



MAWDESLEY PARISH COUNCIL



SPRING 2020 NEWSLETTER

Chairman's Chatter

The new year and decade are upon us and, in the wake of storms Ciara and Dennis, it looks like we're in for another roaring twenties albeit for very different reasons.

Certainly, the coming new year is not without its challenges. You should all have heard about the Central Lancashire Local Plan and the call for potential housing sites. The proposed sites in Mawdesley are all located on the eastern side of New Street between the Goodyear development and Tambeck. It is important to recognise that these are only proposed sites and no applications for development have been made at present. You were given the opportunity to respond and acting on advice, the Parish Council has responded. Whilst we have accepted limited housing development in this area, we felt that provision should also be made for both community and business use. The central area in particular we felt could be used for additional car parking and perhaps a doctors' surgery, pharmacy and other retail outlets. The area could also include local recycling facilities such as bottle banks. A full transcript of our response to these proposals has been put on the parish notice boards.

In 2012 the structure of development planning changed. Whilst county councils are required to develop Local Plans, parish councils like Mawdesley can develop their own Neighbourhood Plan. Earlier regulations meant that Neighbourhood plans had little effect on planning decisions and we were of the opinion that devising a plan may not be effective in controlling development. However, following discussions with the local authority we now have a greater understanding of its importance and will be applying to the to start the process. You be hearing more about this in the coming months.

Work is continuing to develop access to Moss Fields. The gate on the Short Butts path from the Millennium Green to Smithy Lane is now open and the sign is installed. A change of use planning application has been submitted

and, once accepted, we can start the serious work of laying good quality footpaths.

Planning issues aside, life goes on in the village and there are a few things to look forward to.

We are hoping to arrange the Mawdesley Clean-Up day for Saturday 2nd May and the large skip will be at the Village Hall during the morning. If you need the pick-up truck to collect unwieldy items it will be available on a first come first served basis - please let the Parish Clerk know well in advance.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the opening of the Millennium Green. There will be a celebration on 13th June from 14:00 to 17:00 with an evening disco in the Village Hall. The day time event will include fairground rides and competitions for children. The Red Admiral Band will also be performing.

The very popular Scarecrow Festival will be held on the weekend on the 4th/5th July, so get your thinking caps on. The entries last year were superb and I'm sure this year's will be even better.

And finally, there are some very talented individuals and groups within the village. Last year Mawdesley Amateur Dramatics staged two productions in the Village Hall and received no less than 8 NODA award nominations. Chris Hill won best supporting actor for his performance in "Witness for the Prosecution" and Emma Meen won her award for the best original script for "Once upon a Pantomime". I saw both performances and they were fantastic. Whatever you do be sure to see MAD's next play "The Reunion" running from 18th to 20th June.

Best Wishes,

Mike Henty

Chairman, Mawdesley Parish Council

Happy Easter

In 325 CE, the Council of Nicaea established that Easter would be held on the first Sunday after the first Full Moon occurring on or after the vernal equinox. (*) From that point forward, the Easter date depended on the ecclesiastical approximation of March 21 for the vernal equinox.

Easter, also called Pascha (Greek, Latin) or Resurrection Sunday, is a festival and holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day after his burial following his crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary c. 30 AD.

The term Easter gets its name from Eastre, the Anglo-Saxon goddess who symbolizes the hare and the egg.

INRI stems from the Latin phrase 'Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum' meaning 'Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews'. This was the notice Pontius Pilate nailed over Jesus as he lay dying on the cross.

Easter Lilies- The white blossoms symbolize the purity of Jesus. Lilies, emerging from the earth in the spring, also symbolize new life and the resurrection of Christ. All about Easter Lilies. The lamb - Represents Jesus, "the Lamb of God". The cross - Symbolizes Jesus' victory over death.

The extensive adoption of the cross as Christian iconographic symbol arose from the 4th century.

The Easter Bunny (also called the Easter Rabbit or Easter Hare) is a folkloric figure and symbol of Easter, depicted as a rabbit bringing Easter eggs.

