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Mawsley Newsletter



From the Editor

Christmas seems to be coming earlier every year, I got my first Christmas card in November this year. As always there is lots going on in Mawsley over the Christmas period - don't miss Father Christmas when he turns on the tree lights and when he circuits the village. At the Centre there is the Wassail, the Xmas quiz, children's party, Christmas Day service and the raffle in aid of Kelly's Heroes.

The MVA continues to meet quarterly but could do with some new members. The charity is currently helping the Skate Park group achieve their aims particularly with discussions with North Northamptonshire Council who own the playing field. There is also an active MVA project to install some benches around the village, I can only recall one Mawsley bench at the moment.

The Centre is planning some internal refurbishment, the toilets are in need of some TLC and redecoration of the corridor would not go amiss. The Centre is, not just by name, the centre of the village - it is open 7 days a week from 9.00am and is used constantly by the numerous user groups and villagers.

The Centre is the responsibility of the MVA and is run by a small TCAM staff and a smaller group of volunteers. As a not for profit business TCAM is faced with the typical business challenges of rising staff and utilities costs. So please value the Centre, remember what a great village asset it is and make use of it.

Nativity Craft Afternoon

Tuesday 23rd December



Refreshments available

1:30-3:30pm
The
Centre
at Mawsley



Craft activities
for children



Free event
donations
appreciated

Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Website: churchesbmc.org

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We would love to welcome you to Mawsley Church one week. We meet at TCAM on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 11am for about an hour (note: there is no service on 28th December). Most weeks there is also Sunday Club with activities for children. We are linked to Cransley and Broughton Churches, so there are services you can attend every week.

There are plenty of other events happening too – so to be added to our email or postal list, please contact Revd Nicki Hobbs by calling 01536 799522 or email bcmchurchoffice@gmail.com.

Finally, if you would like prayer, a listening ear, or would like to book a christening, wedding, or funeral, please get in touch.

Advent & Christmas 2025

in addition to our usual services at
St Andrew, Broughton with Cransley & Mawsley

Thursday 4th December
5pm, Broughton Pizza Praise

Sunday 7th December
4pm, Broughton Christingle

Saturday 13th December
4pm, Broughton Carol Service

Thursday 18th December
6pm, Cransley Blue Christmas Service

Sunday 21st December
6pm, Broughton Blue Christmas Service

Tuesday 23rd December
1:30pm, Mawsley Nativity Crafternoon

Christmas Eve
3pm, Broughton Nativity
6pm, Cransley Carol Service
11:30pm, Broughton Midnight Communion

Christmas Day
10am, Mawsley Celebration Service
10:30am, Broughton Christmas Day Service

Mawsley Villagers Association

On November 8th the MVA firework team gave us another spectacular display. This year we benefited from good weather and thousands attended the event. After the display many people stayed and enjoyed the live music in the Centre. A lot of work and planning goes into the firework display so our heartfelt thanks to the brilliant organising team and supporting volunteers.



The bench project is proceeding at a pace. One bench has been secured from North Northants Council who will install it on the eco field. Funding has been secured for more benches which will be positioned around Mawsley providing much needed rest points for those strolling around the village.



Once again a successful litter pick was held around the village collecting over 15 bags of rubbish. A big thank you to all the volunteers, young and old who gave up an hour to help. The next litter pick will be in April.

The MVA is still seeking new members, why not come along to the next quarterly meeting in the New Year.



Mawsley Amateur Dramatics Society

Calling all children (young and old) – Santa Claus is Coming to Town!

