



Mawsley News & Views

July/August 2013

Fun Day is this Saturday!

13th July

Activities, entertainment, stalls and sideshows, food and drink, on the field and in The Centre from 2pm - 6pm continuing with live music from 6.30 until late.

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Delighted users of the Adventure Park with their boards, scooters, blades and bikes. Sitting: Dylan and Kyle Goodwin, Standing: Tom Worth, Amy Wrigley, Vlad Makarov and Ellie Andrews. More about the Adventure Park on pages 5, 10 and 11.

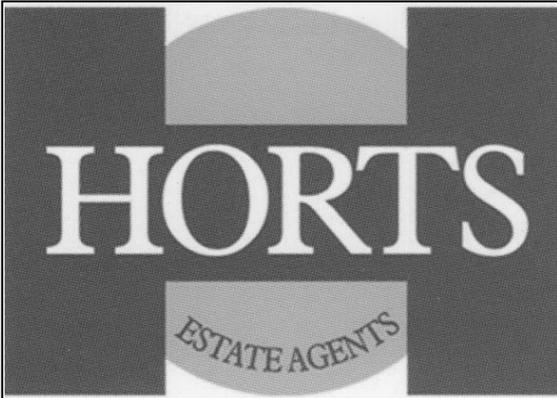
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Following their O₂ tournament victory in May (see above) Mawsley Touch Rugby Club will soon be embarking on their next challenge when they will be taking part in the Northampton Saints Touch League in July playing against other Touch teams from in and around the county and we wish them well.

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With the weather showing no signs of consistency, there is one thing that remains a true constant - the Mawsley Village property market! With more Horts sales in Badgers Lane and Old Gorse Way since my last bulletin, there really is very little property currently on the market in the village. Looking at Rightmove as I write this article there are currently only twenty five properties available. That equates to around 3% of the village.

On average around 8% of any given area is available for sale or rent. This truly speaks volumes for the village as a whole. Not only do we have a place where people are choosing to buy their next home, we have a place that once people arrive they rarely choose to leave. This is quite unique in the current climate where the general market, although showing signs of recovery, still has some way to go to reach its 2007 peak. Should you be thinking of selling or renting now is a strong time to be active. Please do call me on the numbers provided for a free, no obligation valuation.

Fun Day!



My favourite time of year is almost upon us. July 13th is not just the Mawsley Fun Day (better weather this year please) but it's the only Saturday in the calendar year I get the day off. It's also the one day come rain or shine where all can come together and enjoy being part of this great community. The event is run entirely by villagers/volunteers and takes months of planning and organisation. Please come down and show your support on the day.

Horts Estate Agents are once again proud to be sponsoring the main prize of an Apple iPad. Just buy a programme and keep hold of it. It could be the lucky one that bags you the prize! For the little ones there will be our latest community offering - an old favourite - The Bouncy Castle. However, it won't be the gimmicks that make or break the day - it's you. I will look forward to seeing you on the day.

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Mawsley News & Views

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.

The next News & Views is due out on

18th September

Please send your articles etc. to the editor by

Friday 6th September

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steve@thecentreatmawsley.co.uk so we can keep you updated with 'Constant Contact'.

The bar has undergone a transformation in recent weeks. Fresh colours and comfortable modern seating have refreshed the bar area and made it a relaxing place to enjoy a drink.



Thanks to Ian and Mitch Ramsay for working at break-neck speed so we could open for Quiz Night, and to Andy Seunarayan and Martin Bentley for helping unload and arrange the new furniture.



We have installed a dart board and, within hours of the announcement of its arrival on Facebook, a ladies' darts team was being organised. You are welcome to use the dart board from 6pm during the week and at any time at the weekend. There is a £5 returnable deposit for the darts and chalks.

Following the feedback from the survey early this year, I am pleased to announce we are now serving food in the bar. Bar meals and hot snacks are available at the following times:

Thursday 6pm – 9pm (10pm on Quiz Night)

Friday 5pm – 9pm

Saturday 4pm – 9pm

Sunday 1pm – 4pm

Please see the revised Children's Policy:

Children's Policy

The Centre at Mawsley welcomes children and young people for functions and events and in the bar area.

- For health and safety reasons children should be supervised at all times anywhere on this property.
- Children under the age of 14 are permitted in the bar/lounge area only when accompanied by a responsible adult*.
- Children under the age of 14 are not permitted in the bar/lounge area after 9pm Monday to Thursday, 10pm Friday and Saturday and 8pm on a Sunday. Subject to change on Bank Holidays and at specific events.
- 14-17 year olds are permitted in the bar/lounge area after 10pm when accompanied by a responsible adult*.
- For health and safety reasons children are not permitted to play in the corridor.
- No person under the age of 18 is allowed behind the bar at anytime.

Our staff will consistently ensure the children's policy is enforced, and we ask parents to assist us to make The Centre at Mawsley a safe and pleasant environment for all our users.

Repeated rule breaking may result in all parties involved being asked to leave the premises, or in extreme cases, the management reserves the right to consider exclusion from The Centre for a period of time.

* A responsible adult is defined as someone over the age of 18. Adults who appear to be intoxicated and unable to take responsibility for children in their care are not classed as responsible adults.

