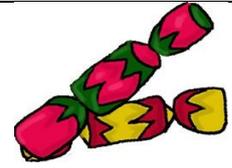




# Maer Village Newsletter

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## Welcome to the December and Christmas edition of the newsletter

Thankfully this challenging year is nearly over. Despite all the restrictions and difficulties the community has come together to support each other and continue with events and activities as best as we could. And this month we have really brought Christmas to Maer. There are Christmas stars and lights from the Church all the way up to Westonmeres, and the village hall is truly decked!!! The nativity scene is brilliant (and unique) and the wood reindeer are works of art. There has also been a fantastic and very generous amount of donations of children's gifts for the Alice Charity. Hopefully (weather permitting) we will be able to finish our celebrations in style with two further events at the hall and church



## Christmas café and fair – THIS Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2- 4pm

Please come along and enjoy the festivities

We will be serving **free** coffee, tea, hot chocolate, cakes and mince pies to take away

Come and see the nativity in all its glory

We'll be playing Christmas music and carols that you can sing along to

### CHRISTMAS STALLS

There will be some goodies on sale – cards, masks, table decorations, santa logs and Christmas rings

Plus jars of jelly, jam marmalade and chutney



### SANTA'S SLEIGH

Take a photo with your riding Santa's sleigh pulled by own wood reindeer family..... and you may even find a little bag of goodies inside

Although we are only allowed to serve take away drinks and food we hope the weather will be kind to let us have the tables and chairs outside – suitable warm and rainproof clothing advised !!!!!!!

If not then please still come in to see everything and then take your drinks and cakes home with you

The hall is Covid secure, but please wear masks when inside and observe safe distance measure at all times

To those that can't make it we can do deliveries of cakes and gifts – please let us know

## Christmas Carols in Maer - Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

The Covid regulations mean at the moment there can be no singing inside the church this Christmas.

**BUT.....**Arrangements are in place for a very different Carol Service in Maer this year. It is going to be impossible to have the usual convivial, warm, packed event with carols ringing out and the Church bedecked in its Christmas finery. However there will be a service in Church and afterwards (weather permitting), carols will be sung outside.

**SO**

On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December **at 3 pm**, there will be a short said service of Christmas Communion IN the Church, then, as it goes dark and the lights come on, a (socially distanced) procession will come through the village, singing carols. The words to the chosen carols are on the sheets attached so please bring them with you.

Gather outside the Garden House (Elena's) **at 3.45** for this.- bring lanterns and torches



We'll process to the Village Hall, where there will be a short service, led by the Rector, including community carols, followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

People are welcome to join the Church service at 3 pm, the procession at 3.45 or the Carol Service (or even just the mince pies and mulled wine – **about 4.30!**).

Any of these or all of these!

We are hoping for a dry afternoon, but do come wrapped up with warm coats and boots and regrettably, if it rains, we will have to cancel the Carols.

But Christmas in Maer is definitely NOT cancelled this year and I'm praying for a fine day.

**Wendy**

QUIZ answers – last newsletter. Hunt the Houses.

1. Maer Mews.
2. The Old Vicarage.
3. Croft House (who drinks 'Croft Original' these days?)
4. Gardener's Cottage and the Garden House.
5. Bramble Cottage
6. The Old Post Office.
7. Beekeeper's Cottage
8. The Old Laundry.
9. Holly Cottage.
10. Plum Park.

No prizes, but well done everyone.

It has been a joy, and a very easy job, to write all the newsletters this year. Despite everything, the community has done so much in and around the village. So a big thank you to all who have contributed to all activities this year - the hall makeover, quizzes, competitions, product design, and special events.

Wishing everyone, their families and friends a very

**Happy, Healthy and Safe Christmas**