



Maer Village Newsletter

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 Maer Village Hall

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Welcome to the April Newsletter

So British Summer time has started, but with some rather cold and wintry weather !! With more restrictions being lifted, families and friends have been able to visit, holidays away can be planned, and we can finally go to the hairdressers!!! The daffodils have been in full bloom and the garlic and bluebells are just starting to show. The warmer weather has encouraged new life within the village. Many of Julie and Peter's sheep have produced their lambs now and we have seen a new foal in the village hall field and some surprise lambs in the shire horse field



Other news



We have finally completed the Darwin Tile display in the hall car park. The sink is one of the originals from the Hall Laundry and was very kindly donated by John and Sue on behalf of Jessie. We have planted a few alpines around and hopefully this will provide a lovely permanent display.

The window boxes, troughs and flower displays have been absolutely stunning these past few weeks. If you are passing and the tubs and troughs look a bit dry, please feel free to water them -there is a watering can next to the water butt.



You may not know, but we have Swifts return each year and nest in the eaves of the village hall. We have now put up some Swift nesting boxes on the gable end of the hall to encourage a few more nesting pairs. Many thanks to David Lovatt for making them, Wendy for organising and Darren for balancing on the ladder

We would like to share some sad news about one of our neighbours. Jim wrote this little message for the newsletter. On 24th March, "Denise Goddard of 4 Shortwood Cottages has passed away after an 8 year battle with cancer. Much loved wife of James and much-loved mum to daughters Rebecca and Zoe"
Our thoughts and prayers are with Denise's family



Church News from Wendy

Easter

At 6.30 a m on Easter morning, 15 of us gathered in the Churchyard at Chapel Chorlton for the usual dawn service for Easter day. In the 40 years that we have been holding 'the Dawn', we have seen all sorts of Easter days – very little rain, it must be said – and this year's was cold and misty. But it was great to meet face-to-face instead of via Zoom. At a more civilised hour, there was a well-attended Zoom service. This month sees 2 meetings with splendidly Anglican names – the 'Annual Parochial Meeting' and the 'Quinquennial'.

The Annual Parochial Meeting is in effect the Church's Annual General Meeting, when a Committee is elected and reports from the Chair, the Treasurer and the Secretary are given . Anyone is welcome to attend this meeting, which usually takes place in church, but of course, this year it will be via Zoom. The date is Wednesday 28th April at 7.30 pm and the Zoom details are the same as for the Sunday service (ID: 885 1942 6344. Passcode: 702395).

Quinquennial. Every parish church has to be inspected by an architect every five years and a detailed report given about the state of the building. St. Peter's, Maer is due to have an inspection this month and let's hope the architect doesn't come up with any shocks!

Church Wall. Despite a hopeful flurry of activity earlier in the Spring, nothing new to report.

Maer Walks. Date to be finalised for this, but likely to be Sat. July 10th – a selection of walks from the Village Hall, village and Church tours, or just come for a Cream Tea.

We hope the Church will be open for worship from the end of May.

Village Hall news

Village Hall Cleaner.

The Village Hall is in need of someone to clean the Hall on a regular basis. There is a guaranteed 4 hours a month at £11 per hour but once bookings increase, there could be extra hours following events. If you know of anyone interested, please let Sue or Wendy know.

Table Tennis Group

Harry and Harley (Hodgson) are putting together the details of the table tennis league to be run at the hall using our new table. If you would like to join in, then please contact Harry on 07768992065. We are hoping to start towards the end of May when indoor sport will be allowed.

Kitchen upgrade

In order to prepare for re-opening, we have cleaned out the kitchen area to make way for a new dishwasher, crockery, and kitchen accessories. The old crockery is not dishwasher safe, so it is free to a good home. It is Royal Doulton and has the monogram of the British Pottery Manufacturers Federation Club used at the Potters Club in Federation House opposite Stoke Station. We also have trays, cups and saucers and tea towels up for grabs. If you would like any items then please let Wendy or Sue know.

Dates for your Diary

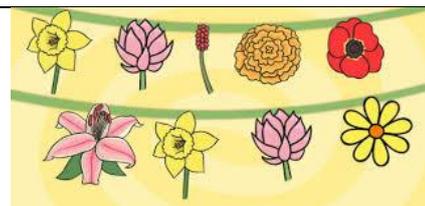
Join in for an online virtual version of The Mighty Quiz

Just another reminder about the online version of our Mighty Quiz. We have a few teams lined up already, but the beauty of it being online is there isn't a restriction on tickets.

WHEN Saturday 1st May from 7.30-9.30
HOW Via a zoom link that you will be sent by email
COST £5 per adult entry via a JustGiving page

If you would like to take part email Sue Jackson to register your team name - sue.jackson521@gmail.com

About one week before the date we will send you an email with all the details about how to take part, the link to the "JustGiving" page and how to access the zoom meeting



Maer Village Hall
Saturday May 22nd



Plant Sale and Spring Fair Saturday May 22nd – 12-2pm

We have already had some great offers of plants, produce gazebos and crafts for sale at the fair. But we always need help to run these events.

If you can offer to help run a stall, provide produce such as cakes, biscuits, breads, honey, jams etc, offer gifts we can use in the raffle/tombola or help with the café or car parking then all help is gratefully received.

Members of the Whitmore and District Activity Living Group will be there to tell you about the group and all the activities to get involved in.

We also have a new craft stall run by a team of crafters in and around Baldwins Gate.

And you can also chance your luck on the Human Fruit Machine – prizes everytime!!

Please let Sue Jackson know or any member of the committee what you can do to help.

Thank you