



Mawsley News & Views

January/February 2014



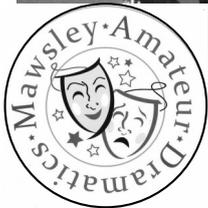
Santa says farewell after his visit to the Children's Christmas Party. (See next page for his other activities in Mawsley)

Happy New Year!

January is, as usual, proving to be a quiet month in Mawsley so we are taking the opportunity to look back and remind ourselves of all those who contributed to our community in 2013 (see our New Year Honours list on pages 6 and 7) and to look forward with all good intentions to 2014 (see Get Fit - Keep Fit on page 17 and New Year Resolutions on page 11).

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A BIG THANK YOU FROM SANTA!

HO HO HO!

I was so pleased with the village support on my sleigh ride around Mawsley.

My elves, Frosty and I were raising money for Cransley Hospice and with everyone's generosity you as a village raised £592.

I thoroughly enjoyed watching and taking part in MADs Panto in December 2013. I was pleased to see so many of you there watching. The cast were fantastic and everyone involved in the production should have been very pleased with themselves; you were all definitely on my Nice list.

I'm now having a well-earned rest and wish everyone a Happy New Year for 2014.

But children remember I'll know who's being naughty or nice, I'll be making a list and checking it twice. . . .

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Well what a month December has been; we have been very busy on the hunt for our new Centre Manager and hope to have someone in place very soon! The Management team at the Centre would like to take this opportunity to thank Steve Buckle for all he achieved for TCAM during his time with us and also to wish Steve and his wife Cheryl the very best of success with their new venture.

On a similar note we would like say a very big thank-you to all our team at The Centre for their hard work over the Christmas period, and especially to Debbie, who in the absence of a Centre Manager is doing a great job of keeping everything going!

December saw several successful events, including Quiz night hosted by James Whittle which saw the hall full to capacity. Thanks to all those who donated prizes.

The Kids Christmas Party was sold out and enjoyed by everybody who attended. JustParty provided the excellent disco and entertainment and even more excitingly Father Christmas took time out of his busy schedule to bring his sleigh for a visit!

The first kids' movie night was a great success, and many children enjoyed the film and snacks. A special offer of chicken nuggets and chips proved very popular.

Additionally, TCAM hosted MADS' performance of a Christmas Tale as well as a fantastic Madagascan themed New Year's Eve party, where the kids could join in the countdown to midnight (in Madagascar) but at 9pm in Mawsley! This was followed by music in the Bar.

All of the team from The Centre at Mawsley would like to take this opportunity to thank our customers for their support and custom during 2013 and we look forward to seeing you all lots in 2014!

Vicky Waine

TCAM Management Team

January
Loyalty Cards
Buy 8 drinks and
get one free!
Valid until 31st January

In
February
Salsa Nachos to Share
for only £1 when you
buy any 2 bottles of
Bulmers

Coming Soon at The Centre....

Quiz Nights

Thursdays 28th January and 27th February

Wine tasting with Duncan Murray

Friday 31st January

See page 13 for more information on these events.

Don't forget that our TV sports schedule is published on the website www.thecentreatmawsley.co.uk along with the What's On Schedule.

The TCAM team would welcome your views. We currently devise a sports schedule a month at a time to produce a list of what sporting events will be shown.

Have we missed something off? Are we not showing your favourite team or sporting event?

Let us have your views. Pop in to The Centre or email your ideas to: Steve Thorpe on sathorpe603@icloud.com

Mawsley News & Views

The next News & Views is due out on

19th March

Please send your articles etc. to the editor by

Friday 7th March

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is brought to you 6 times a year by the MVA. Its 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.



Bonfire & Firework Night

It was a record breaker!

Mawsley's Bonfire & Firework Night is clearly proving to be a popular village event with attendance in 2013 breaking the 1,000 paying adults level for the first time! Who knows how many children enjoyed the fun for free!

The night made a profit of £1,984 plus the donation from Barclaycard of £1,055 which all goes into MVA funds for the village.

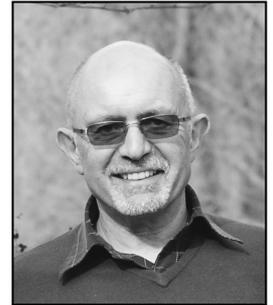
To all of you who attended, thank you for supporting the event and we hope to see even more of you joining us this year (Nov 8th 2014).

Martin Bentley

Mawsley Villagers

Out with the old,
in with the new...

The end of 2013 sees village activities continuing in abundance with a lot to look forward to in the new year.



Our routine events continue to thrive, including the Baby and Toddler group and a revamped Youth Club both led by teams of committed volunteers.

As reported in previous 'News & Views' our big 2013 events - the Fun Day and Bonfire Night, were hugely successful. Although these events are not motivated by profit we are delighted that the 2013 Bonfire Night broke all previous records. Needless to say the surplus funds are always ploughed back into village amenities and community groups. Facilities like the newly extended Play Area, for example, would not be possible without such support.

Your thoughts and suggestions for MVA support are, as ever, very welcome.

Meanwhile, a happy and prosperous New Year, to all readers.

Rob Bailey

Mawsley Villagers Association Chair

Youth Club

Thanks to the volunteers who came forward following our recent appeal Youth Club is definitely now up and running.

We have a varied programme, as you can see from the schedule below and from the picture of last term's human snowman competition.



Youth Club Schedule - Wednesday evenings 6.30 - 8.30pm

- 22nd January
Fire Service visit and talk, including a look around the fire engine.
- 29th January
Chinese New Year crafts and quiz. Chinese food tasting.
- 5th February
Police traffic team talk
- 12th February
Ping Pong table out. Valentines cards and biscuit icing.
- 19th February
Closed Half Term
- 26th February
Karate / Zumba demo

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Association

MVA Finances

Below Bob Littler has set out the income and expenditure account (unaudited) for 2012/13.

