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1 Parish Council Meetings 2024

Date	Meeting type
3 April 2024	Parish Council Meeting
1 May 2024	Parish Council Meeting
22 May 2024	Annual Parish Meeting
5 June 2024	Parish Council Meeting
3 July 2024	Parish Council Meeting

Your Parish Councillors

Graham Maw (Chair)

Patrick Hardcastle (Vice Chair)

Ausra Mohandas

Carolyn Cumming

Clare Hodgson

Kenneth McClintock

Malcolm Sayers

All Parish Councillors' PC emails are: initialsurname@maids-moreton.co.uk

For the diary:

The 6th Buckingham Half Marathon will be held on Sunday 12th May 2024 at 9.30am. The race is 13.1 miles over an anticlockwise loop passing through Leckhampstead, Wicken and Akeley; the starting and finishing point is the Scout Hut on the Playing Fields. The race HQ is at Buckingham Rugby Club. More details are available at:

<https://buckinghamrunningclub.com/buckingham-half-marathon/>

2 Parish Council Actions

The first quarter of 2024 has been extremely busy for the Parish Council, one of our main tasks was to secure Section 106 funding from the Lodge Park development on the outskirts of Maids Moreton, amounting to £67,889. Section 106 monies are an amount of money that a developer agrees to pay, based on the size and number of properties being built; these monies are usually paid to Buckinghamshire Council prior to development commencing. The Section 106 agreement will normally state what these funds can be used for and where they can be spent, in our case improvements to our Scout Hut and Cricket Pavilion only.

We have decided to use the bulk of the money available on the Scout Hut, as this building has been neglected for many years and only used by the Scouts. Our intention is to make the building into a Community Hub and an improved home for the Scouts. It will have a new kitchen, which will enable the Scouts to provide hot food to its groups and the building will also be available for private hire once all the renovations are complete.

It is our intention to replace the roof in early July, with an insulated product reducing the building's CO2 emissions considerably and saving on heating bills in the future. The main hall will benefit from a complete refit along with new flooring, which will follow through from the hall flooring that was replaced after our flood in 2022. Contractors have been lined up to start with the kitchen being fitted on the 26 April 2024. The main building works will be carried out during July and August when the Scouts are enjoying outside activities such as summer camps.

Our new Councillor, Malcom Sayers, is heading up a Speed Watch team and has 12 people who are keen to assist him. You will have seen Speed Watch signs going up on lampposts followed by our teams using a speed camera in different parts of Maids Moreton. The first recording on 22 March found 5% of traffic was exceeding the speed limit by a considerable margin. Offending motorists will receive a letter from the police informing them that they were observed speeding.

You will also see that a new oak post with fingers pointing in three directions has been erected to replace the rotten one opposite the rose garden. We contacted *Men in Sheds*, who gave us a very competitive quote and they have now installed the fingers so that we can all find our way to the pub - and other places as well, of course!

Our annual parish meeting will be on 22 May 2024 after which there will be refreshments kindly provided by our WI volunteers. Please come along and find out what your Parish Council and other groups actually do for your village and, of course, join us for tea and delicious cakes.

3 Planning and Development

Neighbourhood Plan

After the very strong referendum result in favour of our Neighbourhood Plan, Buckinghamshire Council formally made the Plan on 16 February 2024. The Plan will be reviewed in due course and will need to be revised when the new Buckinghamshire Local Plan, which will supersede the current Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan, is made. In anticipation of this, we are continuously updating the Background Document and other relevant material so that this next iteration of our MMNP will be a less time-consuming challenge. This will involve village-wide consultation as the new Buckinghamshire Local Plan emerges.

Scott's Lane Fields (23/01306/APP)

We are still waiting for this application to be determined by the Planning Officer. As you have already been notified, in the event it were to be approved, MMPC has requested the recommendation for approval be called in to the North Bucks Area Planning Committee.

Walnut Drive – Reserved Matters – (23/01636/ADP)

Following the public consultation on 24 January, DWH is working on a set of revised plans. These had not been posted when we went to press but a message will be sent out to those on our mailing list and posted on Facebook when they do appear.

It is good to see the focused and non-emotional objections raised by residents on planning applications, which planning officers should follow up.

Moreton Rd 3

The planning inspector appointed by the Secretary of State to review this application concluded that it should go ahead. This decision is certainly disappointing for Buckingham, and for us. There are many negative aspects that have been allowed to go through unremarked that we feel justified more detailed attention and revision, such as traffic and access into town.

News from Village and Community Groups

4 News from St Edmund's Church

There is a church service every Sunday morning at 10.30, with a special Easter Sunday service with Communion on 31 March at 10.30. There will also be a Maundy Thursday service at 6pm on 28 March and a Good Friday Meditation at 3pm on 29 March.

We have a community coffee morning every Wednesday between 10 and 12, and Messy Church continues for children and their families on the third Saturday of the month at 4pm

The church also gives Home Communion to those who are poorly or unable to leave their home.