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MVA update

Adventure Park



Well, the Older Play Area - becoming known as the Adventure Park, which I agree is a much better description - is nearing completion.

Final jobs:

- waste bins to be put in place; requested some while ago;
- grass seeding of the sides of the BMX track mounds. Actually more accurately, waiting for the grass to grow, as it has already been seeded;
- signage, showing the list of funding organisations, to go up; which is waiting on;
- finding £5,600!! Yes this is the amount we are short at the

moment, due to the particular vagaries of Landfill Tax grants, which certainly flummoxed me. However Robert Bailey is doing a sterling job pushing through a grant application to the County Council, so I am hopeful the bailiffs will not be knocking at my door.

Talking of funders, I think it appropriate to say who they are:

Biffa Award	£48,500
The MVA	£10,700
Mawsley Community Fund	£6,750
Kettering Borough Council	£7,000
(hopefully) Northants County Council	c. £5,000
The Maud Elkington Trust	£1,250
The Market Harborough Building Society Charitable Foundation	£250

In saying who they are we are of course also saying a most heartfelt thank you to each of them.

We should also thank the suppliers and installers, as they agreed significant discounts to enable us to keep on budget. They are Proludic (who supplied all the play equipment and the metalwork for the ball court); DT Leisure (all the installation, including tarmac, and the BMX track); and Rampchild (the skate ramps).

So it's all but finished; I hope young (and old!) enjoy it.

I did say that when this was completed I would resign from the MVA, and that remains the case. I have enjoyed (nearly) all of it, but it's time to move on and time for others to take over. I do hope more people will come forward; as I keep saying "it's your village".

Bob Littler

Youth Club

After 4 years of running the Youth Club Allan Macdonald will be leaving; not just the Youth Club but the village too.

I know just how much effort and commitment Allan has put into this, with the help of a small number of dedicated assistants over the years. We all owe him a massive vote of thanks; he has succeeded where a professional - who we employed for a while - failed.

The full implication of this is, of course, that the Youth Club cannot re-open unless someone comes forward to take over. It sits within the aegis of the MVA, so there will be help to get that person established if needed - funding for training for example - and the current helpers may be willing to continue as well.

The Youth Club has been running in various guises for over 10 years - from when the village was barely established - but the need now is greater than ever as more and more children move into its age bracket (roughly 8 to 16). It meets weekly on Wednesdays from 6.30 - 8.30pm and attracts between 10 and 35 youngsters to each session where the activities are football, arts and crafts and table tennis and anything else they want to do.

So it's up to you; maybe a small group, who can then share out the time commitment. If this is for you, or if you just want to know more, then please get in touch: boblittler@btconnect.com; 791447.

I should add that Allan did not just run the Youth Club; he has also been a director of the MVA and of The Centre for a number of years.

Thanks again Allan for all your contributions; we wish you well.

Bob Littler

News & Views

From now on we are going to produce Mawsley News & Views bi-monthly instead of at the current 6, 7 or 8 week intervals.

It will be distributed in the third full week of:

January March May
July September November

Copy date will fall at the end of the first full week of those months.

This simplification should make it easier for contributors, advertisers and readers to know when the next one is due (and also give the editor a slightly longer breathing space between each one).

Mawsley Parish Council

Would you like to become a Parish Councillor?

As a councillor you can become a voice for Mawsley and affect real change. Councillors are community leaders and represent the aspirations of the public that they serve. Parish councillors are the most local part of our democratic system and are closest to the public. By standing for your parish council you could make a real difference to your local neighbourhood.

As there was no request for an election following the announcement in the last newsletter we are looking for people to co-opt on to the Council. If you would like to be considered please forward a brief outline of why you feel you would be suitable and what you could add to the Council to the Clerk as per the details below. The deadline for your nomination to be entered is 23rd July. So don't delay!

For more information:

- see aside what has prompted Richard Meredith to put his name forward
- read on page 7 what the current Parish Councillors have to say about what they do in that role
- visit www.stand-and-deliver.com for a description of the requirements and duties of a Parish Councillor
- or contact Diana MacCarthy (Clerk to Mawsley Parish Council) 01536 790573 or mawsleyclerk@tiscali.co.uk

The process and timetable to fill the further vacancy is about to be announced and will be displayed on the village notice boards and at The Centre (or may already be there by the time you read this).

Diana MacCarthy
Clerk

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

Future dates are: **Monday 15th July, 19th August & 16th September**

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

Minutes & Agendas are on the village website:

www.mawsleyvillage.co.uk

Within one month of my being elected Chair of Mawsley Parish Council there have been three Councillor retirements. I am assured that this is pure coincidence, not my fault and that I should not worry but I am always sad when any volunteer has to leave a council or committee and I will be much happier when we are up to strength again.

We recently said 'thank you' and 'farewell' to Peter Thomas and Vic Cope and now I would like to thank Davina Macdonald, who is moving from the village, for the contribution she has made in her two years on the Parish Council and wish her well in her new home.

