



Maer Village Newsletter

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 Maer Village Hall

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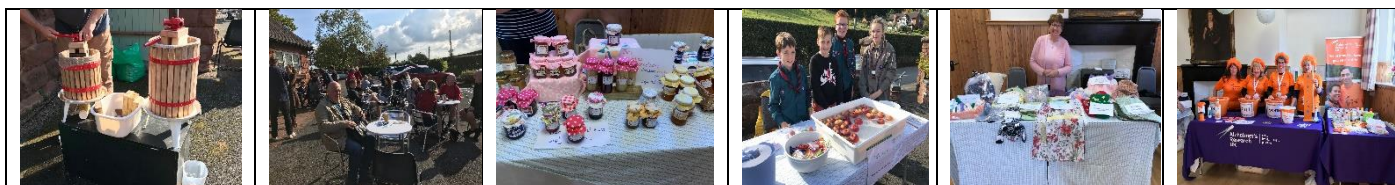
October 2021

Welcome to the October Newsletter

Autumn is well and truly underway with some gorgeous colours and skies within the village. Despite the ongoing presence of Covid, the hall and village has still been able to run many events. There are also lots of things coming up for you to join in with as well as a growing challenge for you to take part in!!!!

APPLE DAY

The weather was just perfect when we held our first ever apple day on 10th October and it was a fabulous success. The apple cutting, pressing and bottling team worked flat out for many (many) hours to make the apple juice, the café was extra busy with a fantastic array of delights, and the produce and cake stall pretty much sold out. The ARUK Human Fruit Machine provided its usual fun and noise, there were lovely gifts for sale on Shani's and Angelina's craft stalls. The scout team ran the challenging "apple catching" stall outside. We had many new visitors to the event all commenting on how lovely the hall was. We made 31 bottles of apple juice and the feedback was that the Maer 2021 vintage was a delicious blend. The event raised £600. Huge thank you to everyone who helped to make this such a success.



Staffordshire Wildlife Talk

This was held on Friday 22nd October with a talk all about owls and several types of owls to see and hold. One of the birds needed to be coaxed down from the curtain rail. It was one of the busiest meetings and it was great to see several younger members of the community attending. Thanks to David Lovatt for organising.

The next meeting is on Friday 12th November, 7.30pm at Eccleshall Parish Rooms – Chacalacas, Tarantulas, Potoos and Leatherback Turtles – Talk by Greg Spencer



CALENDAR Photo Competition

There were over 100 photos entered in the calendar photo competition – a fantastic variety of colours, locations and subjects, which made the voting very difficult.

The photos were laid out in the hall over a weekend and loads of folk came to vote on their favourite shot for each month. Once we counted the votes there were some clear winners and these will make yet another superb calendar. The front cover photo is from one of the stained glass windows in the St Peters. The calendar has been sent off for printing, with a cost of £10 each.

If you would like to buy one or more then please let Sue know on WhatsApp or on 07932955211

There were so many other lovely photos that we will make some card sets to raise money for St Peters Church and these will be for sale at the Christmas fair on 5th December.

Please place orders for these with Sue



Church News from Wendy

Harvest

Many thanks to all who donated goods for the Harvest Festival. The Church, as ever, looked beautiful. The Salvation Army at Chesterton were delighted to receive this particular harvest, which helped to make up food parcels for local families in need, and was also used to cook for the homeless, which the 'Sally Army' do on a regular basis

Services at Maer are at 9.30 am on the second and fourth Sundays of the month and of course, all are welcome to any of the services at our beautiful church. The Church is also open for visitors from 10 am – 4 pm on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.



Remembrance Sunday will be marked on November 14th, with a short service in Church at 9.30am, then at about 10.30am, there will be a procession from church up to the War Memorial where an Act of Remembrance will take place, including the laying of wreaths by local organisations and a 2-minute silence at 11am

This year Elena has helped to decorate the cenotaph area with plaques and painted stones. These look fabulous and anyone can add to this display with their own stones.

Church Wall

The contractors have suggested that work on the wall starts early in January, so expect notices about diversions and road closures before this. Although they could have begun the work a little earlier than this, the contractors felt the village would not react well to the road past the Church being closed over the Christmas period hence their suggestion that work begins immediately after the Christmas/New Year break.



Looking forward to Christmas

The Maer Carol Service will as usual be on the Sunday before Christmas – Sunday 19th December this year – and we hope to combine Church and Village Hall as we did last year, with a short service in Church (probably at 4pm) , then, if possible, process down to the Village Hall for more carols, followed by mince pies and mulled wine, snacks and fizz. More details nearer the time

The service on Christmas Day itself will be at 9 am.

Regular activities at Maer Village Hall

Knit and Natter

Every Thursday Morning from 10am – 12noon

Come along and have a chat and a coffee and maybe even learn some new craft skills - Contact Shani on 07929118221



Table Tennis Group

Tuesday and Wednesday from 6.30-7.30pm

Come and have a game with us. We have two tables to play on and can provide bats for you - All levels welcome

Yoga with Pip

We are delighted to welcome back Pip's Yoga sessions to the village hall

Thursday 6-7pm - Slow and Steady Yoga. A slow and steady practice that encourages focus on the connection between breath and movement

Thursday 7.15-8.15pm - Improvers Yoga. A dynamic 60 minute flow – energising class for those looking to challenge their practice



For more details contact Pip on - <https://www.yogawithpip.com/>, or 07787077846

Dates for your Diary – please share.

