



MAWDESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

CHRISTMAS 2018 NEWSLETTER

Chairman's Chatter

Hello all

As we approach the end of the year, and with it all the forthcoming festivities, it seems a great time to reflect on all that has gone on in Mawdesley in 2018 (and just as importantly, what to look forward to in 2019!)

On the subject of reflection, we had a fantastic number of attendees at the annual Remembrance Sunday Parade, which was even more poignant than usual with it being the 100th anniversary of the Armistice. Through various grants and awards, we also have some funds to spend on our War Memorial in the coming months so that we can keep the site in good order for many years to come.

It is often said that it is the people who make a place somewhere you want to live, and I think that is absolutely the case in Mawdesley. Not just the people, but what those people give to others (very often on a voluntary basis) in order that we have so many thriving clubs, societies and events available for all age ranges in the village.

Our Parish Champion award was launched to recognise these largely unsung heroes, and this year we have also launched a Youth Champion award – nominations can still be submitted and I'd urge you all to nominate anyone you believe makes a difference in our Village – details within this Newsletter.

On a related note, you can also read about our inaugural Parish Champions, Ray & Maureen Scully and their securing of yet another award in recognition of their many years of voluntary work. We'd also like to wish Ray well in his continued recovery from illness.



You may have also heard that the Parish Council were successful in acquiring approximately 6 acres of land in the Village, located off Smithy Lane and bordered by Ashtrees and Shortbutts. The purchase was made possible by the very generous bequest that we received some years ago from Bert Moss, and the decision was taken to diversify our investment into acquiring the land to be used for the benefit of everyone in the Village.

There are already some fantastic ideas coming forward for what to use the land for, and we really want to involve as many people as possible in the consultation process, so I would urge you to read the article within the Newsletter and let us have your thoughts. The area is certainly big enough to sustain a number of uses, such that we can hopefully engage as many residents as possible in using the land.

There will be a public meeting early in 2019 where we're inviting representatives from a number of successfully run projects to present their ideas and share their experience with us all. Details of the meeting will be publicised in advance and all are welcome to come and talk to the presenters and we'd love as many people as possible to come along and tell us what you'd like to see.

I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and that you and all your families have a fantastic Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Best Wishes,

Matt Worthington

Chairman, Mawdesley Parish Council

WHO IS YOUR PARISH CHAMPION 2019?

Each year in January the parish council recognise people in the community for the hard work.

The Parish Council know that there are many more unsung heroes in our community who deserve to be recognised as a champions of the parish, so please let us know who you would like to be considered for an award and why.

Send us the name and address of your champion along with a description of up to 250 words why they deserve to be recognised either by email mawdesleyparishclerk@gmail.com or by post to **Mawdesley Parish Council, 5 Tarnbeck Drive, Mawdesley L40 2RL.**

The closing date for nominations is January 31st 2019

2019 Award Categories Volunteer of the Year

There are many volunteers in Mawdesley and the help and support they provide is vital to those in need. These people give up huge amounts of their time to improve the lives of others. This award recognises outstanding individual contributions to community life. This category is open to all age groups.

This award goes to a volunteer who regularly makes a difference to their area. An individual who gives freely and unselfishly of his or her time to help others, who has demonstrated innovation, teamwork, passion and integrity throughout their involvement and produced a profound effect through their work.



Youth Champion

Awarded to a young person who encapsulates commitment, contribution and giving, either to or for the community, individuals, family or others. Through caring, volunteering, achieving, in showing spirit or heroic deed, perhaps above and beyond expectation and in ways that would not normally attract the limelight. To be awarded for the best positive contribution to peers, their school or college, their community or local area and is open to anyone under the age of 21.



The winners of this year's Harry Yeadon Award goes to Ray and Maureen Scully of Mawdesley Village Hall



We should all be really proud of Ray and Maureen Scully they have won the Harry Yeadon Prize for their many years of volunteering which has given Mawdesley a Village Hall we can all enjoy. They will be really missed when they retire.

HARRY YEADON PRIZE

There are 2 winners of this award this year in recognition of their significant joint working over a number of years for the benefit of their community.

The winners first attended Committee meetings for the Village Hall around 1969 and by the time they retire they will have been involved with their Village Hall for around fifty years. One has been the Chair and overseen the charity most of the time, seeing through the planning and rebuilding/refurbishment and continual development of the hall over all of that period. Whilst he very much sees the success of the hall as a team effort the community recognises that without him encouraging people to get involved, take an active interest and never giving up when things have gone wrong, this organisation certainly would not be as far on as they are today.