Richard Barnwell
Chair, Mawsley Parish Council

Why I want to be a Parish Councillor

Following the plea for new Parish Councillors in the last newsletter I put my name forward and I now wait to see if I will be co-opted. Unfortunately it transpires that I was the only applicant and the Parish Council have asked me to say, in a few words, what motivated me to apply in the hope that others may be similarly inspired.

My family and I moved to Mawsley in August 2001. I believe we were the 13th house occupied on the building site. We had seen the plans for the village and were keen to become a part of the new community. My wife and I became active members of the fledgling MVA and I acted as Secretary for a number of years. When the concept of the Parish Council was mooted I spent nearly two years working with the likes of Bob Littler and Richard Barnwell to make the council a reality and worked as Clerk during the formative years. Work commitments, however, forced me to give up that role some four years ago.

Now I find that with a change in working status I have a little more free time and I feel now is the right time to get involved again in supporting and assisting the development of our community. It is disappointing that nearly twelve years after we moved here the village is still not completed and I feel the Parish Council has a significant role in pushing things through to completion with the support of the Borough and local landowners. It will be nice to conclude some of the issues that have been discussed since day one of the Parish Council!

I believe the Council has a significant role to play in the continuing development of Mawsley as a community and I would like to play my part in that from ensuring that TCAM have the necessary funding for the continued operation of the Community Centre (for the benefit of all residents and those who travel from further afield to make use of the excellent facilities) to the assistance provided to various groups and organisations that function within the village.

I know there is often a lot of bad press about Parish Councils and the actions they take (see the recent press for the issue of Health and Safety and the resulting clash between Parish Council and Cricket Team in Norfolk) but Mawsley Parish Council is different and is key to our community's growth.

I have put my name forward; do you feel you could make a contribution to the community by doing the same?

Richard Meredith

Richard Barnwell was elected as the new Chair at the AGM in May.

Richard is the fifth generation of his family who farmed the land on which Mawsley is now built. The initial idea for the settlement was Richard's in 1990 and he and his late father promoted the scheme over the next 8 years resulting in a sale in December 1998 to Alfred McAlpine. After starting the village McAlpine subsequently sold to other builders resulting in us ending up with Wimpey.

Richard has been a member of the Parish Council since its inception and is Chairman of Cransley Parish Council. Richard has served on all levels of local Council from Parish to County Council and was High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire last year. Richard is 54 married to Beverly and is a farmer in Mawsley, Cransley, Broughton and Pytchley parishes as well as an auctioneer with his own business in Wisbech, Cambridgeshire. Richard's interests are in fostering good community cohesion and trying to promote a better understanding between town and country. Richard is a Trustee of several charitable organisations in both Northamptonshire and Cambridgeshire.



Clare Farthing is the Deputy Chair.



I have been living in the Village for over eleven years. I work for a local tableware company as a Marketing and Public Relations Manager and have two children, one aged 5 who attends Mawsley Primary School and one aged 13 at secondary school.

I became a Councillor because I wanted to play more of an active role in helping to influence decisions for the benefit of the local community. I wanted to have a say in planning matters, how our open spaces are used and wanted to campaign for better services and facilities. It's true that a Parish Council has limited power BUT we do have the ability to negotiate with, and the power to influence, other organisations that do make the final decisions. I wanted to be part of that voice - those over-arching organisations do pay close attention to what we as a council say when we put our communal voice forward. It's important to me that our Parish Council has a strong enough voice to stand up against policies that would harm any future development of our village.

Bob Littler

"Come and create your own community". That was the marketing slogan for Mawsley when it was first being built. And that was one of the attractions to me when considering buying a house here. Well, let's face it; a wind-swept sea of mud with not a single house finished and occupied wasn't much of an attraction.



I really do believe that we are all poorer as a society when it is one where people don't feel they are part of some kind of community; where speaking to your neighbour, indeed often even knowing who they are, is unusual. That's what I believe in, that's why I got involved - initially as one of the founders of the MVA; then with the development of The Centre; finally also when we created the Parish Council.

It's true to say that the Parish Council does not have great powers, but it should always try to be - here in Mawsley alongside the MVA and The Centre - at the heart of our community; always striving to improve it. That's why I want to be a part of it. And there's plenty more to do !

Christine McIvor

Having been a resident of Mawsley since December 2011, I have developed an interest in issues affecting the village. I lived in Walgrave for a number of years before retiring, so am familiar with the surrounding area. Having lived in the countryside for most of my life, I recognise some of the concerns that residents in Mawsley may have, and as a new Parish Councillor, hope to contribute to the community in a constructive way. I have taken on the role of Neighbourhood Watch Village Co-ordinator.



Diana MacCarthy, Parish Clerk

As Clerk I am responsible for the preparation of the Agenda and Minutes. These must adhere to certain requirements and the Minutes are signed off as accurate at the next Parish Meeting. The Agenda is prepared based on correspondence received, requests from councillors and villager concerns.

I arrange the meetings, both monthly and those with external organisations as well as liaising with the police and other bodies such as Neighbourhood Watch and NALC (National Assoc. of Local Councils). Further I ensure contact is maintained with other organisations such as the local school, with whom we are setting up a Junior Parish Council, and Kettering Borough Council.