To simplify it even further the figures show that MVA profits from its three income earners, this newsletter, Fun Day and Fireworks, amounted to almost £8,000 in the year and that £7,767 of this was used to make donations to village groups, to contribute to the new play area and to support the Youth Club.

Editor

MVA: 2012-13 Accounts

Below are the simple income and expenditure figures for the MVA last year. (Accounting year end is 30 November.) The accounts have not yet been audited so they are not the final accounting figures - which will be slightly different as accountants always move things around.

| | Spend | Receipts | Net | |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|------------|
| Newsletter | £2,734 | £7,137 | £4,403 | |
| Youth Club | £2,368 | £2,212 | -£155 | |
| Play area | £61,412 | £54,452 | -£6,961 | |
| Fun Day | £513 | £1,226 | £713 | See note 1 |
| Fireworks | £3,620 | £6,500 | £2,880 | |
| Repayment of loans | £0 | £4,311 | £4,311 | See note 2 |
| Donations | £651.00 | £0.00 | -£651 | See note 3 |
| Other | £1,675 | £152 | -£1,523 | See note 4 |
| Overall total | £72,972 | £75,989 | £3,017 | |

Notes:

1. Most Fun Day expenditure is incurred by, and receipts accrue to, The Centre.
2. The MVA has made various loans to The Centre to enable purchase of capital assets. Current ones are:
 - Mood lighting in the main hall: £4429 (now fully repaid)
 - IT - server: £1680 (now fully repaid)
 - New lining for the marquee in the main hall: £3350 (will be fully repaid by end-2014)
3. Details:
 - Mawsley Amateur Dramatics: £60
 - Touch Rugby: £100
 - The Centre: £241
 - Under 5s Group: £250

4. "Other" expenditure is mostly accounting fees and insurances.

If you would like to see any further details please contact me:

boblittler@btconnect.com.

Bob Littler

Baby & Toddler Group



Happy new year!

Firstly a big thank you to Father Christmas for taking time out of his very busy schedule to come and visit us at the end of last term; it was a wonderful surprise and the children were very excited to receive a gift.

We hope you have all had a wonderful break and are looking forward to joining us again at Toddlers.

We are excited with the prospect of another new term ahead at Mawsley toddlers, albeit a shorter five weeks!

Our topic this term is aptly all things winter. If you want to get out of the rain and enjoy a wonderland of snow and winter fun, come along and join us on Thursday mornings from 9.15am to 11.00am at The Centre. The cost is £1.50 for the first child and 50p for additional children. We are open to all parents/guardians and their children, from newborns to 4 years.

The theme for each coming week will be posted on our Facebook page; visit and join as a friend at Mawsley Toddlers for all the news; we also post on the Mawsley Village page too.

Along with all the exciting crafts, sensory and role play, we have some new toys for you all to enjoy.

Now for the pleas...we are in need of clean jars with lids, all shapes and sizes welcome. If you have any that you can retrieve from the recycling, please drop off at Toddler Group on Thursday mornings or to 15 Loddington Way. We need them by the 10th February for a craft activity and will post pictures of the finished results.

Many thanks in advance.

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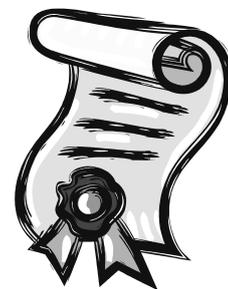
Allotments

Maggie Denham
 Andrew Christie
 Tom Sanders

Line Dancing

Jacqui Wilson

Year Honours List for services in 2013



Not Buckingham Palace and not even an awards ceremony at The Centre but just a heartfelt 'thank you' to the many, many volunteers in Mawsley who have given up their time during all or part of 2013 to do something for the benefit of the community. There are more than 200 names on this list (excluding the many duplicate entries) in no particular order and it just goes to show that it isn't always the same few people doing stuff - there are hundreds of you!

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Parish Councillors

Richard Barnwell
Richard Meredith
Francis Allbury
Tracey Baker
Bob Littler
Clare Farthing
Christine Mclvor
Davina Macdonald
Vic Cope

Coffee Club

Jean & David Wilson
Molly & John Shortt

MVA and TCAM

Rob Bailey
Martin Bentley
Simon Wisdom
John Holton
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Steve Thorpe
Stephen Farthing
Paul Feasey
Bob Littler
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Vic Cope
Jack Den-Drijver
Pat Downing
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Iain Holliday
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Nick Williams
Joan Harrop
Colin Harrop
Sid Reynolds
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Stuart Coles

Indoor Bowls

Vic Cope
Alan Pritchard
Tricia Cottington
Denise Mugglestone
Judy Baker

WI

Brenda Quinn
Denise Mugglestone

Mawsley Choir

Richard Hoy
Frances Allbury
Gareth Norris
Carole Lyttle
Michael Bowie

Youth Club

Allan Macdonald
Vicky Wayne
Steve Thorpe
Dawn Calnan
Lisa Anthony
Nick Haley
Tony Godson
Claire Bentley

Last of the Summer Wine Group

Vic Cope
Frank Quinn
Les Cottington
Brian Sutcliffe
Tom Sanders
Steve Draycott

Guides/Brownies/Rainbows

Anne Whittaker
Laura Sturland
Elaine Foster
Jan Lowe
Molly Clifford
Amy Beckett
Holly Foster
Sarah Blackman
Hannah Crockatt
Teresa Gable
Nikki Hunt
Laura Hilliard

Scouts/Cubs/Beavers

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Russ Findlay
Shaun Thompstone
Judy Bauckham
Colin Bauckham
Andy Farr
Ian Kelly
Tris Tanner
Kelly Findlay
Lesley West
Dave Durrant
Vanessa Mileham
Simon Collins
Dawn Douglas
Gary Spender