Father Christmas has sent word to his Mawsley Elves that he plans to visit the village again on his sleigh on **Sunday 14 December, from 3.30pm**. He was so pleased to see so many of you waiting patiently on the pavements as he wound his way through Mawsley with the help of Rudolph last December, that he can't wait to come back and see you all again this year. The route is subject to final confirmation, so please check social media and the MADS notice board at TCAM for the latest information nearer the time. However, **provisional route and stops** are shown below with **STOPs shown in red**:

Long Breech (bottom end) - Hawthorn Ave - Badgers Lane STOP approx 3.50pm - Hares Run - Sloe Lane STOP approx 4pm - Rosehill Way - Mawsley Chase - The Green - Barnwell Court STOP approx 4.30pm - Main Street (lay by) STOP approx 4.45pm - Loddington way - Old Gorse Way (little roundabout) STOP approx 5.15pm - Old Gorse Way - Warren End (entrance) STOP approx 5.55pm - Birch Spinney (entrance) STOP approx 6.05pm - School Road - Chambers Hill - Netherton Way STOP approx 6.20pm - School Road - Cowslip Hill - Colseed (green) STOP approx 6.45pm - Cransley Rise - School Road - Mawsley Chase - Long Breech (top end)



What's next for 2026?

After taking a break this year, we are keen to get back to some performances in 2026 so look out for further details in the New Year of planned events. We are always looking for new people to join and if you have any interest in taking part, whether on stage or back stage, please do get in touch – we'd love to hear from you!

You can get in touch at mawsleymads@gmail.com or contact Gareth on 07887 984068 (evenings and weekends) or garethn@hotmail.fr

Mawsley Coffee Club



2026 will see a change at Mawsley Coffee Club. My name is Molly Shortt and when I moved to Mawsley over twenty years ago I had a vision of starting up a get together for older retired folk and those approaching retirement, and so with the assistance of my neighbour Pat Ellis, who was also interested in this idea, together we formed the Coffee Club. Seven people turned up for that first meeting, and most of them are still part of the club.

We have had a great adventure together and at our meetings now we have between 20 - 40 people attending. It has been a great privilege to be part of this and to watch new people come along.

But it is now time for me to hand over to someone else as I move on to a new adventure in my own life. It has been a privilege to be part of Mawsley Coffee Club.

We have had our sad times and our times of great joy - and we have enjoyed many speakers, outings, and meals out, arranged by our secretary.

Thanks to all who have supported the Coffee Club, and me personally, over the years.

God bless you all. *Molly Shortt*

We thank Molly for initiating and supporting Mawsley Coffee Club, from way back in 2005 and we wish her well. At the time of writing we are looking forward to our annual Christmas coffee morning, to sing some carols and enjoy some mince pies with our coffee. To brighten the January days, we are planning a New Year lunch, with bring and share food and a quiz. We meet once a month at The Centre, usually on a Thursday morning. Our programme for next year will be arranged shortly. Dates and details will be displayed on the notice board at The Centre.

Happy New Year



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Women's Institute

~ What do you think of? Sadly, for most people it is still jam and Jerusalem. Here at Mawsley WI we aim to change that perception

Whilst there will be some excellent jam makers in every WI, nothing could be further from the truth, the WI is so much more! Established in 1915, it set out to give women a voice and be a force for good in the community. Today, it is now the largest women's organisation in the UK and an influential voice for women's issues.

It provides opportunities for women of all ages to come together to share experiences, learn, laugh and connect with others in their local community. On a national level the WI actively campaigns on a wide variety of global, national and local issues. These range from social justice, climate change through to access to medical provision. Current campaigns include '*Stop Modern Slavery*', '*Thinking differently: Autism & ADHD Women and Girls*', '*Bystanders can be lifesavers (CPR)*', '*Dental health matters*' and '*Clean Rivers for people & Wildlife*'. Our members participate in whichever way they choose.



Our WI is a place to meet other women, make friends, learn new knowledge and skills, have fun, and make a difference in our community. Many of us in Mawsley WI came to live in the village knowing no-one and found the WI the perfect way to make friends and feel part of the community. We also engage in local activities through village events, assisting local hospices and charities, funding and maintaining the pond bench, decorating the village Christmas tree and supporting the current public bench project. If you take out a membership with our WI and have an idea we can support ~ together, we can make it happen!

So please - don't be put off by the stereotypes - use the complimentary voucher below and find out for yourself.

Mawsley WI – Complimentary Voucher – Admit one – Single use.

