



Maer Village Newsletter

Village website – www.maervillage.co.uk

Maer Village Hall

Village hall registered charity number 503432



July 2021

Welcome to the July Newsletter

Well.....it has certainly been scorching weather this past week or two, so the gardens and pots could definitely do with some rain.

The changes to restrictions announced on Freedom Day means that the village hall can open up for full capacity and all types of bookings and events. Although now not mandatory, we will still be encouraging folk who are using the hall (and attending events) to use masks appropriately, maintain social distancing, and keep the hall ventilated where possible.

With national and local cases rising we really hope everyone stays well and healthy.

We have had some great events in the village and there are plenty more events to look forward to

Church Cream Teas and Walkies

The prayers for sunshine seem to have been heard as it was a glorious afternoon for this event -the first fundraiser that the Church had been able to hold for over 18 months.

The Church team worked tremendously hard. They had put together a pack of 10 lovely walking routes in and around the village and a colourful guide to the church. The amount and range of cakes was absolutely tremendous, and the cream teas were just superb.

So many neighbours from the village came with friends and family, and it was really nice to see many folk from outside the village as well as some ex-villagers attending to do some walking as well as enjoy the cream teas and cakes. To keep all the pooches happy we had a new Dog Café corner with shade, treats, water and a little lead tying up pole

The walking packs, books and tea towels all sold well and Wendy reports that they raised nearly £700 for Maer Church. These events always rely on the support from the helpers and volunteers and Wendy wanted to pass on huge thanks to all those who contributed to make this such a fantastic event



Other Church news

With the lifting of the covid restrictions, we are keen to go back to two services each Sunday. There will be an 11am service at Whitmore every Sunday , with the other service alternating between Maer and Chorlton at 9.30am. So the next service at Maer is Sunday 25th July at 9.30

The Church Wall – the structural engineers appointed by the insurers have received three tenders for the work – the lowest quote is £100,000. There is little doubt that once the work starts, the road will have to be closed. Information about this will be shared as soon as possible

Euro Sweepstake

Just in case you hadn't notice, there was a small football competition recently. For those that were part of the village sweepstake the excitement grew during the tournament, with Italy (Mark) eventually winning. Thanks so much to Harry for organising and Arthur for doing the drawer.

Mark very kindly donated the extra £12 to the village hall funds



Harry
Sweepstake Winners
Mark - Italy 🇮🇹 £16
David - England 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 £8
Laura - Spain 🇪🇸 £4
Sue - Denmark 🇩🇰 £4
Stephen - Turkey 🇹🇷 £4

Mark, please choose a charity for the remaining £12

Thanks everyone for joining into the sweepstakes and the chat 🙌👍👍👍👍👍👍

Village Hall News

Table Tennis Group

The group continues to run regularly on a Tuesday and Wednesday night at 6.30. The group welcomes all ages and abilities, so if you would like to join please contact Harry at Gardeners Cottage.

Maer Community Café

Sandy and Lou will be opening up the café again on Sunday 1st August and Sunday 15th August from 11am-3pm.

All welcome to come along for chat, brunch, lunch and drinks.

The café will also be open during the Art exhibition during the August bank holiday weekend - see details later in the newsletter

OTHER NEWS AND INFO

Boundary Commission Reviews

The number of UK parliamentary Constituencies in the West Midlands is going to decrease from 59 to 57

The proposal is that Maer and the surrounding area will now fall under the Stafford Constituency – current MP – Theodora Clark (conservative)

The picture shows the extent of this new constituency and the distance that Maer is from Stafford and Newcastle.

