

# The Dragon



The Summer Edition of the newsletter from your local Group Parish Council

Welcome to the Summer Edition of the newsletter from the Parish Council. This edition is themed around 'Exploring your Parish' with links to beautiful local walks and a What's on schedule on the back page.

As a Parish Council we don't always promote who we are and what we do very well; so over future editions of this newsletter we would like to introduce you to members of the Parish Council. We have started with the newly elected Chairman, David, on the first page.

One of the activities the Parish Council does very well and uses the money it raises from the local precept is keeping our footpaths clear and accessible. Cllr. John Litchfield has been our Footpath Officer for many years and no doubt knows our parish walks more than anyone else. We have included a map in the center pages to the Mordiford Loop Walk – and with the summer here, now is great time to explore your own parish. We are pleased to also include news from the School, which plays a key role in our community.

We welcome other organisations in the parish to send us their news and events, so we can include in the Autumn Edition. In case you have not seen we also have a Facebook page (Dormington & Mordiford Group Parish Council) and website; which we could be using to promote local groups and events – please feel free to post your news so we can all benefit.

Hope you enjoy the summer!

## Whats on?

What	When	Where	Who to contact?
Open Farm Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup> June 10.00-3.00pm	Pound Farm, Holme Lacy	01432 870072
A Murder Mystery Evening (Play)	13-15 <sup>th</sup> June 7.00pm	Woolhope Parish Hall	07952 159462 or 01432 861113
PC Meeting	20 <sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm	Priors Frome Chapel	Parish Clerk
Quiz	23 <sup>rd</sup> June 7.30pm	Lady Emily Village Hall (Tarrington)	01432 890304 hannah@myrtles.org.uk
Beer & cider Festival	30 <sup>th</sup> June Noon-11pm	Bartestree Village Hall	07702 529 303
Sufton Fete	7 <sup>th</sup> July <b>TIME</b>	Sufton Court	<b>XXX</b>
PC Meeting	18 <sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm	Priors Frome Chapel	Parish Clerk
Wye Valley Challenge	11 <sup>th</sup> August	Running through Mordiford	info@wyevalleychallenge.com
Dormington Fete	25 <sup>th</sup> August	Priors Court	<b>John Wood</b>
PC Meeting	19 <sup>th</sup> Sept 7.30pm	Priors Frome Chapel	Parish Clerk
Star Gazing	12 <sup>th</sup> October evening	Lucksall Caravan Club	info@stargazerslounge.com
The Tree Charter Tapestry (Play)	9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Canwood Gallery, Checkley	hello@canwoodgallery.com

Contact the Parish Council Clerk on [clerk@dormingtonmordifordgroup-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@dormingtonmordifordgroup-pc.gov.uk) or 01432 267549

### Meet the Parish Council

The Parish Council has 7 members from Mordiford and 2 members from Dormington. There is currently a vacancy in Dormington and a vacancy in Mordiford – if you are interested in becoming a Councillor contact the Clerk (details on back page)

#### Our chairman, David Lloyd

I have lived in Mordiford for over 30 years and have been a member of the Parish Council since 2014. Initially, I was approached by Councillor John Lichfield to see if I was interested in becoming involved with the council.

After serious thought I felt I could contribute to the local community so I decided I would like to join and was accepted by the chairman and councillors.

In my time as a councillor I have been involved in a number of aspects of the work the council undertakes



such as allotments, finance and road safety. Two years ago I became Vice Chairman and following Ray Dickson's decision to stand down as Chairman earlier this month, I was nominated and accepted as the new Chairman.

The appointment is a for a period of two years and during this time I look forward to working with existing and potential new members of the council and meeting members of the Parish.

David.

### Planning News?

One of the most contentious issues discussed at Parish Council meetings are often planning applications – we encourage anyone who has a view on an application to let us know either during a Parish Council meeting or by emailing our Clerk.