Neighbourhood Watch

Christine Mclvor
Ian Birks
Garth McMullen
Martin Bentley
Pat Downing
Les Cottington
Heather Mallinson
Tom Sanders
Jean Wilson

Sports Council

Volunteers from other clubs

Other event helpers

(excluding anyone already on the list)

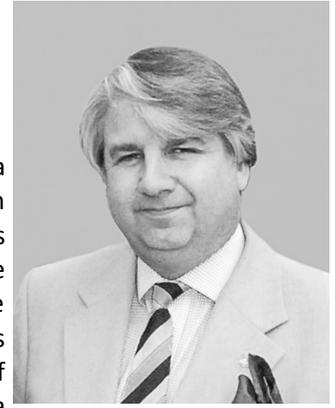
Charlie Brown
Maureen Jackson
Barbara Pritchard
Brian Tuite
Reg Baker
Claire Bentley
Simon Dolan Holland
Tim Greenwood
Sarah Hart
Andy Seunaryan
Jane Twistleton
Marieke White
Craig Benham
Richard Harmon
Ellie Gill
Sarah Meeks
Keira Hayman

Tracey Haddock
Ali Buttress
Chris Waite
Nick Moore
Chris Hamilton
Emma Brown
Emma Jacobs
Emma Wilson
Jen Tedore
Karen Atherton
Kate Baxter
Michelle Brooks
Sophie Henson
Suzanne McMinn
Yvette Den-Drijver
Amy Den-Drijver
Leslie Forsyth
Laura Scott and her mum
Pauline Duncan
Victoria Perry
Claire Donaghy
Mrs Beattie
Amanda Carroll
Debbie Radcliffe
Debbie Gill
Jill Timms
Dawn Smyth
Hannah Crockatt
Paul Atherton
Steve Cunningham
Craig Duncan
And all the Mums & Dads who regularly lend a hand.



Who have we missed?
Apologies for any omissions.
If you know of a village volunteer who we have missed please let the editor know and we'll include them next time.

A New Year's message from Richard Barnwell Chairman Mawsley Parish Council January 2014



As Chairman of the Parish Council and on behalf of my fellow Councillors, I would like to wish you all a happy and healthy New Year.

As we move in to 2014, we are filled with hope that this year will see the completion of the building and infrastructure works to our village and that the roads, verges and lighting will be adopted and maintained by the relevant authorities.

The project to build Mawsley as Kettering Borough Council's answer to its housing needs back in the 1990s resulted in the sale of the land for the village by my late Father in December 1998. It seems incredible that the village we see today has evolved from bare farmland to a vibrant community in such a comparatively short time. All other villages in our Borough can trace their origins back over 1000 years, so in under 16 years I think we should all allow ourselves a little pride when we consider what has been achieved by the individuals and families who decided to make Mawsley their home.

As the original plan for the village is completed, your Parish Council is considering the future and how we can manage any expansion to our settlement footprint. Under recent government directives, planning laws are changing and we will be asked to accept a given number of new residential building plots in our Parish. (This will be the same for every Parish in the Country). In order to protect our environment as much as possible, your Parish Council had decided to endeavour to complete a Neighbourhood Plan. This will identify and recognise aspects of our village that we wish to protect and areas where we would be prepared to see small expansion.

We intend to take the Neighbourhood Plan forward in the New Year and all Parishioners will be consulted as we go through the process.

Another fundamental change in 2014 is that Kettering Borough Council has voted to abolish the old system of funding for Parish Councils through an annual grant. From April 2014 each Parish Council in the Borough (in line with the rest of the county) will have to raise its own finance via an annual charge to residents known as a precept. This will be shown on your Council Tax Bill, so you will see how much you are paying to support the Parish Council. One thing I can assure you is that 100% of the precept will be spent on supporting the village - most importantly "The Centre". The Centre at Mawsley belongs to the Parish

Council and is run by a management group known as T.C.A.M. whose directors are all village residents. The largest proportion of the Parish Council precept goes to support the running of The Centre and to build up a restricted fund to pay for future maintenance, replacements and improvements. The Parish Council works closely with T.C.A.M. and I am very grateful for all their efforts in providing an excellent facility for the village which I hope you will all use.

Your Parish Council is tasked with representing the residents of the village and our monthly meetings are open for you to attend and speak at if you wish (at the start of the meeting for up to 5 minutes). If you have any issues, please contact us through the village website, the Parish Clerk or a Councillor. (Details on Notice Board). I would respectfully remind residents that Parish Councillors are volunteers who get no remuneration for the hours of service they give in support of the village. I was honoured to be elected as Chairman of the Council last year and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Parish Councillors past and present, for their determined efforts in building the wonderful community we have today.

In particular, I would like to thank the 5 Parish Councillors who have retired since I became Chairman; Vic Cope, Davina Macdonald, Christine McIvor, Clare Farthing and Peter Thomas, who was an excellent and effective 2nd Chairman of the Council. I welcome the new Councillors and look forward to working with them as we move through the year.

Lastly, I would like to pay tribute to all those in our village who do so much to support our important community life.

With all good wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Barnwell". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line that serves as a separator.

Mawsley Parish Council

The Pub Site; what next?

In the last News & Views we described the current situation regarding the Pub Site. We finished up with the following questions:

So what do you think?

We need some creative thinking to move us beyond this impasse; the site is worth too much for Mawsley Taverns to simply hand it back.

1. *Can you suggest any commercially viable options for the site that would be of benefit to Mawsley?*
2. *Can you think of a facility for the village that is essential and missing that might persuade KBC to buy the land? What does this village still need? What do other villages of a similar size have that we don't? What would help to develop further our sense of being an inclusive (and fun!) community?*

It's up to us to consider what uses there may be. If we don't come up with some viable ideas it may then become very difficult for the village to have any influence as to the future use of the land.

