



# MAWDESLEY PARISH COUNCIL **NEWSLETTER**

SPRING 2022



# Chairman's Chatter

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Mawdesley Parish Council Newsletter. As I write this article it still feels very much like winter with the February rain running down the windows and a pair of soggy dogs by my side. There are, however, already signs of spring as I walk through the village. Snow drops are already in bloom and the daffodils are not far behind. Your parish council have been as busy as ever trying to encourage the flora and fauna to thrive in the village. Thanks to our lengthsman, Peter Boardman and his able assistant and fellow Councillor Mike Henty, over the winter we've planted over 400 trees and shrubs, mainly on Moss Fields but also along some of the road verges. We've also planted hundreds of bulbs and so we very much hope this planting will benefit the future generations of our beautiful village.

We listened to the village, and you overwhelmingly told us that the theme for the Moss Fields should major on nature and conservation. The community orchard is now a reality with twelve fruit trees rooted on Moss Fields. Bird boxes and a bug house have been installed and a blossom circle will soon be added. I'm very much looking forward to the spring and summer blossom as the village benefits from all the investment in planting.

There's much community entertainment to look forward to this year. The Red Lion is under the safe stewardship of a Mawdesley family, Ian and Sarah Hewitt. They took over just before Christmas and already they have generated a new buzz in the old pub with many innovative events and social occasions being planned. There's a groundswell of support to restarting the very popular Mawdesley Tea Party co-ordinated by

David Reynolds and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations that Janine Clayton has kindly agreed to co-ordinate. With the creativity and community spirit in the village I'm sure these extremely important social initiatives will help us not only recover from Covid but grow from strength to strength.

Every year the Parish Council invite community groups to apply for funding for capital projects. This year we approved the donation of £600 to the Cricket Club for a new field gate, £2,500 to the Millennium Green for new recycling bins, £2,500 to the Village Hall for modern stage lighting and £400 to Mawdesley Scouts for new equipment storage facilities – all of which help to enhance Mawdesley as a village community.

Finally, I'd like to encourage everyone to get involved in supporting the village. There are many ways to do so, and it doesn't have to mean significant time or money. We very much welcome the community's ideas and opinions and so if you would like to get involved at any level please contact any of the parish councillors (contact details are at the back of this newsletter) or look out for our facebook page and newly re-established website (<https://mawdesleypc.uk>). You can also get involved by standing for election to the Parish Council. There will be elections this May and we encourage anyone with a passion for volunteering to support the village in this way to have a go.

I look forward to seeing many of you around our village supporting the many fun community events throughout the year.

**Colin Freeman**  
Chairman, Mawdesley Parish Council

# Mawdesley Walking Day & Tea Party 2022



The Mawdesley with Bispham Tea Party Committee are delighted to announce the return of Walking Day and the Tea Party celebrations for 2022, which we think is fantastic news after the event could not take part for the last two years, and particularly in this year of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

For those of you who are new to the village, Walking Day falls on the second Saturday in July and commences with a short service at St. Peter's Church before a procession makes its way from the church down to The Eagle & Child, accompanied by a brass band, morris dancers and brightly decorated floats. After a short refreshment break, the procession returns back to Mawdesley, making its way along High Street, New Street and Hall Lane (perhaps with another refreshment break at the Red Lion!) before turning at Stocks Hall and then back to Rectory Field for lashings of high tea in the marquee and an evening party to talk about for many months thereafter!

The Tea Party nearly folded 30 years ago but the willingness of a group of young people

back then thought otherwise and re-established it and others have allied themselves to its continuance ever since. It is now time for a new generation to help keep the tradition alive. The Tea Party is the envy of many villages in our area, combining in a traditional way, both a walk of witness and celebration of our community and is one of the finest of the events of the summer in Mawdesley (and there is a great deal of competition!)

The committee would love to hear of any offers of help and support from anyone who can help in any way.

In particular, more banner carriers are wanted following the sad passing of Chris Lyon, although I know his sons are all keen to carry on their dad's proud tradition.

If you think you can help in any way, please drop an email to David Reynolds at [rectordavid@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rectordavid@hotmail.co.uk)

# Mawdesley Methodist Church

**We want to welcome you to our community**

**What we already offer...**

- *Weekly welcoming church service at 10.30am followed by refreshments, friends and time to chat*
- *Monthly Kids Klub (1st Sunday)*
- *Baptisms, weddings, funerals by arrangement*
- *There are various community activities already held in the church room*
- *Church room and facilities available to hire*

**See our website**

<http://www.lancashirewest.org.uk>

**Follow us on Facebook**

Mawdesley Methodist Church

**Contact us at**

Mawdesley Methodist Church,  
Gorsey Lane, Mawdesley, L40 3TF

**Our minister is Stephen Foster**

*He would be delighted to speak with you in person*

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**Church Stewards**

David and Jane Allen

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**Church Room Lettings**

Neill and Ruth Thompson

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Tel 01704 822 550

On Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th March we are hosting a weekend of art and music activities.

