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# PARISH COUNCIL #

# Newsletter



## Autumn 2025

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# 1 Parish Council Meetings 2025

MMPC meetings start at 7.30 pm and are in the Village Hall unless noted otherwise.

| Date              | Meeting Type           |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| 01 October 2025   | Parish Council Meeting |
| 06 November 2025* | Parish Council Meeting |
| 03 December 2025  | Parish Council Meeting |

\* This meeting will be held at 7.45 pm on Tuesday 11 November in the Village Hall

## Your Parish Councillors

| Parish Councillor          | MMPC Email address                 |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
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Please note, we are in the process of changing our email addresses to .gov.uk ones to comply with government regulations and will keep you updated.

### **Streetlights**

We do try to track failures but, if you spot one, please email our clerk, Adele (maidsmoretonclerk@gmail.com) or Pat - or just speak to Pat when you see him and we will contact our contractor to have them repaired

### **Speedwatch and Thames Valley Police**

We have had a summer recess with our Speedwatch campaign and now starting our sessions at various locations within the village again as from Friday 19th September.

With the successful installation of CCTV cameras at the Community Building, this is proving to be a very valuable asset, helping to protect the area and identifying vehicles and individuals using the car park and picnic tables at all sorts of times of the night. With our local Thames Valley Police officers also patrolling the area, we hope this is a clear deterrent to any would be mischievous activity in the area going forward.



## 2 Parish Council Actions

We regret that Graham Maw has stepped down from the Council for personal reasons. He has done a great deal for us during his time with us, most notably the tight oversight of the new play park and, the rehabilitation of the Scout Hut to provide our new Community Building. We are most appreciative of all that was done to improve our facilities and wish both him and Tracey well for the future. Buckinghamshire Council has advertised the vacancy after which we shall co-opt a replacement Councillor, unless an election is required.

The weather was not on our side for the Summer Play Event on 4th August. Despite this, a good number of children and parents bravely came along. The young team from Milton Keynes Play Association gave us amazing commitment and showed excellent flexibility to ensure that those who did come along enjoyed themselves.

The Tuesday café at the Community Building continues to be well supported and we have had good feedback from those who have sampled what it offers in terms of drinks, eats and company. Clare, Linda and Tracey continue to provide hot and cold drinks as well as a wonderful selection of baking. Our thanks to the three of you as well as to the occasional helpers who have kindly volunteered to come along and help when needed.

## 2 Planning and Development

Buckinghamshire Council has started work on a new, county-wide local plan that will run until 2045, probably starting in 2027. It has been prepared in two parts: **Part A** - The Local Plan vision and objectives, the spatial strategies for housing and employment, including ways to meet travelling communities' accommodation needs and **Part B** - Development Management Policies. The draft Local Plan documents, accompanying Sustainability Appraisal, the completed evidence studies, and details on how to respond to the consultation can be viewed at: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/draft-local-plan>. A virtual exhibition room is available to view at: <https://buckinghamshire.oc2.uk/exhibition/1>. The consultation closes at 23:59 on 19 October. We shall respond and, if you would like help or advice on commenting, please email [phardcastle@maids-moreton.co.uk](mailto:phardcastle@maids-moreton.co.uk).

If you submit comments on a planning application in the village, it would be very helpful to let us have a copy as we can no longer view these on the planning portal.

The two Judicial Reviews on the Walnut Drive application will be heard together on 14, 15 and 16 October at the Royal Courts of Justice in The Strand.

## News from Village and Community Groups

### **4 News from The Wheatsheaf**

It only seems like yesterday that we were putting out the garden parasols and now we are taking them back in again for winter. It has been a fabulous summer and our big sunny garden has proved to be a real asset which we hope to improve on ahead of next year - **watch this space!**

**DARTS...** The new garden room is now open, complete with competition dartboard and oche. It's very much our intention to put together a darts team, or two, and enter the local leagues. Unfortunately, registration for the winter series is now closed however that gives us plenty of practice time between now and the start of the next league season. Anyone is welcome to come in and use the dartboard (bring your own darts) however, if you fancy joining the darts team, please leave your contact details at the bar.

