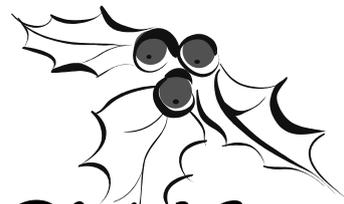




Mawsley News & Views



December 2012



SANTA'S SLEIGH AROUND THE VILLAGE

6th, 7th & 8th December

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See page 12 or The Centre
noticeboard for details.



By the time you read this the new Christmas Tree outside The Centre will be up, the lights will be on and the children will have partied with Santa at The Centre.

But there's more to a Mawsley Christmas than that. There's Santa's Sleigh and Santa's Grotto this week. Check when he'll be down your way and be sure to come out and greet him, and then go and visit him on Saturday in his grotto.

The grand Mawsley Christmas Quiz (Thursday 20th December) has become such a popular event that it has to be held in the main hall, and being less than a week before Christmas it's sure to be a very festive, as well as brainy, occasion. If you don't feel brainy just go and join the fun anyway: it will be quite a party.

There are Carol services and nativities in Mawsley and nearby villages and a Christmas day service in Mawsley itself. (Details on page 12.)

Mawsley will definitely be 'open for business' over Christmas with The Centre being open every day of the holiday (see page 2 for times) as the place you can invite your friends to for a Christmas drink without having to think about any washing up or who's going to drive home. The same goes for New Year's Eve. Why have the mess in your own home when you can come to the 'free entry' party at The Centre?

Happy Christmas to all our readers. Have a wonderful time however you celebrate it.

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SANTA'S GROTTTO

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at The Centre

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The Centre Christmas opening hours:



Christmas Eve	12 noon until midnight
Christmas Day	12 noon till 3pm
Boxing Day	12 noon till 11pm
December 27th	12 noon until 11pm
December 28th	12 noon until midnight
December 29th	12 noon until midnight
December 30th	12 noon until 11pm
New Years Eve	2pm until 2am

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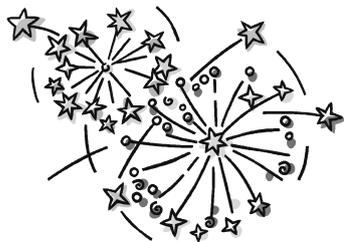
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Mawsley Villagers Association Update



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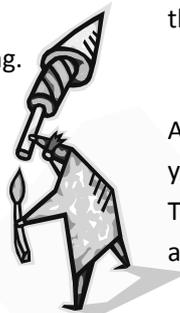
Another successful Bonfire Night and all down to the hard work and dedication of those who helped; thank you so much for all your efforts. It's good to see all that work reflected in most of the village

On behalf of all the village I would just like to add to Martin's thanks as aside; not least to him. He has managed the whole process with his usual calmness and control, to ensure the whole village can have such a super night. Of course too, the village's thanks to all those who helped in some way.

having had a great night out.

Special mentions to:

- Charlie Brown our fireworks maestro and his team of Sue Walker, Richard Harmon & Steve Thorpe.
- Kevin Powell for co-ordinating the marshals on the day.
- Chris Waine for stepping in at late notice to be DJ for the evening.
- The staff at The Centre for all their hard work.
- Pat Downing for organising the Guy competition.
- Nick Moore for providing the wood for the bonfire.
- Anya Powell & Phil Orchard who both took advantage of the Barclaycard employee donations scheme for our benefit.



Another thank you! To Sarah Hart for yet again organising a village ball, at The Centre. Great food; great dancing and great fun.

The night made a profit of £1,350 plus the donation from Barclaycard was £1,028 which all goes into MVA funds for the village.

Bob Littler

To all of you who attended, thank you for supporting the event and we hope to see even more of you joining us next year.

Martin Bentley

Were you a lucky winner?

There are unclaimed raffle prizes from Bonfire Night. Check out the numbers on the back page.

Prizes for guys were presented for the three shown here. Thank you for making them. We hope to see many more next year.

Gabriella with Jessie the Guy



Raven & Naomi with their guy which finished up on the bonfire



Jane T with her version of the WI President brandishing knitting needles



Mawsley Villagers Association

Farewell to Jane

As many of you will know the manager of The Centre, Jane, has resigned. She does not feel that her health is up to continuing with the 365 days/year work lifestyle that this job requires.

