendly agreement has been reached, whereby the newsletter will cover the costs incurred.

All other aspects of the newsletter will stay the same.

## **Morville Parish Council**

The Parish Council met on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

One of the items that we discussed was the poor state of the road surface on the section of St. Gregory's Close that leads to the School car park. This has been an ongoing issue for some years, and we decided that it is time that we attempted to resolve it.

It is an unadopted road, owned by Shropshire Council, who have passed their responsibility for it to their housing management company, STAR Housing (Shropshire Towns and Rural Housing).

Morville PC have a 'Deed of Grant', dating from 1996, and agreed with Bridgnorth District Council, which was absorbed into Shropshire Council when the Unitary Authority was formed. This document states that the PC should pay for 50% of the cost of the road maintenance.

We also have an agreement with the Diocese of Hereford, who manage the School, that they will share our percentage of this cost.

We have discussed this with representatives of the Diocese, who have agreed to contribute, and the PC will also pay its share. We have written to STAR Housing, drawing their attention to the situation, and we await their reply.

Meanwhile, we have obtained several quotes from contractors, for varying methods of repair based on their recommendations.

We hope that these very necessary repairs might commence as soon as possible.

### **More from Mr Corfield's Memories of a Monkhopton Childhood**

In those days wages were very low, my father's wage was 13 shillings a week and farm workers were no better. There was no fancy food in those days but what food we had was good and wholesome. We had homemade bread, most cottagers kept hens and a pig, they could always be sure of a good meal when home cured bacon and hams were hanging in the house. You could always be sure of a rabbit which made a very good meal.

Carriers Carts used to run to Bridgnorth, there was Mrs Morris from Ditton Priors, Mr Childs from Powksmoor, Mr Lawley from Brookhanpton in the Corvedale. They would put their horses up in various public houses in Bridgnorth. Unfortunately when the carts reached Monkhopton they were usually full up and it meant shanks' pony for us.

I went to work for Mr. John Evans at Monk Hall, my rate of pay was 7/6 each week plus dinner and tea. I must say I enjoyed being with animals, but I was rather alarmed how you were always expected to work alongside the men. I remember there being no such thing as Wellington boots and one pair of hobnailed boots was all you could afford. This meant you had to dry them in front of the fire each night ready for the next morning

(Thanks to Mrs Doreen England)

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

the Parents, Grandparents and Godparents of Otilie Gwendoline Lorna Porter on her baptism.

### **Morville School News**

Hello once again from the Morville school family.

We enjoyed those few hours of sunshine over the last few days and even felt like maybe the sun was going to welcome us into the Easter Holidays.

**In Oak Tree Class** the children had a great time exploring Shanghai. They started their topic by going on a walk of the local area and identifying the physical and human features they could see. They then mapped the local area using aerial photographs as well as other photographs from home. They then compared this to the physical and human features in Shanghai through videos and photographs before looking deeper into the differences and similarities between our cultures and traditions. The children also had the wonderful opportunity to take part in a Chinese dance workshop and even got to wear some traditional Chinese dragon costumes and perform their very own dance to welcome in Chinese New Year.

**In Birch Tree Class** the children have been delving in the history of some of the most influential nurses, Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell. The children have worked together to establish what makes a person significant before exploring and comparing the lives and work of these nurses to the ones we meet today. The children have really focussed on how these individuals have influenced nursing today and the changes in medicine and technology in relation to health care, comparing modern hospitals to hospitals in the past.

**In Chestnut Tree Class** the children continued their work of the Victorian era. They have this time focussed specifically on the lives of Victorian children. They particularly enjoyed their role play afternoon where the children re-entered the classroom after lunch to find they were transported back to the Victorian era. The children were seated in rows, experienced a daily drill as well as times tables lessons and using chalk and slate to write. The children were very intrigued by the cane carried by their class teacher and the way they are expected to stand up every time an adult entered the room!

We had a wonderful time across school on World Book Day with every child dressing as their favourite character and the children were very amused to find the staff all dressed up too as Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

Comic Relief was also a popular event this half term with the children fully embracing coming to school in their pyjamas and lounge wear to raise money for charity as planned and voted by our school council.