**FOOD...** We have been working with Tribal Eatz and other food vendors to come up with a plan for the next few months. So... **Pizza Fridays** will continue through the winter months although now with full inside table service. From Saturday 11th October Tribal Eatz will be presenting **Saturday Steak or Curry Night**, every Saturday from 4pm, except the first Saturday of the month. Please contact the pub to book a table.

**BEER...** Breaking news, we are in **The Good Beer Guide 2026**. We are one of just 15 pubs, out of 200, in the Milton Keynes & North Bucks area that will feature in the next edition of CAMRA's Good Beer Guide, published at the end of September 2025.

**QUIZ NIGHTS...** ever popular and continue with Jayne and Julie on the 1st Saturday of every month. Treat yourself to a pre-quiz burger as we will have the guys from **The Flavour Trailer**, every quiz night from 4pm, starting on Saturday 4th October. Last month was a full house and we raised £104 for Alzheimer's Association. We will support the same in October and then switch back to the Village Hall Roof Fund.

**MUSIC...** the kings of swing, Messers Goodger and Hewitt and friends, continue to rock the conservatory on a Sunday afternoon every month. Next dates are 19th October, 30th November and 28th December. This is an open acoustic session, starting at 2pm, and everyone is welcome. We hope to have The Rose and Castle Morris band and dancers, from Stoke Bruerne, performing in the pub car park on Sunday 19th October before the acoustic music session kicks off. Please keep an eye on the notice board and online posts.

**THE CONSERVATORY...** remember our conservatory is available for small gatherings and meetings, particularly midweek daytimes and evenings, including private dining for a limited number of guests.

And finally,

**CHRISTMAS...** not long now so we might as well start planning. Working with Tribal Eatz we are going to be taking bookings for Christmas lunches on Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th December. We may introduce earlier dates if we get the demand.

Enjoy your Autumn,

**Julian & Wendy**

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Call: 01280 822903

or find us on Facebook

## **5 News from St Edmund's Church**

This year's Harvest Festival will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> October and Messy Church will be on 11<sup>th</sup> October at 4 pm.

Services continue in the church at 10.30 every Sunday morning.

The church community coffee mornings will continue every Wednesday from 10am to 12 noon.

EVERYONE IS ALWAYS WELCOME

If you have any questions or if anyone would like a home visit or Home Communion or has a prayer request, please ring the church office on 01280 814430.

## **6 News from Maids Moreton WI**

|                   |                               |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| 8th October       | Annual Meeting                |
| 12th November     | Women in WW1 - Stephen Barker |
| 10th December     | Member's Christmas Evening    |
| 14th January 2026 | Games Evening                 |

We welcome visitors to our Meetings at a cost of £5

For information contact Val Eves on 01280 812929

**theWI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN



## 7 News from 1st Maids Moreton Scout Group



All four sections have a busy term coming up. We shall be taking part in the orienteering event in Wendover, Buckingham Remembrance Parade and Buckingham Christmas Parade as a group.

Our Squirrel section is settling in really well and has an exciting programme planned.

The Beaver section is looking forward to a sleepover at the National Space Centre in Leicester along with other Scout colonies in the District.

The Cub section is planning on an overnight camp and has invested new Cubs who moved up from the Beaver section at the start of term.

The Scout section has been very pleased to welcome five new leaders. These are parents who have volunteered to take the training and assist when they can, which is a great addition to the group. The section has camps planned and has been cooking on fires at the field and learning how to use Trangia stoves.

At the end of last term, the older Scouts had a wonderful hill walking weekend in the Black Mountains, along with some Scouts from 3rd Buckingham; they had fantastic weather.

Since the end of June, we have been lucky enough to have been chosen as one of Tesco's blue token projects. We hope to put the money towards lighting at the Scout field in Akeley. We thank everyone for their support.

Below are a couple of pictures from the Scout hill walking weekend



**Claire Groves - Lead volunteer for the Group**

Further information and enquiries about places can be obtained from:  
[info@1stmaidsmoretonscouts.co.uk](mailto:info@1stmaidsmoretonscouts.co.uk)



## 8 News from Maids Moreton CE School

We have had a very busy and productive start to our new school year at Maids Moreton. We have a number of enrichment visits planned for our pupils this half term, including a trip to Pregos for our Sparrows class to make pizza, whilst our Magpies class will be visiting the MK Discovery Centre to learn about Romans. Meanwhile our Kestrels class have a special Stone Age day visit planned.