Special events coming up include a CONCERT by a talented local singer, a Maids Moreton BAKE OFF competition and tea afternoon, plus our annual community BBQ - please watch out for posters around the village or check our website www.nbpchurches.org.uk or ring the church office on 01280 814430

I am available in the Parish Wednesdays and Thursdays, and at Sunday services.

Rev. Cathy Pearce

Jesus said *I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full* John 10:10

Everyone is welcome !

5 News from Maids Moreton CE School

In the last few weeks, the children have enjoyed lots of special events. In keeping with the school's tradition we celebrated World Book Day, with children coming to school dressed as their favourite book characters. I am always impressed with the ingenuity of the costumes. Throughout the day, they engaged in a number of exciting book-themed activities planned by their teachers, including reading with the residents at Maids Moreton Hall.

We have also experienced a number of sporting successes in recent weeks. This has included a 3rd place result for our netball team at the Year 5/6 interschool netball tournament. We were the highest placed small school and the only school to compete with only Year 5 pupils.

Our school choir has performed to the residents of Maids Moreton Hall as well as at the village hall warm soup lunches, where they were very well received.



The term concluded with our annual Easter Service and Easter competition, which this year had the theme of *"decorate an egg as a scientist or inventor."*

After Easter we look forward to our annual May Day celebrations and the children have already started learning their Maypole and Country dances ready for the big day. I am sure our neighbours will have heard those familiar tunes drifting across their gardens.

For further details and photo galleries of what is happening at Maids Moreton CE School, please visit our school website:

www.maidsmoreton.bucks.sch.uk

To contact the school, please email the office on office@maidsmoreton.bucks.sch.uk or telephone 01280 812058.



Keira Ainsworth, Head Teacher

6 News from 1st Maids Moreton Scout Group

All sections of the Scout group have had a busy term. The Squirrels section is now at capacity and young people and Leaders are really enjoying a packed programme, a notable highlight being a visit from the local police liaison team, when the Squirrels were able to try on uniform and look inside a Police van. They also had a visit from *The Animal Ark*, which had lots of animals for them to hold and to learn about looking after them. The Beaver section has been on a hike to locate the defibrillators in the area. They have been cooking and also completing their Emergency Aid badges.



The Cubs took part in the Endurance 10 km hike from Chesham to Great Missenden and as you can see, it was very wet and muddy! We have also had an indoor sleepover and completed the World Challenge badge. Two Cubs have achieved their Chief Scout Silver Awards. The Scout section also sent a group for the Endurance 40 km event. They also went to Stowe for Scuba diving and completed Emergency Aid badges.



The whole group also attended the Buckingham Pantomime in January and are now looking forward to Group Camp in May.

Further information and enquiries about places can be obtained from:

info@1stmaidsmoretonscouts.co.uk

Claire Groves,

Group Scout Leader

7 News from Maids Moreton Village Hall

The Dancer family was heavily involved with setting up the village hall in the early 1960's. Sydney Dancer was one of the original Trustees of the hall. Tessa Dancer left a legacy in her will to the village hall, which has been put towards the new wooden floor. We are obtaining a plaque to place with the other records of contributions in recognition of improvements over the years.

Lettings

After about 8 years of being Lettings Officer, Lucy has decided she needs to devote more time to her job and young family, so, Anne King has taken back the position. There is now an e-mail address and a new number for booking the hall.

There are very few spaces left on weekday evenings but space is available for regular slots on a Friday, most Thursdays and most Tuesday afternoons, if anyone is interested.

Contact us to book weekends, as well for parties, details below:

Email: mmvhlettings@gmail.com

Phone: 07754 101650

8 News from Maids Moreton Cricket Club

Our home fixtures, all on a Saturday starting at 1.30pm, are as below. Please come and give us some support. If you are interested in playing, or even just practising, please contact us through: <https://maidsmoreton.play-cricket.com/home>

Saturday 11 May 2024 vs Syresham

Saturday 20 July 2024 vs Byfield

Saturday 1 June 2024 vs Silverstone

Saturday 27 July 2024 vs Evenley

Saturday 8 June 2024 vs Sibford

Saturday 17 August 2024 vs Castlethorpe

Saturday 22 June 2024 vs Wroxton

Saturday 31 August 2024 vs Thornborough

Saturday 6 July 2024 vs Kings Sutton

9 News from Maids Moreton WI

Local Photographer, Mike Lake, stepped in to replace Ed Grimsdale as speaker at our March Meeting. He showed us some fantastic photographs of birds taken in his garden and elsewhere and explained the different seeds and fruits certain birds liked. He also advised us on different bird feeders to hang out for the birds.

A team of 3 members attended the W.I. County Quiz at the Community Centre in Buckingham on the 21st March

On 5th April, members are going to the Buckingham Garden Centre for lunch.

At our 10th April Meeting, the speaker is Jade Goddard, who is going to talk on 'Protect Your Estate Today'

The 8th May Speaker is Barbara Newton and will be a craft evening, which will involve recycled items.

