



MAWDESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

SPRING 2021 NEWSLETTER



Chairman's Chatter

It's customary for an outgoing chairman to reflect on the events of the past year. It's been an interesting period, if not a little challenging for us all. We've always been an active village with events occurring almost every month. All that changed in March last year. However, I feel that the way in which we have come together as a community to "Help Each Other Out" through both social media and practically with volunteers on every street and road is a change that I hope will stay with us.

Despite the challenges the Parish Council has continued to operate and meet using Zoom. Not a term I would have thought I would be using twelve months ago. The virtual meetings have worked well and, on the positive side, I think many more people have joined us than we would normally expect.

Our biggest project over the last three years has been the purchase and development of the Moss Fields Conservation Area. While this is still work in progress, the new footpath walk through the woods is proving very popular. There are now pedestrian gates leading off Smithy Lane and tree planting, a community orchard and allotments are being considered. You should be hearing more about these in the coming months.

Carrying on the walking theme, many of you have been taking the opportunity to discover the many footpaths around the village. We have an ongoing program of works to maintain and upgrade these paths. It's not an easy task and I think we all owe a vote of thanks to our lengthsman Peter Boardman and John Nicholls for the great work they are doing.

There are always issues which are difficult for a Parish Council to resolve. One of these is speeding. At a meeting

with a Police Traffic Officer he suggested that we consider a poster campaign, moving the speed display unit and creating village gateways. Gateways work by altering a driver's perception of the road and the area they are about to enter. There are several types of gateway. A simple sign, or even multiple signs incorporating a traffic calming measure such as a chicane. The nearest we have to a gateway is the village entrance from High Street. It may not incorporate a chicane, but it does have a narrow bridge. This slows traffic down to some extent as the speed display data shows but sadly not all drivers adhere to the 20mph limit.

In contrast the entrance from Hall Lane to New Street has hardly any effect on traffic speed. This is a particular high risk because of the Hurst Green Junction after the left-hand bend and the fact that the footpaths are used extensively by walkers and children going to school. We have identified these and five other possible sites for gateways and will be reviewing what, if anything we can or should change.

The second persistently, difficult issue is dog fouling. Contrary to the rumours going around, the Parish Council has not applied for a firearms licence. Instead we are commissioning a poster campaign, the details of which are in this newsletter.

And finally, there is light at the end of the tunnel. The Scarecrow Competition will be going ahead again so that should cheer us up and personally? Well, I'm looking forward to playing boules again and putting the world to rights over a relaxing pint.

Mike Henty

Chairman, Mawdesley Parish Council



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THE ANNUAL MAWDESLEY

Scarecrow Festival

SATURDAY 17th & SUNDAY 18th JULY 2021



I'm delighted to announce that the Scarecrows are returning to Mawdesley this summer, with judging taking place over the weekend of the 17th & 18th July 2021.

Entry is open to everyone and there is no charge. Just send an e-mail to Angela, our Parish Clerk on mawdesleyparishclerk@gmail.com or you can contact us on the Mawdesley Parish Council Facebook page. We'll update the page as we get closer to the date with any information that you may need.

You should include your name, address (or the address where the scarecrow will be situated) and a scarecrow name if you have one (but you can always send that in later if you haven't decided what to build yet!). The closing date for entries to be included on the voting form is the 30th June, as we need to organise the maps and get them printed in time for the weekend. If you miss the deadline for the map, you can still get involved and we'll do our best to make sure every scarecrow has its day!

Your scarecrow can be as large or as small as you like – the judges will be looking for originality and something that makes us smile, not just the technical prowess of the entry (although that is also greatly admired!)

Maps and scorecards will be available in the week before the competition. We'll ask you to rank your top 3 scarecrows and prizes will be awarded to the highest score achieved from a combination of public votes and the judge's votes.

We look forward to seeing all your scarecrows and good luck to you all!

If there are any local businesses that would like to get involved by either sponsoring the event or a prize, please send an email to mpc.mattworthington@gmail.com and Matt will send you some details as to how you can get involved.



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



Seats & Picnic Tables for the Moss Fields

Donations in memory of a loved one can bring comfort at a time of loss and help honour someone special by remembering all the happy moments you spent together.

If you would like to have a memorial bench placed on the Moss Fields in memory of a loved one you can purchase an engraved bench or bench with a plaque and donate it to the Parish Council who will maintain it as a public asset.

*The benches last a life time
so are ideal for a gift to remember*

*A strong, magnificent and totally
original oak outdoor bespoke bench*

*No two pieces are the same,
each bench is totally unique*

The Seat Benches are made from sustainable solid oak

1m length £375

1.5m length £450

2m length £525

Plus £250 to securely install it on the Moss Fields

This Picnic Bench is made from sustainable timber.

