



Mawsley News & Views

November/December 2014



Vic Cope, Rev'd Nicki Hobbs, Mrs Deidre Newham, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of the County, and Borough and County Cllr Jim Hakewill

Remembrance on The Green

The sun shone on a large crowd gathered at the memorial on The Green to mark Remembrance Sunday.

The uniformed groups were well represented and carried their colours and this year Mawsley Community Choir led the singing and performed a new piece of music composed for the occasion. (See page 17)



Christmas in Mawsley

The festivities begin in Mawsley on Saturday 29th November with the Christmas Fayre being run by The Friends of Mawsley School offering a mix of entertainment, food and shopping as well as Santa's Winter Wonderland.

More fun over the weekend of 6th and 7th December with our now traditional pantomime, brought to you by MADs. It's 'Jack and the Beanstalk' this year and promises to be a fun performance for all the family. There is also a Christingle service at The Centre on the morning of the 7th.

The following weekend, 12th, 13th and 14th December will see the Children's Christmas Party and the Christmas tree lights turned on at The Centre and Santa will be travelling round the village on his sleigh with his helpers.

The Christmas Quiz at The Centre, on 18th December, is always a packed out affair so be there early to reserve your table.

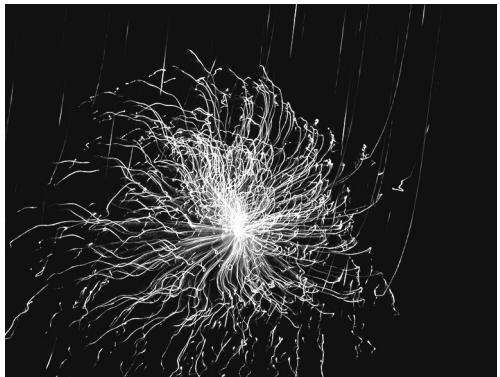
There is both a Nativity and a Carol Service at The Centre on Sunday 21st December as well as a service on Christmas morning.

The Children's Christmas party and the pantomime are ticket affairs and these are limited in number. Don't leave it too late to get yours.

Details of all these events are on pages 13 to 15 and 18 inside.

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Another successful Bonfire Night, despite the elements and this was all down to the hard work and dedication of those who helped; thank you so much for all your efforts. It's good to see all that work reflected in most of the village having a great night out.



Special mentions to:

- Charlie Brown our fireworks maestro and his team of Sue Walker, Steve Thorpe, Gary Mileham & Richard Harmon.
- All those who helped setting up during the day and as marshals on the night.
- Simon Wisdom our DJ for the evening.
- Hugh & the staff at The Centre for all their hard work.
- Our gratitude to St John Ambulance for services provided.
- Vicky Waine / Youth Club for organising the Guy Workshop / Sweet Stall & Pat Downing for judging the Guy competition.
- Nick Moore for providing the wood for the bonfire.
- Coffee @ No 9 our caterers for the night.
- Anya Powell & Phil Orchard who both took advantage of the Barclaycard employee donations scheme for our benefit.
- Blush Beauty & Coffee @ No 9 for donating raffle prizes – thank you.
- One Stop & Coffee @ No 9 for pre-event ticket sales.

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

Martin Bentley



To round the evening off Tom Hall provided entertainment in the bar.

We lit up the sky!

As you can see all the guys came to an unpleasant end on the bonfire—but not until after the judging.

First prize went to the 1st Holcot Brownies. 20 of them had a lot of fun creating Batman and Bob the Builder. Lauren Haley (below) brought them along to the competition.

Amber Shoyer and friends Sophie White and Sophie McMahon from Mawsley Youth Club won second prize for their guy. (See pic on page 6)

Well done and thank you to everyone who made a guy—they all looked the part and played their part.



The photographs on this and the front page were taken by Georgia Hallett, a pupil at Montsaye Academy, who is studying for A level photography. It is great to have a youngster from the village contributing in this way and we hope to have more of her pictures in the future.



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Mawsley

WINE REVIEW

In the July newsletter I announced the great news that I had been able to secure new drinks supply deals and consequently all our draught beer and bottled product prices would be held for at least the next 12 months. I also mentioned that we did however have an issue with our wine performance and that I would be undertaking a review of our current range.

A number of volunteers from our community stepped up to the plate and formed a wine tasting panel which tested all our current wines alongside alternative wines. They found that they preferred the alternative wines in each and every category with none of our listed wines winning the top spot in their respective category. Following this meeting and further analysis of our sales and prices, you will notice that I have introduced a new wine list consisting of all the winning wines and I am delighted to announce that I will hold the current prices, in line with all other drinks, for at least the next 12 months. The new wine list includes four specially selected wines, a prosecco and a champagne, all available by the bottle for those special occasions, at great value prices.

Bar prices have already been held for some 12 months and so this will mean no bar price increases for a minimum of a two year period. I believe that the review of our brands and pricing has resulted in an extremely positive outcome and contributes to the commitment I made back in the March/April newsletter, "to provide a service to the community that is valued and offered great value". My thanks go to all who took part in this process as they have all played a key role in helping deliver this positive outcome for the community.

