



MAWDESLEY PARISH COUNCIL **NEWSLETTER**

SUMMER 2022



Chairman's Chatter

A message from the Chairman at the Annual Meeting of the Council

Welcome everyone to the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Mawdesley Parish Council. 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 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, although I can't report that any of them are inhabited. Thanks to Steph Poole and Liz Hanford for coming up with the idea of a blossom circle and for making all the arrangements to complete the project. You will I hope agree we're already seeing the benefits from all the investment in the planting.

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.

As we entered the council year, we were still reeling from the Covid lockdown rules and social distancing. The community came together to support each other as we strived to get back to our regular community calendar. The Parish Council were delighted to see a local family taking over and start to rejuvenate the last remaining pub in the village. The Red Lion has received a much needed injection of love and commitment and the pub is once again alive with villagers engaging in a plethora of innovative events and social gatherings.

There has been a groundswell of support to restarting the very colourful Mawdesley Tea Party and other popular events. Creativity and community spirit in the village is always well supported by the Mawdesley Parish Council. I'm sure these extremely important social initiatives will help us not only recover from Covid but grow from strength to strength.

As every year we've endeavoured to address antisocial issues, such as dog fouling, speeding, and littering. We've supported the concerns of the village by engaging with the police, Lancashire County council and Chorley borough council.

We've also continued to maintain and upgrade the village footpaths and plan to provide further investment in the coming years. We also hope to see the realisation of a new bridle way between Mawdesley and Croston. I'm hopeful that Chorley Borough Council will follow up on their commitment to get this done.

Sadly, this is my last meeting as a member of the Parish council. After 10 years of service, I decided not to restand for re-election in the recent May elections. I joined the Parish Council when my wife Lesley and I moved to Mawdesley with our young children as a way to get to know the village and meet new friends. It's been a fantastic time and I've thoroughly enjoyed working with the other councillors on the variety of projects we've engaged in. Whether it be, buying a field with the generous Bert Moss legacy and transforming it into a community asset or the village clean up days, the sense of community and friendship has always been present. Who knew filling a big skip with other people's rubbish could be such fun!

Finally, I'd like to give a sincere thank you to my fellow councillors past and present and to Trish and Peter for helping me make the last year another successful one for Mawdesley and the Parish Council.

Colin Freeman

Chairman, Mawdesley Parish Council



'Hello' from **Small school, BIG opportunities** SS Peter & Paul's School

Greetings from SS Peter & Paul's! It seems like time has flown by since we last updated you on what has been taking place in school but rest assured we have been as busy as ever!



Like everyone, we have been deeply affected by the situation in Ukraine. In order to support the aid effort we held a 'Blue and Yellow' day when children and staff could come to school wearing anything blue and yellow to mirror the colours on the Ukrainian flag. We asked for voluntary donations and raised an amazing £350 on the day and this was sent to the Red Cross appeal. We also supported a Charity collection in Liverpool and our families donated a super amount of things such as bandages, towels, toiletries, gloves, scarves, socks and many more items for which the appeal organisers were very grateful.

Children in Class 3 are looking forward to their first residential trip in over 2 years. Staff and children will be leaving school on Monday 16th May for a few days of adventurous activities at a local PGL centre. The children are looking forward to activities such as Jacob's Ladder, Buggy Building, the Trapeze and Orienteering not to mention a couple of late nights! We wish the children and staff lots of fun and a safe and happy trip.



The next main event in school that the children and staff are looking forward to celebrating is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We will be celebrating with a Street Party, Design a Crown competition and other fun activities. In preparation for the celebration we have been looking at the Queen's reign over the last 70 years and have studied decades of time to find out what major events occurred and what was popular in Music, Technology and a variety of other areas. Our school hall is decorated with bunting, historical information posters and 2 super mosaics, which children in Class 2 and Class 3 have made, of the Queen in 1952 and 2022. Class 1 have constructed a super 3D model of the Coronation Crown and this is also displayed in the hall. Children in Y5 and Y6 have helped to plan the party food menu and linked this into the use of spreadsheets in their Computing lessons. All we need now is some sunshine on the day of our celebration and we will all be happy.



