



MAWDESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

WINTER 2021 NEWSLETTER

Chairman's Chatter

The Parish Councillors have been busy again supporting the Mawdesley community with a range of initiatives and projects for improvement to our village environment and facilities. As a Council we've always got the interests of the environment in mind. Whether it's looking out for the protection of the greenbelt and sustainability in our reviews of planning applications, the litter collection, or the various community projects we sponsor each year we're always mindful of the impact on nature and the wildlife habitat.

On Moss Fields this winter, we're planting 420 trees and shrubs kindly donated by the Woodland Trust. We think this will offer a splash of all rear round colour and a generous habitat for the birds and bees. We're also following up on the popular suggestion of a community orchard and have bought twelve fruit trees to be planted on Moss Fields. For a small contribution these memorial trees are available to be adopted on a first come first served basis. Please contact the Parish Council for details. And there's more, thanks to the initiative of Steph Poole and Liz Handford we're planting a blossom circle as a peaceful place for all to enjoy.

Building and development in the village is again a concern evidenced by the number of residents who contact us about tree felling and planning applications. We were grateful to Councillor Boardman for attending the November meeting to give us the benefit of his experience and insight as our Ward Councillor. Anyone can register their comments on planning applications or to apply for a tree protection order (TPO) via the Chorley Borough Council website. The more comments they receive the better their perspective on what's important to our village.



There are several sources of funding available to the village for infrastructure and community projects. Each year the Parish Council receive applications for capital projects and many organisations have benefited from a grant donation. There's also Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding from Chorley Borough Council. The Parish Council can use this money to improve the village infrastructure. If you have any good ideas about projects that would benefit the community, please ask Trish our new Parish Clerk for an application form. Cllr Boardman is encouraging the Parish Council to come up with projects which address community 'need'. Matched funding for such projects is potentially available from Chorley Borough Council and so we'd like to hear from the village about what would serve us now and into the future.

I have it on good authority that on 17th December Santa will be visiting Mawdesley to check in on us prior to the big day. He'll be taking a sleigh ride through the village from 5:30pm. Look out for him and give him an encouraging wave. Special thanks again go to the Silcock family for the donation of the Christmas tree. By the time you read this the lights will have been turned on to the accompaniment of The Red Admiral brass band and carol singers.

This is a photo of the sunset over Moss Fields, taken from one of the new memorial benches.



Friday 17th December
5:30pm

Santa's 2021 Trail

Santa is returning to Mawdesley this year and is looking forward to seeing you all on Friday 17th December.

He'll be leaving his base at Crook Hall Farm at 5:30pm and this year he'll be heading up to Bispham Green to see all the boys and girls before returning to Mawdesley.

He'll be coming up High Street before turning into Brookfield, The Willows and Ashtrees and then up Gorsey Lane to Back Lane, Bradshaw Lane, Dark Lane and Hall Lane and then back to the Christmas Tree where he'll be joined by a group of carol Singers to help welcome him back to Mawdesley.

We hope to see you out on the route or down at the Christmas Tree for lots of waving and Christmas Cheer!



Advent & Christmas Services at St. Peters Mawdesley with Bispham

28th November

1st Sunday of Advent 9:30am Family Worship

5th December

2nd Sunday of Advent - 8:00am - BCP Holy Communion

11:00am - Holy Communion

12th December

3rd Sunday of Advent - 11:00am - Holy Communion

4:00pm - Christingle Service

19th December

4th Sunday of Advent - 11:00am - Carol Service

24th December

Christmas Eve - 6:30pm

Eucharist of the Holy Nativity by Candlelight

**No services here on Christmas Day,
9:15am at Croston, 11am Bretherton**

26th December

1st Sunday of Christmas - 11:00am - Holy Communion

*A series of online daily readings, reflection,
and questions to ponder between
Christmas Eve and the Epiphany (6 January).*

What lies close to the heart of Christmas for you?

