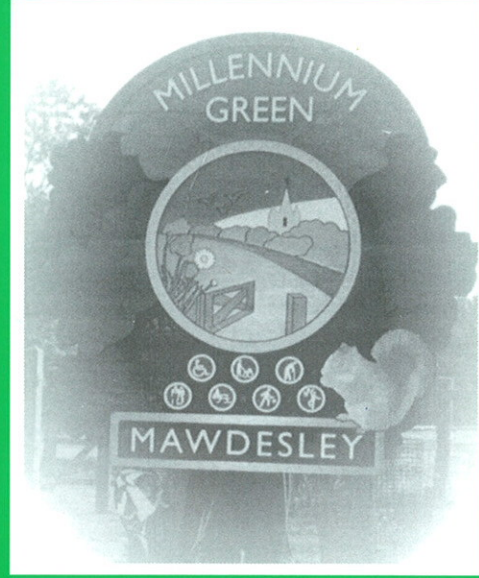


MAWDESLEY JUBILEE TRAIL



**A Walk to Commemorate
The Golden Jubilee of
QUEEN ELIZABETH II**

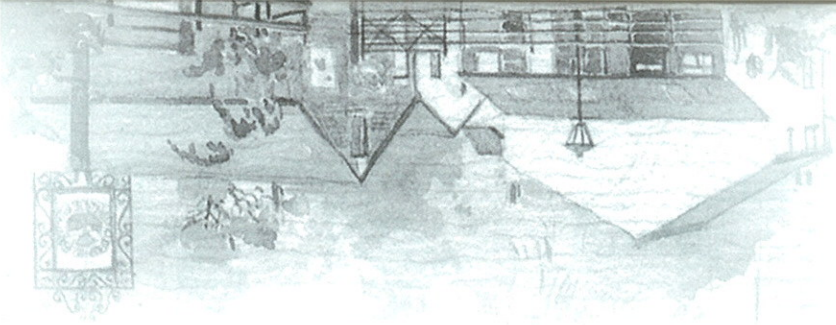
PLACES of INTEREST

THE VILLAGE HALL - opened in 1972 as a result of fund raising activities by the village - a vibrant part of village life - available for public and private functions
THE MILLENNIUM GREEN - Another plus for the village from intense fund raising activities - opened June 2000.

LANE END HOUSE - A three-storey, stone -rooted building constructed from hand made bricks in the late sixteenth century. There is a chapel in the attic, originally built with no windows, so that there was no trace of it from outside. This hidden shrine was used by Roman Catholics of the area to practice their religion safely, in secret, after the Reformation, which banned their faith in this country. When persecution ceased, this chapel was used by the local Roman Catholics as their main place of worship, until St. Peter's and Paul's Church was built in 1830-31.

BOOSIES WELL - is a natural spring named after a local land agent. The engraved stone can be found in the hedgerow on the left of Sandy Lane, just beyond the first property on the right.
ST. PETER'S CHURCH - consecrated in June 1840 by the Rt. Rev. John Bird Sumner, a future Archbishop of Canterbury. A building of grey stone with a thin west tower with spire. The stonemason was from New Street, Mawdesley. Before the church was built parishioners had to attend the parish church of Croston.

Hall Steps



ABOUT THE WALK

In its entirety the Jubilee Trail is a seven mile circular walk within the boundaries of Mawdesley.

However, it is not only intended for the ardent walker but for strollers, families young and old — in fact anyone wanting to enjoy the delights of the countryside in their leisure time. Several car parks [C.P.] and exit points [→E] make it possible to reduce the circular to a desired distance whilst extra mileage can be added by visiting Wrightington's Harrock Hill (wonderful views of lowland Lancashire edged by the sea and distant fells) or the extended exploration of Mawdesley Moss across to its Rufford boundary at White Bridge.

The official start is at the Village Hall, Hurst Green and throughout, the path is well way-marked (both ways) and served with good stiles and sturdy foot-bridges. The route wanders across the contrasting farmlands of the fertile moss and the higher green pastures — along quiet lanes, passing places of interest and includes spots to tarry awhile in order to relax, rest and enjoy the many varied views. Refreshments are available at several places both en-route and just off the trail.

