

Moulton Parish News



Councillors Roy Cotterill, Janet Scott and Pauline Vernon show off Moulton's latest award

Volume 2 No 2

October 2002

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

<i>Drama Group latest</i>	2
<i>Ramp Update</i>	3
<i>Christmas Fair</i>	4
<i>Art Class Show</i>	4
<i>A Vital Village</i>	1
<i>Scout Troop Back</i>	3
<i>Youth Group Grant</i>	2

Well done Moulton! Entering the Best Kept Village Competition again this year has born fruit. We are officially the most improved village in the category for villages with a population of less than 2,500. Roy Cotterill was pleased to accept the plaque on behalf of the village at a recent awards evening in Macclesfield. The judges were very complimentary about the public areas and private gardens in the village. Although there are still areas which need sprucing up I think we can all have a pat on the back for this achievement. The Parish Council is now trying to find a place to erect the plaque, which we keep for a year. Any ideas where it might be placed? Send your suggestions to the Clerk: A C McElhinney, Tel: 01928 731752

Lack of space in this issue has meant that some articles have been omitted Apologies to those Concerned. Copy for next issue to be by 31st March 2003

Moulton — A Vital Village

The Countryside Agency has recently launched its Vital Villages campaign to help rural communities plan for the future.

Following the survey work undertaken a couple of years ago the Parish Council has applied for a grant from Cheshire Community Council to develop a village plan. This will need input from all areas of the community. Letters will be going out shortly to all businesses and organizations inviting them to be part of this process. To ensure that the views of all villagers are represented there will be a chance to come along debate the issues at public meetings. So watch out for details of these meetings.

Working with professionals from Cheshire Community Council, a plan will be written detailing what the village should do over the next five years. This plan, backed by Vale Royal Borough Council and Cheshire County Council, will ensure that Moulton has a clear idea of how it faces the future and make it an ever more popular village to live in. For further details about this scheme please contact me on : 557712 Mark Green

New Councillors

Since the last issue of Moulton Parish News, Jane Felix-Browne and Mark Green have applied and been accepted as parish councillors. Mark has already taken on a lead role in the production of the Village Plan. Jane has offered to liaise with the local press so if you have any news items you want putting into the Guardian or Chronicle get in touch with her on: 590999

Regent Street Backs Development

We are all aware that the grassed and garaged area at the back of Regent Street is not the most attractive part of the village. Indeed, it was one part of the village that lost us marks in the Best Kept Village Competition. The Parish Council has been earmarking funds for several years in order to landscape and provide more car parking spaces on this site. We have been lucky to obtain a 50% grant from Vale Royal Borough Council towards the redevelopment. As soon as the plans are drawn there will be an opportunity for residents to view them. Obviously, when work begins on the site there will be some disruption to site users. We hope that they will bear with us while work is in progress

 ☆ Moulton WI meet on the 2nd Monday of the month in the Methodist School room, starting at 7.30pm ☆
 ☆

Wonderful World of Music

How do you instil an understanding and a love of music in the under fives? Simply enrol your pre-school bundle of fun with The Wonderful World of Music's original and pioneering programme for the very young.

Drawing on many years experience of music tuition and study, we have fun playing musical games, singing and listening. Supported by The Wonderful World of Music rewards system, and our unique CD's specially written and arranged for your child's vocal range, you can expect your little ones to grow in confidence as they develop their inner ear, their sense of pitch and rhythm, and their love of music.

Booking is essential. To reserve your child's place, please call 08700 118 068.

After school classes for 4-7 years coming soon.

