



Mawsley News & Views

March/April 2014

Let's 'grow' the town red!

The Royal British Legion is promoting a Centenary Poppy Campaign to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of WW1. They have raised funds by selling Flanders poppy seeds with the aim of covering the UK with poppies during the centenary period in commemoration of those who lost their lives in WW1.

A large supply of seeds has been acquired for Mawsley and **now** is the time to plant them. We have free seeds for you to plant in any patch of garden, or even in pots, preferably at the front of your house so that Mawsley is awash with poppies this summer.

You can collect your seeds, and get tips on how to grow them, from The Centre on Sunday 13th April between 2 and 4 pm.

See page 19 for more information.



Congratulations to Mawsley Community Choir!

After just one year of getting together the choir has won its first award. It was placed third in the Open Choir section at the Milton Keynes Arts Festival.

This was their first competition and they went in determined to enjoy themselves but with no expectation of being placed. The adjudicator described their performance, which included 'Mad about Mozart' and 'Fly Me to the Moon', as 'spirited'.

Read more about the Choir on page 18.



What makes Mawsley Special?

Mawsley is taking part in the Northamptonshire Best Village competition and over the last few weeks the Parish Council has been gathering information from village groups and individuals for the entry form. (More information about the competition on page 9.)

There is one question, though, that we need to ask you all:

'What makes Mawsley a special place for residents and visitors?'

This is the final question on the entry form and we would like the answer to come from you. Please think about this and let us have your response which we will quote as part of our entry - so please include your name.

Do it now, please - because the entry has to be in by 26th March.

Send them to Bob Littler. boblittler@btconnect.com

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the centre at Mawsley

The Management Team are pleased to announce that they have appointed Hugh Mulligan to the position of Operations Manager. Hugh took up his post towards the end of February and many of you will already have met him.

Hugh's background suits him very well to this position: he spent 25 years, with the same company, in breweries and the retail pub sector, a career that involved national quality control programmes, training bar staff and negotiating with pubs, clubs and supermarkets. He became their National Operations Manager improving processes to enable the company to operate more efficiently.

Then a change of emphasis when Hugh decided it was time for a more community based role and this took him into school business management which he did for 8 years in Northamptonshire and the West Midlands.

So why the move to Mawsley?

'I want to continue to make a contribution to society and the community using skills and experience I already have. This post is community based but with a commercial angle. Although I wasn't certain about it when I first saw the advert, after coming to find out more, meeting the people here and then going through the selection process the job became more and more interesting and attractive.'

And what are your impressions now that you are here?

My first impression has been that The Centre is a hive of community activity, that it's vibrant and welcoming. I have been made to feel very welcome by the management team, customers and staff and have been surprised by the great number of people who actually use The Centre - there is constant coming and going all day long. I don't know of any other village that has such a fantastic facility and I would feel very fortunate to have it, if I lived here.'

And the challenges?

'There has to be a balancing act between The Centre's role as a community facility and the need to run it on a commercial basis. It's unusual that the customers are in effect the shareholders which presents a real challenge - but that shouldn't matter so long as it is the best it possibly can be at whatever it does.'

I'd like to see The Centre become even more community-centric. I want to see more members of the community using The Centre on a more regular basis. Everyone who comes here must have a real quality experience however they use the Centre - and that includes the staff. I want it to be a great place for them to work and to develop. I want them to feel proud to be part of a successful team and also to feel part of this community. We need to provide a high quality service at an affordable cost; it has to be a sustainable business.

I want to raise The Centre's profile and make something that is good even better. If I had to sum it up in one phrase it would be that I want The Centre to provide a service to the community that is valued and to provide great value.

I hope to bring a fresh pair of eyes to this facility and would welcome your feedback. I would love to hear what you think about The Centre, especially if you don't come here regularly.'

And finally?

'Thanks for the opportunity. I'm excited about the challenges ahead and hope to spend many years working with you.'



Hugh Mulligan

Originally from Manchester but in Northants since 1985.

Lives in Great Houghton, Northampton, with his partner, Laureen, and their four children aged 11 - 18.

Note from the Editor

The Centre Management Team, all volunteers, had not expected to be recruiting again quite so soon. But needs must.

Four or five of the team have been engaged in the task since early November. They advertised twice, scrutinised 80 applications, interviewed 12 candidates, short-listed 5 for second interview and then considered 4 finalists who each gave a presentation on their thoughts and plans for The Centre.

This was a lengthy process that had to be conducted quickly and professionally and, for most of the team, alongside their day jobs.

Thank you to all for a job well done!

Mawsley Villagers

YOUTH CLUB IS GROWING



Fire Service visit

Youth Club has been really busy over the last 2 months, with visits from the Fire Service and Police Armed Response Unit. Last week Sarah Meeks did a fantastic Zumba demonstration which everybody joined in with, although it's fair to say that the leaders put the kids to shame as a few of the kids dropped out puffing and panting after the first track!

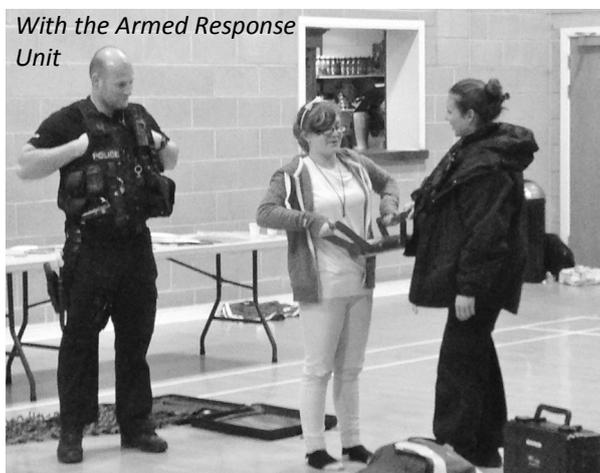
We have celebrated Chinese New Year, made pizzas and welcomed Mawsley's Short Mat Bowls team in for a demo which proved really popular. Everybody has been enjoying the table tennis too. Big thanks to Punks and Pin Ups hairdressers for the donation of the net and bats.

Our schedule for the next 2 months includes some Mother's Day crafts, bingo and of course we will be making some Easter treats.

