



MAWDESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMER 2019 NEWSLETTER



Chairman's Chatter

As I sit writing my first Chairman's Chatter, the sun is shining, the birds are in song and I'm wishing I had paid more attention during my creative writing course. When I was co-opted onto the council a few years ago I have to admit I had little idea about what a parish council did. I think my only experience was watching the antics of the council in the Vicar of Dibley. This memory came back to me earlier in the week when I was asked that very question— what do you do?

The Parish Council is effectively the first tier of local government. It has a responsibility to set the precept which forms part of our council tax. These monies are then used to repair and maintain areas of the village under our control and to allocate grants to organisations and groups within the parish. The Council is also a statutory consultee for all planning applications and we are invited to comment on each one. Areas of the village, notably the roads and footpaths, come under the responsibility of the County Council and in some cases Chorley Borough. As you will be aware these have not been without their issues over recent months.

The ineffectual repairs on New Street several months ago hardly lasted more than a few weeks and left the drains blocked and the adjacent footpaths covered in sticky grit. The Parish Council raised these issues with the county council on behalf of the village and hopefully the road will be repaired shortly. Bluestone Lane has been patched, albeit with similar problems, but we are assured that it will be resurfaced soon. Now the trees have been removed, the short stretch of footpath leading to Stocks Hall has a somewhat daunting drop on one side. Following discussions with Chorley Borough Council, they have agreed to fence this off and make it safe.

As mentioned by Matt in the last newsletter, the Bert's Moss consultation event was well attended and you should have received feedback of the ideas and concerns that were raised. As a first step the Parish Council will be commissioning a topographic survey. This will define

the exact boundaries, contours and position of trees and hedgerows creating a detailed map. In order to do this the surveyors will need extensive access to the site which is not possible at present because of the bracken and bramble growth. Having consulted with conservation groups it was decided to flail these overgrown areas in August when the operation will have the least impact on ground nesting birds. In the meantime, a gate will be built in the fence line leading from the Millennium Green to provide access for our lengthsmen to carry out maintenance. The gate will remain locked at present because the area is so overgrown it would not be safe for walkers.

The village was host to the Best Kept Village judges this month who were carrying out a training exercise. We are expecting our formal inspection on an unannounced date in June. As you will have noticed our parish lengthsmen Peter Boardman and John Nicholls have been hard at work tidying up the paths and green areas within the village. Thinking back to when I was a young lad growing up in post war Leeds I can remember the pride people has in the front of their houses – woe betide anyone who did not “dolly” their steps or keep their front hedge trimmed! So you can guess what I'm going to ask. It would be a great help to our lengthsmen if we could all take a critical look at the front of our properties and do what we can to keep them clean and tidy.

Finally some dates for your diary - the very popular Open Gardens Day is back this year on 30th June alongside the Scarecrow Festival that runs over the weekend of 20th & 21st July. Also, the Village Hall Committee would like your views on what facilities you would like the Hall to provide and are planning to hold an Open Day early in October. You will hear more about this in the coming months.

Best Wishes,
Mike Henty
Chairman, Mawdesley Parish Council



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THE SECOND ANNUAL Scarecrow Festival



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and Mawdesley Post Office. Vote
for your favourite Scarecrow!

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day, lots of stalls and plenty of
food and refreshments available.

Why not visit The Red Lion on
the same weekend? Another
great opportunity to stop for
refreshments on your way
around the Scarecrows.

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Cedar Farm



Full details of the event and regular updates can be
found on the Mawdesley Parish Council Facebook page.



Remembrance Day Parade

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sunday 10th November 2019

We are looking for volunteers to marshal the event. If you would like to help, please contact the Parish Clerk Angela Nicholls on **01704 821703** or **mawdesleyparishclerk@gmail.com**



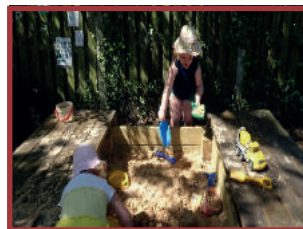
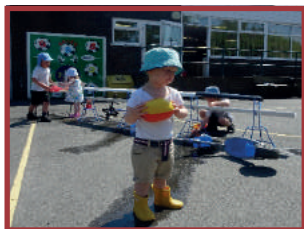
**SLOW
DOWN...**