Our weekly Stay and Play sessions continue throughout the school term. They take place on a Wednesday afternoon between 1.15pm and 3.00pm. The sessions are a great opportunity to bring children to school to meet others and play in a fun environment. There is no charge for the sessions and water and fruit are provided as refreshments. Please share the details of these sessions with anyone you think may be interested. Remember to look out for the posters in the village giving details about Stay and Play sessions throughout the year.

Take care of yourselves and keep smiling!

Mawdesley Methodist Church

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- *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*

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

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Mawdesley Methodist Church

Contact us at

Mawdesley Methodist Church,
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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

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Our recent arts weekend was a great success, raising just short of £2500. The work displayed by the U3A art group was to a very high standard, and the pottery demonstration well received by all our visitors. David Fletcher, our organist, completed his hymnathon challenge by playing the organ for 13 hours. Thanks to everyone from the village and our local community for their support and generous donations. We are very excited that our plans for the church's new sound system can now come to fruition, and it will be installed in the coming months.

The recent concert, by the group Mainly Folk, raised £752, which we are pleased to be donating to the locally based charity, International Aid, to assist with the humanitarian work in support of the ongoing situation in Ukraine.

In August we will be sad to say farewell to our minister, Stephen Foster, who is retiring after more than 20 years' service as a Methodist minister, with 15 of those years spent here in the local area. We wish Stephen well with all his future plans. His successor, from September, will be Rev Sue Guénault, who is no stranger to the village, as she is already a minister in the local circuit. We are looking forward to welcoming her to Mawdesley Methodist Church, in her new official capacity.

On the 1st Sunday of every month, at 10.30am, children of all ages are welcome at our Kids dub which is held in the church room. The church room is a facility which is available to hire for all kinds of events. Please contact Neill Thompson for further details and letting enquiries.

Upcoming events this Autumn...

Having missed the last couple of years due to the pandemic, The Kingsford Singers are pleased to announce their next concert will be Saturday 15th October 2022, with a programme of popular music.

Following their recent sell-out success, the group Mainly Folk are already planning their next evening of Irish Folk music. The date is yet to be confirmed.



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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





**MAWDESLEY
PARISH
COUNCIL**

**We have a vacancy
for a Parish Councillor,
and we'd love to
hear from you**



- **Do you want to serve your Community?**
- **Do you have time or expertise which could benefit your Community?**
- **Do you want to make a difference to all those around you?**
- **Are you concerned about your local area?**
- **Do you want to represent the views of local people?**

If you would like to make a difference, and be involved in shaping the future of your local community, why not step forward and apply to become a Mawdesley Parish Councillor?

If you are interested in applying or would like more information, please contact our Parish Clerk, Trish Grimshaw at clerk@mawdesleyparishcouncil.org.uk

The closing date for applications to be with the Clerk is Friday 10th June 2022

To qualify to become a Parish Councillor a person must be a British subject over 18 years old, be listed on the current electoral role, live in Mawdesley, or within 3 miles of its boundary (or occupy as owner/tenant any land/premises therein or have a principal place of work within the Parish) and must not be disqualified from holding office as a Councillor.



Little Acorns Pre-School

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**Monday to Friday
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We have full day or sessional 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.



NEW WEBSITE!

We are extremely pleased to announce the launch of our new website. We decided that it was time for a fresh look with new features and easy navigation. Our news section will have updates on upcoming events in the village. You can also find minutes and agendas of the Parish Council meetings so you can keep abreast of the ongoing work your council is undertaking.

We hope you enjoy browsing the site.

Our website address is www.mawdesleyparishcouncil.org.uk



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.



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MAWDESLEY MILLENNIUM GREEN

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUBILEE PICNIC ON THE GREEN

SUNDAY 5 JUNE 2022

MUSIC ON THE GREEN

FEATURING NEON KANDI

SATURDAY 25 JUNE 2022

OPEN GARDENS

SUNDAY 26 JUNE 2022

MAWDESLEY VILLAGE SHOW

SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2022

MAWDESLEY 10K RUN

SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER 2022

BONFIRE NIGHT FIREWORKS

FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2022

**MAWDESLEY
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**



On Friday 25th March we held our Easter Bingo event in Mawdesley Village Hall. It was a tremendous family occasion with 50 people attending, plus the support of the raffle raised nearly £300 for RBL welfare. Members of the RBL work to raise funds to help veterans and families of all wars, to recover from injury, mental health and to show our appreciation for their sacrifices.