SUPERFAST BROADBAND

Many of you will already have tried our new super fast broadband and network in TCAM Bar which replaces the old dlink network. It's free for all visitors and is up to 40 times faster! Once you have put in the new password you will be able to access the internet for free anywhere within TCAM and have a much quicker, more robust connection. You should be able to download your e mails, surf the net and download music etc with ease.

TCAM UPDATE

Don't forget that we have our last Tea, Cakes & Music event for 2014, on Friday 14th November from 2pm to 4pm and another Karaoke evening on Friday 21st November from 8pm until 11pm. These have proved to be very popular and I will look to revisit them in 2015.

As you may have heard our Bar Manager, Emily has decided to move on and leaves TCAM on 16th November to a new career in retail. I would like to thank her for the work she has done here over the last 3 ½ years and I'm sure you will all join with me in wishing her every success in the future.

An advert has been placed on the internet on several sites and the process to find her successor is underway. If you would like to apply for the role please forward your CV and covering letter to me by Wednesday 26th November 2014.

Finally a big thank you to everyone involved in the Bonfire Night & Fireworks event, another extremely enjoyable evening with a great feeling of community spirit, which I know others will do full justice to later in this newsletter.

Best wishes

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A little early for mistletoe, but Christmas and the New Year are fast approaching. The weeks leading up to Christmas are generally quiet for estate agents however, due to the fantastic sales results achieved so far this year I find myself in a Catch 22 situation. Lots of interest and sales means I am almost out of village properties. Please call or email myself or Emma immediately if you wish to market your property for sale or let to our bank of waiting applicants. We desperately need more two/three/four bedroom houses.

Six house sales in the last six weeks in the village, a combined total of thirty sales/lets so far this year for Horts is a fantastic achievement and our business continues to grow year on year. A massive THANK YOU to everyone who has entrusted us to sell or let their home, we REALLY appreciate it. Please take a look at my leaflet that accompanies this newsletter for how myself, Emma and Horts try to be a different estate agent from the competition. Finally, please take a look and 'like' my Facebook page for the latest housing market news and fun competitions to win some free booze!!

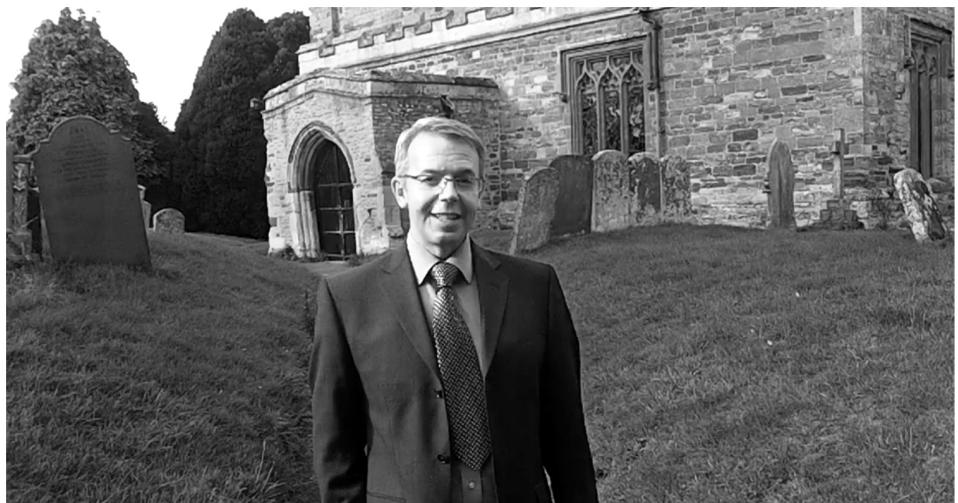
Many of you will have watched the return of the revamped 'Through The Keyhole' presented by Keith Lemon. It's definitely a very different show to the original, but it is safe to say that watching Keith wreak havoc in celebrities' houses is very entertaining indeed.

Inspired by this, I have decided to film my own twist on the show by visiting local villages in the area and giving clues as to where I am for you to guess my location on my Facebook page. The best news is still to come however, as not only do you have the chance to guess, you also have the chance to win a lovely bottle of wine if you guess correctly and are drawn from the hat!

I will be releasing new videos regularly, so there is always a chance to enter and win – keep your eyes peeled for the next one!

Also, as always, don't forget to call us anytime for all of your property needs.

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Youth Club

As the weather has changed and the nights have got darker we have had to start thinking of new and exciting indoor activities to keep us all entertained. With this in mind we asked our fellow villagers for help and were overwhelmed by people's generosity. Keith Wrigley has organised a fantastic soft archery session which was really popular. There was some seriously talented archers among us (sadly not me!) A big thanks to Keith and his daughter for taking the time to come along.

The girls in particular were excited to welcome Punks & Pin Ups hairdressing for a bit of pampering. A huge thank-you to Dave for lending us his team and special thanks to Lily and Shannon who worked tirelessly curling hair all evening!

We have also worked on teamwork this term with our marshmallow tower competition, and our bonfire guy building. Here are pics of Amber, Sophie and Sophie with their winning guy and the other "the guys hanging out". Such a well-dressed bunch thanks to the clothes donations made by several villagers.



For Halloween we got messy and made chocolate apples covered with sweets. Unsurprisingly this was one of our most popular activities all term! (I wonder why?)

