

This Bulletin is to update the Matterdale Community following the meeting of the MCA Trustees on Thursday, 27 October 2016

The Trustees' Meeting followed shortly after the Virtual Village Hall Sub Committee meeting. The Trustees supported the proposal for events in the months ahead as outlined below:

Bonfire and Fireworks on Saturday, 5 November at the Royal Hotel. MCA agreed to purchase the fireworks for the event and reimburse the cost through asking for donations from those attending, and running a BBQ and bar. The evening will start from 6.00pm onwards, with fireworks at roughly 7.15pm.

The West Indian Steel Band: Peter Crofts has set up his steel drums in his barn, and invites anyone interested in learning to play a steel drum to come to rehearsals starting on Monday, 31 October at 7.00pm. Peter would like to have a weekly rehearsal building up to performing at the Carol Service in Matterdale Church on the Sunday before Christmas. It may be that the time for rehearsals will change depending on what day would suit those interested in getting involved.

Matterdale Zings: Following on from the very successful concert in August, Lucie Stockdale has decided to give the Zing a rest during the Steel Band rehearsals as she anticipates that some of the Zing singers will want to get involved in the Steel Band. However, she would like to encourage Zingers to come for one rehearsal before the Matterdale Carol Service to help put a bit of a zing into our local Carols! The Carol Service will be at 6.00pm at Matterdale Church on Sunday 18th December.

Polish Night at the Royal: Our local Polish Community are keen to host a Polish Night at the Royal Hotel, but a date has yet to be decided. It may well be in January after the busy Christmas season is over.

Christmas Bake Off: the annual Christmas Eve bake off will be at 6.00pm at the Royal Hotel. This year it is to be Apple Strudel. Can anyone beat the Mitchell's?

Historical Matterdale: Brian Clark is in contact with Emily Norton who has some historic film of 'Old Matterdale'. Brian will be working with Emily and Jane Newport to put together an evening of Matterdale nostalgia in the Spring - possibly to be held in Matterdale church. Also, if you have any old photographs of the valley or former residents; or stories and anecdotes which you would be prepared to share, then they would love to hear from you - janenewport7@gmail.com . More information in due course.

Other Business covered in the meeting:

- * the marquee is currently drying out in the New School. It needs to be folded, which requires a work force. This will be done at 3.00pm on Sunday, 6 November. Does anyone in the valley have a somewhere dry, frost free and mouse proof that we could store the marquee fabric when the New School is sold? We are worried that it will be damaged by the cold if stored in the container at Watermillock with the poles.
- * Treasurer's Report: MCA has £2060 in it's Bank Account to date following the activities over the Summer.
- * Planning Permission for new build centre: Discussions are on-going as to potential location for new build Education and Community Centre. Hopefully this will be satisfactorily resolved in the near future.
- * Next MCA Trustee Meeting: Tuesday, 29 November at 8.00pm