Youth Club Schedule

- 19th March - Bingo with prizes
- 26th March - Mothers day crafts
- 3rd April - Easter activities
- 10th April - closed for Easter Hols
- 17th April - closed for Easter Hols
- 24th April - Outdoor activities
weather permitting

We are now averaging 40 children or more each week. Can you spare time to help us at Youth Club? We are looking for permanent volunteers who can help out each Wednesday evening with the general running of Youth Club and to help us to supervise the children. A CRB check (now DBS) will be required but we will pay all costs for this.



With the Armed Response Unit

Alternatively do you run a club or activity or take part in a sport that you think would be of interest to our young people? The children are always keen to try out new things.

If you think you can help with Youth Club in any way please contact Vicky on 07525 488906 or by email at victoriawakerley@hotmail.co.uk

Youth Club runs every Wednesday evening in term time from 6.30pm until 8.30pm at The Centre. We have a tuck shop, and now serve free squash. Entry is £2 per child.



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Association

Looking forward to the spring and summer....

As you will know by now, a new Centre Manager, Hugh Mulligan, has been appointed. The Villagers' Association would like to endorse all the other welcomes to Hugh, both formal and informal.

Also 'Welcome' to you if you have recently arrived in Mawsley. The MVA is here to promote a sociable and fun community and produces this newsletter to keep you informed. Please feel free to make suggestions and to come to our monthly meeting at 5pm on the first Sunday of the month.

As Hugh gets to grips with the running of The Centre, our minds turn to the regular events that give the village such a strong sense of community. As well as the Easter Party, we look forward to Mawsley Fun Day on 12th July (without wishing to wish the summer away). For football followers, there is no major clash with the World Cup, (the 3rd/4th place play-off takes place at 9.00pm in the evening). As ever, we are looking for new ideas for the event so any suggestions you might have will be more than welcome.

You will also have read elsewhere in this edition that we will be competing for the Northamptonshire Best Village

Award this year. It's obviously important that Mawsley looks its best, which leads me to a personal concern. We have some well tended grass verges around the village. Unfortunately, a number of these are being rutted and muddied by cars being parked on them. The wet weather obviously hasn't helped, but if Mawsley is to look attractive, it would be preferable if motorists could park on hard surfaces, rather than the grass.

By the time the next 'News and Views' is issued we will be well into what we hope will be a wonderful summer. All the very best to you all in the meantime.

Rob Bailey

Mawsley Villagers Association Chair

Baby & Toddler Group

Thursday mornings 9.15 - 11.00 am
in the Main Hall at The Centre

£1.50 for the first child and 50p for additional children.

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Many of you will have seen the signs go up for the Opticians who will be opening towards the end of March. We have had several enquiries about booking appointments and the opening date etc. Please be advised that until their telephone line is installed we have no number to give out as yet but hopefully they still plan to open towards the end of this month.

Please join our Patient Participant Group

This is an opportunity to have your say about the services provided at Mawsley Surgery. You do not have to attend meetings etc, if you don't want to; you could still take part by joining our on line group. Each time we do a survey we will send you an email to say that the survey is online and awaiting completion.

Please join today by visiting our website and following the simple instructions to sign up to be a member.

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I am pleased to announce the Mrs Brenda Quinn is now Chair person for this group, she can be contacted by calling the surgery. If you have a matter to discuss or any input about the services we run, please let me know or alternatively you could always speak to Brenda about your concerns.

Angene Kane, Practice Manager.

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Mawsley Parish Council

The Pub Site; what next?

The Parish Council has considered the various proposals which have been made recently for the Pub Site and has noted that there seems to be support for it being used for some form of housing for the elderly.

Mawsley Taverns, the owners of the land, also favour this suggestion and are in the process of having some proposals drawn up for the Parish Council and the village to comment on before they proceed to make a planning application.

The reasons for continuing to consider this possibility are that:

- The site is ideally located for the elderly close to the Medical Centre, shops, The Centre and bus stop
- There is no other suitable housing for the elderly in Mawsley
- It would release family homes in Mawsley

Councillors discussed potential difficulties and would want to be assured that any such development should be a community amenity rather than just more houses. This would be achieved by ensuring that it should provide housing specifically designed for the elderly and which may only be occupied by the elderly. The homes should have some shared communal facilities.

They also decided to consult residents when any firm proposals are put forward.

What else are Councillors discussing?

- Preparing a Parish Neighbourhood Plan
- A memorial or quiet place for the village
- CCTV for The Centre
- Bus Shelter for Loddington Way
- Planning applications
- Repairs to the The Centre building
- Article 4 and Planning restrictions
- Involvement of Dog Warden in Mawsley
- Adoption of the roads by the County Council
- Transfer of Open Spaces from Taylor Wimpey to the Borough Council

Mawsley Parish Council has a vacancy

for a new Councillor.

If you would like to become involved please send a brief outline as to why you think you would be suitable, and what you could offer to the position to the Clerk at mawsleyclerk@tiscali.co.uk by 30th March.

Meet your new Parish Councillors

Tom Sanders



Tom's name is already well-known to us because of his regular 'Word on the Street' feature in News & Views and his involvement with pond maintenance and many other village projects.

He says: I moved to Mawsley over 8 years ago with my wife Val. We have three children and four grandchildren.....all adults now !

I hope to make a contribution as a Parish Councillor and provide support ..especially to the most 'senior members' of the Council who have worked so hard over recent years.

I have a special interest in pressing for a resolution to the road adoption process, and the ever growing need for public transport for our youth, the elderly, students and school children. I am keen that we sustain a continuing partnership with MVA and the diverse community and voluntary groups.'

Vic Cope



Vic is also well-known to many through his involvement in MADS and the Short Mat Bowls Club as well as other projects around the village.

He says: 'I have lived in Mawsley since 2007 with my wife Doreen. We have children and grandchildren living in the village as well.

This is my second spell as a Parish Councillor. I served as a Councillor from ??? to 2012(?) when I took a break due to health concerns but I am delighted to have been welcomed back now and look forward to the contribution I can make particularly in respect of the upkeep of The Centre building which the Parish Council is responsible for as Landlord.'

Mawsley Parish Council

Precept

Every year the Parish Council has to set a precept for Mawsley. This is the amount that is added to your Council Tax bills to be spent in Mawsley. And that is the key point about it; *all* the money raised by the Mawsley precept is spent in Mawsley, and what it is spent on is determined by the Parish Council - not the Borough Council.

