

MOULTON GETS ANOTHER AWARD!

October 2005



*Graham Scott, Fran Bennett,
Pauline Vernon, Mark Green,
Janet Scott and Jo Kershaw*

You will be pleased to know that Moulton was awarded Cheshire Police's Community Safety Award at the Best Kept Village Awards on Thursday 29th September. The award recognises the village or community that has done most to address the issues of anti-social behaviour in the previous 12 months. It comes with a big plaque and a cheque for £250. Some of the things that impressed the judges were: our community safety group which meets on a regular basis with Vale Royal Community Safety Officers, Cheshire Youth Service and the Police, the formation of the Youth Committee, the provision of the new MUGA: and the work of the Parish Plan Traffic Group, which is working closely with Highways engineers from the County Council.

Thanks must go to the Parish Council, IMPPS, Steve Newson and his team at Vale Royal, and the CAT team at Winsford. All have contributed to our success, whether it be the redevelopment of the playing field, the establishment of youth club, the work on the highways and the anti-speeding measures, or the establishment of the Community Safety Action group.

It's nice to be recognised, but we all know that that doesn't mean that the works stops with the award. We need to keep working to achieve even higher standards.

Applications for grants are now being prepared to fund the renewal of the Junior and Toddler area of the playing field. Hopefully we will have this work completed during 2006.

New Citizen Award—Get ready with your Nominations

The Parish Council is celebrating the work undertaken by many individuals and groups for the benefit of the community of Moulton by introducing an Annual Citizenship Awards for:

'outstanding commitment, support and delivery of a service to the community of Moulton'.

Awards are available for both an individual who resides in Moulton and a group which operates in the village to be nominated for and will consist of:

- a certificate celebrating the Awards for each category;
- a £20 book token for the winner of the Award for an individual;
- a £100 cheque for the winning organisation of the Award for organisations.

If you wish to nominate an individual and/or a group which you consider has demonstrated the above criterion. Please contact the Clerk, Elaine Beech (tel: 01606 888015 or e-mail clerk@moultonpc.org.uk) for a pro-forma to submit your nomination.

Closing date for receipt of nominations is 30th January 2006.



Will they fly again?? With your help - Yes!

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Moulton Drama Group

is 25 years old in 2006, so watch out for its exciting programme of events with a little added nostalgia.

Call 01606 551673 for information

New Group for Youngsters

The **Moulton Youth Group** meets fortnightly on alternate Wednesdays, next meetings 26th October, in the Adventure Group building in School Lane. The group is under the guidance of Leaders Andy Warburton and Susan Puffett. The first meetings have been enjoyable and if you are 9-14 years and are interested in joining, come along. The sessions run from 7.30 to 9.30pm with £1 admission. There is a tuck shop, music, table tennis, tabletop games and we hope the other suggestions for ac-



tivities. The sessions are organized by local adult volunteers and the IMMP youth group committee. This venture has taken over a year

on volunteers, fundraising and writing constitutions, child protection policies etc. The Youth club is affiliated to the Youth Federation who has given much support. Youth club members will be given a consent form for parents to fill in and membership forms etc; there will be a limit of 30 places. Any volunteers willing to help with the club are welcome and enquiries should be made to the group's secretary,

Angela Bush Tel.No.01606 552580.

In early July the **Events Committee** of IMMPS organised a fun run/walk (Pound the Bounds) around the village boundaries (approx 4.5 miles), which attracted 96 participants. Whilst the fastest runner completed the course in 23 minutes



families who walked the course took around 90 minutes. Comments ranged from "we didn't realise what lovely countryside there was around our village" to "when are you going to do it again?" In response to this latter comment Pound the Bounds 2 was organised for Sunday 9th Oct. Although numbers were not quite as high as in July a pleasant afternoon was had by all.

Village Groups receive grants from Parish Council

Each year the Parish Council allocates a sum of money from the precept to help local organisations. This year Adventure Group, Coffee & Chat, Drama Group, Youth Football, Moulton & District Community Association, Old Friends, Women's Institute, Youth Group (IMPP) and the Children's Playing Field Trust received grants totalling £1,700. *Application forms for grants may be obtained from the Parish Clerk(see page 1).* Grants are considered annually, in October, by the Finance Committee.

Christmas Tree Switch on. See Page 3

New Member of the Parish Council

Gary Fox, of Main Road, was co-opted at the July meeting. He replaces Yvonne Freeman, who has resigned due to work commitments.

Dance Club meets most Fridays for a light hearted attempt to keep fit through a diet of modern, sequence and old tyme dancing. Everyone is welcome to come and trip the light fandango with us whether they are experienced dancers or absolute beginners.



For further information please come to the Village Hall on Friday evenings or call Denise Watkinson on **01606 593542.**

Remembrance Day, Sunday, 13th November

The parade leaves Beehive Corner at 9.45 am for the service in St Stephen's at 10.15.

Madca Christmas Fair



MADCA has again organised a village Christmas Fair. This year's Fair will be held on Saturday, 26th November. Village groups will be providing a wide variety of stalls so please support your village organisations. Admission to the Fair is free.

