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Planning: Ray Dickson, Peter Davies, Cheryl Shearer and John Lee

Churchyard and Burial Ground: Peter Davies, Jan Ashton-Jones, Lorna Radnor

Footpaths: John Litchfield (Footpath Officer), John Lee, Jan Ashton-Jones

Finance: Nick Brewin, Cheryl Shearer, Brian Dukes, Ray Dickson

Tree Warden: John Lee

Parish Projects: Jan Ashton-Jones, Brian Dukes, Cheryl Shearer, Lorna Radnor

Localism Group: Nick Brewin, Brian Dukes, Cheryl Shearer, Ray Dickson, Jan Ashton-Jones

HALC Representative: John Litchfield

Newsletter Editor: Brian Dukes

Parish Clerk: Melanie Preedy

Interested in recycling?

Would you like to know more about what happens to the contents of your green wheelie bin?

We would like to arrange a group visit to Severnside Waste Services.

The visit would start at 2 pm and lasts about 1 ½ hours.

Lifts can be arranged.

Please contact Jan Ashton-Jones asap so that we can arrange a visit.

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**THE
DRAGON**

OCTOBER 2011



Welcome to the latest edition of your periodic newsletter from the Parish Council.

Since the last edition of The Dragon, the newly elected members of Parish Council have been busy familiarising themselves with their responsibilities and, as a team, we have been reconfirming our objectives and priorities. We have updated our Parish Plan Action Plan and Completed Items and these are available for you to view on our website, www.dormingtonmordifordgroup-pc.gov.uk

There are some exciting initiatives underway, not least the proposed **development of affordable housing** adjacent to Sufton Rise. This is planned to include allotments and an enhanced play area. The consultation afternoon on 11 July was very well attended and we are grateful for all the constructive comments received. West Mercia Housing, in liaison with the planning team at Hereford Council, have taken note of many of the suggestions made and have modified the proposals, where possible, to reflect these. We hope that a formal planning application will be ready for submission before the end of the year and the Parish Council will continue to consult and listen to your views during this period. If all goes well, building may commence by mid 2012.

The Parish Council has also reaffirmed its commitment to lease the area of **land in front of the Pentaloe Brook** opposite the Moon in Mordiford. The area will be used as an attractive space for rest and relaxation in the centre of the village and we will use the £500 participatory budget spend that you voted for last year to install seating and enhance the appearance of the Green. We also plan to construct a low chain-link fence to stop the area being used for ad-hoc parking. We are grateful to Major James Hereford for his kind cooperation with both these projects.

We are also having one last try at finding community uses for the **Iron Room** in Priors Frome. Inevitably the members of the highly successful Youth Group have grown up and moved on and there appears to be no others to take their place. However we all feel it will be a sad waste of time, effort and money if we have to admit defeat and close this facility. Please see the article and appeal for help from Councillor Lorna Radnor.

We hope you will find this newsletter interesting and useful. Please feel free to

contact The Dragon's editor, Brian Dukes. As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions in all we do. This is what helps drive our Parish Plan forward. You are also encouraged to attend the Parish Council meetings which are usually held on the first Tuesday of the month at Mordiford School, starting at 7.30pm. Alternatively, please contact me, your local Councillor or our Parish Clerk.

Thank you for your support.

Nick Brewin

YOU DECIDE

Thank you for your suggestions on how £500 could be spent within the Parish. Below are the list of ideas we have received. We would like you to prioritise them. The winning idea will be announced at a forthcoming Parish Council meeting and we will start work on the project. Last year residents wanted to tidy up the green in Mordiford by planting shrubs, flowers etc. The Parish Council are currently negotiating a lease on this area of land.

Suggestions:

- Ø Highway safety improvements
- Ø Play equipment
- Ø Bench at Checkley Barn picnic site
- Ø Simple shelter at Checkly Barn Picnic site
- Ø Improvements to public paths
- Ø Skateboard ramp
- Ø Meeting place for children and adults in the village green
- Ø Extra cuts in the burial ground
- Ø Salt bin in Pentaloe Close

Please indicate which are your top three ideas by contacting the Clerk or any Councillor.

