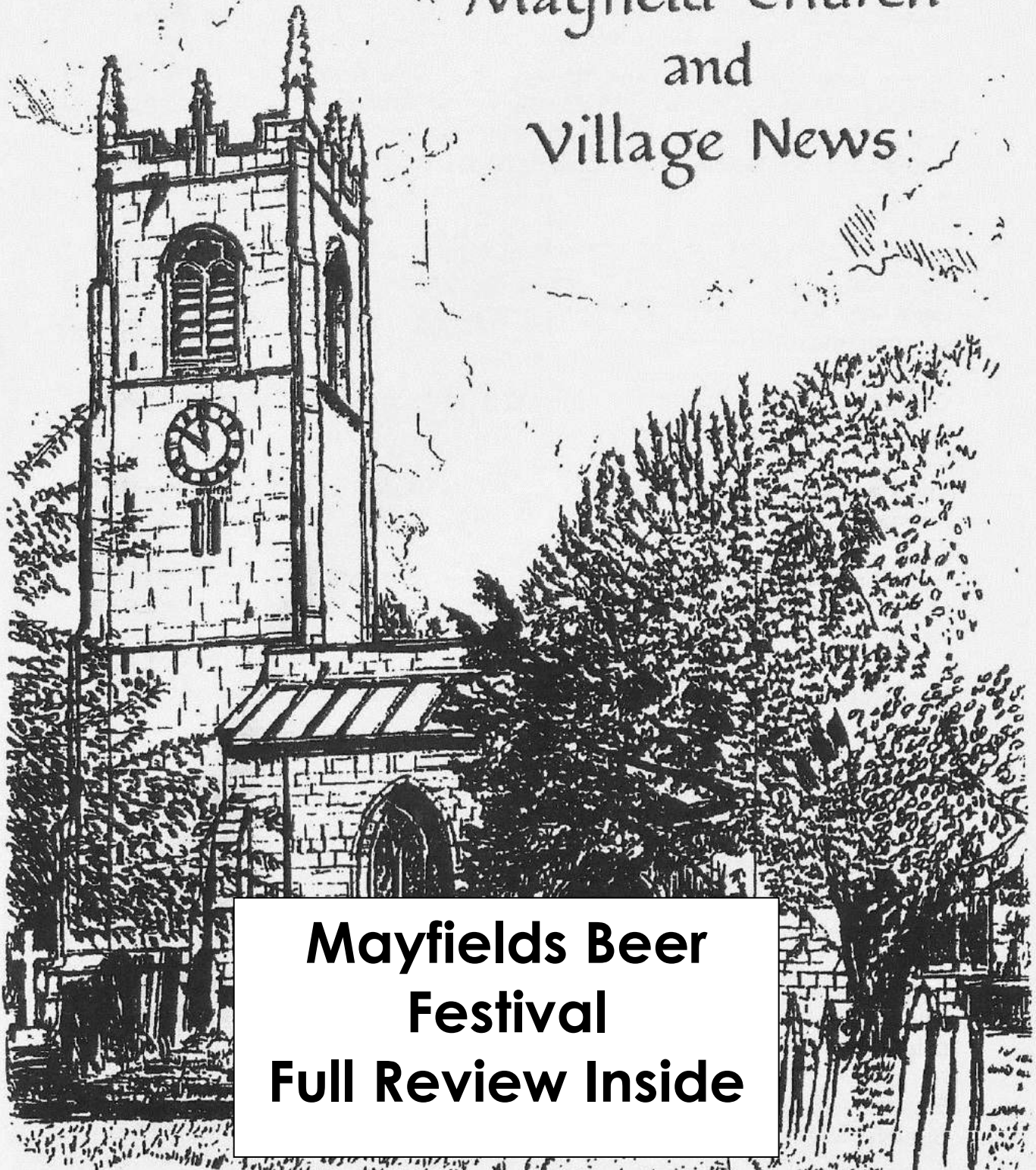
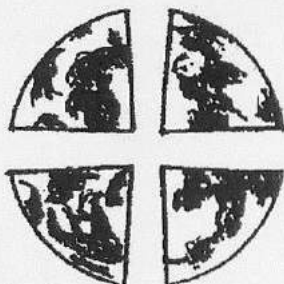


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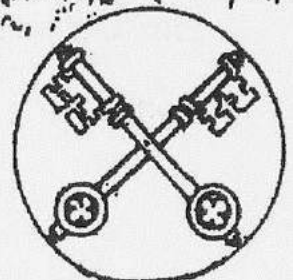


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Dying to self, in an age of pleasure.

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. (Matthew 16:24)

What a mess of violence and hatred there is in the world at the moment! As I write, Gaza seems to dominate the news, alongside Ukraine, and numerous other conflicts over which our media have gently calmed their cries about. We have come through the Easter season in Church and one of the things we might note is that Jesus was predicted as the Messiah of Israel and the people had assumed he would lead an army against their oppressors. And yet Jesus' message included "love your enemies".

It is so important that as the world around us cries out for justice and vengeance, the Christian is called to follow Jesus in a radically different way. Instead of shedding blood, he went to the cross to give his blood for us. And we need to work out how that makes a difference in this confusing world situation today.

Jesus teaches that our ultimate fight is not against people, but ideas. He called them the world, the flesh and the devil. (I will call them WFD.) They give us a sort of map with which to navigate our lives, and they take us away from God's map which is there to help us find the right way through our decisions and circumstances.

The WFD make us want to demonise people, the very people we are called to love and serve. Dehumanising people, WFD calls us to hate and leads to violence and darkness to the very culture in desperate need of healing. So, it should come as no surprise that Jesus calls his followers not to pick up a sword and kill, but to follow his example and die. We have an evocative symbol at the centre of our faith – a cross. Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote "When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die." He was killed by the Gestapo, his native Germans on 9th April 1945, just before the end of the war (8th May). So, for him, his dying was quite literal.

But our modern minds find it hard to read. So much of our training and resources are spent on self-fulfilment, not self-denial. Many of us can't fathom a vision of the good life that doesn't involve our getting what we want. However, I believe Jesus is teaching us that letting in the little lies, the little dishonesties, the little acceptance of horror; leads us to open our souls to the ideas of the WFD, and it is in keeping them out, that will produce the abundant life that God wants every person to experience.

John Calvin used the phrase "self-denial" to summarise the entire spiritual journey. To say yes to Jesus' invitation is to say no to a thousand other things. Saying no to my own definition of good and evil, to spending my time and money exactly as I want. It's a thousand little deaths leading to one massive life. It's not a futile grasping for control, it is the freedom of yielding to Love. Saying to Jesus "whatever, wherever, whenever, I'm yours."

We look back at the crusades as a low point in the history of Christianity. During this time the Knights Templar would be baptised, but as they went under the water, they would hold their swords over their heads and out of the water- in effect saying "Jesus, you can have all of me except my violence and my quest for glory."

We all do something like this – it won't be a sword, but it could be a credit card, a relationship, a sexual ethic, a wound, an entertainment habit, a political or even theological position. How often do we say, "Not this, Jesus, not this".

The cross of Jesus isn't just something Jesus did for us – it's also something we do with him. We see it as a transaction – like he did this for us to get something. It could better be understood as transformational. He changes us.

