News from Maidwell

Church Services

1 November	Family Service	11.00am
15 November	Holy Communion	11.00am
6 December	Family Service	11.00am
19 December	**Carols and Christingle**	**4.00pm**
20 December	Holy Communion	11.00am
25 December	Christmas Family Communion	11.00am

Christmas greetings

For those who wish to be on the Maidwell Christmas list (which will be in the December magazine), the cost is £10 per household. Please drop off your money to Amanda at Wyatts before **Friday 20 November**.

Save the dates

There will be a Nite Hike on **Friday 13 November** – further details to follow on the Village Noticeboard WhatsApp.

Wreath Making



Christingle



A huge thank you to all who made the Harvest Supper such a successful evening. We raised £1374. Well done to all involved and all who came and supported.

Cleaning the church

Can you spare 30-45 mins once a year to help keep the church clean? The cleaning is usually done once a month and it would be nice to have a rota to do this. Thanking you in advance. If interested, please let Amanda know and also which month you would like.

The Loder Hall

A huge thank-you to all those who donated cakes, organised and came along to the Macmillan coffee morning on 10 October. Together we raised £400!

Our next event is the Christmas Bazaar on **Saturday 14 November from 11am-3pm.**

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

Parish Council

The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 11 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

See above for the excellent outcome of the Maidwell-being/Macmillan coffee morning!

The next coffee morning will be on **Saturday 7 November 10.30am-12.00noon** (a week earlier than usual, due to the Christmas Bazaar the following week).

The last coffee morning to be run by Maidwell-being will take place on **Saturday 12 December 10.30am-12noon**, with festive drink and cakes. We would also like to do a Christmas cookie swap – bake some festive cookies and bring them along to swap with other people's cookies (those who aren't able to bake cookies can participate by way of a donation).

Poppy project

The Maidwell Poppy was unveiled at the Macmillan coffee morning. Maidwell-being would like to thank the following people:

- Amanda for the initial idea to create a poppy display for the village
- Those who knitted the poppies: Amanda, Ann, Daphne, Denise W, Eileen, Fiona, Janet, Jo, Judy, Lesley, Miranda and Patrice
- Fiona and Lesley for putting the poppy together
- The Loder Hall and Lisa and Stuart for the space to put it together
- Jo and Juan Carlos for the use of their wall to display the poppy

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 3 October, collecting another 21 bags worth of rubbish littering our environment. Many thanks to Carol, Juan Carlos, Jo, Tim, Steph, David and Colin for taking part. The next pick will be on **Saturday 7 November at 9am** and new faces are always welcome. Contact Colin on 07771 806094

Maidwell Primary School

This has been a fantastic first term of the new school year for all of the children and adults at Maidwell Primary School. We have welcomed new families and children to our school community and are so proud of how our new reception children have settled into life at school, loving their learning and making new friends.

We also hosted our first community event of the year – Maidwell Primary School's Macmillan Coffee Morning. It was wonderful to see the parents, grandparents and members of the local community share a coffee, cake and conversation to raise money for this worthy cause. We will be hosting a Christmas Concert as our next community event, so please look out for the details and join us for some sing-a-long fun.

We are also holding our school open days over the coming weeks and would like to invite any families across the local villages with children starting school in 2027, who have not been to see our friendly, small, family-feel school, for a talk and tour.
Please email bursar@maidwell.northants-ecl.gov.uk or call 01604 686240 to book.
The dates are:
Thursday 22 October 9.30am
Saturday 7 November 10.00am
Wednesday 9 December 1.30pm

Finally, a few words from our amazing children about what they have loved at Maidwell Primary this term…

"We took part in a world record attempt that was the most people reading in 12 hours – I hope we completed the world record and get into the Guinness Book of World Records, that would be amazing!" – Luca – Class 3
"I loved baking cupcakes for the Macmillan coffee morning – I felt really happy that we raised £314 for the charity." – Darcy – Class 3
"I am really proud of myself because I worked really hard on my handwriting and got a pen licence at the start of Year 4" Henry – Class 2

Other Maidwell news

Tradespeople list

A list of tradespeople recommended by villagers on the former and current village WhatsApp groups has been complied and is available on the Village Noticeboard WhatsApp group. As it is a Google Drive spreadsheet, any amendments should update automatically. If you are aware of any amendments that need to be made or have suggestions for additions, please contact Fiona on 07903 137219.
If you don't have access to the Village Noticeboard WhatsApp group, please email Fiona at fiona.howes@yahoo.com if you would like a copy of the list.

Newsletter secretary

Thank you so much to Sarah Harvey who has agreed to take on the role of Maidwell's newsletter secretary. Any copy for forthcoming magazines should be forwarded to her at sarahharvey46@gmail.com

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