There is a consultation process for these proposals so you can make your comments/views regarding this change via the link below

<https://www.bcereviews.org.uk/>

Closing date for consultation is 2nd August



Dumping of green waste

It was disappointing to find a large area of green waste (branches/clippings etc) dumped off the side of the “dell” path that starts at the bottom of Bate’s lane, which was cleared earlier this year. The waste has been dumped over a lovely patch of bluebells and wild garlic, so if anyone knows anything about this please let us know

Whitmore and Baldwins Gate Scouts

Our local scout group are looking for volunteers to help and support the group which is based at Whitmore village hall
You can contact them via the email below

96thwhitmorescoutgroup@gmail.com



Dates for your Diary

Interpretations of
the local landscape
Ian R. Pearsall
writings: Lindsay
Bainbridge
Reg
Crawford

Maer Village Hall
Maer Lane, Newcastle-Under-Lyme, ST5 5EF

August
Saturday 28th Sunday 29th
10am - 5pm 10am - 4pm

Cafe : Parking Free Event

ART EXHIBITION

This exciting exhibition of paintings is by way of introducing artist Ian Pearsall to the village of Maer, the place he has made his home after taking on a studio in Chapel Chorlton.

Since arriving here, he has been inspired on daily walks through this beautiful landscape, to paint and draw, and is excited to share his creations with the community.

He will be joined by his partner, Lindsay Bainbridge and good friend Reg Crawford, who will both add some poetic and observational writings into the mix.

There will be invites for the Friday opening night exclusively for the residents of Maer

Mighty Quiz

This year's quiz will be held on **Friday 17th September at 7pm** in Maer Village Hall - Tickets will be £15 per person with food included.

As usual bring your own drinks/nibbles.

If you already have a team that's great, but if not we can join you with one. This is a fun packed night with several question rounds including music and a (very competitive) construction/design round!!!!

We hope to raise as much money as we can for Alzheimer's Research UK so there will also be a fabulous raffle

Numbers are limited so please book your tickets and teams with Sue Jackson ASAP – via WhatsApp or mobile 0732955211



Apple Day

We are holding our first ever Apple day on **Sunday 10th October from 12-5pm** in Maer Village Hall

We will have all the equipment for folk to bring along their own apples to press them and make their own apple juice - fresh or pasteurised

Plus there will be apple themed stalls, games and produce as well as our fantastic café (apple themed of course) and the return of the human fruit machine

Maer Calendar photo competition

Hopefully you have started thinking about your photos for this year's calendar. The theme this year is "Colours of the Rainbow" and the photos should have been taken in or around our village and community.

Photo Display weekend

All the photographs entered will be on display in the village hall during the weekend of **16th/17th October**. The hall will be open from 9am-5pm, when you can come in and see them all and vote on your favourites that you would like to see in the calendar for this year.



Group Meetings returning to the Village Hall

Maer and District Garden Guild

We are really pleased to say that the regular meetings of the Garden Guild are returning for face to face meetings at Maer village hall
The committee are revamping the monthly meetings to include a specialist information session on various aspects of gardening. Each year there is an excellent Plant sale, a Produce Show as well as sharing of seeds for growing challenges (The last one was Luffa plants)
The guild needs new members, so if you are interested in gardening and looking for some great advice or to share your own knowledge then please do come along – just turn up to any of the meetings as a guest

The meetings are on the third Monday of the month starting at 7.30
The meeting programme for the rest of the year is as follows:

- 20th September - Seasonal bulbs
- 18th October - Pruning for Winter
- 15th November - Annual Guild dinner
- 13th December - Gardening Christmas quiz
- 17th January - AGM – specialist session TBC



Staffordshire Wildlife Trust

Northwest Group

CHAIRMAN—DAVID LOVATT
Telephone 01782 680250

After a very long break due to the restrictions, we are really pleased to announce the return of the brilliant monthly wildlife talks.
These meetings alternate between Maer Village Hall and the Parish Rooms in Eccleshall and everyone is welcome to attend any of the talks.
www.staffswildlife.org.uk

Friday 22nd October 2021
Maer Village Hall ST5 5EF at 7.30pm



THE OWL EXPERIENCE

MEET THE OWLS WITH
ANDREW CAMPELL

ADMISSION £3 INCLUDES REFRESHMENTS

Friday 3rd December 2021
Maer Village Hall ST5 5EF at 7.30pm



TRANSFORMING THE TRENT VALLEY

SUCCESS STORIES TO DATE ABOUT THIS AMAZING PROJECT IN STOKE
AN ILLUSTRATED TALK BY
NICOLA LYNES

ADMISSION £3 INCLUDES REFRESHMENTS