Our children have also been busily preparing our entry for the village scarecrow competition and preparing for the Harvest festival, to take place at St Edmunds on 6th October.

We also look forward to our Walk to School week.

Our new Reception class has settled into school wonderfully and are enjoying everything that school has to offer. Our new Year 6 children are also enjoying the extra responsibilities this year group brings.



Although the new school year has only just started it is the time of year when parents with pre-school/nursery aged children have to make the important decision about which school will be the most appropriate for their child starting in September 2026. We are offering small group tours by appointment. Please see our school Facebook page to make a booking or follow this link: [volunteersignup.org/38WCF](https://volunteersignup.org/38WCF). To contact the school, please email the office: [office@maidsmoreton.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@maidsmoreton.bucks.sch.uk) or telephone **01280 812058**.

Our personalised visits will give prospective parents the opportunity to tour the school and see the classes in action, meet with myself and raise any questions they may have.

We look forward to the term ahead with anticipation and excitement. You can follow all the school's activities and information on our facebook page and website [www.maidsmoreton.bucks.sch.uk](http://www.maidsmoreton.bucks.sch.uk).

Keira Ainsworth - Head Teacher

## 9 News from Maids Moreton Village Hall



The village hall committee would like to thank everyone who supported their '*Friendly Friday*' lunches between Easter and the summer break, which raised over £1,000 for the roof refurbishment fund. Many people seemed to enjoy sharing an affordable lunch with friends and neighbours and we would love to hear from anyone who feels able to coordinate this event long term.

Meanwhile, there is plenty to nourish mind, body and soul at the village hall. Here are our regular activities:

| Monday                         | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday                                  | Friday                               |
|--------------------------------|--|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| U3A Bridge<br>9.30 - 12.00     | U3A Bridge<br>9.30 - 12.00   | U3A Bridge<br>10.00 - 12.00                          | U3A History<br>(monthly)<br>10.00 - 12.00 | Yoga &<br>Relaxation<br>9.30 - 11.00 |
| Yoga with Em<br>12.30 - 1.30pm | U3A Flower<br>Arranging /<br>Astronomy<br>(monthly)<br>2.00 - 4.00pm | Merrymakers<br>(monthly)<br>1.30 - 3.30pm            | 60+ Fitness<br>2.30 - 3.30pm              |                                      |
| U3A Bridge<br>2.00 - 4.00pm    |  | CS Krav Maga<br>5.30 - 6.30pm                        | Yoga with Em<br>6.00 - 7.00pm             |                                      |
| Brownies<br>6.30 - 8.00pm      | Adult Tai Chi<br>6.30 - 7.30pm                                       | PC Meeting or<br>W.I. or MMCG<br>monthly from<br>7pm | Scouts<br>7.30 - 9.30pm                   |                                      |

Details of all activities can be found on our website under the 'What's On' tab at [www.maidsmoretonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.maidsmoretonvillagehall.co.uk) - and please follow us on Facebook for the latest news.

If you are looking for a chance to relax this autumn, we have Yoga Nidra with Em on Sunday 28th September at 10am, Restorative Yoga with Suzanne during the afternoons of Sunday 12th October and 30th November, and a festive yoga café on Friday 12th December.

The village hall is available to hire for clubs, classes, meetings, parties and events with a 50% discount for all bookings made by Maids Moreton residents. Don't delay as we are approaching our busy season. Please contact the Lettings Officer with all enquiries at

**[mmvhlettings@gmail.com](mailto:mmvhlettings@gmail.com)**

**Maids Moreton Village Hall is registered charity 269136 and is run by a committee of trustees for the benefit of the local people.**



## 10 News from Buckingham Rugby Union Football Club

With September upon us, we can take a quick look back over a busy summer at Buckingham Rugby Club. The summer kicked off with our biggest social event of the year – the Buckingham Beer and Music Festival. What a glorious weekend that was! Huge thanks to the team who made it happen – we're already looking forward to next year. Our juniors led the way too. Two of our U15 players raised £250 for Looseheadz as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award. Over the summer they ran a 'Rugby Fit' programme for our Minis – a brilliant effort, well done to both!