This custom of the Easter egg can be traced to early Christians of Mesopotamia, and from there it spread into Russia and Siberia through the Orthodox Churches, and later into Europe through the Catholic and Protestant Churches.

The tallest Easter egg chocolate was made in Italy in 2011.

The art of painting eggs is called pysanka, which originated in Ukraine. It involves using wax and dyes to colour the egg.

The Hot Cross bun marks the end of Lent and different parts of the hot cross bun have a certain meaning, including the cross representing the crucifixion of Jesus, and the spices inside signifying the spices used to embalm him at his burial. They are now available all year round in some places



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in the

Mawdesley Village Hall
at 7.30pm

Tickets £9.00

Available from: Spar Stores or Phone: 822577

Raffle, Bar and Refreshments

**THE MILLENNIUM GREEN'S
20TH ANNIVERSARY**

FAMILY FUN DAY

SATURDAY 13TH JUNE

Celebrate the Millennium Green's 20th birthday at this free family party followed by a ticketed event in the Village Hall (more details to come).

Show your support to ensure that this wonderful village facility celebrates many more birthdays!

Interested in volunteering or promoting your business at the event? Contact:

Peter McNamee peterwmcnamee@gmail.com
Andy Dalton brooklands1925@icloud.com

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Your Village, Your Village Hall



Mawdesley Village Hall is to undergo a £32,000 makeover after being awarded grants by the National Lottery Fund and the Parish Council.

The work will be carried out by local heating and plumbing engineers Sylvesters and will include refurbishment of the men's and women's toilets, the disabled toilet and baby changing facilities.

Funding has come in the form grants of £5,000 from the Parish Council and crucially, a £10,000 Awards for All grant from the National Lottery. The remainder of the money is from funds raised by the Village Hall over recent years.

The venue is so popular that the only time work could be scheduled is in August during the summer holidays. If you are planning a party or event this Autumn or Winter remember to book early as the venue will be even more in demand. Contact Angela Nicholls 07850 606168 or mvh,finances@gmail.com or pop in to the hall Monday or Wednesday morning.

The activities of our regular users will carry on as planned. For details of what's on at the hall, please visit our website www.mawdesleyvillagehall.co.uk Special events include a film evening on 29th March "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood" starring Leonardo Di Caprio, and a quiz night on 1st May – dates in diaries, please!



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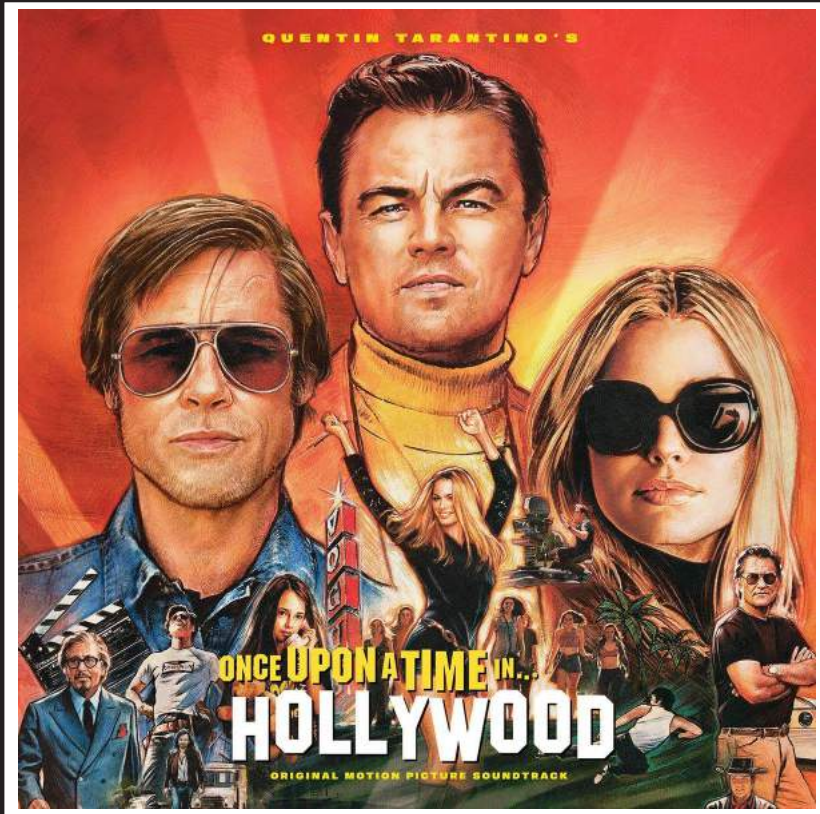