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St. Peter's Mawdesley w Bispham



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND





A Humble, Faithful and Dedicated Man

Following a request from the family of the late John Radford, David Reynolds, former Rector of the Parish of Mawdesley has written a few words regarding John (1945 – 2021)

A Humble, Faithful and Dedicated Man. I thought the folk of Mawdesley might want to learn of the recent passing of John Radford.

John was hugely respected in Mawdesley and contributed immensely to its life. Typical of John, he never wanted any acknowledgement or praise for the many things he did. In the early days here, he was involved in 'It's a Knockout', worked hard for the Millennium Green, and for many years was the licensee of the Village Hall. He also served on a number of local school Governing Bodies. His funeral and burial took place at St Peters. The church was packed.

A common theme among the tributes spoke of John's humility and his ability to be a peacemaker. That is something I can testify to. At a number of feisty meetings, we both attended John was always the calming spirit. For me he is epitomised in the words of the delightful hymn 'Dear Lord and Father of Mankind' which closes with the words, 'Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.'

John latterly was a faithful and dedicated churchwarden at St Peters and no doubt many will have met him when coming for weddings baptisms and funerals. His was the face of welcome and we greatly mourn his loss and his friendly smile. Of course, our thoughts and prayers at this time are with his wife Elizabeth and children Anne and Andrew and the wider family.

Mawdesley Methodist Church

*We want to welcome
you to our community*

Events in December...

Saturday 4th December from 10am

Christmas Coffee Morning including raffle and tombola, hand made crafts. Children from St. Peters CE Primary School will join us to sing a selection of songs and carols.

Christmas Eve at 7pm Candlelit Carol Service

Join with us for traditional carols, to hear the Christmas story through traditional readings and festive music sung by the choir, followed by light refreshments in the church room.

Christmas Day Service 10.30am

Come and worship with us as we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

EVENTS TO LOOK OUT FOR IN 2022

Art Exhibition

Paintings and artwork displayed by local artists.

Pottery Demonstration

A local potter will be showing how to throw garden pots, and these will be on sale.

Sponsored Hymnathon

When, for as long as it takes, our organist will play all the hymns in our hymn book.

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 Room Lettings

Neill and Ruth Thompson
neillruth23@gmail.com
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St Peter's C of E Primary School

Primary School. It was so lovely to welcome everyone back (especially our new reception children) ready for the first term – a term full of new challenges, plenty of learning and of course, lots of fun!



Forest School started again, with the children full of enthusiasm about learning outside in our beautiful village. There was also much excitement as our new box of Forest School equipment arrived. We now have hammocks, palms drills, tarpaulin, various tools and whittling and carving equipment. The children have been investigating how to use these to the best effect when they have been doing Forest School activities. We are really lucky to have Burt's Moss and the Millennium Green so close to our school, as there's always something new to learn about there. The children have



been amazed by the different types of fungus there – none more so than 'Witches Finger!' They have also enjoyed den building and making fires in our firepit at school, where of course marshmallows had to be toasted!



THE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK
YOUTH TRUST
Be the Change you want to see

Class 3 started their Archbishop of York Youth Trust Young Leader's Award in September where they learn by the motto 'Be the change you want to see'. Already we have seen great leadership skills taking place in various ways. There has been plenty of help given to the young leaders' neighbours and families: taking bins out for neighbours, having a sort out of old toys and clothes and donating them to charity, cleaning family and friends' cars, cooking family meals and so the list goes on. This will lead to the children planning a community project to 'be the change they want to see in the community'.



As a whole school, the children have been thinking about the environment and the current COP26 Conference that has been taking place. After learning a bit more about it, the children have all made pledges, thinking about ways that they can help. We discussed that many little changes can help to bring about a bigger change.

The children's pledges are displayed at our school entrance – they are proud of their ideas, which range from making sure they turn the lights off when they leave a room, to encouraging parents to prepare at least one vegetarian meal a week.



