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Maids Moreton Parish Council

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1 Parish Council Meetings 2026

MMPC meetings start at 7.30 pm and are in the Village Hall unless noted otherwise.

Date	Meeting Type
04 February 2026	Parish Council Meeting
04 March 2026	Parish Council Meeting
08 April 2026	Parish Council Meeting

Your Parish Councillors

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Please note, we are in the process of changing our email addresses to .gov.uk ones to comply with government regulations and will keep you updated.

Buckingham Recycling Centre will be closed for essential works from 1st December for up to 14 weeks

Buckinghamshire Council have issued Purple Bags to help with additional waste. These can be collected from the Maids Moreton Community Building, Avenue Road Playing Fields, on a Tuesday Morning at the Community Cafe.

Alternatively, bags can be picked up from Buckingham Library. The Library's opening times can be found on their website:
www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/libraries/information-about-local-library/buckingham-library/

Each household is entitled to have 1 purple bag which will be collected along with the general waste bin collection (green bin) every alternative week.

Any additional recyclable waste should be placed in a clear bag on top of the recycling bin (blue bin) on the appropriate collection day.

2 Parish Council Actions

In October, Tony Clarke stepped down from the Council as he was relocating. We thank him for his valuable contributions, especially on matters such as repairs and maintenance and wish him well for the future. We are pleased to welcome Simon Mallett, who was born and raised in the village, to the Council. As well as expertise on matters such as IT, Simon also brings extensive experience on planning matters, especially on traffic and highways.

We currently have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you would like to know more, please come along to one of our meetings and/or make contact with us. Within the Council, we also have a range of working groups that are made up of a mix of Councillors and volunteers. If you are particularly interested in a specific aspect of our work and would like to assist us, please let us know.

At our last meeting, we reviewed our budget for next year. As for everyone, we face price rises in everything and regrettably, we shall have to make a small increase in our precept for the coming year.

Community Christmas Drinks & Mince Pies



MMPC would like to invite everyone to join them on
Wednesday 17th December for Christmas drinks and
mince pies in the Community Building (by the playing fields)



6pm to 8pm

Wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

3 Planning and Development

As many of you will know, Buckinghamshire Council is preparing a new, county-wide Local Plan, which should be adopted in 2027. We responded on the initial draft that covered policies and are awaiting the updated version that will include potential sites for development. We shall review and comment on this once it is available.

When the new local plan becomes live, we shall need to formally revise our Neighbourhood Plan to be fully consistent with the new Local Plan. If our Neighbourhood Plan postdates the approved Local Plan then it takes precedence on non-material planning decisions that affect the village.

Neither of the two recent Judicial Reviews were accepted by the judge, which means that work is likely to start on the Walnut Drive development in 2026. We are planning to undertake another traffic survey in the village during January so that we have an up-to-date baseline of traffic levels. This is an important aspect of the issues that the Walnut Drive application has to take into account.

4 Public Transport

Buckinghamshire Council is seeking our views on possible enhancements to the public transport serving our village.

MMPC would very much like to hear the thoughts of Maids Moreton residents on this topic, in particular how the current public transport available can be improved and, more specifically, routes, timings and frequency.

We will also be creating a survey which will be launched on the Maids Moreton Residents & Friends Facebook page in the near future. But if you would prefer to respond directly please contact the Parish Clerk, Adele Boughton:
by email maidsmoretonclerk@gmail.com or Telephone: 07544 751061

News from Village and Community Groups

5 Annual Village Carol Singing



MAIDS MORETON ANNUAL VILLAGE CAROL SINGING

Monday 22nd December ~ 6.30pm

The Maids Moreton annual village carol singing will be on Monday
22nd 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 Edmunds 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.



6 News from St Edmund's Church

St Edmunds celebrates Christmas with the following this year.....

13th December Messy Church at 4pm

21st Christingle 4pm

Christmas Eve 4pm Crib service, 6pm Traditional Carol Service ,

11.30 pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day 10.30 Family Service

Everyone is welcome!