Youth Club has begun to run a tuck shop at village events which helps to boost funds for new equipment and activities. We attended the Halloween party and also Bonfire night, and hope to be at more village events over the coming months. The tuck shop proved very popular with both children and adults alike, so if you see us then come and buy a big bag of all your favourite sweets.

Upcoming events include a multi sports night, dodgeball competition, short mat bowls and cup caking decorating. We also hope to plan a survival/den building night soon.

One important note though. All these activities require us to have enough helpers to supervise and we are seriously short of people at the moment. We have helpers who can only volunteer on an occasional basis due to other commitments/childcare issues but help (on any basis) at all is really very much appreciated both by the other volunteers and the children themselves.

One of our permanent volunteers can no longer help due to a schedule change so in addition to our occasional helpers we really need one person who can commit to helping most weeks. There are loads of opportunities for somebody looking to build a career working with children and young people. We will pay for your DBS check and we can access an array of training and other activities via NAYC our affiliation organisation. You don't have to be there every week, just most weeks. If you would be interested in finding out more then please give me a call on 07525 488906 or drop me an email victoriawakerley@hotmail.co.uk

Vicky Waine

Mawsley Villagers' Association AGM 2014

The Association would like to give notice of its Annual General Meeting to which all villagers are, of course, invited.

It will be on **Sunday 7th December 2014** at The Centre, starting at **4.00pm** and lasting for an hour. The agenda will include annual feedback from the MVA Chair, the Treasurer, the TCAM Chair and the Centre Manager. There will also be the opportunity to discuss any issues raised and to ask questions.

Of course, you may decide that would like to become involved with the work of the MVA in which case we would also be more than delighted to welcome you.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Rob Bailey (MVA Chair)

Communications

The MVA and TCAM teams report regularly in this newsletter on their discussions and decisions and frequently ask for help. A villager has recently pointed out to us, quite strongly, that we are not making a very good job of these communications and what we think we are saying and how we think we are saying it is not always perceived in the same way. It has been suggested to us that, far from involving villagers, we sometimes create a barrier between the committees and villagers because of the way we express ourselves.

We intend to put this right and will be reviewing our communications over the coming weeks. If there are any villagers with marketing and communication skills who would like to help us for a couple of hours we would welcome their input. Please contact: Simon Wisdom on 07738 704823 or simon.wisdom@uk.issworld.com.

We also have our AGM on December 7th where it would be good to see anyone who wishes to discuss anything we could improve for the benefit of the village.

Regards MVA and TCAM

Association

Baby & Toddler Group



What a fantastic term we have had so far. Our Thursday mornings continue to see a hive of activity at The Centre, with lots of fun crafts, painting, playdough, colouring and lots of opportunity for imaginative play with the toys and dressing up clothes. The children continue to prompt us when it's time for our popular snack and there's always tea and coffee available from the bar for the adults (with a cheeky cake stall thrown in on occasions too which always goes down a treat).

The group offers an opportunity and a space for time away from the home, to play and make new friends, so if you would like to spend time with your children and also have the opportunity to meet other parents/carers in the village over a coffee and a play, please come along and join us. Bring your friends or use the opportunity to make new ones from amongst all the lovely people who support us on a weekly basis. We continue to welcome new faces from both inside and outside of the village and are expecting another busy and exciting term leading up to Christmas with our theme focusing on Famous People. Hopefully this will culminate in a visit from a very special person as the term draws to a close.

You can stay updated on what we're up to on our Facebook page (Mawsley Toddlers) which keeps everyone posted on term dates and planned activities. As always we continue to look at more fundraising ideas to contribute towards the maintenance of the toys and the hire of the hall, so ideas and feedback are always welcome.

In addition to new purchases, we welcome any donations of unwanted, good quality toys (storage space permitting) so if you can help, please let us know!

The group runs on a Thursday morning during term-time, from 9.15-11.00 and remains at £1.50 for the first child and 50p per additional child. We are open to parents/guardians and their children, ranging from newborns up to 4 years.

We look forward to seeing you all very soon for more great fun with your tots.

Merry Christmas from the Mawsley Toddler Team.

Contact: Krista Alford (07742 601100)
Shelley Brown (07887 792673)
Sam Eggleton (07818 408911)



The MVA
wishes all readers, contributors and
advertisers a Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year.

Thanks to everyone who helps with Mawsley News & Views by contributing articles, helping with distribution and, most importantly, reading it.

The Centre—Future Plans

One of the topics that has recently been discussed at MVA/TCAM meetings is the future of The Centre and how what it provides for villagers could be improved. This is a wide ranging subject because it needs to take into account:

- the building itself and whether it needs to be extended, what form any extension should take and what funding might be available for such a project and
- it also needs to consider whether what is currently offered within the building is serving all age groups and interests fairly and, if not, how those gaps can be filled.

This is not a small task and it needs to involve you, the villagers who use, or would use, The Centre. It is proposed, initially, to set up a working group of villagers representing as many village interests as possible to establish what the needs are and to make proposals for meeting them.

- Would you like to be part of this working group to help shape the future of The Centre?
- Do you have ideas about improvements to the building?
- Does your group find that the accommodation is not suitable for your activities?
- Do you feel 'left out' of The Centre?