I remember three years ago first meeting this breezy and bouncy girl, with the big smile and infectious laugh. Ever since that time she has worked hard to improve The Centre and deal with all the issues that arise from it being a facility belonging to the village; her sense of humour usually being her first resort in deciding what to do.

We shall miss her; and we wish her well in whatever she decides to do.

And you can come along to say thank you and farewell to Jane, when we get together on

Thursday 20th December, at 8:00,

for The Centre's magic Christmas Quiz. Take part in the Quiz or not as you wish; either way you can enjoy a good laugh with Jane. Hope to see you there.

Bob Littler and the Directors of The Centre

Baby & Toddler Group

The group meets every Thursday morning during term time from 9.15am to 11am at The Centre.



We are now into our second term running the baby and toddler group and it has been very satisfying to see a busy hall every Thursday. In September we saw an influx of new faces wanting to try the group and the majority have now become regular visitors, building new friendships. We want to continue to grow and if you are interested then give us a go.

We have had lots of positive feedback on the varied activities set each week and how they link with the term's theme. Next term's theme will be winter. If you have any activities or ideas that you believe could work, no matter how wacky, then please let us know.

Thank you to all who have helped to set up and clear away each week. It has also been wonderful to have people willing to read the story or lead the singing during group time. We are always grateful for donations and it is through the kindness of many people that has seen our toy store continue to grow.

Contact: Anthea: 07596022525
Laura: 07742108488
Mandy: 07716116103
Rachael: 07990942164

Research Results

The MVA is pleased to have been involved in the early stages of the university research project looking at how young people feel about living in new communities such as Mawsley and how they think the experience could be improved. The report from the university team is on the next page. It is very reassuring to read that our youngsters do feel a sense of community here because this is what the MVA has been all about, right from the start.

Early results from the research project encouraged us to keep working towards an older children's play area, which we are still doing.

To find out more about this project visit it's website:
www.newcitizens.wordpress.com

Mawsley News & Views

is brought to you 8 times year by the MVA. It's purpose is to keep you informed about events and decisions in the village and to provide space for your ideas and views. Don't keep them to yourself! The editor welcomes letters, articles and pictures from Mawsley residents.

The next News & Views is due out on 16th January. Please send your articles etc. to the editor by **Fri 4th Jan.**

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'New Urbanisms, New Citizens' (NUNC) Research Project
Children, Young People and Community in Mawsley



This is a brief summary of our research with children and young people aged 9-16 years old living in Mawsley. This summary focuses on what they told us about the community and its built environment.

Overall, Mawsley is relatively unusual among the new communities where the NUNC team has worked because the idea of 'Community' from the beginning of the development of the village formed an important part. During our research we listened

Children and young people told us that they like living in Mawsley because it is:

- attractive, it really feels 'like a village';
- calm;
- quiet;
- friendly;
- a safe place to live;
- a place that has events for the whole community – the children and young people felt that everybody living in Mawsley are included at such events.

Challenges and suggestions for the future

Children and young people told us about some daily challenges in their experiences of the built environment. They would like the following needs to be addressed.

- Like many new developments, construction work continues for many years once residents have moved in. In Mawsley, young residents are frustrated with developers building on green space; as one young person said: 'Stop building houses in places we like to go!' In all the communities we have worked, children and young people made it clear to us that it is important to keep the in-between, 'unfinished' places in the community for them to play and hang out.
- Children and young people indicated that more recently-built houses are more tightly compacted, which reduces what they call the 'village feel' of Mawsley. The children and young people like that they live in a village and would like to keep it that way.
- Problems with road surfaces and the lack of road markings are a feature of many new developments, including Mawsley – pot holes and high curbs are common and an obstacle to walking, playing and cycling – as many adults will also appreciate!

- A particular issue for both children and adults is that the cycle path in one part of the village stops rather abruptly with a fence across its pathway.

Celebrating community diversity

All of the communities (including Mawsley) are diverse, with people from different backgrounds living in different kinds of homes (large and small, owner-occupied, rented and social housing), and families with varying incomes and cultural backgrounds. Although the majority of young residents see Mawsley as a safe, welcoming community, they did not always know how to make sense of diversity and the community tensions they sometimes experienced.

