

This Bulletin is to update the Community in Matterdale on both the last MCA Trustee Meeting that took place on 3 March and the AGM that took place on 10 March 2016. A lot has happened since Bulletin No 3 - we are on the move!

1. The MCA now has just under 70 people in the valley signed up as Members, and more are coming on board almost daily. There appears to be a real momentum, and we need to capitalise on it.
2. The Parish Council agreed at it's meeting on 7 March 2016 to accept the MCA proposal for a marquee to be erected on the lawn of the Royal Hotel from May - September 2016 so that a 'Virtual Village Hall' can be run to demonstrate local commitment for the building of a Matterdale Village Hall. Support of the events that we are planning on running over the Summer will be crucial in building up a base on which we can apply for funding by demonstrating that a hall will be viable. We will be sending out information on a regular basis on events that will be coming up in the marquee. Events planned for May 2016 so far are:
 - Sunday, 1 May Live music and a bar in the marquee from 4.30 pm onwards
 - Thursday, 5 May Swop Shop - plants, CDs, DVDs, jumble, books from 11.00am - 1.00pm
 - Saturday, 14 May Grand Launch Party with live bands, dancing and bar. Bring food to share. 7.30pm onwards
 - Friday, 20 May. Ceilidh Night 7.30 - 11.30pm
 - Saturday, 28 May Bank Holiday Fun and Games, including ping-pong competition. 2.30pm onwards.

Discussion with people in the valley have generated all kinds of ideas for events over the summer: a pop-up restaurant, one off therapy sessions, yoga, Matterdale Choir, film nights, comedy nights, plays, quiz nights etc. and so it goes on. We now need volunteers to help us turn some of these ideas into reality. We need people to help prepare the marquee for each event (chairs, bar etc), help with car parking, help with the bar, co-ordinate events, help with publicity, help clear up and put away after events etc. it will only work if we have a team of the willing. Are you willing? **Please contact Richard Farncombe on 82378 to offer your assistance, and join the planning group which will meet in the Royal Hotel at 6.00pm on Monday, 14 March to take thing forward.**

3. The Parish Council, as Sole Trustee of the MSF, agreed with the recommendation of MCA that the New School should be sold and a new build village hall should be built. Currently, the Parish Council are looking at two possible locations for the new village hall: the land owned by MSF next to the Old School, or on the old recreation ground on the opposite side of the road to Matterdale Church down towards Ulcat Row which is owned by the Parish Council. At the AGM, there was a clear preference for the recreational ground as access is better, camping is possible, there would be far less ground work required, and the hall could be the catalyst for a range of sports on the ground which is relatively flat! The Parish Council will now seek the advice of the planners of Lake District National Park regarding potential sites for the new build village hall, and then proceed with the sale of the New School on the open market whilst at the same time applying for planning permission for the new village hall.
4. Work is currently on-going to set up a website for MCA which will improve communication with Members in respect to both MCA business, and other events going on locally.
5. At the AGM, the following were elected as Trustees of the MCA for the following year: Veronica Gore (Chair), Jane Newport (Secretary), Mark Nixon (Treasurer), Lucie Stockdale, John O'Neill, Peter Crofts, Tyrone Castles, Paul Goodman, Brain Clark.