Your ideas for improvements are invited. If you would like to be involved in the working group please contact:

Vicky Waine on 07525 488906
or email victoriawakerley@hotmail.co.uk.

If you would like to know more before committing then come to the MVA Annual General Meeting at 4pm on Sunday 7th December to find out more. Please give this serious thought. A project of this importance really needs to be a whole village project

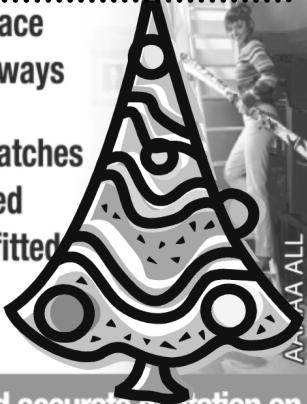
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Mawsley Parish Council



The Parish Council is aware that it should feature on FaceBook. However this does present one key difficulty: the Parish Council cannot comment, nor can any Councillor whilst representing the Council, on any issue that hasn't been discussed in public at a Parish Council meeting.

Our own Mawsley Parish Council page will allow us to draw attention to new activities/issues the Council is considering, without having to wait for the next edition of News & Views.

However the above difficulty arises when responding to comments which raise new questions; and also in responding to village issues raised on the Mawsley Community page. We regret we will have to confine ourselves to commenting on matters already discussed at a PC meeting. This does mean that in many cases our reply will only be to promise to consider it at the next meeting - or indeed preferably one of you to come along to the meeting to raise the issue.

However this is not quite as restrictive as it may seem as many of the issues raised have at some point been considered by the Council.

No we're not happy with this limited approach either but we are bound by the rules in which parish councils have to operate. We should bear in mind that these rules are to protect democracy - i.e. discussions/decisions made must only be in public (i.e. at monthly meetings, when members of the public are entitled - and welcome - to attend).

We will discuss what to do re Facebook at the next meeting (Monday 17th November, 7 pm). All are welcome.

Bob Littler

Calling all Mawsley Teenagers

The village has been able in previous years to apply for funding for projects such as the skate ramps and play areas for younger people in Mawsley. The Parish Council would now like to turn the focus to the older youth within the community.

We would like to invite all young people, teenagers, to The Centre on 30 December 2014 at 5pm to discuss ideas.

Would you like, for example:

- a place of your own to meet, sit and chat?
- skateboard lessons during the summer?
- your own festival on the playing fields?

Come and tell us. Let us know, share your ideas and make Mawsley your village.

Diana McCarthy
Clerk to Parish Council

Parish Council Meetings

These are usually held on the third Monday of the month in the committee room at The Centre at the **new start time of 7pm**.

Mawsley residents are welcome to attend and are entitled to introduce any issue at the beginning of the meeting.

Meeting minutes and forthcoming agendas are posted on the village noticeboards and on the website www.mawsleyvillage.co.uk

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1. Buses to and from Mawsley no longer go through Broughton
2. Buses between Northampton and Mawsley now include Moulton (via Kingsley), Sywell and Overstone
3. The morning and afternoon Kettering school day bus is now numbered 38 and takes a different route from the 39.

Taking Broughton out of our route is awkward for some. All journeys between Mawsley and Kettering will now travel via the A43 Northampton Road, Gypsy Lane, Rothwell Road, Kettering General Hospital, Newland Street and Horsemarket. Passengers wanting to get to Broughton are advised to catch route 39 to Kettering General Hospital to connect with the new X43 to Broughton.

The new route between Northampton and Mawsley now includes Sywell and Overstone for the first time and continues to go through Moulton [via Kingsley] Holcot, Walgrave and Old.

The 0649 am service, Northampton to Kettering and 1550 pm Kettering to Northampton are schoolday journeys only, renumbered as route 38, and will continue to run between Mawsley and Kettering via Broughton, A14 and Pytchley Road to serve Bishop Stopford and Southfield School.

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A little bit of Mawsley School History from the editor

This is a picture I took for the newsletter 10 years ago.



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The school gathered together for an assembly in the morning to show off our hats and award some prizes for the most creative efforts. The children then returned to their classes but did not run a normal timetable that day. Each class had to complete various birthday themed tasks. There may also have been some party foods consumed, however this cannot be confirmed as no evidence could be found!

Each year group was asked to prepare something that celebrated our ten years. We then performed for each other in our afternoon assembly. Every year group provided the school with a very entertaining performance piece celebrating our first ten years. There were even rumours of appearances by Barack Obama and The Queen!

We are now looking forward to seeing the 200 daffodil bulbs, planted by our Reception children in the shape of a big number 10, coming up in the spring.

Gareth Weston



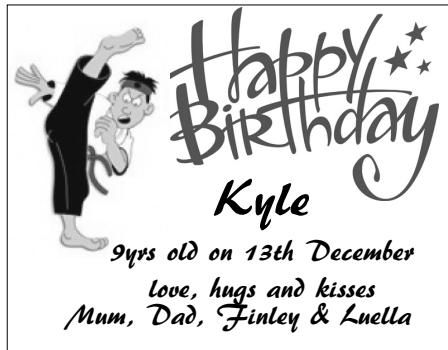
Letters to the editor

TO ALL CAR OWNERS

When parking on the kerbs please allow enough room for both buggies and mobility scooters to get through. Most of the scooters being used at the present are the smaller ones which are only permitted to use the pavements, not the road.