- Mawsley has every opportunity to celebrate the 'diversity' that forms part of its rich community, especially through the many organised groups and events that continue to be a notably positive feature of Village life.

- During 2011, there were many young children of primary school age, but relatively few teenagers and older young people. Some of the older young people felt they were a minority group in Mawsley.
- Over the next decade, accommodating to the needs of older young people living in the Village is essential: for example through providing space and organised activities, affordable transport to assist with their everyday routines as well as including them in wider village discussions. This will help to ensure that Mawsley will continue to be a good place for young people of all ages to grow up.

Thank you! We are grateful to all the children and young people in Mawsley, who took part in the 'New Urbanisms, New Citizens' project and to all organisations and community groups who played a vital part in our research.

Researchers: Pia Christensen, Peter Kraftl, John Horton and Sophie Hadfield-Hill

Contact: Professor Pia Christensen, University of Warwick, P.H.Christensen@warwick.ac.uk

Mawsley Parish Council Update

First of all, and most importantly, Mawsley Parish Council would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, and our very best wishes for a happy, peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Pub Site

At our February meeting, we hope to be joined by Adrian Allen of Diamond Estates, who wants to talk to us about what might be done with the land we all know as the pub site. He may bring a few ideas to put forward for discussion, and I daresay we'll have a few as well. But if anyone does have any thoughts as to what use that area of land could be put, we'd love to hear them.

It is important to bear in mind that the land was purchased by the current owners for real money. They aren't going to want to give it away, however close to Christmas it is! So commercial opportunities will be much more attractive and viable, whatever you think about the history of the site. Please also remember – and we'll be reminding Adrian – that when the planning inspector turned down Taylor Wimpey's appeal against the refusal to allow houses to be built, he stated that in the absence of a pub, the land should be retained for development to benefit the community.

Any ideas can be e-mailed to the clerk (mawsleyclerk@tiscali.co.uk) or brought to the meeting on 18th February.

Road Gritting

We are pleased to learn that Taylor Wimpey will be funding the gritting of the bus route through the village this winter and the County Council will also grit the C31, the road from the A43. Newcomers need to be aware that the stretch of road outside the two village entrances is notorious for black ice and take extra care on that stretch. Please bear in mind if you're parking in the village that the gritters will need to get through to be able to do their job. So please leave space for essential traffic, such as gritters; snowploughs; buses; emergency vehicles; and Santa's sleigh.

Happy holidays!

Peter Thomas
Chair, Mawsley Parish Council

Parish Council Meetings are held at 7.30pm at The Centre and in 2013 are moving to the third Monday of the month.

Future dates are:

Monday 21st January

Monday 18th February

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

The draft minutes of the November meeting are now on the village website and the December meeting will be there very soon.

The Agenda for each meeting is put on the website three days before, so you can usually pick it up on Thursday or Friday before a Monday meeting.

What other topics are the Parish Council discussing?

- CCTV
- How to involve young people in village discussions and decisions
- Funding for The Centre
- The precept, i.e. the amount of Council Tax required for Mawsley
- Neighbourhood Watch

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Neighbourhood Watch. You've probably heard of it. Most of you will have a reasonable idea of what it is. Some of you will know a bit more about how it works and many of you will have joined the scheme here in Mawsley. But a spate of burglaries and subsequent discussions led us on the Parish Council to think it was time to re-invigorate the NHW scheme in our village.

The open meeting we announced in the last News & Views wasn't exactly the most successful of meetings from the point of view of attendance, but we heard advice from Jane Calcott, the NHW Liaison Officer for North Northamptonshire, and decided, as a Parish Council, that this is an important enough issue for us to try again. So here is more information and an invitation to get involved.

There has been a scheme in parts of the village for some time but it doesn't cover everyone and you don't automatically become a member – you have to join.

