

# News from Maidwell

## Church Services

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



19 April	Holy Communion	11.00am
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## Upcoming events

**FREE EVENT** ★ **Date: 13th March** ★

**Start: Kelmarsch Station Carpark** (What 3 Words: blogging.match.breathing)

**Finish: Maidwell Church** **Ages: 5 —15 years**

**Start: 6:30pm** **Finish: 8pm or 9.30pm (approx.)**

**NIGHT HIKE**

Contact: Rev James 07881 577149 or [victoriapaybody@gmail.com](mailto:victoriapaybody@gmail.com) for details

Run by the PCC members of St Mary the Virgin Maidwell

A poster for a night hike event. The background is a dark blue night sky filled with stars and a faint galaxy. In the foreground, the silhouettes of three hikers (two adults and one child) are shown walking across a dark landscape. One hiker is carrying a large backpack. To the left, there is a glowing mug with a smiling face. The text 'NIGHT HIKE' is written in large, bold, white letters. There are several yellow stars scattered throughout the design.

# Easter Hat Competition

**When - 5th April at 11am**

**Where - St Mary the Virgin Maidwell**

**Make your Easter Hats at home and bring them to church**

**Prizes for the best Hats**

A poster for an Easter hat competition. The background is light purple. At the top, the title 'Easter Hat Competition' is written in large, bold, blue letters. Below the title, the date and time 'When - 5th April at 11am' and the location 'Where - St Mary the Virgin Maidwell' are listed in bold black text. The main instruction 'Make your Easter Hats at home and bring them to church' and the prize information 'Prizes for the best Hats' are also in bold black text. There are several illustrations: a yellow cartoon character with glasses, a basket of colorful Easter eggs, a white crocheted hat with flowers, and a pair of pink bunny ears.

## Supporting Our Church – A Small Monthly Gift Makes A Big Difference

Dear neighbours

Our church has always been at the heart of village life — a place for quiet reflection, celebration, remembrance, and community. To ensure that it remains open, welcoming, and cared for for generations to come, we rely on the support of those who value it. We are inviting villagers to consider supporting the church through the Parish Giving Scheme with a small monthly donation. Regular giving, however modest, helps us to plan ahead, maintain our beautiful building, and continue the services and community events that mean so much to so many. Giving monthly is simple, secure, and flexible. It allows you to support the church steadily throughout the year, and if you are a UK taxpayer, your gift can be increased through Gift Aid at no extra cost to you.

You can find out more and sign up here:  
<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk>

Whether you attend services regularly or simply value having the church at the heart of our village, your support truly makes a difference.

If you would like to find out more or need any help joining the Parish Giving Scheme, please ask.

Thanking you in advance - the PCC and Amanda Goddard and Sarah Paybody (church wardens)

### The Loder Hall

Our AGM will be held at 10:00am on 25 April. This is an open meeting and all are welcome to hear how we are doing and have your say about how we move forward. This will be followed in the evening by a performance of the Open Stage Choir.

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 Monday evenings. Please call Ann on 07939 124521 for details of all events

### Parish Council

The next meeting of the Maidwell with Draughton Parish Council is on **Wednesday 11 March at 7.30pm** in the Loder Hall. All residents are welcome to attend and to speak in the Open Forum session.

In addition, the Parish Council has organised a village meeting with West Northamptonshire Council and the local police to discuss residents' ongoing concerns about the A508 through the village. This meeting will take place on **Monday 16 March at 8pm in the Loder Hall**. This will be a great opportunity for residents to raise any concerns they have about the road including road surface, speeding vehicles and HGVs directly with WNC and the police. All are very welcome.

The contact details for the Parish Council are:

Clerk's e-mail address: [clerk@maidwellwithdraughtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@maidwellwithdraughtonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Website address: [www.maidwellwithdraughtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.maidwellwithdraughtonparishcouncil.gov.uk) where you can find the minutes for all our meetings.

### Maidwell-being coffee morning

We had good number of people come along to the Valentine's Day coffee morning, with appropriately-themed cakes and sweets (and sausage rolls!) – a particular mention should go to Lesley's fabulous heart-shaped strawberries and cream sponge cake.

Do join us for the next coffee morning on **Saturday 14 March at the new time of 10.30am-12noon.**

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 31 January and cleared 34 bags of litter from the north of the village, the A14 junctions and the Haselbech Road. A big thank you to Andrew, Carol, Colin, David, Fiona, Jo, Juan Carlos and Tim for helping. The next outings are on Saturday 7 March and Saturday 4 April. 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**

As January slips into February and the rain continues, we find ourselves longing for our outdoor space!

Hopefully, the other side of the forthcoming half-term holiday we might be able to spend some time on our field rather than just occasional visits to the playground between showers.

The children have been busy working hard and the first half-term of this year has nearly finished – where has the time gone!?

Next half-term is just 5 weeks - quite different from the 8-week term in September and October – but we still have lots to cram in during those few weeks.

## **Other Maidwell news**

All the Maidwell news above can also be viewed on the Maidwell with Draughton website: [www.maidwellwithdraughtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.maidwellwithdraughtonparishcouncil.gov.uk)