

MAIDS MORETON CONSERVATION GROUP



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DISCUSSION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

We had a great meeting last November with huge input from residents of the village as well as encouragement and suggestions from Warren Whyte our District and County Councillor. November seems a long time ago but practical things are happening in the village that we can do or support - recycling, tree planting, allotment growing, walking.

- ♦ What should we be putting in our refuse bins? This question came up again and again as people seemed unsure. Here is a website that will help to clarify :

<https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/section/what-goes-each-bin>

- ♦ The Conservation Group in partnership with the Woodland Trust and the Parish Council are planning on planting more trees. Read about it below!
- ♦ Do you know about the allotments in Maids Moreton? Carry on reading!
- ♦ The school is looking for volunteers to help with walking to school safety training. Find out more!

TREE PLANTING

Calling volunteers for tree planting

WHY?

- More woods, trees and hedges will cool our warming planet through their shade and moisture loss.
- Trees lock away harmful carbon released by burning fossil fuels. They improve the quality of our air.
- Trees reduce surface water run-off, so reduce the risk of flooding.

WHERE?

Maids Moreton parish, including various areas of the Playing Fields.

WHEN?

Some preparation in the summer, followed by tree and hedge planting in the autumn. Weekends and/or weekdays, according to your availability.

HOW?

Free trees and protective sheaths provided by the Woodland Trust for Maids Moreton land that has public access.

Maids Moreton Parish Council support this Conservation Group initiative and will soon confirm suitable areas for tree planting.

WHAT TO DO NOW

- It's vital for you to register your interest and commitment NOW. Please contact Kevin Robinson on mmtreeplanting@outlook.com or telephone 0784 6891067, so that he can liaise with MM Parish Council and apply to the Woodland Trust.

Please support this project –
MANY SPADES MAKE LIGHT WORK!

Coronavirus - Covid-19

If you are having difficulty shopping or feel lonely, ring:

Jacky Dale-Evans (PC clerk): 01280 814483

Mark Byrne (PC chair): 07887 534833

St Edmund's Church: 01280 814430

Maids Moreton Allotment Association, Climate Change and Conservation

Allotments bring an awareness of changes to both local weather and the overall climate. During my 12 years at the allotments no two springs have been alike, with this being one of the wettest, and summers have become drier with temperatures reaching record highs. The response to the latter has been to require all plot holders to have at least one water butt to collect rain water from their shed roof, to only water at planting time and thereafter give a copious dose of water just once a week.

We're very conscious of the local wildlife, admittedly not always in a spirit of generosity when we find it's swallowed all our sweetcorn or consumed all the cabbages, but most of us garden as organically as possible and are philosophical about 'sharing' the odd lettuce with Peter Rabbit. Two years ago our boundary hedges were 'spring-cleaned' and spaces filled with native hedging varieties – hawthorn, spindle, crabapple - all designed to improve our boundary but also to provide habitat for birds and other wildlife.

We would have liked to invite you to join us on Saturday 11th April from 10 am – 12 noon for delicious bacon baps (bacon cooked to order) &/or scrumptious cake plus tea or coffee but we have of course had to cancel this event. However look out for our next event for all members, family, friends & villagers who may be interested to see the site & find out what a friendly group we are!
If you would like to have your name added to the waiting-list for plots, please contact Hywel Willmot (Secretary to MMAA) hywelwillmot@btinternet.com / 01280 308591

*Christine Dines
18.03.20*

Well Done Walkers

Maids Moreton School holds 'Walk to School Weeks' twice a year to encourage a sense of belonging to the local community as they travel sustainably together while exercising and growing the foundations for a healthy lifestyle. This good practice reduces congestion and pollution in the environment. If children live too far away, they can park and stride to school over a short distance.

Footsteps - Volunteers Needed



Footsteps is a road safety training programme to help young children live safely with traffic. Children are taken into the local area with a trained tutor to observe the traffic and discuss road safety. If you are interested in becoming a trained tutor, hand your name and contact details into the school office.

Litter Pick

Our annual litter pick is cancelled until September.



Time to Read?

Here's a fabulous new book by
Lyn Robinson (01280 813014)
that every Maids Moretonite must read.

NEW BOOK
Available April 2020
229 x 152mm
Illustrated in full colour
160pp • paperback • £13.99

Lyn Robinson ... has managed to bring together a staggering amount of information about the village of Maids Moreton and to present it in such a fashion that it is easy to read whilst being meticulously footnoted. Choosing to present her sweep of local history in the form of biographies of Maids Moreton residents past and present, Lyn tricks us into learning things we did not know we were interested in. Any publisher will tell you that biographies outsell history, but here we have a hybrid book which satisfies those who like a good story and those who want the real facts.

Julian Hunt

This book is very well written and accessible, it tells its yarn with zest and economy but supported with a wealth of contextual information drawn from primary sources. I'm sure it will be loved by those born or living in Maids Moreton, scholars of the history of the English countryside, and amateur local historians looking for a help in finding and interpreting primary source material.

Ed Grimsdale

Available to purchase from the author Lyn
01280 813014 or
Museum Shop, Old Gaol, Buckingham