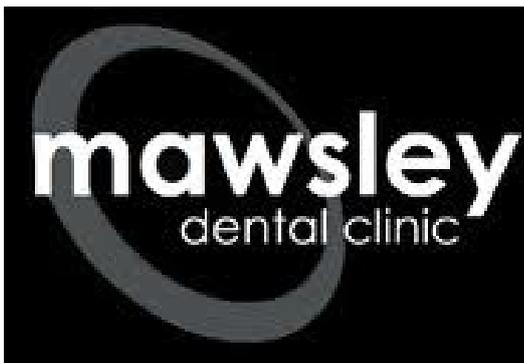
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There are some gaps in current coverage, as you can see from the list opposite, partly because the village has grown since the scheme was set up. To achieve full NHW coverage of Mawsley we need input from more of you, the villagers of Mawsley. So we would like to see a demonstration of interest from people in those areas not currently covered either to join the scheme or also to be a co-ordinator. Not a difficult task. You don't have to do much. You just need to be aware of what's going on around you, and willing to pass on information occasionally to the members in your area (typically just a small number of households). Most of the →



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information can be e-mailed. More pro-active coordinators also keep an eye on their patch and keep in regular touch with their members, but that's just like being neighbourly and helps instil a greater sense of community. So it's a win-win situation.



So we are asking you to register your interest in becoming part of the scheme.

- As a member you don't have to do any more than sign up, put a few stickers in your windows and feel smug about all that money you could save.
- If you want to be a bit more involved in your community - and we're only talking about your immediate surroundings - then step up and become a coordinator.

Please e-mail the clerk to the Parish Council to register your interest in either of these - mawsleyclerk@tiscali.co.uk. Let her have your name, address and email.

When we have new co-ordinators in place we'll relaunch NHW over the whole village so that whether you live in an old or new area you'll be invited (or re-invited) to become a member.

Peter Thomas, Chair, Mawsley Parish Council

The following parts of Mawsley are **not covered** by a NHW scheme at the moment so residents of these roads are not able to be members or to take advantage of insurance and Smartwater savings.

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- Colseed Road
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- Jibwood
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- Orton Close
- Padmans Close
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MAWSLEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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New ways of learning

In particular we have been piloting 2 new projects to help our children's learning and progression; these are 'Shared Reading' and 'Peer Tutoring'. Studies have shown that children benefit hugely from learning together and these projects work heavily on that principle. Shared Reading pairs different classes together with the older children helping out the little ones. This process has been really enjoyable for all the children involved and has changed their understanding of what learning actually is.

Peer Tutoring works along similar lines; however the tutoring is more subject specific. Children keen to help put themselves forward and have been working with younger children to help them understand difficult topics or concepts that they may have missed during their lessons. Again, all of the children have commented on how much they have enjoyed the experience, and as educators it is incredibly useful for assessing the older children's knowledge and abilities.

MP visit

We have also had a very special visitor this week – MP Philip Hollobone came in to talk to our Pupils Parliament about issues raised around the village and school. I understand Mr. Hollobone was extremely impressed by the children's listening skills and questions! So much so he has invited them to come and visit him at the Houses of Parliament!

Playing hard

We continue to be successful with our sporting projects. Our Year 5/6 football team have progressed to the District finals where we will make our debut and we have had a very successful KS1 Gymnastics competition. Lots of children are also going to be attending the Kettering Schools Sports Hall Athletics Competition in December – keen to follow in the footsteps of our numerous Olympic and Para-Olympics athletes from the summer!

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Taylor Wimpey is pleased to report it is continuing work to complete the roads in Mawsley.

Phase 1 (Broughton Road) will be formally adopted by Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) as soon as two minor lighting defects have been repaired.

The roads in **Phase 2 (Main Street and The Green)** have been completed, and Taylor Wimpey will maintain them, plus the footways and verges, for 12 months. After 12 months, should no defects be found, the highway can be formally adopted by NCC.

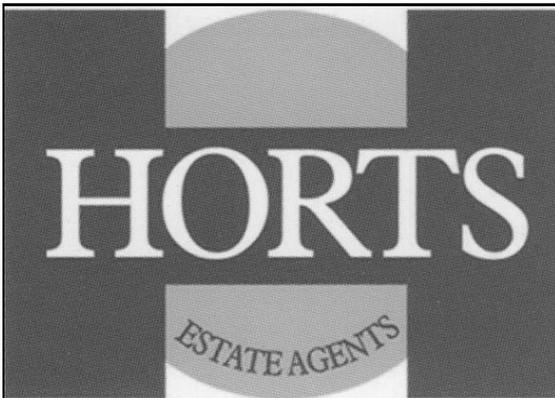
Legal documents are now being drawn up in anticipation of entering in to a formal agreement with NCC for the adoption of **Phase 4 (School Road), Phase 5 (Hawthorn Avenue), Phase 6 (Cransley Rise and Symonds Way) and Phase 7 (Rose Hill Way and Long Breech).**

Tenders are being sought for road surfacing **Phase 5 (Hawthorn Avenue)**, with a contract expected to be issued before Christmas and work starting early in the New Year.