In previous years the Borough Council made grants to all parishes in the Borough to help with parish running costs; last year our grant was £4520. However these grants have now been discontinued, so we will have to find that £4520 ourselves.

Despite this the Parish Council has decided to keep the precept at the same level as last year; £60,000. This is based on a detailed review of our spending commitments and requirements for the year ahead; the key one of which is maintaining support for The Centre. As we have outlined before, The Centre is an extremely expensive building to run and maintain, and is now showing the wear and tear from seven years of use. It is also the social heart of the village, so it is vital we support it.

Part of the allocation to The Centre is to ensure we have reserves in case of a major problem occurring. Once these reserves have been built up to an acceptable level we will look to reducing the precept in future years.

Don't forget that members of the public are welcome to come along to Parish Council meetings; either simply to observe, or to raise any points they feel the Council should address. Meetings are held at 7:30 at The Centre, normally on the third Monday of the month. However the next one is put back to the 28th April because of Easter. The May meeting is the third Monday - i.e. the 19th.

Mawsley Parish Council

Litter Picking equipment

A couple of years ago the Parish Council invested in some litter picking equipment to be borrowed by any individual or group who wish to tidy up part of the village. It consists of:

Litter Pickers/Grabbers
Gloves and Bags

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Best Village?

The Parish Council has only very recently become aware of the nature of the **Northamptonshire Best Village Competition**.

The key is in the title: it doesn't say "Best Kept Village", which is what one normally expects this kind of competition to be.

Actually it's about a village as a community; about village life, social and sports facilities, activities for younger / older people, local businesses, and conservation - as well as its appearance. We believe that these are all aspects of village life that Mawsley prides itself in and therefore we have decided to enter.

The slightly awkward situation is that entries have to be in by 26th March, which leaves little time to organise a wide-scale village involvement. So for this year the Parish Council will complete the application form by gathering all the information we can, and by talking to appropriate village groups. However if you have any particular comment to make or contribution to add please get in touch with me ASAP before the 26th: boblittler@btconnect.com. And anything you can do to help keep the village as neat and tidy as possible will be much appreciated.

It was very heartening to see such a long list of names in the Mawsley New Year's Honours List in the previous News & Views; that epitomises what this village is about, and why the Parish Council feel we should enter this competition.

The judging will take place between mid-April and early June and the winners will be announced on the 15th July.

Bob Littler



The competition is organised by Northamptonshire Acre and you can read more about it at:

www.northantsacre.org.uk/projects/bestvillage-competition

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

Future dates are:

**17th March, 28th April,
19th May**

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

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The Bin Men and Ladies

Word on the Street

by Tom Sanders

Kettering Borough Council provides the refuse and re-cycling service to our village of 950 properties, every week all year round, except for Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years' day.

Word on the Street met up recently with the 'Grey' and 'Blue' Bin Crews on their early Monday morning shift in Mawsley, starting with the Grey crew, *Refuse and Re-cycle Technicians*, Rod, Tomasz and driver Jo. The crew started their shift at 6am and arrived at Mawsley at 6.45am and following a short break they would complete the Mawsley round by mid-morning and then move on to Loddington and Thorpe Malsor..a total of 1600 properties!



Jo, the driver, has been with KBC for 10 years and her previous job was with Northamptonshire Police.

Rod has 9 years' service and previously worked in shoe manufacturing.



Tomasz has 6 years' service and was a baker after leaving Poland where he studied law at Gdansk University.

The 'Blue' crew, with 4 technicians, Lorraine, Will, Lee and driver Steve, has the same sort of schedule and task, with the collection of re-cyclable materials across the Borough. Some of the unusual items they have been asked to deal with, include, the upper torso of a female...which turned out to be a 'dummy' ...plus a request to take away a grand piano under the bulk items collection service !



Lorraine



Will



Lee



Steve

Thanks to everyone at KBC involved in this vital service.

Some facts and figures about Mawsley's waste and recycling:

Domestic black bin waste was 520 tonnes per year [reduced by 52 tonnes on the 'Blue Bin' recycling programme]

Green waste collected, in the region of 182 tonnes per year.

KBC estimates the breakdown per year, on the new recycling scheme, as follows:

Paper 52 tonnes

Cans 13 tonnes

Plastic Bottles 26 tonnes

Cardboard 31 tonnes

Glass 125 tonnesWord on the Street estimates 6 bottles of wine every 2 weeks x 900 houses x 26 collections = 140,400 per year!

And a message from KBC: Mawsley has reduced its waste going to landfill considerably since the introduction of the Blue Bins. Please remember, though, that the Grey Bin is for garden waste only - no cardboard or plastic bags, please. Cardboard goes in the blue bin and plastic bags in the black bin.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

I always look forward to receiving my copy of Mawsley News & Views. The first edition of 2014 was no exception.

Eagerly going through the pages, I was totally surprised, but equally delighted, to discover my name in the Mawsley New Year Honours List!

Thank you to whoever suggested the Honours, and although I seek no reward for services to the village, it was much appreciated to be acknowledged in such a nice way.

Name supplied.

Dear Editor

It was quite a surprise to find myself included in the Mawsley New Year Honours list in the latest Mawsley News & Views in connection with the Line Dancing Group.

I would like to point out, though, that without the support and input of each and every member of our fabulous group it would not be the success it has turned out to be.

Thank you to all our dancers.

Jacqui Wilson

Editor: The Honours list did generate quite a response.

Apologies for two omissions which were entirely my fault. I should have included:

Meg Spring for organising that brilliant Dog Show last summer and

Pam Draycott for the Arts & Crafts Club she ran for several years.

Dear Editor

A big thank you to the many members of the Mawsley dog walkers club, who go equipped with their little bags, to help keep the village clean and tidy.

However, it appears that we have picked up a few rogue villagers who do not think that they should use these little bags for their pets.

These people must be reminded that there is a £75 fixed penalty for allowing your dog to foul public places and that persistent offenders could finish up in court facing a larger fine. All responsible walkers should keep an eye out for the culprits so that they can be reported and fined.