The other person has always worked alongside the chair for the whole fifty years. She began by representing other groups like Drama on the Village Hall Committee and has been the

Bookings Secretary for twenty two years, it will be twenty three by the time they both retire.

They have both given up so much time working on a voluntary basis for their Village Hall they have had no time to be on other Committees. However the Village Hall is the hub of the village and they are indirectly involved with all the other groups.

Two years ago the Parish Council started the Parish Champion and this couple were the first winners of the plaque. The Parish Newsletter announcing the winner stated that their years of dedication have provided the community with one of the best village hall facilities you will find anywhere around.

This couple have worked tirelessly, One doing all of the bookings, organising weddings at the hall and very often being seen with a mop and bucket in hand to ensure the hall is ready for use the day after any event has been held and the other leading by example giving his time freely and cheerfully over the years to make the hall the true hub of the community. Together they have equally worked as hard over many years.

New Parish Council Land

As many of you may know, the Parish Council has purchased the piece of land bordered by Smithy Lane, Ashtrees and Shortbutts as an asset for the village from the money generously bequeathed by Bert Moss.

The Parish Council proposes to develop the site as an amenity for the community, and will hold public consultations with all residents early next year. We're keen to hear your views as to what you'd like us to use the land for - fundamentally the land has been acquired so that we can preserve open space within our village, but there are obviously a myriad of recreational and other uses that could be hosted by the land. Some initial ideas are detailed below but more are welcome.

Any comments or ideas for use of this new Parish Council land, please write to or e-mail the clerk mawdesleyparishclerk@gmail.com, or speak to individual councillors

Community orchard to promote community production and ownership of fruit, and help us rediscover the pleasures of eating organic fruit grown close to home. Community orchards create habitats for wildlife, increasing the city's biodiversity. In an era of climate change and peak oil, planting trees which will provide a large yield year after year for decades to come is a logical move, helping to build food security and community resilience.



Men's sheds - Residents use their experience and skills, such as carpentry, engineering and gardening, to fix and up-cycle household items, with a view to selling them at concessional rates to local people. Any profits will be reinvested into the project. Traditionally the project is intended for men but women are welcome too.

Allotments provide an excellent opportunity to grow your own fruit and vegetables, meet new people and get plenty of fresh air and exercise. They are sustainable, reducing the carbon footprint of the food we eat and the impact on the environment or a Community Farm.

Camping for Scouts
A site for the Scouts to learn outdoor skills and set up camp.



Sheep grazing
Use the field to rent out to local farmers for grazing.

Ecotherapy project, a natural way to wellbeing - Ecotherapy empowers young people, adults and their communities to connect with local environments in order to learn new skills, build resilience and improve their physical health and mental wellbeing.



F&S Construction take time out of their busy schedule to help the Community



The Parish Council and residents of Mawdesley would like to thank F & S Construction for their very kind donation of staff time to remove the very old and tired Community Seats and install three new ones.

F&S Construction Ltd believe it is important to develop and grow our environment for the better they have made a tremendous contribution to the village they have enabled the Parish Council to replace all three at the same time. Without their help the Parish Council would have needed to save up and install them over a longer period of time.

The seats improve the appearance of our village and will be appreciated by residents and visitors alike.



Celebrate Christmas at Church

Mawdesley Methodist Church

Saturday 8th December - 10:00am to 12 noon
Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday 15th December - 2:00pm to 4:00pm

For people to step out of the rush of Christmas and share some quiet time whilst viewing the church's beautiful winter floral decorations and taking refreshments

Monday 24th December - 7:00pm
Christmas Candlelight Carol Service

St. Peters Parish Church Mawdesley with Bispham Special Advent and Christmas Services and Events

Sunday 9th December - 4:00pm
Christingle – St. Peter's Church

Tuesday 18th December - 6:30pm
St. Peter's School Christmas Service

Sunday 23rd December
9:30am Family Service 6:30pm Carols by Candlelight

Monday 24th December (*Christmas Eve*) - 6:30pm
Eucharist of the Holy Nativity (Candlelight Holy Communion Service)

Tuesday 25th December (*Christmas Day*) - 11:00am
Christmas Morning Family Worship (A short Family Service)

Sunday 30th December - 11:00am
Holy Communion

Please join us at this special time of year. We wish everyone a Happy Christmas.