Our regular Wednesday Community Coffee mornings continue every week from 10-12

Rev Cathy Pearce - 01280 821976

I'm available in the Parish Wednesdays and Thursdays, and at Sunday services

7 News from Maids Moreton WI



MAIDS MORETON W.I. CAROL CONCERT

15th December at 7.00pm in St. Edmund's Church

ALL WELCOME



8 News from 1st Maids Moreton Scout Group



Our Squirrel, Beavers and Cub sections are looking for volunteers to become Leaders. If you can spare some time to assist the young people of the village in learning and having fun do contact me on:

Claire.groves@1stmaidsmoretonscouts.co.uk. It is very rewarding and training and support is available. We have plenty of young people who want to join the organisation but we do need the adult support.

All 4 sections have had a busy term and the Orienteering activity in Wendover Woods was enjoyed by the Cub and Beaver sections. All sections also took part in the Remembrance parade in Buckingham. This is our busy fund raising term.

Thank you to the Parish Council for their help and support on Bonfire night where we served hot dogs and drinks. It was very hectic but good fun. On 13th December we will be supporting Santa on his float thanks to Buckingham Round Table.

We are also collecting Christmas trees on 10th January - look out for the link on Facebook.



The Squirrel section have been looking at animal habitats, dens and autumn. They have had a walk around the village and are all busy with Pre Christmas activities.

Some of the Beaver section also went on a sleepover at the National Space Centre in Leicester with other Beaver colonies from the area. They have been climbing at Climbbquest in Milton Keynes and are looking forward to making Christmas decorations and their Christmas party.



Mini Catapults at the Club Camp

The Cub section held an overnight camp at our field in Akeley and had a great time. We have been cooking and made a tasty stir fry and a (not so healthy!) chocolate pine cone. We made our own marble run using cardboard tubes and boxes. We had a great night hike around Buckingham, looking for clues to a quiz as we went round and we learnt about the old Dairy and railway. At the end of the hike the first letters to answers to the quiz spelt out

'Biscuit' which was a welcome snack one of the Leaders had brought. At the end of term we are going sledging in Milton Keynes.



Stir Fry



Camp Fire Cooking

The Scout section's new Leaders/parents are settling in and learning new skills along with the Scouts. The section have held a board game evening, where they brought their favourite games to share, and have made their own mini golf courses. They also made a giant map of Great Britain using an old road atlas. Some brave Scouts are taking part in the County Grimsdyke Hike event around Stokenchurch. The section also played a version of Monopoly using Maids Moreton streets.

At the end of last term they will be going skiing or snow boarding in Milton Keynes. We were very pleased that 2 Scouts were selected to take part in a selection weekend to take part at The World Scout Jamboree in Poland or the Grand Tour, both due to happen in 2027. The weekend involved lots of activities, an interview, a presentation and constant assessment by leaders from the District. We are even more proud that one of them was awarded one of the 7 places. He will be busy raising funds for the trip.

Claire Groves

Lead Volunteer for the Group.

9 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 Tommy statue and 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 lovely poppies which we displayed in front of our soldier, and our older children made some more intricate poppies alongside the residents of Maids Moreton Hall.

We sold poppies to support the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and explained how the Royal British Legion use the money raised from the sale of poppies to help those who have been injured or fallen in the various conflicts.

Later in November, we also dressed in spotty and Pudsey themed clothing to support Children in Need.

A team of children participated in a tag rugby tournament, a multisports event and a football competition as part of the local inter school sports' partnership.

Christmas is just around the corner and we will be performing our usual nativity performances in front of an audience of parents and grandparents. We will also be visiting St Edmund's Church for our Carol Service at the end of the term and our choir will be singing at Maids Moreton Hall.

In the build up to Christmas, we will also be holding our annual mince pie making and hosting a Christmas party for the children with a special guest visitor for our younger children!

