

Watch out for the second NDP Mailshot arriving soon.

This is one where we would really like you to get involved, and respond to it, to help us show it is still your NDP



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### **Morval NDP Progress Report**

The NDP Steering Group has been working very hard behind the scenes in an effort to get the Plan to a point where formal consultation can begin. Before that can happen, more views need to be collected from around our community. Normally, we would have been holding outreach events around the parish, inviting residents to look at the Plan as it progresses and comment on it. Because of lockdown restrictions, this obviously can't happen, hence the mailshot that was posted to everyone back in October. Another mailshot will be sent out soon, and the Steering Group will welcome any feedback.

The object of any NDP is to give the community some say in future developments. Unfortunately, it cannot be used to address issues that have arisen prior to its adoption. Members of the Steering Group are happy to pass on to Parish Council concerns regarding current building projects, but have no power to enforce any action. The sooner the Plan is complete, the sooner there will be some local control over the size, type and location of any development proposals. The Steering Group is therefore grateful for the feedback and encouragement already shown and looks forward to further engagement by residents in response to the upcoming mailing.

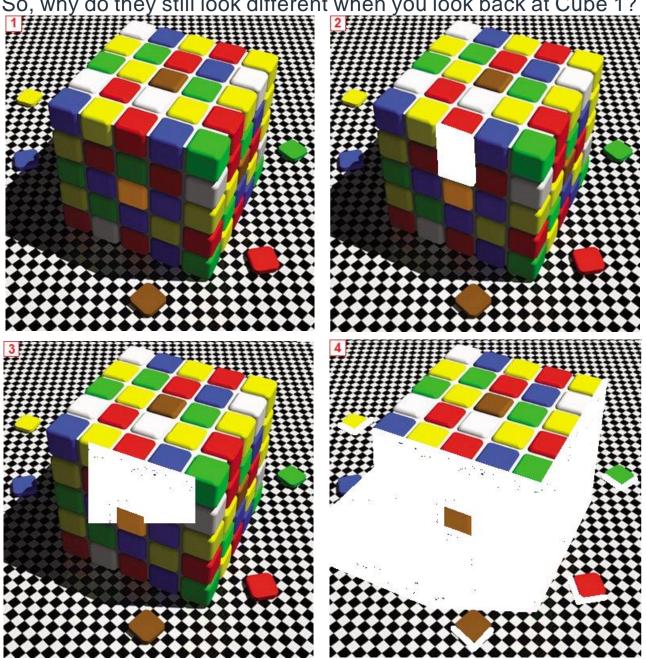
Steering Group continue to develop core policies, including:-

- Local Green Spaces
- Community Facilities
- Energy Saving and Carbon Reduction Measures
- Protection and Enhancement of Biodiversity
- Employment Development
- Small Scale 'infill and rounding off' housing development
- Rural Exceptions for Local People
- Design Requirements
- Traffic calming and Accessibility
- Dark Skies
- Flood prevention
- Climate Change
- Planning Procedure
- Sustainability Appraisal

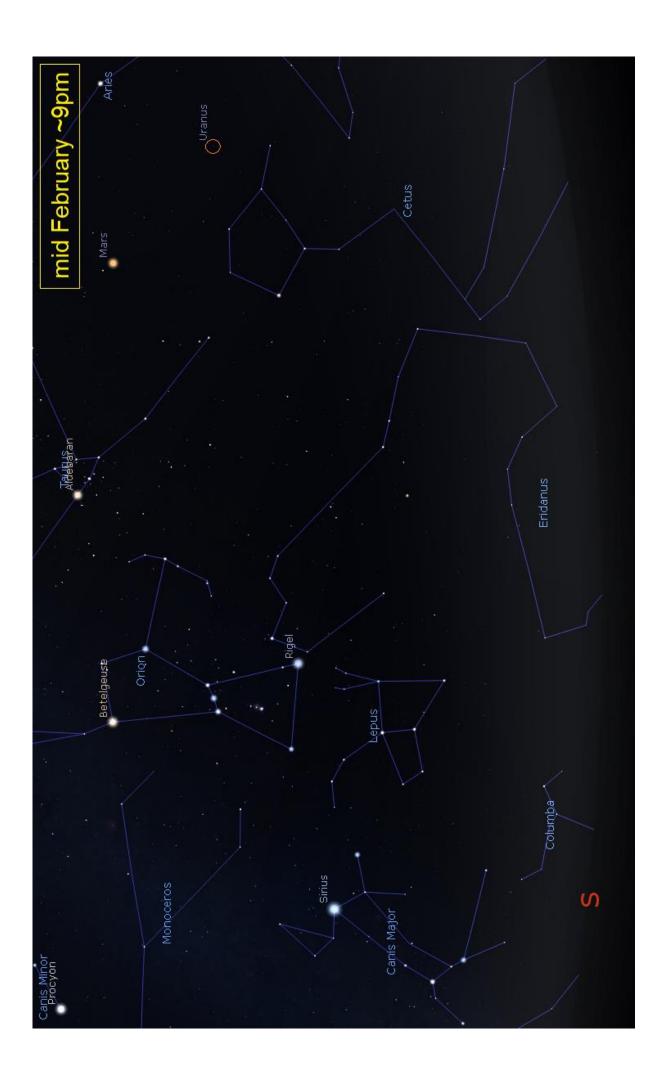
#### **Coloured Cube Optical Illusion**

Look at Cube 1 and compare the colour of the small square in the middle of the top face with the small square in the middle of the front face. Question: Are the colours different? Answer: Yes Except they're actually the same... and that the optical illusion!!

So, why do they still look different when you look back at Cube 1?



It's all to do with how our brains interpret the outside world... a colour appears darker if in shadow, so if something in shadow seems to have the same colour as something which isn't, then our brains 'know' the colours differ. As the shadows in 2, 3 & 4 are progressively removed, these colours become more and more similar. With no shadows in 4, the colours are the same.



#### **The February Night Sky**

There are two sky charts on the previous two pages, the first showing what the sky (with key names included) will look like, and the second has constellation lines, to help find your way around.

By mid-February, the Moon will be a crescent in the Western sky as the Sun sets. The Moon will be full on 26<sup>th</sup> February, meaning it will rise in the East as the Sun sets in the West, travelling across the night sky, and setting in the West as the Sun rises in the East.

Most of the planets (Mercury, Venus, Jupiter & Saturn) are in the sky close to where the Sun is, and therefore aren't visible.

However, Mars is definitely visible; it's in the south western sky after sunset, setting after midnight.

Uranus is to the right of Mars and down a bit (see orange circle on the sky chart). With perfect eyesight and seeing conditions, it's a faint point, so you'll need binoculars for any chance of seeing it.



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