



# Maer Village Newsletter

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Maer Village Hall

Village hall registered charity number 503432



June 2021

## Welcome to the June Newsletter

The changes to the lockdown rules did go ahead on May 17<sup>th</sup> which enabled the village hall to re-open and allow much needed events, gatherings and activities within our community.

The weather has also been fantastic over the past week or so and with all the recent grass cutting the red kite made a few magnificent appearances.

Football fever is amongst us. Harry has got many of the villagers involved with a Euro 21 sweepstake so we are cheering on our own team.....C'mon Denmark !!!!!!! We may even see a few special flags being flown on the Kinson flagpole

We have got some very special news to share this month and some dates for your diary.

The **Support Staffordshire Star Awards 2021** for the Newcastle area was held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June. As you know Elena was shortlisted for volunteer of the year and the Whitmore and District Activity Living Group was also shortlisted for New Volunteer Team of the year. They Group very kindly hosted a get together in the village hall to celebrate those achievements. Thanks to Linda's IT skills we were able to watch the event virtually and hear the announcements.

The Activity Living Group, although didn't win, were highly commended in their category. But our very own Elena Sudlow shone through and won Volunteer of the Year. The judges acknowledge all her hard work, dedication and support she has given over the past 18<sup>th</sup> months.

**Congratulations Elena**

The Peoples Pantry team from The Alice Charity also won their category - well done to James who is a volunteer driver for them



## Spring Fair and Plant Sale

Despite the weather trying to spoil our fun the Spring Fair was a fantastic success. The plant stall was absolutely brimming, there were some lovely crafts on Shani's stall, and a tasty selection of cakes, jams and jellies from the Maer Star Bakers. We had the usual bric a brac, bottle and book stall which are always very popular. Harry set up a superb games corner for folk to try darts and table tennis. David and Louise Harrison from the Activity Living Group were there to explain what they do and recruit more members. The girls from The Potteries Alzheimer's Research UK Fundraising group had the noisiest stall of all with their Human Fruit Machine offering a fantastic selection of prizes. Sandy and Louise ran the Community Cafe for the first time. This was far busier than we expected and proved to be a great success which has given the team ideas for future events.

Everyone was so generous, so the takings were just **over £1000** with £111 going to ARUK and £80 going to the Garden Guild

Many thanks to everyone who gave their time to help run the event - Janet and Peter, Paul, Doug, Pauline, Linda, Julia, Shai, Meir, Elena and Jane. And huge thanks for everyone who provided Gazebos, donated gifts, plants, cakes etc, and all those that came and supported us on the day.



## Church News from Wendy

It was great to be back in church on 6th June and to have the bells ringing out. At the moment, there is just one service per week in each of our churches, with the rota as follows:-

Sun June 20th – 9.30 am – Maer

Sun June 27th – 9.30 am – Chapel Chorlton

Sun July 4th – 11 am – Whitmore then it will back to Maer on July 11th

The church is still open on a Thursday.

Look out for details of our 'Cream Teas and Walkies' event on 10th July. 



## **Village Hall News**

### Table Tennis Group

This started a couple of weeks ago and is just brilliant. There are quite a few regulars playing on either Tuesday or Wednesday night, with some fierce competition and a lot of laughter.

Many thanks to Harry for getting everything sorted, providing a second table and invaluable coaching and organising us each week.

### Wi-Fi

Thanks to Linda's herculean efforts and many hours on the phone we have had a new line put into the village hall and we are excited to announce that Wi-Fi service has commenced.

### Café

Spurred on by the success at the Fair, Sandy and Louise (ably assisted by Amanda, Julia, Laura and Harry). Opened up the café again on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June with an increased menu including delicious homemade soups. The weather was kind enough to be able to sit outside and it was lovely to chat to neighbours and friends. Amanda even encouraged some passing cyclists to stop off and have some cake.

As some of you will have already seen the café will be opening up again this Sunday for Father's day where they will be serving a special "Afternoon Tea" and celebratory drinks. Indoor seating is still limited, so please call Sandy to book a table. The café events always need volunteers so if you are able to help then please contact Sandy.

### Maer Village Hall Café

### Father's Day Afternoon Tea

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 11am – 4pm

Four Finger Sandwiches with choice of fillings

- Cream Cheese and Cucumber
- Cheese and Tomato
- Cheese and Pickle
- Tuna and Cucumber
- Ham (and Mustard)
- Beef (and Onion)

Choice of Slice of Pork Pie or Quiche

Choice of Pork or Veggie Mini Sausages

Slice of Cake

Scone with Jam and Cream

Choice of Tea or Coffee

£9.95 per person

Beer £2.50

Glass of Prosecco £3.00

To guarantee a table, call Sandy on 07867 808011.

### Maer Calendar photo competition

This was so successful last year that we are putting together another calendar for this year. Please start thinking about photos you would like to enter. Initially you can enter 4 photos representing any/all of the four seasons

The theme this year Colours of the Rainbow and the photos should have been taken in or around our village community.

We will be collecting and judging these in **mid-October**, so we have enough time to get the calendar printed for Christmas orders.