2m length £250

Plus £250 to securely install it on the Moss Fields

If you wish to purchase a bench to donate to the Moss Fields

please contact the Parish Clerk on 07548 686364 or email mawdesleyparishclerk@gmail.com. We feel a maximum of six benches and eight picnic benches would be in keeping with the field.

The Parish Council is planning a community orchard you may wish to dedicate a tree to a loved one. The cost will be approximately £25 depending on which trees are available at the time. If you wish to donate a tree please contact the Parish Clerk.



Lily and Annie's little girls Little Girls Making a Huge Difference Challenge

Back in January after hearing so much bad news daily regarding coronavirus and cancer and also after the recent deaths of 2 close family members to cancer, Lily decided that she wanted to make a difference however she wasn't sure how she could do this as she is only 8 years old and thought little girls couldn't do anything to spark a change for the best. After discussing some of her ideas, she asked if she could set herself and her younger sister Annie, age 6, a running challenge. Together they decided that throughout February they wanted to try and run 25 miles in aid of St Catherine's and set themselves a fundraising target of £25, they called their challenge "Lily and Annie's little girls Little Girls Making a Huge Difference Challenge" and raised money using the JustGiving platform. Lily and Annie chose St Catherine's as they recently provided care and support to our family during a time when 2 family members had very short battles with cancer. St Catherine's were incredible and the support provided to our family members during their most vulnerable times was treasured. The girls wanted to give a little back in memory of these 2 incredibly special ladies.

Prior to setting themselves this challenge, the girls were not runners however once they started running they were soon covering between 2.5 and 3.5 miles daily and realised that they were going to hit their 25 mile target way before the end of February. On 12th February, the girls reached the 25 mile target, it would have been very easy for them to say that they had completed their challenge however spurred on by the support that they had received from so many family and friends and also members of the Mawdesley community they decided to set themselves a new target of reaching 40 miles before the end of the month.

By the end of February, the girls had in fact covered a huge 55.5 miles and have so far raised a whopping £2169.88 including gift aid, all of which will go to St Catherine's Hospice and will hopefully go some way to helping them support other local families at a time when they are most vulnerable and need the care of others most.

As a result of their challenge, Lily and Annie were also interviewed live by Graham Liver on BBC Radio

Lancashire as part of the BBC Make a Difference feature. The aim of the interview was to spread the word of their fundraising further and resulted in raising even more donations via the JustGiving page for this fabulous hospice.

The resilience and determination of these two little girls has been extraordinary, they went out running every day in February in rain, snow, ice, wind or sunshine and didn't once complain or want to give up. Every time they ran they received more and more support from our fabulous village community and this only spurred them on to go even further in their efforts to make a difference to the lives of others.

The challenge has resulted in Lily and Annie realising that despite only being 8 and 6 years old, they really have and can continue to make a huge difference to the lives of others. During these strange times that we find ourselves in, the challenge that they set themselves has given the girls something to focus on and also helped to boost their own confidence and given them a sense of pride in their achievements.

Lily and Annie would like to say thank you to everyone who has donated to their challenge, the money raised will most definitely be appreciated by the staff and patients at St Catherine's Hospice.





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

Greetings from SS Peter & Paul's! We have been working in a very different school environment since the announcement of the Lockdown at the start of the year. School has remained open for children who come under a number of different categories and we have also had children remaining at home and engaging in their remote learning. Hopefully all children will have returned to the school classroom by the time you read this!



We have been very fortunate in being able to have remote learners and children in school following the same curriculum during the spring term. In Class 2 (Year 3 & Year 4) the children embarked on an exciting project involving writing an explanation text about the manufacturing of Cornflakes at Kellogs. Every piece of work that the children produced was sent to the Public Relations Team at Kellogs and the feedback from them was amazing! The work included interactive Power Points, colourful handwritten leaflets and very professional word documents. Darragh was the overall winner with his PowerPoint with Rose and Rafa being the runners up. All of the children who entered were lucky enough to receive a box of Cornflakes and a Cereal Bowl for their efforts.

As part of our learning in school we have been delighted for the children to be discovering the great outdoors. Recent Forest School work has involved building shelters, working with wood and setting up areas for rest and relaxation! The children have all been very intrepid and endured some challenging temperatures whilst enjoying the benefits of teamwork outdoors.



We've been focussing on keeping moving and being mindful. Children at home and in school joined in with a live YouTube session provided exclusively for us by 'Move with Ben'. The children enjoyed some fast, paced movement drills and some mindful yoga moves. Everyone finished the session with a big smile on their faces and feeling ready to the next challenge.



We are now looking forward to welcoming all the children back to school, sunshine and some super, fun curriculum learning. Wishing everyone a Happy Easter from the children, staff and families at SS Peter & Paul's.



St Peter's C of E Primary School

We came back to school in September and started looking at the book entitled "Here We Are" by Oliver Jeffers. This book was about the world surrounding us and about how each person is different; has a heart and is totally unique!

