

MAIDS MORETON CONSERVATION GROUP



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A Keep Britain Tidy Campaign

MAIDS MORETON ANNUAL LITTER PICK

Saturday 10th April

Meet in the Playing Field car park
1.45-2.00pm

'Big Tidy Up' tabards and litter
picks provided

Please bring gloves and extra bin
liners

Rubbish cleared by AVDC

Please come out and join us

Support the national campaign –

The Big Tidy Up

UNCOVERING THE FARMS OF MAIDS MORETON

Each month of the winter members of MMCG have met in the Village H 2010all for a project of discovery: to trace the story of our village's farms. Starting from the early 1900s and working back through time we are continuing to work out where the farms were, who lived there and possibly what land they worked. Census material and trade directories have given us most information, but we've also used old maps, wills, photographs, deeds etc. So far we've worked back to the early 1800s when the Enclosure Act for Maids Moreton (1801) brought so many changes to the village.

As Tessa Dancer is a member of the group, we started with Upper Farm. Here are a few facts taken from censuses that may interest you:

- In 1841 William Shakespeare lived at Upper Farm! He was aged 15 and was a manservant to the farmer, George Newman
- In 1851 Richard Smith farmed 172 acres and employed 10 men
- By 1861 the Salmon family (with 2 servants and a nurse) from Westbury had taken over, and the Salmon name was associated with Upper Farm until ...
- The 1881 census shows Edward Dancer as renting the farm, and by 1891 he had 3 sons and 4 daughters – all under the age of 13. His wife's name was Sarah, and no servants are listed.
- In 1901 Sydney Dancer was the youngest member of the family, aged 7. He grew up there to become Jim Dancer's father.



Upper Farm, Maids Moreton

Tessa kindly showed us many documents about the farm dating from this time.

Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on Thursday 8th April. Please join us if you are interested.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT APRIL 2010

The Council's year commenced in April 2009 with a precept of £17,000 which was the third year running with no increase.

Monies spent during the year included the following: -

- Supply and maintenance of street lighting
- Insurance
- Emptying of dog bins
- Maintenance of buildings and refurbishment of swings in the Playground
- Firework display
- Contribution to upkeep of the Churchyard
- Contribution to extension of the graveyard
- New village notice board

Donations were made to the following: -

- Pre-school Playgroup
- Village Hall
- Citizens Advice Bureau
- Friends at Hand

The Council has been very concerned about the fouling of footpaths etc. by dogs. Bins are provided and owners are asked to clear up their dog's faeces and dispose of them accordingly. The Council are working in conjunction with the police and those responsible for not clearing up the mess will be prosecuted.

The Parish Council continues to report maintenance work required on our roads and pavements to the County Council, unfortunately with limited success, but we will persist.

A review of speed limits will be carried out shortly and Parish representatives will be making recommendations to have the limits reduced in certain areas.

The allotments continue to be well managed by the Allotment Association. There are no vacant plots at present, but anyone wishing to join the waiting list should contact the Chairman or Secretary.

The Council has supported the campaign to maintain and improve the facilities at Buckingham Hospital.

Our thanks go to the members of the Playing Fields Committee for their continuing work in managing the facilities on behalf of the community.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 7th April in the Village Hall, to which you are cordially invited.

Peter Dungate, Chairman, Maids Moreton Parish Council

