

Dear Members

By the time you read this, the MCG will have held it's sell-out annual fundraising quiz at the beginning of March. All the monies raised on this occasion will be passed to East Sussex Young Carers, <u>East Sussex Young</u> <u>Carers</u>, a wonderful charity supporting children and young people. Our thanks to all those who attended and gave so generously on the night, alongside our local business who supported us including The Buxted Park Hotel, M&S Uckfield and The Chequers.

Looking ahead, here are some dates for your diary:

- **Spring Litter Picking**: Please come and help us "Clean Up Our Village" between 10am and 2pm on Saturday 12 April. We'll meet in the Maresfield Church car park and will supply rubbish sacks, litter pickers and hi-viz jackets. Please bring your own gloves. All welcome!
- Maresfield Historical Society: There are a number of talks planned for the coming months, including Chris Horlock on Sussex Ruins, Relics and Remains on March 25 and Helen Poole makes a welcome return to tell us about our own county of Sussex in Elizabethan times on Tuesday 22 April, both at 8pm in the Village Hall. These events are free to Maresfield Historical Society members, and £3 for non-members payable at the door. <u>Historical Society | Conservation Group</u>
- Annual General Meeting: This will be held in the village hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 17th June. A formal notice for the meeting will be sent to members nearer the meeting date.
 We're delighted to welcome two local councillors for a Q&A session, Ian Tysh and Graham Shaw. Everyone is most welcome and we'll be serving refreshments after the meeting.
- **Cheese and wine evening:** Please hold this date in your diaries Saturday 26 July, from 6.30pm. More details to follow soon.

In other news, please do join us on Facebook if you're able to. We'd like to reach as many people in the community as we can and we know social media continues to be a great awareness raiser. <u>Maresfield</u> <u>Conservation Group | Facebook</u>

We're on the lookout for volunteers to join our committee. We do have a couple of vacancies and if you are interested to hear about the roles available or how you could support us, please do contact me (jo.lawrance63@gmail.com).

The photo competition for the 2026 calendar is now live! Everyone can enter for free. Send in your best photos and you could be in line for the big prize. The 12 best entries will feature on the calendar, with all profits from the sale of the calendars going to charity. For further details, please visit our website: <u>Photo</u> <u>Competition | Conservation Group</u>

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter and thanks again for continuing to support the conservation and protection of our community.

Jo Lawrance