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Furthermore, Taylor Wimpey has financed the county council's gritting contractor to grit Mawsley's roads as and when the need arises over the winter months.

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As it's my last bulletin of the year it gives me the chance to overview the previous twelve months. Once again I am pleased to report that Mawsley continues to show solid prices and sales. I have discussed the numerous reasons for this in the past, however the one defining factor this year has been the simple adage of supply and demand.

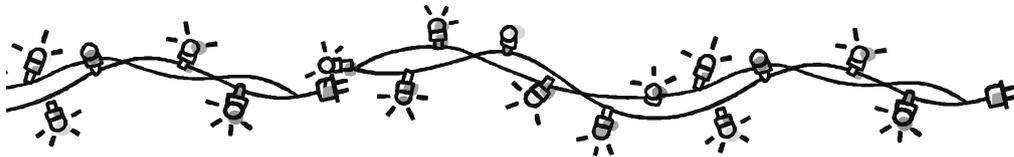
For a village of approximately 850 houses it is not unrealistic to expect around 60 properties to be on the market at any one time. The highest that figure has been this year is 42 and currently stands at 28. If you take away the last few new builds available and the houses that double up, i.e. on with more than one agent that figure drops to 20.

What does this tell us? The right house, at the right price, in the right location will always sell. But more importantly, people who move to Mawsley generally STAY!

Currently the biggest market in the village is people upscaling or downsizing within the village. This reflects very positively on our village and for the community as a whole. The market here has been buoyant recently with Horts selling 10 properties in as many weeks. It is looking like that momentum will carry forward to the New Year, with January always being a strong month for new instructions I encourage you to call me on the numbers above for your no obligation valuation.

Finally, a big thank you to all the vendors and purchasers who put their faith in Horts Estate Agents to buy and sell their property. Each instruction or sale allows me to make a contribution to the Friends of Mawsley School for extra equipment and resources. With your help we have achieved a total of £425 so a truly superb effort.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Ray Jacobs Horts Estate Agents



What's



Don't miss Santa's Sleigh!

He will be passing near you, with his reindeer and helpers, as follows:

Thursday 6th December from 6.30 - 8.30pm School Road, Cowslip Hill, Symonds Way, Cransley Rise and Main Street with a stop at the junction of Cransley Rise and Symonds Way.

Friday 7th December from 6.30 - 8.30pm Broughton Road, Loddington Way, Old Gorse Way, Birch Spinney and Warren End with stops at both ends of Rowan Ave.

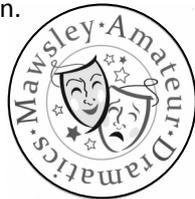
Saturday 8th December from 6pm - 8pm Barnwell Court and everywhere beyond the Medical Centre with a stop at the junction of Badgers Lane and Hares Run. See noticeboard at The Centre for more details.

We will be raising money this year for **Chelsea's Angels**, a local charity for children with neuroblastoma and other rare cancers. Please support them if you can.

Routes and times are approximate and weather permitting.

Contact: Lucy on 07817171095

Email: lucycope2@btinternet.com



Anglican Church Services in December:

Dec 9th

- 9:30 Communion in Cransley
- 10:30 Celebration with children's groups in Mawsley
- 6pm Christmas Tree Festival Carol service in Broughton

Dec 16th

- 8am Communion at Cransley
- 10:30 All-age service followed by shared lunch in Mawsley

Dec 23rd

- 10:30 Family Praise in Cransley
- 10:30 Nativity, Carols and Communion in Mawsley

Christmas Eve

- 3pm Crib service in Broughton
- 6pm Lessons and Carols in Cransley
- 11:30pm Carols and Communion by candlelight in Broughton

Christmas Day

- 10am** Christmas Thanksgiving Celebration in Mawsley

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Come and join with us over the Christmas period; times as follows:

December 9th, 16th Service at 10.45.