Subsequently, there was plenty of coverage in the media of people being racist and what later became known as the "Black Lives Matter" agenda. In our class, we were debating this issue and exploring each person's right to freedom, to belong and to have a home. At this time, we discovered the thirty articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights from the United Nations.

Our teacher (Mrs H Jackson) told us that we would be completing a project during Parliament Week, in November. As a class, we decided that our project should be about supporting homeless people. We visited websites that were tending to the homeless and thought about how others could view these people. We tried to understand how hard it must be for people who find themselves without anywhere to live...

A teacher who was working in our school at that point, Miss Emily Bickerstaffe, knew of a project that was going on within Edge Hill University (EHU) that was actively seeking to support the homeless in the North West region by giving them food and clothing.

We went on to contact our constituency MP, Katherine Fletcher, and invited her into our school to meet us and discuss HM Government's response to this issue. Meanwhile, we each wrote a personal letter to a company, asking them to support our project. Some of us wrote to supermarkets, some to pharmacies, some to clothing companies and even pet food manufacturers! Our letters were very successful and we received plenty of items to distribute.



This is car number 1 loaded - full of donations ready to be donated in Liverpool. We ended up filling 2 cars with all of the donations we collected.



Letters and Facebook requests for used clothing, duvets and sleeping bags were also really generously supported – thank you ALL for your support. We believe that our project was very successful and we have reached out and helped people in need across our region because, after all, every human being is special and made in the image of God.

We owe a huge thank you to our teachers for their work in supporting our project and turning our ideas into action. Thanks also to the volunteers and EHU for making this happen and going out to deliver and assist people.

Whilst on a clothing theme, we have a large green clothes bank at the front of school. Good quality used clothing can be deposited by anyone and we raise funds for the PTA from each kilogram collected. It is accessible all the time and we really appreciate all the community support: it is much appreciated!





Looking Forward to Opening You're Welcome!

During lockdown, we've been busy at the hall – making sure we're "Covid-secure" and using the time to carry out some improvements to the hall and its facilities. We were also pleased to offer the use of the hall to Mawdesley St Peters School in June/July.



The main toilets at the front door have been totally refurbished and the lounge and hall have been redecorated.

Pupils from Mawdesley St Peters in the village hall annex





The wifi system has been improved and work will start shortly on a new sound system (thanks to a grant from Mawdesley Parish Council). Plans have been drawn up to improve the external areas at the front and rear of the hall and a major upgrade to the bar has been approved by the trustees.

We anticipate that these improvements will be complete by the time the hall opens for business. The government is taking a cautious approach to unlocking and it is not possible to give a precise date at this time. However, we hope to be opening our doors in June/July and look forward to seeing you then. As soon as we have specific dates, we will publish these on our website and Facebook.

For enquiries about the availability of the hall or our facilities, call Angela on 07850 606168.

For weddings and other events, call Katharine on 07557 818803.

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Cricket Club News

Pre-season Plans

With the new cricket season just around the corner, work is in hand to get the field and the square ready for the first games which are scheduled to commence in mid-April, Covid restrictions permitting. Indoor pre-season indoor practice has not been possible this year so it is hoped to hold a number of practice sessions for senior players over the Easter weekend, weather permitting.

Girls Cricket and Dynamos

We have nominated three of our most talented Girls to go forward for Lancashire County trials this spring. Good luck to them all. In addition, and in order to encourage more Girls to take up the sport, this year we will be holding Girls only weekly Dynamos sessions for primary school girls aged eight plus on a Sunday morning from 9am to 10am starting on 16th May. To sign up for Dynamos which is an ECB initiative, go to the ECB website <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/> and put in your post code.



All Stars

Young boys and girls from the age of 5 to 8 are invited to join the ECB All Stars programme we are again running this year, also on a Sunday morning for eight weeks from 9.00am to 9.45am starting on Sunday 9th May. To sign up as an 'All Star' again visit the ECB Website <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/> and put in your post code.

Junior Cricket

As well as the Dynamos and All Stars programmes detailed above which provide and entry to children who are new to the sport, the Club also runs sessions for Under 9's, Under 11's, Under 13's, Under 15's and Under 18's.

Under 9's train on a Sunday morning from 9am to 10am, Under 11's train on a Friday afternoon from 5pm to 6pm and play their home matches on a Sunday morning from 10am to 12noon, and the older age groups train and play their matches on weekday evenings.

For more information about the Club's junior programmes call Mike Dunn the Club's Junior Coordinator on 07813 170765



Millennium Green



Spring is on the way and the eagle-eyed among you may have noticed that, as well as the Green, our sign is looking brighter too. Originally designed by Pauline Collins, the sign has been completely restored by **Neill Thompson** and beautifully repainted by **Ruth Munslow** – a huge thanks to them both. The stocks will also be reinstalled shortly, while the **children's play area** will be closed for around 10 days towards the end of April for some exciting modernisations – watch this space!