Mick Podd

Dear Editor

Now that the roads have been completed all car owners should be advised to use their allocated parking bays and not park on the footpath and road, as this is against the law. No doubt that with the village roads soon to be adopted, the police may then have their say on this problem.

Mick Podd

Editor: I asked the police to comment. 'Until the roads are adopted we have no powers with regards to parking. As and when they are adopted then obstruction to the highway and footpaths, dropped curbs etc. are all things that we can assist with, as are the offences of parking near a junction or on double yellow lines etc.' However, we understand that the Police will act if people park on the cycle track.

Planning restrictions in Mawsley

I have been trying to obtain clarification of the planning restrictions that apply in Mawsley following the issue being raised on this letter page in November 2013.

I have discovered that as well as confusion there is also a lack of publically available information to help clarify the position.

Article 4. This is often suggested as the reason for all planning restrictions in Mawsley. NOT SO.

The Article 4 Direction applies to a relatively small part of the village – originally described as the Village Street. Basically this is the route in from the first entrance, along Broughton Road, part of Loddington Way, all of Main Street and to the far end of The Green but including some properties on other roads, such as Link Lane, Paddock End, Scholars Row and parts of School Road backing onto that route as well. There are almost 100 houses falling within this area.

Article 4 directs that **all the properties within its area** require planning permission for replacement windows, fascias etc, extensions and porches, roof alterations, satellite dishes and enclosures to the front of the property. (This is my summary of the restrictions.)

So why do some houses outside this area also have planning restrictions?

Because KBC applied restrictions, on a **house by house basis**, when giving planning consent for the construction of these houses. These properties have certain 'permitted development rights' removed. In other words, work which would normally not require planning approval may require it in these properties. They have not all been restricted in the same way. Some need planning permission for replacement windows, some for extensions, including conservatories, and some for fences, walls and gates, satellite dishes and roof alterations. Your solicitor may have picked this up as part of the conveyancing process but it could easily have been missed.

So where are these houses with restrictions?

I'm afraid there is no way of knowing except by asking the planning department at KBC. They published a booklet in 2008 called *Planning Restrictions for Houses in Mawsley* which is

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Northamptonshire Dog Watch



The main aim of a Dog Watch scheme is to create a partnership between the local community, police and the local authority. As a dog walker you will be out and about at various times of the day and can be the “eyes and the ears” of the community, with contact access to Kettering Borough Council, The Dog Warden and the community police.

If you are interested in enlisting your dog to the scheme and for more information please visit:

www.northamptonshiredogwatch.co.uk

Dog Watch also supports Dog Control Orders relating to dog fouling, litter control and care for the environment.

4 new recruits to the Old Gorse Way Division.....



Lottie and Mollie [coats courtesy of Jan Holland]

Dotty and Woody

By Tom Sanders

No sooner had Tom sent the notice above about Dog Watch to the Editor than one of the Mawsley village recruits proved her worth out on patrol!

On a recent patrol, Maisie sniffed out a box of car and house keys, which had been dumped in hedgerow in the village.

The keys had been discarded by suspects, following a break-in to a property opposite and have now been returned to the owners. The box will also assist the police with their investigations.

Mawsley Neighbourhood Watch



Jim Yates and Maisie

From the owners

We would like to pass on our thanks to the dog walker, Jim Yates, and Tom Sanders for finding our keys after we were burgled on the night of 9th February. Although a vehicle and other vehicle keys were taken, their vigilance in rescuing the remaining keys from a hedge saved us a vast amount of agony and expense.

It brought a real bright moment into a difficult and stressful situation. We can't thank them enough.

Sarah and Jim

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still available on their website but which cannot be relied upon because, obviously, it does not include any properties built after 2008 and has been found to be inaccurate in respect of some pre-2008 properties included or excluded from it. (There are 200 properties outside the Article 4 area listed in this booklet.)

I am told by the planners that there is no prospect of the booklet being updated and corrected in the near future and that householders will have to continue to ask for a free of charge 'constraints check' on a one by one basis and the advice is that **wherever you live in Mawsley you**

should ask for a constraints check before undertaking any external replacements, alterations or improvements to your property.

So, sorry folks, there is no clarification and we are not in a position to be able to see the overall planning constraints for Mawsley. If you go ahead with external additions or alterations without planning consent when you should have applied for it you will possibly run into problems when you come to sell your property. But, unless you live inside the Article 4 area, you don't know if you need to apply for it until you ask!
Editor

What's On



Easter Gift Fair
Great Cransley
Village Hall
Sunday April 6th
11.00am till 4.00pm

Proceeds will be shared between
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and Cransley Village Hall

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1st Sunday 10.30am SPACE Tea, coffee and bacon rolls with children's activities all in the main hall
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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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Churchwarden Anthea Cane 07596022525 or email anthea76@hotmail.co.uk



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Some very good news to begin with.

We have recently been visited by Her Majesty's OFSTED Inspectors and were assessed as a 'good' school with outstanding features. The staff and governors are very pleased with this grading as it is exceptionally hard to achieve. We thank all of the parents who continue to work in partnership with us to achieve the best possible outcomes for all of our children.

World Book Day

6th March was World Book Day at school and staff and children were invited to dress as their favourite character from literature. We had some very colourful and creative costumes! The children also experienced different teaching and learning activities throughout the day designed to encourage and inspire their love for reading.

Below are some of the best costumes:

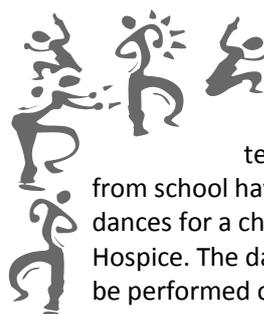
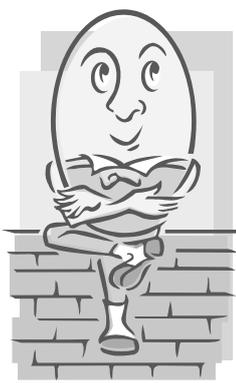


County Swimmers

On Thursday 27th February some children from Years 5 and 6 took part in the county swimming gala finals. The children were competing against 10 other schools from all over the county in a variety of individual and relay events. The children were an asset to the school and showed their Olympic values in encouraging and supporting each other. There was some stiff competition from the other schools and we finished 8th overall. Well done to all the swimmers who took part.