Michael Podd

Parking that obstructs a dropped kerb also causes serious problems for mobility scooter and other users. Editor



From Margaret & Garth McMullen

After a long illness our daughter Catherine passed away in Willen Hospice, Milton Keynes, on 4th October 2014, aged 45.

We would like to thank our wonderful neighbours and everyone in Mawsley who have been very kind and supportive to us over the last three years.

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Rose Hill Way (stop)
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Sun 14th
Main Street (stop)
Barnwell Court
Mawsley Lodge
Cransley Court
Old Gorse Way area (stop)
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The Autumn Ball: the aftermath

Well I don't know about you lot but I had a fantastic time at the Autumn Ball! It was great to see everyone looking so smart and really enjoying the occasion. People were kind enough to thank me publicly on the night so this is my chance to say a few thank yous of my own.

First of all, a massive thank you to the organising team of Laina Price, Vicky Waine and Lisa Law. We had some fun meetings deciding on the details of the Ball and their ideas and enthusiasm were fundamental in making the Ball the success that it was.

The night wouldn't have been a success without some delicious food, so a huge thank you to Rebecca Mills and her team at Touch of Class Catering for their first-class and highly professional service.

Thank you also to Damian Cox, AKA the Big Bopper,



who provided some outstanding tunes and ensured the evening went smoothly with his additional MC role.

To Emily and the TCAM bar staff for their hard work on the night and to Debbie and Hugh for their help and support throughout the whole organisation period – another big thank you.

And finally, thank you to all those who helped to set up on the day of the Ball. It was definitely a case of 'many hands make light work', so Charlotte Hayley, Helen Dowsett, Sam Gallagher, Chris Waine, Glen Price, Matt Law, Andrew Baxter, Andy Gallagher and again to Laina, Vicky and Lisa – thank you all so much!

And a final request ...
to those of you who came to this year's Ball, it would be really good to get your feedback so that we can ensure next year's Ball has all the right ingredients.
Please let me or any of the organising team know if you have any comments (good or bad) on the food, drink, decoration, service, etc. Any comments – via email, Facebook, or just when you see us – would be most welcome.
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By the time this edition is published Remembrance Day will have been commemorated on the Green, the choir having performed "**As One**" a song for remembrance with words and music by Sam. C. Holbird. This had significant poignancy with 2014 being the centenary of the start of World War One. A challenging and emotive piece specially commissioned for us, to which we hope we did justice.

Very good news! We have been successful in securing a grant of £3,150 from the Big Lottery Fund thanks to a lot of hard work by two of our committee members Janine Hughes and Gareth Norris. Well Done! This has enabled the choir to purchase much needed music equipment and stage risers.



More good news, Congratulations to Flick Murby, (a founder member of our choir) and her family on the safe arrival of baby Orson, a little brother for Rocco.

We are now busy with rehearsals for our Christmas Events. We are going to be having lots of fun. Please come and join us; we will be performing on-

Saturday 29th November - (11:45-1:30) Mawsley School, Christmas Fayre.

Saturday 6th December - (12:30-1pm) Christmas Carols on the Catwalk, Kettering Market Place.

Friday 12th December - (5:30-6pm) Mawsley Christmas Lights switch on (TCAM)

Vic Cope has liaised with Richard Barnwell who has kindly provided the village with a splendid Christmas tree for the occasion!

One final note:



**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
from all our members.**



Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings in term time at TCAM from 7:30-9:30pm and (7-9pm on Quiz Night which is the last Thursday of the month).

If you would like more information please contact-Sue on 07793386232

Eve Richards

Sing - Make friends - Spread happiness, Mawsley Community Choir

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

21st January 2015

Please send your articles etc. to the editor by

Friday 9th January

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At Mawsley Church, we're getting excited about Christmas! This year we'll be celebrating Jesus' birthday with several different services that we'd love to invite you along to.



Christmas Services at Mawlesy Church at The Centre

- 7th December 10.30am Christingle Service
21st December 10.30pm Live Nativity - come along dressed as a character from the nativity
21st December 7pm Village Carol Service
25th December 10am Christmas Celebration Service – bring one of your presents along!

Regular Services at The Centre
1st Sunday 10.30am SPACE Tea, coffee and bacon rolls with children's activities all in the main hall
2nd Sunday 10.30am Service with children's groups
3rd Sunday 10.30am All age service
4th Sunday 10.30am Communion service with children's groups

We meet every Sunday at the Centre. Our services last about an hour, in a relaxed, informal setting and always include activities for children.

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

Canon Brian Withington 01536 791373 or email revdbrian@uwclub.net or
Revd Nicki Hobbs 01536 799522 or email revnicki@familyhobbs.org.uk



Mawsley Short Mat Bowls Club

ROLL UP! ROLL UP!

Do you get the Monday Blues?
Then join us at The Centre for the game of Bowls.

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

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

Come and give it a go and have some laughs.

For more info ring Alan Pritchard, Club secretary, on 790820

Mawsley Coffee Club



Our pre Christmas activities include a visit to Rockingham Castle, which we are told will be decorated for a Victorian Christmas (1881). Our tour will be conducted by one of the staff, either the housekeeper, governess, butler or footman, who will be in character and dressed in period costume. We look forward to hearing their stories about Victorian family life as they prepare for a Christmas gathering for the family.

