



MAWDESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

SPRING 2019 NEWSLETTER

Chairman's Chatter



Hello all,

There's an old adage that time seems to go quicker the older you get, and I now know that this must be true as I can't believe that this is already the fourth 'Chatter' of my tenure as Chair of Mawdesley Parish Council!

As we come out of the darker Winter months, I for one am relishing the longer days and with the recent sunshine, it really feels like Spring is on its way

However, the Winter months have still been incredibly busy, with lots going on behind the scenes to tell you about.

This year, we have two Parish Champions to recognise. Our Volunteer of the Year this year goes to Mary Smith, for the 40 years she has spent running Mawdesley Village Show, which is a real jewel in the crown of our summer events programme. We also have a Young Persons Champion award for the first time this year, and our inaugural winner of this award is Aaron Causer for his numerous acts of volunteering around the Village. Congratulations to you both and you can read more about the recipients within the Newsletter.

You will have hopefully already received a flyer regarding the Parish Council's recent acquisition of some land on Smithy Lane – affectionately known for now as 'Bert's Moss' due to the origin of the funds used to secure the land. If you haven't already filled in the form, I'd encourage you to do so and you'll also find a copy attached to the back of this Newsletter if you've mislaid the original. The land was acquired to try and benefit as many residents as possible, and we'd really like to hear your thoughts as to how you'd like the land to be used. We're also holding a public meeting on Saturday 16th

March, between 10am and 12 noon at Mawdesley Village Hall where we've invited a number of representatives from schemes running in the local area to try and give you an idea as to what might be possible. Please come along and see what can be achieved and let us know your ideas on the day. There have been some great ideas so far but room for plenty more!

I'm also delighted to confirm that the scarecrows will be back in Mawdesley again this July on the 20th and 21st July – the weekend after Walking Day. I know it's still a long way off, but given the standard of last year's event, I'm sure there will be some stiff competition and we thought you'd better have plenty of time to start planning your display! Entry forms will be available over the coming months with plenty of prizes to play for.

On the subject of Village decoration, we've also formed a Committee who have agreed to work on ideas to enhance our Village Christmas display and also to work throughout the year on other events. My thanks go to the volunteers and I look forward to seeing the results of your efforts as the year progresses!

Finally, a quick thank you to everyone who gets involved with supporting the Parish Council – whether just a quick Facebook interaction or by attending our meetings and events – it really is appreciated and does make the role really worthwhile when we see ideas becoming reality for everyone to enjoy.

Best Wishes,

Matt Worthington
Chairman, Mawdesley Parish Council

YOUR PARISH CHAMPIONS, 2019

Volunteer of the Year

Mawdesley Parish Council have chosen Mary Smith as the Volunteer of the year. She has successfully organised and run Mawdesley Village show for the past 40 years.

The village show provides a fabulous opportunity for the people of Mawdesley to showcase their many talents. There are classes for budding photographers, prize vegetable producers and fine cake bakers amongst many things with sought after prizes to be awarded by the judges on the big day. The show is a great opportunity for people to meet and discuss their creative achievements as well as somewhere visitors can admire the hard work every contestant has put into their exhibits.

Despite the fact it is not always easy to muster up enough volunteers to create and run such an event Mary has single handedly kept up with this wonderful tradition and deserves to be recognised for such an achievement.



Young Persons Champion


Aaron Causer has been chosen by the Parish Council as the Young Persons Champion.

The Scout Leader says Aaron has grown in maturity and confidence over the eighteen months that he has been volunteering, and is a valuable member of the Cub Leadership team.

He attends planning meetings, runs evenings and is always enthusiastic. The Cubs love him and he is so good with them.

During the last ten months his mum has been battling breast cancer and Aaron has amazed her with his support and maturity, including taking some caring responsibility. On top of this he has continued to balance his school work, achieving above average mock GCSE results. He also has committed to his part time jobs as a paperboy for Mawdesley Post Office and working in the kitchen at the Red Lion.