Whole School Writing Day - Who Pushed Humpty Dumpty?

Recently all the children took part in a writing day, where the entire school used the same stimulus to inspire the children in their writing. They were set the challenge of finding out who pushed Humpty Dumpty and each year group was given a different genre to write in. The children really enjoyed the experience and produced some lovely writing during the day.



Eat, Sleep, Dance Repeat!

Since December, a group of teachers and teaching assistants from school have been working hard to learn two dances for a charity fundraiser in aid of Cransley Hospice. The dances (Rock n Roll and Chicago) will be performed on the 22nd March in front of a live audience against 9 other teams at Wicksteed Park.

Part of the judging process is based on how much money the team has raised. We know Cransley Hospice holds a special place in many people's hearts, so if you would like to support us and donate, please use this link:

www.justgiving.com/eat-teach-dance-repeat

Alternatively you could drop off a donation at school. There are also collection pots at the dentists and at One Stop for all of those unwanted coins!

This process has been a great opportunity to teach the children that as adults we can learn new things. We have run several successful fundraising events so far, and would like to take this chance to thank Sarah Meeks who led our Zumbathon on Saturday March 1st where we raised £500!

MAWSLEY SCHOOL MOTORSPORTS EVENT

In February, Mawsley Primary School held a motorsports event to celebrate 8 year old pupil, Robert Taylor, winning the Kettering Sports Personality of the Year award.

The event included Robert's own kart and a rally car and classes had the chance to interview racing driver Gary Ward, a former European Formula 3000 champion.

The whole day provided an opportunity to bring to life in a memorable way how some of the subjects being taught are used in an exciting arena. The school heard about the importance of science, engineering, nutrition and languages within motorsport before pupils had the chance, as a Design & Technology project, to enter a competition to design a new race suit.

From almost 400 designs Robert's new sponsors, Mawsley Dental Clinic and PMA, had an enormous challenge but eventually chose year 6 pupil Alfie Cope's design as the winner. Thanks to their support, the design has been sent to Grand Prix Racewear and will be worn on race circuits by Robert soon!



Robert Taylor with prize winner Alfie Cope

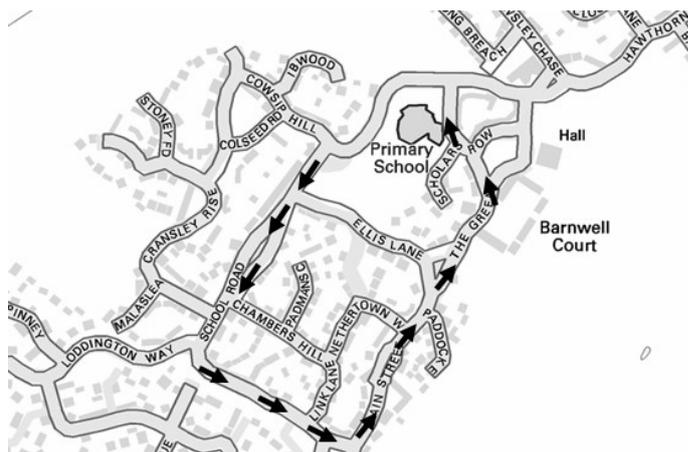
Annual Easter Bonnet Parade

4th April

Foundation Stage and Key Stage One children are excited to be celebrating Easter with their annual bonnet parade around Mawsley on 4th April.



The children will be required to get their creative minds working and make an Easter bonnet at home with their families. This is a time for the children to share their bonnets and have fun with you as a community. The children and accompanying adults will leave school via the gates on the playground. We will turn left onto School Road, left onto Loddington Way, then left onto Main Street, follow onto The Green and then left onto Scholars Row back to school. See map below for more details of our route.



We welcome members of Mawsley village to wave at the procession as it passes by your home.

Weather permitting the walk will take place at roughly 11.00am and will last for approximately 30-45 minutes.

We are very excited to be sharing the children's beautiful bonnets with the school and wider community.

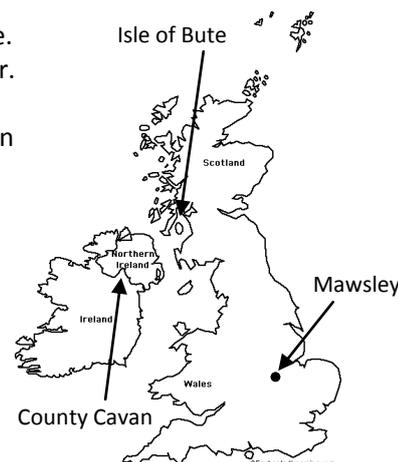
In the last News & Views the editor asked how far some Grandparents had travelled to attend the Grandparents' Day held at the school in December. See below for responses about three of them.

My daughter - Evelyn Dowsett and her friend Ruby Slaven, both in Class 2 both had their Granddads travel down especially from an island on the west coast of Scotland, called Bute. It took them about 7 hours and is just under 400 miles. They came by ferry and then by car. Although the girls are not related to each other and nor are their Granddads, by complete coincidence the two Granddads have been friends since primary school and were both born and raised on the island. They had a fantastic day, visiting Mawsley school and would definitely come again!

Helen Dowsett

Our Nana (Mary Shannon) travelled by aeroplane from County Cavan in Ireland to come to Grandparents' Day at school. We really loved being able to show her our friends and teacher. She had breakfast with us and chatted to our friends. Then we all did a performance which Nana said was 'Top marks'. She saw all the work we do at school and helped us make a card. It was fun having Nana at school and she said our school, teachers and friends were fantastic and made her feel very welcome. We hope Grandparents' Day is on again next year.

Liam and Ronan Collins - Year 3



Mawsley Short Mat Bowls Club



ROLL UP! ROLL UP!

Do you get the Monday Blues?

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Come and give it a go and have some laughs.

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



We have been working extremely hard for our first season of competitions. By the time you read this we will have performed in our first competition at the Milton Keynes Festival on 7th March.

Our next competitive event is **Kettering Eisteddfod** at the Salvation Army Citadel, Rockingham Road, Kettering NN16 8JU on the 22nd March. We are due on stage at 11.20 am (class 167) where we have to perform against other choirs.

