



Mawsley News & Views

September/October 2013



Getting acquainted at the Charity Dog Show.
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(Y)Our Youth Club Needs You!

The Mawsley Youth Club is currently without a leader, and unless they get some volunteers soon their reserved slot on Wednesday evenings at The Centre may be lost!

Many of us have children or grand children who really value the club and it would be such a shame to lose it, especially as we approach the winter months and children will be less able to play outside.

A full handover can be arranged and it really only requires volunteers to dedicate Wednesday evenings to being present when the club is on from 6.30 - 8.30pm. There are other volunteers already involved who will assist you.

Perhaps a rota system is the answer so that the responsibility is shared between 4 or more people? Please contact me to express your interest and find out more.

Let's not lose this vital group: if your children are involved please think seriously about whether you can help keep it going, as when the slot is lost it will probably be gone forever!

Vicky Waine
MVA

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On page 7 you will see that the Parish Council has been considering how to meet the needs of the slightly older teenagers in the village - but that will not replace the need for this Youth Club which caters mainly for a younger age range. Editor



Kettering's Mayor Cllr Keli Watts, the Mayor's Cadet and Cllr Richard Barnwell at Fun Day. More pictures on page 9.

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Firework Night

at The Centre

Saturday 9th November

More info on pages 5 & 15

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

September already!

We have had a really busy summer at The Centre. A fantastic Fun Day in July kicked it all off. We had sunshine all day and there was a real sense of community spirit. Lots of village groups and businesses pitched in running stalls and doing demonstrations which added to the great atmosphere and allowed them to promote themselves. I would like to say thank you to everyone who helped before, during and after the event. Special thanks to Steve Thorpe, Martin Bentley, Nick Haley, Vicky Waine, Chris Waine, Darren Wilkins and Nikki Hatfield who all played their part. Simon and Tony from 'Just Party' gave their services for free on the day providing the PA system and entertainment. Thanks also to Brian Tuite for supplying and setting up the lights and cables in the marquee and Nick Moore for the generator to provide power in the marquee. I would also like to thank my team of staff who absolutely worked their socks off all day and night. It certainly was a challenge keeping all the drinks cold!

I am pleased to report that The Centre's takings on the day were £5222.25 with a profit of £2435.08. (However I am advised that the MVA made a loss of £197, due mainly to very disappointing sales of the programme/raffle - even though the top prize was an iPad. The MVA would like to express their thanks to Horts Estate Agency for their generosity in donating this.)

We have been lucky to have two social events for the dog community over the summer, a dog show on Fun Day organised by Vets 4 Pets and one in August organised by Megan Spring to raise money for Oldies dog charity. It was great to see the dogs and their owners enjoying these events.

We held a Boredom Buster in August with a variety of pay-as-you-go activities for children to try which was well attended.

Our staff have been busy having some training over the summer and can now make you delicious cocktails to order and have had a session with Duncan Murray who has taught them all about the wines we stock. If you would like a wine recommendation you only need to ask. I would particularly recommend the Merlot Rose which is a refreshing drink in the Autumnal sunshine.

Steve Buckle, Centre Manager

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

Opening and Closing Times for the Bar

We are introducing more clarity on the opening and closing times of the bar to avoid any confusion.

	Open	Last orders	Close
Monday	9am	10.30pm	11pm
Tuesday	9am	10.30pm	11pm
Wednesday	9am	11pm	11.30pm
Thursday	9am	12pm	12.30am
Friday	9am	1am	1.30am
Saturday	11am	1am	1.30am
Sunday	10am	11.30pm	12pm

Food Service Times

Thursday	6pm – 9pm (10pm on quiz night)
Friday	5pm – 9pm
Saturday	4pm – 9pm
Sunday	1pm – 4pm

Coming soon ...