There were a few responses and the Parish Council would welcome your views on them. In the interests of fairness the individuals who suggested them have been invited to flesh out their ideas and all the suggestions are listed here whether or not they appear to fulfil the necessary criteria.

In response to question 1 above the potentially viable commercial options that were suggested were:

1. **Gym** - to be provided and run by an established gym organisation which wants an additional site. Gym membership / usage would cover running costs.
2. **A paying Car Park.** The proposer suggests that Kettering council fund the purchase and conversion of the pub site to a Car Park as they will gain long term monetary income, from the use of the car parking facility. There would also be a benefit to Mawsley from a short

term increase of turn over at The Centre- where an extension could be added on to the existing "bar area" to greatly increase food and drink income-from the "pub" customers.

3. **Retirement/sheltered housing for the elderly** close to the surgery, The Centre, shops and bus stop. There are various models for this. A house builder could build appropriate flats/bungalows for sale, with or without some communal facilities - clearly commercially viable. Alternatively accommodation could be provided for rent and managed by a specialist company with village input. There is no purpose built housing for the elderly in Mawsley at the moment so this would allow elderly residents to stay in the village when their own homes are no longer suitable.

Responses to question 2 (not commercially viable but of community value) were:

1. **Storage units for The Centre.** The proposer states that there are schemes from which we could borrow the money to purchase the land and pay it back from the precept. over a number of years As far as the building of the units themselves is concerned this could be paid for or done by volunteer labour. I have already spoken to a number of people. It will all take time but the benefits outweigh the effort. I think KBC owe us a debt for allowing a building like The Centre to be constructed without any storage facility. So I think KBC should be asked for some financial help even if it is only an interest free loan.

2. **Church or chapel.**

3. **Youth Club with climbing wall**

If you would like to indicate your support for any of these suggestions please contact:

Diana MacCarthy, Parish Clerk,

mawsleyclerk@tiscali.co.uk

or write to me, the editor, rowleypj@btinternet.com.

Parish Council Meetings are held at 7.30pm at The Centre on the third Monday of the month.

Future dates are:

20th January

19th February

17th March

Members of the public, resident in Mawsley, are welcome to attend.

Minutes & Agendas are on the village website:

www.mawsleyvillage.co.uk

The agenda is also posted on the village noticeboards three clear days before each meeting.

New Parish Councillors

Two villagers put themselves forward to fill the two vacancies on the Mawsley Parish Council and their co-option was confirmed as we went to press.

Welcome to:

**Vic Cope and
Tom Sanders**



I am PC Kyle McGregor based on your local Rural Safer Community Team, basically aiming to bring back the "local Bobby" type policing that we have moved away from due to the demands on the policing front.

Northants Police are, as a result, trying to move back towards that way in a fashion. The idea being that we can build up links and relationships in the community, offering you regular contact with a team that does not change each time you are reporting the next step of an ongoing issue if you have one, ensuring that you do not have to start from scratch each time!

We are also at looking to set up a "Street Watch" scheme, whereby we have local residents assisting us in patrolling the village/small towns in which they live, offering us support to identify those causing issues and up to mischief. I believe that the scheme will be a great way for us to begin building up those key contacts in the community again and also using their local knowledge to assist in the crime side of things. Should you be interested all my details are listed below. Feel free to make contact on any of them.

I would like to end by wishing you a very Happy New Year and all the best for 2014.

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Address Desborough Police House, Federation Avenue, Desborough, NN142NX

Editor: The Parish Council has had a brief discussion about Street Watch based on the very limited information supplied to it at the moment. It is unsure how or whether this new initiative can work alongside Neighbourhood Watch without causing confusion for residents. The Parish Council awaits more information from the Police.

If you have any experience of this scheme please contact the editor.

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Neighbourhood Watch would like to thank Mawsley Parish Council for their support in providing the funding for twenty Neighbourhood Watch street signs for the village. These

signs make people aware that the Neighbourhood Watch scheme is operating in the village.

Neighbourhood Watch is one of the largest voluntary crime prevention initiatives in the country. The more people who join the scheme, the more effective it will be in preventing crime in the area. If you have not already joined the scheme, and are interested in doing so, please contact me, your village co-ordinator, and I will get in touch with the co-ordinator on your particular 'patch'.

Neighbourhood Watch would like to thank both the co-ordinators and those who have joined the scheme. Their help has been, and is, invaluable in preventing crime in our village.

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New Year's Resolutions are a

tradition dating back to Roman times. They were promises, made to their god Janus....January, in which a person undertook to do an act of self-improvement starting on New Year's Day.

Word on the Street

by Tom Sanders

I asked a number of Mawsley residents to choose from the following top 7 of the most popular goals and resolutions.

- ◆ Improve physical well-being: eat healthy food, lose weight, exercise more, eat better, drink less alcohol, quit smoking, stop biting nails, get rid of old bad habits
- ◆ Improve career: perform better at current job, get a better job, establish own business
- ◆ Improve education: improve grades, get a better education, learn something new (such as a foreign language or music), study often, read more books, improve talents
- ◆ Take a holiday
- ◆ Volunteer to help others, practice life skills, use civic virtue, give to charity, volunteer to work part-time in a charity organization.
- ◆ Spend quality time with family members.
- ◆ Try foreign food, discovering new cultures.

Irina Brooks

"Just started in business and will focus on building reputation, providing quality service, relaxation and well being to my customers.

Continuing with education and training relating to the business.

Holidays will also be high on priorities...when possible."



Debbie Radcliffe

"Eat healthy food, improve personal time management, drink less alcohol and try to quit smoking again!