Dec 23rd 10.45 - Presentation by the Sunday School,

December 24th Monday at 6pm Christmas Eve Carols by Candlelight, followed by mince pies & refreshments

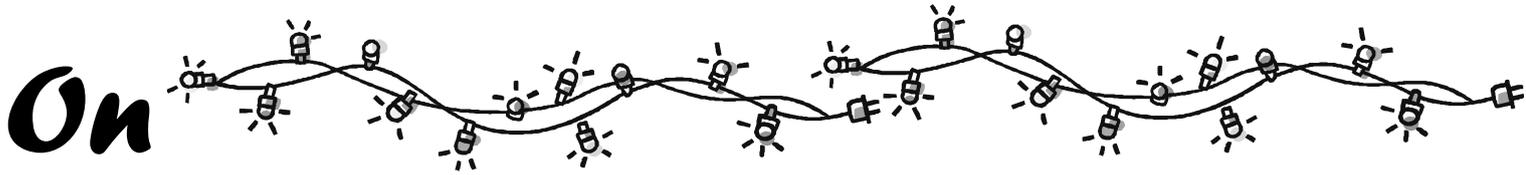
December 25th 10.30am Christmas Day Family Service

December 30th 10.45 - Testimony sharing service.

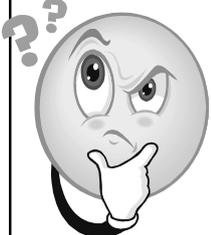
January 6th 10.45 Covenant Service,

January 13th, 20th, 27th service at 10.45

January 27th, 6.00pm evening worship



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So come along to one of the performances in February and let us take you on a journey back in time to a magical land far away...

- Saturday 2 February – matinée performance at 3.30pm**
- Saturday 2 February – evening performance at 7pm**
- Sunday 3 February – matinée performance at 3.30pm**

The cast are already working hard (some are even considering learning their lines this year!) and we would love to see you support us in February.

So bring along the whole family – whether you're a one year old child or a 91 year old child, come and join us for some local entertainment.

Tickets will be on sale in early January – please look out for the posters and banners after Christmas. Tickets will cost **£3.50** each (young toddlers sitting on parents' laps are **free**).

Thank you in advance for your support – and for your courage in sitting through yet another of our performances...

HELP!

Do we have any avid scenery painters out there??

If you could help with painting scenery in January or have other skills which could help us back stage, please get in touch with me – details below. We would love to hear from you!

Gareth Norris
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Mawsley Village Short Mat Bowls

This year has seen us grow in membership and we spend Monday afternoons playing [trying] and enjoying a good banter.

We decided to venture out and have enjoyed a few friendly games with teams in other villages and have been getting trashed of course but experiencing great afternoons meeting new people and learning lots; and in our last match we actually had a draw, which was brilliant. So well done to all who took part.

We are an open and friendly club so if you feel like having a go please come along.

May we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and health and happiness for the New Year.



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Although our November meeting has passed, the speaker 'Miranda' was so thought provoking, hilarious, sad but inspiring I felt the story brought forth all the qualities that we look for in our speakers. I know some think we just mutter amongst ourselves!! But believe me there is more to the WI than that.

On behalf of you all the WI is fighting for a better deal for our farmers and milk prices and, a subject close to a lot of the girls in the village, 'More Midwives'. There is a shortage that could have a detrimental effect on deliveries. So well done to all in the WI who take these battles all the way up to No. 10 and the Houses of Parliament. Enough of the 'soapbox'!

Our ladies will be enjoying a Christmas Lunch at 'Coffee at No 9' cooked by the great Chef, Gavin. We are all looking forward to it and on that note, as there isn't another edition before Christmas may we, the Ladies of MVWI wish you all a Wonderful Christmas and, Mayan Calendar permitting!!, a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year.



Our New Programme is out now and here are a few of the events:
A Barn Dance
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'Double' Trouble for the WI



Don't ask me 'why' but Mawsley WI has just entered the Northants WI Darts Tournament. This is held annually and there is a local play off before the county finals.

Well, 6 of us decided we could do it even though we hadn't picked up a dart for years. As The Centre hasn't the facility for a dartboard off we went to The Red Lion in Broughton, who I may add have been most welcoming. (Perhaps they regard us as free entertainment!) We were a bit nervous for our first match but in true WI style we attacked! 5 games, no problem. Well, if anyone knows the secret of how to get a double please let us know!!