We invite you to use this complimentary voucher to come to one of the three meetings noted below:

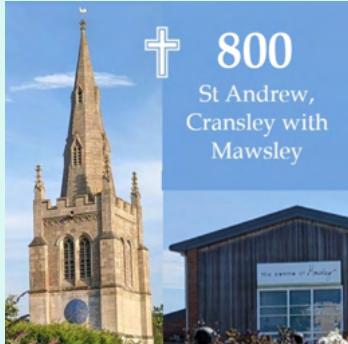
- **10th December 2025 – Handbell Ringing:** get into the Christmas spirit in the company of the Stanwick Handbell Ringers. You can even have a go! It will be a fun evening.
- **14th January 2026 – A Taste of Italy:** An evening to tempt the tastebuds and learn something new. Giovanni will demonstrate some of the delights of Italian cuisine - with samples to try!
- **11th Feb 2026– Craft evening: Paperfolding:** Come and have fun learning the art of paperfolding with Nic from Nixiemade and make your own beautiful unique artwork.

We meet at 7.30pm at The Centre at Mawsley (TCAM) on the second Wednesday of each month.

For more information email us at fogliajudy58@gmail.com or phone 07415 323331 or just turn up at one of these or any future meeting. You're always welcome and we'd be delighted to see you. You can follow us on Facebook [@MawsleyWI](#) or check out our noticeboard inside TCAM.

Visitors fee from January 2026 is £6.

(If getting to meetings, especially in the Winter, is an issue, please tell us and we can help with transport.)



Have you had a special family service in Cransley Church? If so, we need your help!

The church of St Andrew in Great Cransley is the parish church for Mawsley. 2026 marks its 800th anniversary. We will be marking this in a number of ways, including a special event in the church on the weekend of 23rd and 24th May.

Cransley Church has been an important venue in the lives of many Mawsley residents, with weddings, christenings and other special services taking place there. We are looking for photos and others souvenirs that we can borrow to help us celebrate. Look out for more details in the new year, but in the meantime, please get in touch if you have any memories to share with us.

🎃 Halloween Hotdogs: A Spooktacular Success! 🍔

What a frightfully fantastic evening we had! Our Halloween Hotdogs event was a huge success — and together, we raised £181.50 for the Skate Mawsley Project! 🎉



That means our amazing community has now raised just over £4,500 towards making the skate park dream a reality. We're now within touching distance of £5,000! 🚨



hotdog, every pound, every bit of support brings us closer to seeing wheels turning and smiles rolling.

You can donate easily via the QR code or website, no amount is too small, and every penny really does make a difference. ❤️

🔗 Goodhub - <https://app.goodhub.com/skatemawsleyproject>



👷 We Need Your Expertise!

As we move into the next stage of planning and grant funding, we're looking for a couple of community stars to share their knowledge:

- A Project Manager (ideally with RICS experience) who can offer some advice and guidance
- A Conveyancing Solicitor to help answer a few questions and advise on the process

If you can help — or know someone who can — please get in touch at chair@mawsleyvillage.co.uk. Even a small bit of your time or expertise would be hugely appreciated!

Thank you to everyone who joined in the Halloween fun and continues to support the Skate Mawsley dream. We're nearly there — let's roll on to £5K and beyond! 🎉💪

Mawsley Gardening Club

"Gardening for All"



Do you love your garden? Do you enjoy visiting gardens? Are you looking for garden ideas or help with planning yours? Why not join us and share your interest with others.

We are a small, friendly club which holds monthly meetings or outings on the theme of gardens, and gardening. We meet at TCAM during the winter months and invite speakers or share ideas or experience amongst ourselves. In the summer we arrange outings.

There is no membership fee. We pay £2.50 for meetings held at TCAM and the cost of outside visits varies depending on the venue. We keep travel costs down by car sharing.

Recently we have enjoyed presentations by our own members and a very interesting talk by local beekeepers, as well as a visit to Gates Garden Centre near Oakham to enjoy their Christmas displays.