Jobs for our Lengthsman.

You will have noticed how much tidier our parish is since the lengthsman, Mr Dyer, was employed. He has cut back vegetation where necessary and kept weeds under control. At each meeting of the Parish Council a list of jobs for the lengthsman is drawn up, and each job is completed, in order of priority. It is possible that some jobs are missed from the list. If you notice that something needs to be done by the lengthsman, please let our clerk know so that it can be added to the list.

The Dumping of Garden Waste.

This was discussed in the last edition of the Dragon. There are no open spaces in the parish where garden waste can be dumped. Please place it in green plastic bags for collection by the refuse lorry or take it to the recycling centre at Rotherwas. Unless you are a contractor, there is no charge for disposal of garden waste at Rotherwas.

Dog fouling is becoming a nuisance on the play area at Sufton Rise. If you do exercise your dog here, please clean up after him/her.

Hampton House Diamond Jubilee

In February 2012 it will be 60 years since the Hampton Bishop Residential Home in Hampton House, accepted its first resident. The Management and Staff intend to mark this occasion with a celebratory party/garden party in the spring/summer of 2012. As a feature at the party, they hope to have a display of old photographs, letters or any paraphernalia connected with the Home. If there is anyone out there who had a relative in the Home in the early years or if anyone in their family worked at Hampton House, the Management would be delighted to hear from you. If you have any photographs or letters you would be prepared to lend to us or provide copies for the exhibition, we should be most grateful. The person to contact is the Chairman, Mrs Judith Hereford, Sufton Court, Mordiford, Hereford HR1 4LU or phone 01432 870268.

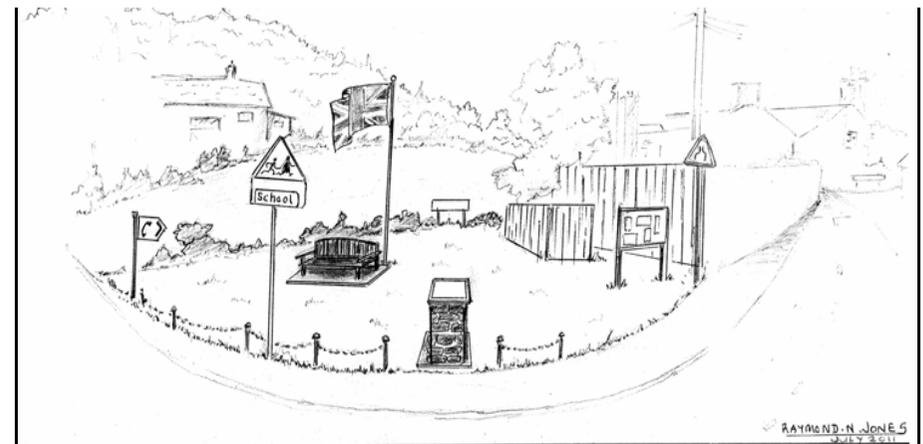
Parish Council Meetings

Owing to the amount of business undertaken, it has been decided that Parish Council meetings should now start at 7.30pm.

Unless notice is given otherwise, meetings will be held in Mordiford School.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday October 4th. The following one will be held on November 1st. Meetings during 2012 will be held on 10th January, 7th February and 6th March

An artist's impression of how Mordiford Green might look in the next few years.



Mordiford Village Green.

I submit this rough sketch of an idea for the development on the Green.

- A. A memorial to the persons who drowned during the Pentaloe flood of 1811
- B. A sign indicating the name of the river—The Pentaloe River
- C. Suitable seating.
- D. A flag pole.

Raymond N. Jones

Future of Herefordshire County Council Mobile Library Service

The current mobile library service will be withdrawn on Friday 30th September. It will be replaced by an extended Library Home Delivery service which will provide a service to those in rural areas based upon their needs which will be assessed on the basis of health and mobility. It will commence from Tuesday 1st November.