As this is our first season of competitions we are very excited (but extremely nervous!) to see how we can perform under pressure! We hope that people will come and support us in our reach for stardom!!!

We also have a **summer concert** to be held at The Centre on Saturday 28th June. This will be an informal concert showing off our new songs – watch out for more details in the coming weeks and the next edition of News & Views. Please come and support us in a fun filled summer's evening. Tickets will go on sale soon.

We always stress that the choir is open for new members.

No experience is necessary or the ability to read music. We are just a bunch of people from all different backgrounds who share a love of music. So if you would like to come and join us, we practice at The Centre on Thursdays 7:30-9:30pm in the little room first on the right!!!! Can't wait to meet you!

Flick Murby

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

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We are pleased to announce that a new team has come forward to revive the Mawsley Gardening Club which, from 2003 onwards, has provided a varied programme of gardening talks, visits, advice sessions and other events for anyone with an interest in their garden under the leadership originally of Marisa Holton and later Pam and Steve Draycott. Thanks to them for making it such a success for so long.

We are a group of gardeners and allotment holders who are keen to see this club re-activated and we have ideas for a programme of events for a monthly meeting to appeal to complete novice gardeners and the more experienced. If this sounds like something that would be of interest to you please come and have a chat with us on Sunday 13th April so that we can take your suggestions into account.

Any questions? Please contact Paul Richards on 791898 or eandp68@gmail.com



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In the last News & Views there was an appeal for a new leader/helpers for Rainbows. Fingers crossed - the outcome of that appeal is looking very promising at the moment - so thank you from Theresa to those who have shown an interest.

Here are two more groups which need your help.



1st Mawsley Brownie Pack

Due to family and work commitments the current leaders are standing down.

We have a volunteer interested (but they will need support) so therefore the pack is still looking for a couple more volunteers to help lead the pack from September 2014.

If you are interested please contact Sarah on 01536 799684 or Hannah on 07725477466. If volunteers cannot be found then unfortunately the pack will fold as it is too much work for one person.

1st Mawsley Guides

On Thursday 27th February we held a cake sale to raise funds for the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. This Association supports Guiding around the world and in 2014 their theme is Primary Education for all. We raised £155 and are very grateful to those who supported us including the Mawsley Choir and those taking part in the quiz night.



1st Mawsley Guides was formed in 2006 and initially met at Loddington Primary School before the Centre opened in 2007. During our first 8 years we have seen 10 girls achieve their Baden Powell award which is the highest achievement in Guiding. We have been to the all Guide pop concert, the Big Gig, twice - seeing acts such as Olly Murs and the Rizzle Kicks. We have walked to Cransley for chips in the garden of the 3 Cranes on several occasions and have tried Segways, Zumba, Ice Skating, 10 Pin Bowling as well as many craft activities and the ever popular Chocolate Badge!

We run a Unit of approx. 30 Guides which needs at least 3 Adult Leaders. We have been very lucky with the adult and young leaders who have been part of Mawsley Guides over the years, but we are now in a situation where we need more adult leaders/helpers.

If you would be interested in being part of Mawsley Guides please: ring Anne on 791163 or 07966266669 or contact mawsley.guides@yahoo.co.uk.

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MAWSLEY COFFEE CLUB

We brightened up the New Year by having a delicious lunch together at the Trading Post in Kettering, some of us using our bus passes to travel there.

In February we supported the British Heart Foundation's national 'Ramp up the Red' campaign

to raise funds for life-saving heart research.

We raised £82 from our 'bring and buy' sale at The Centre and donated this amount to the BHF. Left over items were taken to the BHF shop in Kettering. A big thank you to all who generously supported this event.



Our February outing was to the local village of Harrington to enjoy a welcoming brew of coffee in the village hall where we were served with delicious home-made cakes. Afterwards we visited the award winning Warner Edwards distillery in the farm next door and sampled the Harrington Dry and Sloe Gin, produced from the local spring water. We were able to swap some of our books with those in the village hall cupboard. Very few of us came home empty handed. Some even bought bottles of local award winning gin and interestingly we weren't even asked for ID! Those were the days!



← *Curiosity', the 500 litre pot, an Arnold Holstein still in which the gin is distilled in an old converted barn on the farm in Harrington, using ingredients from Tom Warner and Sion Edwards' farms.*

Future Meetings

Following our memorable visit to the Houses of Parliament last September we have invited Philip Hollobone, our MP, to join us for coffee at The Centre in Mawsley in March. We look forward to hearing about his life as our Member of Parliament.

Our next outing will be a visit to a garden centre in April, to restock our gardens and will no doubt include morning coffee and maybe even a spot of lunch as well!



Mawsley Coffee Club is open to all folk in our village, who have retired or who are approaching retirement. Throughout the year, we aim to arrange something for everyone, including coffee mornings, outings to shopping centres, garden centres, theatres and other places of interest.

Do get in touch with Molly and John on 790 781 or Jean and David on 799 490 if you'd like more information about Coffee Club events.

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It seems that almost anywhere you are in Mawsley you are accompanied by the cheery 'cheep cheep' of the House Sparrows. Today was no exception as we walked towards the playing field. Hearing them was easy but neither of us could spot them. The clear liquid song of the Skylark took over at the boundary between playing field and farmland. Peering through the leafless bushes we noticed a well trodden narrow path leading to an uplifted wire fence to gain access to the playing field. The freshly scraped holes fieldside confirmed that Brock was the culprit. Probably a long established right of way for foraging badgers leading from their sett to ancient feeding grounds.



Red Kite

Down Sloe Lane a fork tailed, graceful and elegant big bird with a wingspan of almost 2 metres appeared above roof level. This was a Red Kite distinguished from the stockier Buzzard which has a wingspan of about 1.3 m and a wedge shaped tail. Both have similar sounding cat like 'mewing' calls when in flight that carry great distances and are often heard before the birds are seen.

We had noticed male Blackbirds with their bright crocus yellow bills foraging under bushes and trees. We marvel at the loud and melodious warbling song of the Blackbird on summer evenings but these were unlikely to be the same birds. Scandinavian and Russian Blackbirds with other thrushes migrate to the UK in huge numbers to escape the harsh winter conditions, returning to their homelands in spring to breed allowing our native population to take over their territories. If last summer your family named your local Blackbird Stephen the bird in your garden now is probably Sven or Stefan. Hopefully Stephen will revisit in the spring.