Further I keep monthly accounts for the Council and prepare the annual audit for both the internal and external auditors. **I can be contacted on mawsleyclerk@tiscali.co.uk or by phone 790573.**



Chris Leeson, Project Co-ordinator at Taylor Wimpey East Midlands, attended the recent Mawsley Parish Council meeting to report on progress with the roads and drainage and public open spaces. He made particular reference to the 'Eco Meadow' and reported that Kettering Borough Council has agreed to adopt it earlier than planned and that this will be transferred in the next couple of weeks with the other open spaces.

The Parish Council has agreed that Mawsley should join in the British Legion poppy sowing project next year to mark the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the 2nd World War. Seeds will be sown all over the village.



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Mawsley Community Primary School

The children in Year 5 have been studying Australia for their final topic and therefore visited the Sea Life Centre in Birmingham. The children were amazed by the number of different species

they could see from sharks to rays to giant sea-turtles. We are pleased to report that all children returned safe and sound and Mr Walton didn't take a dip in the shark tank – much to the disappointment of the children.

Our Year 6 class has been working incredibly hard preparing for the children's SATs and so was rewarded with a trip to Drayton Manor theme park. We were blessed with nice weather all day and the children were exceptionally well behaved. A good time was had by all including Miss Childs who once again managed to avoid going on any rides and retained her chief 'bag-guarding' role!

In other areas of the curriculum, parents and friends were entertained by children from many year groups on 19th June who displayed their fantastic musical talents in

our Mawsley School's Musical Showcase. This included many violinists, as well as children playing clarinet, flute, oboe, guitar and piano. The choir, who had recently taken part in a local festival, also sang.

That brings to a close another school year. This has of course been incredibly tough for the children and adults with the devastating loss of Mrs Tracy Wilson. To ensure we remember her, the school has purchased a commemorative bench and we will be creating a special garden in her memory.

A final note of thanks goes to our FOMS (Friends of Mawsley School). They have played a key role in the success of our school over the last few years and we sincerely appreciate the work that they do. The school understands how much effort and commitment the FOMS display and without their continued support we would be far worse off. So thank you to Claire, Emma and your wonderful team!

Gareth Weston

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Word on the Street

It goes without saying that our youth are thrilled with the adventure park which has filled a void in what's available for this age group.

If you go and watch them - either on the play equipment by The Centre or the skateboard pipes and BMX tracks - you'll be amazed and impressed by their energy and enthusiasm. If you can't make out what the skateboarders are saying refer to the glossary below.



The lingo

Board, Deck, Wood and Ride - all slang for Skateboard.
Stoked - excited, pleased, as in 'stoked I can land a Tre- Flip'
Sketchy - not well done
Bail - either fall or jump off.

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The youngsters' verdict

Tom Eager, Ben Tucker and Josh Butts. If I was asked if it's worth 5 stars I'd say 6. The ramps are easy to ride on; they're not too big or too small. It's clever how the court has got goals as well as basket ball hoops. It's very good to come here but we don't like the graffiti: it spoils the environment. Didn't like using the young children's play equipment so it's good to have our own outside the fence.

Ellie Andrews and Amy Wrigley. It's fab to have somewhere that all the children can hang out. Mawsley is suddenly a cool place for kids to play in. Other villages don't have equipment like this. We love skating in the basket ball court. We are so grateful to the people who worked so hard to make the adventure park happen. I hope all the children look after the equipment so it will last a long time because we are lucky to have such a cool park.

George Gallard and Haden Carter. Can't believe that it's actually happened! Kids used to get told off for skating in the street. It's great to have somewhere to come. Don't like the spray paint. Everyone should respect it more.

Holly Scott, Rebecca Russell and Honey Stanton. Before, there was nowhere to go. Now we ring up our friends and meet here at the park. It's good to have somewhere to chill separate from the little ones.

Riverly Smyth: the big ramp is really good for tricks (and then he demonstrated a 'double whip' and a 'table top'!)

The Adventure Park

Word on the Street checked out the scene at Mawsley's newest attractions on the playing field and sought the reaction of youngsters and other residents.



Dick Tilly... lives in Hawthorn Avenue and visits the park with his grandson from Hitchin. Both Dick and his son-in-law are impressed with the facility and its design,

so much so that his son-in-law is seeking a way of having one at his location, whilst also understanding that some people might not consider it acceptable.



Debbie and Warren ... from Hares Run

It's very good for the youth of the village, but we have concerns about litter control and maybe the local youth should accept responsibility

with volunteer litter picks and set an example to visitors to the park. Accept the graffiti is part of the 'scene' with Skateboarding but that the art should be done 'professionally' and then the whole area protected by the use of CCTV

Shelly Cunningham ..from The Green

No problem with the location....the Pub Site is more of an issue, litter needs taking care of. Nephews visit from Kettering and love coming to Mawsley and playing at the park.



Gary Mileham from School Road

It's a great and much needed facility and the boys particularly enjoy the five-aside pitch.

Not sure about the appearance and location of the cycle track and that it also encroaches onto the rounders and football pitch.

Word on the Street

by Tom Sanders

Ken Randall and granddaughter Nevaeh.

