



November Newsletter 2016

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT NOVEMBER 2016

Recently three members have been co-opted onto the Committee. Rob Taylor, Gemma Hallin and John Smith. Rob and Gemma are both Parish Councillors and John Smith is already known to many being the leader of the Paths Group. John, who is a retired banker, is taking over as Treasurer. Those that have been co-opted followed the resignations of Roger Wilmer and Pat Palmer to whom we would express our appreciation for their work on Committee.

The Christmas Tree Lighting takes place on 10 December at 6pm and we would thank Pat for continuing to coordinate this event. Due to its increasing popularity, new signs have been bought to help with the management of the road closures. We would ask for the cooperation of all in the village for the hour and a half that the roads will be closed for this event. The Christmas Tree is a feature of the village throughout the festive season.

The Winter Supper will be held in the Village hall on Saturday 7th January. This year one of our members, Dick Waterson, is organising the event along with our caterer, Kelly Mileham. Please see separate notice for details of booking for the supper.

Three planters were installed by the Paths Group in June to brighten up the roads into the village. These have flowered all summer and are being replanted with pansies and daffodils for the winter months. Our thanks to the Conservation Group members who look after them. Daffodils have also been planted where the grass verge was formed on Lampool Edge this year by the Paths Group. This Group, who meet weekly on Wednesday mornings, have also kept clear the paths around the village and are presently undertaking work at Rabbitty Lane to make it more passable during the winter months. This work requires a supply of rubble and if any member has this available and wishes it uplifted, please contact John Smith tel: 01825 714683.

Due to a recent change in policy at East Sussex County Council the issue of future grass cutting in the village is still under review and it is hoped this will be finalised shortly.

At the beginning of October there was a clean-up day when a remarkable amount of litter was collected despite ongoing litter picking by several of our members. There is still a problem with dog fouling on verges and pavements. All dog owners must take responsibility for clearing up after their dogs and disposing of dog poo bags in the dedicated bins and not throwing them in hedges and bushes as happens on occasion.

The Children's Play Area at the Maresfield Recreation Ground has undergone a complete refurbishment and was reopened on 25 October after 3 years in the planning. Children from Bonners School drew up plans 3 years ago of the equipment they would like and it is already proving very popular. MCG have donated a picnic table for the use of all using the play area.

You may have noticed that the White Rails on the High Street adjacent to the church, as mentioned previously, are in a poor state of repair. They are a feature of the village but unfortunately the White Rails are not considered a safety factor by ESCC and as such they will not fund their replacement. The Committee are currently getting costings with a view to replacing them. It may be the amount required is more than MCG would normally give for one project and this may involve seeking donations or holding a specific fund-raising event.

The website is being developed to give more ongoing information to our members. If you are happy to receive communication by email, please give us your email address.

Maresfield Conservation Group is a volunteer organisation and any member willing to assist the committee with practical help or administration would be more than welcome.

Sheila Cumming

Chairman

Membership Secretary Report Autumn 2016

Whereas membership of the Committee of the MCG has seen a couple of familiar faces leave and new faces join us, which will inevitably bring about change at committee meetings, the one thing that has remained constant has been the steady stream of new members joining the MCG, you are all most welcome and I look forward to meeting you at one of our future events.

We have also had a slight change to the roster of volunteers who deliver your newsletters and collect your subscriptions. For those who have stepped aside after many years of loyal service I for one would like to thank you, without the collectors the MCG would cease to exist. They are the ones who keep us all informed of events and collect the vital revenue, required by the Group to put to good use for the benefit of the village.

Membership runs from July through to the end of June, unfortunately some of us have been a little tardy in collecting subscriptions this year (me included!). So over the next couple of weeks we will be all making a concerted effort to visit the remainder of you who we have still not visited.

As you will see from the diary of events there are a number of things to look forward to, and I hope to see as many off you there as can make it. Why not bring a non-member along as well, you never know we may have a new active member in our midst just waiting to join.

Rob Penfold
Membership Secretary MCG
November 2016

To receive future newsletters and information on events by the Maresfield Conservation Group through email, please send your email address details to the Membership Secretary Rob Penfold: robpenfold248@gmail.com

Report from the Secretary

As we move through our splendid autumn colours, we take stock of our restructuring and with three new members on our committee making ten, with all taking on projects. The old saying of one man band is in our past, you will see the strong achievements for filling many aspirations before us.

Ken Ogden

Christmas tree lighting 2016

The lighting of the Christmas Tree will take place on Saturday 10th December at The Lodge, Maresfield, opposite the Church, starting at 6pm with a short carol service. This will be followed by the lighting of the tree at 6.20pm.

All are welcome to come along and join us. There will be mulled wine and mince pies available. Father Christmas will also be there to meet the children.

Road closure

Please note there will be no road access to the centre of the village from 5.45pm - 7pm.

The roads will be closed to all traffic at the entrance to the Recreation Ground, the Village Hall, The Parade and the Lodge Gate to Maresfield Park.

This is to ensure the safety of all attending the event.

We apologies for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Maresfield Conservation Group Diary 2016/ 2017

DECEMBER 2016

Wednesday 7th	Committee Meeting, 7.30pm
Saturday 10th	Christmas Tree Lighting. 6.00pm

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JANUARY

Saturday 7th	Winter Supper 7pm for 7.30pm in Maresfield Village Hall
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MARCH

Saturday 4th	Village Clean-up Day
Saturday 11th	Quiz night

MAY

Monday 29th	Village Fete
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JULY

Tuesday 4th	AGM, 7.30pm in Maresfield Village Hall
Saturday 8th	Summer Supper 7pm for 7.30pm in Maresfield Village Hall

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MARESFIELD CONSERVATION GROUP

Would like to welcome you to our

WINTER SUPPER

Date: Saturday 7th January, 2017

Location: Maresfield Village Hall

Ticket price: £26 per person (All are welcome!)

Arrival 7.00 - 7.30pm

Welcome drink followed by a four-course meal

Please bring your own drinks for the meal!

To make your booking or if you have an enquiry please contact:

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