

**Morville Festival** [www.morvillefestival.co.uk](http://www.morvillefestival.co.uk) 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

(Please find the list of committee members on back page)

Firstly, big, big congratulations and thank-you to all involved. Once more we have achieved a brilliant event.

The publicity and improved signage, tea tent (cake and more cakes), car parking and spectator control, the indoor and outdoor stalls, gardens and children's garden trail, in the Church the stunning flower arrangements and Jane's 'Memories of Morville', the plant stall, in the church Elizabeth Bacon on Saturday and David Watkins on Sunday, and on Monday the new attractions of ice cream, Keith Alderson selling hot pork rolls, Punch and Judy all worked so well.

**All** the visitors were so complimentary. Seeing all the visitors around the D lawn to watch the Maypole dancing was perfect. Anna Dreda with lovely books in the marquee, Andrew and Polly Peters having a Very Hard Decision to make with the Wild Things fancy dress, the cheers for the children, the pony rides, shire horse, owls, and so much more. Just amazing.

Thank-you to Morville and Much Wenlock schools for the Maypole dancing, (hours of practice) and to Morville School for all their helpers and the attractions they provided for children who clearly had a lovely time.

Our attention to detail helps to raise the whole 3 days above the average and to make the event run smoothly, so many thanks to all those behind the scenes who do so much.

It is a wonderful community event, and there was a lot of catching up with old friends and meeting new faces.

And thank you to our sponsors who provide help in kind and in cash.

The miserable weather meant that the weekend didn't start off well although we did still have brave visitors, but my goodness what a good day on Monday. We estimate 1,500 visitors at least, on the Monday.

Not surprisingly, due to the weather last year being brilliant, and not so good this year, the profit is a little down this year from last year, and final figures yet to come, but Kathy, our treasurer, has said she thinks we will have cleared £8,000 profit. (Once we have the final figures we will let you know, and the distribution of the profit.) Other organizations in the area also come to this event to raise funds so this isn't the whole of the funds raised for the community, just the festival profit. For a small rural area such as ours this is a tremendous result, and an indication of what a wonderful community we live in.

Hooray for Shropshire, the best place in the world.

The committee will be meeting in June so if you have any suggestions or comments do let us know.

Janette Bolton, Chairman PS - we reckon 30 coffee cakes (so 240 slices....) over the weekend, and still we ran out!

## Morville Readers and Readings for June

	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	1 Peter 2 v. 1-10 (Mr T Morris)	John 15 v. 1-5 (Mr D Crowe/Mr T Heatley)
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	Romans 6 v. 3-11 (Mr J Hayton)	John 15 v 5- 11 (Dr S Dunmore)
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	Galations 3 v.23 - 4 v.7 (Mrs E Salter)	John 15 v 12 -17 (Mrs H Smith)
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	Exodus 20 v. 1-17 (Mrs S Foster)	Matthew 19 v. 16- 26 (Mr B Jenkinson)

### Monkthopton and Aston Eyre

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Saint Peter's Day Service at St Peter's, Monkthopton Do make an effort to come to this important event at 12 Noon (note the time) followed by a BBQ in the church grounds. Because St Peter's Day falls on a Sunday this year there will be TWO services at St Peter's this month but only one at Aston Eyre. Hopefully, both congregations will happily go to each other's services. The more we get to know each other, the better the quality of our worship.

Rev'd John Ward

### **Does the church spend its time mostly looking backward to the past?**

It's easy to believe that this is true....costly old buildings, strange ceremonies, clergy in fancy dress and reading from books which few have at home and so on. It's also true that it focuses on someone who lived more than two thousand years ago!

Some would answer that it applies what it believes to 2015 – in practical involvement in poverty (most of the food banks are sponsored and run by churches) and inspiring and supporting many organizations which challenge injustice everywhere. Churches often look like museums but what they exist for is the present and the future.

### More houses for Morville

Planning Permission for 14 houses near Haughton Lane has been granted and the land is on sale for £850,000. Morville will benefit from more people. Some of the houses must be "affordable". Existing buildings (unused barns) will be demolished. The risk is unsuitable designs and much more development so that Morville loses its village character. It is to be hoped that the Parish Council and those who now live in Morville will keep an eye on this!

Rev'd Hugh Patterson

### **Women's Institute**

May's meeting saw us visited by speaker Judy McFarlane who is a milliner. We learned about how she got interested in millinery and some facts about hats. Did you know most hats are made from sinamay, which is made from the banana tree? We then got to have a lot of fun trying on all the hats!!

Teas were provided by Anne and Mary, and very nice they were too!! The competition for items beginning with 'MA' was won by Bryony who brought her 5 day old daughter Matilda.

Our next meeting is at Morville village hall on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 7.15. We will be having a talk about musical boxes from Kath Turner. Feel free to come along and join in. Bring an item beginning with 'JU' to enter the competition.

