

What's on in and around Castlemorton

February – March 2025

All events are at Castlemorton Parish Hall unless otherwise stated



Morton Majestic is taking part in the prestigious Borderlines Film Festival for the first time!

There are more films this month so just dates and titles here – see the attached Morton Majestic flyer for details

Thursday 20th February at 7:30pm
Thelma

Friday 28th February at 7:30pm
The Critic

Thursday 13th March at 7:30pm
Small Things Like These

Thursday 20th March at 7:30pm
Firebrand

Tickets £5 on the door (Borderlines £5:50)
For advance booking call Beth 01531 631503
or Malcolm 01684 833297 or email
mortonmajestic@gmail.com.

Licensed Bar / Refreshments / Ice creams

The Morton Majestic is at Castlemorton
Parish Hall WR13 6BE
www.castlemortoncinema.co.uk

CaCoffany

St Gregory's Church

Saturdays: 1st February and 1st March

A monthly coffee morning with the chance to sing uplifting hymns and listen to guest musicians No singing experience needed – just come and sing or simply enjoy the coffee and delicious cakes!

No admission charge - proceeds from Bring and Buy stall support maintenance of our lovely church.

10.00 Singing favourite hymns
10.20 Guest musicians
10.30 Singing favourite hymns
10.50 Coffee, cake and chat
sjmusgrave33@gmail.com



Castlemorton Country Music Club

Mickey Dee

Saturday February 22nd

Glyn Longshot

Saturday March 8th

7.00 pm Live Music, No Bar - B.Y.O.

Further details or gig lists

Phone John Copson on 01684 302498

Castlemorton Environmental Group

The Beavers of Greathough Brook, Forest of Dean

Thursday 13th February at 7:30pm

CEG invite you to a talk by Kate Wollen, Area Ecologist West England Forest District, Forestry England

Beavers were introduced to a 7-hectare Enclosure on the Greathough Brook in the Forest of Dean in July 2018 in an effort to slow the flow of water through the site and to improve the biodiversity in the area.

The beavers have certainly done this and transformed the site from a uniform woodland with a straight stream into a wildlife rich wetland site. This is the story so far.

A layman's view of designing and building an environmentally friendly house

Thursday 27th February

Designing and building an Eco house sounds ideal but what are the considerations and the realities?

Andy and Tracey have built a new environmentally friendly house. They will take us through their journey highlighting the things they had to consider, the challenges they faced and why they did some things and not others.

There will also be local environmental businesses present so you can discuss your ideas with them.

Entry for both events, £2:50 with tea or coffee and biscuits provided.

Saturday 1st March Quiz Night

Tickets £12 to include light supper

Proceeds to charity: www.15for15.co.uk

Bar and Raffle

An event arranged by Harriet and other members of the Jeffery family (former Castlemorton residents)

Tel: 07814 881095

Email: hatz1@live.co.uk

Castlemorton Parish Council

Thursday 9th March 7pm

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Saturday 22 March 2025

St Gregory's Church. 7.30pm

Fund Raising Event supporting

St Richard's Hospice

Organ accompaniment to Silent Movie

The Phantom of the Opera (1925)

Contact: 01684 310330

for ticket information

New Pilates Class with Fiona Zelley

A real focus on core strength.

Why Pilates?

You can improve your:

- ☐ Core strength
- ☐ Muscle tone
- ☐ Flexibility and core stability
- ☐ Reduces stress
- ☐ Increases energy levels
- ☐ Improves circulation

STARTING Tuesday 25 February 2025

9:30 to 10:30am

Tel: 07900 256499

BEGINNERS WELCOME



Gentle Keep Fit for the Over 60's

Tuesdays at 2pm

A fitness class designed specifically to help people to stay young by improving strength, flexibility, aerobics, balance and overall health as we age. There are no floor exercises. NHS endorsed. Contact Jane for details and to book your place: 07879 671080

jane.creese@moveitorloseit.co.uk

Dog Training

Competitive and obedience training classes.

Contact Rob Bint: Tel 07540 949872

rob.bint@hotmail.com

Learn Karate

Family classes from age 5 upwards, Now enrolling new members – free suit with membership. Wednesdays 6.30pm.

Contact Dragon Wado-Ryu 07917 685805

Tots of Messy Play

We provide children with an exciting tactile sensory experience that captures their curiosity, and increases their learning, language and creativity.

Friday 7th and 21st February at 10am

See **www.totsofmess.com** for more sessions.

Welland Art & Crafts Group

Welland Parish Hall

Every second Friday of the month

2.30-4.30pm

Contact Sandra Smallwood

Tel 01684 833135

sandrajsmallwood70@gmail.com

Welland Library

Welland Parish Hall

Monday and Friday, closed

Tuesday: 2.30 to 4.30pm

Wednesday: 8.30 to 10.30am

Thursday: 10 to 12 mid-day.

Announcements

Castlemorton Parish Hall

is available for hire for special occasions, meetings, clubs and activities.