You can find out about planning applications in the parish by visiting Herefordshire Council's Planning website:

[https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200142/planning\\_services/](https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200142/planning_services/)

#### Broadband

Good news for those of us with poor broadband – Herefordshire Council have announced that much of the Parish which currently does not have access to faster broadband will be covered in a further roll out of fibre connections. You can read more about the Phase 2 roll out here:

<http://www.fastershire.com/about-fastershire/rollout-overview> and use the postcode checker to confirm that your address will be covered within this phase of work.

#### Being a good neighbour

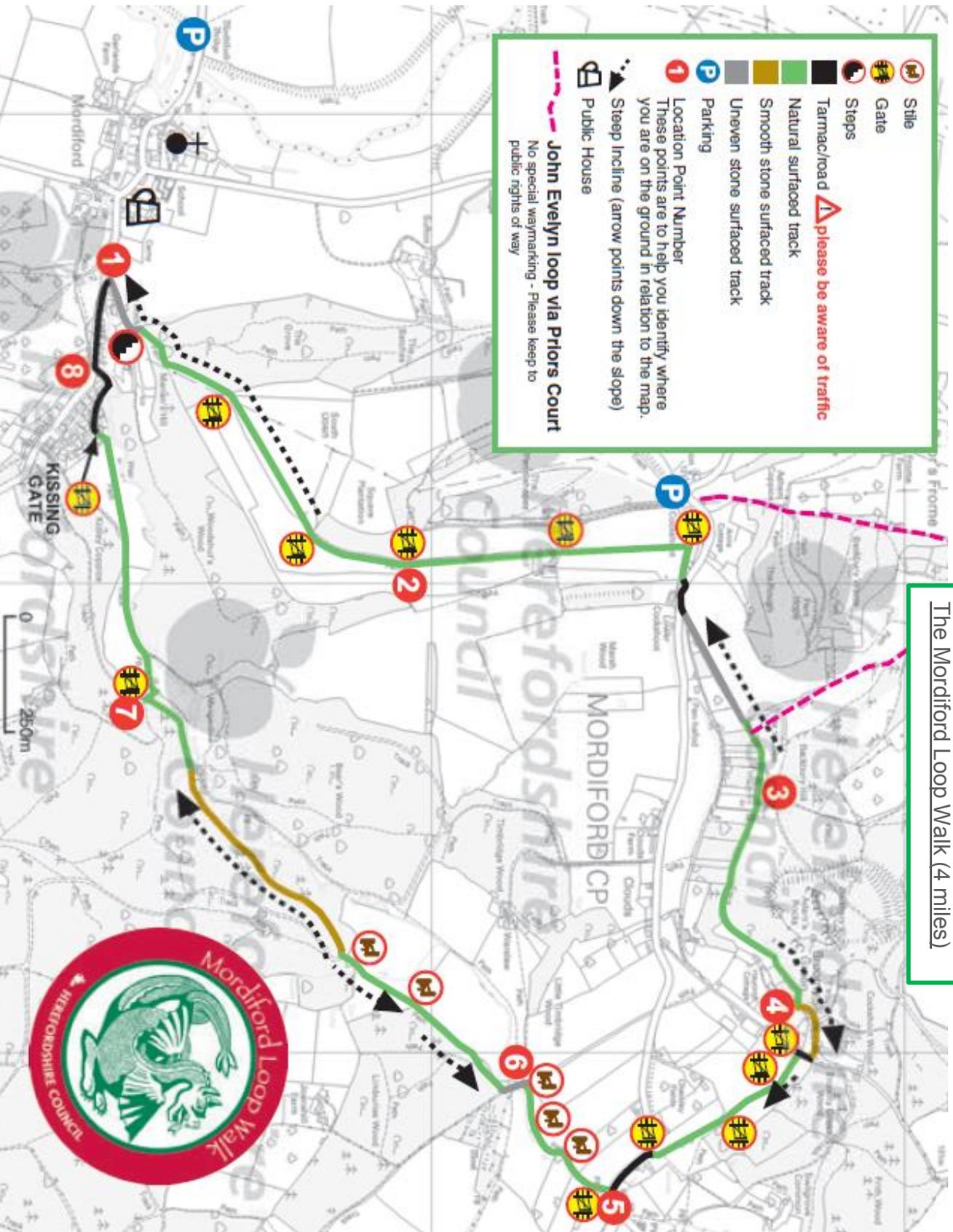
When the snow hit back in February and March many parts of the parish were isolated and had to rely on the kindness of neighbours to help with basic essentials.