In December, we continue our tradition of singing our favourite Christmas carols at our coffee morning at The Centre, and feasting on mince pies, as well as collecting tins and packets of food that will be donated to Kettering Food bank, for local people in need. To round the year off we have arranged our Christmas lunch at The Royal Oak in Walgrave.

Early next year, we plan to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the founding of Mawsley Coffee Club.

We wish all our members and their families and friends a very Happy Christmas and a happy and healthy New year. We aim to arrange a varied programme with something of interest to our members, which always includes some fun, and usually something to eat as well. If you live in the village and have retired or are approaching retirement, why not consider joining us? A warm welcome is assured.

For further details and dates of Coffee Club events and outings, please get in touch with Molly and John on Ph: 790 781 or Jean and David on Ph: 799 490, who will be happy to provide this info.



Well done to the Mawsley Rainbows for their donations towards a harvest hamper shared with Niki Fleming who has passed it on to St Jude's food bank.



The girls have worked very hard towards their 'friendship badge' this term, working with one another and with those in the local community. The girls celebrated their success with end of term bowling at Rock and Bowl!

Next term they will be working towards a 'Seasonal Celebrations' badge with a range of fun activities related to Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day and Christmas.

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Sunday.....10:00-4:00**



Mercedes "Team Mawsley"

World Championship celebrations

Mercedes clinched the Constructors' World Championship at the Russian Grand Prix on the 12th of October, for the first time in the marque's history, ending their close rivals', Red Bull Racing, four year domination of the trophy.



This achievement was celebrated by the staff at the Brackley and Brixworth production facilities...in some style!



The teams produce just 6 cars per year at an estimated £1 million per car, which includes all the mechanical components, such as engines and transmissions, with each car being allocated 5 engines for the racing season.

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Walgrave & Mawsley Amber FC is a men's Saturday football team playing in Div 2 of the Northants Combination league and all home matches are played at Mawsley.

We welcome new players from the village - they must be 16 by 31st August 2014 to be eligible to play.

As well as new players we would also welcome help with running the club, including admin and help with training and managing.

For further information please contact Liam Walden on 07585 124801 for further information.

Loddington and Mawsley Cricket Club

After a successful conclusion to the 2014 season Loddington and Mawsley C.C. are already planning for the 2015 campaign. Australian all rounder Ben Bryant from the Eastern Suburbs Club recommended "as one for the future" by former Aussie Test Star Michael Bevan, has already committed.

Coupled with all last season's squad and the expected return from injury of Grant de Kock next season should see the Club hopefully progress to challenge for honours.

Off the field fund raising continues towards the new wicket covers for Loddington which have been quoted as costing in the region of £4000. The pavilion at Loddington is also being refurbished and updated over the winter including the installation of a new central heating and hot water system.

However never a club to stand still the following are actively being sought, players capable of competing in Division 1 and 8 of the Northamptonshire Cricket league or Rutland League Division 5 on a Sunday. Players with wicket keeping experience would be especially welcome.

The club also are keen to secure the services of a groundskeeper for Loddington which would possibly suit a recently retired person. Experience although not a necessity (as training can be given), would be welcome and the post does carry a small remuneration.

The AGM is set for 8.00pm Wednesday 3rd December at The Hare Public House, Main Street Loddington, current, old and new players welcome.

Net sessions are booked for early January and the Youth Coaching as ever continues throughout the Winter.

If you are interested in joining or would like more information please contact either First XI Captain Nick Herbert Mobile 07889 038138 (Nicholas.herbert@study.beds.ac.uk) or Youth Co-ordinator Karl Sanders on Mobile 07903 954360

Mawsley Touch Rugby Club is always looking for new players
18+ Male or female, pro or complete beginner - all are welcome

Interested? Come to the field Saturday 9:30am
or visit www.mawsleytouchrugby.com

It always amazes me how our gardens are capable of adapting to strange weather conditions. After a cool wet August this Autumn was exceptionally warm throughout giving us the added bonus of fabulous colours from our borders, patio plants, shrubs and trees right up to late October. Time to get out there to prepare the garden for the winter. I wonder what the weather will be like!

Following on from the September meeting when we introduced our ongoing garden design feature and usual regular topical slots an ex-director of Unwins seeds gave us a very interesting talk in October on new plant and vegetable breeding and varieties. In November we welcomed a speaker from Northants Wildlife Trust introducing us to aspects of Gardening with Wildlife.

Outside of our meetings your Gardening for All team have been working with village groups including Mawsley School Gardening Club, Pond Conservation team and Last of the Summer Wine looking after planters on The Green and around The Centre.

For our 8th December meeting we have a change of venue to 34 Main Street when we will hold a Christmas Quiz to close our first year. Members will be asked to bring along their own tipple and we will provide the nibbles and hopefully lots of fun.

For the future plans are already in place to re-introduce Mawsley Open Gardens in June 2015 and we have booked a nursery visit in April. We are also working on a variety of 'Home Grown' ideas and features.