As a registered charity, these updates wouldn't happen without your generosity. If you wish to donate, our **GoFundMe** link is still open or, to have the chance of winning monthly cash prizes, please consider joining the **50:50 Club**. Just £24 per year gives you the chance to win £50 (1st prize) or £12.50 (4 prizes) in our monthly draw. Contact Peter Curry on 01704 823605 or pete.curry5@hotmail.com for more information or to confirm your details if paying directly by standing order:

Acc name: Mawdesley Millennium Green Trust M2000

Acc no: 67633060 Sort code: 77-32-20

<https://uk.gofundme.com/f/mawdesley-millennium-green-fund>



Visits will be pre booked and any cancellations due to bad weather will be transferred to another day. Picnic Boxes which can be made up to suit your dietary needs are supplied by the locally based Hannah's Butties and Bakes.

Our team have lots of lovely crafty activities to share, we have packs of different types at reasonable prices. We offer our packs for sale at our Jigsaw Honesty Box Shop at the main Jigsaw gate on good weather days and at Rainbows End for visits.

We can also arrange treasure hunts with various themes, there will be a small charge for this.

For anyone who would like to learn about or expand their knowledge of horses, our horsemanship sessions at Jigsaw Stables with our beautiful Jigsaw horses are fun and informative. These can be linked in with a riding session on our fantastic mechanical horse, Bob.

All horsey experiences will be put together to suit individuals and be costed accordingly.

The sessions will be pre booked and can take place in most weather conditions.

We are hoping that the Just Giving will raise money to improve our facilities to have more seating at Rainbow's End and our honesty box shop.

All the directions can be found on the website. Equinextra.com on the contact us section.



Mawdesley Equine and People Trust
Registered Charity Number 1113276
Jigsaw Stables, Off Hall Lane,
Mawdesley, Lancashire, L40 2JY
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Jigsaw is a registered charity based at a beautiful 20 acre site, in the delightful Lancashire village of Mawdesley.

Established nearly 20 years ago to care for horses with physical and emotional problems, develop an ecological environment and offer people the facility to enjoy and learn about horses and nature in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere.

Jigsaw has entered a new phase so when we come out of lockdown and are in an appropriate tier will be able to offer our amazing facilities to small family groups and bubbles for relaxation, regeneration and fun.

Our lovely, revamped marl pit and willow site, Rainbows End will be the base camp for visits.

Small groups will be able to book a two hour slot most afternoons when they can enjoy time together in this lovely environment, soaking in the atmosphere and observing the birds, wildlife and plants that call Jigsaw their home.

Visitors are asked to donate £5.00 per group per two hour slot.

A nature quiz will be included with your visit and the site provides a great opportunity for artists.



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Activities to do at Jigsaw

Marl Pit Hire 2 hours - £5

For groups of up to 4 people. Visits can incorporate craft, Bob and Horsemanship Sessions.



Children Activities Bob or Horsemanship Sessions

30 minutes - £28

Please specify whether you would like a Bob lesson or a horsemanship session. Or a combined session.

If you would like 1 hour, please book two 30 minute slots.

Can be for up to 2 children.



Adult Activities Bob or Horsemanship Sessions 1 hour - £60

Please specify whether you would like a Bob lesson or a horsemanship session. Or a combined session. Can be for 1 or 2 adults.

Craft Sessions 1 hour - £6 per person

For groups of up to 6 people.

Craft sessions can be combined with a visit to the Rainbow's End, Horsemanship and Bob sessions.

If you would like to reach around 1700 residents in the village via the Parish Council newsletter contact the Clerk.



THEY THINK IT'S ALL OVER... IT (NEARLY) IS (FOR) NOW!

Firstly, we would like to say a huge thank you to the parents who have continued to support the club throughout the hugely disrupted season.

Fingers crossed it's looking like we can now enjoy a lengthy run of training and matches for all our age groups starting 1st of April. It will be a joy to see all the boys & girls out having fun and kicking a ball around together again. With a bit of luck the sun will shine for the parents too 😊

Our club is all about providing a fun, inclusive and safe environment where children can learn or improve football skills, grow their playground confidence and make some new friendships. If you think your child might like to give it a go, they would be more than welcome to come along. Our youngest age groups are Year 1, the oldest are currently in Year 7.

If you are a parent, or local business, who may be interested in getting involved or sponsoring the club, please get in touch via our facebook page.



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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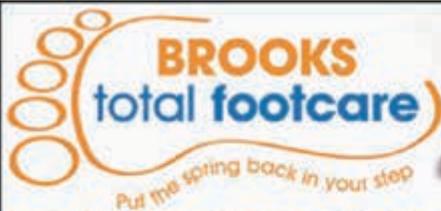
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