Christmas Masses at SS Peter and Paul RC, Mawdesley

Monday 24 December - 5:00pm

Tuesday 25 December - 11:15am



We were honoured to lead the Mawdesley's parade again for the Service of Remembrance, this year commemorating 100 years since Armistice Day. The Last Post and Reveille were played beautifully by our 13 year old cornet player Lewis Barton.

As we approach the run up to Christmas, we'd normally be saying it is about to get busy, but this year has been busy throughout so other than the switch to festive music we will hardly notice the difference!

It has been another amazing year for Red Admiral Music Academy. We've expanded our partnerships with local schools and now provide brass tuition to around 200 children across 8 local schools including the Mawdesley schools. Many of these children are starting to filter into Red Admiral Music Academy so we are continuing to grow at a pace. Over the summer was managed to source over 100 additional instruments to keep up with the demand.

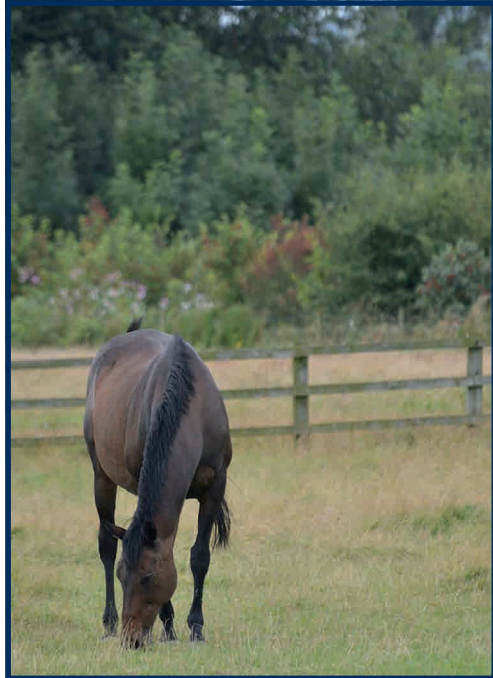
Hot off the press is the announcement of our newly formed Red Admiral Brass, a new band within our organisation which has just received 4th section grading status from the North West Area Brass Band Association. This enables us to compete against other registered bands from across the country in official competitions both regionally and nationally. Our first outing was Brass Factor, more about that below, but we are now preparing for two major contests, Brass at the Guild and the North West Regional Championships which take place early in 2019. In a climate where many brass bands are struggling to keep going, launching a new registered brass band is an amazing achievement, especially when 90% of the players are completely 'home grown' and have learned to play through Red Admiral Music Academy since we launched in 2014.

This year we entered 2 bands into Brass Factor, an X-Factor style competition, where bands compete against each other in front of a panel of judges. The judges give feedback and award points based on how entertaining the performance was in addition to how well the music was performed. The Audience also award a prize by voting for their favourite performance. We entered our Youth Band into Brass Factor Youth in Holmfirth. They performed a Space themed programme that mesmerised the judges and audience alike. They won the Audience vote for most entertaining performance and came second overall with our youngest player being just 8 years old. In February our Youth Band will be taking to the stage at Blackpool Winter Gardens when we look to defend our title of Junior Brass Band Entertainment Championships of Great Britain.

Not to be outdone by our Youth Band, our newly formed Red Admiral Brass took to the stage at Brass Factor Wetherby 2 weeks later, with the band's first public performance. Up against some very good Yorkshire Bands we put on a fantastic set that came second in the Audience vote and third overall.

We will be supporting several local events adding to the Christmas atmosphere in the run up to Christmas, with our own Christmas Concert taking place at Bishop Rawstorne School on Sunday 16th December at 2pm. Keep an eye out on Facebook or on the local notice boards for details of how to get tickets.

Exciting News from Jigsaw for 2019



After many years we have created a fantastic recreation and meditation area at the Marl Pit where small groups and families will be able to enjoy the wildlife and peaceful atmosphere, whilst observing some of the Jigsaw horses and learning about how horses live and communicate (at a safe distance).

At the end of January we will be completing the planting and hope to hold an open weekend, weather permitting!

We are inviting everyone to come and plant some willows, which has been an important part of the history of Mawdesley.

If any one has cuttings or plants that are appropriate to the area, donations would be very gratefully received.

If you would like any more information about the Jigsaw project we can be contacted by...