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

10 News from Maids Moreton Village Hall



The village hall is a registered charity which provides a meeting place for local groups and events. We host many clubs and classes for all ages. In November we welcomed Dawn Parker, who offers a Strong Mummas class on Tuesdays 12.15 - 1.15 (babies are welcome too!) and a Barre Exercise class on Thursdays at the same time. If you want to tone and strengthen in the New Year, contact dawn.parker@thegoodpt.com for more information.

We're also excitedly anticipating the Christmas Yoga Café on Friday 12th December from 9.30am. If you haven't been to yoga café before, prepare for a soothing time of relaxation and gentle stretches with the aroma of hot chocolate wafting from the kitchen, after which we gather to enjoy delicious home-baked cake with a selection of drinks. More information from Emily at yogawithem22@gmail.com - booking required.

In the New Year we are delighted that Soup Lunches are returning from noon every Friday from 9th January to 27th March, kindly organised by the conservation group. We're also welcoming back the U3A Gardening Group for a series of talks to occupy the green-fingered over the chilly winter months.

To find out more about all the groups and classes at the village hall, visit our website at www.maidsmoretonvillagehall.co.uk and click on the 'What's On' tab. You can also find information on booking the hall for your party or special event at very competitive rates. To make a booking email Anne at mmvhlettings@gmail.com.

To maintain the hall in good condition whilst keeping our hire rates really competitive, we run a fund-raising programme. Our big goal is to refurbish the hall roof. Thank you so much to all who have given donations and supported events. It was lovely to see the hall buzzing for our recent Winter Craft Fair, which raised over £450, which will be added to the £3,671 raised for the roof fund through our lunches, Jumble Sale and donations in 2025. Our next event is...



Table Top Sale

Saturday 7th February 2026, 2-4.30pm

Empty your cupboards and fill your purse!

Have a New Year clear-out and hire a table for just £10 -you keep all your profits.

Delicious refreshments will be available.

To book a table email: mmvhlettings@gmail.com

11 News from The Wheatsheaf

IT'S NEARLY CHRISTMAS!

December is **HOT MULLED WINE** time, every weekend from 4pm. Why not jazz it up with a measure of Spiced Rum or Brandy! Here is a run down of our dates for your diary....

Every Friday until Spring is **FISH & CHIPS FRIDAY**, freshly cooked and served to the table takeaway style. No need to stand and queue outside in the cold, come in and order, grab a drink and it will be delivered to you ready to eat in or takeaway.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ ~ Saturday 06/12, get those Christmas jumpers at the ready. Starts 8pm sharp, although tables fill fast so come early. £2pp cash with all proceeds going to the village hall roof fund. Pub prize for the winners, shots for the best losers! Please keep an eye on the noticeboards for 2026 dates.

GOURMET BURGERS ~ Saturday 6/12, melt-in-your-mouth burgers from The Flavour Trailer and other classics cooked to order. Serving from 4-8pm.

Find them on Facebook: theflavourtrailer or www.theflavourtrailer.com

GURKHA STREET FOOD ~ Saturday 13/12, the finest home cooked curries, noodles and momos to eat in or takeaway. Serving from 5-9pm.

Find them on Facebook: Gurkhastreetfood

STEAK NIGHT ~ Saturday 20/12, a sumptuous 8oz Sirloin with all the trimmings served piping hot to your table. Serving from 6-9pm, spaces are limited so please contact the pub to book a table.

CHRISTMAS WEEK LUNCHES ~ a lunch menu will be available on Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th from 12 noon. Again, spaces will be limited so please contact the pub to book a table.

LIVE MUSIC EVENTS ~ Saturday 20/12 we have the amazing **IAN MURRAY** doing an acoustic set in the evening. On Sunday 28/12 there is live acoustic music in the conservatory from 2-6pm.

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY ~ Our NYE party is open to all with a disco from Dr P and The Rough Stuff in the main bar. Families with children are welcome in the snug and conservatory only. Feel free to bring your own food.

CHRISTMAS HOURS ~ 22nd & 23rd 12-9pm, 24th 12-11pm, 25th 12-3pm, 26th 12-3pm, 27th 12-11pm, 28th 12-8pm, **29th CLOSED**, 30th 12-8pm, 31st 12-3pm reopen at 7pm-1am.