Mawdesley Village Hall Big Screen Film Night

Saturday 28th March 2020

Film starts 8:00 pm, make a night of it bar open from 7:00 pm.

Tickets from the Spar or contact the hall mvh.finances@gmail.com or call at the hall office Monday or Wednesday morning.



Actor Rick Dalton gained fame and fortune by starring in a 1950s television Western, but is now struggling to find meaningful work in a Hollywood that he doesn't recognize anymore. He spends most of his time drinking and palling around with Cliff Booth, his easy going best friend and long time stunt double. Rick also happens to live next door to Roman Polanski and Sharon Tate -- the filmmaker and budding actress whose futures will forever be altered by members of the Manson Family.



Red Admiral Music Academy

It has been an exceptionally busy start to the year for everyone at Red Admiral Music Academy. Our main contesting band, Red Admiral Brass had their first competition, Brass in the Wire, at Parr Hall in Warrington at the end of January. They are now working on their final preparations for the Regional Brass Band Championships which take place at Blackpool Winter Gardens on 23rd February. This is the most important competition on the brass band calendar with over 70 bands from across the North West competing for places at the National Finals which take place later in the year.

Our Youth Band took part in the Halifax Youth Brass Festival in the fabulous setting of Halifax Minster on the 8th February. This was a non-competitive event where 5 Youth Brass Bands from across the North of England put on an afternoon of music. Red Admiral Youth put on a fabulous performance with an animal themed programme which they had been working on since Christmas and the event culminated with a massed band performance which involved 150 youngsters joining forces on stage to play together.

On 15th February we hosted an event at Chorley Town Hall which involved 5 bands from the different brass band sections (think football leagues) performing this year's pieces for the Regional Brass Band Championships. Red Admiral Youth opened the evening with a repeat of their animal themed programme, performing to a packed venue with an audience of over 300 people. Red Admiral Brass played as the 4th Section Band and we were joined by Lostock Hall Memorial Band (3rd section), Old Hall Brass (2nd section), Blackburn & Darwen Band (1st section) and Elland Silver Band who came over from Yorkshire to represent the Championship Section.



We have several concerts and events planned for the coming weeks and months:

27th March – concert by Red Admiral Music Academy Band
at St James Church, Wroughton – tickets £8 including refreshments

28th March – concert by Red Admiral Music Academy Band and Red Admiral Youth Band
at St James Church, Leyland – tickets £7.50 including refreshments (children £3)

24th April – concert by Red Admiral Youth Band with our Beginner and Training Bands
at Mawdesley Village Hall – tickets £6 adults, £3 children

23rd May – Brass on the Grass, Mawdesley Millennium Green – tickets £6 adults, £4 children

Ring/Text Mark Cobham on 07554 609024 for tickets to any of the concerts.

We are also looking forward to playing for the Mawdesley Millennium Green 20th Anniversary Fun Day on 13th June and to leading the procession at this year's Mawdesley Walking Day.



St Peter's C of E Primary School

Little Acorns Pre-school has come of age, we are now 21 years young and what better way to celebrate than with the key to our very own door?!

At the end of December 2019, Daniel Ballard the Headteacher of Mawdesley St Peter's School, Hurst Green, completed his long-term, visionary project by creating a stunning new Pre-school Unit within the gardens of the school. "The foundations of education are exactly that – the basis on which everything is built. Giving the youngest in our community the very best start must be our top priority. I was determined to find a way to guarantee that Little Acorns could carry on their brilliant work in an ideal setting!"