Jesus didn't die so that we don't have to. We will still die. Jesus teaches us how to die – how to follow him through death into life. There is a gravity, an importance to our decisions during life. I suppose the Bible is giving us a choice between two options. [continued next page]

A Warm Welcome to Sunday Services in June

Sunday 2nd June (1st after Trinity)

10.45am Church Family Communion. Revd. Brian Leathers
With support from Andy & Marion Brown and Catherine Mellor

Sunday 9th June (2nd after Trinity)

NEW TIME 11.45am Memorial Service for the 80th anniversary of the Wellington Bomber Crash in Mayfield

A special service led by Charles Wimbush and Mayfield Heritage Group inc. the laying of wreaths at the Wellington Memorial in the church yard.

Sunday 16th June (3rd after Trinity – Fathers' Day)

10.45 Morning Prayer. Revd. Brian Leathers
With support from Caroline Munro, Rhona Hunt and Arnie Rainbow

Sunday 23rd June (4th after Trinity)

10.45 Morning Prayer. Service led by Lay Team
With support from Catherine Mellor, Margaret Mansfield and Martin Balderson

Sunday 30th June (5th after Trinity)

10.45 Morning Prayer. Service led by Lay Team
With support from Carol Akers and Penny Chettle

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Option A: you deny Jesus and follow your self. You put desire on the throne in your life, and getting what you want becomes the ultimate authority and driving motivation for your life.

Option B; you deny your self and follow Jesus. Meaning you crucify the desires of your flesh and tap into your deeper desires for God himself.

We live often in a grey world – we don't like black and white choices. But the Bible really says that it will cost us to follow Jesus, but then it points out that it will actually cost us more not to follow him. Are we willing to trade long term happiness for short term pleasure? How much is your soul worth to you?

For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? (Matthew 16:25-26) Brian Leathers

Memorial Service of the Wellington Bomber Crash in Mayfield Sunday 9th June 11.45am

Everyone is welcome to a very special service to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Wellington bomber crash in Mayfield

The service starts at **11:45 AM** and will conclude with the laying of wreaths at memorial in the churchyard and the possibility of a special flyby



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80th Anniversary of Mayfield's Wellington Bomber Crash

The Heritage Group is commemorating the 80th anniversary of this dramatic event that took place in Mayfield on June 13th, 1944, one week after 'D' Day.

A special service will be held at church, wreaths laid at the memorial in the churchyard, with a provisional fly- past of 2 RAF Hurricanes. Refreshments will be in the Church Rooms where there will be displays from the Derby Air Archaeology Society and items from the original memorial event including correspondence.

11.45am Sunday June 9th, 2024

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MAYFIELD BEER FESTIVAL 31ST MAY - 2ND JUNE

A WEEKEND OF FUN, FOOD AND THE OCASIONAL BEER!

In a year when we have not had many sunny days it was a happy coincidence the sun was still shining brightly in the early evening sky when our 2024 Beer Festival opened on Friday 31st May. It was a good omen as to what was to come over the weekend. As the evening sun shone, the festival beers and ciders were awaiting their first customers along with a fully stocked gin bar and many other delights for the discerning drinker.



In fact, those beers did not have to wait long for their first customers, who were soon enjoying choosing their first festival beer before sitting down with friends and neighbours to enjoy the relaxed festival atmosphere.

And that is the spirit of the Mayfield Beer Festival, where on offer was a full weekend of just enjoying life in our village with a beer in one hand, a freshly cooked burger in the other; all in the joyful company of friends and neighbours before burning off all those calories dancing to the live music on Saturday evening

And best of all because of the kindness of the festival sponsors and the generosity of all the volunteers who worked on the bar and behind the scenes, giving their time and expertise at no cost, entrance to the three day festival was **FREE** and believe it or not the whole range of beers on offer were, as in previous years, still just **£3 a pint**, which was a genuine and delightful surprise to those who attended.

That special low price was noted immediately by the regular festival drinkers who came on that first night to try out the new beers, many in half pint measures, so they could try out many different beers in the evening before they returned to those they particularly liked or an old favourite they had recognised at the bar and now wanted to be reunited with.

And the choice was there from breweries both near and far. The closest was Uttoxeter brewery with two beers, 'Question Mark' a hoppy and fruity pale ale, as well as Paddock Porter – a classic darker and traditional style porter. Other beers came from as far as St Austell in Cornwall through to the depths of Yorkshire with names as diverse as 'Bunny Hop', 'Proper Job', and 'Jimbo' (*classic and new wave hops give Jimbo aromas of mixed berries crisp apple yet all balanced with a well-rounded nutty bitter finish*) well that's what it said in the tasting notes! Alongside them were classics like 'Tribute' 'Director's' and the delicious 'Plum Porter' from the Titanic brewery in Stoke-on-Trent as well as 'Wainwrights Amber.'

Friday night was for catching up with friends, trying all those beers and as the evening progressed, putting the world to rights whilst indulging in one of the amazing pork pies on offer from Nigel's the Butchers, a real festival treat.



The bar opened on Saturday at 1pm, to a quiet calm but as they say that was the calm before the storm! By 3.30pm the sun had come out brightly shining over a Mayfield where it appeared the whole of population, or at least a big, big part of it



had come to the Festival, to meet and chat with friends and neighbours and enjoy a drink. And they came as complete families from 9mths old to 90yr old. The community came together as it only can in Mayfield, and they were joined by people who had seen a poster or Facebook post and came to both Mayfield and the Festival for the very first time. One such gentleman, from Stoke on Trent saw the banner at the bottom of the road. came to see what it was about and stayed on all night and in the end helped collect glasses and even helped the live music act set up. He was all part of a very happy 'we are all one family' atmosphere in the Hall that at times made you feel the beer was secondary to the chat, fellowship and good company around you.



But all that drinking and tasting and talking got you hungry so the hot food available from the Lyon Oak Catering food van from Ashbourne, proved more than welcome and a steady stream of customers kept it going until later in the evening and in fact many people did not quite realise how hungry they were until they saw on a neighbouring table people tucking into the delicious burgers and hot dogs. And the hot food was needed as the pork pies from the previous evening had long gone soon to be followed by the **first of Six beers that ran out on the night**. That was the first for the festival and reflected the fact that Saturday saw the largest crowd the festival has attracted with a packed hall and many, many people enjoying the evening sun outside

And then the atmosphere changed again with the expectation of live music and a dance to come and people of all ages were not disappointed by Paul Gibson who provided 3 excellent sets and soon had people up and dancing, including one very young fan who stole hearts and was the undoubted star of the show (he has his own feature further on.)



The music was so good that people had to dance wherever they were including those on the late shift on the bar – that wasn't going to stop them enjoying it!



The festival was open until midnight and in fact the last drink was poured at 12:15 before people merrily went their way home to bed and a good rest.

Sunday morning was half day of rest for all concerned until

2:00 PM with the bar once more opened for its famous '2 till it's gone session'. And as special treat, if £3 was a good price the remaining beers were reduced to just £2 a pint, Yep that right £2 a pint where else will you find that sort of deal to reward true festival fans. And at the end of the Sunday session 11 of the 13 beers were empty, a sign of just how good they were.