For 12th June, the Speaker is Richard Watkins – First Responder

We welcome visitors at our Meetings. Should you see a topic that interests you, please do come and join us!



10 News from Maids Moreton Conservation Group

Exciting Days Ahead with Maids Moreton Conservation Group

The Mound Storyboard

The Parish Council has secured a grant from the Buckinghamshire Council Community Board to cover the cost of a copy of Keziah Furini's wonderful pictorial storyboard of the Mound history and a frame for it so that it can be displayed in our village. Initially, it will be placed outside the village hall.

Spring Litter Pick - 6th April

Join us at 1.30pm in the Playing Fields to make Maids Moreton a village to be proud of. Litter picks and black bags will be available, please bring gloves.

Heritage Day

Early September, this year the topic is **ROUTES**.

How was Maids Moreton affected by: Footpaths, Roman Roads, Mail Coaches, Carters, Canal Journeys, The Railway?

We would love to hear from anyone that has photographs that might enhance our display in the village hall.

For further information ring **Pauline Kneafsey** 07914 794 963

Scott's Lane

Every Thursday 10 – 12, we welcome volunteer helpers to join our working party in Scott's Lane. Please bring gloves and secateurs. Our aim is to continue caring for the environment of Scott's Lane. Contact **Lyn Robinson** 01280 813 014 for more information.

Warm Soup Lunches

The Winter Soup Cafe finished this year with a record attendance and more than 40 people heard the choir from Maids Moreton School perform their excellent songs. The soups are a joint venture by the Parish Council and the Conservation Group with financial support from the Elmer's Charity. Whilst the volunteers were tired at the end of 12 weeks cooking and serving, there was talk of repeating the event next year. The first three months of the year can be bleak and getting out to share a meal and socialise in a cheerful warm environment is just the thing to lift one's spirits. Our thanks to all who helped and to all who came along.

Stevie Lishman, Chair - Maids Moreton Conservation Group

11 News from Maids Moreton Allotments Association

Despite the weather, including the wettest February for many years, a great deal has been happening at the Maids Moreton allotments. Our members have been working very hard; while some plots are being prepped others are already being set out. The rewards will come later in the year when the beautiful produce starts to flow.

As well as work on individual plots, we had our working party last weekend. Everybody pulled together to make sure the essential jobs on the overall site were attended to. Thank you to all who came and helped.

If you are thinking about growing your own fresh vegetables / fruit and would like to talk to us about the possibility of having a plot, please do get in contact. Residents of Maids Moreton have priority when plots become vacant. You are welcome to come and meet us for a tour; we have a beautiful site, excellent facilities and offer a range of lovely social events throughout the year.

As Easter is close, I have heard that Good Friday is, apparently, the day that is best for sowing potatoes to produce the ideal crop. So, here's hoping for some fine weather to set ours, fingers crossed!

Amy Stairs

MMAA Chair

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12 News from Buckingham Rugby Union Football Club

Buckingham Rugby Club Spring Update 2024

Spring is officially here, the men's 6N is done and dusted, the women's 6N has only just begun and sadly, Buckingham's 2023-24 rugby season is almost over!

Buckingham men's First XV have had a good season having won 11 matches and they currently sit 5th in Counties 1 Southern North, with 2 games to go. Next up are games against Grove at home on 23rd March and away to bottom of the table Milton Keynes on 6th April. Cup fixtures follow in April to see out the rest of the season.

The Swans Ladies First XV won 9 of their 16 games overall and finished a creditable 4th in their league, which is the level below the Premiership. Since Christmas, they have won an impressive 36 out of 40 possible points, beating the likes Worcester Women and Novocastrians Ladies away, with only a narrow defeat 24-31 against ultimate league winners Cheltenham Tigers Women at home. They will play either Bletchley or ONs in the Women's Alliance Cup at Franklin's Gardens on 15th May. All local support is welcome.

On 10th March, both the BRUFC U15 and U16 boys won their respective County Plate competitions at Bletchley RUFC, despite torrential rain and muddy conditions throughout. The BRUFC U15 boys put in an awesome performance to deliver the perfect Mother's Day gift for their rugby mums with a solid 34-5 win over Chesham. The BRUFC U16s produced a well-deserved 33-10 win over Milton Keynes/Bletchley. What a fantastic way for the U16 players to end their time in the Mini & Junior sections of Buckingham rugby club. Massive congratulations go to both teams.

We have recently awarded the contract for the build of the 2 new CRs, with construction starting with groundwork preparation in April, building to start in earnest in May with completion in time for the start of the new season. Meanwhile planning is well underway for the 12th Buckingham Beer and Music Festival, which will be held on the 5th and 6th July. The music line up has been announced and over 75 real ales and ciders will be on offer. Following last year's success, the Rotary Club of Buckingham will be bringing back their Classic Car show with over 100 rare breeds to feast your eyes on. All Maids Moreton residents will be very welcome!

Tony Hinton - BRUFC Fundraising and Sponsorship



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