A nice holiday....is top of the wish list."



Ian Young

"Always willing to try. This year's priorities will be...eat healthy food , more quality time with family members and a holiday."



Jan Holland

"Improve physical and well being following recent operation. Just started small business ...specialist knitting of all garments including toys and doggie coats ! Intend to plan vacation to Australia"

Emily Mulligan

"I don't do resolutions, I'm being realistic and not sure I could stick to them.

When you want to do something , you have to decide there and then and not just at New Year."



Brenda Quinn

"Holidays. Improve well being and eat healthily. Learn Italian."



Sam Mulligan

"Hadn't really thought about it but will try to quit smoking and need to improve finances and save for house move."



Brian Sutcliffe

"I don't do New Year resolutions, because they tend to interfere with life's small pleasures!"

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Steve Thorpe.



Letters to the Editor

DOG FOULING

I have just returned from a brisk morning constitutional walk round the village and I was dismayed to see so much dog fouling on the pavements which had not been picked up by the owners. The vast majority of owners are public spirited and care for the village and are assiduous in picking up doggy excrement but it seems that an increasing number cannot be bothered these days. They see it as inconsequential I guess, but there is no such thing as a victimless crime. Quite apart from it being unsightly, it represents a health hazard particularly to small children and to other family pets if trodden on and taken into a house or garden, or into the fields surrounding the village where sheep can be seriously harmed by a disease called sarcocytosis if they ingest any deposits.

Please include a reminder in the next issue of the newsletter of the duty of care each resident has towards others to keep our village an attractive and clean place in which to live and to try to minimise health risks such as outlined above.

Many thanks
Frances Allbury

Mawsley Planning Restrictions

I am sorry to report that I have received no further information from Kettering Borough Council Planning Department about which properties in Mawsley are subject to which planning restrictions. I am continuing to press them so that we can publish an accurate list that we can all rely on. Editor

MAWSLEY COMMUNITY MEMORIAL

A Happy New Year to all and thank you to the people who submitted drawings and a written explanation following my request for suggestions in the last News & Views for a community memorial. The ideas were very different which is very good.

All the drawings and written explanations will be on display in The Centre on the main notice board.

Your views are needed; so could I ask you to email me, Vic Cope, on do.vic@talktalk.net or Telephone 01536 799643 and let me know your views on them and the design you like most or the features from each so we could end up with a combination of good ideas.

Many thanks
Vic Cope

Letter from the editor



Does the sign above annoy you as much as it annoys me? I'm not signed up to Facebook and still hope to find any information I want either in print or on a website. So long as these alternatives are available to me I am perfectly happy.

As I have put this edition together I have noticed that some people are **only** providing Facebook info and contact details and I imagine this is going to happen more and more. Am I the only dinosaur in Mawsley who is beginning to feel left out?

What do you think? Please let me know.

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Grandparents' Day

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Starting with a breakfast our visitors were then treated to a medley of wonderful songs, readings, drama and music performed by all year groups. These were designed to showcase an aspect of the children's learning during the first term.

Our guests then spent the rest of the morning helping out with a wide variety of classroom activities and sharing the learning experiences of their grandchildren. Thankfully, no detentions or punishments were handed out to the grandparents as they were all impeccably behaved!

Special thanks must go to the year 6 children who took on the role of chaperone and assistants for the day – all of the staff and adults were very impressed by their attitude and behaviour, modelling the expectations of the school perfectly.



"We have been extremely impressed by the enthusiasm and excellent behaviour demonstrated by all the children. Their teachers have worked very hard and we have been lucky enough to see the results. The period piece about the Tudor times was particularly well portrayed."

John and Diane Taylor



Some of our grandparent visitors getting 'stuck in'!

"We have had a wonderful day at grandparent day, such a good idea! Lots of ways helping to bond with the school, as well as our little darlings! We have learned so much!! Such good performances from all the children and so entertaining; keep up the good work. Looking forward to the next one! Thank you so much!"

Eva Henson's Nan and Grandad

Green fingered and keen?

In the coming year, we plan to relocate our school garden to the far end of the field and are looking for keen helpers to help move and maintain it! So if you have a keen interest in horticulture, and can spare some time we would love to invite you in to discuss our plans for the new garden.

Please call the school on 01536 799182 or pop in to reception and leave your name and number.

It would be interesting to know how far some of the grandparents travelled to be part of this very popular event. I have heard that some made special journeys of 100s of miles.
Editor

Mawsley Short Mat Bowls Club



ROLL UP! ROLL UP!

Do you get the Monday Blues?

Then join us at The Centre for the game of Bowls.

We meet at 1pm to start playing at 1.15 and we finish before 3.15 so you still have time to pick up your children from school.

Just turn up with some flat soled shoes. We have spare bowls for you to use and your first three Mondays are free.

Come and give it a go and have some laughs.

For more info ring Alan 790820
Alan Pritchard.
Club secretary.



MAWSLEY YOUTH FOOTBALL UNDER 6 PLAYER RECRUITMENT NOW OPEN!

Initial interest has been really promising, so I am delighted to announce we *will* be creating a Mawsley YFC Under 6s in the New Year. I would like to hear from you if your child would like to develop their skills, make new friends, have fun & form part of a team.

We will be training on Saturdays from 10 - 11am on the Mawsley Centre pitches. Our first session starts on January 11th. Subs will be just £2 per session (first 2 sessions free).

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The club currently fields teams in the Northants Cricket League in Division 1, 7 and 11 on Saturday afternoons throughout the summer from late April to the end of September. Matches are 50 overs per side in Division 1 and 45 in the other 2 Divisions. Other Senior sides are fielded on Sunday afternoons in the Rutland League Division 5 and Wednesdays in the local Geddington Midweek league. Ages for these games currently range from 14 to 54 in the club but there is no limit as a good enough/old enough policy is pursued.

