

News from Maidwell

Church Services

4 October	Family Service	11.00am
18 October	Holy Communion	11.00am
1 November	Family Service	11.00am
15 November	Holy Communion	11.00am

Forthcoming events



Save the date

Wreath-making in the church will be held between 11am-2pm in **early December - date to be confirmed next month**. All wreath bases and greenery will be supplied and if you would like to add your own baubles, decorations etc, please bring them.

A light lunch and drink will be supplied. Price £35. Please let Amanda know if you can come 07707 530720

The Loder Hall

The Loder Hall continues to host many activities that all residents are welcome to join, including a Singing Circle, Kelmarsh Choir, Elizabethan Dancing and Dog Training. Contact Ann on 07939 124521 for organisers' contact details and times.

Events for Autumn

- 4 October – Maidwell and Draughton Bake Off
- 10 October – Maidwell-being/Macmillan coffee morning
- 14 November - Christmas Bazaar

If anyone would like a table at the bazaar to sell your crafts or other homemade goodies, please contact Ann on 07939 124521

Parish Council

September meeting

Cecile Irving-Swift, our District Councillor, attended the September Parish Council meeting and updated us on the financial challenges facing WNC. She understood the frustrations of residents in relation to the A508 and urged residents to continue to use the official route of the Parish Council to voice their concerns about issues. She agreed to chase Sam Simmons, WNC, in terms of the commitments that he had made in relation to the road at a previous meeting.

Members of the community addressed the Parish Council during the Open Forum session in relation to the recent A14 diversions, the lack of risk assessments being completed by National Highways/WNC and the proposed application for an Asset of Community Value in relation to The Stag.

The Parish Council will be writing to National Highways to share the data showing the significant increase in traffic during the diversions and to request whether any post review would be undertaken including a risk assessment of the diversion strategy. Updated data from the speed signs can be found on the village website (link below).

The Parish Council is going to investigate whether it would be feasible to fund some vibration monitoring equipment to assess the impact of traffic on properties. Further work needs to be done on this and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

The Parish Council discussed the value of applying for an Asset of Community Value for the village pub and agreed that there was little downside to this approach. An application will be prepared with the support of those residents who had indicated that they would be willing to help shortly.

A full copy of the Minutes from the September meeting can be found on the village website.

Speed Watch Volunteers

We currently only have four volunteers signed up to the scheme. We need a minimum of six before we can move to formally creating the group. All training is provided and funded. All we need is your time. Please if you are interested contact the Clerk on the email address below.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 13 November at 7.30pm in the Loder Hall. All residents are welcome to attend and speak in the Open Forum.

Contact Details

Clerk: clerk@maidwellwithdraughtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

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

Maidwell-being

Maidwell-being/Macmillan coffee morning

The next coffee morning is on **10 October 10.30am-12.00noon** and will be a combined Maidwell-being/Macmillan coffee morning. We hope villagers will come and support this important cause. We hope to have the apple press in action, so bring along your apples and bottles for some delicious apple juice!

Poppy project

We will be unveiling the poppy project that we have been working on since the beginning of the year at October's coffee morning.

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 removing litter from the roads to the north and south of Maidwell on 5 September, collecting another twenty bags of rubbish littering our environment. Many thanks to Carol, Juan Carlos, Jo, Amanda, Steph, both Colins and Fiona for taking part. The next pick will be on Saturday 3 October and new faces are always welcome. Contact Colin on 07771 806094.

Maidwell Primary School

Welcome to Natalie De La Salle, the school's new headteacher. We hope to have the school's news in the next magazine.

Other Maidwell news

Maidwell and Draughton Bake Off



Bell-ringing

Our local bell-ringing branch (Guilsborough) will be holding part of their monthly practice at Maidwell church on **Saturday 3 October 6-8pm**. It is a year since the branch visited Maidwell, so we are looking forward to hosting the ringers again.

The annual Maidwell peal will be rung on **Wednesday 21 October from 5.30-8.30pm**. There will therefore be no practice session on Tuesday 20 October.

Thank you to all (most particularly the church's close neighbours) for your ongoing support and understanding.

Urgently required – newsletter secretary!

I am stepping down as the Maidwell secretary for the village magazine in November. If villagers would like news about Maidwell to feature in forthcoming magazines, a new secretary will be required. It is a relatively straightforward task and I am happy to talk any potential volunteer through the process. Please contact me as soon as possible on 07903 137219. Thank you. *Fiona*

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