Thursday 12 th September	The 1 st of our monthly live music events. Join us from 8:30pm in the bar for Stevie Jones and Mark Gill with a cover set from across the decades.
Thursday 26 th September	Quiz Night hosted by The Gathering, 8pm
Thursday 10 th October	Live Music in the bar from 8:30pm
Friday 25 th October	Children's Halloween Party, 5pm – 9pm. £3 per child in advance or £4 on the day. Includes entertainment and a hot dog.
Thursday 31 st October	Quiz Night, 8pm
Saturday 9th November	Bonfire Night, live band in the Hall following the fire work display
Thursday 14 th November	Live Music in the bar from 8:30pm

Adventure Park

Mawsley Villagers Association

Well, I would like to be able to report all good news re the Adventure Park, but unfortunately I can't.

The good news is that two of the agreed three litter bins are now in place.

The bad news is that some moron has written pornographic graffiti on the half-pipe and ball court. I have informed the police of this incident of criminal damage and they are investigating; I met with them today 5th. Why anyone would want to deface this equipment with such filth is a mystery; however once we have identified them maybe we'll find out.

Going forward, parents please be aware that we will always report incidents of criminal damage to the police; make sure your child knows how to behave responsibly. We have a list of suspects for the current "efforts" so some of you will shortly be finding a very conspicuous police car parked outside your front door. What will the neighbours think?

I know that 95% of the children/young people in this village would never dream of doing something like this; and also how disgusted they will be. If any of you have any information to help us find the culprits more quickly, please either let me know or report it to the police on 03000 111 222 quoting incident no. 277 of 5th September. Anonymity guaranteed.

Bob Littler
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Baby & Toddler Group

Welcome back after the summer break!

We're looking forward to welcoming everyone back and it is always great to see new faces. So if you would like to spend time with your children away from the home and also have the opportunity to meet other parents/carers in the village over a coffee and a play, come along.

We're expecting another busy and exciting term with some new toys, fun crafts and the childrens' highly anticipated snack will also still feature!!

Over the summer, despite the break, we have been busy looking at ways to develop the sessions. We are setting up a Facebook page to keep everyone posted on term dates and planned activities. We would also like to look at more fundraising ideas to contribute towards the maintenance of the toys and the hire of the hall at The Centre, so items for sale may also feature.

We have also sought funding from both the Mawsley Parish Council and the Mawsley Villagers Association. If we are able to secure this money, we hope to develop the toys for the toddlers by investing in, amongst other things, a home/shop corner to help develop the children's imaginative and interactive play and some soft foam shapes for building and climbing.

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. The group is open to parents/guardians and their children, ranging from newborns up to 4.

Come along and play!

Space for Toddlers
Contacts: Anthea Cane (07596 022525)

Krista Alford (07742 601100)



New Chair of the MVA

I have now stepped down from the MVA, as I said I would.

I am very pleased to be able to say that Rob Bailey has agreed to take over as Chair. More details from Rob himself in the next News & Views, but I can assure you he is very capable and will drive the MVA forward to continue its contribution to village facilities and social life.

My thanks again to everyone who has helped the MVA, either directly or indirectly, to whatever extent, over the past 12+ years.

Bob Littler

At the last MVA meeting Bob was thanked for a job well done on the Adventure Park which took months, if not years, longer than expected but will finally be completed when that last litter bin goes in.

Phew!



Following the request for help with the Youth Club in the previous News & Views a lady called Dawn called me offering help. Unfortunately we have been unable to get in contact with you Dawn (maybe I wrote your number down incorrectly), so if you are still interested please do get in touch again, but with Vicky Waine whose details are on the front page.

*Thank you.
Bob Littler*

Come and help with Firework Night Saturday 9th November

As Summer draws to a close it is time to think about November and fireworks /bonfires.

For those of you who missed last year's Firework Night we had a super display together with bonfire, and it was a great night.

Preparations for this year are already underway, but as ever it all depends on people putting a little time in to help; be it selling entry tickets, selling raffle tickets, acting as crowd marshals or simply helping with the preparation on the day.

If you are willing to help please could you either send me an email or contact me on my home tel no below.

All offers of help would be very much appreciated.

Thank you

Martin Bentley

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'Make A Guy' free Workshop

Get ready for the Bonfire Night Guy competition by coming to our Make A Guy afternoon session from 2 – 4pm on Saturday 9th November at The Centre.

Bring some old clothes to dress your guy and masks and any other props you fancy. We will provide straw for filling and will have a few clothes and show you how to go about it.