Gazing into the full and healthy looking dew pond at the top of the village we saw several newts having just emerged from hibernation on land returning to our pond to breed. All had characteristic spotted markings of Smooth Newts in breeding condition with the male's crest running from head to tail. Water Boatmen were busy as usual swimming with hairy back legs and feeding on algae and diving when disturbed. We saw no evidence of frogs or toads – has anyone spotted any yet?

Under the hedgerows, particularly the ancient ones running through the village, early signs of young cow parsley and cuckoo pint can be seen.

The former will, of course, bear distinctive white flowers in summer and the latter bright red waxy (poisonous) berries.

We noticed several young yew trees, more commonly found in churchyards, but also useful as hedge plants. Brushing against the male plants, it was noticeable that a cloud of white powder-like dust was given off. This is pollen and nothing to be worried about.

Everywhere there were signs of the effects of the mild winter on plant and insect life. It may yet mean that common plant pests like aphids are more numerous this year. But if the Daily Express forecasts insect "epidemics", (maybe locusts!), do not believe them (for it was they who forecast the worst winter on record!). At the same time, beneficial insects like the ladybird should have survived well over the winter. We saw several. When it gets warmer, look out for the rogue harlequin ladybird, an immigrant with seven spots which devours our own five spotted variety.

Rose bushes can look a bit untidy at this time, and several we saw could do with some straightforward pruning. It is not too late to do it now. Basically, cut back to waist height, or lower for patio varieties, then apply the 3 D rule. Which means, cut out all dead, dying or diseased stems. Then cut out those that are growing inwards.

Finally we both had to remark on how well snow drops have done this year – particularly at Harrington and also in the wood on the back road out of Old.

Over the coming weeks and months look/listen for:

- Hedgehogs emerging from hibernation. Please put out water in shallow containers and accidentally on purpose drop a little bird seed on the ground. Ensure back garden gates are high enough to allow access.
- Frogs and Toads returning to our ponds to breed.
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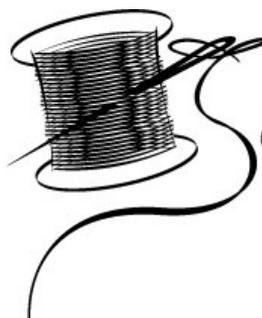
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The next News & Views is due out on

21st May

Please send your articles etc. to the editor by

Friday 9th March

Pat Rowley

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Taylor Wimpey

Mawsley works progressing well

Roads

Taylor Wimpey is pleased to report that the village's roads are close to being completed to Northamptonshire County Council (NCC), standards.

Griptrak has been selected as the contractor for the linking roads, and work is now underway and expected to be completed by Easter, weather permitting.

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

Sewerage network

Anglian Water has confirmed it can adopt the pumping station in Hawthorne Avenue. Formal adoption is expected within the next few weeks.

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.

To report issues or discuss any matters relating to public works at Mawsley Village, please contact Taylor Wimpey's Regional Project Manager Chris Leeson on 0116 281 6400.

Advice Surgery from KBC in Mawsley



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Or do you have any questions or changes that you'd like to report?

On 18 March, 29th April and 27th May from 11am – 12pm, Tracey Kennedy, Benefit Take up/Social Inclusion Officer from Kettering Borough Council is holding an Advice Surgery at The Centre.

Tracey will be in Mawsley to offer free advice on:

Housing Benefits

Attendance Allowance

Pension Credits

Local Council Tax scheme

Disability Living Allowance (children)

Personal Independence Payments

If your personal circumstances have worsened or level of care has increased, Tracey will also be referring for new claims and changes in rates of awards.

As a Kettering Borough Council employee, Tracey will also happily report back to the relevant departments with any other issues you may have in relation to Kettering Borough Council.

The Centre, Mawsley
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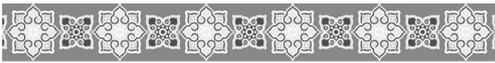
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The White Horse Theme Cuisine

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Wednesday 30th April

3 course set menu
£25.95 per person

includes a bottle of Singha Thai Beer or a Mango Passion Cocktail

Starters

- Mussel & ginger soup
- Crispy soft-shell salt & chilli crab
- Satay chicken skewers
- Salted duck eggs
- Grilled beef salad

Mains

- Spiced stir-fried crab
- Aromatic duck curry
- Green thai vegetable curry

Sides

- Prawn & lemongrass relish
- Beansprout salad
- Coconut rice

Desserts

- Coconut milk pannacotta with ginger spiced ice cream
- Pineapple & coconut cream fool
- Banana & ginger cake with coconut ice cream

To book, call Jenna on 01604 781297

Terms & Conditions: Advance bookings only. A non-refundable deposit of £10 per person payable at time of booking. Specific tables may be requested but cannot be guaranteed. Vegetarian option available - please discuss any dietary requirements at time of booking. All dishes will contain nuts or nut oils. The White Horse reserves the right to vary the menu or accompaniments.



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Sunday 30th March



The White Horse

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- Ham hock terrine with poached egg & celeriac remoulade
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- Hot smoked salmon, pickled beetroot salad, rocket & coriander cress

Mains

- Barnsley lamb chop with rosemary infused mash & redcurrant jus, cumin & honey glazed Chantenay carrots
- Woodland mushroom & roasted fennel risotto with truffle oil
- Pan fried seabass on wilted spinach with a curried mussel broth
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Desserts

- Raspberry pannacotta with white chocolate sauce
- Summer fruit pudding with lemon sorbet & fruit coulis
- chocolate and cherry brownie with a white chocolate ice cream

Coffee & Mints

Filter coffee (with free refills) or tea

£22.50
for 3 courses

£17.50
for 2 courses



Booking essential - please call Jenna on 01604 781297. Max party size 12 persons (incl. children) due to seating limitations. Parties of 6 or more will require a deposit of £10 per person and advance menu selection. Menu may be subject to minor changes.

Spring Menu

We will be launching our Spring Menu on Tuesday 1st April.

Quiz Nights

These continue to be popular, sometimes so much so that space (and chairs!) have been at a premium. One of the forthcoming quiz nights will also be a charity fundraiser in aid of Bowel Cancer, so look out for posters with details of when this will be.