A thriving Youth section is also in place with a 5 to 15 age range. The youngest take up the game with Kwik Cricket

soft ball games and then move on to Under 11 league cricket through to Under 15 hard ball cricket. Coaching is overseen by the highly respected head coach Karl Sanders. Beginners sessions start in November of each year and as players progress outdoor coaching is provided on various evenings during the summer months.

New players of all abilities are always welcome. Seniors' Indoor coaching commences on 20th January 2014 at Bishop Stopford School in Kettering.

For more info contact Karl Sanders 07903954360 or club Chairman Richard Baker 07725 864136.



Get Fit - Keep Fit in 2014



This is the resolution that many of us will have made for this year - and it's not too late to start. And it couldn't be easier because there are an amazing number of groups and clubs in Mawsley that will help you exercise, keep fit and have fun. You have no excuse!

Here is a directory of some of those groups and clubs. It's not exhaustive - but it's a start. Details are missing from some but shouldn't be difficult to find if you are interested. Unless otherwise stated they take place at The Centre or on the Playing Field

| What | When | Contact/info | |
|---|---|---|--|
| Power Walking Group | Thursdays 8pm | Caroline Stockford 07733 301985 Facebook: Mawsley power walking club | Just turn up, outside The Centre, for 30-40 mins speed walking round the village. Free |
| Ladies Rounders | Games Thurs eve. Training Sun afternoon | Karen: 07732 392621 Sam: 07584 244051 | |
| Boot Camp | Sat am | Charlotte Browning | On the field |
| Mawsley Squash | Usually Tues eves | Facebook: Mawsley Squash | Informal group plays at K Leisure Centre |
| Zumba | Mon 8-9pm | 077364 34494 | |
| Booiaka | Sat 10 - 11am | Louise Slaven 07900 992803 louiseslaven@btinternet facebook 'Louise Slaven Dance' | £4 |
| Mawsley Cycling Club | Sun approx. 8am | Facebook: Mawsley Cycling Club | Usually meet at Coffee at No 9. Check Facebook |
| 7 Aside football | ? | ? | |
| Short mat Bowls | Mon 1.15 - 3.15 | Alan Pritchard | Just turn up |
| Line Dancing | Thurs 1 - 2.30pm | Jacqui Wilson | Just turn up |
| Touch Rugby | Sat 9.15 - 10.30am | www.mawsleyvillage.co.uk | See page 16 for more info. |
| Karate | Mon 5.30pm | 08445 610534 or 07885 294418 | |
| Kick Boxing | Sat 11-12noon | 07930 260705 | Age 5+ |
| Junior Football | Sat morning | Nick Hughes: 07771 988743 | |
| Dance Factory | Tues, Wed, Thurs afternoons | 077725 24797 thedance.factory@hotmail.co.uk | Children's dance |
| Loddington & Mawsley Cricket | Various | Karl Sanders: 07903954360 Richard Baker: 07725 864136. | See article on page 16. |
| Mawsley Community Choir | Thurs 7.30pm | Frances Allbury: K790870 | Singing is very good for your lungs, heart and general well-being! |

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We were overwhelmed by the generosity of our members who filled a car boot with tins and packets of food that we donated to St Jude's Food bank in Northampton Road, Kettering. Food is then distributed to people in crisis in Kettering and the surrounding areas.

Mawsley Coffee Club is for folk in the village who have retired or are approaching retirement. Our Winter/Spring programme is currently being arranged and will be distributed shortly. During the year, we aim to arrange something for everyone, including coffee mornings, outings to shopping centres, garden centres, theatres and other places of interest.

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Thank you to all those who came and supported us at Mawsley Community Choir's inaugural concert at St Andrew's Church in Great Cransley at the beginning of December. We hope you enjoyed this as much as we did. Although the Choir had previously performed at MADS' talent show and also at the Mawsley Fun Day, this was our first full concert, representing another milestone since the Choir was established in February. We were delighted that Polished Brass joined us for this concert and helped to make it a success. Thank you also to the PCC at St Andrew's Church for allowing us to use the Church and to the Church ladies for arranging the interval refreshments.

Our new term is now underway and we will be rehearsing for our entry in two music festivals in Kettering and Milton Keynes in March. We are always very keen to recruit new members into the Choir – we are particularly in need of men for our tenor and bass sections. So if you feel the urge to have a sing, then come along and join us one Thursday evening when we meet in the meeting room at The Centre from 7.30 during term time (from 7pm on Quiz Night, the last Thursday of the month). You really don't need any previous experience, there are no auditions and you don't need to be able to read music.

We're a friendly bunch of people from all walks of life from age 19 to 71 and just enjoy singing together. Why not come along and give us a try? You can come along for one rehearsal for free and see what you think. If you decide to join (and we really hope you do!) then subscriptions are £2 a week.

Our motto sums up our ethos:

Sing - make friends - spread happiness - Mawsley Community Choir

For further details about the Choir, please contact our secretary Frances Allbury on K 790870.

Carole Lyttle
Musical Director

Annual General meeting for Mawsley Allotment Association

We shall be meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 29th January at the Centre, to review the success of the fruits of our labours during 2013 and to welcome any keen and interested gardeners who wish to take on an allotment in 2014. There are one or two available to take on immediately once the weather cheers up a little! So all welcome, see you there.



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For more information please contact Shaun Thompstone at:

mawsleyscoutgroupenquiries@gmail.com



1st Mawsley Rainbow Unit at risk of closing down.

The 1st Mawsley Rainbow unit has been in existence for over 6 years and has seen girls progress through Rainbows, to Brownies and onto Guides- all within the village of Mawsley. Unfortunately, the current leader is retiring in July and the unit will close unless a new leader (or leaders - it can be a job shared!) can be found.