The Whitmore And District Activity Living Group

The next event is a "Tutored Wine Tasting" by Whitebridge Wines on **Tuesday 9th November in Whitmore Village Hall from 2.00 p.m. until 4.00 p.m.**

A total of 8 Wines (Sparkling, White, Red & Port) will be tasted. Breadsticks, biscuits and water will be freely available between each wine tasted and Covid guidance advice will be followed throughout the event. This is a unique opportunity to taste some great wines at affordable prices in the company of your friends and an enjoyable pre-cursor to upcoming festive season
The cost for the event is £7.50 per person payable at the door and to pre book your seat, please email David Harrison by no later than Thursday evening 4th October, so that we can ensure sufficient wine, tables and chairs is available for the tasting - d.harrison726@btinternet.com

Maer and District Garden Guild

The group is holding its annual Guild Dinner on

Monday 15th November at 7.30pm in Maer Village Hall

Members, Non Members, friends and Family all welcome
A lovely catered two course dinner with coffee followed by an entertainment event of song and chat

£15 per person - bring own drinks

Please contact Doug Newton on 01782 680593 for more information and bookings



Christmas Decorations and Nativity display

Saturday 27th November 2- 4.30pm in Maer Village Hall

Last year the decorations and nativity display at the hall were a great success and we are going to do the same again this year. Please come along to help decorate the large tree outside, the small tree inside, the window lights, fireplace decorations and the nativity scene.

If you have any spare decorations or lights or have made a wooden log reindeer to join the herd then please bring along. If you would like to make a specific character for the nativity scene, the stable will be waiting for new additions.

We will then have a formal switch on of the lights once it's dark at about 4.30pm – perhaps the Maer Christmas Elf will return (kids, be ready)

Christmas Pizza night – 6pm onwards

Following the Light Switch on we thought it would be great for a community get together for Pizza and Drinks in the hall

The Dart board will be up and ready for action

Just a fun relaxing night to share with friends and neighbours and enjoy the hall decorations. (Bring your own drinks)



CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR



Christmas Crafts and Café
Sunday 5th December 2021
11am—4pm



Crafts and Gifts for sale



Coffee, Cake and Christmas
Delights.

Maer Village Hall ST5 5EF

Growing Challenge for the Spring

Can you grow a Pink Daffodil?

Pink daffodils don't exist in nature but with a bit of magic (beetroot!!!), maybe you can grow one
This will work with most daffodil bulbs but try Tete a Tete or large ones such as King Alfred or Dutch Master... but try to choose ones that flower in March so we can see them all together.
You will need to plant these in the next few weeks.

To get the pink colour (***) wear plastic gloves or you will get pink fingers)

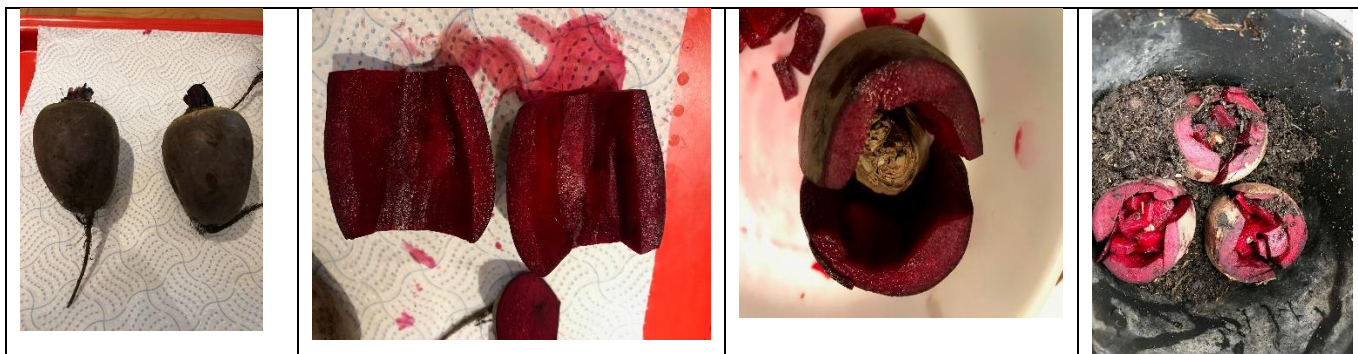
You will need a raw beetroot for each bulb

Cut the top and bottom off then cut in half vertically and

Scoop/cut out the beetroot flesh

Mash or grate the flesh and squeeze around the bulb

Place the emptied halves of the beetroot back around the bulb/mash and place in your container or pot like you would do for a normal bulb



The pot

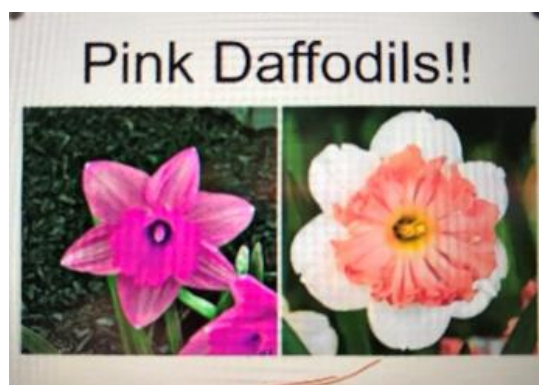
If you have a pot or container big enough for a few bulbs then the display will be better

Place gravel or a crock in the bottom for drainage

Place a small layer of bulb compost mix in the bottom and then place your beetroot bulbs on top of that

Fill the pot with more compost and add a layer of grit on the top - Label well

And in the Spring.....!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



It would be fantastic to have a display of Pink daffodils that we could line up on the wall at the village hall - a unique calendar photo!!!!!!!!!!