It will be supplemented by community based libraries in shops or village halls to support the rural library service. For more information about setting up a community library service please contact Jon Chedgzoy, Libraries Manager at jchedgzoy@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 260557

Fownhope Parish Council are hoping to set up a community based library in Fownhope. If this is of interest to you, please contact the clerk of Dormington and Mordiford Group of Parishes.

The Library Home Delivery Service will provide books and spoken word CD's on a 6 week basis to those residents of Herefordshire who are unable to access the Library Service in any other way due to disability, mobility or age and frailty grounds.

This is a FREE service offered to those who are unable to visit their local library and who does not have anyone who can visit on their behalf.

Every applicant is assessed in a visit, with staff that have been trained and are CRB Checked. Once a decision has been made, applicants will be asked about their reading preferences and deliveries can then be made.

Home Delivery can be a short or long term arrangement and the details may be shared with Adult Social care so that the Council has a greater understanding of what services residents in Herefordshire are receiving.

If you would like any further information about this service or you know someone in your community who may be eligible please contact Miss Clare Lockley, Delivered Library Service Principal Officer on 01432870308 or e-mail clockley@herefordshire.gov.uk.

Ross on Wye Bus Service might be reinstated.

In the distant past, a bus service operated from Hereford, through Mordiford and Fownhope to Ross on Wye, allowing passengers to shop, meet friends, enjoy the surroundings or catch a connecting service to Gloucester or beyond.

Owing to the congestion and parking difficulties in Hereford, Fownhope Parish Council is hoping to reinstate this service if there is an expressed need. At first, the bus service will probably operate just monthly, travelling between Mordiford and Ross on Wye. If there is sufficient support, the service could operate more frequently.

Please tell our Parish Clerk if you like the idea of this new service between Mordiford and Ross on Wye and await developments.

How well are you connected?

No, I don't mean, 'Have you friends or relations in high places?'

I am enquiring about how well you think you are connected to the rest of the world.

Most of us use electricity supplied by the National Grid: a few of us generate our own.

Most of us use fresh, clean, water supplied by Welsh Water: a few of us rely on our own well, borehole or spring.

Most of us receive digital television and radio programmes without too much trouble, but some of us have to use special aerials.

Most of us have telephone landlines and use mobile phones when we are out and about.

Some of us are connected to the mains gas supply, while others rely on fuel being delivered by road.

All of us receive regular deliveries from the postman, whether or not we value what we receive.

Yes, on the face of it, we are pretty well connected. But there is one form of connection we have not considered.

Few of us are properly connected to the Internet. To be technical, just for one moment: to have a 'proper' connection you need a Broadband speed of at least 2megabits per second. If you do have some sort of connection, speeds are unlikely to reach this. (You can measure your Internet access speed at <http://internet-speedtest.net/>.)

For some of you, at the present time, connection to the Internet may not be a high priority. However, in the future, life will become more and more difficult without an Internet connection. If you are not an Internet user, this might puzzle you.

Let me explain.

As we get older, we get less mobile and we won't always be able to get to the Council Offices, the supermarkets, shops, the Post Office or the Bank. Furthermore, the use of the car will become unsustainable due to high running costs. Public transport will become even less convenient and much more expensive. We won't want to go out!

An Internet connection will allow you to do most of the things you need to do without leaving home. You can order your shopping, pay for it and have it delivered, without leaving your armchair. On-line banking allows you to pay your bills and manage your savings without leaving the house. It will become more and more difficult to arrange car and house insurance without the use of the Internet. How many hours have you spent on the phone trying to buy tickets? Access to the Internet allows you to do this in a fraction of the time.

When did you last see your family? - When you use the Internet you can have face-to-face conversations with your family, wherever they are, every day of the week. Why bother about unreliable postal services? - E-mail allows you to exchange messages within seconds. When did you last receive photos through the Post? - Most people keep photos on their phone or camera until they see you: they can only be sent to you if you have an Internet connection.

New services are becoming available on the Internet all the time. An out-of-hours, face-to-face consultation with your doctor or vet. will become possible. In the future there will be many more services, not yet thought of, to help you get on with your life.

