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STOP PRESS

As this newsletter was about to go to the printers, we were informed that our application for funding to upgrade the play park has been successful. This is excellent news. We shall deal with the grant administration early in the new year and aim to make a start on renewal of the equipment and surfaces as soon as possible after this is done. The actual timing of the renewal activities will, of course, be weather dependent.

1 Parish Council Meetings 2023

Month/Date	Meeting type
January 2023	No meeting planned
Wednesday 1 st February 2023	Full Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 1 st March 2023	Full Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 5 th April 2023	Full Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 3 rd May 2023	Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
Wednesday 24 th May 2023	Annual Parish Meeting

Your Parish Councillors

Graham Maw (Chair)

Patrick Hardcastle (Vice Chair)

Ausra Mohandas

Carolyn Cumming

Kenneth McClintock

(2 vacancies)

2 Parish Council Actions

In addition to our regular management activities on behalf of the Village since our Autumn 2022 Newsletter was issued, we have also:

- 1 Repaired the flurry of failed street lamps, many thanks to those who assisted us in this by promptly reporting the ones that failed;
- 2 With the help of Buckingham Rugby Club, we have rehabilitated parts of the Scout Hut, including the small meeting room, which is now available for small group meetings, as well as updating the toilets and heating system;
- 3 Despite the weather, we held a successful bonfire and fireworks display on 5th November. Thanks to the Scouts for their catering and to the team that oversaw the bonfire and managed a safe but spectacular display. Thanks also to all who contributed so generously towards the cost of the event, these contributions allow us to have a more impressive display.

The Conservation Group suggested holding a ***Warm space Friday lunch***, which we have adopted and for which we have secured financial support from Elmer's charity. These lunches will take place in the Village Hall between 12 noon and 2pm. They will start on Friday 6th January 2023 and continue each Friday up to and including Friday 31st March. All will be welcome for hot soup and tea or coffee in a warm space with company.

In late February or early March, MMPC will join the Conservation Group in a village litter pick before the grass starts to grow too strongly. Anyone who wishes to help will be welcome, more details through the MMPC website and the Conservation Group in due course.

For the Coronation Bank Holiday on Monday 8th May 2023, we are planning to organise a village-wide event at the Playing Field. This will require a working group to organise it. Could groups within the village, and any individuals who would like to be involved with the working group, please let Adele, our parish clerk, know if they are interested in joining in with this. The working group will probably start in late January.

3 Planning and Development

Neighbourhood Plan

The consultation period having now passed, we are in process of finalising the Consultation Statement and the Basic Conditions Statement and will submit the plan to Buckinghamshire Council in January. They will then appoint an Independent Examiner for the plan.

Scott's Lane Fields

Rural Solutions organised two public events in the Village Hall during September on behalf of the landowners at which they presented their initial ideas followed by slightly modified plans at the second event.

In late October, we held a public meeting to discuss these plans, which around 40 people attended and which lasted for about two hours. No one who spoke was in favour of the proposal and we have communicated to Rural Solutions the strong opposition from the community to the proposed development of these fields. We now have to wait and see if and when a formal planning application is submitted.

Walnut Drive and Moreton Road 3

The Judicial Review of the planning consent for the 170 houses off Walnut Drive did not succeed in overturning the planning consent. The planning consent for the 130 houses in the Moreton Road 3 development is currently being contested by Buckingham Town Council.

Both of these developments taken together will cause major traffic problems in Maids Moreton and Buckingham, in addition to multiple other deficiencies. It is, therefore, extremely disappointing and frustrating that although at both relevant Strategic Sites Committee meetings the vote was evenly split, the decision to grant permission was given by the Chairman's casting vote.

News from Village and Community Groups

4 News from Maids Moreton CE School

November was a very busy month at Maids Moreton CE School. The children learned about the importance of Remembrance Day at a national and local level. To mark this important event, on 11th November we gathered in front of our new Tommy statue, purchased through a kind donation from the Maids Moreton charities. We laid wreaths to remember the soldiers from the village who died in the First and Second World Wars, and listened to the Last Post. We then observed a Two Minutes' silence. Our Robins class made some wonderful poppies which we displayed in front of our soldier. We sold poppies to support the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and explained how the Royal British Legion uses the money raised from the sale of poppies to help those who have been injured or fallen in the various conflicts. *[continued on page 10]*



Christmas Quiz

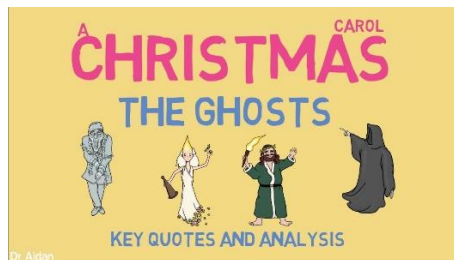
- 1 Which country first started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree?



- 2 Which popular Christmas beverage is also called 'milk punch'?



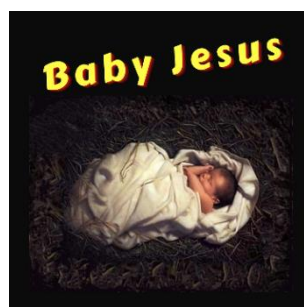
- 3 How many ghosts show up in 'A Christmas Carol'?



