

# Matfen District Newsletter

**Welcome to your Summer Newsletter for the Matfen, Ingoe, Ryal and Fenwick District.  
We hope you find it interesting and informative!**

## **To all Residents:**

*Please come and support the various events and activities that are held in the village. The Village Hall Committee organises different events that are open to all residents. We need more people and families to join in, to help us to build a friendly neighbourhood and community. Please come along!*

## **Parish Council News**

- The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Wed 21st May. The Chairman Robin Douglass gave his report.
- The Parish Council Website is almost complete and ready to go live.
- Parking continues to be a problem. The main problem is the parking of cars either wholly or partly on the pavement particularly by the pub and also outside the public toilets. This makes it difficult at times for mothers with buggies and dog walkers to walk along the pavement. It is hoped that a dropped kerb will be installed immediately outside the public toilets to make access easier for wheelchairs and pushchairs.
- It is appreciated that dog fouling is a serious problem in Matfen Village, on the green the sports ground, the churchyard and elsewhere. The Parish Council in conjunction with Castle Morpeth Borough Council is intending to provide bags for dog owners to clean up after their dogs. These will be available in dispensers on the village green, the bags can then be placed in any of the litter bins already installed. We would like to remind everyone that it is an offence not to clean up after your dog. Further signs are to be erected around the village and also at the entrances to the sports ground where dogs will not be allowed. We do need the co-operation of every dog owner to help to eradicate this problem.
- It is hoped that with the help of a grant from Castle Morpeth Community Fund the ageing swings can be replaced in Ryal and Ingoe as well as an adventure climbing unit in Matfen.
- Another Litter Pick will be arranged following the Village Fete. Details will be posted on the PC notice board.
- Bio-degradable bags for garden waste are available from the shop for £1.00 per roll. The bags are collected on the black bin collection day.
- The PC has donated £400 for churchyard maintenance at Matfen and Ryal.

## **Village Fete on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

To help make a great success of the fete we hope that everyone will try to provide goods for the various village stalls. There will be separate cake, tombola, plant and white elephant/bric a brac stalls operated by the village hall committee and the church - a chance to empty your lofts and garages, almost anything will do. In addition, the church will have stalls selling books and local produce, while the village hall committee will have stalls selling jewelry and local handicrafts.

If you have stuff for the church stalls, please contact John Telford on 01661 886464, and for village hall committee stalls contact Paddy Lacey on 01661 886278 or just bring things along on the day.

## **Matfen Village Hall.**

The hall can be rented by every individual, family or group. If you would like to hold your own private party, or you would like to suggest an event or gathering to be held at the hall please call Lynda Padgett on 01661 886785

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## **Future Events**

- 1 **Parents and Children Group – Every Friday 10.30 am until 12.00pm.** Come along with your pregnancy bumps, babies and toddlers. A very friendly group for any parents with children from 0 - 4 years, that runs through out the year. Coffee and tea available with lots of toys to play with! £1 per session for each family. For more information call Sally Urwin on 01661 886 937.
- 2 **The Table Tennis Group** for adults and children is on every Tuesday 7.00 until 9.00 pm. Please look out for more information in the next newsletter, or on the village notice boards.

## **Support our Local Businesses!**

– to be included please contact Sally Urwin on numbers below.

### **1 The Matfen Deli and Coffee Shop**

The shop currently sells a variety of newspapers, magazines, groceries, fruit and vegetables, and Northumbrian cheeses, sandwiches to take away, sweets, beer and wine. There is also a delicious coffee shop menu including the special Matfen Hot Chocolate, fresh coffee, tea, home made sandwiches, soups, cakes and scones. You'll be guaranteed a friendly welcome! Ring Austin or Lyndsay on 01661 886 202

Opening Hours as follows:

Coffee Shop Open: Wednesday to Sunday 10.00 am to 4.00pm

Shop and Deli Open: Monday 7.30 am to 5.00pm; Tuesday to Friday 7.30am to 6.00pm; Saturday and Sunday 8.00 am to 5.00 pm.

### **2 The Black Bull Pub**

The Black Bull is now serving a delicious lunchtime menu every day from 12 to 2pm. The pub is open from 11am to 11pm every day, and has a great selection of real ales, lagers, spirits, soft drinks and wines. The pub boasts a pool table, large flat screen television and has plenty of outside seating. 01665 886330

### **3 Hadrian Pet Hotel**

The 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.

### **4 High House Farm Brewery and Visitor Centre**

Award winning tearoom, shop, exhibition and farm walk. Opening Hours 10.30 until 5.00pm and closed Wednesdays. Traditional and very popular Sunday lunches served. We are just outside Matfen, signposted off the Military Road. Tel 01661 886 192 or [www.highhousefarmbrewery.co.uk](http://www.highhousefarmbrewery.co.uk)

Our next evening BBQ with Shearwater folk band is on Friday 20 June at 6.30pm.

### **5 Matfen Hall Country House Hotel, Spa and Golf Course**

Please call 01661 886 500 or visit [www.matfenhall.com](http://www.matfenhall.com)

### **6 Standing Stone Drawing Office Supplies Ltd**

For all your office stationery, design, photocopying, graphics and print needs. Please call on 01661886 653

### **7 GS Environmental Pest Control**

Ring to sort out your rodent, wasp or ant problems. Contact us on 01661 886282 or 07717575 678

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

8 **Bog House B&B** – please call Rosemary Stobart on 01661 886 776

9 **Matfen High House B&B** – please call Struan or Jenny Wilson on 01661 886 592

10 **Wallhouses South Farm B&B** – please call Eileen Lymburn on 01434 672388