

What's On in and around Castlemorton

February 2026 – March 2026

All events are at Castlemorton Parish Hall unless otherwise stated

Castlemorton Parish Survey and Quiz with a Prize Draw.

It has been over a decade since the Parish Council carried out its last survey and much has changed in that time.

We have put together a short survey and quiz which has been distributed with this month's issue of What's On. It should take no more than 2 mins of your time to fill in.

The survey questions are all seeking to understand what you (including Hollybush residents) like about Castlemorton and how we, as your Parish Council, can help to build a thriving community.

Castlemorton Parish Council is a rural parish (includes Hollybush) with a small precept so financially we don't have the means to commission big projects but we do have enthusiasm and experience and welcome any of your ideas to promote a healthy and happy community. This survey has been kindly support funded by our County Councillor Tom Wells from his county divisional fund.

The first section is a fun quiz and every correct entry submitted will be entered into a draw. There are 10 prizes of one pair of Castlemorton cinema tickets to be won.

To submit your entry –

Please complete your form and either

- **post it in the Parish Hall post box or**
- **drop in at school in an envelope marked Castlemorton Parish Council or**
- **take a photo of both sides and send via email to castlemortonpc@gmail.com (remember to include your contact details for the prize draw).**

If there are more people in your household who want to have a go (we'd love to hear from children too) simply visit the

Castlemorton hub website at

www.castlemorton.org.uk

Clerk: Christina Leake 01684 310409

Email: castlemortonpc@gmail.com



Thursday 5th February at 7:30pm The Seeds of Vandana Shiva (PG-2021-82mins)

The Seeds of Vandana Shiva tells the remarkable life story of Gandhian eco-activist Dr. Vandana Shiva, how she stood up to the corporate Goliaths of industrial agriculture, rose to prominence in the food justice movement, and inspired an international crusade for change.

This feature length documentary is shown in co-operation with Castlemorton Environmental Group.

Thursday 19th February at 7:30pm The Marching Band (15-2024-103mins-French with subtitles)

Acclaimed conductor Thibaut has leukaemia and needs a bone marrow donor. Learning he was adopted, he discovers he has an older brother, a musician and a factory worker, leading a very different life. Despite their very different upbringings, the brothers forge a bond around their shared love of music; and through their collaboration, they explore identity, family ties, and the power of music to bridge social divides.

This film is a fine example of French Cinema's brilliance in making top class comedy/drama films.

Tickets £5 on the door

Once more the Morton Majestic will be part of the Borderlines Film Festival Put the following dates in your diary 6th March, 12th March and 19th March. Details will be available on our website and via our mailing list when the publicity embargo lifts.

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

**For advance booking call Beth 01531 631503 or Malcolm 01684 833297 or email mortonmajestic@gmail.com.
Licensed Bar / Refreshments / Ice creams**

Castlemorton Environmental Group

**Why Swifts Need Help
Thursday 29th January at 7:30pm**



CEG invite you to a talk led by Simon Evans, ornithologist and secretary of the RSPB Worcester and Malvern Local Group.

The Swift is an amazing and beautiful bird that is in decline in the UK. Simon will talk about the problems they face and how we can help them.

CaCoffany

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

**St Gregory's Church
Saturday 7th February Saturday 7th March**

10.00 Singing favourite hymns
10.20 Guest musicians
10.30 Singing favourite hymns
10.50 Coffee, cake and chat
simusgrave33@gmail.com

Start the Week

As 2026 begins, why not set aside time for reflection and peace?

Start the Week is a new short weekly gathering with a bible passage, song and prayer for our church, our community and ourselves.

Join us at 6.30pm, beginning on Sunday 4 January as St Gregory's Church

We would love to see you

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 Country Music Club



Dave Christie **Mickey Dee**
Saturday 21st February Saturday 14th March

7.00 pm Live Music, No Bar - B.Y.O.
Further details or gig lists
Phone John Copson on 01684 302498

Yoga with Beth

The Mid-Week Reset

Wednesdays 9:30 to 10:30

A welcoming yoga class designed to help you feel stronger, more grounded, and better in your body.

No experience necessary.

Bring a mat or blanket.

£12 drop-in | £40 for 4 class block

www.yogawithbeth.co.uk

Email: hello@yogawithbeth.co.uk

Pilates with Fiona Zellej

Tuesdays 9:30 to 10:30am during term time

Improve: Core strength, muscle tone, flexibility, reduce stress, increase energy levels, improve circulation, balance.