After the festival three days we're wrapped up, enough money was in the tills to pay all the costs and help top up funds for the all-important ongoing maintenance and refurbishment programme for the Hall. The Beer Festivals success shows the Hall remains at the heart of our village community. Our Thanks to everyone who came and supported this great event and of course to those magic sponsors and volunteers who made it all happen.

Mayfield Memorial Hall Committee

Born to Dance

Age is no barrier when it comes to wanting to dance and the most consistent

dancer at the beer festival was a very young man indeed. Clearly he was not here for the beer, but he was up at the start of the music, fascinated by Paul Gibson's playing and was soon joined by friends.



Then when others joined in, he took over as the centre of the dance as so many ladies wanted to dance with him. And then of course, after he started it all and more members of the audience decided to get up and dance, he found himself whisked off to his bed; but there's a good chance he'll be first on the dance floor again next year. We look forward to seeing him again,



The Disappearing Bar



It is the centrepiece of the Beer Festival - the festival bar decorated with all the names of the beers and their proud sponsors, topped off with all the beautiful beer taps and details of each beer. In the moments before doors open it looks just beautiful - and then the festival starts and within minutes it is hidden by a queue of people and remains that way right throughout the festival so its charms are often hidden, until an occasional quiet patch will let people once more see exactly what the festival has to offer. However, we would have it no other way for a busy bar means a successful and happy festival.



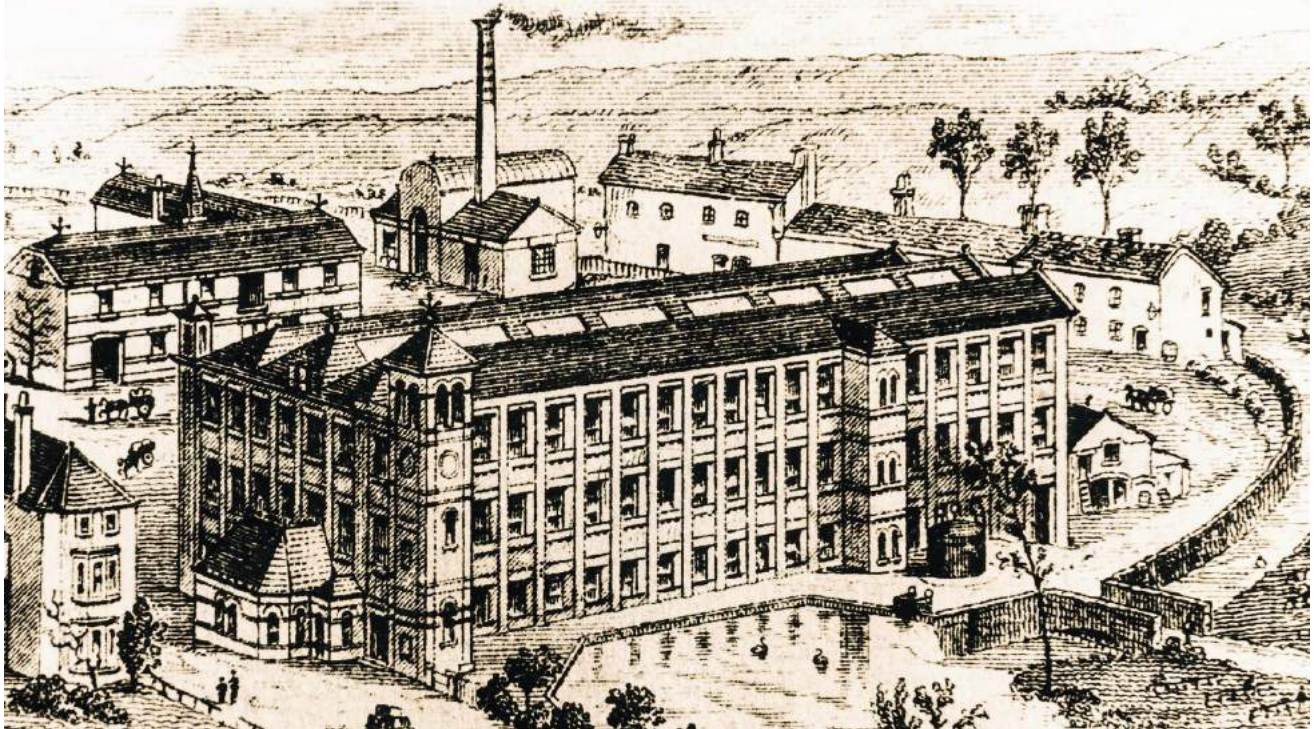
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Mayfield Parish Council 2023/2024

Firstly, I would like to thank the current and former councillors who stepped up and expressed the hope of doing something positive and constructive for the parish ahead of last year's elections.

It is a powerful thing to voluntarily give your time and energy to the community you live in with a view to benefiting others, and I would like to personally thank those who started on this journey with that in mind, but have had to step down, for varying reasons, along the way: Mr Turner, Mrs Watkins, Mr Keeling, Mr Cotton and Mr Russell and Mr Woodhouse.

It saddens me that I, too, have had to step down from the council, but I am hopeful the remaining members will be able to drive some welcome improvements for the benefit of residents.

I'd also like to thank all the current councillors who are taking on various projects on behalf of the council, particularly Cllr Boura who is volunteering as Acting Clerk and Cllr Stephenson, volunteer Acting RFO, as well as the council's Lengthsman, Graham Woodhouse.

Anyone who would like to find out more about the role of a parish councillor can contact the Acting-Clerk for details. There are currently five vacancies open for co-option.

The staff of a parish council have a key role to play and I acknowledge, with thanks, the work of former Clerk, Mrs Ginny Gibson, and the efforts of the parish litter picker, Jarad Clarke, who has done a sterling job over the last 12 months as always.

It has been a varied year and this council has received invaluable advice and support from many organisations and individuals, including ESBC's Monitoring Officer, the team at Staffordshire Parish Council's Association and our internal auditors.

Looking ahead, the council has budgeted for and agreed a number of projects for the parish, which aim to provide visible improvements and boost community spirit.

These include seats for the bus shelters, roadside planters and Christmas lights.

It is my hope that these projects will come into being over the next few months and I would encourage residents to engage with members of this council and share their thoughts and ideas for future projects in the parish.

Natalie Wakefield,
Former Chair,
Mayfield Parish Council
May 2024

Mayfield Parish Council

I was elected as chairman at the Annual Meeting of Mayfield Parish Council in May. Former chairman, Nat Wakefield, was thanked for the enormous amount of work that she put in during her year as a parish councillor. Her work was greatly appreciated.

We have several co-option vacancies for new parish councillors and, if you are interested, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please do get in touch. More information and an application form can be found at <https://mayfieldparishcouncil.org.uk/>

We are also still looking for a new clerk. Information on this vacancy can also be found on our website. In the meantime, I am Acting Clerk and Cllr Pete Stephenson has kindly taken on the role of Acting Responsible Financial Officer (RFO).

All residents are welcome at meetings that take place in the Maureen Burton meeting room at Mayfield Memorial Hall. Meetings for this year are on a Monday night at 7pm on 3rd June, 1st July, 2nd September, 7th October, 4th November and 2nd December 2024 The agenda can be found on our website.