Lives in Hawthorn Avenue. Has no problem with the location and thinks the Pub

Site is more of an eyesore...grandchildren love the park and has high regard for the village youth who use the location.



Darren and Amanda Sturland....live in Hares Run

Dirt (cycle) track is an eyesore; suggest it could have been located in the hollow at the end of field.

Concerns about litter control and future maintenance. Heard about problems with a park at Desborough, which had to be closed due to lack of repairs.

The cost should also be taken into consideration, although it's accepted that most of it came from grants and not local funding. Maybe the money should have been used on other projects that would benefit a wider range of the community and not just the youth of the village. Have also seen evidence of being used late at night with a car using headlights to illuminate the ramps.

Andy Seunarayan....from Mawsley Chase

It's a credit to the village and the people who made it possible and will be the envy of many other places.

All age groups are now covered for outdoor leisure pursuits. It's

somewhere to go without leaving the village and they can spend less time on their computers and video games!



Nicola and Christian Finn ...live in Hares Run

Mixed feelings, litter blows across field graffiti could also be an issue which we have not experienced before in the village. Screening of the site with trees should also be considered.

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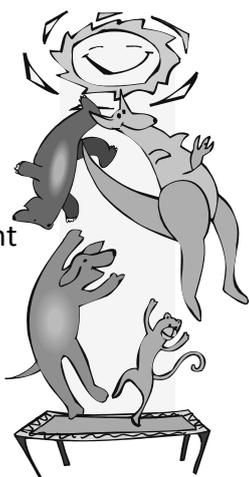
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Friday 2nd August 2pm

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Friday 9th August 2pm

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Friday 16th August 2pm

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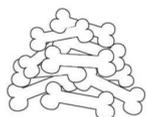
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What's On in August?

Oldies Club Charity Dog Show...



10th August 2013
Mawsley playing fields
- NN14 1GY



Registration starts @ 11:30am
Judging commences @ 12:30pm
Entries - £1.50per dog per class

Tombola, Cake stalls, Ice Cream Van, Trade Stalls, BBQ, Bar, DJ, Name the Teddy, Guess the Number of Doggie Bones in the Jar and much more...

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Oldies Club

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Saturday 10th August 7.30pm



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The cost is £27, to include entrance ticket and coach. Please pay when booking. Cheques payable to: Mawsley Village WI. Please give your name, address and phone number to:

Mrs D. Mugglestone, 20 Birch Spinney, Tel: 01536 791186

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Sunday 8th September 2013

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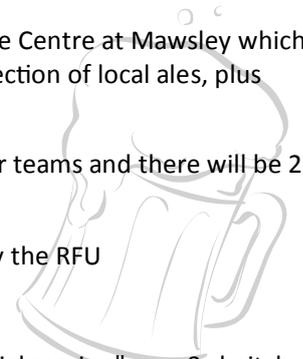


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Mawsley Pupil begins Kart Racing

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Having become one of the youngest ever holders of a motor sports licence in February, and although he had been karting for 3 years, Robert had to wait until his 8th birthday in May before competing in full race events.



In his first month, with the support of local builders and wooden product manufacturer, Jigsaw, Robert has won a raft of trophies and set lap records for a novice on 4 different circuits.

In addition, he became one of the first winners of the Teng Tools award, which is given only to those drivers who have shown particularly high levels of determination, when he won the novice trophy at Whilton Mill near Daventry in only his second ever race.

Robert has already featured in the Northants Telegraph, Karting Magazine and on BBC Radio Northampton.

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Steven Taylor



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Brownies

1st Mawsley Brownies Unit

Well!!!! What a busy term it has been! Thank goodness for the summer holidays! I don't know about the Brownies but the leaders sure could do with a rest!!!

This term the Brownies have been busy working towards their Friends to Animals badge. This involved researching into different animals creating a poster with the information about their chosen animal and making bird feeders from bird seed and lard. (The Brownies definitely enjoyed that week as it was a messy one!!!)

During Half Term we didn't stop meeting and were lucky enough to have a guided tour of one of the local vets and will finally enjoy a visit to a local pet shop in July. A few of the Brownies also went on a trip to the Cotswold Animal Park (organised by the county organisation). Whilst the Girl-guiding narrow boat was in the county we had a trip on the boat down the Great Union Canal: fortunately for us the weather was brilliant!

After half term we met back and had an evening ready to grow cress using cotton wool rather than soil, an evening making gifts for Father's Day and a return visit from Mawsley Line Dancers. We will be finishing the term with a party where a few of our new girls will be making their



promise as Brownies and a couple will be continuing their adventures with 1st Mawsley Guides.

Well that's not all; just before the summer holidays the leaders are taking the girls away for 2 nights to MacQueen House, Twywell along with the 11th Kettering Brownies for an action packed weekend!! I can't help thinking the leaders will need the summer break after all that activity this term.

If you are interested in helping with the Brownies or your daughter would like to become a Brownie herself then please apply through the countrywide system "Join Us" at http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get_involved/volunteer/register_your_interest.aspx.

Once again thank you to all the current parents for your continued support. Have a relaxed Great British Summer!!
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IT'S all change at Mawsley Church this summer.

At the end of June we said farewell to the Priestley family who have served the parish for almost four years.