Our Remembrance Service this year was very personal to our children, as they brought in photographs of family members who had served in the wars. Our head boy and head girl read a poem, prayers were read by a class 2 member, and the youngest and the eldest pupils laid the wreath, which was very kindly donated by Bay Tree Flower Farm.



Our school is such a happy and busy place. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you would like to learn more.



Little Acorns Pre-School Hurst Green, Mawdesley

Our sessions this term:

Monday:	9am – 3.30pm
Tuesday:	noon – 3.30pm
Wednesday:	9am – 3.30pm
Thursday:	noon – 3.30pm
Friday:	noon – 3.30pm

Is your child starting school in 2022?

We have pre-school places available for 3 and 4 year olds now. If you would like to visit or find out more please email our Pre-school Manager, Marion Connett via our website.



www.littleacornspreschool.org

Cricket Club News 2021

MAWDESLEY CC LADIES WINNERS OF THE 2021 LIVERPOOL COMPETITION WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Interested in joining our ladies section next summer? Saturday morning training, loads of fun and a good laugh and a great way to keep fit and stay in shape. Beginners very welcome. For more information call **Mel on 07747 747 424**.



NEW JUNIORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

As well as our Women's and Men's Senior teams we have over 100 youngsters playing cricket ranging from 5 to 18 years old. In the summer we run an ECB All Stars programme for boys and girls from the ages of 5 to 8 on Sunday mornings as well as a Girls only Dynamos group for girls for 8 to 11. We have junior teams at Under 9's, Under 11's, Under 13's, Under 15's and Under 18's. For more information on our junior programmes, including the 2022 pre-season winter programme which starts in January, please contact **Mike on 07813 170 765**.

The Cricket Club is always looking to provide opportunities for people to get involved in one or more of our teams. The Club is always in need of scorers and umpires, so if you have an interest in the sport please contact us.

For more information, please contact us.

THE CRICKET CLUB CELEBRATED THREE BIG WINS IN 2021 AND IS LOOKING FORWARD TO EVEN MORE SUCCESS IN 2022.

LANGASHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE CRICKET GROUND WINNERS & BEST GROUND IN THE LEAGUE WINNERS 2021



If you would like to join the team that looks after the ground, please contact us. Lots of fresh air, good company, a nice cup of tea [and biscuits occasionally!] on offer. No skills needed, just enthusiasm, a happy demeanour and a willingness to get struck in. Lots of grass to cut, hedges to trim and general maintenance to carry out all at a gentle pace. For more information contact Martin on 01704 821023

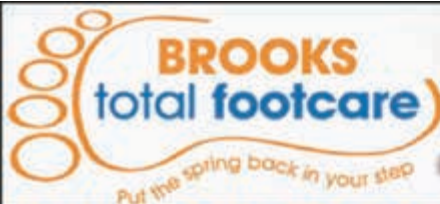
T20 GEO. DALTON TROPHY WINNERS 2022

The men's first team won the Geo. Dalton cup for the first time this year. The tournament held annually is competed for between the Clubs in Rufford, Croston and Eccleston. For the team, pipped at the post for promotion to the Premier League this year, the focus is on-going one better in 2022.



anyway or another in the sport. Whether it is playing or looking after the ground, there is a lot to offer and would like to join the Club and train as a scorer or umpire, please get in touch with us.

contact Dan on 01704 822 984



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Treatment of:

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WHAT WE DO

Dry age our meat to ensure the tenderest meat with maximum flavour.

Champion nose to tail eating.

Share our knowledge and expertise with our customers.

HOW WE DO IT

Source ethically produced meat from small independent UK farms that practice high welfare, regenerative farming to heal the land and combat climate change.

WHY WE DO IT

Because we believe that eating high quality meat less often is better than eating processed, industrially farmed meat every day.

