



# Welcome to our MAYFACS eNewsletter

Mayfield & Five Ashes Community Services [www.mayfacs.org.uk](http://www.mayfacs.org.uk) 01435 873888

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Registered Charity No. 1166647

**MAYFACS OFFICE OPENING TIMES:** Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday between 10am - 1pm every week.  
Helpline phone number is monitored Monday to Friday only.

**MAYFACS OFFICE Helpline Number:** Please use our 01435 873888 number for COMMUNITY CAR REQUESTS and GENERAL HELP rather than our direct mobile numbers which are not checked every day. We know it rings for a long time, but do leave a message on our answerphone as the phones are checked DAILY (Monday to Friday office hours only) and we will call you back as soon as possible. We do not answer the landline due to confidentiality whilst we have open offices. **The Helpline and our Mobile Phones are not in operation over the weekends and evenings, so if you leave us a message over Saturday and Sunday, this will not be picked up until the following working day.**



## JULY MAYFACS eNews

### Celebrating 10 years of MAYFACS!!!!

Thanks to everyone who came along and supported our Anniversary Gala on 12<sup>th</sup> June, and huge thanks to our sponsors of the evening, including Mercator Digital, Middle House, Alsop & Walker, Fine Wines of Mayfield, Henners, Lakedown Brewing, Mayfield Gin, Mousehall, Temper Temper, The Pished Fish and Tilsmore Wines. We raised over £7000 for MAYFACS, with a fantastic auction contributing to this amount!! We are incredibly grateful to all the companies who donated auction prizes to us as well, and these are all listed on our website.



Celebrations continue with our **Summer Garden Party on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2pm – 4pm** in Five Ashes. Join us for an afternoon of food, refreshments, entertainment and celebration! **RSVP to confirm attendance (free to attend, but catering numbers are required)** and transport is available on request from Mayfield and Five Ashes (main bus stop). Contact us on [freya@mayfacs.org.uk](mailto:freya@mayfacs.org.uk) for more information.

Our **Online Art Auction** is now live for bidding on 15 incredible donated art pieces by local artists – scan the QR code here or visit our website to browse the Art catalogue on [www.mayfacs.org.uk/10years](http://www.mayfacs.org.uk/10years) . Or pop into the office for the paper copy of the Art Catalogue.

### Bidding Closes Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 8pm.

Thank you to our artists for donating their work. (if you would like to be involved in future projects please email [clare@mayfacs.org.uk](mailto:clare@mayfacs.org.uk))

### MAYFACS CHARITY ONLINE ART AUCTION

MAYFACS are excited to be launching our inaugural online ART AUCTION of original pieces donated by talented local Artists to raise funds for MAYFACS

To register your bid or find out more please scan the QR code

Opens : Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026 6pm  
Closes: Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2026 8pm

Tickets £1 each

**MAYFACS 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY RAFFLE**

Prizes have kindly been donated by local businesses  
for a full list of prizes please visit  
[www.mayfacs.org.uk](http://www.mayfacs.org.uk)

To be drawn at MAYFACS Office London House on 27th July at 12:00pm

Registered under the Gambling Act 2005, London: Waverley District Council, Reg. Charity No. 1100047  
Promoter: MAYFACS London House, High Street, Mayfield TN20 6AQ  
Tickets are not transferable and may not be purchased by persons under 18 years of age.

You can also support us by buying **Anniversary Raffle tickets**. Available from the Mayfacs office and at the Garden Party – will be drawn 27<sup>th</sup> July. Amazing selection of prizes.

*All funds raised during our 10-year celebrations go towards supporting the work of MAYFACS within our community and every pound raised really makes a huge difference to ensuring MAYFACS is around for another 10 years! Thank you!*

**MAYFACS 10 year Anniversary Celebrations**

We would like to thank the following organisations for supporting our Anniversary events:

**MAYFACS 10 year Anniversary Celebrations**

Specialist Food and Drinks kindly donated by:

**MAYFACS 10 year Anniversary Celebrations**

Auction Prizes kindly donated by:

And our thanks to the Private Individuals who have kindly donated to our Auction

### Fundraising for MAYFACS

**Paint and Sip** – Thank you to those that attended our June paint & Sip and thanks to Kelly from Wills’s Whims for covering our lovely Ele whilst she is on Maternity Leave!

Next date is Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at Mayfield Cricket Club. To register your interest please email [Freya@mayfacs.org.uk](mailto:Freya@mayfacs.org.uk)

### Recycling your Ink Cartridges for MAYFACS

Don’t forget that we are collecting empty ink cartridges, sending them off for recycling and turning them into funds for MAYFACS! To date we have had over £200 raised from boxes sent off for recycling – not only raising funds for our charity, but also reducing landfill! Cartridges can either be dropped to MAYFACS office or to Mayfield Post Office (please note, toners are not accepted apologies!). Thank you!