Moving Little Acorns over the Christmas break was a gargantuan task and very much a community effort, with parents, friends and members of the Management Committee all chipping in to ensure the Pre-school was up and running for the new term in January. The finished product is a testament to the kindness and effort of so many families and individuals within this amazing village.

Pre-school Manager, Marion Connett has been with Little Acorns for over 17 years and graduated with a BA Ed. Hons during her employment, "When I was interviewed for the post, the pre-school was in its infancy and operated for just a few afternoons a week, so it fitted perfectly around my University studies. It's funny to think about it now but back then we borrowed a classroom within the school and had to pack everything away at the end of each session. Fast-forward to 2020 and what a difference, our own purpose-built Pre-school!"

The Early Years landscape changed vastly over the intervening years and the Pre-school kept apace, with staff gaining professional qualifications and responding to the latest research in child development. With consistently good Ofsted inspection results, a 'Step into Quality' award and County Council 'Lead Practitioner' status, Little Acorns increased in size and stature, opening every weekday and working in partnership with another provider and Mawdesley St Peter's School to provide flexible sessions, including a full day care option.

The staff team are thrilled with the new premises, "Having our own dedicated space is such a wonderful opportunity and in terms of the children's learning, the possibilities are now endless! Inside we've created a very special haven, packed with interesting play spaces and natural materials to stimulate the children's imagination and encourage a deeper level of engaged play because we know that's when the very highest level of learning can take place. Outside, in our 'welly zone' the children have their own secure space, surrounded by trees, nature and wildlife, offering an array of sensory opportunities and challenges to encourage problem solving."

Marion and her team hold a shared ethos for Little Acorns based on child-led learning and as a Manager she is very much 'hands on', "I absolutely love my job, it's like nothing I've done before, every day is different and spontaneity is key, so it's always fresh and fun. Working with children at this age is a joy and the progress they make cognitively and emotionally over their pre-school life is phenomenal to observe. We are a happy little family without a doubt. It's been fascinating and an incredible privilege to see the children take ownership of their new environment and the future is looking bright for Little Acorns with lots of fun activities in the pipeline, including children's yoga sessions to promote wellbeing and mindfulness and regular cooking activities to develop practical skills and interests. I firmly believe that every child should have the chance to access a high-quality pre-school experience, one which nurtures their independence, builds their self-confidence, values social interaction and fosters resilience. Developing these positive dispositions and attitudes helps prepare children for life in the wider world and as a result our children have impressively smooth school transitions – I've seen many Little Acorns actually skipping into school on their first day!"



Little Acorns Pre-school is a not-for-profit organisation with charitable status and welcomes children aged 3 to 5 years. We are also eligible providers for the 30 hours funded childcare scheme. If you want to find out more about securing a place for your child, then please contact us directly or through school.

www.littleacornspreschool.org

Good Neighbours in Mawdesley

Thank you to Caroline and Gillian for their kind thoughts and gifts of special boxes of mince pies and chocolates that they distributed to each property at the sheltered accommodation. It was a lovely gesture and very much appreciate.



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

It's hard to believe that we are half-way through the Spring Term, so much has already been achieved in our vibrant village school.

The Spring Term began with each class in the school undertaking weekly outdoor learning Forest School sessions with our qualified Forest Schools Practitioner, Miss Murphy. The weather was kind to us on the whole although the temperatures were a bit of a challenge! The children enjoyed working in the open air focussing on a variety of activities including classifying animals, making solutions and looking at freezing and melting, identifying birds, fire safety and a treasure hunt. All of the sessions were busy and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves! We are going to let the ground recover and resume the sessions in the summer term – watch this space!



We are delighted to say that children from Class 3 will be visiting Stocks Hall during this year's Inter-generational week. They will spend time with the residents playing games (we've been practising our Dominoes!) and chatting with them. A perfect chance for young and old to get together.