Our art exhibition will showcase the talents of the Mawdesley U3A art group and other local artists.

With over 80 exhibits on display in the church and church room. From oil paintings, watercolours, pastels, and acrylics, there is sure to be something to satisfy everyone's taste, and many of the exhibits will be available to buy.

Locally based master potter Stephen Kingsford, who is a member of our church, will be demonstrating how he makes beautiful hand-crafted garden and patio pots in terracotta. His unique range of pots will be available to buy, or order, in a wide range of sizes. See more @ [StephenKingsfordGardenTerracotta](#).

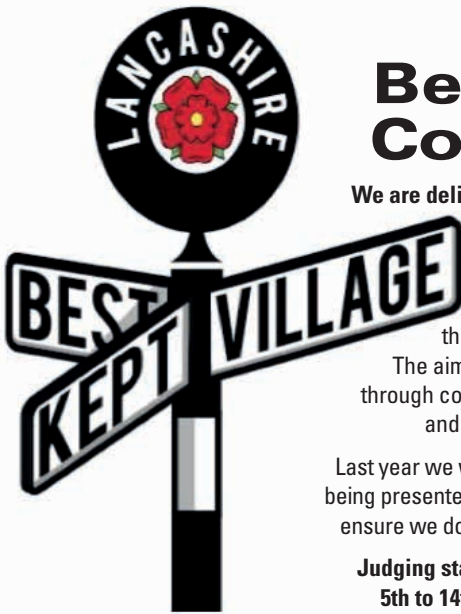
From 7am on Saturday our organist, David Fletcher, will embark on a sponsored 'Hymnathon' to raise funds for a new church sound and projection system. David will play his way through all 823 hymn tunes from the church hymn book 'Hymns and Psalms' continuously, back to back. This is a mammoth undertaking and will be going on alongside the art exhibition. You can sponsor David, or make a request to hear him play all the verses of your favourite hymn, to help raise money for the sound system. Which is the hymn you remember singing at school, or from your wedding day, or even in March, what about your favourite carol? Requests can be made in person on the day or this is the link to the Just giving page [https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Hymnathon12?utm\\_term=EmMpW6PYJ](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Hymnathon12?utm_term=EmMpW6PYJ) Donating through Justgiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Thank you for your donations.

As you would expect, during both days, refreshments, including home baked cakes, will be available.



# Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2022

We are delighted to be entering our lovely Village into Lancashire's Best Kept Village Competition.



The competition focuses on the hundreds of rural, semi-rural and industrial villages that give Lancashire its sense of history and time.

The aims of the competition then, as now, are to encourage, through community effort and involvement, a high standard of care and maintenance in Lancashire villages and hamlets.

Last year we were successful in gaining several awards with certificates being presented at the December Parish Council meeting. Please help us to ensure we do even better this year by keeping the village clean and tidy.

**Judging starts from 1st June to 17th July; secondary judging from 5th to 14th August and final judging from 23rd to 25th August.**

The Platinum Jubilee of Elizabeth II of Queen Elizabeth II is being celebrated in 2022 in the Commonwealth to mark the 70th anniversary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth II on 6 February 1952.

It is hoped that as many as possible will be celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee on the Millennium Green on Sunday 5th June.



Further  
details  
to follow...

Mawdesley Branch



Patron Her Majesty The Queen

# EASTER BINGO

**Friday, 25th March, 2022**

**Mawdesley Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**Doors open at 6.30pm**

**Admission Free**

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- Children welcome accompanied by an adult •

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# Awards success at

# Cedar Farm

Just before Christmas, Cedar Farm were notified that they had been shortlisted as one of Lancashire's top 'Small Visitor Attractions' in the 2021 Lancashire Tourism Awards.

And in February, they found out that not only did they win their category, officially becoming the No1. Small Visitor Attraction in Lancashire, but they have also been selected to represent Lancashire at the national Visit England Awards for Excellence later in the year.

We wish them luck in the finals!

## And retirement beckons...

After 34 years of joining corners, measuring mounts and cutting glass, Sally and Paul O'Farrell have decided to close the Frame Shop at Cedar Farm.