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Clubs and Societies at the Annual Parish Meeting



A wide range of clubs and societies attended the Annual Parish Meeting on the 28th of May, to inform and talk to villagers about what's going on in Mayfield, from the Church to the Scouts, to the Heritage Group, to MARNA and the MRA. It proved to be a useful and informative session before the Parish Meeting itself.

Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 28th May 2024

Council Pledge: Let our debating be reasoned and temperate, recognising that others may have a different point of view; and may we always remember that our deliberations and decisions are ultimately for the good of the people of Mayfield.

24.05.01 Cllr Boura welcomed those present to the meeting. No apologies were received.

24.05.02 Few of those present had been present at the APM held on 31st May 2022 and it was agreed not to take any action to approve these minutes.

24.05.03 The chairman read the report on the year 2023-24 provided by former chairman, Nat Wakefield, and this report is appended to these minutes. Nat was thanked for all her work in the year that she was a councillor.

24.05.04 Cllr Stephenson, acting RFO, presented information explaining the Parish Council finances and why the precept has had to be increased.

24.05.05 Borough Councillor Steve Sankey presented a verbal report. He said that there were revised car parking charges in Burton and Uttoxeter and that a charge for emptying brown bins would be introduced later in the year. He said that it was important to work together if projects were to be achieved.

A written report had been received from County Councillor Philip Atkins.

24.05.06 The Friday Club had received a small grant from the Parish Council recently but did not present a report.

24.05.07 A Ward Enhancement Grant is currently available from ESBC. The Parish Council has been working on a proposal for a "Year of The Arts" and ideas included Well Dressing and an Art and Craft Exhibition. Cllr Boura showed photos of the results of a Community Art Project, using recycled materials, which she had seen in Madiera.

24.05.08 A member of the Heritage Group has been developing ideas for a Village Sign. It was noted that this would be an expensive project which would require grant funding.

24.05.09 An out of control dog recently attacked livestock in the parish. Dog mess is regularly raised as a problem. Signs to educate the public are available from the Parish Council if anyone would like to put one up.

24.05.10 Footpaths were not discussed through lack of time.

24.05.11 A working party led by John Parker will develop a community plan for the redundant school building. A community cafe and craft workshops were suggested. It was noted that it was important that the proposal did not compete with the existing community buildings. This will be actioned quickly to potentially take advantage of the Ward Enhancement Grant funding currently available.

24.05.12 No other matters were raised through lack of time.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm. Cllr Pamela Boura Acting Parish Clerk

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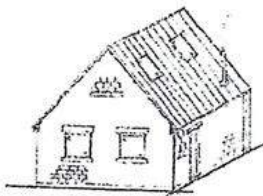
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The Friday Club – A Music Afternoon and a D Day Tea to Come!



Music came to Mayfield last month, as the Friday Club had a music afternoon on the 10th May when local musician and singer Keith Howson from Ashbourne entertained the club with a whole host of music from the swinging 60s through to the latest chart records.

Singalongs were encouraged and in particular, Neil Diamond's Sweet Caroline got everybody arms waiving in the air and singing the chorus as if they were all at Wembley watching the England football team in action.

There is nothing quite like Live music and Keith knew exactly which songs to play that would gain the best audience reaction and at one-point members of Friday club ended up dancing, the songs were that good.

Bingo was on the agenda for the clubs meeting on the 24th May with Andrew as bingo caller to the club with a variety of prizes for both winning lines and full houses!

Going forward on the 7th June is a special D Day Tea to commemorate 80yrs since the D-Day landings on 6th June 1944, complete with music and decorations it will be a real celebration of one of the defining moment of World War 2,

The club's second meeting in June will be on June 21st where PC Hancock will be advising us all on Scam Awareness.

Everyone is welcome to the meetings and if you are interested in becoming a member of the club contact Friday Club chairman Carol Akers on 07716 433609

The Beauty of Mayfield – the Northern Lights Come to Visit



The beauty of Mayfield is all around us and up above us if we're lucky enough to look up when magical things happen. And they happened on the night of Friday May 10th with the Northern Lights visible in the sky above Mayfield and putting on a show like no other. see it in full colour at <https://www.mayfieldparishchurch.org>.

My Month – A Must See Sight Comes to Mayfield - All The Way From The Arctic Circle!

As you go through life there are things you have always wanted to do, places to go and things to see and these inevitably form a sort of bucket list of all the very best in the world to travel to.

You may have a bucket list, but getting to and seeing those things is a different matter. The Pyramids and the Great Wall of China are there to be seen but not cheap to go to, the Taj Mahal you can visit at a price, along with many hundreds of others and don't even think about going to the Pantheon in Athens unless you like go round an old monument with so many tourists and people around you that you can't even see the monument itself.

And nowadays, often the easiest way to visit all these things is by boat on a cruise guaranteeing that, along with all the many thousands of people already there, the 3000 people on your cruise ship will just add to the enjoyment!!

Now most of the things we want to see are inevitably man-made but there are the natural wonders to entice us, the spectacular scenery of New Zealand the beautiful volcanoes of Japan and the Far East and the truly wonderful canyons of the western USA. Again, these are there just waiting for us, along with all the other tourists in our wake.

However, there is one natural wonder that is not so easily visible but is meant to be spectacular if you can see it. This involves inevitably a cruise and maybe some trekking across cold frozen wastes to get into the Arctic Circle to see a phenomenon that may appear for you, or simply may not and that is the Northern Lights.

And I have to say that this phenomenon of electromagnetic particles ejected from the sun in a huge solar flare and interacting with the earth's magnetic fields, to produce shimmering curtains of coloured lights in the sky, is the one that has always attracted me from my days as a space mad boy. However the Yorkshireman inside me, who likes to get his money's worth, always puts me off paying for a cruise or long journey in the hope of seeing something that, when you finally arrive, may simply not be there,. The Grand Canyon, Taj Mahal or Pyramids will be there as advertised but the Northern Lights - who knows!

And that is one of the joys and desires of trying to see the Northern Lights - the hope that you will see something that few others have seen.

However that joy and desire was never quite enough in the past to make me want to pay for a '*maybe you'll see it, maybe you won't, but don't worry the Norwegian food on the boat is ok*' type of trip. That was until retirement loomed and you begin to realise you don't have an indefinite number of summers or winters to pursue the

dream. And so, I was even contemplating making that trip up north in the next year or so until.....

..... The Northern Lights came to us in Mayfield unexpectedly and spectacularly.

...And the most amazing bit of all was that we actually managed to get up, get out and view something truly wonderful whilst most of the village slept around us.

...And I must thank my children, now adults, but still our children, for alerting us to what maybe will be a once in a lifetime opportunity.

...And finally, I must further admit as I write this, that I still find it hard to believe the Northern Lights came to Mayfield.

It occurred on the weekend of the Eurovision contest in early May. And what's that got to do with the Northern Lights you say? Well it was the reason our children were back at home, complete with partners, for the Dunn household have always indulged in Eurovision and had a party, even before our two daughters. now in their 30s. were born.

We still try and meet if we can, get out the scorecards and judge who will be our Eurovision winner and of course try and work out just exactly how far down the list the UK will come this year and will they get 'nil point' from the European juries.

Anyhow, family were up that weekend in May and planned to arrive early evening on Friday the 10th, to prepare for the party that would take place on the Saturday night. However, as train drivers decided to hold strikes over those days, an early evening arrival turned into a mid to late evening journey and therefore everyone was still up late at night working on that party, before finally going to bed.

