



MABE MATTERS

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Pub may be set to re-open

Fears that Mabe’s pub has closed for good have been partially allayed by news that a major refit is to take place, suggesting that it will eventually re-open.

The New Inn closed on 20th February when publican Tim Simpkins left after more than a decade in charge. Although regulars were told that a new publican would be taking over within two



Rumours have been flying as to the New Inn’s fate

weeks, many were sceptical, especially as the weeks have passed and the doors have remained closed. The run-down state of the business and the building mean that significant investment would be required. All around the country, unprofitable pubs are shutting for good. And the owners, pub group Punch Taverns, do not actually seem to have a new tenant lined up, as shown by the large advertisement seeking someone to run the pub.

When asked about its plans for the New Inn, Punch Taverns told Mabe Matters: “We are planning to re-open [the] outlet as soon as possible but unfortunately the re-opening has been delayed because [of] some essential maintenance work to ensure the outlet is safe.”

Many locals are concerned that Punch Taverns are not really serious about finding a new tenant and could be tempted to sell or redevelop the site for housing.

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Mabe W.I.

Mabe W.I. members recently enjoyed an interesting tour of the Exeter University buildings, where we were warmly welcomed and shown around the campus. Our new programme of events, including regular meetings, craft sessions, walks and foodie treats, begins at the start of April. If you would like to join us, or just want to know about our W.I., please telephone Liz Young on 372978 - we look forward to meeting you.

Penrose Student Village one step closer

Plans for a 2,000-bed student village at Treluswell have taken a step forward after being granted outline planning permission.

The application for a site known as Penrose went before Cornwall Council's strategic planning committee on February 15th with a recommendation that it should be refused. However the committee rejected the planning officer's recommendation and voted 12 to two to grant approval.

Officers had recommended refusal on the grounds that it was contrary to the council's development plan, it would have "significant" landscape impact and the pedestrian and cycle links were considered unacceptable.

Councillors decided to grant approval saying that there was a

need for additional student accommodation and also raised concerns about a number of applications in the Falmouth and Penryn area which had been refused permission by the council which was later overturned by the Government's Planning Inspectorate.



Read more: www.cornwall-live.com/news/cornwall-news/student-village-2000-beds-moves-1220087

Amanda Evans' Marathon

Thank you to everyone for all your support and best wishes but I'm afraid I've had to defer my London Marathon place until next year (April 2019) because of injury! I will still be running for #teamOxfam because, despite the charity's recent and very real difficulties, I still believe that the worst possible outcome would be if, as a result of this reported abuse, fewer of the world's vulnerable people get help.

So, my fundraising for April 2019 has already begun! starting with a May Mini-Fayre on Sat 5th May, then various other pop-up events throughout the year and a virtual race coming up!

Together we can help to end poverty worldwide, thank you. Please do contact me on 07544 527649 if you'd like to help me reach my goal.

Amanda Evans

Cont. from front page While the New Inn is registered as a Community Asset of Value, which means a sale can be delayed to give community groups the chance to buy it, finding the money and running a community pub would be extremely challenging.

So it's not surprising that many locals have been expressing concern that the pub might be lost. One local resident commented: "A community needs a pub - it's as important as the shop and the church. Without these assets and

amenities Mabe would just be a collection of houses between Falmouth and Helston." Others have talked about the pub as "the heart of Mabe", the place for community celebrations and get-togethers.

Just before going to press, better news has come from workmen at the site who report that there are plans for an extensive refit inside. This suggests that Punch Taverns may be serious in seeking a new tenant to run the pub after all.

Watch this space!



Vicious Vikings in Mabe!!

A gang of 'vicious Vikings' who turned out to be not all that vicious at all, took over part of Mabe School last week. The children of year three and four were invited to come dressed for the part as they enjoyed one of the last days working on the topic. In addition to creating Viking

shields, the youngsters also got to design their own Viking brooches and then make them out of clay and taking pride of place in the classroom and library were the numerous Viking longships which had been made by the children as part of a homework project.

Above: Amelia, Tegan, Libby, Poppy, Oliver & John (photo: Falmouth Packet)

Our historic church needs your help

St Laudus Church was built in the 1400s. It is one of the more ancient and historic buildings in Mabe. Following a fire caused by a lightening strike in around 1860, it was rescued by the people of Mabe. Some of the work that was done then was the construction of two floors in the bell tower.