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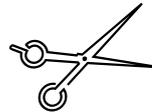
As the night progressed 2 matches ended at nearest the bull and 11pm was getting nearer and we were more than tired. And so to the last game and, of course, both teams are looking for double 1 and we're at a draw so it's all riding on this. And who got the winner? Jane T, to cheers all round!

Our second match was at a venue way out in the sticks and we got there only to find a team who have been playing for years, and yes, you can guess the score. A whitewash. But not to be deterred we will have our sights on a win next time.

So, if anyone is an expert player and knows why it's always a double 1 to finish, we can do with some HELP!

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Mawsley Coffee Club

It's been another active year for our members. We are a friendly group of men and women who are approaching or enjoying retirement and we look out for each other. We try to arrange a fun-filled and varied programme of events, based on members' recommendations. These include coffee mornings and outings; over twenty of which have been arranged this year. Despite the inclement weather, only two events were cancelled; one to see the snowdrops in Harrington, because there was too much snow! and our summer outing to Burghley House and gardens, because of too much rain! We did, however, brace ourselves against a chilly March wind to see the spring flowers in the gardens at Boughton House.

Our regular events have included coffee mornings held in member's homes, at the Centre in Mawsley and at a local garden centre. Food of one sort or other seems to be a prerequisite of our get-togethers. We enjoyed a tasty lunch prepared for us at The Centre, and at Jeyes Apothecary in Earls Barton, and the Old Dairy Farm at Stowe, near Weedon. This year, at least three of our members have celebrated their special 'noortieth' birthdays, and we have joined them in celebrating in style, with traditional birthday cakes and candles. We also celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with a party, including a jubilee hat competition, quiz and a variety of different cakes!

We may have to consider rebranding as Mawsley Tea and Coffee Club, as occasionally we have met during the afternoon to celebrate a member's special birthday with afternoon tea, as well as a garden party, with a bring and buy stall, which raised over £65 for the Northamptonshire

Association for the Blind, oh! and we recently enjoyed a sumptuous cream tea at Glebe Farm, with more cakes than any of us could manage, some of which were brought home in 'doggy bags' to share with our friends and families!



Our shoppers have enjoyed coach outings this summer to Buckingham Palace (and Harrods), Portobello Road antiques market and Springfields shopping outlet in Spalding.

Our culture buffs have visited theatres in Northampton and Leicester to see 'Ladies in Lavender' and 'Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat'. We also enjoyed a fascinating backstage tour 'behind the curtains' at the Royal and Derngate in Northampton, led by the theatre's resident storyteller, where we experienced the limelight by standing on both of the stages. We even caught a glimpse of the grey lady! Ask someone who came with us to tell you about this.

At the time of writing we are looking forward to anticipating Christmas with carols and mince pies early in December, and our annual festive lunch at Walgrave.

Do get in touch with Molly or Jean if you want to know more about our Mawsley Coffee Club. There's no membership fee and no obligation to come along to all of the events. Feel free to pick and choose whichever appeal to you and fit in with your other diary commitments.

Molly Shortt 790 781 and Jean Wilson 799 490



Coffee Club members and friends (potential thespians!) with Jo Blake-Cave, the theatre's resident story-teller, during our recent visit 'behind the scenes' at the Royal & Derngate Theatres in Northampton.