### Giving in Memory for MAYFACS

Giving in Memory is a lasting way to celebrate a loved one’s life while providing opportunities and support for the future within our community. By dedicating a donation in the name of a loved one their legacy continues to build a more resilient community, providing vital support and connection to those who need it most.

[www.mayfacs.org.uk/givinginmemory](http://www.mayfacs.org.uk/givinginmemory) is a new section on our website to give you more information on how to support MAYFACS through Legacy donations and Giving in Memory of your loved one. Thank you to all our supporters who have given in memory for MAYFACS.



## Regular Activities

Do you know someone that might like to be invited to come to any of our groups?

A Neighbour, A friend? Please bring them along! Don't forget all our groups are about getting out in our community and making connections with others whatever your age!

### Community Lunch Club – Next date 7<sup>th</sup> July at Mayfield Cricket Club

After our successful launch of our Community Lunch Club, we look forward to welcoming you back for another month! With huge thanks to funding from Community Action, we have been able to set up the Lunch Club in the idyllic location of Mayfield Cricket Club, with the Community Chef training our team of fabulous volunteers to prepare and serve a healthy and nutritious two-course lunch to our community, at an affordable donation. The food will include fresh produce where available from MAYFACS Community Garden and delicious meat donated by Leppards Butchers (thank you!!!)

The Lunch Club is open to ANYONE, of all ages, to enjoy social eating together - come on your own to meet new connections, bring a friend or two, or join us as a family or group. Transport is available to get to the club from both Mayfield High Street and Five Ashes Bus Stop (please contact us for details).



**Booking is essential** for us to ensure we cater for enough people each session and ensure any dietary requirements are catered for (veggie option will be available). Please contact us to book your space or find out more about our Lunch Clubs on [freya@mayfacs.org.uk](mailto:freya@mayfacs.org.uk) or 01435 873888.

### MAYFACS Moving Sounds returns Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> July at Five Ashes Village Hall 2pm – 3pm

We are so excited to be welcoming back Keith and his team of musicians to lead us in another 6 monthly sessions of Moving Sounds – this time at Five Ashes Village Hall, with thanks to funding support from Wealden District Council and East Sussex County Council.

Moving Sounds explores music and movement in a fun environment, and this year we are lucky to be receiving visits from our younger students at Five Ashes Primary School. Ideal for anyone with limited mobility – but welcomes everyone who enjoys music to come along and get involved as much or as little as you want!



Next session 22<sup>nd</sup> July, and then on every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. £2 per session, and transport is available to get to Five Ashes Village Hall if required. There is ample parking at the Hall as well.

### Bereavement Café (last Friday of each month, 10am – 12pm)

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July at Mayfield Cricket Club, Mayfield. 10am – 12pm

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2026 at RSM, The Institute, Rotherfield TN6 3LX 10am – 12pm

MAYFACS have partnered with Rotherfield St Martins (RSM) to build a welcoming and informal space for people who have experienced loss, to come together, talk and listen and support one another at a monthly Bereavement Café. We will be holding our Café on the last Friday of each month, and it will be alternating in location between Mayfield and Rotherfield.

Everyone is welcome to attend both locations, and the sessions will be run by the same team of volunteers each month. No need to book, but welcome to contact either MAYFACS or RSM for further information before coming if you prefer.



## Weekly English Lessons – Stopping at the end of July 2026 after 4 years!!

At the end of the month, our weekly English lessons for our Ukrainian families will be coming to a close after an incredible 4 years of learning with MAYFACS! English classes have naturally come to a conclusion as community needs change and families have moved to independent learning networks. Huge thanks to our volunteer teachers who have been working with individuals and groups across this time, delivering over 200 lessons and providing not only language development but also support and friendship – Thank you to **Jackie, Laura, Laurence, Cecile and Julia**.

## Little Munchkins Baby and Toddler Group (term time only).

**Last group will be running on 15<sup>th</sup> July before the summer holiday break. Back Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September.**

Please do join us every Wednesday (term time) from 9.15am – 11.15am at Mayfield Scout Hall for just £3 per family! All carers, grandparents and parents are very welcome! Lots of toys and activities available for the little ones, and a cuppa and chat for the others 😊

**PLEASE NOTE - SLIGHTLY AMENDED TIMINGS!** Due to the closure of the Court Meadow Car Park, and to allow the local schools to complete their drop off in the mornings, the group will begin at 9.15am to free up parking and access during the building works (however you can still access from 9am if you are dropping another child off earlier!