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

Miss Docherty

## Morville WI

As always after welcoming members and guests to our March meeting we stood to sing the Women's Institute anthem, Jerusalem.

Our president then dealt with business of the night which included congratulations to Shelley who had the most competition points this year and wins £10.00 off her subs. The competition this month was a "favourite piece of jewellery with personal meaning" and there were some beautiful entries. The competition next month is a natural remedy that you have used.

Business concluded, it was then time to introduce our speakers for the evening, Linda & Callum, whose talk was entitled "Adventures up the family tree". Utilising their acting skills and props they each told the stories that they had uncovered while researching their own and other people's family trees. It is amazing what you can find out about your ancestors especially as we now have access to so much more information through the internet and DNA testing than ever before.

A delicious tea was served by Heather and Corinne and a beautiful flower arrangement was provided for the president's table by Tina, who also provided the raffle prizes.

For our April meeting we will be welcoming Lucinda Lovesey, who was one of the semi finalists on "The Great Pottery Throw Down".

If you are curious about the WI, 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.

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## Letter from the Archdeacon of Ludlow

April marks the 100th anniversary of the first broadcast by a monarch of the United Kingdom, when King George V opened the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley in north London in April 1924. The speech lasts about six and a half minutes, and you can hear it in all its scratchily-recorded glory on YouTube.

I wonder if anyone then had any idea how much broadcasting would change in the coming century? We now take for granted the fact that we can see and hear almost anyone in public life at any time thanks to a 24-hour media. TikTok and Instagram have brought broadcasting within reach of any of us with a smartphone.

Communication seems to be hard-wired into us as human beings. That shouldn't surprise us, because our God is a God who communicates. Back in the earliest chapters of Genesis, it's the voice of God that brings creation into being. When Jesus is awoken by his terrified disciples in the middle of a storm, it's his words shouted into the tumult that calm the winds and the waves. When the Holy Spirit comes upon the apostles at Pentecost, they speak the message of Christ crucified and risen in words their hearers can understand.

The story is told of a rabbi who could never get further in his reading of the Scriptures than Genesis 1:2, "And God said." The wonder of a God who speaks was too much for him to take in.

I wonder if that's why we love podcasts, audiobooks, and the radio so much – because it's as if someone were sitting next to us and chatting? As if we're listening in on a conversation that we're invited to be part of?

I wonder, too, if that's why words can wound us as well as heal us – because they go deep into the heart of our being?

The apostle James talked about the power of speech, how hard it is to tame the tongue, and how inconsistent we are when we say, "Praise God," in one breath and in the next run down another human being. Those are challenging words in an era where talk is easy, but we do well to take them to heart.

There are other times when we are slow to speak, perhaps out of anxiety or fear. One such time can be when we try to talk about our faith. In this, our Diocesan Year of Faith, we are all encouraged to have confidence that the story we have to share in our Christian faith is one people want to hear, and to become more comfortable talking about our faith.

We may never become those who broadcast to the world, as King George V did 100 years ago, but I wonder how we could learn to "broadcast" our faith in simple ways, and speak words of life to those who are longing to hear them?

AD Fiona

## SERVICES FOR APRIL

### MORVILLE

Sun	7 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Morning Prayer (Lay)
Sun	14 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Morning Prayer (JP) with refreshments
Sun	21 <sup>st</sup>	11.15am	Morning Prayer (Lay)
Sun	28 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Holy Communion (Bp Michael Bourke) Refreshments

### ASTON EYRE

Sun	14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Morning Prayer (JP)
Sun	28 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Holy Communion with Morville

### MONKHOPTON

Sun	7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Morning Prayer (Lay)
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### ACTON ROUND

Sun	14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Holy Communion (RL)
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### Morville Readers and Readings for April

		<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>
Sun	7 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 4: 32- 35 (Alison Foxall)	John 20: 19-end (Helen Smith)
Sun	14 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 3: 12-19 (Louise Shropshire)	Luke 24: 36b - 48 (Tim Heatley)
Sun	21 <sup>st</sup>	Acts 4: 5- 12 (Tim Morris)	John 10: 11- 18 (Elaine Crisp)
Sun	28 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 8: 26- end (Hilary Evans)	John 15: 1- 8 (Mike Skinner)

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