Our usual meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month in the committee room at The Centre and are open to all. Please feel free to bring along a friend or two as always. £2 per person at the door (includes raffle ticket)

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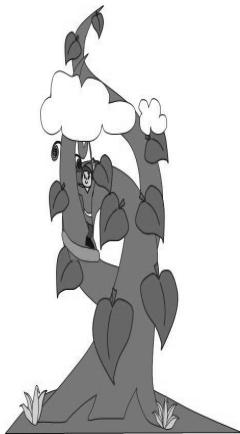
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Jack & the Beanstalk



This will be MAD's 6th annual Pantomime production. Casting and rehearsals started in early September. Rehearsals run every Friday and Sunday for 2 hours each session, between then and the performances on 6th and 7th of December. This will make a total of some 60 hours hard working rehearsal time for the 20 cast members and the Production Team.....for the 2 hour performance! This is on top of the countless hours spent on costumes, props and scenery.

The Production Team includes...

Lucy Cope,
Director



Sarah Hart, Co-Director



Costumes by Doreen Cope, Maureen Jackson and Barbara Pritchard.



Props and Scenery and cast member, Vic Cope ...with help from Summer Wine has recently completed the redesign and construction of the stage to 6 x 4.8 metres.

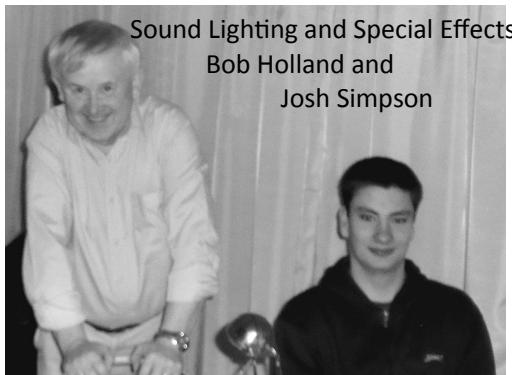
Good Luck to everyone involved in this very special event!



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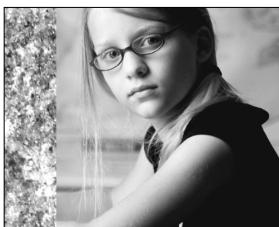
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Nature on your doorstep

A stroll round Mawsley and district with Les, Woody and Paul on 5th November 2014

Paul

As Les, Woody the Jack Russell and I set off over the fields towards Cransley a chilly breeze picked up quickly clearing any lingering mist allowing the sun to shine through and chase the white puffy clouds over the horizon. Woody soon picked up a scent of something and rushed off into the young crop of rape flushing up a handful of Sky Larks. Solitary male birds sing in summer alone to attract a mate or to warn rivals that the territory is occupied. They flock together in Autumn and winter and communicate in flight to deter predators – not that Woody presented any level of threat.

Reaching the path towards New Lodge Farm Les and I were attracted to a banked area next to the pond. Signs of digging, foot prints in the soil and piles of leaves and twigs

were obvious. Evidence of house keeping by someone. By the size of the entrances it was clearly a well used Badger sett, under the bank would be a network of tunnels and chambers.



The piles of leaves and twigs were left there while the Badgers gathered and dragged fresh winter bedding in after clearing out the old. Our Badgers do not hibernate but will 'lay in' on cold winter days and forgo foraging till a mild spell comes along.

As we turned right towards Old Lodge Farm we saw a heavy pot bellied green/brown Collared Dove sized bird flying low over the ground with an undulating flight. This was undoubtedly a juvenile Green Woodpecker. Despite its name this bird spends most of its time on the ground sweeping up ants with its sticky long tongue. They are commonly seen and heard around Mawsley.

Our ramble back to Mawsley was disappointingly void of bird life except for the odd Carrion Crow and Common Gull feeding amongst a flock of sheep and a lonely Pied Wagtail chasing insects on a roof. Only a few weeks earlier I had seen a flock of Lapwings their slow wing beats making them appear to flicker black and white. These largest members of the plover family also known as Green plovers or Peewits after their distinctive call had probably bred in upland pastures in the summer and were now flocking to over winter on wetlands to the east of Mawsley.

In recent weeks garden feeders have been fairly quiet because Autumn is a time of plenty and while wild food supplies remain good natural food is preferred to garden offerings. So, what can you do! Keep feeders and water bowls clean and fresh to avoid disease, part fill (to avoid wasted seed etc.) birds will see the supplies and visit when times get hard.

If you are interested in details about wild birds then please take a look at the **British Trust for Ornithology** web site www.bto.org/ and go to **BirdFacts** a very useful site giving in depth information about all of the 580 species recorded in the wild in Britain.

Les

While Paul was spotting evidence of badgers and the like, I could not help noticing the large numbers of fungi emerging in the pastures. As a child I remember foraging with my father for edible mushrooms. They invariably had gill like pink undersides and a concave white top. Eaten for breakfast straight from the fields, they were absolutely delicious. However, I would not have dreamt of picking any of the mushrooms we saw on this ramble. Experience is essential when identifying edible mushrooms. As somebody once said, there is no such thing as an incautious mushroom forager – they all die young.

People often ask me about choosing the correct sort of pansy to provide reliable colour, and while I point out to them that one can buy pansies advertised as "winter" ones, in my experience none of them will cope with the wildest of wet and windy weather. Come January, it is rare to see a good stand of them unless the weather has been particularly kind. Instead, I recommend the brave and hardy **viola** which always battles colourfully through.