* At present this group meets at the Village Hall on a Tuesday morning



MOULTON DRAMA GROUP

Coming Soon:

BLITHE SPIRIT, the classic comedy by Noel Coward, will be presented during the week beginning 11 November in the Village Hall. The play, directed by Derek Morris and will feature the following members of our company. In the leading role of Charles Condomine – Peter Burkey, Ruth his wife – Lynn Slinger, Elvira his ex. Wife – Linda Parks and the immortal Madam Arcati – Glen Hargreaves. **To book call 01606 551942.**

SMIKE, a musical play based on the story of the unfortunate youth who has the misfortune to be the servant of Mr Squeers at Dotheboys Hall in the Dicken's novel Nicholas Nickleby. This will be presented during the week beginning 3 March 2003. If you can sing, act and/or dance and are male, aged between 10 and 60 and would be interested in taking part please call director **Sheila Hetherington** now. **Tel: 01606 551673.** If you would like to hear more about our forthcoming programme of social and dramatic events why not add your name to our mailing list? To do this simply call Richard on 01606 594190.

Moulton on the Web

Why not take a look at the following Moulton Web sites?

- www.madca.org.uk – you can book the Village Hall online
- www.moulton.school.cheshire.org.uk – See how well the children at the local school have done
- www.Mdg.org.uk – See Drama productions

Do any other groups have a site? Let us know!

Odin Venture Ranger Unit

During the summer holidays the Odin unit has been very busy with award training and expeditions. We have been to White Peak, in Derbyshire, and Keswick in the Lake District. The Rangers completed an Exploration on Beatrix Potter and we are now awaiting the final project due during the Christmas holidays (3 out of the 4 are now at University)

The rest of the group is working on Bronze and the Octants. Recently I went on training session the Isle of Man to learn how to help the Rangers work toward their badges and awards.

In the near future we are taking part in the following activities: climbing, both indoors and outdoors. Nail and hair art evening, Computer Games, Setting up a newsletter and possible Website, Yoga and relaxation evening, Weekend and weeks away camping, holiday and Youth Hostelling.

Together with the Guides we will have raised £4,000 specifically for tents, equipment and storage. We have already bought a new 8 man Kyam tent, rucksack, cooker and other equipment. We would like to thank Roberts Bakery, Vale Royal Council and Awards for All for their grants

Anyone who is between 14-25 are welcome to join us. We meet every Thursday between 7.30pm and 9.00pm. If you are interested contact us on 860798

James Wood, Chairman of Odin VSRU

News from St Stephen's

Bishop Colin Bazley was our guest for Harvest Festival this year, as he came to Confirm four of our adult members. Bishop Colin was for many years Bishop of Chile (South America) and has recently returned to live on the Wirral. His usual custom is to add a question into the Confirmation Service, namely "What is the most important thing Jesus Christ has done in your life?". It's a good question, to which we heard four good answers! It's a good question for us all to ponder, especially as we approach Christmas and celebrate the birth of the Saviour.



Our parent and toddler group "Little Gems" continues to meet on the second Tuesday of each month, at 1.30pm. It is free and open to all.

For those who like to keep abreast of developments with the church building, the church council is in the process of seeking planning permission to refurbish the ceiling. The old plaster and paint is in bad repair, and we hope to have the works done in 2003. We have been putting funds aside to pay for this throughout the year, and we are grateful for the generous donations toward the project we have received. We have also now completed the installation of a sound reinforcement system, with an induction loop for those who use hearing aids.

Forthcoming events:

November 10th, the annual Remembrance Service at 10.15 am (parade from Beehive Corner from 10am)

December 1st (Advent Sunday), the Christingle Service. Previous years this has been after Christmas, but we have moved it to mark the beginning of Advent. We have a representative of the Church of England's Children's Society coming to share in the occasion, which will be in church at 4pm. *Andy Greenhough*



Scout Troop to come back to Moulton

1st Moulton and Davenham Scout troops have been run jointly since July. However due to the ever increasing popularity of the Scout troop and the increasing levels of adult support we are now in a position to once again run the packs separately. After the October half term Moulton Scouts will return to the Methodist Chapel Hall in Moulton, and will meet on a Friday evening from 7pm to 9pm. Mark Pollitt who has been the Scout Leader for the joint troop will run Moulton Scouts. We are also opening the Group to both boys and girls. The Scout movement has an increasing number of girls joining its ranks, and this is proving to be beneficial as it enables the children to participate in a wider range of activities. Scouts is therefore open to boys and girls between 10 and 14.