If you would like to join the WI, or would like more information, please telephone Rachel Bray (01746218625) or Deb Yates (01746761424) who will be more than happy to help. Alternatively look up our Facebook page for the latest updates.

+Alistair

### **News from Morville Primary School**

We are delighted to announce that we have almost filled our places in Reception for September as well as having new pupils who will be joining Years 4 and 5. If anyone would like to view the school please get in touch and we would be more than happy to show you round our lovely school.

Pupils have a spring in their step after a fantastic May Day Fair on Monday 4th May. Fun was had by hundreds of families who enjoyed Morville's traditional village fete, which is part of the annual three-day Morville Festival. A huge thanks to everyone who came to help out over the three days of the festival. Sue Blackburn, Headteacher at Morville Primary School, said "Everyone at Morville Primary School is very proud to be part of this wonderful community event. So many happy times were shared by everyone who attended. We are thrilled to have been so well supported by Lloyds Bank and the Morville Festival Committee, who have both donated so generously to us this year. A big thanks to all of the local and wider community for making the Morville May Fair such a special and memorable time for all."

Morville Primary School pupils said:

"The maypole was really fun to do because all of us made really cool patterns and did really fun dances." **Phoebe Davies (Year 3)** "I thought the May Fair was brilliant! The best part for me was seeing the beautiful maypole ribbons in lots of different patterns." **Apple Labescat (Year 3)** "I loved being at the May Fete and playing on the coconut shy. I won three delicious coconuts." **Benjamin Lee (Year 4)** "I had a great time at the May Fete. I had lots of fun doing the races I won." **Tristan Davies (Year 4)** "We had a pig roast, an icecream bus and a music stand. I liked hearing the orchestra and I went on the coconut shy, which was really fun, although I didn't get to win a coconut!" **Eloise Norbury (Year 5)** "When I went to the May Fete I loved doing the tombola. Me and my dad went on it and the first time we won. I had a wonderful day!" **Archie Jones (Year 5)** "I went to the coconut shy and knocked one of the coconuts off. I was really happy. There was lots of brilliant things to do. There was a bouncy castle and slide, owls from Rays Farm, running races, maypole dancing and lots of stalls." **Joel Burgess (Year 6)**

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO;**

Janette Bolton and the Festival Committee members, whose hard work produced such splendid results and to Jane Gregory on her collection of photographs of Morville events, now on display in Morville Church

all who helped with the open garden at Aldenham Park and to the hosts Mr and Mrs J Fenwick

Sir Bill Cash on his re-election to Parliament

## **BEST WISHES TO;**

Dr Dan Skinner and Miss Aimee Laverton on their forthcoming marriage

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

Mrs Edna Salter

Mrs Lucy Thompson

## **YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED:**

for those injured in the earthquake in Nepal  
for refugees in the Mediterranean

### **Take a walk on the wild side ...**

Join us for a low-key, amiable ramble on Wenlock Edge, to reconnect with nature and let everyday concerns slip away. No charge - just come and enjoy the scenery and the conversation. With the Rev. John Ward, local expert Kenneth Milner, Bridgnorth Naturalists walk leader Alison Foxall, and writer and gardener Katherine Swift.

10 am, Friday 5th June. Meet in the National Trust car park on Stretton Road, Much Wenlock. Approx. duration 2 to 2.5 hours (weather permitting). Please telephone Katherine on 01746 714407 if hoping to come. Some of the nine species of wild orchids which grow on the Edge should be in flower.

NEXT MONTH: a walk around Morville itself.

### **Morville Hall NGS Garden Open Day**

Sunday 7th June, from 2 - 5pm

All six of the Hall Gardens will be open

Adult admission £5, children free

Homemade Teas will be served in church, and the Teas proceeds are all for the church. Anyone wishing to offer cakes (or practical help on the day) should contact Ian Rowe on 01746 714357 or [ianrowe365@gmail.com](mailto:ianrowe365@gmail.com) or Sheila Foster on 01746 761223

**Open day at Pam's Pools on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July  
in aid of the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust**

The SHCT runs an Open Gardens Scheme to raise money for the maintenance and repair of churches and chapels in Shropshire. St Gregory the Great has been one of the many to benefit and half the money raised on the day will go direct to the Morville Church funds.

So I am happy to open my site, "Pam's Pools" under the scheme on the 5<sup>th</sup> July between 2pm and 6pm

It is in Underton, postcode WV16 6TY for those of you with satnav. Leave Morville on the Bridgnorth road & take the first right onto Telegraph Lane. Then take the next right to The Lye. Just after crossing Mor Brook at the Lye, turn left for Underton – all this will be signposted on the day, as will the alternative approach via the B4364.

The entry fee is £3 for adults, children free. Dogs must be on leads. The area around the cottage is adjacent to the car park and is suitable for wheelchairs.