These floors have become rotten and unsafe largely due to their age and the amount of damp that seeps through the north-west corner of the tower. We are in the process of having these floors replaced and the work is being expertly done using seasoned oak. The cost including VAT is £15,000. We have been able to obtain a few donations and with money saved for such eventualities, we are able to meet this cost. Church funds are depleted though.

However, in the long run, all this work would be rendered ineffective if we do not try and stop the flow of water through the fabric of the tower. Some additional re-pointing and repair work has been done in the tower at an additional cost including VAT of £828. However, there is more pointing to be done at the top of the outside of the tower. It is estimated that this cost, including the cost of scaffolding will add an

extra £1200.

We need help by way of donations to maintain the fabric of the church for the benefit of whole village and for future generations. The building is not just for the regular congregation, but for all of us who live in, and love, Mabe.

Our predecessors handed on this precious gem to the current community of Mabe - please help ensure we hand it on to future generations in good shape.

Any donations should be made payable to St Laudus, Mabe and be sent to the Treasurer, Eathorne Manor, Constantine, Falmouth, TR11 5PJ.

Thank you, David J B Charles

Church concert a success

The recent lute concert held at Mabe Church (St Laudus), which featured the internationally renowned lutist Ben Salfield, was enjoyed by all who attended.



Ben Salfield

The event raised £160 for the church.

Ex-Mabe pupil voted one of Cornwall's 30 Under 30

Jo Godolphin, who attended Mabe Primary School and was once the youngest Parish Councillor in the UK whilst sitting on Mabe Parish Council, has been highlighted as one of Cornwall's 30 Under 30 – a celebration of the county's brightest young talent and influencers of the future.

Business Cornwall Magazine in conjunction with Cornwall Chamber and The Hub, recently compiled the list of young business people, from a range of diverse backgrounds and sectors, who stand out for their achievements to date.

Jo, who now lives with her husband in Camborne, achieved a degree in Music, before deciding on a career in the construction industry. Whilst working as a trainee for a local surveying practice she began her masters in Quantity Surveying to cement her path into surveying and now works for Ward Williams Associates.

Following the successful completion of her master's degree, Jo is well on her way to chartership via the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), Assessment of Professional Competence (APC).

At the end of 2017 her hard work and dedication was acknowl-



Jo Godolphin, ex-Mabe School pupil and one of Cornwall's 30 under 30 in 2017

edged and she was promoted to Senior Quantity Surveyor. She is currently leading the delivery of a number of significant projects across the county, including the renovation of a large manor house and a new boutique hotel.

Jo said, "I am thrilled to be named one of Cornwall's 30 Under 30. It's fantastic that the construction industry is being recognised within these awards as it is so important to the Cornish economy. I'm thankful that WWA has been so supportive of me in my career to date, which has enabled me to develop my skills in such a great environment".



Mabe Burnthouse Village (MYCP)

Cornish Evening report

A Cornish Evening was held to celebrate St Piran's Day in the Community Hall, where everyone (Cornish or non Cornish) enjoyed a very entertaining time.

All were welcomed by Keith Bryant, who gave a brief history of St Piran, and this was followed by the singing of Trelawney. Readings were given by Wendy Mitchell, Jackie Williams, Howard and Trisha Barnes, Margaret Bryant and Rose Wing.

John Ball brought along some slides of historic railways and engines of Cornwall, which was very interesting, and several could remember buildings and lines no longer in use.



During the interval, Cornish fare was consumed - pasties, saf-

ron cake, splits with jam and cream (spread the Cornish way!).

There was also a Cornish quiz for all to ponder over during the evening, and a grand raffle with many excellent prizes.

The evening closed with a sing song of Cornish favourites, led by Howard Barnes and accompanied by Trisha Barnes. All were thanked for their contributions and their attendance.

All money raised will go towards the upkeep of the Hall.

Margaret Bryant

300 Club winners

The results for the 300 club draw are:

1st Prize £50: Mike Scott

2nd Prize £30: Megan Uphill

3rd Prize £10: Pauline Birkett



300 Club Mabe's Own Lottery Hundreds of pounds to be won!

Use this form to join now. Tickets cost £10 per year. Money goes to the upkeep of the Community Hall, Playpark, Field & Skatepark.

There are 4 draws per year, each producing prizes of £50, £20 and £10.