We also aim is to re-establish the Cub pack after Christmas. Cubs will be open to both boys and girls between 8 and 10. Anyone who is interested in becoming a Cub leader, or helping on a regular or occasional basis can contact Bob on the number below, so that a suitable programme can be planned for January. We can only re-start Cubs if we receive sufficient offers of help and enough interested children.

If we successfully manage to re-instate Cubs in January, we will then begin looking into re-starting Beavers (age 6 to 8) after Easter. Again, anyone interested in helping with Beavers as a leader or helper should contact Bob. Phillips on 01606 810601

Ramp Update

Following the public enquiry of November 2001, Minosus was granted planning permission to deposit waste materials down the rock salt mine. However, it still needs a Waste Licence from the Environmental Agency before it can become operational. We are continuing to lobby the Environmental Agency on your behalf.

We still have great concerns about the road junction of Brick Kiln Lane and the Bypass. In our opinion, traffic at this junction has steadily increased. With the added increase of lorries going to and from the mine we need action **NOW** to make this junction safer. Don't let us have to wait until there is a fatal accident before County Hall moves to improve matters. The proposal to have an unlit island marked only by a bollard does not, in our view, meet the safety requirements for our community. We therefore ask you to write to Cheshire County Council's Highway Department, via our County Councillor, Mrs Shirley Harris, to express your views. She may be contacted at: Cheshire County Council, Castle Drive, Chester, CH1 2HS. Tel: 01244 602744

ACT NOW WITH YOUR PEN AND PAPER!

Moulton Old Friends meet every alternate Tuesday between 2 and 4pm in the Village Hall. New members are always welcome.

Moulton Christmas Fair –
Saturday 14th December, 1 p.m. Moulton Village
Hall

STOP PRESS
NEWS JUST IN

Moulton is expecting an important visitor, dressed in a red and white suit, black boots, black belt, long white hair and beard. Can you guess who it is?

****Father Christmas****

Father Christmas is to arrive with his reindeer driven sleigh and we have reserved him the room called:

****The Grotto**** (Just follow the signs)

At
Moulton Village Hall
Saturday 14th December
Approximately 1 p.m.
(He will stay for about 3 hours)

When asked why he was coming, he replied, “I want to meet all the Children from Moulton and surrounding areas, so that they can tell me personally what they would like for Christmas

Father Christmas has kindly agreed to there being other attractions and stalls which will be provided for the entertainment and amusement of the visiting grown ups

Moulton Dance Club

New Year's Eve
Ball

Ballroom and Sequence Dancing

Moulton Village Hall
Tuesday 31st December
7.30 for 8.p.m. until after Midnight

ooOo

Supper to be included
(Cost to be advised - guaranteed no more than £10
per head)

ooOo

Contact Margaret Black for details

Artists on View

Did you know that the Wednesday Art Club meets regularly in the Village Hall on (yes you've got it) Wednesdays! Why not go along to Castle Park Art Centre in Frodsham, where their work will be on display throughout November and until 20th December.

Methodist Chapel News

The church is open every Monday morning from 9.00am for anyone who wants a quiet prayertime.

Mums and toddlers meet every Tuesday from 10.00am. New members welcome.

Christmas Eve Service will be at 7pm on December 24th.

Advance Notice: The Women's World Day of Prayer will be at 7pm on March 7th, 2003



Moulton Scouts help sort out the Vicarage Garden for Winter

W.I Supremo

At the recent Handicraft and Produce Show, held in the Village Hall, Sharon Boden won the Richard Woolley Cup for her winning entries. The standard of entries was, as usual, very high. Scones vied with home baked bread, pictures with sweaters. But where was the jam??

Editor: Janet Scott Rosedale, Jack Lane
Phone: 594076

Published by Moulton Parish Council and
printed by Mid Cheshire 4College