Because we want to share our commitment to regenerative agriculture and combat misinformation.



our vision for the future: to reinvigorate butchery and rediscover the tastes of the past

Owd Barn Farm Shop Spencer's Farm Rufford Road Ormskirk L40 3SA

SS PETER & PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL MAWDESLEY



STAY & PLAY

0—5 years

Term Time

Every Wednesday 1.15pm —3.00pm

FREE TO ATTEND

“Play allows children to use their creativity while developing their imagination, dexterity, and physical, cognitive, and emotional strength. “

Enjoy quality time with your child learning through discovery using a wide range of indoor and outdoor resources.



Phone for more information 01704 822216



**Friendly atmosphere
with quality
childcare!**



**We have places available for 2-5 year olds
at our Pre-School Playgroup situated in
the village hall , Mawdesley.**

We are now open :

Monday 9-3.30pm

Tuesday 9-12pm

Wednesday 9-3.30pm

Thursday 9-12pm

Friday 9-12pm



**(Shared care with Little Acorns Pre
school available for School day hours)**

**For more information please email
Mawdesleypreschool@outlook.com or ring
on 07770522085.**



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 or Facebook **Mawdesley Village Hall**.

If you wish to contact us directly, please email mvh.events@gmail.com or call **07557 818803**.

RECYCLING... A recycling note from Parish Councillor Grahame Green.

Did you know... All of Tesco's large stores will now accept any soft plastic packaging for recycling.

To make it easier for residents we commonly promote the scrunch test. That being, if the item can be scrunched and it pops back into the same shape, it is a rigid plastic that can be recycled. If it stays scrunched up, it is a soft plastic, and if it breaks up, it is likely to be expanded polystyrene foam.

Know your soft plastics – soft plastics include biscuit wrappers, plastic bags, garbage bags, chip packets and salad mix packets – basically anything that acts as a bag around your food is soft plastic. It's also the plastic dry cleaners use to cover your shirts, the clear plastic wrap that comes with any appliance purchase, it's used in some shape or form in most packaging used for any type of online shopping.

It is often listed on product recycling details as "Not currently recycled"

Please separate and recycle as much as possible.



Community Grants

The Parish Council will be setting the 2021/22 Precept for Mawdesley in January. Any non-profitable village organisation wishing to apply for a grant should contact the Parish Clerk/RFO to request an application form at the following e-mail address: mawdesleyparishcouncil@gmail.com

Guidelines for applying for a grant are:

- 1 The project must be capital for a tangible asset
- 2 The applicant should be a formal organisation or charity within the village.
- 3 The money needs to be spent within the financial year that it is budgeted for.
- 4 Three quotations are required
- 5 The applicant should be able to demonstrate that they have sought funding from other bodies, National Lottery, etc.

Please note closing date for applications is Monday 20th December 2021.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 3rd December from 5:30pm

**Christmas Lights Switch On
with Carol Singing & The Red Admiral Band**
New Street, Mawdesley

Wednesday 8th December at 7:30pm

Parish Council Meeting
Mawdesley Village Hall

Friday 17th December from 5:30pm

Santa's Trail - Santa will be visiting the village
Starting at Crook Hall Farm and calling at the Christmas Tree at 6:45pm

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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



Congratulations to all those who entered the 2021 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition.

Whilst the committee were unable to invite all to receive the awards in person, we have been forwarded certificates which will be presented to the worthy winners at the December Parish Council Meeting.

**HIGHLY
COMMENDED**

Spar (Shop)

Mawdesley Bowling Club (Bowling Green)

Mawdesley Village Hall (Public Building)

St Peter & Paul (Schools & Nurseries)

RUNNER-UP

Spar (Community Noticeboard)

Stocks Hall (Sheltered Accommodation)



And finally... ...a Christmas Message

As we approach Christmas and the turn of the year, on behalf of the Mawdesley Parish Council team we would like to wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Looking to the future and 2022 we intend to do everything we can to continue to foster even stronger community bonds, care for our Parish and support our schools, businesses, churches, and green spaces. Finally, thank you to everyone who has got involved in our work this year and we wish you all health and happiness for the coming year.

So, stay safe, take care, and have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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