We will end this year with our Christmas party on Wednesday 10th December, 2pm at TCAM.

Next year's programme will begin in February and details will be posted on the TCAM noticeboard and in the next Mawsley newsletter.

For more information please contact Steve on 07802 331088.



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PSST

A warm welcome to all Crafters in Mawsley and the surrounding districts. We provide a range of crafting lessons each month covering card making, Cricut for beginners, needle felting, bisque painting and crochet. Other crafts considered and catered for upon request. Craft and Chat sessions are held on a weekly basis, Bring your own project and sit with fellow crafters over a cuppa whilst you craft and chat.

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We hope to see you soon.

The Walk and Talk group has had an enjoyable autumn of fine weather walks and very enjoyable chats with coffee after. The walks are quite short, not more than 2 miles but the chats tend to be quite long - up to an hour in the comfort of TCAM!

We have approximately 6 members on our alternate Monday and Wednesday walks and are looking at making Wednesday a weekly walk soon.

Mawsley is a lovely village to walk round with good paths and lovely scenery in the eco meadow, the spinney and over the fields beyond. We enjoyed the changing autumn colours on the trees and the beautiful toppers on the post box.

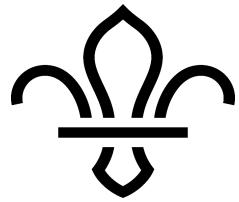
On one walk we picked a lot of blackberries (see pic) and made delicious blackberry and apple crumbles.

We would love to welcome new members so if you're interested please contact:

Rosie Todd on 07767871143



1st Mawsley Scout Group



Who: 1st Mawsley Scout Group

What: Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

Where: Meet in the Main Hall at TCAM

When: Tuesdays (term time) – Cubs 1810–1925 hrs, Scouts 1930–2045hrs

Thursdays (term time) – Beavers 1800-1900 hrs

The most important piece of news that we have for this edition is that **our Beaver Colony is back!** It has only been operating for a couple of weeks but we already have a group of 14 dedicated Beavers who have joined the section. This a massive achievement for the group. Beavers meet every Thursday (term time) from 1800 – 1900 hours at TCAM. Contact details are contained at the bottom of the page

In other news:



In October it was time for our AGM, where apart from the Group detailing its yearly achievements, it was a place to celebrate when 4 young people were awarded their Chief Scouts Gold Award, and 2 young people were awarded with the Chief Scout Silver Award. Amazing work from the young people and the Leaders that helped them to achieve this.



At the end of October the Scout Group had a stall at Mawsley's Firework Night. A big thank you to all that came and supported the Scout Group through their purchases.

On Sunday 9 November the Scout Group took part in the Village's Act of Remembrance at the Leonard Carrington Memorial, doing readings, parading with the section flags and laying a wreath.



Coming up over the next few months – we are all set for a sleepover at Gravity (Corby) in December (not that we will be getting much sleep) and will also be collecting items for Kettering Foodbank and Baby Basics.

If you have any children that wish to join our Group - Scout Troop (10^{1/2}–14 years), Cub Pack (8-10^{1/2} years of age), or Beavers (5^{3/4}-8 years of age) or if you have what it takes to be a Leader/Helper then drop an email to us at the following address:

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My name is Liz, I live in Mawsley and I'm the Volunteer Area Coordinator for the Charity.

If you have a dog who loves lots of fuss, is well behaved and enjoys meeting new people this may be for you!

For more information please call me on: 01536 237450 or 07769560516.

Editor's Travels

Can you recognise where the editor has been during 2025?

(Box of chocolates to the first correct entry editor@mawsleyvillage.co.uk)



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What a year 2025 has been. It is with great pleasure to share that Mawsley Youth FC has been awarded North Northamptonshire Active Communities 2025 – Community Club of the Year. We have also retained our 2 Star FA accreditation.

None of this would have been possible without the support of the village.

A big thank you to Jen Tedore, Jen is a well-respected person in the Mawsley community as well as being one of our many dedicated Mawsley FC parents, Jen's drive and dedication to get Mawsley FC recognised for the work it does was so appreciated.

