

News from Maidwell

Church Services

1 February	Family Service	11:00am
15 February	Holy Communion	11:00am
1 March	Family Service	11.00am
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5 April	Easter Sunday Family Service	11.00am
19 April	Holy Communion	11.00am

Many thanks to all who helped and supported the events at the end of the year. The Harvest Supper, the wreath making, the Christingle (£151 was raised for the Children's Society) and the Christmas greetings list. All of these events combined raised a considerable amount for the church, so thank you all again.

Also, thank you to Angela Palmer for the beautiful floral decorations in the church for the Harvest Supper and at Christmas time.

The Loder Hall

Our AGM will be held at **10:00am on Saturday 25 April**. All are welcome to hear how we are doing and have your say about how we move forward.

The Hall is now host to a number of regular events that villagers are welcome to attend. Look on the Hall's notice board for details. Try the Singing Circle held on the first Tuesday of the month at 10am. We also have a regular Pilates session on Mondays. Please call Ann on 07939 124521 for details of all events.

Parish Council

The first PC meeting for this year had a full agenda and it was great to have some residents and guests attend the meeting. Key items included:

- residents speaking in the Open Forum about the A508 and the speed/noise of traffic with particular reference to HGVs during the night. The Council have had ongoing discussions with Highways and other relevant agencies about actions that can be taken to reduce the speed on the road through the village and actions including the change of speed limits, hatching at the side of the road and the speed indicator signs have been implemented. Whilst Highways are sympathetic to the issue, their advice has always remained that the A508 is part of the strategic network through the county and this, along with the geography of the road, restricts actions that can be taken. The Council have suggested that they invite Highways, the police, our District Councillor and MP to a meeting where residents can express their concerns and frustrations directly. We will widely advertise this meeting once a date has been identified.
- requests for support with funding from Maidwell Primary School and Draughton Club Room. The Chair of the school governors outlined the challenges facing the school and raised two particular issues the school would like help with: replacement of obsolete laptops and help with external maintenance works. The Chair of the Club Room outlined the extensive work to complete the refurbishment. The PC have agreed, in principle, that both these causes are important to support and have asked both organisations to come back to the Council with more specific packages of work that could be funded. These will be discussed at the next meeting.

- Budget 2026/27 - the Council signed off the proposed budget for the next financial year. Our current budget is £11,999 and our proposed budget for next year is £11,940. This enables the precept to remain the same for residents and provides us with sufficient cover for our projected costs as well as potential support for community activities.
- The Council noted a planning application for a new property in Draughton, using an existing old barn as the core structure. We have neither supported nor objected to this application.

The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 11 March at 7.30pm** in the Loder Hall and, as always, all residents are welcome to attend.

The contact details for the Parish Council are:

Clerk's e-mail address: clerk@maidwellwithdraughtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Website address: www.maidwellwithdraughtonparishcouncil.gov.uk where you can find the minutes for all our meetings.

Maidwell-being coffee morning

It was lovely to see all those who attended the December and January coffee mornings and particularly to be able to share some festive mulled wine and mince pies at the December meeting.

Do join us for the next coffee morning on **Saturday 14 February 10am-12noon** (we'll supply the cakes, bring your own romance!)

Don't forget the recycling bins just inside the gate at Loder Hall for medicine blister packs, contact lens cases, old pens, used make up and toothpaste tubes.

Contacts: Amanda (07707 530720), Lynne (07785 790265), Paul (07710 096590), Mary (07703 291169) and Fiona (07903 137219).

Maidwell Wombles

The Wombles were out on 6 December and cleared 14 bags of litter from the north of the village and the A14 junctions. We also cleared up after the accident that closed the road between Maidwell and Lamport. That brought our total for 2025 to **187** bags and early this year we shall most likely reach 1,000 bags since we started. A big thank you to all our regulars for coming out month after month. The next pick will be on **Saturday 31 January at 9am**. It would be really good to see some new faces in 2026, even if it's just a one off. Please call Colin on 07771 806094.

Maidwell Primary School

Having enjoyed a well-deserved break we are back, hard at work at Maidwell Primary.

During the Christmas period we enjoyed a visit to the Panto at the Deco in Northampton, which was fantastic. We also enjoyed a Christmas lunch in school and lots of Christmas activities in our classrooms. Unfortunately, due to a high level of sickness in the school affecting both children and staff, we had to cancel our end of term assembly and our Carol Service in the Church. However, the Christmas break has allowed us to recover and now 'normal service is resumed'!

During this coming term we will continue with all our core learning along with attending various sports events and a whole school visit to a Mandir, a Hindu temple.

Finally, we shall keep an ever-eager watch on the weather hoping we can return to playtimes on the field as soon as possible.

Happy New Year from everyone at Maidwell Primary.

Other Maidwell news

All the Maidwell news above can also be viewed on the Maidwell with Draughton website:
www.maidwellwithdraughtonparishcouncil.gov.uk