- 4 What do people traditionally put on top of their Christmas tree?



- 5 Where was baby Jesus born?



6 What is the name of the period leading up to Christmas?



7 What red-breasted bird do we associate with Christmas?



8 What gifts did the 3 wise men give to Jesus on his birth?



9 Which one of Santa's reindeer has the same name as a female fox?



10 What is the most popular British Christmas tradition In theatres?



[News from Maids Moreton CE School, continued from page 7]

December was also a very busy month as we prepared for Christmas. Our younger children performed two delightful nativities in front of an audience of parents and grandparents and our older children took the lead at our Carol Service at St Edmund's Church. The PTA held a very successful Christmas fun day and our annual mince pie making was enjoyed by all.

In the build up to Christmas, we also attended the Christmas pantomime at the Aylesbury Waterside Theatre as well as hosting a Christmas party for the children with a special guest visitor!



We hope you enjoy reading our news and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best wishes

Keira Ainsworth Head Teacher

5 News from St Edmund's Church

Every week: 10 – 12 every Wednesday morning, we have a Community Coffee morning; a chance to chat together with homemade cakes, teas and coffees. Everyone is welcome.

10.30 every Sunday there is a church service.

We have a lot going on for Christmas too:

Sunday 4th Dec – Advent service when we invite you to bring a donation for the food bank or small Christmas gift (toys or toiletries) for families who need our support.

Friday 9th Dec 10.30am – Christmas Carol Sing-a-long with mince pies. An informal chance to sing much loved Christmas Carols.

Saturday 10th Dec 4pm – Christmas Messy Church, for children and their families.

Sunday 18th Dec 4pm Christingle.

Christmas Eve: 4pm Crib service – this short service is ideal for younger children and their families as we tell the nativity story with knitted figures and sing carols.

6.30pm – Traditional Carol service – with lessons and carols.

11.30pm Midnight Communion service – as we celebrate the birth of our saviour Jesus.

Everyone is welcome.

More information can be found in the Church Parish magazine – to receive a copy or for any other queries please ring the church office on *01280 814430*

6 News from Maids Moreton WI

Maids Moreton W.I. have a Carol Concert on the 12th December at 7pm in St. Edmund's Church Members Evening 14th December. 13th January 2023 a Quiz Evening and the Competition is a Christmas Cracker Joke. Anyone interested in knowing more can contact me, Val Eves, on 01280 812929 or by email to valerie.eves12@gmail.com



7 Maids Moreton Annual Village Carol Singing

The Maids Moreton annual village carol singing is returning after COVID on Wednesday 21st December. Everybody is welcome, irrespective of singing ability, to enjoy an evening of festive celebration and fun. We will meet in the car park area at St Edmund's Church at 6.30pm and then walk around the village. There will be mulled wine and light refreshments after the carol singing as a thank you. All money raised will be in support of the *Children's Society*.

We would appreciate an indication of numbers for catering purposes. Could you please message Clare Hodgson on 07775 434200.

8 News from Maids Moreton Allotments Association

Late November

It doesn't seem long ago we were desperate for rain, and I feel sure we must have caught up now; the weeds like it! We were lucky with our tidy up late October when it was a little chilly but dryish.

As mentioned in the last write up, we do have The MMAA 2023 calendar available. All the photographs were taken on site, and all are included. It is ideal to keep a note of what's going on or what needs to be done in your garden or, of course, for every day. The cost is only £5 with the profit going to *BucksVision*, which is a small charity helping people in Buckinghamshire with visual impairment.

The quiz night due earlier this month was postponed but watch this space for a new date next year.

Our AGM is always on the first Sunday in February, so the 5th next year. Around that time we will know if any plots will be available to let. For anyone interested in applying for a plot, please contact our secretary by email, mmaasec@gmail.com, to be added to the list. Villagers have priority.

David Goodger

Chairman MMAA

Christmas Quiz Answers

1. Germany; 2. Eggnog; 3. Four;
4. An angel; 5. Bethlehem; 6. Advent
7. Robin; 8. Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh
9. Vixen; 10. Pantomimes

9 News from Maids Moreton Scout Group

On Monday 12th September, the Scout Group held their first face to face AGM since the pandemic incorporating a parents evening where all sections showed the parents a little of some of the skills they learn while they are at Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

The meeting was well attended by parents and the Chair of the Parish Council. We started the evening with one of our Scouts reading a reflection to our late Patron Queen Elizabeth II. During the AGM reports were read and we said goodbye to our Chair of the Executive Committee who is standing down. We are still looking for someone to be our Chair but were fortunate to get a few volunteers to join the Executive.

As part of their You Shape badge some of the Beavers and a Cub spoke to the attendees about what they like and do not like about the things they do and it was lovely to hear there was nothing they did not like and outdoor activities featured in the list of favourite activities.

I am in the fortunate position of having several Leaders in each section who give up their time each week to provide exciting opportunities to the young people in the area. We do however have a long waiting list and could run another Beaver Colony or Cub pack with more Leaders.

We finished the evening with investing some of our new leaders and we all renewed our Promise swearing allegiance to our King.



***Maids Moreton Parish Council wishes all our residents
an enjoyable Christmas season and a Happy New Year.***



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