MAWDESLEY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Chairman's Chatter

Hello all

It hardly seems five minutes since we were basking in the glorious summer sunshine, but as the daylight hours grow shorter and the temperature starts to drop, we'll be in full 'winter mode' before we know it!

But with the shorter days, also comes one of the busiest periods in Mawdesley's calendar and the host of seasonal events that are planned.

By the time you read this, we will have held our annual Remembrance Parade on Sunday 13th November – an event which is always incredibly poignant and which never fails to see a huge turnout of residents to pay their respects at our very unique memorial.

As December approaches, the Christmas events programme gets into full swing around the village.

The village Christmas Tree lights will be switched on at 6pm on Friday 2nd December. You can read about the event later on in the newsletter, but we'll be joined by our fabulous village band, the Red Admirals who will be playing a range of carols and who would love to hear you join in and welcome Christmas to Mawdesley. Our wonderfully revitalised pub, The Awesome Red Lion will then be on hand to provide warmth and sustenance before a night of live music beckons. Our thanks as always go to the Silcock family who generously donate our Christmas tree and to the volunteers who help set up and decorate the tree.

Christmas wouldn't be the same for many of us without a good, old fashioned panto and

our very own Mawdesley Amateur Dramatic Society are putting on a performance of Aladdin from Thursday 1st through to Saturday 3rd December. If you haven't been before, it's a 'must see' and again, just proves what talent we have in spades within our village community.

I'm reliably informed that a certain individual dressed in red is also planning to visit the village on Friday 16th December to see all the boys and girls as he tours the village. Details are within the newsletter, but what better way to celebrate the end of the school term by seeing Father Christmas as he visits Mawdesley! Again, our friends from the Red Admirals will be playing carols at the Christmas Tree and a warm welcome awaits at The Lion, come rain or shine!

You'll notice that I mention The Red Lion Mawdesley now and again.....but the work that lan, Sarah and all their team have put into returning the pub to be the real heart of the village again is truly remarkable. December 17th marks the one-year anniversary of their stewardship, but I'm sure there will be plenty of merriment to be found at 68 New Street throughout the whole of December.

I hope that you and your families have a fantastic Christmas and that you find some time to enjoy everything that goes on in our wonderful village at this time <u>of</u> year.

Matt Worthington

Chairman Mawdesley Parish Council

Advent and Christmas at St. Peters Church Mawdesley with Bispham



Saturday 26th November -

Christmas Market 9 am in the **Village Hall** Breakfast with Paddington, meet Santa, St. Peters School singing, Stalls, raffle, refreshments etc

Advent is such a busy time for us all that it can be so easy to forget the reason for the season so to help us get ready for Christmas 2022 you can follow our daily Advent reflections 'Watching in Hope' which will be on St. Peter's Mawdesley with Bispham facebook page, some booklets will be available at Church.

Friday 9th December 7 pm -	Christmas is coming – A floral & Cake Demonstration
Sunday 11th December 4 pm -	Christingle service
Sunday 18th December 11 am -	Carol Service
Christmas Eve 24th Dec. 6:30 pm –	Christmas Eve Holy Communion by Candlelight

Look out and *Follow The Star this Christmas* - Starting on Christmas Eve and continuing daily (Monday to Saturday) until the Epiphany (6 January), there will be a series of reflections on our St. Peter's Mawdesley with Bispham facebook page that will help you make space this Christmas.

We wish you all a very happy, blessed and peaceful Christmas.



Mawdesley Methodist Church



We want to welcome you to

our community

Our minister is Sue Guenault

rev.sue@guenault.co.uk

She would be delighted to speak with you in person

See our website.

http://www.lancashirewest.org. Follow us on Facebook Mawdesley Methodist Church



Contact us at

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Church stewards

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Church room lettings

Neill and Ruth Thompson <u>neillruth23@gmail.com</u> Tel 01704832450

Upcoming events

Saturday 19th November 2pm Folk Concert by Mainly Folk - A History of Ireland Thru Folk. Tickets £7 from Neill 01704832450.

Monday 28th November 7pm Join our Advent discussion group as we watch the BBC film 'The Nativity'. Subsequent dates are Monday 12th and 19th December. For further information contact rev.sue@guenault.co.uk

Saturday 3rd December 10am - 12.30 pm Our annual Christmas Coffee morning will be held in the church room. Crafts, Tombola, and raffle. Tuesday 6th December 9.30am – 12 noon.