Remember that most of the footpaths cross farmland and dogs should be kept under tight control at all times, especially when on conservation areas. It is advisable, unless there has been a long spell of dry weather, to use stout waterproof footwear. Please use the overspill areas at the car parks. Take care along the narrow country lanes.

Adhere to the country code and respect the property of others.

The Mawdesley Jubilee Trail is there to be enjoyed at your leisure and is for the benefit of residents and visitors alike.

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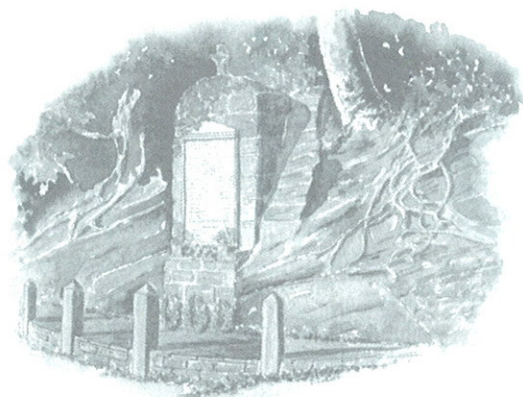
Cedar Farm

CEDAR FARM GALLERIES - a unique shopping complex and tea-room set in a collection of stone-built former farm buildings - also includes a farm animal area and a play zone for younger children. An exhibition centre features many types of quality crafts and their products.

MAWDESLEY HALL - This is a private residence. The present two storey building was built on the site of much earlier structures in the late sixteenth century. From its vantage point on an outcrop of red sandstone it overlooks Dam Brow, Hall Lane, to which it has access by way of eight very worn stone steps.

BLACK BULL - Built of sandstone in 1580 it is locally known as 'ell'ob' possibly because of an enormous fire place (now replaced) and a huge poker of sixteen pounds weight (now clamped) capable of poking 'the fire of Hades'.

CLIFFS FARM - now an outdoor pursuit centre with bunk bed accommodation and facilities. Many varied activities include climbing walls, canoeing and archery along with conservation areas for fauna and flora.



The War Memorial

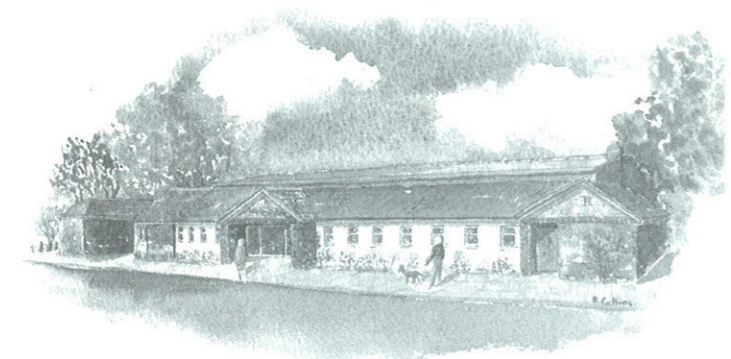
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The Village Hall