All right, I understand! Some of you won't want to purchase a computer or phone, nor learn how to use it. But possibly you could begin to agree that those using the new technology will enjoy certain benefits?

Government understands that proper Internet connection must be available to all. In this part of Herefordshire, connection speeds are generally poor. Government wants things to change, and under a special initiative, will bring about the change very quickly. However, to take advantage of this initiative, we have to act. We must demand proper connection. Without our demand, Government will work elsewhere, where there is a demand, and leave us in the backwoods for many years to come.

How do we indicate to Government that we need a proper Internet connection?

A Broadband questionnaire is to be delivered to your home during the next month. By completing it, you will show that you appreciate the need for a proper Internet connection. Amongst other things you will be asked to say what connection speed will be needed over the next five years or so. To help you here, Government's target for the whole of Britain is 30 megabits per second by the year 2015!

To emphasise our case for improved Broadband connection, the Parish Council is hoping that 100% of the Broadband questionnaires will be returned. Please do your bit to help us help the community. Questionnaires may be returned by way of Mordiford Shop, Mordiford School or given to any Parish Councillor.

If you need assistance in completing the questionnaire, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Brian Dukes

The Iron Room has reached a critical point in its existence. The room has been in our village for years, having fallen into a dismal state due to lack of use and lack of love. The room was given a new lease of life through the efforts of Parish Councillors and a group of local youths, these youths have now moved on and the room is at risk of being unloved and unused once again. If the room is to have a future new live/love from the local community has to be found. If you are interested in becoming an active committee member for the Iron Room we would love to hear from you. This committee would endeavour to arrange a variety of functions to take place in the room. If a committee can not be formed then time will be called on the room and the doors will close forever. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you would be interested in becoming a part of the Iron Rooms future

Suggested Programme to Celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee: Dormington and Mordiford Group of Parishes

Christmas 2011

A special raffle will be held to raise funds to purchase commemorative items for children of the parish

Friday June 1st 2012

Children of Mordiford School will seal their Time Capsule and bury it on a prepared site near the boundary of the school playing field.

Children will be presented with a souvenir and scroll to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Saturday June 2nd 2012

Teams will compete for a commemorative emblem with a knock out (pull in) tug o' war across the River Lugg near Mordiford Bridge.

A concert given by Hereford Police Choir will be held in Mordiford Church of the Holy Rood during the evening. Refreshments will be provided in the school hall.

Sunday June 3rd 2012

A flotilla of canoes will leave Badgers Crossing just upstream of The Bunch of Carrrots and paddle down the River Wye and up the River Lugg to disembark at Garlands Farm. Participants can then make their way through the churchyard to Mordiford School Playing Field to continue with their celebrations.

At midday **an Oak tree will be planted** by a special guest at the site where the time capsule was buried. **A plaque**, with suitable text, will be erected at the foot of the tree.

A Sunday Lunch, in the form of either a hog roast with salads or a vegetarian alternative, will be served on the school playing fields.

During the afternoon **special fun events** will be arranged for everyone.

At 6.00pm, after tea and cakes, **a live concert** will be held. Performers will be parish residents and their friends.

On Monday, at 10.30 pm **a beacon** will be lit at Swarton Quarry. Rockets will be fired.

The above, is only a suggested programme. If you have other ideas please let us know, straight away. Any offers of help to organise these events will be greatly appreciated.

To help with the planning of the celebrations we need to know the number of children living in the parish who do not attend Mordiford School or Mordiford Dragons. If your child is 16 years or under and falls into this category, please let us have details of his/hers name, age, address and their school (if any).

It would also be helpful to know which of the events you would like to attend. Charges will be made for some, but as there is no profit element, these will be kept to a minimum. Please let us know if you would like to join the flotilla, attend the concert or partake in Sunday lunch. If you or your friends wish to take part in the live concert, please let us know what you have to offer. All information should be sent to the Parish Clerk and it will be used solely for planning our celebrations.