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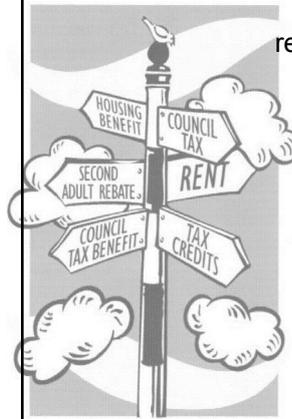
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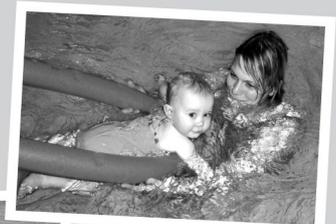
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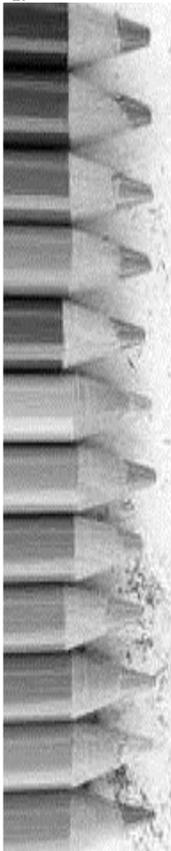
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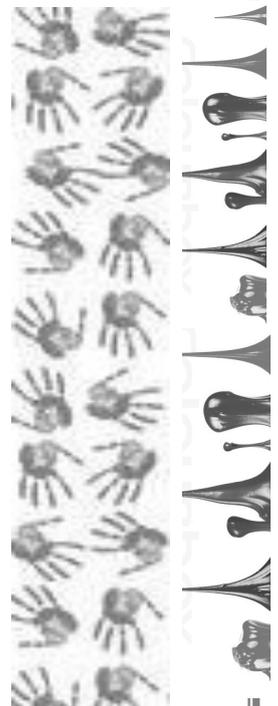
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Remembrance saw 170 people attend a service and wreath laying act of remembrance. 75 of our young people asked the adults to commit to work toward peace in our lives and a better world for all to live in. We can all contribute to peace by thinking about our own lives and actions and stopping to think about the impact our decisions have on others around us. It is always good to see our uniformed groups come together at church for a parade and we would like to say thank you to the leaders who do such a great job and give of their time to lead the groups. Well done one and all!



The shoe box appeal was very well supported by Church and School and over 100 boxes full of presents will be sent to children in Serbia who otherwise will have nothing at Christmas. A big thank you to all those who put a box together and gave such a wonderful gift. Look out next year so you too can be involved and give a little extra joy at Christmas.

Christmas is coming and for most it is a season of joy and festivity. We will be celebrating in a variety of ways including a service with carols and a nativity on Sunday December 23rd. If you enjoy a traditional Carol service then join us at the Parish Church in Cransley on Christmas Eve at 6pm. There is also a Crib service on Christmas Eve in Broughton Church at 3pm, this will be led by Reverend Richard and Reverend Mandy Priestley.

Finally if you want to get in the festive spirit early then visit the Christmas Tree Festival in Broughton Church on the weekend of December 8/9 when the church will be filled with wonderful trees. It ends with a Carol service on Sunday evening.

For the times of all our December services see the 'What's On' page 12. More information about all of Mawsley Church's activities are available from Rev'd Richard Priestley or Rev'd Mandy Priestley on 01536 790140.



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A personal view of the shoebox appeal

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By Jacob Baker, aged 10, when asked why we do the shoeboxes.

Jacob has recently learnt that last year's shoebox was delivered to Kyrgyzstan. To see exactly where, and how they were received go to: **www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk/kyrgyzstan** (Take care with the spelling!)

*Doctor Foster
Went to Gloucester
In a shower of rain
He stepped in a puddle
Right up to his middle
And never went there again!*

Well, more fool Dr Foster!

The WI Gloucester coach trip from Mawsley gave us enough time there to enjoy the Victorian Christmas Market, Gloucester Quays Designer Outlets, antiques market, the historic docks and Gloucester Cathedral all within fifteen minutes walk of each other.

We didn't have to drive there or worry about where to park or how to get home. The coach was luxurious and fellow travellers were great company. Rain was forecast but it held off until we were leaving and then it was so bad that even Dr Foster might have struggled.

Unlike him we will certainly go back to Gloucester. Thanks to Brenda Quinn for organising the trip and opening it to all.

Happy 18th Birthday

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Mobile Library

The next visits will be on

**Sundays 9th December & 13th January
from 2.15 - 3.15pm.**

The library parks on School Road, near the top of Cowslip Hill, and comes on the second Sunday of the month.

BONFIRE NIGHT RAFFLE

unclaimed prizes are as follows:

PRIZE	*TICKET NO*
Hot Wheels Super Stunt	BLUE 396
Lego Friends	BLUE 414
Breakfast for two (Coffee at No9)	YELLOW 128
Dance Party 2012 CD	BLUE 107
£10 Tesco Voucher	BLUE 115
Haribo Selection	YELLOW 525
Barbie	BLUE 223
Crayola Colour Explosion	BLUE 212
Giant Selection pack	YELLOW 458

Prizes can be collected from The Centre

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