

This Bulletin is to update everyone following the MCA Trustees Meeting on Thursday 2 June.

VIRTUAL VILLAGE HALL

The May programme had gone remarkably well - helped by the good weather. During the month the following events had been run in the marquee at the Royal Hotel in Dockray: acoustic music session with range of local musicians; two sessions of Matterdale Zings, our new Matterdale choir; a lively launch party; a Ceilidh Night with our local Reunion Ceilidh Band; a keep fit session relocated from Patterdale Village Hall; and Bank Holiday Fun and Games involving local families and children.

The programme for June is as follows:

Friday, 3 June at 6.00pm. Matterdale Zings
Saturday, 4 June at 7.30pm. Mexican Evening pop-up restaurant and salsa SOLD OUT!
Friday, 10 June at 7.30pm. Quiz Night for Hospice at Home
Friday, 17 June at 6.00pm. Matterdale Zings
Saturday, 18 June at 3.30pm. Children and parents Ceilidh with Reunion Band
Saturday, 18 June at 7.30pm. Ceilidh Night with Reunion Band
Saturday, 25 June at 7.30pm. Pop-up and Play: local musicians and bar

And for July

Friday, 1 July at 6.00pm - Matterdale Zings; Saturday, 2 July at 7.30pm - Jim and Lisa's Pop-up Restaurant;
Sunday, 10 July at 2.00pm - Matterdale Field Day and Fete;
Friday, 15 July at 6.00pm - Matterdale Zings; Saturday, 16 July at 6.00pm - Film Night 'Hugo' at Sandy's Barn;
Thursday, 21 July 11.00am - Bring and Buy Swop Shop coffee morning;
Saturday, 23 July at 3.30pm - Children and Parents Ceilidh; then at 7.30pm – Ceilidh Night with the Reunion Band;
Friday, 29 July at 6.00pm - Matterdale Zings

PROGRESS ON ACTUAL VILLAGE HALL

The New School has been put on the market, and there has been considerable interest. A report has been requested from PF& K by the Parish Council as Sole Trustee of the Matterdale School Foundation by the end of June 2016. Final approval for the sale is still awaited from the Charity Commission, and the planners are still to respond to the draft pre-planning application that was submitted for the New Village Hall on the recreation ground. Both are being pursued with rigour!

DRAFT BUSINESS PLAN

A sub-group of MCA Trustees has met with ACT for a training seminar on drafting a Business Plan for the new Matterdale Village Hall. Members of the sub-group reported back that this had been a very useful seminar, and tasks have been allocated for drafting up the Business Plan which should be ready to be presented to the MCA AGM planned for 9 September 2016

OTHER ISSUES COVERED

- * Membership: there are now 93 signed up members of MCA, with an email list that reaches nearly 200 people.
- * Website: this has come on well, and carries a range of local information. A number of issues were raised for improving and updating the website, and this will be progressed.
- * Publicity: prior to the Grand Launch Party, the Virtual Village Hall was given publicity in a 15 minute slot on Radio Cumbria, and articles in the Herald and Cumbria Crack. We decided to focus future publicity on the Matterdale Field Day on 10 July, and the Bring and Buy Swop Shop on 21 July.