Mawsley FC was founded by Nick Hughes, Mark Willis, George King, Jim Mortimore, Chris Tedore and Tyrone Long all of whom put in tireless hours to get the club on the map and gave the foundation for us to grow upon.

Mawsley FC has an impressive girls section, none of which would have happened without the tireless dedication of Georgina and Andy that did a great job in getting so many teams started that are still going today, and many of the girls have gone on to Academy's and gain senior honours with clubs such as Northampton Town.

We have some outstanding volunteers on our small but dedicated committee, the hours put in even without children in the club is so very much appreciated.

The club is only as good as the coaches, they are responsible for the children's journey, we will always be football for all, that won't always mean staying with the same team but there will always be a team if the children want it. Our coaches are so dedicated to the kids and their development but fun will always be more important than the trophies.

Our parents across the club are so supportive of what we try and do at Mawsley, without the

dedication of them we as coaches wouldn't be able to do what we do.

Lastly, the players each and every week represent the club across the county and in some cases across the country with such dignity and class, we have outstanding personalities across the club all contributing in their own way

Well done and thank you everyone

Adam Knight



⚽ 😻 Wildcats have come to Mawsley! 😻 ⚽

Wildcats is a fun way for girls aged 5-11 to get involved with football. It's especially good for girls who want to try football for the very first time or want to play with other girls their own age. Most importantly, Wildcats is all about having loads of fun and meeting amazing new friends!

Use the QR Code below to book your place:



A big thank you from the MVA

After many years organising the Mawsley firework display Chris, Steve and Rich are standing down. As they said themselves 'it's been a blast'. The weather hasn't always been kind in November but crowds have turned out to watch the best local display.



Organising a firework display is a mammoth undertaking and planning starts early summer. Choosing and ordering the fireworks is just the start. These events require firework trained personnel, insurance, on-site medicals, tickets, safety equipment, etc, as well as organising volunteers to manage the crowds and access. This year North Northants Council got more involved as the rules around organised events are changing. The team were able to demonstrate how well trained and organised they are to 'tick all the boxes' for the Council.

A new group of people are ready and willing to pick this up so we look forward next year's display.

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BOOKING ADVISABLE

There are many beautiful walks around Mawsley here's a lovely one to think about when the weather gets warmer - the paths are muddy at this time of year. Distance 4.8 miles.

Walk starts at the Public Footpath gate located on the right between the front entrance and the Mawsley Pond. Walk diagonally across the first and second field which will take you down hill towards the farm tracks. (2)



Once on the farm tracks you will take a right onto this long straight, take the first left about halfway down. This is the road after the New Lodge Farm that you will walk past (3)



Before you get to Cransley you will see Cransley Wood on your left, go through the gate and stay on the path as this is a Private Wood, but you are allowed on the path. (6)

Bluebells usually flower from late March to early May, so this is a good time to go through the wood, however in my experience the path may still be muddy, so again remember to wear the right footwear. (7)



When you leave Cransley Wood you simply follow that path that goes through another wood all the way to the derelict farm where you go through the gate and follow the line of the hedgerow. You will see gates on your left ignore these until you get to the gate that has two arrows. Right takes you to Loddington and left to Mawsley (11)



When you take the left, you will immediately go through 2 gates across a small wooden bridge. It's easy to lose the route here but go straight on up the hill and when you get to the brow you will see the next gate in the distance. (12)



Once through this gate it is straight across the field and downhill towards the farm buildings, the footpath takes you around the left of the buildings onto a gravel path towards Mawsley Wood House. You will often see Rabbits, Hares and Horses in this area. (13)



When you get to the road turn left toward Mawsley. Remember to stay visible and walk toward the traffic on the right side of the road for safety.