Sally and Paul opened the Frame Shop in 1988: with the aim to provide a high-quality, bespoke picture framing service. The new business was a lot to take on for the couple, who were already busy raising 3 children and working full time jobs (Sally running the Gallery and Paul, an Art teacher) Though it wasn't long before their careful and precise work shone through to create a reputation that would bring returning customers from far and wide.

Since then, thousands of customers have passed through the shop with all kinds of strange and fabulous artworks and objects. From rare Polish film posters to boxing gloves and intricate tapestries, there have been many requests that have challenged (and often flummoxed) the creative pair. Sally and Paul care deeply about their customers and that has

always shone through in the care and detail of their framing work.

Now, after 34 years, they have decided to finally hang up their tools and retire. Somehow finding themselves in their 70's, it's time for them to play and explore the world (in between looking after the grandchildren)

We wish you a long and happy retirement



# An important update from Parish Councillor Grahame Green regarding road safety

The Highway Code has changed. The 29th of January updates affect driver priority, pedestrian and cyclist rights of way, mobile phone use behind the wheel and broader use of fines for poor or dangerous driving.

## **Rule H1: New hierarchy of road users**

Drivers of vehicles that can cause the greatest harm in the event of a collision bear the greatest responsibility to take care and reduce the danger to others. This principle applies most strongly to drivers of HGVs, LGVs, cars/taxis and motorcycles. Cyclists and horse riders likewise have a responsibility to reduce danger to pedestrians.

## **Rule H2: New priority for pedestrians at junctions**

At a junction, drivers, motorcyclists, horse riders and cyclists should give way to pedestrians crossing or waiting to cross a road into which or from which you are turning. You should give way to pedestrians waiting to cross a zebra crossing (currently you only have to give way if they're already on the crossing), and to pedestrians and cyclists waiting to cross a parallel crossing.

## **Rule H3: New priority for cyclists when cars are turning**

You should not cut across cyclists, horse riders or horse drawn vehicles going ahead when you are turning into or out of a junction or changing direction or lane. This applies whether they are using a cycle lane, a cycle track, or riding ahead on the road and you should give way to them. Do not turn at a junction if to do so would cause the cyclist, horse rider or horse drawn vehicle going straight ahead to stop or swerve. You should stop and wait for a safe gap in the flow of cyclists if necessary.

Other key amendments include clearer guidance for drivers to leave a distance of at least 1.5 metres when overtaking cyclists.

Drivers are also encouraged to reduce the risk of an accident by opening their door by using the hand on the opposite side, as it is more likely to lead to them looking over their shoulder.

For more detailed rules **The Highway Code: 8 changes you need to know from 29 January 2022 - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))**

Hitting a pedestrian at 40 mph there is a 90 percent chance they will be killed.

At 35 mph there is a 50 percent chance they will be killed.

At 30 mph there is a 20 percent chance they will be killed.

At 20 mph there is a 2.5 percent chance they will be killed.

**Between the two 20mph signs on New Street it is approximately 0.5 mile**

**Driving at 20 mph will take 1 minute 30 seconds.**

**Driving at 30 mph will take 1 minute.**

**Surely a person's life is worth half a minute of someone's time?**





THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

# Mawdesley U3A celebrated 15 successful years in 2021

We are an organisation run by members for members and thanks to Zoom, Skype and a twice weekly newsletter, we were able to provide a lifeline for many members throughout lockdown.

Back in May last year, as restrictions were lifted, we started meeting for a socially distanced coffee & chat with friends on the Millennium Green.

Gradually most of our groups have reopened and we are now back in full swing at the Village Hall.

There have been over 100 people regularly attending the Wednesday Community Mornings as people become more confident to meet in public again.

Anyone who is no longer in full time employment is welcome to join.

[www.u3asites.org.uk/mawdesley](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/mawdesley)

**theWI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN

## JOIN MAWDESLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

For over 100 years the WI has given women a voice and prides itself on being an organisation which is a trusted place for women of all generations to share experiences and learn from each other.

We enjoy, speakers, trips and socialising and meet at 7.00pm on every 4th Thursday in the month at Mawdesley Village Hall, Hurst Green.

Why not come along to our next meeting and help us to continue our mission to support local women both now and in the future.

For more information contact Wendy on  
**01704 822509, 07966 567383** or email  
[wendyholbeche@yahoo.com](mailto:wendyholbeche@yahoo.com)



# MAWDESLEY VILLAGE SHOW 2022

We are looking for an individual or a group of people who would be interested in planning and organising one of the most popular annual village events, which sadly could not take place over the past 2 years due to the coronavirus pandemic.

We would expect to see all the popular competitions for local people to participate in, such as horticulture, home baking, art, photography etc. Any new events or categories could be included, especially those involving children and young people.