Rev'd Richard, his wife Rev'd Mandy and their two daughters Elsbeth and Francesca led a busy all-age service on June 23 to say goodbye. The service was followed by a lively BBQ shared lunch which was a great success despite the best efforts of the British summer weather to dampen proceedings.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Richard, Mandy and their girls for all they have done for the church and the village while they were here and assure them

they will be greatly missed. They have now taken up new roles in Somerset and we pray they settle in to these quickly and find happiness and fulfilment.

With the Priestleys departed, you must be wondering what next for Mawsley Church?

In a nutshell everything will continue as normal. There will be a service at the Centre at Mawsley every Sunday at 10.30am. These services will follow the same pattern as usual. Rev'd Canon Brian Withington will once again be leading services in the village along with licensed reader Molly Shortt.

If you have any questions about the changes or want to find out more about the church call Rev'd Brian on 01536 791373 or email revdbrian@uwclub.net or call Church Warden Anthea Cane on 07596022525 or email anthea76@hotmail.co.uk

Services take place at The Centre at 10.30am every Sunday following this pattern:

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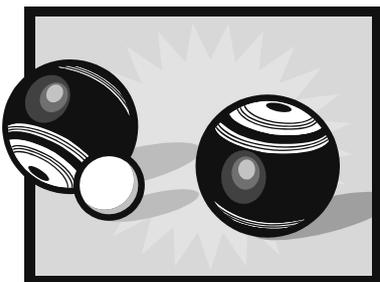


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Also we are going to have additional meetings on **Friday evenings from 7pm to 9pm, on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. Starting this week on Friday 12th July.**

So ROLL UP ROLL UP come and join us and have some fun
Alan Pritchard
Club secretary
01536 790820



We've been going for five months now – short practices on Thursday evenings and we had our first performance at the recent Talent evening. Most of us thought we couldn't sing too well when we started but now we begin to think we're not that bad.

Because all of us need holidays, breaks etc., we really need to have more singers; we will train you if you have never sung in a group. So please join us and find out how much fun, enjoyment and satisfaction your choir can be!

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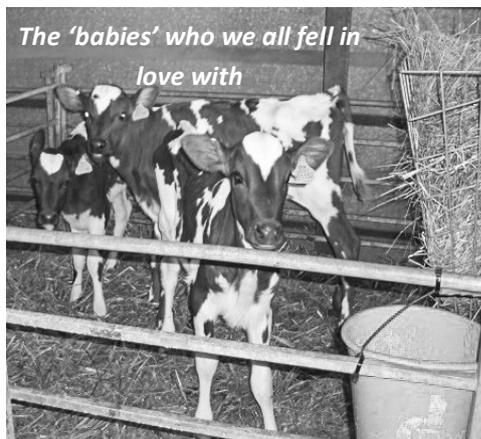
It's amazing sometimes what we get up to. This last month has seen us attending a 'Happy Hour' which lasted 2 hours at WI House, perhaps because the Pimms was very nice! And then to the other extreme, herding cows to the milking parlour on a farm at Melton Mowbray; this we weren't expecting!!

Jane Barns' farm is one of only three which supplies milk to make the famous Stilton Cheese. We had our talk and then what we thought would be a short walk turned into a trek across 'ridge and furrow' fields (not easy to walk on) to reach the beautiful cows, and they are a bit smelly but lovely. We had to get them across a road so had to stop the traffic, and across they trotted 'pooing' as they went. See, ladies, even they can do two things at once!! They weren't a bit fazed by the flowery and diamante wellies. We also got a chance to see the new borns which are now helping to increase the herd, and they were gorgeous. After watching the milking which even the bull tried to get a look in on, we had tea with the most creamy milk you ever tasted and did you know, cows don't produce skimmed or semi milk, only lovely milk which has only 4% fat.

See you
at
Fun Day

By the time we arrived home we were bushed. How these farmers do it day in day out - no holidays, no chance to watch TV or even get to the shops - they are amazing and we should be really grateful.

Guess who had the Diamante wellies?



The 'babies' who we all fell in love with

At Fun Day we shall be having a 'New to You' toy stall, so bring the children to see our goodies which will be very affordable. Children love to have a change and this is a great way for them to do it. Also we will be serving scrumptious 'Strawberry Cream Teas', so see you there!

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Mawsley Coffee Club

We have just enjoyed our June coffee morning at The Centre. How well they look after us! Thank you very much, it was good to catch up and have a chat.



We have so much to look forward to in the coming months. We will be having our annual Garden Party in August; the date is yet to be announced. We have also organised a coach trip to Hunstanton for a day at the seaside. Also in the Autumn, we are planning a visit to London, and Philip Hollobone, our local MP, has arranged for thirty of us to have a guided tour of the Houses of Parliament.

Our numbers continue to grow and we now have over sixty members in the Coffee Club. If you are retired or nearing retirement and would like to know a little more about the Coffee Club then please get in touch. We would love to hear from you.

Molly & John 790 781 and Jean & David 799 490



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Following pressure from the community and much negotiation with the County Council, Walgrave Parish Council is delighted to announce that Newland Road now has this status. We are now doing all we can to let people know of the Quiet lane status.