Open doors event in the church room.

Christmas Eve 7pm. Start your Christmas at our popular candelight service with carols and bible readings led this year by Rev Sue Guenault and the Kingsford singers. Refreshments in the church room after the service.

Sunday 25th December 9.30am - Christmas Day service.

On the **1st Sunday of every month**, at 10.30am, children of all ages are welcome at our Kids club which is held in the church room.



What we already offer ...

- Weekly welcoming church service at 10.30am
- Monthly Open Doors (1st Tuesday 9.30am 12noon) church room is open to welcome everyone for informal chat, refreshments, games, and crafts
- Baptisms, weddings, funerals by arrangement
- Popular carol service
- There are various community activities already held in the church room.
- Church room and facilities available to hire



Mawdesley **Christmas Lights Switch On** Friday 2nd December at 6pm

Join us on the corner of Hurst Green and New Street from 5:45 pm for Christmas carols with the **Red Admiral band**

Lights switch on at 6pm

The Red Lion Mawdesley would love to welcome you for a Christmas tipple following the event

We will be collecting for Rainbow Hub and the Red Admiral Music Academy if you can spare any pennies



Santa's Trail 2022 Friday 16th December from 5:30 pm

Father Christmas is looking forward to seeing you all in Mawdesley on Friday 16th December

He will be heading to Bispham Green at 5:30 pm, before touring Mawdesley via High Street, Brookfield, The Willows, Ashtrees, Gorsey Lane, Back Lane, Bradshaw Lane, Dark Lane and Hall Lane before arriving at the Christmas Tree around 6:30 pm

Carols with the Red Admiral band and plenty of Christmas cheer at The Red Lion Mawdesley to follow

We will be collecting for Rainbow Hub and the Red Admiral Music Academy if you can spare any pennies

Hope to see you all there!

What's On at Cedar Farm

Kaizen, Roberts & Co. and Da Massimo

open for food orders until 7pm every Friday and Saturday.

Pop up Katy Kirkham cards and Tracey Collins bookshop on Sunday 4th December in The Barn.

The Natural Living Shop

the newest addition to Cedar Farm. We are excited to have a refillery, promoting our vision that no waste and caring for the planet should be top priorities.

Order Christmas Hampers from The Food Shop

Order Christmas Wreaths from **The Potting Sheds**

Order Christmas coffee from

The Roastery

A huge selection of bespoke, handcrafted and lovingly independent Gifts.

Craft, painting and wellbeing courses running throughout the festive season - check out our **'What's On?'** page for further details.

Magical Christmas lights shining bright from our Shopping Evening until the New Year.









Merry Christmas from Cedar Farm - wishing everyone Peace On Earth illustrated by the beautiful **'Wren and Daisies' print by Rosanna Morris**. These prints are exhibited in The Barn and are available to buy.

> *Thanks to Alejandra Sinclair of Bohemia Photos for the images



Skip Day Event

Well done to all for a successful skip morning held in September.

Thanks to Mawdesley Councillors, the Lengthsman, Parish Clerk and Chorley Council officers for helping at the Skip Day. We managed to fill 2 huge walk-in skips in 3 hours. Look out for the next skip date in the newsletter.

Neighbourhood get-together, The Queen's Jubilee

Following lockdown 2 of the residents of Tarnbeck Drive wanted to have a neighbourhood get-together, The Queens's Jubilee provided an ideal opportunity for this to happen.

So, on a cold March morning some ladies got together to discuss the outline plan, and then the detailed work began with enquiries to Chorley Council regarding closure of the road and the legal requirements for organising a street party. They were extremely helpful and positive and provided guidance. All the residents were invited.

Then on a very hot and sunny Saturday 4th June over 50 neighbours congregated at the Street Party to celebrate HRH Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee.



We had about 150 meters of bunting, masses of flags, a balloon arch which unfortunately due to the heat popped all day, fabulous table

decorations and a Jubilee cake. One resident brought along a vintage car.

All joined in a hilarious 'meet your neighbours' game and a version of Play Your Cards Right.

We started early afternoon, and as the sun set the last of the partygoers dispersed.

What a joyous successful occasion it was, and thanks to all who participated.









CRICKET CLUB NEWS A Golden Year – Awards Galore!