Over the last 28 years, I have developed a 50 acre permaculture/wildlife site, see <http://www.pamps-pools.co.uk> for details. I am self-sufficient in fruit, vegetables, meat, eggs and honey. A spring supplies my water and I use my own wood and solar panels for heating and hot water and PV panels generate more electricity than I consume.

There are small cottage & vegetable gardens surrounding the 17<sup>th</sup> century cottage with 15 adjoining acres to explore, including fruit and nut orchards and a walk around the two wildlife pools. There will be a plant stall and a tea tent and George Hill, doubtless known to many of you as an extremely knowledgeable gardener, will be available to answer any horticultural questions which stump me!

Morville Church will be open to visitors and you could always walk along Underton Lane to The Lye and then take the footpath across the fields to reach it—about 1½ miles and a pretty walk.

Please email me on [pamela.yuille@doctors.org.uk](mailto:pamela.yuille@doctors.org.uk) or phone 07793939291 with any queries.

Dr Pam Yuille.

## Letter from the Bishop of Ludlow

Following the General Election, we again have a single party with a small overall majority. The new landscape with Scotland almost entirely SNP and England Conservative brings with it a new landscape in respect of future devolution, the distribution of power and how government operate. We may be tired of the endless political chatter. Nevertheless now is a moment to reflect on power and indeed how so often we both take it for granted in so many places and then contrarily in other places focus endlessly upon it.

The well worn adage: *Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely* is often taken as a way of judging power to be a dangerous thing if not bad in itself. But is it? Very often the powerful are judged with suspicion. Isn't that adage much more about us and the way we use power than about power itself? If we take a moment to look at our lives, from the cars we drive to the gadgets in our homes to the medical advances we take for granted, are not all of these linked to knowledge and that to power to use that knowledge powerfully? Surely what power does, if we will but allow it, is enable us to take a good hard look at ourselves, our motives and our choices. It uncomfortably allows us to see our flawed human nature and our ability to act for good or ill.

Early in the year Baroness Martha Lane Fox, giving the annual Dimpleby lecture, extolled a world vision involving a far greater understanding and use of the internet. She argued for its use to come under some digital public institution and not simply be that of private entertainment or commercial transaction. It was a compelling, if somewhat utopian vision of what could be achieved through the power of this ever speeding digital revolution. There is much in what she says that needs to be heeded. However it is a naive person who doesn't recognise that the internet has a dark as well as a productive side; power for good or ill. The ancient myth of the Tower of Babel may be an unusual place to turn but it does provide at least one way to reflect on this most powerful tool of our age. Babel is a story of global communication, autonomous human enterprise and how it went wrong. That ancient story highlights just how dangerous it can be when human beings seek to act like God, to overreach themselves in their use of power coupled to pride and arrogance. The result is chaos, confusion and fragmentation.

We are now firmly in the season of Pentecost with its celebration of God's powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit- God's own presence to be with us and in us. This season encourages us to receive this power and presence. Here is power to sanctify our daily lives, shape our choices for good and empower us to humbly be part of God's reconciling work in the world.

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**Lyra**

The Russian Vocal Ensemble of St Petersburg, will be performing Sacred, Folk and Secular music at Holy Trinity Church, Much Wenlock, on Tuesday, 2nd June.

Tickets £10 available from Croft Design, 17 Barrow Street,

Much Wenlock, Shropshire TF13 6EN 01952 727632

**Do you enjoy telling stories?**

Morville School had a visit from a group of volunteers from Coalbrookdale recently reading and enacting a story from the Bible using the "Open the book" format. It was really entertaining and the children, visiting parents and staff were captivated for 20 minutes. We would really love to do this some more ourselves and wondered if any local volunteers with good reading voices would be willing to spare an hour or so this term to have a go at this with a couple of willing parents. Please contact the school on 714219 to register your interest.

## SERVICES FOR JUNE

### MORVILLE

Sun	7 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	The Communion
Sun	14 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	The Communion
Sun	21 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am	Family Service
Sun	28 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Family Service

### ASTON EYRE

Sun	14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Holy Communion
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### MONKHOPTON

Sun	7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Holy Communion
Sun	28 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Saint Peter's Day Service

### ACTON ROUND

Sun	14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	The Communion
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**Morville Church Council**, among its many donations from its limited income, has given £250 to help the victims of the earthquake in Nepal.

### Deanery Synod – an invitation

You will, I hope, already know that the Bridgnorth Deanery Synod meets four times a year. Each church in the Deanery is entitled to send elected representatives to those meetings, but any of you is welcome to join us as a visitor at any meeting and you may find some of the presentations of interest.

We warmly invite you to the next meeting which is on a topic which may touch many of us in the future.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June

7.30pm – Cleeton St Mary Village Hall

Speaker: Dr Benoît Ritzenthaler, Palliative Medicine Consultant

Subject: Christians at Work:

Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide.

Can Palliative Medicine provide some answers to these difficult questions?

A personal view from a Christian professional.

Marjorie Brooks, Secretary Bridgnorth Deanery Synod

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