Come along and have some fun making your guy – any character you like. Bring your children or grandchildren for a fun afternoon. Then bring your guy to Bonfire Night for judging at 5.45pm. Prizes will be awarded for different age groups and adults.

Please note:

1. Children must be accompanied by an adult at the workshop
2. After the judging you can have your guy put on the fire or take him home (and use the clothes again!)
3. Even if you don't come to the workshop be sure to make a guy and bring it along for 5.45pm.



Any questions? Phone Nikki on 07533 403956

MVA Accounts

The MVA has just filed its 2012 Annual Accounts with Companies House; and completed its Annual Report to the Charity Commission.

Overall we showed a loss of £6,096; although the net surpluses from previous years enabled us to carry forward total funds of £19,078.

This is the first time we have spent more than we received, apart from when we helped fund the set-up of The Centre. Particular issues are:

- It includes a payment of £4971.98 towards the Adventure Park; this was only partially covered by grants received in 2012, of £1,250. However a grant to cover this cost in full was received in 2013.
- We made grants to The Centre of £2,000 towards the cost of the new kitchen, £422 towards the new coffee machine, and £400 for new benches for the patio.
- Disappointing weather on Fun Day 2012.

Other spend, in line with activity in previous years, includes grants of £1,475 to village groups and the school; and supporting The Centre's advertising costs (£1,125).

The main net contributors to profit were News & Views (£3,512), and Fireworks Night (£4,329; although £1,500 is from the previous year for grants not received until 2012).

2013 will also show spend higher than income, as the MVA donated over £10,500 (separate from the £4971 as above) towards the costs of the Adventure Park.

Bob Littler

Village website

As you know you can find all the back copies of News & Views on the village website, so if you remember seeing an advert of interest and you've lost your printed copy you can find it.

But how much more convenient would it be if the advertisers were grouped together on the website?

Well, some of them are now, under the heading 'Our Advertisers' with a direct link to their own website. Just a few of them there now but we expect the list to grow as local businesses see the value of linking themselves with Mawsley.

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and choose 'Our Advertisers'

Mawsley Parish Council....

...is up to full strength again having recently co-opted three new councillors, who introduce themselves here.



Frances Allbury

Born in Hackney in London's east end, spent my formative years and most of my adult life in Northampton and now maturing like fine wine and ageing very pleasantly in Mawsley which I discovered and fell in love with ten years ago.

I am Clerk to a combined parish of two villages just a few miles away from here and I have gained valuable insight into the workings of local government at grass roots level. And now, having crossed the floor to become a Councillor I feel I have built up sufficient experience to bring a very worthwhile and positive input to the table.

I feel honoured to be part of a strong council with its clear understanding of what it is empowered to do by statute, what it is required to do by law and what it strives to do and will continue to do by its commitment to the village which it serves – and to do it well.

Richard Meredith



As a resident of Mawsley since August 2001, and having been involved with both the MVA and the Parish Council (as Clerk from its creation until late 2006), I have seen the village grow and also seen how changing housing needs in the area have altered the original concept for the Community. I believe that the Parish Council has a significant role in ensuring that the "concept changes" work favourably and that Community spirit is enhanced.

The Parish Council has a great asset in the Community Centre and it is through that facility that residents can be brought together and that is where I would like to focus my efforts in ensuring the maintenance and upkeep enhance what the Council's tenants (TCAM) can do for you. I also realise that The Centre cannot operate without subsidy and together with all that the Parish Council does, this is funded through your Council Tax. I will be looking to ensure that "value for money" can be demonstrated in everything the Parish Council does on your behalf.



Tracy Baker

I am married to Neil and mum to three boys, Jacob, Harry and Isaac. We have lived in Mawsley since Christmas Eve 2003 when the village was very much in its infancy and it has been incredibly interesting, not to mention, exciting to watch and be involved

in how it has grown.

My family enjoy many sports such as Cricket, football, tennis and swimming so a lot of our time is spent on the playing fields at the Centre so I especially have an interest to get involved with the continuation of the good work that has already taken place to provide facilities for families and youth within the village and feel that my role as a Parish Councillor will enable me to do this.