Cheques payable to Mabe Youth and Community Project or cash to: Geoff Wheeler, Monteag, Treliever Road, TR10 9EX. Tel: 01326372405

Name:

Address:

Email:

Please send details of events happening within Mabe civic parish in Feb/March to mabematterseditor@gmail.com by 15 May 2018. Venue details:

- Mabe Community Hall, Cunningham Park (375938 or mabeycp@gmail.com)
- Mabe Community Primary School, Cunningham Park (secretary, 372662)
- Mabe Parish Church (St Laudus), Church Road, towards Higher Spargo (administrator, Pauline Cheshire, 340425)
- Mabe WI Hall, Antron Hill (bookings, 372477)

Weekly Events

Mon Short Mat Bowls Club, Community Hall, 2-4pm. Contact Keith Bryant, 373102.

Cardio Box/Fitcamp Class, WI Hall, 6.15-7.15pm.

Contact Ali or Carmela, 07988 140745.

Mabe Keep Fit Club, WI Hall, 7.30pm.

Tues Age Concern Luncheon Club, Community Hall, 12.30-2pm. Contact Community Hall (11.30-12.30pm), 377475.

Slimming World, Community Hall, 3.30, 5.30 & 7.30pm.

Contact Pam Mundy, 01209 204743 or 07503 945600.

Nature Playgroup, Chyan Community Field, 10am-12pm term time.

Contact Alice, 07576 748450.

Wed Short Mat Bowls League (winter only), Community Hall, 2-4pm. Contact Keith Bryant, 373102

Daisy's Yoga, Chyan Cultural Centre, 6-7pm. Contact Daisy, 07837 879876

Open Water Swimming, Kernow Adventure Park, 6-8pm. Contact, 07817 662 962 or info@kernowadventurepark.com.

Thurs Kernow Huffa Puffas, a support, exercise and social group for people with COPD and their carers, 10am-12pm, Community Hall. Contact Trish, 375238 or Frances, 712047.

Carpet Bowls Club, Community Hall, 2-4pm. Contact Arthur Searle, 377088.

Brownies, Community Hall, 6.15-8pm. Contact Jackie Williams, 372863.

Aikido, Japanese martial art, beginners welcome, 7-9pm, Mabe School. Contact Jamie Matthews, 375336.

Fri Short Mat Bowls Club, Community Hall, 2-4pm. Contact Keith, 373102.

Sat Open Water Swimming, Kernow Adventure Park, 9-11am. Contact, 07817 662 962 or info@kernowadventurepark.com.

Sun Trenoweth Methodist Church, Community Hall, 10.45am-12pm. Contact Margaret Bryant, 373102.

Mabe Parish Church (St Laudus), with St Michael's Church, Ponsanooth – please see the Diary for the times of services.

Aerial Yoga Jam, Chyan Cultural Centre, 11am-12pm. Contact Naomi, naomijwebb@gmail.com.



Mabe Diary



April 2018

Sat 7 - From Fleece to Fibre, 10am-1pm, Chyan. *See What's On.*

Thurs 12 – Parish Council meeting, WI Hall, 7.30pm. Agenda available on the Parish Notice Board and website (www.mabeparish.co.uk). Open to the public. Contact Lisa Clements, 07964 735219, mabeparish@gmail.com

Thurs 12-Sat 14 - Swamp Circus Easter Big Top School, Chyan. *See What's On.*

Thurs 12 - Kabasa & Tropical Pressure DJs, 6pm, The Performance Centre. www.amata.org.uk/kabasa

Sat 14 - Natural Dying, 10am-1pm, Chyan. *See What's On.*

Sat 14 - Live at Amata with Fal-mouth Alumni, 7pm, Performance Centre. www.amata.org.uk/liveatamata

Sun 15 - Chyan Wellbeing Fair, 12pm, Chyan. *See What's On.*

Wed 25 - Jam Night, 7-10.30pm, Chyan. Contact: Will 07936648246

Thurs 26 - Cornwall Astronomy Society, 8pm, WI Hall. Contact Simon Dunkley, 564046.

Sat 28 - Quiz Night, 7.30pm, Community Hall. *See What's On.*

May 2018

Thurs 10 – Parish Council meeting, WI Hall, 7.30pm. *See April for details.*

Sat 12 - An evening of Short Stories & Poems, 7.30pm, Community Hall. *See What's On.*

Fri 18 - Tremough Follies: Spring

Awakening, 8pm, The Performance Centre.

Sat 19 - Tremough Follies: Spring Awakening, 2pm & 8pm, The Performance Centre. www.amata.org.uk/springawakening-18-may-20.00

Mon 21 - Mabe Garden Club - Features & Focal Points, 7pm, Community Hall.