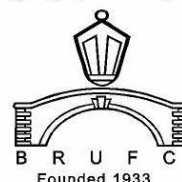
The Buckingham Swans hosted a fantastic Women's Open Day, welcoming Premiership side *Loughborough Lightning*. It was a cracking day of rugby skills on the pitch, followed by live music and a pig roast to round things off in style. We also hosted a Girls Only Summer Camp with *Northampton Saints* and *Loughborough Lightning*, giving young players the chance to learn from the very best. Minis and Juniors have returned to Sunday training (U6–U18s, boys and girls). This year we're also launching our brand-new Girls U10s team!

On the pitch, our Men's 1st XV got their pre-season underway with a great result winning 41-10 under the lights at Towcester. However, having played 2 league fixtures and a cup game since, they are yet to win when it really matters. Meanwhile, the Swan's 1st XV has started strongly with 2 wins from 2.

The clubhouse has been buzzing too. We all enjoyed the Lions winning the series 2-1 in Australia, with our very own Henry Pollock making the tour. Unfortunately, he didn't make the Tests, nevertheless it is a very proud moment for Buckingham Rugby Club, alongside Rocky Clark MBE, player/coach for the Buckingham Swans who will be inducted into World Rugby Hall of Fame on 26th September. At the Women's Rugby World Cup, England games have been shown live in the clubhouse. Buckingham Rugby Club has been chosen to be one of only 3 clubs who will bear flags on the pitch at the final between Canada and England on 27th September at Twickenham, which will also be shown live in the clubhouse.

Everyone's welcome at Buckingham RUFC. Whether you're a player, supporter, parent, or brand new to the game – there's never been a better time to get involved. ***Come down, get stuck in, and be part of the Buckingham rugby family.***

Tony Hinton - BRUFC Sponsorship and Fundraising  
fundraising@buckinghamrugby.co.uk





## 11 News from Maids Moreton Cricket Club

Maids Moreton CC finished 3rd in the South Northants Cricket League - XLC Print Studio's Division One just narrowly missing out on an immediate return to the Premier Division. Our midweek team finished 4th in the Buckingham Midweek League 2025 qualifying for the League Shield final but lost to a formidable Westbury side.

Please make sure you follow the Maids Moreton Cricket Club Instagram and Facebook pages for regular updates including details about our Winter nets that start in early 2026. All are welcome to attend.

| South Northants Cricket League<br>XLC Print Studio's Division One |                      |     | Buckingham Midweek League |                        |    |
|---|----------------------|-----|---------------------------|------------------------|----|
| 1   | Great Northampton CC | 345 | 1                         | Buckingham Town CC     | 40 |
| 2   | Castlethorpe CC      | 259 | 2                         | Brackley CC            | 30 |
| 3   | Maids Moreton CC     | 242 | 3                         | Westbury CC            | 26 |
| 4   | Wicken CC            | 218 | 4                         | Maids Moreton CC       | 20 |
| 5   | Printers CC          | 214 | 5                         | Evenley CC             | 20 |
| 6   | Hanslope CC          | 198 | 6                         | Fringford CC           | 20 |
| 7   | Bodicote CC          | 197 | 7                         | Marsh Gibbon CC        | 20 |
| 8   | Evenley CC           | 184 | 8                         | Westcott CC            | 16 |
| 9   | Chipping Warden CC   | 174 | 9                         | Gawcott & Hillesden CC | 14 |
| 10  | Wardington CC        | 107 | 10                        | Silverstone CC         | 8  |
|   |                      |     | 11                        | Preston Bissett CC     | 6  |

Mike Heath

## 12 News from Maids Moreton Conservation Group

We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Our next two meetings will be 15 October and 19 November.

On Sunday 12 October, we shall have our **Autumn Walk** to the Foxcote Reservoir Bird Hide accompanied by a local expert. This is open to all who are interested. Meet at 9.30 at the Rose Garden (Main St / Church St junction). Please wear stout shoes and, depending on the weather, a raincoat. Children are welcome to join, too.