Contact The Hall Manager: Tel 07494 893079
manager@castlemortonparishhall.org.uk

www.castlemortonparishhall.org.uk

Castlemorton Library

A mobile library van is at Mouchers Corner/Chandlers Cross (parked a few yards down on the left towards Jakeman's Fruit Farm) on the first Thursday of every month. It arrives at 1.25pm and stays for just 10 minutes.

West Mercia Police

Neighbourhood Matters enables residents, businesses and community groups to keep in touch with local policing teams. Through Neighbourhood Matters you can select which type of alert you wish to receive and how often. You can sign up at:

www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk

Local messages/alerts are often uploaded by Kevin Johns

(West Mercia Police, PC, Upton-upon-Severn Safer Neighbourhood Team)

Defibrillators

There are now 3 in the village:

Outside the Parish Hall & Plume of Feathers & in Castlemorton C of E Primary school

St Gregory's Church, Castlemorton

The Berrow and Longdon Benefices will continue in the care of the Rev'd Julie James, **until end of June 2025** as priest in charge of Longdon Benefice and as present, vicar of Berrow Benefice. Her remaining time in the benefices will permit sorting and moving.

These two benefices cover Berrow with Pendock, Birtsmorton with Hollybush, Eldersfield, Longdon, Castlemorton, Bushley and Queenhill with Holdfast.

Contact Details: Rev'd Julie James, Thistledown, School Lane, Pendock. Gloucester. GL19 3PW
Tel: 01531 651795

For St Gregory's activity please contact churchwarden, Mrs Sarah Musgrave
sjmusgrave33@gmail.com / 01684 310330 to be added to email list or see details on church notice board or A Church Near You website.

A working party is presently preparing a parishes profile for publication in seeking a new incumbent for the benefices.

Malvern Hills Bill

The Malvern Hills Bill was deposited in Parliament on the 27th November 2024.

It can be viewed at

<http://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3897>

Paper copies of the Bill are available from the Trust's office from 4 December at a cost of £3.50 each. The deposited maps are also available to view in the office or online, and copies can be purchased for £1.00.

Local Travel by Bus.

This is a booking service covering the local community, an alternative option to fixed route public transport services. It is called Worcestershire on Demand. The service operates Mondays to Saturdays 7am – 7pm (not public holidays)

For website search:

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/travel-and-highways/bus-travel-worcestershire/worcestershire-demand>

Cost: £2.50 each journey. Concessionary passes are accepted after 9.30am (Pre booked journeys only)

To learn more about the VIA app or phone: 01905 846180 or

Email: WOD@worcestershire.gov.uk

Please provide feedback to the Parish Council if you have an opportunity to try out this new service.

Community Transport is also available through Upton Community Care, Community Action and Malvern Dial A Ride and requires pre-registration.

<https://www.communitytravel.org.uk>

Could you be a Parish Councillor? We are looking for Parish Councillors. The Council is responsible for the Parish Hall, comments on planning matters, footpaths, produces this circular, deals with some highway issues on the minor roads and much more. **Could you give up a little of your time to help your local community?** If you would like to find out more about becoming a councillor the Clerk or Chair would be pleased to chat with you, so please get in touch.

Community Infrastructure Levy: The Parish Council presently has a small fund from new builds in the parish. It can be used in *'the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure or anything else concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.'* Please let the Parish Council know if you have any ideas.

War Memorial: Update. Completion of the repointing in better weather and then consideration to further inscriptions. Following on from the success of the coffee morning offering much information upon which to reflect, it is hoped to arrange another event later this year to especially acknowledge the 80th anniversary of the end of World War 2. Any support or information for this event would be welcomed.

Local Government Reorganisation: In the budget and subsequent devolution White Paper the Government set out an agenda to change local government structures. It wants to see unitary authorities replacing the current two tier District and County Councils. They then want to see directly elected mayors for groups of unitary councils with a population of 1.5 million or more. Parish Councils do not appear to be directly affected by the proposals but will have the opportunity to do more if they wish.

Improved mobile phone connectivity.

A telecommunications provider is in discussion with a Birtsmorton landowner in seeking the possibility for the siting of a mobile phone mast which will be subject to a planning application. Hopefully this potentially improved signal will extend to the area

around the church and school. Thank you to those residents who responded to the recent flyer. Watch this space.

Other local parishes are also liaising with the telecommunications company so possibly other parts of Castlemorton may also benefit should negotiations proceed.

Parish Councillors

Mike Wilkinson Chairman
Jeremy Hubbard Vice Chairman
Hilary Flanders
Dawn Fisher
Nigel Baker
Dan Bowker
Rebecca Rollinson
Clerk: Christina Leake

Village hub

<https://castlemorton.org.uk/>

This website provides access to all the active village websites and contact information.

What's Happening?

BCH Archive

Castlemorton Common Association

Castlemorton CE Primary School

Castlemorton Environmental Group

Morton Majestic Cinema

Parish Council

Parish Hall

St Gregory's Church



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