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We realise that people will often choose the country route and that we will never have a traffic-free Newland Road, but we hope the Quiet Lane status will work towards reducing traffic and making drivers more considerate.

Motorised vehicles should always be prepared to give way to pedestrians, horses and cyclists. In other words, please think ahead and learn how to use the country roads safely. Ask yourself when driving through all villages and on country roads - 'what can I do to reduce the dangers to the walkers, horse riders and cyclists?' A start would be to keep your speed down to a maximum 30mph or consider using another route.



If you have any queries regarding the Quiet Lane status please contact Miss Alicia Schofield, Clerk to Walgrave Parish Council: pc@walgrave-village.co.uk . For more general information regarding Walgrave please look on the village website: www.walgrave-village.co.uk.

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Garden watch

Some Mawsley residents who've lived in the village since it first began will remember a particular plague that hit their gardens in summer. Some forecasters suggest that it might happen again this year. (After listening to recent weather and economic forecasts, I have no faith in any of them – but don't let me get started on that!) The plague involved what some people might regard as a harmless little creature – the innocuous daddy long legs. These were so numerous that they filled people's doorways and porches in their thousands. That was tiresome, but what did the damage was something in their life history – the dreaded leather jacket. This is the squishy, caterpillar-like (without the legs) larvae of the daddy long legs which feeds on the roots of grasses and hence creates unsightly brown patches in the lawn.



There are methods of controlling the insect (most effectively with biological methods), but I wouldn't bother. Firstly because they say it's a problem of newly cultivated areas (which in a sense Mawsley was in the early days); and secondly because the starlings love them and enjoy ferreting them out.

Les Cottington

Editor: Guess what you get if you Google 'Leatherjackets'?

Birds in Mawsley

(sounds better than Mawsley Birds!)

I am very disappointed that I have failed to hear the sound of the cuckoo this year. I know these birds are under pressure through habitat destruction in Africa and other parts they migrate from, but I hope some people may have heard them and all is not lost.

One safe arrival from foreign parts, however, has been the house martin. These birds build their mud nests just below the roof line, and I like to think the same pair have returned to number 30 Main Street for a few years now.

But Mawsley may have a special rare bird in residence. I, along with a few others, think that a small family of tree sparrows often use the feeding station in the hedge along side the cycle path - just opposite the houses in Old Gorse Way - those numbered in the forties. If so, we have something very special. Perhaps the keen bird watchers among us can help identify them. They differ from the common house sparrow, of which there are many in Mawsley, in that both male and female birds have the same colouration (the female house sparrow is



Tree Sparrow

very drab), but otherwise both species have quite similar markings. However, the tree sparrow alone has a black cheek spot and a chestnut crown to look out for.

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PC Martin Penhallow, who has been contributing to News & Views for two years, is leaving the Safer Communities Team for a new posting. We thank him for his regular advice and wish him well in his new job.

My final post for your news letter is about continued vigilance and keeping your properties and vehicle secure at all times. If you see anything suspicious in Mawsley or where ever you happen to be please call the police on 101 (non emergency) or 999 if it's a crime in progress or there is a threat to life. Lastly I would like to ask people to please park responsibly in Mawsley. I've received several emails and pictures of badly parked vehicles. While the roads are not adopted the police cannot enforce parking offences and restrictions, but it is everyone's responsibility to park their vehicle in a manner that does not cause other road users problems.

Our new contact with the Rural Safer Community Team is:

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 Letters to the Editor

Twinning

Ma'am,

I note from the May/June edition of your Newsletter that Mawsley has been twinned with Rothwell – hardly a very inspiring choice! Most villages, towns and cities appear to be twinned with overseas communities. Might I ask who is responsible for this “local” twinning and what benefits we expect to gain from it? Will there be regular cultural exchanges as we learn each others language, customs and habits?

I understand the Parish Council may have limited access to funds for such twinning activities so I have taken it upon myself to write to the Mayor of Desborough to see if they would also be willing to twin with our (soon to be) thriving community.

Mr Catering Ohio

Postal Services

Ma'am,

In your recent Newsletters you have been commenting on the erratic nature of postal deliveries to Mawsley. In addition, you mentioned that letters to the “Post Master” in Kettering are not responded to, but general e-mail enquiries are.

Could I just advise that:

- (1) “Post Masters” are not “PC” and were done away with many years ago so, technically, I don't exist;
- (2) Kettering Sorting Office is a misnomer, we have never sorted the office out and it was in fact lost for several weeks in 2012; and
- (3) the Royal Mail stopped using the postal service in 2005 and only communicates by email now (more reliable!). I hope this helps!

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History on our doorstep

Further extracts from David Wilson's research

A History of Mawsley Part 2: Size and population 1000 - 2000AD

Throughout its pre-21st century history Mawsley was always a very small hamlet but is surprisingly easy to find in the Domesday Book and other early records. Why? Because it gave its name to a much larger area, a Hundred, which was a large administrative sub-division of land having its own representative council from local villages.

In 1076 the name was listed as "Males le" which was the name of the Lord of the Manor in earlier times. By 1086 the name became "Malesle" or sometimes "Maleslea".