BROADCAST RADIO

From listening-in on a crystal set to receiving radio stations via the internet, smartphones and smart speakers

Today, it is difficult to imagine delicately tuning the 'cat's whisker' to receive a wireless signal from experimental broadcasters. The signal was weak with the only way to hear the audio being through headphones and the receiving range from the transmitter minimal. Technology advanced quickly and by the time the British Broadcasting Company first broadcast from offices in 2 Savoy Hill, off the Strand in London, at 6.00pm on Tuesday 14th November 1922, the transmission covered most of Greater London. By 1926 two million families were receiving broadcasts from Savoy Hill on new, commercially available receivers with loudspeakers

A new magazine, *The Broadcaster*, was launched in the summer of 1922. The front cover featured a simple domestic scene: A family, well dressed, smiling and listening to the wireless at home. Listening-in had become a domestic event and the new glamorous cabinet central to family life. Many people were in awe of this new device with questions about listening-in. Edith Davidson, wife of the Archbishop of Canterbury, asked "Is it necessary to open the window when listening?" It is interesting to note that the notion of a miniature radio worn on the wrist, was mooted by some, forecasting a technology many years away. With the rapid advances in technology, radio was available to more and more people and new receiving sets became a feature in an increasing number of homes. In response to the growing number of audiences the BBC commissioned a new high-powered transmitter at Borough Hill, Daventry. Broadcasts could now be received by 94% of the population. When transmissions opened on 27th July 1925 the Prime Minister, Stanley Baldwin sent a message to the BBC. He saw "Daventry as another milestone on the road to the betterment of our people".



An early and rare 1920's wireless set



Part of the collection of old broadcast receivers at the British Vintage Wireless and Television Museum



Early radios used valves (vacuum tubes) which, initially, were quite large and required both low voltage and high current to operate. The first portable radios were powered by lead-acid accumulators that had to be removed from the cabinet and recharged – not too practical.

Images from a specialist Auction House Auction Lots

The use of transistors, rather than valves, enabled manufacturers to greatly reduce the size of non mains electricity powered receivers.

There is some contention over which company first produced transistor radios, but it is generally agreed that the first commercially available set was manufactured by two companies working together, Texas Instruments of Dallas, and Industrial Development Engineering Associates (I.D.E.A.) of Indianapolis, Indiana, were behind the unveiling of the Regency TR-1. Many other manufacturers were quick to emulate the smaller transistor radio – the portable 'Tranny' was born!

Science and technology continue to move on apace. Solid state, integrated circuits, microchips have all played a part in further development in radio reception. It is now possible to receive broadcasts via hearing aids. Many people now utilise Wi-Fi, smart phones, computers and smart speakers to receive their favourite radio stations.



Regency TR-1

In conclusion, did radio change the home? In the early days it most certainly did! The next major broadcasting event was, of course, Television. Did that change the home? – Most definitely, that one-eyed monster is everywhere. Radio is far less intrusive than TV and 50 million people across the UK listen every week – about 87% of the population.



Amazon Alexa Echo Dot



UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CENTRE AT MAWSLEY



SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER

Children's Christmas Party

3pm - 5pm

Tickets £4.50 - available from the bar

FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER

TCAM Raffle Night in aid of Kelly's
Heroes, with live music from Katie-
Rose Parker

If you would like to donate a prize
please drop one in to The Centre

MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER

Mega Jackpot Bingo

Books on sale from 7:30pm

Eyes down at 8pm

THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER

Christmas Quiz hosted by

Steve & Chris

From 8pm

£2 per person - max 6 per team

No children after 9pm

Find us on Social Media to keep up to date with everything we do-

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www.thecentreatmawsley.co.uk

Who are Kelly's Heroes?

The charity works to raise awareness about mental health and to help prevent suicide by breaking down stigma and encouraging open conversations. It aims to educate people on how to recognise the warning signs of poor mental health and how to offer support, compassion, and understanding to those who are struggling.

WELLBEING AT TCAM

We have lots of different health and wellbeing groups on offer at TCAM, from bowls, to yoga and pilates, the walking group and coffee club, mums and tots & lots more.

Joining a group, exercising and making new friends is a great way to keep your mind and body healthy and happy!

If you would like some more information pop in to TCAM and see what we have on offer