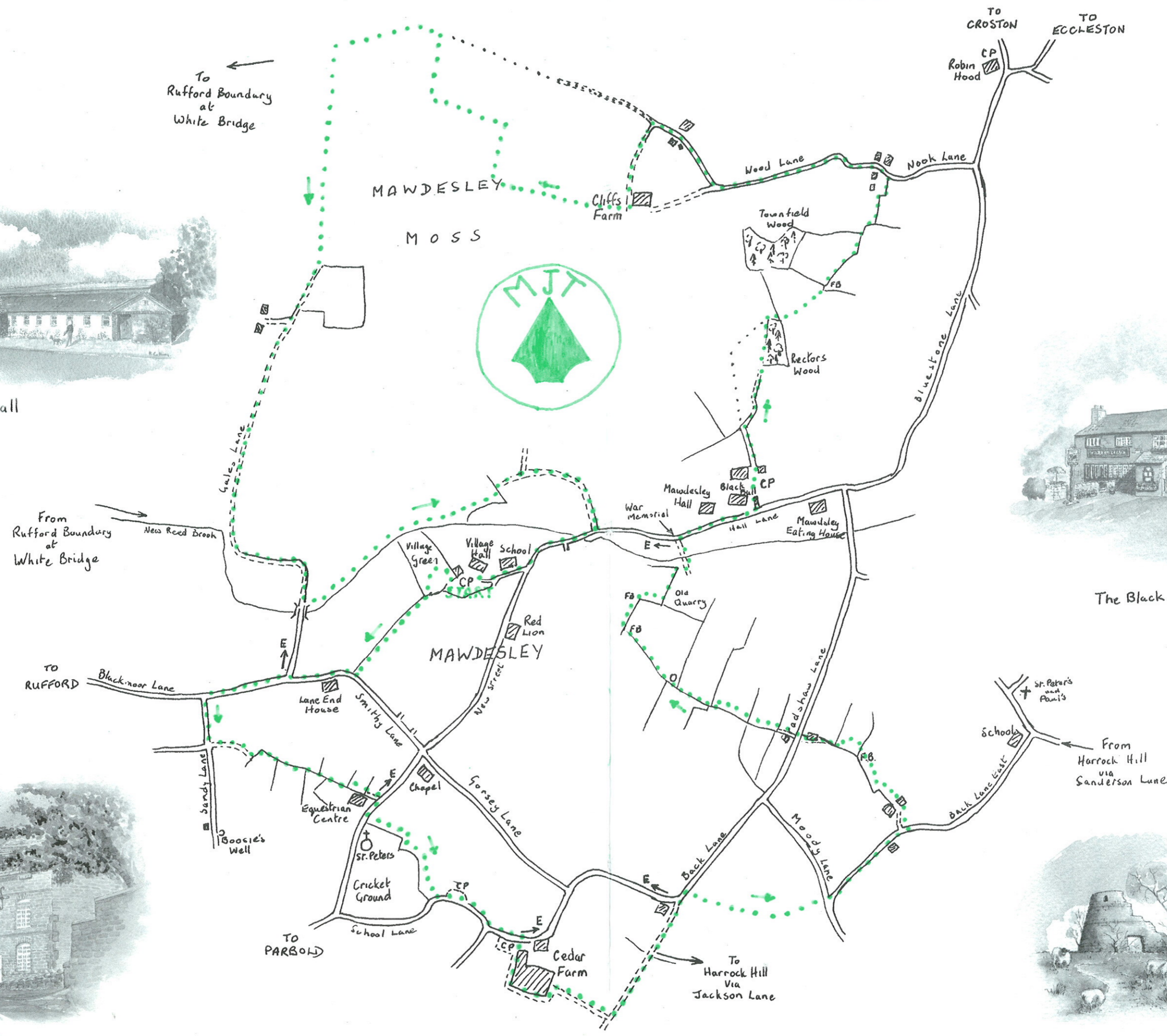
The Black Bull



Lane End House



Harrock Hill



To Rufford Boundary at White Bridge

TO CROSTON
TO ECCLESTON

From Rufford Boundary at White Bridge

TO RUFFORD

TO PARBOLD

To Harrock Hill via Jackson Lane

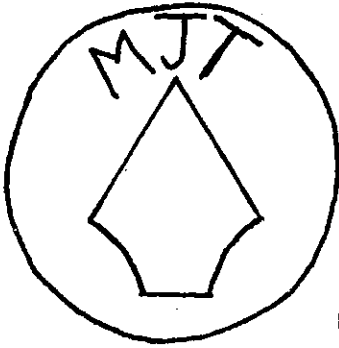
From Harrock Hill via Sanderson Lane

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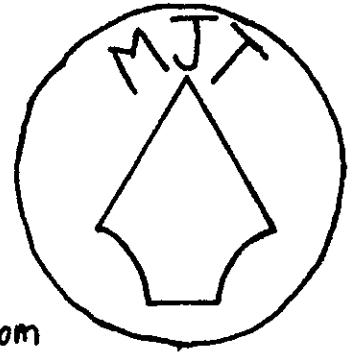
MOSS