Speed is a critical factor in all road crashes and casualties. Driving is unpredictable and if something unexpected happens on the road ahead – such as a child stepping out from between parked cars – it is a driver's speed that will determine whether they can stop in time and, if they can't stop, how hard they will hit. Reducing and managing traffic speeds is crucial to road safety. Breaking the speed limit or travelling too fast for conditions is recorded as a contributory factor in almost one in four (24%) of fatal crashes in Britain. This is arguably a gross underestimate, because whether or not a vehicle is judged to have been speeding or going too fast for conditions, the fact it was involved in a collision means it was going too fast to have stopped in time. The speed limit is not a target and in some road conditions, including fog and rain, even driving at the speed limit could be too fast. Driving too fast for the conditions is bad driving. Here in Mawdesley we have regular feedback that drivers are driving in excess of the speed limits which increases very alarmingly their stopping distances. Speed limits are there for a reason, even a difference of a few miles per hour can mean the difference between life and death. The risk of death is approximately four times higher when a pedestrian is hit at 40 mph than at 30 mph. How would you feel if you caused a death by speeding and had to live with those consequences for the rest of your life. Please drive carefully, within the speed limit and according to the conditions.



'Hello' from SS Peter & Paul's School

Life at SS Peter & Paul's school is continuing at a rapid pace! Since Easter we have been involved in a number of activities. Our weekly Stay and Play group is thriving and has been making the most of the lovely weather we have had recently as you can see from the photos. Why not come along and join the fun? Stay and Play takes place every Wednesday from 1.15pm – 3pm at school. It's a great way of enjoying some time with your child and engaging in creative play whilst learning.



Year 5 have been busy with their English work and recently devised some advertisements for Liquid Soap. They wrote a script, designed a poster and even created a jingle! Year 5 shared their advertisements with the whole school and the children voted for the one they liked the best. The project was a fun way of extending English skills and was enjoyed by all.



*The PTFA are hard at work preparing for our Family Fun Day which will be held on **Saturday 8th June from 11am – 3pm**. There will be a wide variety of stalls, including Food and Drink, Cakes, Tombolas, Pocket Money Games and Pony Rides. Everyone is welcome and you will find all the fun on the School Field on Ridley Lane. Come along and have some fun with the family. Admission is free and we've even ordered good weather!*

The rest of the summer term will be as busy as ever! We've got our Dance from the Heart Roadshow on Wednesday 12th June. The whole school will be out in force for a dancing display based on space music as it is 50 years since man first walked on the moon and we've been working hard to perfect our moves. Weather permitting, we will be holding our Sports Day straight after our dancing display so it will be another busy day in the life of our school.

We are also looking forward to our class trips in the second half of the summer term. Class 1 are off to Bowland Animal Farm near Carnforth, Class 2 are off to Lytham and Class 3 are staying closer to home and going to Rock and River.

Small school. BIG opportunities.

Himalayan Balsam

Himalayan Balsam (pictured) has become an increasing problem around Mawdesley in recent years, here are a few facts.

- It is an invasive non-native annual plant
- It can grow to 2 1/2m high and it's explosive seed heads can send seeds up to 4m
- It grows in damp areas, river sides and ditches and seeds are washed down stream
- It grows densely, out competing native species, impedes water flow and, when it dies back, it leaves bare banks exposed to erosion
- It is an offence to plant or allow it to grow in the wild, Schedule 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act

I have scythed it down in the verges near my home, hopefully not an offence (?) and if it is prevented from setting seed for 2 to 3 years it can be eradicated. Pulling up and 'balsam bashing' prevent seed formation.

I am aware that there are some other members of the public who would like to tackle this problem although I do not know who they are, and I believe that there could be some funding for equipment. However, the problem is bigger than this, education is needed as some think that it is very pretty (which it is!) and insects love it (which they do) but there is a danger that they will fail to pollinate native plants as a result.

I am hoping gauge interest and maybe form a team with the following objectives:

- 1 To have a publicity campaign so that people can both recognise the plant and know how to deal with it, - pulling up small areas before it sets seed is enough, larger areas probably need
- 2 A working party/parties. I am sure Mawdesley could rise to the challenge!
- 3 Maybe when the verges are cut any dense areas of balsam could be cut too??
- 4 Any other suggested actions.