Spotted in Mawdesley at the end of January

A photograph of two roe deer in a garden. One deer is on the left, facing right, and the other is on the right, facing left. They are standing on a grassy area with fallen leaves. A tree trunk is visible in the background.

Thanks to a resident who took this photograph at the end of January when he looked up from his living room to see two deer in his garden. He says that they are Roe Deer as confirmed by the British Deer Society who go on to say the one on the right is a female (doe), being followed by a male (buck) which is in the early stages of re-growing his antlers (they drop, or 'cast', these, every year around November or December and have grown new ones by the spring). Roe deer are usually solitary or may be seen in small family parties, and they do not form herds as the larger species will do. They are widely distributed across the UK and quite common though they tend to be secretive.

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Cricket Club News - Spring 2019

As the nights start to get lighter and the bulbs start to re-emerge, the Cricket Club are beginning their preparations for the 2019 season. With teams now well established at all levels from Under 9 to seniors, as well as a growing Women 's Section and cricket for those with disabilities, the Club this year is starting with yet a further new innovation - All Stars Cricket for those aged 7 and under currently in school years from Reception to Year 2.

To become an "All Stars" member you need to go on the ECB [England and Wales Cricket Board] website and register your interest and then join as an "All Stars" member. This gives you free annual membership of the Cricket Club plus free training sessions from May to July plus a personalised "All Stars" T Shirt with your initials on, an "All Stars" bat, cap, back pack and drinks bottle. The Under 7 All Stars will train at the same time as the Under 9s but as a separate group every Sunday morning from 9am to 10am starting in May.



www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars/register-interest-for-2019

Older juniors and seniors who would like to start playing cricket are of course also very welcome and those interested should contact Martin Trengove the Club's Junior Coordinator on 01704 821023 or Paul Steadman the Club Chairman on 07967 352041.

Indoor training has started and will continue until the beginning of April but it is never too late to get involved.

The Club will again be holding a number of events during the summer starting off with the 4th Mawdesley Annual Classic Car Show which will be held on the Club's field on Bank Holiday Monday May 27th. A women's Soft Ball cricket festival is planned for the Sunday of the Walking Day weekend [14th July] and the Club will again host a primary school's Kwikcricket tournament in June.



Well done to the Mawdesley Under 11s who won the final of the Chorley Borough 6-a-side indoor tournament beating Euxton, Chorley and Bretherton on the way.



The team is pictured with Mike Dunn the team manager on the left and James Cutt from the Lancashire Cricket Foundation on the right who presented the prizes.

And finally, the Club are always keen to welcome all who might want to get involved in the Club, not only as players, but also as ground helpers, scorers, umpires or just spectators who want to spend a Saturday afternoon watching senior cricket or a weekday evening watching the juniors play. For more information please contact Paul Steadman on 07967 352041.

The Best Day EVER

On Saturday 26th January, 16 children from Years Four, Five and Six of St Peter's sang for The Peace Proms - a huge concert - at the M&S Bank Arena, Liverpool. We joined a choir of two thousand children from all over the North West of England and were accompanied by the Cross-Border Orchestra of Ireland.

Months of dedicated practice was needed until our group was ready to enjoy the sensational experience of singing a variety of songs to an audience of over six thousand people.

The day began when we clambered up to our seats ready to begin the final rehearsals with Greg the amazing conductor. During this time, we perfected our fun dance moves which accompanied the singing. Next, great fun was had whilst we stayed in our seats, eating our packed lunches, sharing bags of sweets and watching

as the audience drifted in little by little until, eventually, the whole arena was filled.

At last the concert began! The lights dimmed, the audience fell silent, then, in the darkness, the melodic beat of the orchestra could be heard. The next moment, colourful lights dazzled down on them. There followed a huge variety of acts, including Irish dancers, bag-pipes, powerful drummers and super soloists. Interspersed with all this were our vibrant songs.