I have also been actively involved for many years in fundraising on behalf of many groups within the village and hope to pursue this within the Parish Council.

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From the Chair

Your Parish Council has been concerned for some time that we need to invest some time, money and effort into providing a modern style of Youth Club in our village.

There are many models for these throughout the country and it is always difficult to decide which would be best and suit our younger community and the unique circumstances of our village.

In 2010/2011 I had the honour of serving as High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire. During this time I visited many young people's projects. One in particular, which I felt provided many things that young people needed was in the town of March, Cambridgeshire, and the project is known as "Young People March".

This group has been in existence for many years and is run largely by young people for young people. This takes the form of not only the usual meeting place with games and activities, but also one-to-one confidential advice on the type of issues that young people often find difficult to discuss with a family member.

March is of course a much bigger community than Mawsley, but there are considerable funding sources available to a community who wish to help its young people deal with some of the pressures that confront them today.

The reason for writing this short piece is that your Parish Council wonder if there is anyone in Mawsley who would be prepared to join a small working party to assist us in taking this matter further. If you feel you may wish to join a small group to discuss this matter, we intend to hold an evening meeting at The Centre at Mawsley. Subject to there being some interest in taking this matter forward, we will then either invite a representative of Young People March (and indeed any other young people's groups who you may know of), to either attend our meeting, or arrange a visit to them in Cambridgeshire, to see first-hand what they are doing. We would of course particularly welcome interest by any young person in the community. The Chairman wishes to ensure that all points of view will be listened to and the group would hope to meet before the end of the year, with a view to commencing whatever efforts are necessary in the New Year.

Richard Barnwell
Chairman
Mawsley Parish Council September 2013

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

Future dates are:

16th September,

21st October

18th November

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is brought to you 6 times a year by the MVA. Its purpose is to keep you informed about events and decisions in the village and to provide space for your ideas and views. Don't keep them to yourself! The editor welcomes letters, articles and pictures from Mawsley residents.

The next News & Views is due out on

20th November

Please send your articles etc. to the editor by

Friday 8th November

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As members of "The Last of the Summer Wine Club", we just had to write to express our anger and sadness that the mindless few in Mawsley should think it was amusing (?) to try to destroy what village members have worked hard to build or obtain for the general use and pleasure of the whole village. We are speaking:-

- a) about the Christmas tree outside the Centre – brought about by public donations and effort and fitted out with lights. What idiot thought it would be fun to cut off the section of wire between the building and the tree and thus destroy the lighting system? Or (last Christmas) to steal part of the nativity display and two paving slabs? You may also have noticed that our tree is looking very brown at the moment. Several knowledgeable people have looked at it and have all said the same thing – "It looks as though it has been sprayed with something". We wonder now?
- b) about the new bike shed. The Parish Council had been asked by village residents to provide a bike shed so that anyone using the Centre and sports facilities could travel by bike but be able to lock up their bike securely under cover. So, to keep costs down (*bearing in mind that the council's funds come by public donation i.e. your precept money*) the pensioners of the village built a bike shed. Within 24 hours some silly little boy had swung from the top edge trim and cracked the wood. High spirits? **There is £79,450 worth of play equipment they can legally swing on – why didn't they use that?**
- c) another nitwit unscrewed a bike rack and slung it down the playing field. **WHY?**

If you add this damage to the graffiti sprayed over the play equipment and the side of the marquee put up for Fun Day, then smashing the tops of the flag poles, quite a lot of village funds have to be spent in putting right the damage caused.

So, we want to ask everyone to please keep their eyes open and be prepared to report any damage/misuse etc. either to the Manager at The Centre or the Police as, without the help and goodwill of the majority to keep things in good condition and repair, Mawsley could decline from being a really good and pleasant place to live into something we could all end up being rather ashamed of.

Members of The Last of the Summer Wine Club.

P.S. Since writing the above, would you believe that another bike rack has been broken off and thrown out? Is it worth repairing, when selfish vandalism by a few can keep on spoiling things for the majority?

Dear Editor

Having spent last Saturday helping out at "Groove on the Green" in Walgrave, I was delighted to see many Mawsley residents in attendance at what was originally organised as a small "get together" for Walgrave.