Full support and funding will be available from Mawdesley Village Hall Trustees and all volunteers would be most welcome in helping to stage this fantastic community event.

If you are interested in taking part or would like to know more please get in touch with the village hall as soon as possible.

Also, if you are a previous winner and are in possession of a shield/cup/trophy would you please arrange to return it to the village hall in readiness for the next show.





# **Little Acorns Pre-School**

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If you want to know more about what is happening at the hall or have any ideas and suggestions you would like to make, please visit our website at [www.mawdesleyvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.mawdesleyvillagehall.co.uk) or Facebook **Mawdesley Village Hall**.

If you wish to contact us directly, please email [mvh.events@gmail.com](mailto:mvh.events@gmail.com) or call **07557 818803**.

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# THE RUFFORTH RUN

# RUFFORD'S

## SINCE 1576



  
**THE RED LION**  
MAWDESLEY

*Fiddler's*  
**LANCASHIRE**  
CRISPS  
HAND-COOKED IN OIL ON OUR FISH

## RUFFORTH RUN

TO BRING BACK AND PAY HOMAGE TO  
THE OLDEST PRATO IN ENGLAND

SAT 21ST MAY

PUT THAT IN YOUR PIPE & SMOKE IT,  
SIR WALTER RALEIGH

# THE OLDEST POTATO IN ENGLAND

15 YEARS BEFORE

**SIR WALTER RALEIGH**

PRESENTED THE HUMBLE POTATO TO

**QUEEN ELIZABETH I.**

AN IRISH TRADING SHIP WAS WRECKED ON  
**FORMBY BEACH.**



THE SHIP WAS RETURNING FROM SPAIN.

ITS CARGO WAS A CURIOUS TUBER FROM THE NEW WORLD.

THESE STRANGE LITTLE THINGS WERE PLANTED IN

**CROSBY AND RUFFORD.**

THE LOAMIE BLACK SOIL OF RUFFORD WAS IDEALLY SUITED FOR THE TUBERS' NEEDS.

THUS, THE FOLLOWING YEAR,

**1576,**

THE FIRST POTATO WAS DUG UP FROM ENGLISH SOIL.

**AND THE RUFFORD POTATO WAS BORN.**

**NOW THAT IS SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE!**

SATURDAY 21ST MAY WILL MARK THE INAUGURAL

**RUFFORTH RUN**

FROM

**THE RED LION MAWDESLEY TO FIDDLER'S FARM RUFFORD**

AND BACK.

WE ARE PAYING HOMAGE TO THE MIGHTY RUFFORD.

THE OLDEST PRATO IN ENGLAND.

THE RUFFORTH RUN  
**RUFFORD'S**  
SINCE 1576



**ITINERARY - SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY**

MEET AT THE RED LION IN VINTAGE CARS, TRACTORS,  
BIKES, TRUCKS, BUGGIES ETC.

AFTER A REVING UP, WE WILL SET OFF TO FIDDLER'S FARM RUFFORD.

ON ARRIVAL AT FIDDLER'S,  
WE WILL CEREMONIOUSLY DIG UP THE FIRST RUFFORDS OF THE SEASON.

LOADED WITH RUFFORDS, WE ABOUT FACE AND HEAD BACK TO THE LION.

BACK AT THE LION,  
TOM, OUR CHEF, WILL BOIL UP THE RUFFORDS.

THE ODE TO THE RUFFORD WILL BE RECITED  
AS THE RUFFORDS ARE SLATHERED IN BUTTER.

WHOMSOEVER EATS THE MOST RUFFORDS IN THE ALLOTTED TIME  
WILL BE KNIGHTED AS **TOP PRATO**  
THEIR NAME BE ADDED TO THE RUFFORTH CUP, WHICH WILL  
BE PROUDLY DISPLAYED IN THE TAPROOM BAR.

LIVE MUSIC AND MERRIMENT WILL FOLLOW!



## Please support your local shops and businesses

Please remember to carry on visiting your local shops and support local businesses to keep them here. Thank you.

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## Newsletter Deadline

The Summer issue deadline is Monday 16th May.

If you wish to place an advert in the next newsletter, please forward this to the Clerk via e-mail noting the deadline. Kindly note limited space is available.

Full page advert £55; half page £30. Email: [Mawdesleyparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:Mawdesleyparishcouncil@gmail.com)

## Dates of Forthcoming Parish Council Meetings

Tuesday 8th March - Tuesday 12th April - Tuesday 10th May  
in Mawdesley Village Hall at 7.30pm

Please remember the public are welcome to attend and during the open forum can raise any issues, concerns or matters of interest as notified to the Chairman.

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