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..... Alternative Route



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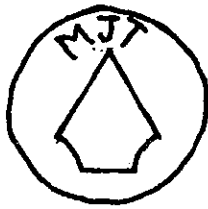
From the Village Hall car park go away from village to pass through the gate of Mawdesley Millennium Green, follow the path as it swings left in a large arc down to another entrance. Turn right across the bridge along path until Smithy Lane is reached. CARE!! Turn right, cross road onto footpath to pass the imposing Lane End House on left and carry on along road to turn left into Sandy Lane. Opposite first side road turn left along cart-track to stile. Go left along enclosed path and uphill, with hedge on left, towards church spire ahead. On approaching the Equestrian Centre go over double stile and, now, with fence on your right, enter enclosed path to main road. CARE!! Cross road, turn right and then immediate left adjacent to St. Peter's Church grounds.

Proceed along enclosed path with Harrock Hill directly ahead. From the stile ease right, across to double stile by wooden fence. Follow the path round to the right and then along the fence to gate/stile at the end of the field to join country lane. CARE!! Turn left and left again at the road junction to proceed to Cedar Farm. When level with the first main building turn right over stile, cross the car park to go by the right of the exhibition centre. Follow the track around the buildings and at junction beyond the farm turn left. The rough track crosses a stream and at this point the path to Harrock Hill goes off to the right with the stream on its right. M.J.T. proceeds to Back Lane where you turn right then right again just as you round the left hand bend. Go to the right of the tree/hedge headland and at its end bear left across to the large gap in the tree-line across the field. You emerge onto Moody Lane. CARE!! cross over and go forward along Back Lane East to the first farm driveway (Monks Farm) on the left - the walk from Harrock Hill rejoins MJT here. Go down the driveway and swing left across the farmyard to the gate, now follow the path around the left edge of the field and down to a F.B. Now the path skirts right, around a pond and then forward left to the field corner. Cross the stile and follow the enclosed path to go through yard to Bradshaw Lane. CARE!! Cross diagonally left to another enclosed path which soon opens out and takes you forward across the fields to Tarnbeck Estate. CARE!! Now turn right then right again over F.B to follow the hedge on right, above the old quarries to the right and then down to the access road and onto Hall Lane at the War Memorial. CARE!! Turn right up Dam Braw to the Black Bull.

Turn left and on through the car park, forward through the farmyard and onwards along the wide farm track. Follow the track as it bends right onto the concessionary path along the hedge and wood to the right. Cross over the stile at the bottom of the wood and then head out across the field, by the right of the solitary post, to the distant foot bridge. Now go with the hedge on your right eventually going right, around the edge of the property, to emerge onto Nook/Wood Lane. CARE!!

Turn left to follow the lane as it descends down to the Moss.

P.T.O



Ignore the access road to Cliffs Farm but swing right to pass through Wood lane Farm and then left to pass Boundary Farm on the left. At the rear of Cliffs Farm (left) turn right along a field track (concessionary path) between conservation areas. At the public footpath turn right, then after about 100m left to follow a thin line of trees on the left. At the last tree turn right across the field to join a farm track a few meters east of a solitary young tree. Turn left and follow boundary ditch to the crossing of two paths close to substantial upright posts. Here you can go forward to the Rufford boundary. The M.J.T. turns left, going south along the headland between the fields to a farm track which in turn joins the rough surface of Gales Lane. As you proceed down the lane the Rufford path rejoins the M.J.T. just before the open bridge is reached (don't cross). Continue along Gales Lane until you reach a conventional stone bridge. Once again don't cross the bridge but turn left onto field edge path to follow the brook upstream to the second young plantation. Go through the gate, slightly left and advance up the field track to join farm access road. Go forward, passing stables on the left, down to the main road CARE!! Turn right and then right again into Hurst Green. Another right by the side of the school takes you to the Village Hall Car.park.

Useful Map For
The Area
Ordnance Survey
Explorer 285
Southport
and
Chorley