It was also interesting to hear how many of those present saw me and said "We should do something like this in Mawsley". Well, there is nothing to stop us doing something like that – it just needs a few keen and dedicated residents to get together and organise it, and, they can be pretty sure that the Parish Council, TCAM and the MVA would lend their support.

Richard Meredith

Dear Editor

I took my dogs to the recent Charity Dog Show which was an excellent event enjoyed by dogs, owners and spectators but I did wonder as I watched the loving owners with their dogs how many of them would walk them later and not bother to pick up their dog's poop. It is a big problem in the village and I find it disgusting and unacceptable. How long does it take to pick it up? We live in a lovely village and we should try to keep it that way. You know who you are so please pick up after your dogs.

Bev Gunton



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Fun Day



Mawsley Touch Rugby Club were proud to be part of the great Mawsley Fun Day.

The Club held a challenge to run a course and score a try in the fastest possible time. It proved very popular with the younger members of the community with some future stars showing their skills!



The Fun Day presentation.

From left: Tim Greenwood, Steve Judge (Club Captain), James Edwards (overall winner) and Matt Gray

The winner of the overall time was James Edwards who won 4 tickets to the JP Morgan 7's Series at Northampton Saints

Other winners were:

Men's winner: Clive Wears winning a selection of Ales.

Ladies' winner: Penny Feasey winning a bottle of bubbly.

Under 18's winner: Tom Simmonds winning a Touch Rugby ball.



Thanks to Tom Sanders for these pictures of a very sunny Fun Day in July.

PHOTO TIPS

As the photo editor for Mawsley News & Views I thought it would be good to share a few tips with those of you who are kind enough to contribute to our newsletter. I don't wish for this to be seen as a comprehensive "professional guide" by any means, but simply a few basic pointers. Generally speaking the technical quality of photos submitted is good, but with little or no effort, together we can improve the standard.



Below are some guidelines that I would recommend:

- Keep your photos as big as possible. Use the maximum quality setting on your camera.
- Use flash on sunny days. This is probably one of the best tips we can give you. This may sound strange, but "panda eyes" are problematic when we convert your photos to black and white. You can force the flash on your camera to be on regardless of the current light levels by selecting the lightning bolt symbol rather than A (auto).
- Fill the frame. Rather than zooming with your camera or phone move your feet! Unless you are using an SLR camera most photos lose quality when you zoom.
- Email no more than 2 photos at a time as emails over 10mb will be rejected by a lot of email servers and we will not receive them.
- Photos should not be inserted into Word documents as this reduces the quality. Instead, we prefer that you reference the photo in your article and send them separately.
- Photos from websites do not have the quality required for the newsletter as they are optimised for on-screen viewing. We would prefer the original photo.
- Please send us the original photo and let us do the editing.

I hope that some of you will find the tips useful. Whilst the tips are there as a guide to improve the standard we would always much rather an article that includes a photo than have none at all. So please keep all your wonderful stories and photos coming in. If you need any more tips or guidance then feel free to get in touch with us.

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Mawsley Charity Dog Show

Firstly, I would like to say a BIG thank you to everyone who attended and helped to make the day a massive success. It was lovely to see all the beautiful dogs from small to large groomed and ready to strut their stuff in the ring! An amazing 80 dogs entered the show which was far more than I had expected. The 'Oldies Club' charity were overwhelmed when I informed them that £450.61 had been raised for their amazing charity. This was purely raised by registration fees, cake stall, tombola, guess the weight of the cake, guess the name of the teddy and guess the number of doggie bones in the jar.

I would like to say a HUGE thank you to my amazing sister Lucy Spring for baking all the fabulous cakes for the stall and also a MASSIVE thank you to Barbara and Alan Pritchard for running the tombola and of course not forgetting all the stall holders for attending. The weather was definitely with us on the day, as it was dry but not too hot for the pooches.



Event organiser Megan Spring with Mabel

Congratulations to all the winners and well done to everyone who entered.

Also a BIG thank you to Steve and all his staff at The Centre for opening the bar, providing the yummy BBQ and of course for letting us use the field.