On Sunday 5th June, Mawdesley Village are celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth, on the Millenium Green. Our beloved Queen is Patron of the Royal British Legion and naturally we'll be involved in the Celebrations. The Mawdesley Bowling Club and Mawdesley RBL are joining forces to provide a warm welcome and hospitality. Do come along and enjoy the fun and excitement on this glorious and historic day.

Looking to the future on Friday 23rd September we are holding our Annual Brass Band Concert in the Village Hall. The music is provided by Mawdesley's own Red Admirals, a raffle will be held and the bar is available.

Please join us and enjoy what the local RBL Branch can offer.

Keith Mitchell
Chairman

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Cricket Club News - Summer 2022

Season Underway

Cricket at Rectory Field is now underway again at one of the most picturesque grounds in the County. The hard work put in over the winter months by the groundsman and ground volunteers has come to fruition with the ground and square looking magnificent. Both seniors and juniors have been out in force and the women's soft ball team have also started their league season. The Club's Disability Group, which caters for those with visual impairment as well as those with learning and physical disabilities, is also in full swing and aim later in the summer to play some friendly matches.

Coming Dates

Classic Car and Motorbike Show	Bank Holiday Friday 3rd June
Parent's Matches	Sunday 12th June
Tennis Club Game	Friday 1st July
Junior Summer Holiday Cricket Camp	8th to 10th August
Women's and Junior End of Season Festival	Bank Holiday Monday 29th August

How to get involved

Senior players wanting to start, or restart again after a break from playing, are very welcome to join. Training is on Tuesday evening for all three teams, in addition this year we are running a T20 team, so opportunities for everyone. For more information contact Dan on 01704 822984.

If you would like more information on the Club's women's section, call Mel on 07747 747424. They train on Saturday mornings from 10am to 11.30am and play matches on Sundays

If you have a disability or visual impairment and would like to try the sport, call Martin on 01704 821023. The Disability Group train every second Tuesday from 11am to 12.30pm.

For very young ones just starting our All Stars [5 to 8] or Girls only Dynamos [8 to 11] is for you. For more information contact Ian on 07799 064032. They train on Sunday mornings from 9am to 10am.

For Junior players aged 8 and over, they can join our U9's, U11's, U13's, U15's or U18's squads. Contact Mike our Junior Coordinator on 07813 170765 for more information.

If you would like to join the team that looks after the ground, please call Martin on 01704 821023.

If you would like to volunteer as a scorer or an umpire, full training will be given, contact Dan on 01704 822984.

Classic Car & Motorbike Show, Incorporating Local Villages Run Bank Holiday Friday 3rd June 2022

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The Rufforth Run 2022

Saturday 21st May 2022 will go down in history as the date of the inaugural Rufforth Run – the brainchild of Ian Hewitt and John Fiddler and a true piece of Lancashire eccentricity!

Nearly 30 classic cars, trucks, tractors and motorcycles congregated on The Red Lion's car park before setting off for Fiddler's Farm in Rufford, in search of the first Rufford new potatoes of the season - a Beaujolais Run for spuds if you will!

Once loaded up with the finest Rufford's, the convoy made its way back to The Lion where they were cooked to perfection by Chef Tom and then liberally coated with melted butter and salt whilst the 'Ode to the Rufford' was recited.

The competition then ensued to find 'Top Prato' - whosoever could devour the most Rufford's in 30 seconds, and after an incredibly close contest, the title was taken by Ted Middlehurst, who shall be hereafter referred to by his honorary title for the next 12 months and his name displayed on the Rufforth Cup in the taproom bar.

All in all, a supremely wacky, eccentric and brilliantly conceived event and I know this is going to be something which becomes part of the fabric of Mawdesley's already superb season of community events for many years to come!





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Dates of Forthcoming Parish Council Meetings

Tuesday 12th July - Tuesday 13th September - Tuesday 11th October

Tuesday 8th November - Tuesday 13th December

Parish Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month (excluding June and August) at 7.30pm in Mawdesley Village Hall. 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.

Minutes of the previous meetings can be obtained from the website www.mawdesleyparishcouncil.org.uk or alternatively please e mail Trish Grimshaw, the Parish Clerk/RFO clerk@mawdesleyparishcouncil.org.uk

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