If you feel you could run/help the 18 girl unit, please contact Teresa Gable for further information at mawsleyrainbows@hotmail.co.uk.

Teresa says 'I responded to a similar plea 2 years ago and have found my time running the unit great fun and have had plenty of support from the parents, but feel the unit needs a younger leader to take the group forward into the autumn of 2014.'

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Mawsley church have been very busy over the past few weeks! As well as our lovely interactive nativity play and a Christmas Day service we had a visit from Bishop John. We have also started a pilgrim group, which has been well attended and enjoyed by those involved.

Joel Bird who is helping lead the group explains...

'Hello! My name is Joel and I am an "intern" at Mawsley Church.

My favourite part of my work so far at Mawsley has been to help lead the "pilgrim" course. I know that a pilgrim course doesn't sound too thrilling but it is actually quite brilliant, and here's why: The Church of England has realised that you don't go from

being not a Christian; to suddenly become the Archbishop of Canterbury. They have realised that it can take a long journey for you to really feel you can declare yourself a Christian.

This course is perfect for people who would like to explore what being a Christian is, without being forced onto one of the many rotas that come with the life of a church, or lectured on what you are doing wrong. People on the course at the moment have expressed how much they enjoy being able to come along, discuss issues and ideas and ask any questions they want, without feeling stupid or talked down to. There will be a new intake of people on the pilgrim course this year, and so, please get in touch if you have any questions or would like to be involved.'

As always we meet every Sunday at The Centre at 10.30am. List of services below. Please don't hesitate to contact with any enquires.

Services

1st Sunday 10.30am SPACE Tea, coffee and bacon rolls with children's activities all in the main hall

2nd Sunday 10.30am Service with children's groups

3rd Sunday 10.30am All age service

4th Sunday 10.30am Communion service with children's groups

If you would like to find out more about Mawsley church then please contact either:

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Roads

Taylor Wimpey is pleased to report that the village's roads are close to being formally adopted by Northamptonshire County Council (NCC).

Phase 1 (Broughton Road) has already been transferred to the council, while the remaining phases of the village will be formally adopted once the storm water drainage system has been adopted by Anglian Water. Remedial works on the roads have all been carried out to adoptable NCC standards.

Griptrak has been selected as the contractor for the linking roads, with work due to begin in January and conclude by Easter.

The housebuilder has instructed MGWSP gritting service to continue gritting village roads as necessary throughout the winter months.

Public open space and verges

Taylor Wimpey is pleased to report that the majority of public open space areas, including the eco-meadow, have now been formally transferred to Kettering Borough Council.

Taylor Wimpey

The housebuilder is continuing to fund a landscape contractor to visit the village at least twice a month during growing seasons to keep the open spaces that remain in Taylor Wimpey East Midlands ownership tidy.

Sewage network

The formal handover of the pumping station in Cowslip Hill to Anglian Water took place in November, while the handover of the pumping station in Hawthorne Avenue is expected to take place by the end of January.

The whole storm drainage system is due to be placed on to formal maintenance with Anglian Water after Easter, following the completion of the final remedial works across the system.

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Of course it's not possible to say what the weather will be like by the time this issue of News and Views comes out, but it's fair to say that conditions before and after Christmas were unusual. Admittedly, it was windy and wet (normal for Mawsley!), but the unusual feature was the mildness of the air. This meant that every part of nature had to take stock of what was going on, and one or two villagers have remarked on how some birds in particular seemed confused.

Robins could be heard singing all through the night, establishing their territories, encouraged no doubt, not only by the mild temperatures, but also by the brightness of our well lit roads.

Some reported blackbirds up all hours, but both they and the robins will fall quiet if the weather gets markedly colder. They will sensibly be conserving their energy in the battle to survive through until spring.



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New Year Cheer

Happy New Year to villagers old and new. January is always a busy month; there is something about the start of a new year. Resolutions and promises are made and people often decide to buy or sell a property. Our statistics have shown over many years that even with its short days and long winter nights January has become a favourite with vendors and purchasers. You know who to call should you fall into either of these camps. I would really appreciate the business, my list of available properties is dwindling rapidly and is at its lowest level for years.

The flip side of fewer houses currently available for sale is that our Lettings arm has grown at a pace. Horts are ARLA accredited and now offer landlords a fully managed rentals service which reflects all the company values that have been the building blocks of our sales division. Should you prefer we also offer a Tenant Find service. If you are considering renting your home then please ask me for our Property Management Brochure.

Aside from questions about selling houses, something I am constantly asked by people is can you recommend a trustworthy Independent Financial Advisor. The answer to this is YES! I can honestly say I know the best in the business. So, if you are looking to re-mortgage or just see what the options are then call on the numbers above and I will be happy to pass on the details. This also applies to various trades and professions, from plumbers to will writers, web designers to roofers. All of them with proven track records and a similar working ethos to Horts.

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History on our doorstep - all about Faxton

In the August 2003 edition of this newsletter Chris Cope (first resident of new Mawsley) submitted an article headed 'What's the link between Mawsley and the Victoria & Albert Museum?' The answer was 'The village of Faxton'.

He explained that Faxton and Mawsley had been closely linked throughout their history, both being finally deserted in the mid-20th century, and that parts of the Faxton Church of St Denis, which was demolished in 1958 are now at the V&A.



Amongst those items is this marble memorial to Sir Augustine Nichols (1559 - 1616) formerly in St Denis Church, Faxton and now in the Victoria & Albert Museum. Apparently the memorial was smashed during the demolition of the church and the V&A spent 3 years restoring it. Nichols was a judge of the Common Pleas under James 1 and Chancellor to Charles, Prince of Wales, who became Charles 1. He lived in Faxton for a while.