Our after-school clubs have proved to be as popular as ever with children having the chance to enjoy Volley Ball, French Club and Cheer Leading. The Cheer Leaders put on a lovely display for their family during the last session and showed us their enthusiasm and great talent. Next term's clubs include Fencing, Gymnastics and X-hail which is a club to develop the physical and emotional health of our children. We look forward to seeing the children enjoy these clubs whilst developing new skills.

Our weekly Stay and Play group continues to flourish with children and adults joining together in some lovely learning experiences. It is great to see that the sessions have included some outdoor activities and the children are relishing the opportunity to play and learn together. The sessions take place each Wednesday, 1.15pm – 3pm, in term time. Pop in when you get a chance, you will be most welcome.

Congratulations to children from Class 3 who worked together to hold a debate about the motion 'Is homework necessary for Primary School Children?' The children conducted their research together and three children spoke for the proposition and three spoke against it. The audience at our weekly Celebration Assembly were very impressed with our speakers and the vote was a close 30 in favour of homework and 29 against homework!

Remember to look out for our next update in the Parish Council Magazine!

Mawdesley Bowling Club

The start of a new season is approaching fast and spring will soon be upon us.

I am sure most of you will be aware our bowling green is just beyond the village hall and over the winter months a lot of work has been carried out in preparation for a new season.

Like most organisations we would welcome a few more enthusiastic new members. We want to help are community improve their quality of life, health & wellbeing by providing an enjoyable bowling experience that gets you out of your house and socialising with other people. We always aim to provide a welcoming, friendly and supportive environment.

For those of you who would like to try bowling or improve your basic skills a little further we run social sessions every Thursday & Saturday mornings from early April through to the end of September, between 10.00am and 12.00 noon. These sessions are informal and generally fun and you should find the social aspects particularly rewarding.

We will provide free tuition and equipment.

If you would like to try Crown Green Bowling bring a pair of flat shoes or trainers.

For competent bowlers out their we have several teams of various standards playing in local leagues, and this enables us to accommodate most individual needs.

If you are involved in a local group or would like a taster session please contact me (Dave 01704 822861) and I will be happy to make any necessary arrangements. Please come along sometime and see for yourself what goes on at your local green.



Cricket Club News - Spring 2020



Rain Stops Everything, well almost!

As the seemingly never ending continuous wet weather enters its sixth month, cricket club members are wondering when they will play cricket again! Nevertheless, with indoor training well underway all the players are hopeful that come mid-April and dryer times, that they will be playing their first games of the season. Complete re-seeding of the outfield this spring will mean that home games at the start of the season will be played away at alternate venues.

Women and Girls' Section

The recently created Ladies Soft Ball cricket team will start their indoor training at the Sports Hall at Bishop Rawstorne with the first session scheduled for Friday 28th February. New players are always welcome, regardless of fitness or skill level. Indoor sessions will run through until Easter. For more information contact Mel on 07747 747424.

New Members, all ages, as always most welcome

The Club runs five junior age groups, as well as three senior league teams. New youngsters can join the Club's All Stars programme for 5 to 8 year olds and the Club's Dynamos for 8 to 11 year olds, both start outdoors on the field on Sunday 17th May. Just type 'ECB All Stars' or 'ECB Dynamos' in your search engine and put in your post code to find our details. This year the Club will be running a new senior friendly team for those wishing to play some social T20 cricket aimed at adults wanting to give the sport a go. The Club is always eager to train more umpires and scorers. [A scorer's course will take place in the Pavilion on 28th March]. For those just wanting some outdoor activity, why not join the team that look after the playing field and square - it would be good to retain the Best Kept Lancashire Village Cricket Ground award again in 2020.



If you would like to get involved with the Club in any other capacity you would be most welcome, please contact Martin on 01704 821023 for more information.

2020 Classic Car Show

This year's Classic Car and Motorbike Show will be held a little later than normal and a new date of Sunday 5th July has been set aside. Many of the stall holders and popular activities from the 2019 show have already confirmed their interest in participating again, including the spectacular flying display from the Mereside Model Club. Off field car parking for spectators will be available down Jay Bank and the vintage bus service will be operating throughout the day ferrying those to and from the car parks to the cricket field. If any other local community groups would like a stall at the event, please contact Martin on 01704 821023.

