

Matfen and District Newsletter

Autumn Newsletter for the Matfen, Ryal, Ingoe and Fenwick District

Parish Council News



- ◆ The Parish Council have received funding for play equipment at the Matfen children's play area. It is now open and ready for use for the use of the whole village to enjoy. There will be an official opening soon.
- ◆ The Parish Council is discussing a proposal to ban dogs from the Sports Field and Children's Play area.
- ◆ Matfen still has problems with dog fouling despite the Parish Council providing bags for disposal. A small minority spoil things for the rest of the village. Please use the dog bins!
- ◆ Matfen also still has a problem with some cars parking on the pavement opposite the bus shelter, meaning that people with pushchairs or wheelchairs cannot pass. Please remember to park in a considerate manner.
- ◆ The Parish Council has received information about the proposed reinstatement of fireworks during weddings at Matfen Hall - the Hall are trying out silent fireworks, and the Parish Council have been invited along to see the demonstration.
- ◆ The village green in Ryal will hopefully be reinstated soon, once all legalities are ironed out.
- ◆ Residents in Northumberland are being urged to safeguard their vote at election time by sparing just a few minutes of their time to get their name registered on the electoral roll. The plea comes at the start of the annual canvass, as local authorities in Great Britain are delivering electoral registration forms to all households. Please look out for the annual canvass form which will be dropped through letterboxes at the end of August. Electors are asked to simply complete the form, sign it and then return it to the council as soon as possible. If it is more convenient for you, you can also register by ringing the free phone number 08000 251 088. Alternatively, you can log on to www.electorregistration.co.uk/northumberland and register your details on line.

Matfen Parish Council has 6 members, who are assisted by the Parish Clerk. It meets every 2 months in Matfen Village hall and meetings commence at 7pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings. Next Meeting Dates
28th September 2009
30th November 2009

Matfen Village Hall News

The Matfen Village Fete was a great success, and thanks go to everyone who worked so hard on the day. We raised £1,800 for the Village Hall which was a bigger total than last year - well done!

Dates for your diary

- ◆ The next Village Quiz will be on 19 October. Please put this into your diary and get your tickets early, as last time it was incredibly popular!
- ◆ 22nd October at 7.30pm - a talk on the Red Kite in Northumberland
- ◆ 31st October - Children's Hallowe'en Party
- ◆ 5th November - Bonfire Party
- ◆ 19 November - Antiques Evening
- ◆ 12 December 2 - 4pm - Children's Christmas Party
- ◆ 20 December - Lunchtime Christmas Party

All timings and further information will be found nearer the time either on the notice boards or in the Village Shop.

The hall is available for hire at reasonable rates for private bookings, children's parties etc. Please contact Lynda Padgett on 01661 886785.

To all Residents: We have a friendly and supportive community and love to welcome new residents who want to be part of the social life of the village. Please come along to future events!

If you have anything to wish to see in the newsletter, please email Sally Urwin on sally@highhousefarmbrewery.co.uk or ring 01661 886 937. Thank you.

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Regular Weekly Groups and Meetings

- ◆ The mobile library comes into Matfen village on the Green and the Close from 10.30 to 12.00pm. It has an excellent selection of fiction and non-fiction adult books, children's books plus some DVDs. You can also request books you would like to read.
- ◆ The fish and chip van comes every Friday evening just outside the Matfen Village Hall, from 7pm onwards.
- ◆ Parents and Children Group – Every Friday 9.30 am until 11.30am. Come along with your pregnancy bumps, babies and toddlers. A very friendly group for any parents or carers with children from 0 - 4 years, that runs through out the year and during the Summer holidays. Coffee, tea and biscuits available with lots of toys to play with! £1 per session for each family. For more information call Fiona Warren on 01661 886 .
- ◆ Matfen Table Tennis Club are running a Family " Drop in" Table Tennis each Wednesday during August. From Wednesday 5th August until Wednesday 26th August from 2.00pm - 5.00pm in Matfen Village Hall. £2 max per Family or £1 for individuals. If anyone has any queries, please contact Derek Padgett 01661 886785
- ◆ The Matfen and Great Whittington Womens' Institute meets at the Matfen Parish Hall on every first Tuesday of each month from 7.30pm.

Support our Local Businesses

- ◆ **Matfen Village Store & Coffee Shop** sells everything including newspapers, magazines, groceries and take away food and is open 7 days a week and also has a cash machine situated in the entrance hall. Our lovely little coffee shop has a great choice of both hot and cold dishes as well as Austin's famous scones and cakes! From 1st August we will be serving locally sourced Full English Breakfasts in the coffee shop from 9am - 11am every Saturday and Sunday. We also have a full list of events for the remainder of 2009, including supper club evenings, cake clubs, best of Northumberland evening and a ghost walk, plus plenty more. Please call in for a leaflet. We are open Mon - Fri from 7.30 to 6.00pm and Sat and Sun from 8.00 to 5.00pm. If you need any more information please call Lindsey & Austin on 01661 886202.
- ◆ **The Black Bull Pub** is run by Daniel and Kelly, is now open 11am to 11pm every day and is now serving a delicious food menu from 11 to 4pm. The pub is open from 11am to 11pm and has a great selection of real ales, lagers, spirits, soft drinks and wines. The traditional country pub is available for family celebrations, wedding receptions and parties. Please ring for more details on 01665 886330 or www.theblackbullatmatfen.co.uk
- ◆ **Hadrian Pet Hotel** provides 5 star dog and cat boarding in purpose built kennels. Located mid Moorhouses just outside Matfen, signposted off the Military Road. Tel: 01661 886675.
- ◆ **High House Farm Brewery and Visitor Centre** is now under new management! Heather and Gary look forward to welcoming you to their award winning tearoom, shop, exhibition and farm walk. We are open each Saturday and Sunday 10.30 until 5.00pm, with evening meals served 6-9pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturdays. We serve traditional and very popular Sunday lunches each weekend and we have a "senior citizen's lunch" every Tuesday from 12pm. New children's room and a lovely farm walk available. We are just outside Matfen, signposted off the Military Road. Tel 01661 886 192 or www.highhousefarmbrewery.co.uk
- ◆ **GS Environmental Pest Control** is available to sort out your rodent, wasp or ant problems. Contact Steve Gregory-Smith on 01661 886282 or 07717575 678

Got friends or relatives coming? Here are details of bed and breakfasts in the Matfen area.

- ◆ Bog House B&B – please call Rosemary Stobart on 01661 886 776
- ◆ Matfen High House B&B – please call Struan or Jenny Wilson on 01661 886 592
- ◆ Wallhouses B&B – please call Jean Patterson on 01434 672226
- ◆ Wallhouses South Farm Self catering cottage – please call Eileen Lymburn on 01434 672388

Did you know we are on the web? www.matfenparish.org