A further concern is that the problem is spreading from neighbouring areas, or indeed, being passed from us to them, so it would be helpful to enlist their co-operation too.

Hopefully 'people power' can eradicate this problem here in Mawdesley. If you are interested in joining a group to tackle the problem, please text me on 07936 228400 and I will arrange a meeting.

With thanks, *Wendy Tilston*



Cricket Club News

Women's Cricket

The Cricket Club will be holding two major events this summer aimed at getting even more women in Mawdesley playing soft ball cricket.

Firstly, there will be a taster day on Friday 14th June from 4pm to 6pm for any girls over the age of 8 or women who would like to come down and give it a go. The emphasis is 100% on having fun, whilst at the same time getting fit and enjoying the sport. Mum's and teenage girls are especially welcome as we look to build on the growing number of female playing members at the Club. For more info see the flyer opposite / below or call 07747 747424.

The Club are also hosting a Lancashire Cricket Foundation Prosecco Women's Soft Ball Cricket Festival on Sunday 14th July, the Walking Day weekend. This is building on the success of last year's tournament when 8 teams from around the County came and took part. It is a great day with a Bar and BBQ and lots of Prosecco! See flyer below for more information.



WOMEN'S SOFT BALL CRICKET

IT'S GOING TO BE EXPECTACULAR
FRIENDLY MATCHES COACHING LAUGHS EATS MUSIC

Mawdesley Cricket Club
Women & Girls FREE Taster Evening
Friday 14th June 2019, 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Experience one of the fastest growing sports for women & girls in the UK. Soft Ball Cricket is about getting out and playing: maximum fun, minimum fuss. No pads, no hard ball, no heavy bat, no head-scratching rules. It's a game for absolutely everybody, no matter your skill level or fitness. Age 8+

Come on down & join in the fun!

 Rectory Field, School Lane, Mawdesley, L40 3TG

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WOMEN'S SOFT BALL CRICKET FESTIVAL

£30 PER TEAM OF SIX
Includes on the day Prosecco FREE T-Shirt and medals of Prosecco!

SOFT BALL CRICKET RETURNS TO MAWDESLEY

FANCY GIVING CRICKET A GO?
A fun, fast and social game for all abilities.
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MAWDESLEY CRICKET CLUB
3 School Lane, Mawdesley, Ormskirk L40 3TG

SUNDAY 14TH JULY 2019, 1.30-4PM

For more information about Women's Softball Cricket, and to book, contact:
Jo Frost on 07800 921 004 or **Mel Moores** on 07747 747 424
or book on the following link <http://booking.ecb.co.uk/dy6qv64>

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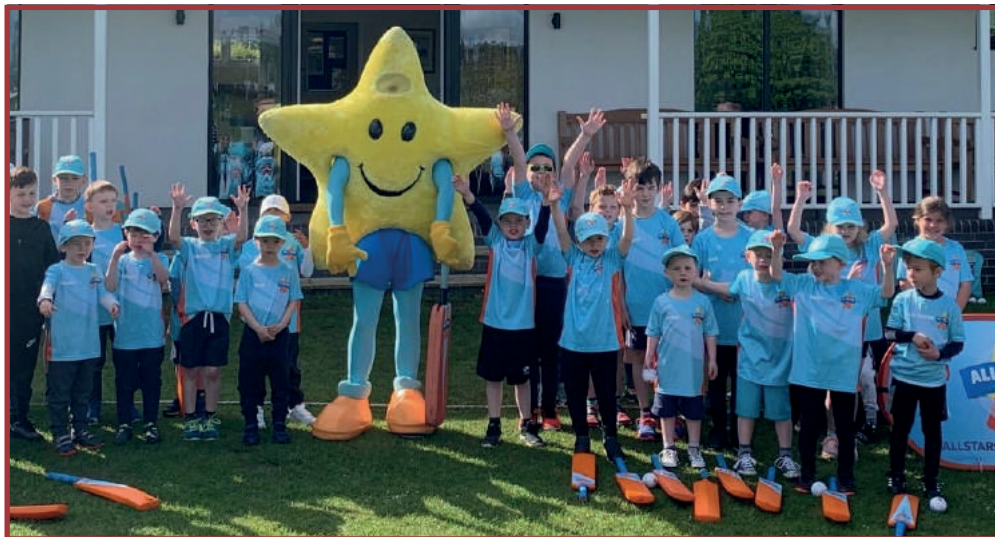
August Bank Holiday Mawdesley Multi-Sports Festival

