

Matfen District Newsletter

**Welcome to your Spring 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

- 1 John Telford was welcomed onto Matfen Parish Council as a co-opted member following the resignation of Kath Wallace who has moved from the village. If you need to speak to a Parish Councillor, please call Mrs Senior, the Parish Clerk, in the first instance on 01661 852 878.
- 2 With the help of grants the Parish Council are hoping to replace the playground swings at Matfen, Ryal and Ingoe.
- 3 Flower bulbs provided by Castle Morpeth last November have been planted by volunteers in Matfen, Ryal and Ingoe.
- 4 The public toilet has at last been completed and is regularly cleaned and maintained.
- 5 In line with other Parish Councils a website is to be developed which will hold information for residents and visitors such as local services i.e. doctors' surgeries, church services, bus timetables, council contacts, minutes of PC meetings etc. This development is at a very early stage. If any residents have skills in designing websites and would like to help with this process please contact the Parish Clerk or any Councillor.
- 6 Parish councillors have attended meetings outlining the new Unitary Authority which will dispense with district councils such as Tynedale and Castle Morpeth. The development of the new authority is at a very early stage. Matfen, Fenwick, Ryal and Ingoe are grouped in the rural west of Northumberland. We will be further grouped into 'Belonging Communities' with neighbouring villages that have common characteristics. The role of these communities is still to be outlined and ongoing talks are taking place with all parish councils.
- 7 A Litter Pick is to be organised for the middle of March to spruce up the village. Volunteers are asked to look for dates and times on the Parish Council notice board.

Matfen Village Hall.

The hall is for the use of every individual, family or group in Matfen. 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

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.
- 3 **A Wine Tasting** evening on 29th March at 7.30pm. A fascinating evening with the chance to try wines from around the world, with professional tasting tuition from experts at Majestic Wines. A bar and cheese tasting also available, with a quiz held on the night. Leave the car at home! Tickets £5.00 are available from the Village shop.
- 4 **A music evening** will be held in the Village hall on Friday 9th May. 'Longsands', an acoustic band (voted Best Unsigned Band in 2007) are holding the concert in aid of Cystic Fibrosis North East. This one will be very popular! Tickets £6.00 available from the Village Shop.
- 5 **A Sports Relief Mile** will be held at Stamfordham First School on Sunday 16th March. Come and

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support the runners, or join in yourselves! Tickets £5.00 for adults from the School or the Village Shop.

- 6 **Village Day 12th July 2008** – a traditional village fete is being arranged in July and will be a chance for everyone to come with their families, have fun and enjoy themselves on the village green. Traditional stalls, games and music. More information will be posted on the notice board. If you are interested in becoming involved or have any ideas please leave your name with Lynda Padgett on 01661 886 785.

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 a new cash machine in the entrance to the shop. 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 Saturday 10.00 am to 4.00pm

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

2 The Black Bull Pub

Danny and Kelly have taken over the Black Bull in Matfen. They would like to thank all residents for their patience during the recent refit! 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. Serving Sunday lunches, with special Easter and School holiday events planned. We are just outside Matfen, signposted off the Military Road. Tel 01661 886 192 or www.highhousefarmbrewery.co.uk

5 Matfen Hall Country House Hotel, Spa and Golf Course

Please call 01661 886 500 or visit 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 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