JANUARY ~ we will be closed on New Year's Day and reopen at 4pm on Thursday 15 January. We then have a slight adjustment to TUESDAY hours when we close at 9pm.

2026 ~ we will continue with pop-up food events every Friday and Saturday along with the monthly quiz and open mic music events. Please follow us on Facebook for more information or our "locals-run" website www.wetglassclub.co.uk

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

12 News from Maids Moreton Cricket Club

Please make sure you follow the Maids Moreton Cricket Club Instagram and Facebook pages for regular updates including details about our Winter nets that start in early 2026. All are welcome to attend.

Mike Heath

13 1st Maids Moreton Scouts Christmas Tree Collection 2026



1st Maids Moreton Scouts
Christmas Tree Collection
Saturday 10th January 2026
Suggested donation of
£5-£10 per tree

Scan the QR Code
to book



14 News from Buckingham Rugby Union Football Club

Season's greetings and Best Wishes to everybody in Maids Moreton from Buckingham Rugby Club. As the nights continue to draw in, the Autumn Internationals and the much-leaked budget may well be behind us, but fortunately, we are not yet halfway through our rugby season. The recent heavy rain continues to provide a challenge for our ground staff, with pitches unplayable on several occasions due to waterlogging - what a contrast from the heights of the summer when the ground needed watering to make it playable and enable the grass to grow.

Following the appointment of new coach Harrison Marshall in late October, the fortunes of Buckingham's Men's 1st XV have been transformed, winning their last 3 games in style. They now sit 5th in their league having won four out of 8 games played overall. Next up they play local rivals Bicester at home and Bletchley away, before a home game against 3rd placed Henley IIs prior to Christmas. They should maintain, if not improve their league position by the halfway point of the season. Meanwhile Buckingham Mitres (2nd XV) sit 6th in their league, with 4 wins from 6 played.

Buckingham Swans Greens (First XV) are 4th in the Championship having played 9 games, winning 6 and losing 3 away fixtures against the 3 teams above them, including Sale FC 1861, Cheltenham Tigers and West Park Leeds. Key fixtures in January include 2nd placed Cheltenham and 3rd placed West Park at home and 7th placed Lichfield away. Buckingham Swans Whites (2nd XV) sit top of their league after promotion last time out, having won 5 from 6, with their only loss away to 2nd placed West Bridgeford.

At Academy, Mini and Junior level, player numbers for both boys and girls continue to be strong across all age groups. The Minis festival held in late September went very well, yielding a profit and positive feedback from the visiting clubs.

Harper's Day, BRUFC's much loved annual charity event is set to be another amazing day of rugby fun and fundraising and will take place on Saturday 27th December. All Maids Moreton residents will be very welcome.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!!

Tony Hinton
BRUFC Sponsorship and Fundraising
Fundraising@buckinghamrugby.co.uk



The newly refurbished Community Building, as well as hosting the Cafe, is also available for **private hire** for parties and other events. Bookings can be made by contacting our Clerk, Adele Boughton, by phone on 07544 751061 or by Email to: maidsmoretonclerk@gmail.com



TUESDAYS 9.30_{am} - 12.30_{pm}

Christmas Closures:

The cafe will not be operating over the Christmas period from Tuesday 23rd December re-opening on Tuesday January 6th 2026

AT

*MAIDS MORETON COMMUNITY BUILDING
(near the playing fields)*

ALL WELCOME

Please come and enjoy our delicious homemade cakes and a cup of coffee or tea (or a cold drink)
(Well behaved dogs are also welcome)



*This year's wonderful display of Scarecrows
Thank you to all who took part*

MAIDS MORETON COMMUNITY BUILDING

Avenue Road Playing Fields
Maids Moreton

The newly refurbished Maids Moreton Community Building is available for private hire for parties and other events.

The hall is ideally situated by the Maids Moreton Playing Fields and has an adjacent car park.

The hall has a capacity of 60 people and has a small, but well equipped, kitchen.



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