

Dear Members

On behalf of all the Executive Committee of the MCG may I wish you and yours a very Happy New Year! This is the first in a new series of monthly newsletters we'll be sending to members, enabling us to share news about the Group's activities directly with you and alerting you to forthcoming events and dates for your diary.

**Leadership Opportunity:** I will be stepping back from the role as Chair of the MCG in June. We're on the lookout for a passionate and committed individual to take up this rewarding role. Could it be you? Please do contact me if you would like to know more details or might be interested in joining our Committee.

**Fundraising Quiz Night:** Get ready to put your knowledge to the test! Join us on 8 March in Maresfield Village Hall for a fun-filled evening to raise vital funds for our nominated charity for 2025, East Sussex Young Carers. Please come along from 18:30 for a 19:00 start, and bring your own drinks and nibbles as always. Tickets are priced at £8/ticket; tables of up to eight participants; available from Ian Shaw (tel: 07956 564795 or email: [ian@andrewmilton.co.uk](mailto:ian@andrewmilton.co.uk))

**Photo Competition:** Our photo competition runs through the year until the Autumn. Full details on our website <https://www.maresfieldconservationgroup.org/photo-competition> Entry is free and there is a £50 prize for the best photo. There are still a few of the beautiful 2025 Maresfield Calendars available to buy in the village shop and the Chequers, so get yours before they're all gone.

**New Facebook Page:** We're thrilled to announce our new Facebook page, where you can stay updated, share your thoughts, and connect with fellow conservationists. Be sure to like and follow us for the latest news! [Maresfield Conservation Group | Facebook](#)

**Maresfield Historical Society:** We are very pleased to be supporting the Maresfield Historical Society over the coming months, whilst we work together to look at opportunities for a potential merger in the future. As you may know, the MHS is at risk of closure and the MCG is keen to ensure that every option is explored to prevent that from happening. If you have any thoughts on this, please do let us know.

**Annual General Meeting:** Our AGM will take place in Maresfield Village Hall on Tuesday 17 June starting at 19:30. We are planning to have a guest speaker and will be able to confirm that in the coming weeks. Refreshments will be served after the meeting so please do stay on and take the opportunity to chat with fellow members and the Committee.

That's all for now. Please feel free to get in touch if you have any comments or queries for the Group. We'd be very happy to follow up directly with you.

Warmest wishes and see you on Facebook,

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