The Cricket Club have gone from strength to strength this year picking up six awards. The First Team won the Palace Shield's Division One title in September and will now play in the Premier League in 2023. The Junior U13 team won the Chorley District U13 Indoor Tournament back in March.



The Ladies won the Liverpool Competition's Soft Ball Trophy for the second year running in August and off the field, the Ground volunteers won the Best Kept Village Cricket ground in Lancashire award again [the 6th time in the last 8 years] and also the Palace Shield's "Ground of the Year Award", for the second time in successive years.

Dan Rear the Club Chairman said "Well it's been an amazing year for the Club with success everywhere you look both on and off the field. We have a very talented squad of young first team players who by winning the Palace Shield Division One this year have now pushed the Club on to new performance heights. This, combined

with our successful ladies section and thriving junior section, puts the Club in a very strong position moving forward. In addition, and equally important, is the fantastic team of dedicated volunteers we are blessed with who work tirelessly throughout the year to look after and prepare the ground making it one the best village grounds on which to play cricket in the County".



Want to get involved? If you would like to join the Club in any capacity and experience being involved in delivering village cricket at its best, either playing, coaching, umpiring, scoring, helping with the ground or running the bar and café, or helping with social events you would be most welcome. We are a large team working closely together throughout the year to be the best we can be, and there is always a place for everyone who might want to join.

Solar Gold

The Club also were awarded the "Tackling Climate Change Award" by the Lancashire County Cricket Foundation for the installation of solar panels on the pavilion roof and were presented with the award by Keaton Jennings [Lancashire and England] at the County Awards' evening at Old Trafford in October.

For those interested, the Club's Solar 16 panel PV system linked to a 5.2kw battery storage array will generate and store almost 5000 Kwh of electricity in its first twelve months of operation. According to the US Environment Protection Agency carbon calculator, this will save 3.5 metric tonnes of carbon annually which is equivalent to the carbon that would be captured by planting 58 trees and letting them grow for 10 years!

The Club's system was installed by UPS Solar of Euxton and will repay its cost in about five years. If you would like more information on the system and how it works, feel free to contact the Cricket Club on 01704 821023.



Mawdesley Parish Council Grant Awards

Mawdesley Parish Council's grants awards scheme is now open!

Grants will be awarded to organisations that can demonstrate that they are likely to bring benefit to the parish as a whole or a significant number or group of persons residing within the Parish.

Grants to community organisations must demonstrate that financial support will benefit the Parish by:

- Providing the opportunity for residents to take part in projects and activities
- Enhancing the quality of life of the residents of the Parish
- Improving the surroundings and environment
- Promoting Mawdesley in a positive way

GENERAL GRANT CONDITIONS

Grant awards are funded directly from the Parish Precept and eligible groups must be a 'not for profit' making body and must be formally constituted. Only organisations can apply for funding, not individuals. The availability of funds to support appropriate activities is dependent on the Council's overall financial position and grants therefore are likely to be restricted.

The grant can only be used for the purpose stated in the application and the Council reserves the right to reclaim any grant not used for the specified purpose.

Grants must be spent within 1 year of award. Any unspent monies left after this time must be returned.

Organisations are responsible for ensuring that they follow all legal and statutory requirements.

Acknowledgement of the financial support received from the Council is required on documentation and any promotional material.

For further information e mail Clerk@mawdesleyparishcouncil.com and request an application form.

NB Deadline for applications is 18th December 2022.



INSPIRING WOMEN 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**





The Parish Council can offer half a page ad for £30 and a full page for £55. Limited space available.



Please support your local shops and businesses

Please remember to carry on visiting your local shops and support local businesses to keep them here. Thank you.



Newsletter deadline

The next Newsletter deadline is Friday 10th March

If you wih to place an advert in the next newsletter, please forward this to the Clerk via email noting the deadline. Kindly note limited space is available. Full page advert £55; half page £30. Email clerk@mawdesleyparishcouncil.org.uk

Dates of Forthcoming Parish Council Meetings

13th December, 10th January and 14th February All at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Please remember the public are welcome to attend and during the open forum can raise any issues, concerns or matters of interest as notified to the Chair. Minutes of the previous meetings can be obtained fro the website www.mawdesleyparishcouncil.org.uk or alternatively please email Trish Grimshaw the Parish Clerk/RFO clerk@mawdeleyparishcouncil.co.uk

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