Beer Garden

We are planning a major overhaul of the garden this spring, with new (sturdier)dining furniture on the decking which, coupled with our new parasols from last year should make a very pleasant place to enjoy a meal or a few drinks. We will also have a couple of new outdoor sofa areas for relaxing in the sunshine.

Live Music

We will be having a live band playing in the pub sometime over the next couple of months - details will be

posted in the pub, on the website and broadcast on Facebook and Twitter.

Afternoon Teas

In the spring we will be offering Afternoon Teas on Saturdays and Sundays (look out for posters or check the website). If this proves popular we may also offer it on weekdays during the summer months.

Beer Festival

We are now starting to plan our summer Beer Festival, which will be held over the August Bank Holiday weekend. Last year this proved to be extremely popular, so this year we will be increasing our range of both Ales and Ciders, holding a Hog Roast, and there will be live music over the Saturday and Sunday, and a family-based event (yet to be confirmed) on the Monday.

So keep the date free, and come along and enjoy a great range of beers, great food and entertainment. More details to follow in the next newsletter!

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History on our doorstep - with apologies to historians

Mawsley, The Nearly Village – *Not A Social History* by Professor Ed Case

Introduction

My passion for understanding the history of Mawsley started with a discovery I made within three weeks of moving to the Wimpey building site in late 2001. Whilst turning the clay that comprised the “established” rear garden in my new property, I came across a piece of parchment upon which were cave paintings reminiscent of those found in the Caves of Lascaux – wild boar, domesticated cattle and Pre-Magners man (see Fig. 1) sitting around primitive barbeques drinking locally procured wines and dandelion beers. I was fascinated – this would mean a rewriting of local history and, at the same time, could prove to be an unexpected source of tourist income. I began to explore more widely and can now document the history of Mawsley from some 10,000 years BC to the present day. Please join me on this journey..... only the facts and names have been changed to protect the innocent.

Pre-Magners Man

The parchment I discovered was exceptionally rare, the use of charcoal and cave walls is well documented – the production of a paper like substance on which drawings could be made was unheard of for these times. Carbon dating, accurate to within 12,000 years on a document of this type, proved that the parchment was from a period potentially commencing 10,000BC but no more recent than a 1963 publication, Look and Learn (Volume IV, page 17). This was, to me, clear and irrefutable evidence of early life in Mawsley! (Given the speech capability at the time the name of the settlement was probably pronounced Maaghell). To date, however, and despite the turning of several hundred tons of clay no further parchment has been found – but it is undoubtedly out there!!



Fig. 1 - An artist's impression of Pre-Magners Man. Alternatively think of the Wurzels

The Iron Age

Little happened in “Maaghell” between 10,000BC and the late Iron Age (some may say this period of inactivity continues to this day). Around 800BC there is clear evidence of the establishment of a local Community Centre, or roundhouse, in the area which was then called Male Le, this name is believed to mean “Bad Soil”. It is not known who resided in the area at this time, or what use was made of the Community Centre, but one can speculate that the early Women’s Institute would have held regular meetings there whilst “the men” were out

hunting and cultivating dandelions (see Fig. 2) in their small enclosures located some three quarters of a league away towards what is now known as the village of Broughton.



Fig. 2

A Cultivated Dandy Lion

Early Roman Settlement

Whilst Hadrian and Antonine set their goals as being the conquest of the Picts in the North, a little known Tribune, Robertus Albertus Smedlian Littlum, having landed at the port of Feluxstow (now Felixstowe) as part of the Second Invasion of Britain in 54 B.C. saw the need for the conquest of Pays de Galle (now Wales) and so headed West¹. Some six months after landing,² in early 53 B. C.³, Robertus came across a fresh water spa in the clay fields that lay north of the settlement of Wold. Using the well quoted phrase “Veni, Vidi, Ego Sum Utram Chiantium” (I came, I saw, I brought a bottle of Chianti) he claimed the land, and Community Centre, for Rome and so commenced the expansion of Male Le into the more structured settlement of Mausoleum. Some of the stones that comprised an early defensive wall can still be seen close to the village pond at the junction of Loddington Way and Main Street now forming the boundary walls of properties in that area.

Footnotes

1. Authors Note: I would apologise for the convoluted sentence but try translating from the original Latin when you failed the subject at school!
2. At this time most Roman roads ran north to south – in making this journey, Tribune Littlum laid down the first developed route from East to West and called his great work the Via XIV (see Fig. 3).
3. Yes, time did go backwards in early history.



Fig. 3 – The modern A14 which follows closely the route initially established by Tribune Littlum

Next time – we see what the Romans did for us, how they lost control of Mausoleum through heavy taxing of local trade, the various tribal conflicts around the Saxon town of Maleli and the impact on the area of the Norman Conquest (L'impact de Conquest Norman dans l'area).

From the Editor

It came as quite a surprise to discover that Mawsley is being entered for the Northamptonshire Best Village Competition at relatively short notice. My initial reaction was that we would not be ready in time, but as I read the judging criteria I realised that apart from the work involved in gathering information for completing the entry form there really isn't much preparation to be done because it is about how we function every day as a village and not about how pretty we can make it look on a particular day for a panel of judges.

We are entering because we believe Mawsley is a welcoming, lively and inclusive community; that it does have excellent facilities for our youngsters; that The Centre and playing fields are well used by all ages; that there is good communication via newsletter, websites and Facebook pages. Also this is an opportunity to make Mawsley better known in the County.

Your contribution to the entry form is vital. Please look again at the question asked on the front page. 'What makes your village a special place for residents and visitors?' Bob would like as many responses to this as possible so please do contact him. If a youngster is sending a reply it would be helpful if they would add their age as well as their name.

Even though this is not a 'prettiest village' competition we do need to show it off at its best and any assistance you can give in keeping the area where you live neat and tidy will obviously help.

By the way - I obviously AM a dinosaur. I asked last time if I was alone in my irritation with and suspicion of Facebook. I received not a single reply - so assume I AM alone. I will now embrace it wholeheartedly - if only someone will show me how to get on it!

Many thanks for all your contributions. Please let me have your suggestions for future articles and please continue to send your announcements, pictures, reports and letters.

Pat Rowley, Editor

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