Thurs 24 - Cornwall Astronomy Society, 8pm, WI Hall. Contact Simon Dunkley, 564046.

Fri 25 - MYCP AGM, 7.30pm, Community Hall. *See What's On.*

Wed 30 - Jam Night, 7-10.30pm, Chyan. Contact: Will, 07936648246

Mabe Christmas Lights

We are currently planning our next race night, quiz and our big summer BBQ event and we will be able to confirm the venues for these events within the next couple of weeks so look out for our posters around the village.

We are very excited to raise more lights funds and make Christmas 2018 even bigger and better than ever before with more surprises happening at the switch on and more family competitions later in the year.



If you are on Facebook please search for Mabe Christmas Lights and like our page for up-to-date information about our events for 2018.

What's On

Nina Fenner from Halvasso will be running two courses in April at Chyan Community Field from 10am - 1pm. The first, **From Fleece to Fibre**, on April 7, teaches the basics about transforming wool from a sheep into wool for knitting. Looking at different types of sheep's wool and how to sort, wash, comb and spin it.

The second, **Natural Dying**, on the 14th, teaches you how to dye raw and spun wool using foraged plant materials.



books@ninafenner.co.uk
<https://chyan.org/>

MYCP have a number of events running in the Community Hall, beginning with a **Quiz Night** on Saturday 28th April at 7.30pm in the Community Hall. Teams of 4, £2.50 per person, which includes tea /coffee. There will be a raffle and you may bring your own refreshments.

Then on Saturday 12th May at 7.30pm, help support Cornwall's Sunrise Appeal at **An Evening of Short Stories & Poems**. Free wine and cheese, for a retiring donation.

If you would like to take part, or just join us, for the evening, contact Keith, keithb.cornwall@gmail.com.

MABE VILLAGE FETE

Saturday 1st September 2018
If you or your organisation would like to become involved please contact:
mabeycp@gmail.com

St Laudus Church, Mabe



April

- 1st (Easter Day)** - Holy Communion (said), 9.30am
- 8th** - Joint Service with Trenoweth Methodists, Mabe Community Hall, 10.45am
- 15th** - Joint Sung Eucharist, 9.30am, followed by **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**
- 22nd** - Said Eucharist & healing prayers, 9.30am
- 29th** - Morning Worship, 9.30am. 'Sacred Space' - a small, informal group, with some music, a short reading and lots of quiet, 7.30pm

May

- 6th** - Traditional BCP Holy Communion, 9am
- 13th** - Morning Worship, 9.30am
- 20th** - Sung Eucharist, 9.30am
- 27th** - Said Eucharist & healing prayers, 9.30am
- 'Sacred Space' - a small, informal group, with some music, a short reading and lots of quiet, 7.30pm

If you're interested in how the Community Hall, Play Park, Skate Park and School Field are managed, or you want to help run events in the village, why not come along to the **MYCP's AGM** on Friday 25th May at 7.30pm? New committee members will be chosen at the meeting, including spaces for 'Interested Members of the Public'. Contact, mycpchair@gmail.com for more information.

Cont. overleaf

Cont. from overleaf The annual **Chyan Wellbeing Fair** will take place at Chyan in Halvasso on Sunday 15th April from 12 noon. There will be healthy food on offer, yoga, music, Tai-Chi, arts workshops, circus big top, meditation, healing areas, stalls and children's fun.

Cost: £5 (adult)/£3 (child). Call 377008 or on the door.

EASTER BIG TOP SWAMP CIRCUS SCHOOL
APRIL 12/13/14

We welcome all ages from 6 years and above!

Come-out to play and learn great skills at Chyan Cultural Centre. Warm up using acrobatics, yoga, martial arts and games. Three main classes will be taught on rotation : Aerial movement, Acrobatics and balancing and Juggling and balancing objects. Activities on site for the rest of the family. Organic juice, spring water and snacks will be for sale.

£7 for a 2 hour class / £12 for the full day / £30 for the 3 days
Classes run 10.30am - 12.30pm and 2pm - 4pm

Contact 01326 377008
office@swampcircus.co.uk
www.swampcircus.co.uk

SWAMP CIRCUS TRUST

From the Vicarage...

In ancient Greece, artists were said to be inspired to create or perform great works of art by mythological beings called

'Muses' and today, artists of all kinds still talk about being able to perform or create well only if they "have the Muse upon them".