And it was that lateness that saved the day. It was around about 11:30 in the evening that suddenly the Northern Lights appeared so strikingly in the sky. It was connected to the largest single solar activity for 20 years that sent out so much energy that the Northern Lights, usually restricted to the Arctic Circle where the magnetic field of the earth is strong, were able to be seen even as far south as Spain let alone our bit of the Peak District.

Again, we may well have missed it but for two bits of modern-day technology that triggered it all. Firstly, the joy of the Internet and Wi-Fi. As everyone was preparing for bed around 11:00pm my son-in-law and I were catching up with programmes on the BBC iPlayer powered by Wi-Fi from our router by our computer. At around 11:30pm the Wi-Fi failed, BBC iPlayer crashed, and Alex and I were left wondering what had happened.

I was about to get up to restart the system, next to the computer in one of the bedrooms, when my youngest daughter came down with news from another piece of modern technology, her social networks on her iPhone. She excitedly said that

someone she knew in the area, had just posted a picture of the Northern Lights, apparently in Derbyshire.

With no television to distract us, we all wandered outside into the garden looked up and saw nothing - mainly because our outside lights had automatically come on in the garden and we of course have no time to adjust our own eyesight.

We all managed to get in the middle of the garden and stay still long enough for automatic lights to go off and then craning our necks looked up not expecting to see anything in the least - and then we saw a faint strip of red light coming down from a point directly above us in the sky, gently illuminating the landscape towards Uttoxeter, and then one of us exclaimed 'look there' and we all turned round to see in the opposite direction a pale sheet of blue light falling down over Ashbourne to the point where it looked like street lights or maybe a funfair was taking place on the ground shining light upwards.

The strength of the colours was not that strong but constantly changed red to purple to green and it felt like someone had taken a large torch and was shining down from above the sky and that the light was being held back by clouds that was simply not there.

Inevitably cameras came out to try and take pictures of this phenomenon, which at that point I would have said was nice but not worth me travelling to Norway to see and then my son-in-law brought out his brand new Apple iPhone with a camera that has night mode on it took two snaps and then gasped 'people you need to see this'.

His camera had captured a scene that our eyes could not fully see at that moment, all the colours of the spectrum, falling to earth literally in sheets of light.

A quick scramble to see those photos made us realise just what was above us, but in doing so we set off the outdoor lights again and so we're back to square one, waiting another three or four minutes for lights to go off and eyes to adjust. And at this point one of us had put our garden chairs in the middle of the lawn so we all sit down, lean back and just look up and that's when another part of this phenomenon really hit home. Directly above our heads it looked like someone had taken a huge scarf, put a big bow in the centre and then stretched it across the entire sky. At the centre of the scarf directly in the knot of the bow, light, quite bright light, was pouring down, gently falling in every direction. At the centre it was a red orange colour but when it descended closer to the ground it turned into beautiful blues, greens and deeper reds that simply took your breath away. Even so there was no sparkling bits in the colours as you see in all the movies of the northern lights until Alex took a video with his night vision camera and indeed there was some sparkling, not as prominent as if you were in Norway or Iceland, but definitely there.

We then had a dilemma do we run in and tell people by phone or text and trip the lights again by us sending messages to people who may already be up or worse still fast asleep and not able to pick them up. As we were making that decision yet more light came down in different ways in different shapes and we were once again rooted to the spot with the sheer beauty of it all. Then just as quickly as it started, within two or three minutes it began to change again. Gradually the colours faded, the scarf and its bow and knot gently disappeared, and the sky returned to pitch black, the gossamer sheet of red light being the very last to fade away.

In the darkness we looked at our watches for the first time and discovered almost an hour gone by. Both elated and slightly crest fallen we went back inside, and Alex showed us more of the many the pictures he taken. It was what we'd seen but maybe three or four times brighter and bigger and his videos clearly showed twinkling light outside our normal eyesight.

We went to bed both happy and starstruck. The next day, the day of the Eurovision contest it was all in the news and we happily told friends and neighbours of what we had seen, who now were all equally unhappy about the fact we had not contacted them! In fact one neighbour had gone to the toilet in the night, looked out the window towards Ashbourne and thought the street lights were bright that night, when she had actually seen the Northern Lights themselves.

The next night, now along with the rest of the nation, we stayed up after the Eurovision contest finished around midnight and went back outside fully clothed and ready to go again to find.... nothing! The sky was cloudier and the intensity of the storm that causes the Northern Lights now wasn't strong enough to affect our atmosphere this far South from the North Pole.

Even so, I've now seen the Northern Lights in my own back garden and the Yorkshireman in me is very pleased as I did it without an expensive cruise north! However, when you see the pictures and the videos you realise just what beauty that may still await you if you're that much closer to the Arctic Circle where the effect is so strong and maybe just maybe I will want to take that cruise or trip to once again see those dancing magical curtains of light.

Until then I'm very pleased that for one night only the Northern Lights came to our little village.... Until Next Time
Stephen Dunn

PS. If you missed it, there is still one more chance as forecasters and scientists have said there may be an equally intense magnetic storm just around the beginning of June, in fact possibly on the very days you are reading this article.

So it's worth keeping an eye on the news, get a warm coat and a chair to sit in your garden and make sure you're well away from those automatic lights and maybe, just maybe, see such a beautiful phenomenon.

A Wedding Anniversary on a Sunday? – Celebrate at Church!

It's always nice to celebrate your wedding anniversary with a few friends and for Phil and Maggie Cook that's exactly what they did; but being churchwarden and a previous church warden and celebrating their anniversary on a Sunday, Phil and Maggie chose to do it in style - at church itself.

They revealed that it was their 27th anniversary during the church service and invited everyone in the congregation back to the church rooms afterwards, for not just a cup of tea and a biscuit but to have a slice of a really beautiful and delicious anniversary cake.

The cake featured Phil's love of cricket and Maggie's career as a teacher and as the photographs show a large number of the congregation stayed on to share in their happiness and congratulate the couple.

Now that's what you call post service refreshments,



Our sincere thanks to Phil and Maggie for including so many people in their special day. S.D.

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Joyce's Gardening Notes and Remembering Favourite Dogs.

Spring has arrived at long last. The weather is a bit cold and can be wet and windy, but some days it can be very sunny and warm. I've now finished a garden in memory of my husband Wally with lots of flowers growing in it. I love flowers and love growing them. In fact, I love gardening overall and planting seeds and plants and have loved gardening since I was a child.

I don't think I'll grow many vegetables this year, as there's only me and my little dog Charlie, who is now 4yrs old and quite grown-up. He is a Jack Russell, and they are said to be the cleverest of dogs. Charlie is indeed a very bright dog indeed.

I do think the world of him, and he means so much to me. In fact, I've always loved dogs, In the past I've had labradors and reared lots of labrador puppies and again labradors could be very clever. One of my favourites Rufus, would actually go and collect eggs every morning and take them back to the kitchen of our house! He lived until he was 16 and indeed i missed him very much when he went. Along with Charlie he was one of the best dogs I had and was the father of many puppies.

Joyce Beeson

Messy Church Explores 'The Rock'!