One particular high point for us all was when we sang a beautiful, gentle song called '*I Sing Out*'. The whole place was darkened, then the entire audience raised their mobile phone torches. The effect was overwhelming.

Everyone agreed that this was one of the best experiences in our lives. We are already looking forward to next year!



The children who attended Peace Proms were Ava, Lois, Alfie R, Sonnie, Katie P, Evie, Ruby, Chloe, Evan, Liam, Christopher, Jazmine, Alexander, Jolee, Lucy, Bella.



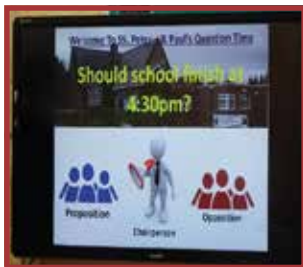
'Hello' from SS Peter & Paul's School

It's hard to believe that we only returned to school on 7th January 2019 as so much has been taking place in the first few weeks of the spring term with plenty more still to come.

Class 1 and Class 2 have been enjoying the Forest Schools experience with Rachel, a trained Forest Schools Practitioner. The children, staff and volunteers have braved all weathers and gone into the wooded area opposite school to enjoy a host of activities including den building, marshmallow toasting, minibeast hunting and a lot of work with mud! It's been very cold and usually dry and the children have loved the opportunity to escape the classroom and take part in a new adventure this week. Our bravery award goes to the staff for being out in all weathers and the parents who have been washing the VERY muddy clothes each week!



Class 3 held a lively debate as part of our weekly Celebration Assembly the week before half-term. The motion being proposed was 'Should school finish at 4.30pm?' The children spoke for and against the opposition and were very passionate when putting their case to an enthralled audience of school friends, staff, parents and grandparents. A vote was taken and the motion was defeated so the children of SS Peter & Paul's will continue to finish school at 3.15pm each day;; much to the relief of many!



We are just starting a new after school club for children at SS Peter & Paul's. Exploding Erica, from Mad Science, came to visit school recently and 'wowed' the children with a whole range of experiments. The online sign-up for the Club, which is being held on a Thursday after school, reached its maximum number the same evening as Exploding Erica's visit. We look forward to seeing what the children get up to;; let's hope the school is still standing each Friday morning!!

Don't forget to bring the little ones to Stay and Play which is held each Wednesday afternoon (1.15pm-3pm) during term time. It's a brilliant opportunity to make new friends and find out about our lovely little school.

Red Admiral Music Academy



We've had a busy and exciting start to 2019.

Our newly formed Red Admiral Brass Band took part in their first official contest as a 4th Section Registered Band. This was Brass at the Guild at Preston Guild Hall. Red Admiral Brass secured a fantastic 3rd place which was a brilliant result considering it was the first contest for most of our players.



Red Admiral Youth Band (pictured) took part in the British Open Youth Brass Band Championships and were up against some of the best Youth Bands in the country, including the current and previous European Champions. We were taking part with no expectations of coming anywhere but once again surprised everyone, including ourselves, with a staggering 4th place as well as winning the prize for the best soloist (13 year old Lewis Barton) and the prize for the youngest player (7 year old Thomas Robinson).

Our Youth Band also took part in the Halifax Minster Brass Festival along with 5 other bands from the North of England. This was an opportunity to showcase our Youth Band in a non-competitive environment and the event finished with around 170 young musicians performing a massed band finale.

We hosted a Preview Concert ahead of the North West Regional Brass Band Championships. Red Admiral Youth opened the evening and then 5 Brass Bands from across the North West performed to a packed Chorley Town Hall, with Red Admiral Brass performing as the 4th section band.

Red Admiral Brass took to the stage at Blackpool Winter Gardens, competing for the first time in the North West Regional Brass Band Championships. One of the biggest events in the brass band calendar, with 75 bands taking part, it was a fantastic experience for us.