Classic Car & Motorbike Show, Incorporating Local Villages Run

Sunday 5th July, 2020

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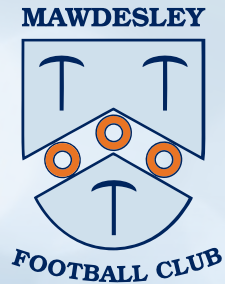


Mawdesley Methodists Church

You can be sure of a warm welcome at Mawdesley Methodist Church for the morning service every Sunday at 10.30am. Join us for refreshments after the service.

We now have a Sunday Kids Klub on the first Sunday of the month. Kids Klub is open to children of all ages in our lovely schoolroom.





WE'RE RECRUITING

We would welcome a couple more players, particularly for our under 7 & 9s (school years 2 & 4), to give us healthy squad sizes.

Our club is all about children having fun in an inclusive and safe environment. We aim to help them improve their skills, boost their confidence for the school playground, and make some new friends along the way.

We will be starting our new intake of year 1's in September. Please get in touch with Tom Poole for more information.



If you think your child might be interested, or you would like to know more, please contact;

Chris Glover 07947 314512 (under 9s)
Tom Poole 07976 898944 (under 7s)



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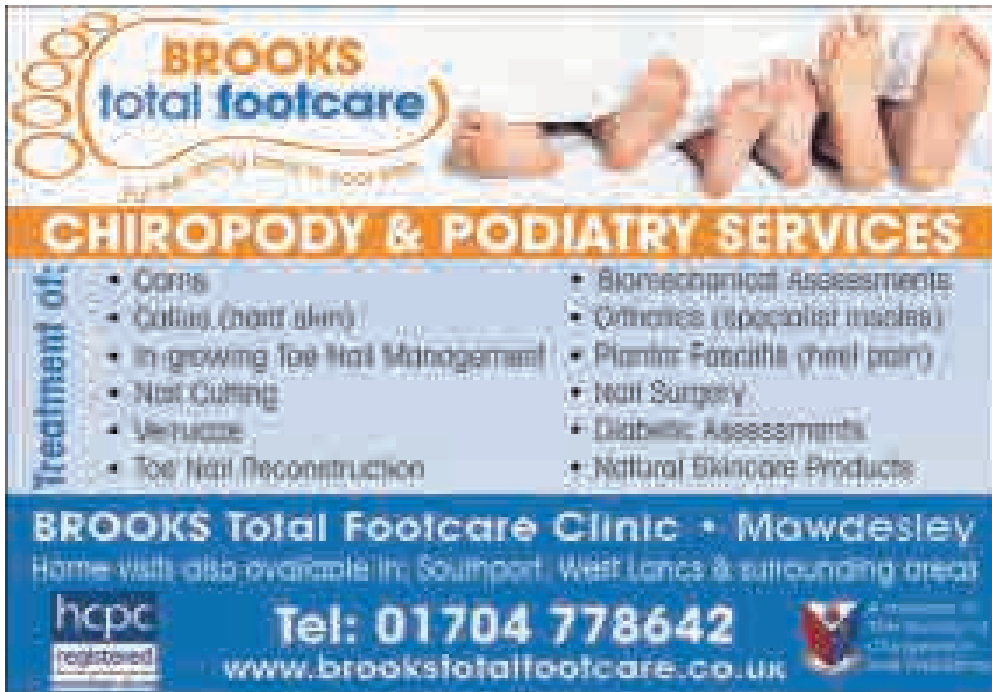
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Mawdesley Village Clean Up Day



KEEP CALM AND TIDY UP THE VILLAGE

Saturday 2nd May 2020 8:30am - 12:30pm

Skip located on Village Hall Car Park, Hurst Green

Skip available for members of the local community to get rid of any unwanted items & rubbish. If you need the large bulky items picked up by the flatbed truck you must book a slot in advance with the Parish Clerk mawdesleyparishclerk@gmail.com

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