May 20th this year is the feast of PENTECOST, the day when Christians all over the world celebrate the 'giving of the Holy Spirit of God'. After his resurrection Jesus' followers received what he called "The promised gift of God" - the Holy Spirit, which has also been described as the 'essence' of God, living in us, with us, among us, inspiring us with things such as kindness, hope, inner peace, and the most important gift of all, Love.

So, just as artists look for the Muse to be upon them to inspire them to greatness, may we all look for the Holy Spirit of God to be "upon us", inspiring us with those inner gifts that make our world a sweeter, more beautiful place.

Rev. Steve Smith

Age Concern Lunch Club

If you are over 60 and live in Mabe Parish, you are eligible to join the Age Concern Lunch Club, which meets in the Community Hall on Tuesdays. If you are interested, pop in to the Community Hall any Tuesday Morning to discuss the details.

Meet your new Councillor

The Parish Council gained a new member recently. We asked Karen Philips to give our readers a few facts about herself:

Name: Karen Philips

Birthplace: Leigh, Greater Manchester. Moved to Cornwall in the 1980s and Mabe in 2007.

Work: Part time at Argos, Treliske as a Customer Advisor, but I'm always in the stockroom so never seen! I'm also self employed and work for British Heart Foundation in Falmouth. I collect any donations from peoples houses then deliver it to the shop.

Other interests: Most of you will recognise me as "Karen, the reindeer lady". I have been involved in Mabe Christmas lights for a few years now and get great satisfaction when the village is lit up over Christmas.

My son Ben plays for Penryn Rugby club U14s and I am involved within the club and enjoy watching him play (I did play myself in my younger years!).

My other passion is searching for dead people! I am an avid Family Historian and have traced my paternal side back to 17th century whiskey distillers in Scotland.

Priorities as Parish Councillor: My main concern is the flow of traffic through the village, it is something that needs urgent attention. The growth of the Uni-

versity is a worry and the future of the pub, we need to keep it as a focal point for the village and not become more student accommodation.

Best thing about Mabe: You! the community. Even though we are close to Falmouth and Penryn there is still a village spirit that is alive and kicking, long may it continue.



Karen Philips

The parish council usually meets in the WI Hall on the 2nd Thursday of each month and members of the public are welcome to attend. The agenda and minutes are advertised on the Mabe Parish website and the notice board in the middle of the village.

Skydive for Donkeys 2018!

After a hugely successful event last year, Flicka's Skydive for Donkeys is back! Join us to help us raise vital funds for our charity whilst experiencing the thrill of jumping from 10,000ft. Contact flicka.info@gmail.com for more information!

'Maberella' review

by Lisa Kirkpatrick, ASDA Community Life Champion

I may be the Falmouth store's Community Life Champion but last week, over three nights, I was surrounded by real champions of local community life when they held a Pantomime to raise funds for the Mabe Youth and Community Project (MYCP).



Panto author Jackie Frost as May, Lily Harrison as Coupons and Arthur Searle as Bill, who all work in MayBill's Shop - get it?!

Written and performed by locals, this year's performance of "Maberella" was a true comedy delight, a fantastic array of people; men dressing as women and donning bright lipstick and elab-

orate wigs to become true panto Dames, the author who became a fairy Godmother, adults being kids and kids being adults, all performing, singing and dancing, coming together to raise funds for this charity so close to their hearts.



Mabe Matters editor Amanda Wills as Animal with Maria Tiplady as Lady Ugli

My role was to sell raffle tickets which over the course of the performances raised £343 towards their plans to upgrade the community playground as well as to maintain the upkeep of the Community Hall. I got mentioned in the programme and thanked on the last night, but honestly, I was just honoured and privileged to be a part of this incredible community spirit.

Editors note: The full amount raised by the panto was almost £2000 and everyone involved would like to thank the audiences for being the best yet - we couldn't do it without you!



Floss Harrison as Maberella and Jonah Frost as Prince Sirius



Charlotte Jones, Sam Littlejohn, Jessica Wilkes and Henry Cooper as The Papparazzi



Bob Godzicz and Nick Muller as the Ugly Sisters: Verry Ugli and Reely Ugli



Liz Dunstan, Kerry Mitchell, Linda Muller, Liz Westhead and Jenny George as The Poker School

People

by *Mary Beattie*



The Beast from the East
as t'was named with dire warn-
ing, was arriving with problems
some time in the morning.
Had I bought in enough 'vitals'
like milk and like bread?
To be short of such things was
something to dread.

I closed up the windows and shut
all the doors, saying prayers for
all animals out on the moors,
and all those working and living
through such cold,
there being no knowledge of
how long this would hold.