On Saturday 25th May we thought about Jesus's disciple – and close friend – Simon, who He renamed Peter: meaning 'the rock' (as in 'petrified': turned to stone). The bible tells us that, despite being a close, trusted friend, Peter denied that he knew Jesus three times before the cockerel crowed (it was early morning). Can you imagine how you would feel if a friend did that to you? But Jesus forgave him. Three times He asked him “Do you love me” (ouch!).

Peter went on to start the first Christian church, so he made up for his lapse of loyalty. Jesus knew that, deep down, Peter was a good man and that he could trust him to do right (hence 'the rock'). Peter loved Jesus so much that, even when threatened with death by crucifixion, he refused to renounce his faith. In fact he asked to be crucified upside down, saying he was not worthy to share the same death as Jesus! So, it's a story of forgiveness and love: the essence of Christianity.

We listened to a story of loving friendship, painted rocks, made faith diaries, played a memory game using objects special to Peter's story and made stormy seas in jars (remembering when Jesus calmed a stormy sea and thus brought Peter peace of mind).



As always, we had a time of learning, reflection and worship. And, as always, it was a fun, friendly time and it got us all thinking about important stuff!



Little Ben was entranced with his stormy sea in a jar, whilst painting rocks or making a diary were favourite with others.



We rounded off the afternoon with a yummy meal of shepherd's pie, plus sheep made from bananas and biscuits!

Interested? Come along, whatever your age you'll be very welcome. **4th Saturday** of every month, **3.30 – 5.30pm**, usually in Mayfield Church Rooms. No charge but donations towards the meal are welcome. **Next session: 22nd June at Ellastone** Playing field, Church Lane; weather permitting, otherwise in Ellastone church.

Arnie Rainbow

A Day in the Life - Working on the Farm and the Farm Shop



Every Saturday from 10am-1pm, Alder Carr farm shop located in Church Lane Mayfield, open their doors to customers to buy produce, have a look at the animals and also have multiple different walks around to offer. Have you ever wondered what a day of a farm shop is? Well we're here to share with you.

Alex and Amy work so hard to make sure that there is fresh stock and that you're getting the best of the best quality. They have such a welcoming atmosphere in the farm and care for all their animals and their customers.

My name's Jess and I work in the farm shop selling the meat and any other stock. Many people come down for the meat but also for the social aspect where they can see friends and neighbours to have a little catch up, and I am always open for a conversation. If you have any questions on the meat or want recommendations of what you might like, please feel free to ask and we'll help you the best that we can.

A typical day in my life consists of a beautiful walk to work with fields full of life and flowers that put you in a fantastic mood. Once I get to the farm shop, I clean it so that it is ready for the stock to come in and then I carry the products in and set them up in baskets for customers to come and browse at. I tend to go and get the eggs from the chicken pens around halfway through my shift and then check them for cracks and sort them by size. Depending on how busy the shop is, I also help



with any jobs that need doing. Here are a few of the jobs that there are: feeding the animals, planting new vegetables that will be coming to the shop soon and organising and helping out with the farm and animals. After my shift has finished I pack up all the stock and clean out the shop.

We are open from 10-1 on a Saturday and all the time for eggs so if you're in the middle of cooking and need some eggs we've got you covered.

Come and visit Alex, Amy and Jess at Alder Carr farm.

Hope to see you soon.

Jess



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Monthly Sillies

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Why don't fish play football?

Because they're scared of nets!

Why did the chicken get sent off during football?

It committed a fowl!

Why did Cinderella get kicked off the football team? She ran away from the ball!

What is a goalkeeper's favourite snack?

Beans on post!

Why don't grasshoppers watch football?

They prefer cricket!

Which football team do cowboys support?

Spurs!

Why couldn't the car play football?

It only had one boot!

Which football team loves ice cream?

Aston Vanilla!

Colour Me In!



Joie de Vivre

My Joie de Vivre is the delight I feel in simply living my life with Kim and Mal and especially at this time of year. I am a very lucky poodle!!

After a week in North Yorkshire at the end of April wearing our waterproofs and winter coats, woolly hats and gloves, it has been wonderful here at Pendlewych to have enjoyed some lovely warm sunshine.

The days are much longer now and I love waking up in the early morning to hear the dawn chorus. I just feel like jumping up and getting out there, however, Kim and Mal don't seem quite so keen!!



I have been watching Wildlife Kate's Sitting Room Nuthatches on my laptop and have been fascinated to see the nuthatches take over a nest box designed, decorated and furnished for blue tits. Mr. & Mrs. Nuthatch didn't seem to like the décor and have adapted their new home to their own taste just as they do to tree cavities. They have filled the box with mud and bark, laid their eggs and, as these have now hatched, are madly feeding their chicks.

The girls and I have enjoyed some lovely walks and to see the bluebells, hawthorn, cow parsley and fields of yellow full of dandelions and buttercups has been just glorious. I did spoil a walk recently when I thoroughly enjoyed a good roll around in fox poo – wow, I did stink!! I had to have a bath when I got home and my harness and collar had to be washed. Luckily, I am booked into the groomers too so that should sort me out until the next time!!!

Have you ever picked wild garlic leaves to make pesto – delicious! I love it on my butternut box meals! A lovely tangy taste!

I've watched kingfishers catching fish to feed their young and sand martins flying in and out of their burrows in the river bank – when I wasn't rolling in muck and eating sheep and rabbit poo! The joys of being a poodle in May!!

I've been in the river catching sticks and paddling. I don't like to get out of my depth but there's nothing nicer than getting my tummy wet when it's really hot!! After my frolicking in fox poo, the girls promptly dipped me in the river to try to clean me up a bit it didn't work but it was very refreshing!!!

I really love being out in the garden and lying on the lawn listening to all the sounds of nature around me. It's great to see all the plants coming to life and Kim's seeds growing. I'm always excited to see what happens next.

You may have noticed the scaffolding at Pendlewych and I've been using it to practice my Maypole dancing – I'm actually getting quite good and the builders have had great fun joining in!!!

The highlight of the month has got to have been the incredible spectacle of the Northern Lights caused by a huge solar storm. The colours were incredible – those shades of pink and green – amazing!! I tried to wake the girls up to share the experience but they were dead to the world. I gave up quickly – I didn't want to miss any of it!!

I hope some of my joie de vivre has rubbed off on you!!

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Villagers Discover Mayfield (and the Parish Council as well!)



Members of Mayfield Heritage Group put on an excellent display this month showing exactly how the very popular Discovering Mayfield map and leaflet were created including the original drawings that Paul Miles used to create the map together with his initial sketches and ideas that started the creative process.

The exhibition was held at the Memorial Hall on the afternoon of Sunday 19th of May and as well as showing how this important guide to Mayfield was created, villagers could also look at documents that showed the history of our Parish Council



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Two Poems From Ian.

At a recent church service Ian McFarlane read two poems about his Christian faith That struck a chord with the congregation. We publish those poems from Ian together with an introduction and explanation on how they came about. Editors

1. Salvation

I wrote this poem shortly after I had become a Christian. I had a Christian friend who invited me to a M.J.M. concert (meet Jesus music concert) where people shared about their faith in God. There was an opportunity at the end to go forward for prayer and make a commitment to follow Christ, but I was up in the balcony of a large church and I never went forward, although I do remember praying but didn't tell anyone.