**MAYFACS COMMUNITY SHED**  
Merrieweathers Farm, East Street, Mayfield TN20 6RJ

The MAYFACS Shed and Community Garden is an opportunity for anyone to come along, meet some friendly people, work in the workshops or outdoor spaces on your own personal projects or community projects.

**WEEKLY SESSIONS**

MONDAY (Mixed Group) 9.30am - 12.30pm  
WEDNESDAY (Men's Group) 9.30am - 12.30pm  
THURSDAY (Mixed Group) 9.30am - 12.30pm

**REPAIR CAFES**

3rd Saturday of every month (no Cafe in December) at MAYFACS Shed (Refreshments available) 10am - 1pm.  
Community Cafe at Five Ashes on Sat 20th April 24

Bring your repairs along, join us for tea and cake, and get to know our Repairers! You are also welcome along without repairs! Volunteer Repairers always welcome!

For more information  
Email us on [theshed@mayfacs.org.uk](mailto:theshed@mayfacs.org.uk)  
Call MAYFACS on 01435 873888  
Visit our website [www.mayfacs.org.uk/the-shed](http://www.mayfacs.org.uk/the-shed)  
or Follow us on Facebook  
[www.facebook.com/MayfacsShed](http://www.facebook.com/MayfacsShed)

**MAYFACS Community Shed** holds 3 Sessions every week for anyone to come along and join in! With inside and new external workshop spaces available across all sessions every week, as well as the community garden, bee keeping and the orchard, there is plenty to get involved in whenever you are available! New Shedders always welcome!

For more information, please visit our website [www.mayfacs.org.uk/the-shed](http://www.mayfacs.org.uk/the-shed) or email [theshed@mayfacs.org.uk](mailto:theshed@mayfacs.org.uk)

**Our next Repair Café will take place at MAYFACS Shed on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July between 10am – 1pm (last repairs accepted 12.15pm)**

We welcome you to find out more about our Repair Cafes, join us for some tea and cakes (you do not need to bring a repair to attend!) and find out more about our MAYFACS Shed and MAYFACS community.

[www.facebook.com/mayfacsrepaircafe](http://www.facebook.com/mayfacsrepaircafe)

**There will be no monthly Scrabble group during July and August, but will be returning in September!**

## MONTHLY TRIPS – 2026 Trips Schedule

Monthly Trip places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please email or pop into the office to secure your place! If you would like to attend any of our trips but need some financial support, please talk to us in confidence.

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> July:** Arundel Wetland Centre £27.50 per person

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August:** Mousehall Spirits and Tidebrook Wines Tour and Tasting £20 per person

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September:** Hever Castle Craft Fair £28 per person

**Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> October:** Amelia Scott Tour of Museum £18



**MOUSEHALL**

Come and join us for our minibus trip to Mousehall Spirits and Tidebrook wines for a tour and tasting session  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2026  
£20 per person email [Freya@mayfacs.org.uk](mailto:Freya@mayfacs.org.uk) or phone 01435 873888 to book a place

**Volunteering Opportunities** – please contact the Mayfacs Office if you are interested in volunteering.

### **Support Services**

**MAYFACS UKRAINE SUPPORT HUB:** The support email address ([Ukrainesupport@mayfacs.org.uk](mailto:Ukrainesupport@mayfacs.org.uk)) continues to be available at all times and our phone line which is checked daily Monday to Friday (01435 873888) for any further support required, or please visit us at our office anytime to say hello. Our weekly **English Lessons** are at MAYFACS office every Tuesday 10.30 – 12.30 weekly at London House and are available for all our Ukrainian friends at various levels. Please contact the email

**Support for All on our website:** [www.mayfacs.org.uk](http://www.mayfacs.org.uk). Our website has specific information sections for **Youth Support** and **Dementia Support** available to everyone within our community and the surrounds. This is on top of signposting for **financial and other support**. Please do visit our website if you need any advise or help, or come into the office and chat with the team.

**SOCIAL MEDIA :** MAYFACS is on social media! Please follow us to keep up to date with our activities and to learn more about what we do! MAYFACS OFFICE [info@mayfacs.org.uk](mailto:info@mayfacs.org.uk) [www.mayfacs.org.uk](http://www.mayfacs.org.uk)



**BANK DETAILS:** (for donations, payments of trips and activities)

### **Mayfield & Five Ashes Community Services (MAYFACS)**

Account No 00029924 Sort Code 40-52-40

**Contact Details** – Lucy Jervis, Freya Huxtable, Clare Vosloo, Becky Smith, Gill Lawday

Telephone: 01435 873888 in the first instance and leave a message. We will phone you back.