Mobile 07831 114458
Email sue@equineextra.com
Facebook Jigsaw MEPT



'Hello' from SS Peter & Paul's School

We are loving the crisp autumn weather at the moment and it was especially kind to us at our recent Artisan Christmas Market which was held at school on 17th November. We had a new approach this year with many local businesses having stalls at the event together with Tilly's Treats and Tipples Caravan, Derby House Catering. Father Christmas was in residence and we had our ever popular Bottle Tombola and Chocolate Tombola so there was something for all the family. It was a great day which was made even better by musical entertainment from Rock Choir; many people supported the event and everyone said how much they had enjoyed themselves.



We are slowly getting ready for Christmas and the sounds of Christmas music and play rehearsals fill the school as we get ready to celebrate. We are starting our celebrations by taking the whole school to sing for Mawdesley U3A, at the Village Hall, on Wednesday 5th December. The children are getting excited and there will be a wonderful array of tunes, not to mention the Christmas hats!

Our next major event is our 'Fill a Jar for James' Open Morning and Fundraiser. This will take place on Friday 7th December between 9am and 10.30am in the school hall. We would love as many of you as possible to come and enjoy light refreshments, in return for a small donation towards our fundraising for James who we sponsor through the Compassion organisation. You will also be able to come and have a tour around the school and hear the children sing some Christmas songs; the perfect way to see our lovely school in action and do a good turn for someone else. We will be having a raffle and there will be plenty of cakes, biscuits and drinks for you to enjoy. Do come along and join us.

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Mawdesley Millennium Green Trust

Our Village Millennium Green – situated at the end of Hurst Green, was opened during 2000 amid great excitement, after much local fund raising and the obtaining of grants for the purchase of our four acre site.

We have a maintenance team on the Millennium Green every 2nd Saturday in the month from 9.30am. They strim, cut back hedges, stain fences and many other necessary jobs to keep the Millennium Green in good order.

Our fundraisers hold several events throughout the year – some on the Millennium Green, such as open air concerts (bring your own gazebo, food and drink) and have just organised the 10k run around the village, which raised over £700 for our funds. Our annual bonfire and fireworks is an event not to be missed.

Many events are already being arranged for 2019.

We have a very successful 50/50 club with a monthly draw of £50 for the first prize.

The Millennium Green is overseen by a group of Trustees who meet quarterly.

We are all volunteers but would welcome any assistance from local people of all ages and skills.

Please telephone or email, or visit the Millennium Green during a Saturday maintenance morning when you will be made to feel most welcome.



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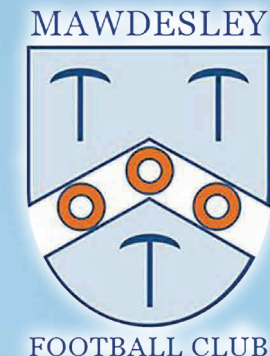
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Mawdesley Juniors Football Coaching



Mawdesley now has its very own grassroots football club. Thanks to the efforts of a group of determined parents, the club is now registered with the English FA and has its new home at Rectory Field, School Lane - we have entered into a rental agreement with the Cricket Club which provides us with training and pitch space as well as use of the fantastic pavilion facilities.

The club trains on Saturday morning, with over 30 kids now participating. The under 10s have joined a local Sunday League and the Under 7s and 8s will be ready to do likewise next season.

Our coaching is geared towards having fun, improving your skills and building confidence in a safe and age appropriate environment. If you think your children would like to come along and give it a go, then please get in touch. All abilities are welcome.

If you would be interested in getting involved, or helping in some capacity, we would also love to hear from you. As the club continues to grow, expanding the number of age groups, we will need to increase, the club can provide all the support you need, including the option to take your FA coaching license.

If you are a local business that would like to support or sponsor one of the teams, please get in touch, we have a number of options available.

If any of the above sounds of interest to you, or you have any questions, please get in touch with either Claire Taylor, our Welfare Officer on 07922 546730 or Tom Poole one of our coaches on 07976 898944 or email him on poole_tommy@gmail.com



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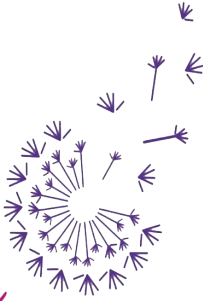
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or call 01704 823276

(phone bookings can only be taken up until Thursday 20th December)

For further information please email Emma Parish:
e.parish@thelegacy-rainbowhouse.com

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12-3pm**

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SANTA!**

at the Red Lion

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