A few months later my brother became a Christian, and I could see the difference Christ had made in his life in a good way. He invited me to a Y.P.F. (young peoples fellowship) meeting after the evening church service.

The simple gospel message rang true to me that night and an opportunity arose to respond by praying a prayer of commitment to follow Christ. Then the speaker said now go and tell someone, which I did and I knew there was no going back, it felt like a weight had been lifted off of me and I was free.

Salvation

I was invited along to a meeting
Under protest I said I would go
I'm not usually a church going person
But I thought I'd give it a go

I can't remember the sermon
The music was just a faint blur
But something inside me connected
with God
My heart was beginning to stir

I prayed a prayer of commitment
I had done it at least twice before
But this time it felt somehow different
That night I sensed there was more

I felt that a weight lifted off me
Could that be the burden of sin?

I wished I had made that choice
earlier
And asked for my God to come in

Encouraged to go and tell someone
I had to confess with my voice
There was no going back from that
moment
I knew I had made the right choice

It's been many years since that
evening
When I first received mercy and grace
But I'm still glad to say that He loves
me today
And one day we shall meet face to
face

I had been a Christian for some years when I wrote this next poem.

2. Keep in touch (A letter from God)

We all lead such busy lives, and sometimes it's easy for us to get wrapped in the day to day of living that, (not consciously), we push God out of our lives.

This is a letter that I feel God would send to me, (a wake up call if you like).

Remember God is only a prayer away, He longs to have fellowship with us, He loves us, and just like the prodigal son he waits patiently for us to return to him, And with open loving arms he accepts us as we are. Let's not leave it too late.

Keep in Touch (a letter from God.)

It's been a long while since we've spoken

And your bible is gathering dust

Our relationship feels like it's broken

But you know I'm a God you can trust

I know that you say "I'm too busy"

And there's not enough hours in the day

But there'll always be some distraction

Or a reason to not have to pray

Don't go looking to man, he can't save you

False religion is based on a lie

And don't allow sin to enslave you

For your freedom my son had to die

So it's time to come to your senses

Like the prodigal son please come home

Give up those false hopes and pretences

I patiently wait your return

Your loving heavenly Father

God

Ian McFarlane

The Beauty of Mayfield – Fishing in Spring



The river Dove, no longer in flood is shaded by new spring leaves on the trees and in the mirror surface of a now gentle river, a lone fisherman prepares to cast for trout – a modern day Issac Walton enjoying the beauty of Mayfield .



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Memorial Hall Annual Report. 2023-24. 20th May 2024

Overall Picture

The Memorial Hall has continued to have another successful year although with significant challenges during the period and has been at the heart of the community throughout the year with a wide range of activity's taking place within the hall.

The Hall committee has organised a number of events throughout the year that has proved successful within the community and has been the host for many other events organised by clubs, organisations and individuals. Although a charity ourselves, we have also undertaken charitable donations during the year that have benefited the village and surrounding community and have continued to do so despite significant increases in our costs that has proved to be challenging.

Our refurbishment programme has continued apace ranging from work within the hall, new external guttering and work on the roof, through to the complete refurbishment of the committee room, now renamed The Maureen Burton room in memory of our longstanding trustee Maureen Burton who died last year.

The hall continues to be busy in hiring for groups and organisations as well as individuals and many, many parties for all ages have taken place in the hall.

The community bar known as the Mayfield Arms remains at the heart of the hall and through its activities the vast majority of the income raised by the hall has taken place. Without the community bar its volunteers and its staff, the hall would simply not survive and inevitably part of our refurbishment programme has been on ensuring that the bar can continue to operate efficiently, successfully, and safely. The Bar Chairman and the Hall committee undertakes a whole series events designed to support the village, both large and small, many making a contribution to the income of the hall and a few just breaking even, but willingly undertaken to provide a much-needed community resource for the village. All are greatly appreciated by those who attend and support the hall.

The Hall continues to have a number of challenges based around increases in energy costs and significant increases in bar stock that have directly affected income.

Operating Model.

We continue to operate a model as a small local charity that falls into two areas.

1. Hall Rentals. We adopt a cost neutral model of renting the hall out to local groups, charities and individuals, i.e. an operating model where the costs equal the rental. The hall makes no surplus on such hires and tries not to make a loss. The hall is now used virtually every day of the week, with multiple bookings on certain days, where it is hired out to a variety of groups both local to Mayfield and the Ashbourne area. The hall is also popular as a venue for parties of all ages from Christenings to 60th birthdays and beyond. However this year with the increase in energy charges it has been harder to maintain a cost neutral model. Increases in hire charges took place in April 2023 and the hall will hold those prices for as long as is feasibly possible.

2. Our Community Bar - Our Community Hub. Known to one and all as 'The Mayfield Arms', our community bar continues to be the generator of income for the Hall and, as stated above without it and the activities it undertakes, the Hall simply could not exist as a going concern. Run by volunteers from the Hall committee and employing local people as required for activities and events, the bar is available for hire with events, and hosts on behalf of the hall, dances, concerts and various activities that makes it the beating heart of our community hub for Mayfield.

The community bar which now opens every Sunday continues to be of real benefit to our community and it remains the one place in the village where people can come and sit and talk, bring their children and enjoy the pleasure of company without the commercial pressure to spend sums of money. Its success can be judged by the increased growth of the Sunday Club where for small annual fee people can buy drinks at reduced prices; a real benefit when drinks are already almost double the price in surrounding commercial premises. The community bar has been helped in the last year by the addition of darts matches in the early evening where increased income help subsidise an opening that may not always pay its way. The Hall is committed as a village charity to always run a Sunday bar regardless of cost, but is grateful to the darts league for helping generate income throughout the year.

All surpluses generated by bar sales go directly to the hall and are used to maintain the hall, invest in further community events and crucially fund our extensive refurbishment programme. My sincere thanks to all who give their time and talents so selflessly to achieve this and directly benefit our community.

Groups / Activities / Events Undertaken.

All members of the community use the hall from 9 years and under to 90 years and over as represented in groups from the Scouts to the Friday Club (the renamed Senior Social Club). Sports are covered from indoor bowling which has been taking place at the hall for many years through to Darts that has now grown into multiple teams winning many of the trophies in the local darts league. Fitness at the hall is there for all, from line dancing through to Ballet and Pilates offering something for everyone. Mayfield Country Music Club is based at the hall with multiple events a year on a Saturday night. We are also used by art and photography groups as well as crafting groups and U3A groups ranging from French to guitar playing via a debating club! The hall is also the home of car boot sales and as a polling station in elections both local and national.

The hall committee also organise a whole range of events for the village and has done so for a number of years, with such events as the New Year's party, the annual beer festival and rock and pop concerts. However, in the last few years post COVID these events have been added including such activities as Made in Mayfield, an annual craft event, Oktoberfest, first started in 2022 and now 'Super Sundays' where a variety of activities for all the family take place around bank holiday Sundays, with free entry on the day.

Overall, the hall is used by groups, or hosts an event, on average 5 days a week and the community bar is used on average 2.5 times a week. It is true to say the Memorial Hall is a real community centre for all our village and surrounding area.

