



Maer Village Newsletter

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Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2021 and Happy “Snowy” New Year

Thankfully the year of 2020 is done....but one we won't forget in a hurry!!

As this new year starts we find ourselves in another Lockdown, but with the promise of the vaccine rollout, we should wish you all a Hopeful and Healthy New Year as well.

Despite the weather and ongoing restrictions we were still, thankfully, able to hold our two planned events in December.

The Christmas Café and Fair was nearly rained off, so a huge Thank You to the many folk that still managed to come along and celebrate a mini Christmas in the village hall. There were some fantastic gifts, decorations and produce to take home, fabulous cakes/biscuits and drinks and even Santa's sleigh with our homemade wooden reindeer. Special thanks to Janet and Peter for all the jams and jellies, Val for donating the cards/masks/bags etc, Sandy for all the fabulous decorations and flower displays, Wendy and Linda for running the cafe and the magnificent Maer “Star Bakers” for the delicious cakes and biscuits.

Everyone was extremely generous with their donations and we raised a **fabulous £120**



Christmas Carols

All the prayers worked for the weather to be kind for the Christmas Carols event. We had a lovely procession singing “O come all ye faithful” and then a small service led by Nigel, several readings and more carols, led harmoniously by Sue Belfield – even the Hodgkinson sheep joined in !!!



On behalf of the church Wendy wanted to say.....

“It was a great joy to be able to hold a Carol Service on 20th December and to actually be able to sing! Thanks to many, but especially to Sue and Linda for all their hard work to make the event possible and also to Jane Kirby, who not only made one of the batches of mince pies, but, perhaps more importantly, sorted out the mulled wine, ably assisted by Robert.”

Further News and Events

Church News from Wendy

Church services are still allowed during lockdown, as long as social distancing is taking place and masks are worn. Services for January are:

Jan 10th – 9.30 am Chapel Chorlton

Jan 17th – 11 am. Whitmore

Jan 24th – 9.30 am. Maer

Jan 31st – 9.30 am. Chapel Chorlton.

One of our close neighbours, Nesta Hassall, who has lived all her life (more than 80 years) up Haddon Lane from Maer at Mount Tabor Farm, has moved to a flat in Clayton, close to her daughter's house. Like Mary and Jessie, Nesta was a fixture at all local events and, although it is a good move for Nesta, it's difficult to imagine life out here without her. – best wishes to Nesta in her new home

A few of us managed to visit Mary and Jessie – they are doing well and had a lovely Christmas. They send their love to everyone in the village

Church wall – last news (before Christmas) was that we are still waiting to hear from loss adjusters

Maer Village Hall AGM – Public Notice

Monday 25th January at 7pm -7.45pm

This year due to current restrictions we are not able to hold the usual open meeting in the village hall. So the AGM will take place via zoom. If you would like to attend the AGM please send an email to sue.jackson521@gmail.com and we will send you the zoom link to be able to join the meeting.

Everyone is really welcome to the AGM to see how the hall is run and who is on the committee and you will have a chance to offer your support or even join us.

Did you know that the Maer Village Hall is a Charity managed by a small group of volunteer trustees and runs solely on funds raised or donated?

There will be a full committee meeting following the AGM where the committee/trustees will discuss the plans for events and activities at the hall for this year.

So if you have any thoughts or ideas please of fundraising events or any activities you would like to happen in the hall this year, or you would like to offer your support, then we would love to hear from you.

Please do contact any of the committee members you know, or Sue via the email above before the 25th so we can add your suggestions to the agenda.



Annual Community Litter Pick

Saturday 30th January – 10.30 from Maer Village Hall

Since the blue bins have been in use the rubbish on the roads and in the verges is definitely less.....but there is still some about.

We are organising another community litter pick throughout the whole length of the village and a clean-up of rubbish and weeds around the village hall and pavement.

Although we cannot meet as a group, folks from the same household or bubbles are welcome to join in and help to tidy up the village.

You can collect yellow jackets, black bags and helping hands for the litter pick from inside the porch where there will also be a tick sheet of which areas to cover.

Please bring your own gloves and wear warm clothing !!

Book and Jigsaw Swap

This was very successful when we did this in the first lockdown last year, so we thought folk might have some more spare items they would like to swap.

The hall will be open from on Saturday 30th January from 10.30-12.30 (whilst we do the litter pick)

You can leave your used/not wanted jigsaws and books in the hall, during this time.

All items will be cleaned and available for new owners to collect on the following

Saturday 6th Feb from 10am-12noon

Darwin's Birthday – 12th February 1809

Charles Darwin is such an important historical figure in this village so we think it would be great to celebrate his 212th birthday

We are thinking of some form of event on Saturday 13th February - perhaps a quiz/treasure hunt, a coffee and birthday cake event or maybe even a tree planting event

If you have any ideas or suggestions then please contact Wendy on 01782 680613 or

wendy.kinson1@gmail.com

Maer Walking and Footpath Conservation Group

During 2020 it seemed that many more people were out walking and exploring the fabulous countryside and scenery around this beautiful village. Many people have commented on the (poor) state of some of the local footpaths, but also wanted to find out more about where to walk. The village hall carpark has been used on almost a weekly basis by visitors coming into the village to enjoy the local walking.

We think it would be great to form a group that can help to review and manage the footpaths and wondered if you would like to help – the group could: clear and reclaim the paths, share and collect a list of the different routes and design a leaflet with maps/distances/points of interest, get the assistance of the landowners if required and, when allowed, organise a communal walk or two.

(Always followed by coffee and cake of course !!!)

We could publicise our work, start a facebook/whatsapp group and maybe even raise some funds from map booklets available at the village hall and car park donations

Please contact Linda Chesterton via her email – l.chesterton1@gmail.com and we can organise an initial virtual meeting to plan what needs doing.

Table Tennis Table

Hot off the press news - We have purchased a Table tennis table for use inside the village hall. It will be arriving in the next few weeks (pandemic and Brexit permitting !!!)

Watch this space for further details