The Domesday survey of 1085, instigated by King William, who as Duke of Normandy conquered England in 1066, describes **Mawsley Hundred** as having a land area of 80 hides. (One hide was a vague measure of 80 to 160 acres.) Mawsley Hundred consisted of the manors of Faxton, Waldegrave (Walgrave), Wolde (Old) Brikesworth (Brixworth), Thorpe by Northampton (Kingsthorpe), Weston (Favell) and Multon (Moulton). Other records of this time include Faxton, Lamport, Hanging Houghton, Scaldwell and Holcot in Mawsley Hundred. In the Nomina Villarum of 1316 (a survey of towns and boroughs) Mawsley Hundred was included within Orlingbury.

Mawsley itself in 1086 was a hamlet of one or two cottages and a wood. The historian Bridges wrote in his 1790 'History and Antiquities of Northamptonshire':

"Of this name is a hamlet of one or two cottages, and a wood, in Faxton liberty. It anciently gave name to the hundred called Maleslea in Domesday survey. It hath always had the same possessors with the manor of Faxton. In the twenty fourth year of Edw. I (1296) it was in the hands of William de Vesev; and from him in course of succession descended to the lady Susanna Danvers and Mrs. Jane Kelsey, sisters and coheirs to the late Sir Edward Nicolls, Bart. to whom this lordship belongs at present. Mr. Andrews of Harleston hath an estate in Mawsley."

Why was Mawsley deserted?

Mawsley was considered to be deserted for at least the period c1450 through to c1700 and the location was not known by 1964. During the period 1450-1720 eighty-three villages became deserted. 80, including Maleslea, due to sheep farming for the wool market in Northamptonshire. (Sheep farming was far less labour intensive than agriculture.)

Northamptonshire was one of the prime wool growing areas in England creating a very large export market and making England a rich nation at that time. Note the "wool sack" that is in Parliament to this day. There were a lot of weavers in this area and, small as it was, Kettering had merchants – probably in Sheep Street for exporting to Calais.

Despite the popular myth only three villages were vacated due to plague, or 'Black Death,' in Northamptonshire. There is no evidence to indicate that the Mawsley village desertion was as a result of "Black Death" plague but more likely to have been the result of sheep running for wool and during this period a very large area of agricultural land was changed to pasture.

By 1914 Mawsley village consisted of only four cottages. The 1931 records show that Mawsley adjoined Loddington parish and was part of Brixworth rural district. Mawsley village still retained four inhabited houses and was in the hundred of Orlingbury. The principal landowners in 1931 were Brig. Gen. H O D Hickman, CB and Air-Commodore T C R Higgins CB, CMG. The soil is principally pasture and woodland comprising an area is 442 acres and was cultivated by farmers who resided in the adjoining parishes.

The population of the Parish 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	Lod- ding ton
Mawsley					15		11	16	8	10	24	20	13	

The occupations of all of the working population of Mawsley were farm related except for those employed in the iron stone pits where there was a wagoner, John Stillman, who was a boarder at Mawsley Lodge in 1881.

Locomotive rail worker 42 year old John Darby and his wife Mary, 36, and three sons, Albert 10 a scholar plus John 16 and Alfred 14, as shoe finishers lived there in 1901.

Mawsley village was finally deserted during the 1940s and, as required for the war effort, the land was ploughed for crop growing leaving little or no trace of the village buildings.

**Still to come: The iron stone pits and railway
Mawsley cum Faxton Parish**

From the Editor

The biggest problem I have with this newsletter is working out how to get everything in! I doubt that many village editors have that problem and I am not complaining about it. It is very reassuring to receive unsolicited articles from new and old contributors so that we can add new features and produce more pages. This edition is larger than usual but now that we are switching to a bi-monthly publication I suspect that 28 pages may become the norm.

Thank you to Craig Cacchioli, of Cacchioli Photography, who has volunteered to help with the photos that are submitted with your articles. He has saved me hours of time editing your pictures and I have learnt more from him in a few minutes than I ever did from my camera and software manuals. He may be persuaded to share some of his tips in the next edition.

So the number of volunteers who are now helping with News & Views is growing but I could do with more, particularly with regards to selling advertising space. We need to keep attracting new advertisers. You can all help with that by mentioning News & Views to anyone who does a good and reliable job for you - that is how most of our advertisers find out about us. If, however, you think you could do more than that, by approaching new people to advertise with us, then please get in touch.

As I have put this edition together I have been struck by the number of changes that are taking place in Mawsley and the new people who are getting involved. We have a new Parish Council chairman and hopefully will soon have three new parish councillors. New people are joining The Centre management team; the long-awaited adventure park is up and running; there is not just one, but three, big family outdoor events taking place this summer (Fun Day on 13th July, the Dog Show on 10th August and the OctoBEERfest on 5th October) with new organisers spreading the load and appealing to different sections of our community.

Another change is the fact that the Mawsley Forum, a web newsgroup run by Jason Wallace for many years, has quietly wound itself up this month now that most of the chat has moved to Facebook. Thank you, Jason, for doing a good job for so long.

And what else is new? **The roads are almost finished!!**

I look forward to receiving your news and views for the next edition.

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