Mayfield Beer Festival. By far the largest event undertaken is our annual beer festival with generous sponsorship from local companies, people and organisations to ensure it remains a free entry for all and drinks are reasonably priced. Based over a weekend from Friday night to Sunday night, the festival is there both for beer drinkers who want to try and sample new ales from across the country as well as providing a family barbecue and a family dance on the Saturday night. Our 2023 festival was well attended across its three days. All monies raised, well over £5000 was used to maintain the hall and continue our refurbishment programme.

Charitable events/ Donations made. Many of the events the hall hosts or undertakes itself are charitable events raising much needed funds for local groups and societies or raising funds for charitable causes. The Memorial Hall is proud to sponsor and help other local groups and fundraising activity in the village and works closely with MARNA and the MRA on Fundraising and projects, including the long awaited and much needed playground for Mayfield.

The Hall has been very happy to help out with donations of our own, from waiving the charge for the venue through to donating money raised from raffles etc.

Refurbishment programme. With a hall this size and of this age there is always refurbishment and repair needed. The major refurbishment project of the last year has been the complete refurbishment of the committee room and it's renaming as the Maureen Burton Room in honour of Maureen Burton our longest serving trustee and committee member who died on 3rd March 2023 last year. The room was formally opened on Sunday 10th December 2023 with her family in attendance and has been much used since then and greatly appreciated by all the groups using it.

Other refurbishments have included upgrading the bar cellar and disabled toilet, the replacement of all guttering outside of the building and a new television and media system for the hall. Also like the Forth railway bridge, painting and decorating is a continuous task and we would like to thank the many volunteers who undertake such work to ensure the whole remains fit for purpose.

Finally I must commend the Hall Committee comprising Jill Studholme, our secretary, Sandra Terry our treasurer, Mandy Sowter our booking secretary and Graham Sowter our bar chairman, who were joined this year by Warwick Adams who will take on responsibility for health and safety, fire regulations and other statutory requirements.

I wish to thank all members of the committee as none of what I have reported today would have, or could have, happened without this talented and committed group of individuals - plus of course our dedicated and hardworking caretaker Alf Burton. The actions, activities and outcomes within this report is down to this group of individuals and their friends, colleagues, neighbours and family members who have been persuaded to volunteer, like themselves, their talents, skills and time to Mayfield Memorial Hall. I thank them all for the work they have done in ensuring the Memorial Hall remains a vibrant resource at the very heart of our community.

Stephen Dunn. Chair

Carols Recipes for June

LAYERED GARDEN SALAD

I first tasted this salad when my brother John and his wife Sheila came to visit from Australia in 1985, Sheila made it for our meal one night and since then it has become a family favorite. It is a great dish for a BBQ and also best made the day before.

INGREDIENTS

½	Iceberg Lettuce	2 Tbs	Sour Cream
2	Cups frozen Peas	2 Teas	French Mustard
2	Hardboiled Eggs	6	Spring Onions
8oz	Mushrooms	1	Tomato
4oz	Tasty Cheese	4	Rashes bacon, optional
1cup	Mayonnaise		

Serves 6 to 8b

Method

Shred the lettuce coarsely, place in salad bowl, sprinkle uncooked peas over the lettuce, sieve eggs, combine with finely sliced mushrooms, spread over peas, top with grated cheese. Combine mayonnaise, sour cream, mustard, lemon juice and chopped spring onions, pour over cheese, cover and refrigerate several hours or overnight. Chop the bacon, fry till crispy. Top salad wit bacon and tomato wedges.

It looks very good in a glass straight sided dish.

Scone Pizza

This recipe serves 2.

This recipe is very easy to make so perhaps give it a try.

110g S R Flour
25g margarine
50g hard cheese, grated
½ tsp. salt
1 tsp. dried mixed herbs
2 tabs milk mixed with 2 tabs water
3 sliced mushrooms
1 tin crushed tomatoes with tsp. tomato puree
Half onion finely chopped

Method.

Oven set 200/ 180fan/gas 7.

1. Place the flour in a large bowl, add salt and rub in the margarine, gradually add the milk/water to make a soft dough. You may not need all the liquid.
2. Rollout the dough to form a circle about ½ inch thick, place it on a baking tray.
3. Spread with the tomato, sprinkle with cheese. Decorate with the onions, mushroom and anything you may have suitable, sprinkle with herbs a season with salt and freshly ground black pepper
4. Bake for 15-20 mins or golden brown and bubbling.

Carol Akers.

Mayfield Book Club

The Novel we read and discussed was The Foundling by Stacey Halls. This story was inspired by the Foundling hospital, which was founded in London during the Georgian Era.

The story revolves around a young women called Bess, who found she was pregnant after a meeting with fine young wealthy man. She hid her secret only with her family and after the birth took her daughter to the Foundling hospital to be cared for. Her intention was to go back for her in five years time.

Needless to say the young man was married soon passed away. The story continues to follow Bess's story, her cheating brother and how she goes to claim back her child to find it been claimed the day after she gave birth, The story goes on but I do not want to spoil it just in case you choose to read it.

The members enjoyed the story but thought the ending a bit far fetched but some thought enjoyed a happy ending.

The Foundling hospital came about when a childless sea captain called Thomas Coram was so dismayed to see abandoned children in the streets he wanted to something to help. Along with Royal Patronage support from Handel and Hogarth it came to fruition.

Today the Coram Adoption Society still flourishes. I have visited this museum and it is well worth a visit.

Carol Akers



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To send a cheque make it payable to Mayfield Recreational Association and send to: Andrew Reay-Robinson, The Cliff, Leek Road, Upper Mayfield, DE6 2HR.

Thank you!



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REFLECTIONS.

I walk the farm in the mornings, mainly to check on the cattle we have at the southern end of the farm. Yes, it's not very nice when I have to put on every layer I have to protect myself in inclement weather.

But, on mornings like today it is a joy to do, the sun is shining, and I don't need a coat on. As well as the cattle, I do look around, today I saw a Barn Owl, a Hare, and a Fox. In the air House Martins and Swallows are enjoying the weather too, as they are in constant flight over the farm.

I have today viewed incredible cloud formations, and other sights of earth and sky which brings joy to one's eye. Sometimes I take a camera, but I have often found, good as my camera is, it cannot take in the detail of the human eye.

For example, one of my favourite images at this time of year is once the Dandelions have shed their petals, and the seed "clocks" as we used to call them as a child, are in full bloom, it is a marvellous sight on a clear morning as the sun just rises over the horizon the light of the sun catches the seed heads while the land is partly in darkness. For a short moment it's as if there are hundreds of globe light bulbs lit all over the field.

Beautiful to look at, with the naked eye, but I have never captured the moment well enough on my camera! and, yes, I have tried, often!

With what we see around our beautiful countryside here, in Mayfield and the surrounding Ashbourne area where we live, added to that what Sir David Attenborough and others show us the splendour of our world, both in the day, and in the night via the television and other media, I am reminded of the words of one of my favourite Psalms.

O, Lord, our Lord How excellent is thy name in all the earth !

May Our Lord, Our God, Bless you all.

Tom Parkinson.

EARLY DATE for Articles for the July 2024 Issue of the Magazine.

We always welcome articles for the magazine, both from Mayfield itself and the surrounding villages. To ensure your article is published in our next issue,

July 2024

It must be submitted earlier than usual by **Friday 21st June** at the latest.

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You can submit articles by email to our editors. Stephen Dunn Email:

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