As an organisation we are continuing to grow. We have new players joining us on a weekly basis and we have just taken on our 9th School Partnership where we will be teaching another 60 children how to play brass instruments. This is fantastic news but providing an enormous challenge of being able to raise the funds to keep up with the demand for additional instruments. If there are any local individuals or businesses that would be interested in talking to us about potential sponsorship opportunities, please get in touch with us.

Please support our concerts as all money raised is ploughed back into the organisation to create more musical opportunities within our community.

5th April	Concert for Chorley Rotary Club Inner Wheel Raising money for St Catherine's Hospice and Derian House – Mawdesley Village Hall	1st June	Brass on the Grass Joint fund raiser with the Millennium Green
26th April	Concert featuring Red Admiral Training Band and Red Admiral Youth Band Mawdesley Village Hall	15th July	Red Admiral Music Academy 5th Birthday Chorley Town Hall

MAWDESLEY VILLAGE CONTACT LIST

SCHOOLS & PRE-SCHOOLS

Little Acorns Pre School (3-5 yrs)	Marion Connett	01704 822657	www.littleacornspreschool.org
Mawdesley Pre-school Playgroup (2-5 yrs)	Jean Mayson-Cooper	07770 522085	www.mawdesleypreschool.org.uk
St. Peter's C of E Primary School	Head: Mr D Ballard	01704 822657	www.mawdesleystpeters.co.uk
SS Peter & Paul's Catholic School	Head: Miss Coulthard	01704 822216	www.sspeterandpaulsschool.co.uk
Stay and Play SS Peter & Paul's	Contact Mrs Robinson or Mrs Fox for further details	01704 822216	Weekly Stay and Play Group - Wednesday 1.15pm - 3pm

CHURCHES

Anglican Church (Church Wardens)	Reverend Michael Woods Joan Kirkwood John Radford	01704 600548 01704 823445 01704 822535	Anglican Church
Catholic Church	Father Gerald Anders	01772 812242	Catholic Church
Methodist Church	Rev. Stephen Foster	01772 600213	Methodist Church

SPORTS

Badminton	Jenny Hulme	01704 821655	
Bowling	David Taylor	01704 822861	Social Bowling Sessions Tues and Thurs (10 – 12 noon)
Mawdesley Cycling Club	Martin Woods	01704 822487	www.facebook.com/MMLCCC
Mawdesley Cricket Club	Martin Trengove	01704 821023	www.facebook.com/MawdesleyCC
Karate	John Ryley	01704 823412	Mon 6:30pm-9pm. Methodist Hall
Tennis	Denise Fox	01257 473313	http://www.mawdesleytennis.com

YOUTH

Beavers (6-8 yrs)	Olivia Dobson	07869 578748	Mon 6.30 – 7.30pm @ Village Hall
Cubs (8-10 yrs)	Chris Charlton	07801 064706	Mon 6.30 – 8pm @ Village Hall
Scouts (11-14 yrs)	Dawn Heptinstall	07814 526105	Thurs 7 – 9pm @ Village Hall.

If you wish to add or change anything please contact the Parish Clerk

MUSIC & DANCE

Mainly Folk (Folk Club)	Neill Thompson	01704 822550	
Kingsford Singers	Steve Kingsford	01704 822478	A mixed voice choir, singing a wide variety of music, from swing, pop, jazz and spiritual to sacred. Meetings are Tues evenings, every fortnight
Red Admiral Music Academy	Mark Cobham	01704 822463 or 07554 609024	www.red-admiral-musicacademy.co.uk
Rufford School of Dance	Lorraine Ryan	01704 821617	Ballet, tap and modern at the Village Hall on Wed. Classes also held at Parbold & Rufford
Singing for Fun	Judi Blakemore - judiblakemore@hotmail.com		Wed 10.45 a.m. to 12 noon @ Cricket Pavillion
Singing for Pleasure	Monica Mclean	01704 822471	Alternate Mon 10.00 am to 12 noon @ Methodist Church Hall
Ukes 3A (Ukelele Group)	Richard Cresswell	01772 814669	

CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS

Mawdesley Millennium Bee Keepers	Gill Hughes	01704 823336	A non-profit village beekeeping cooperative. Hives are situated on M.Green, honey is extracted twice a year and sold through village shop.
Bridge Club	Mary Smith	01704 822481	Mon evening @ Red Lion. Alt. group @ V.Hall Thurs afternoon.
Mawdesley Amateur Dramatics	Adrian Baradell	07894 587397	www.madsociety.co.uk
Mothers Union	Rosemary Leigh	01704 822641	Mothers Union
Women's Institute	President Nicky Robertson Secretary Wendy Holbeche	01772 491121 01704 823462	Women's Institute
U3A	Sam Hoyle (chair)	01257 267845	u3asites.org.uk/mawdesley
Jigsaw Equine and People Trust	Sue Carr	01704 822821	http://www.equinextra.com/
Mawdesley Millennium Green	Trustee Barbara Nichols Maintenance and 50/50 Club - Angela Burnett Fund Raising - Ian Paterson	01704 822468 01704 821393 01704 823336	Millennium Green
Royal British Legion	Verna Harman (Sec.)	01257 400150	

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PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT – WHAT A LEGACY FOR OUR FUTURE AND FOR OUR CHILDREN.

Chair

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Maintenance and 50/50 Club

Angela Burnett | 01704 821393 | sales@angelaburnett.com



THERE ARE WAYS IN WHICH YOU CAN SUPPORT US, FOR EXAMPLE...

FUNDRAISING TEAM

Our Fundraising Team meet at The Red Lion and discuss how to raise funds for the upkeep and maintenance of our Millennium Green. Brass on the Green, Bonfire and Fireworks are just two of the events held during 2018.

MAINTENANCE TEAM

Our Maintenance Team meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9.30am for 2-3 hours to cut back bushes, repair fences and re-stain picnic benches etc. Join the team for a cup of tea/coffee and a bacon butty.

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Mr & Mrs X

Please call Amanda or Lillian on 01257 696 050 from more information

VILLAGES AGAINST HGVS ON THE B5246

THE PARISH COUNCILS OF:
HILLDALE, MAWDESLEY, BISPHAM and RUFFORD with HOLMESWOOD

Dear Resident

CURRENT ROAD SITUATION

We have significant concerns about the stretch of the B5246 between its junction with the A5209 on Parbold Hill, where HGV's are advised to continue on the A road, and the A59 at Rufford which is already sign posted as '**UNSUITABLE FOR HGVS**'.

OUR RESPONSE

We are campaigning for an enforceable weight restriction to legally limit the use of this road by the larger HGV's as the road has proved inadequate for vehicles of this size.

ACTIONS REQUIRED

To add weight to our campaign could you please email our action line with your support, voicing your concerns and fears at:

stophgv@aol.com

UNDER REPORTING

We know that many incidents, accidents and near misses go unreported. That being the case we ask for your help by reporting **ALL** incidents to the action line as above.

Please keep this leaflet for your reference.

*Thank you
for your
Support*





**MAWDESLEY
PARISH
COUNCIL**

Public Consultation of land on Smithy Lane

The land on Smithy Lane was acquired to try and benefit as many residents of Mawdesley as possible, and we'd really like to hear your thoughts as to how you'd like the land to be used.

We're holding a public meeting on Saturday 16th March, between 10am and 12 noon at Mawdesley Village Hall where we've invited a number of representatives from schemes running in the local area to try and give you an idea as to what might be possible with the space. Please come along and see what can be achieved and let us know your ideas on the day.

Alternatively, just jot your ideas down on the form and drop the completed form into Mawdesley Spar, where there will be a collection box or you can return it to us by e-mail at mawdesleyparishclerk@gmail.com

We look forward to hearing your ideas!



“Bert's Moss”