Tis eerie encased by a trapping of
snow, still pondering anew how
far the 'vitals' would go.
But - neighbourhood contact
now came to the fore, someone
was knocking, calling at my back
door.

"Do you need any help?" said
Sam, Jess and Kate,
laughing to view my dog, Bram-
ble, in the snow by the gate.

A phone call from Mandy, an-
other friend who said,
"If you need shopping from
ASDA I've a vehicle with tread,
Then Francis and Lillian came
calling to know, "Do you need
any milk whilst entrapped by the
snow?"

From our church, rang Paul quite

concerned, to say, "Are you cop-
ing Mary, are you ok?"
Then Peter and Janet checked
was I alright, as did Jenny and
Dickie who came in that night.

There was Keiran with papers as
he trudged through the snow,
I hoped he didn't have much fur-
ther to go.
Julia called in the next day to see,
was there anything else she
could do to help me?
So, how lucky was I and my ani-
mals too, in having such good
people helping me through?
.....



Well done to six year old Jess Littlejohns from Mabe school who won the prize for an ASDA school competition with her World Book Day creation, "Burty", a colourful charcter with an alien head who comes from Neptune and speaks gobbly gook. It was a very tough choice indeed but the depth of her imagination was clear and she was thrilled with her prize, presented to her by the store's Community Champion, a copy of Enid Blyton's collection of Springtime Stories. When asked where she got her inspiration, she simply replied that she loves lots of colour and would like to meet an alien one day.

Mabe School Nursery Class goes from strength to strength

The new nursery class at Mabe School has been open for less than 6 months and numbers are continuing to rise fueled by fantastic parent feedback.

"The support and wonderful feedback we have received from parents has been overwhelming" says Laura Drysdale, Nursery Class Manager. "We are astonished at how quickly the nursery class has grown and how positively the setting has been received by both parents and children."

One parent commented, "My child is so happy at the new nursery class and looks forward to every session. He always come home tired but with lots to exciting news to tell me about the activities he has been doing at School. I couldn't be happier and feel so confident that he is getting cared for and nurtured whilst having lots of fun!"

The nursery children have been experiencing a range of activities since opening, from joining the whole school in their cross country trials on the school field to looking after stick insects, planting, baking and making regular use of the climbing apparatus in the school hall. One of the children's current favorite activities is

weather watching from the veranda. "The beautiful outlook over the countryside makes for great weather watching- we observe the rain and hail/snow roll in (and then make the most of getting toggged up and playing in both!) which can quickly turn to sunshine and rainbows!" The children regularly visit their friends in class one for shared play time and have daily sessions and games with the class one teacher Mrs Champion, which will allow for a really smooth transition to full time school in September.



Places are filling up fast and with the impending "National Offer Day" for primary school applications, it is anticipated that even more parents will be keen to get their children off to a great start in their education at Mabe School. Any interested families can arrange a visit to the nursery and register their child by contacting the school on 01326 372662.

Laura Drysdale

Number Day at Mabe!

Along with many other schools nationally, Mabe celebrated Number Day on Friday 2nd February.

The day had the dual aims of: (a) raising money for the NSPCC and (b) putting the core subject of Mathematics in the spotlight.

For a donation of £1, children came to school wearing numbers, shapes or patterns. Look at the photos to see how creative some of us were!

We wanted to share our day, and indeed our Maths learning, with our parents, so they were invited along for the morning.

Children, staff and parents gathered in the hall for a Maths assembly, where we shared our feelings about the subject and saw just how much fun it could be. We thought it was very interesting that when posed the question, "Did/do you enjoy Maths learning at school?" only 20% of the 40 adults in attendance agreed, whereas over 80% of the children raised their hands!

Then parents were invited to watch Maths in action, from the little ones in the nursery up to

our 11 year olds in Class 4.

Maths sessions were fun, interactive and full of learning. Parents commented that their children's experiences were different from their own!

After breaktime, Maths continued in each class whilst Mrs Pearce and Mr Hayes talked to the parents in the hall. They shared teaching methods and advice.

Parents were given helpful tips on a handout and were reassured that they could come and see us for support at any time.

Parent comments included "It was great to see all the children ready to learn and excited, "It was lovely to see Maths so active and the children worked together so well" and "There has been a lot of effort to make sure the parents can help their children with a joined up approach with the school."

This positive response and the smiles on the children's faces made us feel that the day was a success.

We will certainly consider holding Number Day on an annual basis. Many thanks to all involved!

Mrs Pearce

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