My friend Paul and his wife Eve know this because that is what they have planted in the large trough on the green by the flag pole. They look good – and will continue to look good. Take a look – and also notice a black leaved grassy plant planted amongst the violas. This is a hardy very reliable plant which produces succulent black berries and goes by the marvellous name **ophiopogon planiscapus nigrescens**.

(Take note, members of Mawsley Gardening for All Group - therein might lie a Christmas quiz question!)



Mawsley – Taylor Wimpey achieves physical completion of works within the village.

Roads

Taylor Wimpey is pleased to report that as 2014 draws to a close, the village's roads are now all substantially completed and operational.

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Taylor Wimpey has also instructed Northamptonshire Highways to continue the gritting of the spine roads during times of inclement weather.

Sewerage network

We are pleased to announce Anglian Water now formally maintains the full foul water system and pumping stations.

Taylor Wimpey

The whole storm drainage system has also been placed on to a period of formal maintenance with Anglian Water. Taylor Wimpey will continue to maintain the storm system until the maintenance period is complete and it can be handed over to Anglian Water for adoption.

Public open spaces

We are pleased to report that during 2014, 10 formal public open spaces through the village, comprising a total of 12 acres of land, have been transferred to Kettering Borough Council, which is now responsible for their long-term maintenance.

Taylor Wimpey wishes all home owners and visitors to the village a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

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The Big Card

So, where were we before we were so rudely interrupted by missed deadlines and the award of the Fellowship of the Royal Society for my work on “Ess, The Once And Always Capital of Spain” (which was also nominated for the Man Booker Prize for Fiction). Ah, yes, Somerville had arrived here in the Eleventh Century under the Feudal Lord, the Duc de Grangeput. Under his guidance, and with Henry I proving a wise monarch, Somerville and England enjoyed peace and prosperity. Whilst Crusades came and went, Somerville just got on with doing what it was best at – being ignored.



Henry I looking wise

It was not until 1215 that chroniclers of the time make note of a Duc de Grangeput failing to attend the ceremony at Runnymede when King John was forced to sign the Magna Carta. Diligent research has established that, as a significant land owner, the fifth Duc had indeed been invited to support the Barons in their fight to suppress the ever increasing powers of King John. The invitation was, unfortunately, sent in the common language of the time, Latin. The Duc still spoke French, the native tongue of his forefathers (for, indeed, he was the fifth) and the invitation was translated for him by a semi-literate monk, called Merdiff, a resident of Somerville. The literal translation of Magna Carta was deemed to be “Big Card” and the Duc decided not to travel to Runnymede to sign², as he saw it, a “Big Card” to give to the King on the occasion of his Birthday. This lack of action on the part of the Duc did have an unexpected and beneficial consequence. As King John regained his powers and purged the Dukes and Barons who had signed the Magna Carta, the Duc was perceived as “friendly” and Somerville was, once again, ignored.



King John signs the Big Card

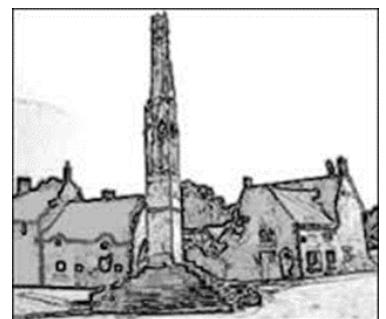
Queen Eleanor's Cross

In 1290 Queen Eleanor, wife of Edward the First, died in the village of Harby in Nottinghamshire. The King, and the nation, went into mourning for she had been known as “The People’s Princess” even though she had become a

Queen. The ceremonial procession from the place of her death to Charing, a small village just outside Westminster, was lined each day by thousands of mourners who threw flowers and traditional carved turnips at the coffin containing her body. At each place the procession stopped overnight the King later had memorial crosses erected – except in Somerville.

As the procession moved from Geddington the royal party stopped in the village of

Broughton for light refreshment and were told of the possible healing properties of the waters contained in the pond at Somerville. The King, keen to restore life to the long dead Queen, sent one of his men to secure some of the magical water. The villagers of Somerville were eager to assist and provided several gallons of brackish water and an invitation for the King and his party to lodge overnight with them. However, the King had a prior booking at a hostelry in Hardingstone which had changed its name in his honour to “The Queen Eleanor” and which boasted sumptuous accommodation alongside in, what was then known as, the “Premiere Inne”. The King thanked the villagers of Somerville and promised them a cross for their efforts on his behalf³. Needless to say the water proved to have no restorative powers, the King himself tried some and found it to have a purgative effect and immediately cancelled the order for the cross. By royal decree the name of Somerville was erased from the records and the village became known as the “village of bad water” or, in the language of the Duc - “Malasleau”.



Artist's impression of Queen Eleanor's Cross in Somerville

The Hundred Years War

Attacks on English territories in France, by the French, provoked war to be declared by Edward III. Specific attacks on lands still held by the Grangeputts in Normandy led the then eighth Duc to give up his title, to change his name, and to remove all traces of France from his life and the lives of the villagers – but more of that next time!



A French soldier attacking English territory

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