The Cricket Club will be working with the newly formed Junior Football Club to jointly host a 'Festival of Sport' on the Bank Holiday Monday at the end of August. The plan is to attract as many different sport clubs as possible to come to the ground and set up and all let those attending have a go to see if they would like to take up the sport on offer and join the local club. If you are part of a sporting organisation and would like to be involved, please call 01704 821023 for further information. As well as cricket and football, it is hoped that a variety of other sports will also be on show.

Watch out for local press and on-line postings for further information as to what will be on offer on the day nearer the time.

ALL STARS TWINKLE & SHINE

It was great to see so many mainly Under 7 youngsters down having a game of cricket under the ECB's 'All Stars' junior cricket programme. See picture below of some of the children with the All Stars' mascot 'Twinkle'.



Older primary school children can join in the U9 and U11 sections, whilst older secondary school kids are welcome to join the U13, U15 and U18's. Contact the junior coordinator at the Club on 01704 821023 for more information.

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Mawdesley Juniors Football Coaching

We are now recruiting for new players & coaches ahead of the September 2019 season.

We are open to all age groups, up to under 11s (so all kids attending primary school as of Sept 2019).

If your child is keen to give football a try, in a fun and safe environment, please get in touch.

If you are a parent, keen to get involved we have a number of options available, including coaching and attaining your FA license.

If you are interested, or would like to know more, please contact our Chairman Matt Bell on 07731 596503 or our welfare office Claire Taylor on 07922 564730



We are a charter standard club. All our coaches are DBS checked, trained in Emergency First Aid and hold current FA coaching licenses



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Ian 01704 823336 or Barbara 01704 822468.



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FUTURE EVENTS



MUSIC ON THE GREEN

Saturday 29th June 2019



MAWDESLEY OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 30th June 2019



MAWDESLEY 10K RUN

Sunday 29th Sept 2019



FIREWORK DISPLAY

Saturday 2nd Nov 2019

MILLENNIUM GREEN

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- Housekeeping, Medication & Meals
- Out & About – medical/social appointments
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Mr & Mrs X

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VILLAGES AGAINST HGVS on the Parbold to Rufford Road

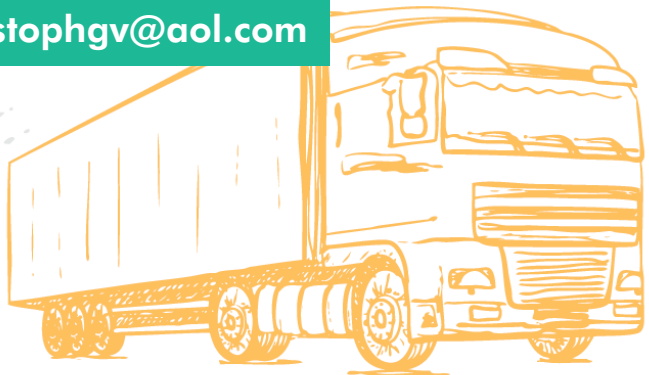
The local Parish Councils and West Lancashire councillors have launched a campaign to introduce an enforceable weight restriction which will reduce and legally limit the use of this road by the larger HGVs. The road is already signed as 'UNSUITABLE FOR HGVs'. The sign is largely ignored and these country lanes are widely-used by local, national and international HGVs as a short-cut to and from the M6.

We have significant concerns about the dangers to road users and residents as a result of the increasing number of HGVs. Many people reference HGVs travelling at speed near Douglas C of E school, the narrow bends on Lancaster Lane and Chorley Road and into the sharp corners at Hilldale.

Please email your support for this campaign,
concerns and any recent or past incidents on this road to:

stophgv@aol.com

*Thank you
for your
Support*



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