Emails: [manager@mayfacs.org.uk](mailto:manager@mayfacs.org.uk), [freya@mayfacs.org.uk](mailto:freya@mayfacs.org.uk), [clare@mayfacs.org.uk](mailto:clare@mayfacs.org.uk), [becky@mayfacs.org.uk](mailto:becky@mayfacs.org.uk), [finance@mayfacs.org.uk](mailto:finance@mayfacs.org.uk); [theshed@mayfacs.org.uk](mailto:theshed@mayfacs.org.uk), [ukrainesupport@mayfacs.org.uk](mailto:ukrainesupport@mayfacs.org.uk), [info@mayfacs.org.uk](mailto:info@mayfacs.org.uk); [create@mayfacs.org.uk](mailto:create@mayfacs.org.uk).



## **MAYFACS SUPPORT SERVICES**

**MAYFACS has many services to help you should you need any additional support at any time. All requests will be treated in the strictest of confidence, and our team will do everything we can to ensure you have access to any help that you need - be it financial, personal, social or medical.**

### **Everyday Support Services**

With our incredible team of volunteers, we can support you should you need help with emergency shopping, collecting prescriptions, getting to our activities, navigating other support services and agencies, as well as borrowing a wheelchair, DVD or Jigsaw! If you need us for anything, please just get in touch, and if we can't help, we can tell you who can! We are here for everyone within our community.

### **Community Car Service**

Our Community Car Service ensures you can get to medical appointments when you may have no other way to get there and is open to anyone who needs to use it. Our growing team of volunteers can drive you to these appointments and get you safely home again. Whether it is a local appointment, or further afield, please contact us. This is a paid for service – literally covering the cost of providing the service and fuel for our drivers, however, if cost is a concern, please always let us know and we can look at ways we can support this for you.

### **Community Fridges**

Community Fridges are available at Heathfield, Hailsham and Uckfield and are open to anyone, no questions asked, to collect food as and when you need it. They are there to prevent food waste and support our environment by ensuring food goes to a home. They receive donations from supermarkets, cafes, local produce suppliers, and other generous donors, as well as the general public.

### **Food Bank Referrals**

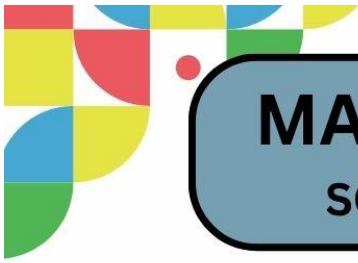
We are able to make referrals for families and individuals to local foodbanks for anyone in need of this support, be it short term or longer. Parcels are created for you, and specific requests/dietary requirements can also be accommodated. Collections or deliveries to your house are both available. Anyone who wishes to donate food to the local foodbanks can do so at their local supermarkets and help support others in need.

### **MAYFACS Hardship Fund**

You may be finding it difficult to make ends meet following the recent pandemic and cost of living crisis, or through a change in living or family situation. If you are finding it difficult and need some extra support, and live or work within Mayfield and Five Ashes, do contact us in confidence to discuss how we can support you through our Hardship Fund or email [hardshipfund@mayfacs.org.uk](mailto:hardshipfund@mayfacs.org.uk)



For more information about the above or any of MAYFACS activities and services, please visit us in London House, Mayfield, email us on [info@mayfacs.org.uk](mailto:info@mayfacs.org.uk) or call us on 01435 873888. Alternatively pick up our leaflets from various shops in Mayfield High St, Five Ashes Village Hall, Woodhill Surgery, information booths and our noticeboards! Join our eNewsletter mailing list or follow our social media or our website [www.mayfacs.org.uk](http://www.mayfacs.org.uk).



# MAYFACS MONTHLY TRIPS

## SCHEDULE JUNE - DECEMBER 2026



Monthly Trip places will be allocated on a first come first served basis and are open to everyone. To book please pop into the office, phone and leave a message or email [clare@mayfacs.org.uk](mailto:clare@mayfacs.org.uk)



Once you've booked with the office and confirmed there is space available, please pay ASAP to secure your place via:

- a) cheque or cash to the MAYFACS office
- b) card payments in MAYFACS office
- c) BACS transfer (please include your name and the name of the trip/s as the reference)



**Direct bank transfer details: Mayfield & Five Ashes Community Services (MAYFACS), Account Number 00029924, Sort Code 40 52 40**

Refunds can only be given at MAYFACS discretion. If you would like to attend any of our trips but need some financial support, please talk to us in confidence.



**Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> June** National Cat Centre at Ashdown Forest £12.50  
**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> July** Arundel Wetland centre £27.50  
**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Aug** Mousehall spirits and winery (Tour & Tasting) £20  
**Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Sep** Hever Castle craft fair £28  
**Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Oct** Amelia Scott Tour of museum Tunbridge Wells £18  
**Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Nov** Eric and Ern Show at Trinity Theatre (Matinee) £28  
**Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec** Bluewater Christmas shopping Trip £12



Most of the monthly trips leave Mayfield and Five Ashes at approx. 9-10am and are back about 4pm. The MAYFACS team will contact you a week or so before the Trip and arrange pick up times at our various stops. Because we have to pre order tickets and transport, we will not always be able to offer a refund should you cancel your place. If you are worried about accessibility for any of our activities or trips or have any questions please do let us know.

**Please visit our website [www.mayfacs.org.uk](http://www.mayfacs.org.uk) for updates of weekly activities or contact us at the MAYFACS Office on 01435 873888.**



# MAYFACS Weekly Activities

Mon

**MAYFACS Shed Session:** Monday 9.30am - 12.30pm Mixed Group  
Merrieweathers Farm, East Street, Mayfield TN20 6RJ.



Mon

**Yarners:** Chat and knit, sew and crochet in Sew Inspired shop in the High Street,  
£3.50 per person, 1.30-3.30pm.



Tue

**Men on the Move:** weekly "Walk and Talk" group for men, for any age.  
Meet in Court Meadow 9.30am. Free to attend.

Tue

**Tuesday Chat:** Regular meet up & chat with refreshments in Colkins Mill Church,  
Station Road. 2-3pm. £2. Every Tues apart from the first Tuesday of the month.

Tue

NEW

**Tuesday Lunch Club:** Starting 5th May 1st Tuesday of the month at Mayfield Cricket  
Club, Mayfield 12-2pm. Nutritious home cooked meal and friendly company  
provided. Please bring a small prize to share for the raffle. £8 per person



Wed

**Little Munchkins Baby & Toddler Group:** For all carers, parents & grandparents and  
under fives. Every Wednesday, term time only in the Scout Hall 9-11 am. £3 per family.

Wed

**MAYFACS Men's Shed Session:** Wednesday 9.30am - 12.30pm Men's Shed Group  
Merrieweathers Farm, East Street, Mayfield TN20 6RJ.



Wed

**Writing for fun:** A monthly group on 3rd Wednesday of the month at  
10am - 12pm in London House. £3 including refreshments.

Wed

**Wednesday Chat:** Monthly meet up & chat with refreshments in Five Ashes Village  
Hall. Every 2nd Wednesday 2-3pm £2.

Wed

NEW

**Moving Sounds (APR-SEPT):** A musical activity to bring people together. Every 4<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday, 2-3pm in Five Ashes Village Hall. £2.



Thur

**MAYFACS Shed Session:** Thursday 9.30am - 12.30pm Mixed Group  
Merrieweathers Farm, East Street, Mayfield TN20 6RJ.

Thur

**Poetry:** 1st Thursday 11-12.30 Coach House Cottage, Royal Oak Mews, Mayfield £2.

Thur

**Middle House Lunch:** 2nd Thursday of the month on a rota basis.  
12.30pm £12.50 for senior citizens living alone.



Thur

**Community Café Crowborough :** A dementia friendly group for people to come  
together to enjoy an activity and refreshments. Last Thursday of the month.  
2-4pm. Chaperoned transport available from Mayfield. Free to attend.



Fri

**Art at the MAYFACS Shed (APR-SEPT):** 2nd Friday of the month 10 -12 pm £5  
Materials and refreshments provided.

Fri

**Bereavement Cafe:** last Friday of the month 10- 12pm. Working with RSM,  
alternately at Mayfield Cricket Club and The Institute, Rotherfield. Refreshments  
provided. Free to attend



Fri

**MAYFACS Film Club (SEPT-MAR): Starts 25<sup>th</sup> Sept** Five Ashes Village Hall. Please  
see our programme of films. 1.45-4pm Film £6 . Transport from Mayfield £3.

Fri

**Board Games/Scrabble:** 3rd Friday of the month 2-4pm £3 at London House,  
bring a game or join in with others.



Sat

**MAYFACS Shed Monthly Repair Cafe** 3rd Saturday of every month (except Dec)  
open 10am - 1pm refreshments available. Last repair 12.15pm.

**No need to pre book, unless stated. Transport can be provided to attend our groups at a small charge, just contact us. Please visit [www.mayfacs.org.uk](http://www.mayfacs.org.uk) or contact us on 01435 873888**