



## Newsletter

April, 2019

### Come and join us

If you are not already involved in the many activities that go on in the Madeley Centre, or you already do things but want to find out what else you can do, then take a look at the brand new Madeley Centre Handbook. Pick up a copy in the Centre or download one from our website: <http://www.madeleycentre.co.uk/about/documents/>.

We have activities suitable for all ages and interests, including:

**Mothers and babies:** Jiggle Tots, child development clinic (by appointment at the Surgery).

**Children and teenagers:** Little Karate Warriors, Kung Fu, Performing Arts: Pepper Street and Jill Clewes. We welcome more activities for younger members of our community.

**Adults:** Pilates, Zumba, Yoga, Meditation, Kung Fu, Line Dance Club, Tea Dances, Keikobasku Karate, Slimming World, St. Thomas More Sailing School, SOSA Fitness, Indoor Bowls, Knit and Natter, Darby & Joan Club.

**Madeley & District U3A** (set up for retired and semi-retired but open to all. Membership £12.50 a year): 34 activities including: local walks, longer rambles, table tennis, painting and drawing, art appreciation, fiction & non-fiction book groups, card and board games, sewing, patchwork and quilting, croquet, computers, discussion group, family history, film and theatre group, French & Spanish groups, gardens & gardening, hula hooping, local outings, natural history, art appreciation, music appreciation, philosophy, photography, T'ai Chi Chuan, poetry and tennis.

There are also popular Quiz Nights, Monthly Talks and a Lunch and Dining Club.

The Centre is home to a range of services which are open to all: the community café, room hire for families & organisations, event catering, citizens' advice, computer learning centre, email & internet access, Madeley & District Community Association for help with transport to medical appointments, Madeley Parish Council meets in the Centre, a community bus is available for hire, we also have the New2U Charity Shop, Majestic Nails, Police and Post Office.

If there is something you are interested in that the Centre is not offering at the moment, then please talk to us and we will do our best to help get it started. Since the Madeley Centre opened there has been a huge increase in the range of opportunities on offer to local people. It offers far more activities than you would find in most communities of similar size, and we are hoping that even more people will take advantage of our unique facility.

### The Post Office

An outreach postal office operates from the Madeley Centre bar on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9.30am-12.30pm. Geoff Hollins, the postmaster, will help you:

- *post parcels using Royal Mail and Parcelforce*
- *withdraw cash from Post Office Card Account and major UK banks*
- *make bill payments*
- *tax your motor vehicle*
- *use Passport Check and Send*
- *obtain travel money and insurance*
- *open and operate Post Office Money savings*
- *obtain life, home and other insurance products.*

The Post Office is doing well but, to keep the service going, we need everyone to support it.

### Contacting the Police

The police station within the Madeley Centre is staffed throughout the week. You should contact the police to report a crime or for advice on crime prevention.

**Call 101** for non-emergency matters.

Use **999** for emergency situations.

Non-urgent local enquiries may be made to:

PCSO Colin Hodgkinson 07812 967361

[colin.hodgkinson@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:colin.hodgkinson@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk),

who works from the Madeley Centre with other colleagues.

### Heart Start Emergencies

Thanks to the efforts of Madeley Parish Council and the First Responders a new defibrillator has been fitted next to the noticeboard to the right of the Centre's main entrance. To use it, dial the number on the box for an access code. Remove the defibrillator, switch it on and follow the spoken instructions.

Annual Summer Fayre  
Sunday 14th July 12.00pm - 3.00pm  
Activities for all ages

## Heating Problems

For the fourth winter in a row the Madeley Centre's heating system has struggled to cope with the cold weather. We want to apologise to our regular users who have had to wear thermals to cope with the conditions, and we should like to thank everyone for their patience. The underfloor-heating pipes have been thoroughly flushed out to remove debris and air-locks. Three pumps have been replaced and numerous activators and thermostats. We have seen a big improvement in the past two weeks, but now the Ground Source Heat Pump is showing a high-pressure fault and shutting down. This is trying for all, but we are determined to find a solution.

## Making Complaints

With over 60 groups using the Centre and many events taking place there, problems arise from time to time. If there are things we can do better then please tell us. We do our best to deal with issues courteously and to learn from mistakes. Our staff, which includes many volunteers, ask in return for your courtesy and understanding.

## Friends Membership

Over 160 people have already registered as Friends of the Madeley Centre. This gives them membership of a growing social group. It puts them on the mailing list to hear about new events and enables them to claim discounts on events run by the Centre. To become a Friend you can complete a form in the Centre or send an email request with your name and telephone number to: [finance@madeleycentre.co.uk](mailto:finance@madeleycentre.co.uk).

## Music at the Madeley Centre

If you have not been to one already, do come and experience one of our concerts. We have great performers playing a wide range of music in a very friendly atmosphere.

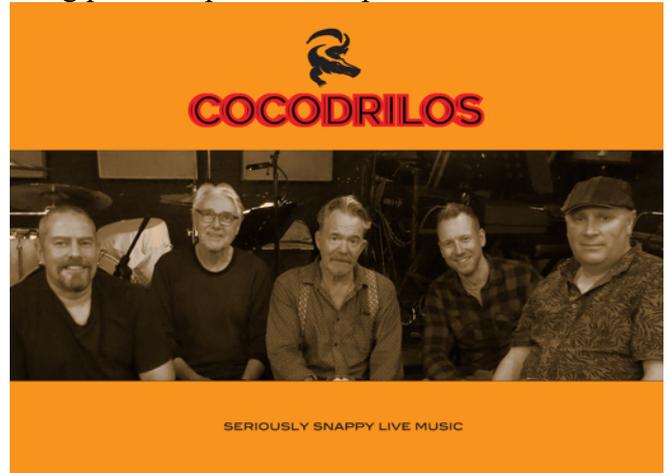
### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May

**Both Sides Now:** the Joni Mitchell Celebration Concert. Showcasing the outstanding voice of Sarah Miller and her 5-piece band.



### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June

**Cocodrilos:** An evening of Soul, Funk and Latin played by an accomplished band showcasing material from Stevie Wonder, Al Jarreau and Sting plus self-penned compositions.



Tickets to all concerts: £12.50 on the door. £10 bought in advance by Friends of the Madeley Centre.

## Garden volunteers

June Potter has kindly agreed to help us maintain the small flower beds in the inner courtyard, but she would welcome a little bit of help. There is a very nice 3-foot conifer that she would like to have removed – a small donation for the conifer would give her some money to buy a few flowers. If you like gardening and have a bit of time on your hands, we would welcome help to improve the outside beds and to maintain some planters to give the Centre a welcoming splash of colour. Please contact June, via the Centre Office, if you would like to help. The Centre will provide a small budget for new plants, bulbs and seeds.

## Opening hours

**The Centre:** opens at 8.30am on weekdays and 10.30 on Sundays (until 3pm). It is used most evenings for events and closes when the last event ends. Saturday opening is by arrangement.

**Office Hours:** 10.30am to 4pm each day.

**Café:** 9.30-4.00 Weekdays, 10-3.00 Sundays

## Contacts

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