Since Chris wrote that article the information available on the internet has expanded tremendously so it is now a simple matter to view and read about what is at the V&A. Not only does the museum have the large memorial to Nichols but it also has two John Piper pictures of the church painted in 1940. (John Piper - who designed the etched windows at Coventry Cathedral - was one of several recognised artists who were engaged by the government in 1940 to record significant landmarks around the country.)



The interior of the Church of St Denis, Faxton by John Piper showing the memorial in the top right hand corner. (Pen & wash 1940)

Exterior of Faxton Church, 1940. Watercolour by John Piper.



David Wilson has included more detailed information about Mawsley cum Faxton Parish in his history of our village.

The earliest located record of Mawsley was found in the Domesday survey of 1085, instigated by King William who, as Duke of Normandy, conquered England in 1066. It was an agricultural area with few dwellings apart from the hamlets of Mawsley and of Faxton (which is to be found along Mill Lane, the lane off the C31 Old Road between Old Gorse and Mawsley Woods, past Kites Hall and then right at Old Lodge for about half a mile - now across fields).

Faxton consisted of a Hall plus a number of dwellings and a chapelry of Lamport. The curate resided in Lamport and travelled to Faxton for Sunday services. By 1931 Mawsley parish was in the deanery of Rothwell, where the church is referred to as the Chapel of St. Denis, being a plain and low building of stone and, consisted of a chancel, nave and aisles and a bell-cote on the western gable, containing two bells. It was of mainly thirteenth century construction and after a long period of decline eventually ceased as a place of worship in 1939. There then followed a period of vandalism and the roof was also removed. The building was demolished in 1959.



Photograph of Faxton Church (date unknown)

The Parish Register dates from 1570 and the living was a chapelry annexed to the rectory at Lamport with a joint net yearly value of £419 including 100 acres of glebe land with residence in the gift of Sir Vere Isham, Bart, JP and held since 1903 by the Rev Walter Maristow Watkins-Pitchford, BA, of Trinity College Dublin; residing at Lamport.

The principle landowners of Faxton in 1931 were Sir Vere Isham, and J G Chambers and the soil was principally pasture land and was farmed mainly by the inhabitants of other parishes. The parish area was 1851 acres and the population from the 1921 census was 37 people. The ecclesiastical census of 30th March 1851 records that there was space for 150 for public worship, that the estimated number attending divine service on Sunday March 30 1851 was: General Congregation 30, Sunday Scholars 11, Total 41. Remarks: there is only one service on a Sunday.

How did Faxton compare with Mawsley? They were both small hamlets, although Faxton had a Hall and a church and a larger population than Mawsley. The 'Hearth Tax Lists' show that there were 30 households in Faxton in 1662 and 34 households in 1674. Despite being occupied during the first half of the 20th century Faxton was only ever accessible by horse-drawn vehicles as none of the roads leading to it were made up to accommodate motor vehicles. Both Mawsley and Faxton were finally deserted around 1940.

The combined population of the Parish of Faxton cum Mawsley as shown in the National Census was generally low and peaked in the decade 1831 – 1841. The last Census for the Parish of Faxton cum Mawsley is that of 1921 when there were 37 people living in Faxton and 13 in Mawsley. Thereafter, the residents of both Faxton and Mawsley were included within the Census for Loddington, for which there is at this time no ready access to detail but only the population totals.

| Population of Faxton & Mawsley from the National Census | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| | 1801 | 1811 | 1821 | 1831 | 1841 | 1851 | 1861 | 1871 | 1881 | 1891 | 1901 | 1911 | 1921 | 1931 |
| Faxton | 51 | 67 | 85 | 103 | 90 | 95 | 79 | 73 | 55 | 46 | 33 | 21 | 37 | L'ton |
| Mawsley | | | | | 15 | | 11 | 16 | 8 | 10 | 24 | 20 | 13 | |

Faxton has now almost completely disappeared although there are still signs on the ground of the Church and former houses. It is a pleasant walk to Faxton, from where you can continue to Old for refreshment at The White Horse.

Turn right out of Mawsley and then first left into Mill Lane, the back road to Old. Mill Lane bears right and then left and shortly after there is a well marked track to Faxton off to the right. The village remains are in fields at the end of this track.

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From the Editor

I am nervously awaiting the response to the New Year Honours list on pages 6 & 7. The project was always fraught with the danger of missing people out but I decided it was better to attempt it than not. I attend many of the village meetings and often hear the complaint, 'No one will volunteer. It's always the same people.' I don't think that is the case and I think this list proves it. Literally hundreds of you volunteer for roles that you feel comfortable and confident about and for which you have the time. Please keep it up.

Feedback on the History on our Doorstep features has been positive but I have now run out of history topics and would welcome more. Perhaps we don't have to look back hundreds of years. When preparing this one about Faxton I had to look back ten years to the Mawsley Newsletter of August 2003 and was surprised by the events reported in it. It reminded me how far we have moved on since then. It included:

- Drawings of the proposed design for the Community Centre (later reduced in scale by the developer on grounds of cost)
- Appointment of Interim Governors for the new school that was due to open a year later
- The arrival of the new temporary doctors surgery (portacabins on Nethertown Way nicknamed HMS Mawsley on account of being large, ugly and battleship grey)
- Announcement that Broadband was expected in the village by November 2003
- Junior Saturday Football Club was starting that month
- The playing field came into temporary use for the first time in June that year (Temporary because it was going to be out of use while The Centre was built.)
- There were 258 houses in the village at the time and the Great Manhole Cover Challenge was won, by a narrow margin, by a house in Link Lane which had 8 in its back garden and 2 in the front!

Many thanks for all your contributions. Please let me have your suggestions for future articles, historical or not, and please continue to send your announcements, pictures, reports and letters.

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