If you are keen on birds and want to identify their songs, try the free MERLIN App.

## 13 News from Maids Moreton Allotments Association

Autumn is here and the change of seasons can be felt and seen up at the allotments. A lot of produce has now been used by plot-holders and the site is starting to take shape for winter digging / planting.

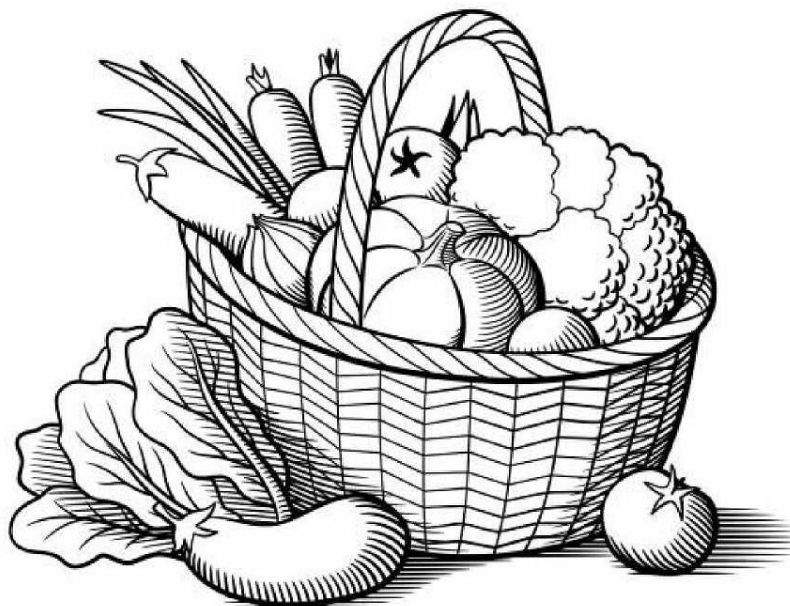
The Parish Council, together with a Northants allotment holder for many years, came to visit and had the hard decisions to make for judging the best kept full and half plots this year and we will be having trophies, awards and certificates handed to this year's wonderful winners next month.

As always, our Sausage Sizzle was an amazing success thanks to all the hard work of the Social Committee and was sold out. Although I couldn't make it this year, it was again a wonderful evening of fun and fantastic homemade feast.

Our annual competitions of best veg box, David Harris cup Gladioli winners, best Sunflower and flower arrangements and savoury and sweet creations also took place in August and we had lovely comments from the Judge Penny who is an avid gardener and grower who kindly came to judge. This was followed by tea and cake and a natter in the sunshine. This was a lovely day and certificates will also be awarded next month.

If you are looking at growing your own and would like to come and see our lovely site and what is on offer please do email me: [mmaachair@gmail.com](mailto:mmaachair@gmail.com) and I would be happy to show you around. Do also remember that villagers of Maids Moreton take priority on the waiting the list.

Amy Stairs  
MMAA Chair



Maids Moreton's  
2025 SCARECROW DAY

Saturday 4th October  
Scarecrows will be from  
all around the World



Maps, judging forms and teas  
will be on sale in the Church  
between 1.00pm and 5pm



The newly refurbished Community Building, as well as hosting the Cafe, is also available for **private hire** for parties and other events. Bookings can be made by contacting our Clerk, Adele Boughton, by phone on 07544 751061 or by Email to: [maidsmoretonclerk@gmail.com](mailto:maidsmoretonclerk@gmail.com)



**EVERY TUESDAY**

**9.30<sub>am</sub> - 12.30<sub>pm</sub>**

*AT*

*MAIDS MORETON COMMUNITY BUILDING  
(near the playing fields)*

**ALL WELCOME**

Please come and enjoy our delicious homemade cakes and a cup of coffee or tea (or a cold drink)

(Well behaved dogs are also welcome)

# Maids Moreton Parish Council

## Bonfire & Firework Display



**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Avenue Road Playing Field**  
**From 7.00 pm**

*Refreshments will be available to purchase on the night*

**Everyone Welcome**

**No sparklers allowed**



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