Block booking – six weeks for £45

Drop in - £9 per session

Call Fiona on: 07900256499 or

Email: fionatzellejpilates@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

Dog Training

1 to 1 or groups sessions available

Monday evenings

Contact Rob Bint: Tel 07540 949872

rob.bint@hotmail.com



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

St Gregory's Church, Castlemorton

A part of the Berrow and Longdon Benefices. The Benefice principal contact details are:

Associate Priest: Rev'd Anthea Elston,
Tel: 01684 833278 revanth@eighoaks.com
Office: Mrs Chris Glyde 01684 833866
admin@berrowlongdon.org.uk
(Wed 9.30 – noon) and for

Castlemorton: churchwarden,
Mrs Sarah Musgrave 01684 310330
sjmusgrave33@gmail.com

Monthly Services

2nd Sunday 6.30pm Kaleidoscope
3rd Sunday 10.30am Family Communion

Further details on Church Notice board or
A Church Near You website

Local Travel by Bus.

Worcestershire on Demand. The service operates Mondays to Saturdays 7am – 7pm (not public holidays)

Website:

<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)

Phone: 01905 846180 or

Email: WOD@worcestershire.gov.uk

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>

Wellbeing Support Registered Charity:1114859
Age UK Wyvern Contact: 01684 560666

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.

Neighbour Parish Activity

Instructor-led sessions at Welland outdoor gym

WHEN: Every Friday at 10am

WHERE: Welland outdoor gym (on Spitalfields, opposite the village hall).

PRICE: It's £5 for the hour's class.

Pre book by calling our fitness partners Malvern Splash on 01684 893423. If you're already a Freedom Leisure member you can book the session online.

So why not come along and try something new or get back into a fitness routine?

Welland Art & Crafts Group

Welland Parish Hall

Every second Friday of the month

2.30-4.30pm

Contact Sandra Smallwood

01684 833135

sandrajsmallwood70@gmail.com

Welland Walkers

The group meet every Friday morning at 10am at Welland Parish Hall and walk no more than 5 miles, either along paths and tracks around Welland or a short drive to explore a new area. None of the walks are overly strenuous or involve steep slopes.

No need to book, dogs welcome and no cost. More information Ian Hardicker 07743 477258

Castlemorton Parish Council

Castlemorton Common Co-ordinating Committee (4Cs) Vacancy

The Parish Council holds two places on the 4Cs one of which is currently vacant. The 4Cs is a Forum that discusses the management of Castlemorton, Hollybed and Coombe Green Commons. The group usually has two indoor and one outdoor

meeting a year. It was established to advise the Malvern Hills Trust and represent the views of graziers, local residents and users. If you are interested in representing the Parish Council on the group please contact the Castlemorton Parish Clerk

Parish Councillors

Mike Wilkinson (Chairman)
Hilary Flanders Dawn Fisher
Nigel Baker Dan Bowker
Rebecca Rollinson Yvonne Milne

Clerk: Christina Leake

Email: castlemortonpc@gmail.com

Tel: 01684 310409

Next Parish Council Meeting:

Thursday 5 March 2026 at 7pm

Through **Neighbourhood Matters** (Community Message service) you can sign up for local police alerts.

A recent notification is the following:
If you have fallen for a scam:

Report it to Report Fraud (formerly known as ACTION FRAUD) on 0300 123 2040 or via reportfraud.police.uk

Scam Text messages can be forwarded to 7726 to help phone providers take early action and block numbers that generate spam on their networks. You can also report Scam mobile calls by texting 7726 with the word "Call" followed by the fraudulent caller's phone number.

Forward Fake Emails received to report@phishing.gov.uk

If you think your bank account or personal banking details have been used fraudulently, then use the short phone number - 159 - to contact the Fraud Prevention Department of most major UK banks.

In the next *What's On* look out for details of the new Parish Council website and email.

News from the Parish Council - need to increase the precept

At the last Parish Council Meeting we discussed the need to increase the precept next year. This is the amount collected as part of your Council Tax that supports the work of the Parish Council. Reluctantly we agreed that a 15% increase would be needed next financial year. We wanted residents to know why.

In part, this is because the County Council who previously looked after the Parish Council website has withdrawn support. Legally we must have a website and the cost of this will now fall on our Council. This accounts for nearly half of the projected increase (£350). Other increases that we need to budget for are insurance, salary and admin costs and membership of the County Association of Local Authorities. Taken together the essential costs of running the Parish Council are expected to be 15% higher next year. Our 'fixed costs' are more than 90% of the income from the precept. We felt we had to maintain a small amount of headroom so have proposed a precept for 2026-7 of £6350. The increase will add £3 to £5 a year depending on the property, to what you pay to the Parish Council.

So what does the Parish Council do? We own the Parish Hall which is run for us by the Parish Hall Trust. We comment on planning matters that are of importance to the community, we input views on footpath maintenance and undertake some minor highway works on the unclassified roads in our Parish. If you want to know more about our work or are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor then why not come along to our next meeting?



Information and more can be found on the Village Hub.
<https://castlemorton.org.uk/>

What's On

If you have anything for this news-letter or would like to help with delivering it, please email danbowker@gmail.com.

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