Dance Club has negotiated with Father Christmas who has agreed to come along and give out gifts to all children visiting his grotto. The cost of going through the grotto will be £2 for each child, and that will include one accompanying adult. Other adults will be asked to pay £1 to visit the grotto. Dance Club will donate 10% of all takings to **Children In Need**.

To round off the afternoon the lights on the village Christmas tree will be switched on, hopefully, by the Mayor of Vale Royal, Norman Wright.



Enjoying a day out!

News from Pre School

As you all probably know Moulton Pre-School has been running since the 1960's and continues to go from strength to strength. We have just welcomed 11 new starters to the school who seem to be settling in very well. We have a very busy half term ahead, which we started off with a visit to Stockley Farm. This proved to be

extremely enjoyable!! The Summer Fair raised £227.00. Our A.G.M. is coming up on 7th November to which all parents are invited. We are all looking forward to our Nativity and Christmas Fair which is to be held on 2nd December at the Methodist Church from 10.30 am. All are welcome. For further information and waiting list enquiries please apply to **Gill Targett (551490)**.

Crows to Fly over Moulton Again?

Whilst the IMMP's Events Committee is looking at events it might organise over the winter months, such as a 60's dance, its main focus remains the reintroduction of the Crow Fair, which will be held on the weekend of 15/16 July 2006. Events around the theme of "Rural Life" will be organised. The Committee is planning to revive the traditional Crow Dance with 10 or so men in new Crow costumes.

More help is needed to ensure the success of the Crow Fair. If you wish to help please contact one of the following members of our group:

Peter Hulme (Secretary) 860584, Barry Barnes (Chairman) 593770
Laura Williams (Treasurer) 594339



RAMP UPDATE

The Minosus facility at Winsford Rock Salt Mine is now operational.

The first consignment was delivered on August 22nd and at present about 3 loads a day are arriving. Some of you may have noticed that not all the site work has been completed but we are assured that is in hand. We know that some lorries have missed the turning and have entered the village. Minosus Ltd have asked us to pass on their apologies and signs have been ordered and will be erected preventing this re-occurring.

Two of our Committee members have visited the surface operation and we have been invited as RAMP's representatives on the Liaison Committee to see the underground operation in November.

RAMP will continue to work for the benefit of the residents and the village.

Laura Williams – Tel: 594339

New book from local author

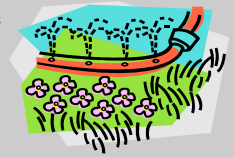
Geoff Crompton's book of dedication to the 12 men from the Village who died in WW2 is now available. The book, entitled 'ANOTHER DOZEN' and priced at £7.50, is available from the Village Newsagents and the two Churches. All proceeds are for the Limbless Servicemen's Association.

Moulton has two licensed Clubs, Moulton Verdin Club and Moulton Royal British Legion, open to all villagers on payment of their annual subscription. Regular events are staged at each ranging from Salsa Classes, Bingo and weekly live entertainment. Both Clubs can be hired for private functions. Please contact their secretaries for further details.



Best Kept Garden Competition

We were once again pleased that Mrs Lesley Cotterill, this year's Mayor of Northwich, agreed to judge our garden competition. Accompanied by parish councillor, Pauline Vernon, she viewed all the gardens that had been previously shortlisted by parish councillors. At the September Parish Council meeting. Garden vouchers were presented to the prize-winners in the following categories:



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| Best Annual | Mr and Mrs Palin, Weaver Grange |
| Best Perennial | Mrs Beaumont, Hillside Lane |
| Best Tubs and Baskets | Mr & Mrs Crank, Barlow Road |
| Best Overall Appearance | Mr and Mrs Clark, Harvest Close |

Message from New Ferry, Wirral!

It's business as usual at St Stephen's! Yes, we have moved to our new parish up on the Wirral and there is currently no Vicar in Moulton but the Vicar is not the church, just one member of it. The church still gathers every Sunday to praise God together, to pray together and to learn and be challenged together as the Bible is read and explained.

The process of appointing a new Vicar is never a swift one! The Bishop and the Archdeacon will meet with the Church Wardens and Church Council to discuss the needs of the congregation and parish, and a suitable candidate will be presented for the Wardens to consider. How long will it take? No-one really knows. But we would anticipate a good number of months for the process to come to a conclusion.

Many children will not have gifts at Christmas this year. Operation Christmas Child seeks to encourage people like you and me to fill up a shoebox with simple presents and toiletries to be given to a child in the poorest countries of (particularly) Eastern Europe. If you would like to prepare such a box, then a leaflet explaining how, is available at church.

After the tremendous success of last year's carol service, in association with BBC GMR, we are once again going to host a carol service on 18th December, 6pm, in Church; (look out for further publicity about this around the Village). It was standing room only 15 minutes before starting last year, and the atmosphere was wonderful.

Emma, the children and I have enjoyed 4 great years in Moulton. It has been a wonderful place to be, and we have felt so welcomed into the life of the village. I guess my job is to help people to move on in their journey of faith, and it's been great to see folks do just that during these last years. My prayer is that those journeys would continue, to the glory of God.

Andy Greenhough

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in the village. Don't let Moulton
become an accident
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