We are fortunate to live in an area where people do look out for their neighbours, but if you felt that you could have been of more use during the extreme weather then we encourage you to get in touch with the Clerk. We are trying to co-ordinate those in the parish which might need a bit of extra help with those who are available to provide this help.

If you would welcome a neighbour to be available, if needed, or know of someone who would then we would also encourage you to get in touch.

The Mordiford Loop Walk (4 miles)

- Stile
- Gate
- Steps
- Tarmac/road **⚠ please be aware of traffic**
- Natural surfaced track
- Smooth stone surfaced track
- Uneven stone surfaced track
- Parking
- Location Point Number  
These points are to help you identify where you are on the ground in relation to the map.
- Steep Incline (arrow points down the slope)
- Public House
- John Evelyn loop via Priors Court**  
No special waymarking - Please keep to public rights of way



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### Dormington Community Association Trust (DCAT)

DCAT is a small charity in Dormington (registration number 1071341) with two main aims. The first is to help to preserve the fabric and structure of St. Peter's Church, Dormington, which is a late Norman church, restored and rather changed by the Victorians in the 1870s.

The second is to do charitable works in and around Dormington. Recent events have been a Snowdrop Tea and Sales in February, a talk by Steve Chandler about a school link with Tanzania in April, and a Progressive Lunch in early May. There will be a fete at Priors Court on 25<sup>th</sup> August and a Quiz and Curry at Batestree Hall on 13<sup>th</sup> October.

John Wood – Chairman of DCAT (and a Parish Councillor)

### Allotments

If you had an allotment you could be feasting on fresh asparagus and New Potatoes this month! We still have 4 allotment plots available for rent. It costs less than £1 per week, so if you don't want to take up your valuable garden space with fruit and vegetables but still want to enjoy the spoils then please get in touch and we will be happy to show you the site (which is on Shepherds Orchard, Mordiford).

The Parish Council would like to say a particularly huge thank you to **Cllr Jan Ashton-Jones who has been instrumental in coordinating work on the allotments and promoting their use over the last three years. After several years on the Parish Council, Jan is leaving Mordiford to move overseas – Good luck Jan and thank you for your efforts on the Parish Council.**

### Mordiford Walking Group

A small group of locals meet once a month (on a Tuesday) to explore the surrounding countryside during a walk which finishes up with cake and biscuits afterwards. New people are very welcome to join – if you are interested please contact John Litchfield ([rectorybarn@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rectorybarn@yahoo.co.uk))

### News from Mordiford CE Primary School

The summer term is a busy time at Mordiford School and the children are enjoying the better weather to make the most of our beautiful grounds and the stunning local environment.

Our oldest children have been working very hard in preparation for their final assessments before they leave us for high school, we are really proud of their determination.

Younger pupils have been exploring the beautiful countryside looking for pirates down by the River Wye. Their next adventure is planning a mock wedding which will be held in Holy Rood Church to celebrate the upcoming Royal Wedding.

Year four children have recently taken part in a musical event, which culminated in them performing their own composition of Elgar's Enigma Variations at the inspiring setting of Hellens Manor in Much Marcle. The children performed confidently and very much enjoyed making their own music.



Eight of our oldest children, accompanied by four teachers, have been visiting Poland where we have a partner school in the coastal town of Miedzyzdroje. The children will live with a host family for a week and go to school each day as well as take part in a variety of excursions and cultural events.

Kerri Finney

Head Teacher