Thanks again to everyone for your support, the day for me was very overwhelming trying to take everything thing in and enjoy every second. After months of planning and stress it all came together to make a very

successful fun day for all the family including your 'man's best friend'. Who knows if the Mawsley Charity Dog Show will have a 2nd Birthday??

What is the 'Oldies Club' ?

(Registered Charity number 1118246.)

The charity is run solely by volunteers and specialises in rescuing and rehoming older dogs – aged 7 years plus. They do not have kennels or a central base as, rather than placing their dogs in kennels, they prefer to care for them in a normal home environment. Therefore they use foster homes which are based all over the UK. Once an oldie has been assessed in its foster home and been vet-checked, they advertise them on the website Dogs in Oldies Club Care page, for permanent rehoming. This is an amazing charity and if you would like to give an 'Oldies' dog a much deserved home then please visit their website: www.oldies.org.uk.

I'm also performing a skydive in October this year to raise money for the 'Oldies Club', so if you would like to support me by sponsoring the dive then please go to my just giving page at: www.justgiving.com/megan-and-sarah-are-falling-for-an-oldie

Meg Spring

Congratulations and 'thank you' to Megan Spring who not only raised funds for her favourite charity but also provided Mawsley with a wonderful day's entertainment.

Editor

Professional photographer Adrian Howes was at the show and took pictures of most of the dogs with their owners.

Go to his website www.adrianhowesphotography.co.uk to see if there is a good one of you.



Bev Gunton from Warren End at the show with her beardedies, Madison and Liberty. Liberty won two prizes but, to keep the peace, Bev gave one of the rosettes to Madison.



PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

If your child turns 4 before 31st August 2014 it's time to apply for their primary school place.

Deadline for application is:
15th January 2014 at 5pm.

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Mawsley Community Primary School

Mawsley Community Primary School will be holding tours of the school for prospective parents. If you would like to attend please book your place by calling the school on 01536 799182.

Tour dates are:

Wednesday 13 November at 10.00 am
Tuesday 19 November at 2.00 pm
Monday 25 November at 10.00 am
Wednesday 4 December at 10.00 am
Thursday 5 December at 2.00 pm



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“Happy Families”

There are many families who have settled in Mawsley based on the recommendations of other family members, who moved beforehand....which really sums up the appeal of our village. The Editor and I are aware of at least a dozen families in this position (including myself!) . Here is one of them - the three Cope families.

Chris and Alison Cope were the first people to move into Mawsley in March of 2001 and their arrival made the local newspapers. They had sold their house in Leicester and were renting in Moulton until they found just the right house to buy. So why Mawsley, which at that time was completely empty?

- Mawsley is very near to where Chris was teaching at that time,
- It is a nice rural location
- It would have all the amenities they needed i.e. school, doctor, dentist, shop (*all planned for but not built when they moved in*)
- It has easy access to the main road systems.

Their daughter **Amy** was the first baby to be born in Mawsley and she, and later her brother **Alfie**, were christened by the duck pond because there was no Centre or church building in Mawsley when Amy was born.

Chris and Alison, were followed by **Vic and Doreen** Cope and also **Lucy** and her daughter, **Holly**, in 2007.

This decision was based on the recommendations of Chris, the fact that Vic and Doreen liked what they had seen, especially the community spirit and because they were living in Cornwall and Vic had suffered two heart attacks the 400 mile journey to visit was becoming too much.

The builders were offering really good deals on the new phase of housing so they sold their Cornwall property and bought two smaller homes – one for Vic and Doreen and one for Lucy and Holly. They were then all local to help with any family needs and could see each other when they wanted without all the travelling.

Vic Cope”Mr Mawsley”

Chris and Alison had involved themselves in the MVA in its early days but Vic took ‘involvement’ to a whole new level. He quickly settled into the community of Mawsley and has been involved in and supported numerous activities both as a Parish Councillor, founder member of Mawsley Amateur Dramatics, a member of The Coffee Club, Short Mats Bowls Club, ‘Summer Wine’ conservation group, the Christmas Santa Float, the Christmas tree planting and so the list goes on. He erected the flag pole on The Green and made the framework for the Remembrance Day wreaths and made the noticeboard at the front of The Centre.

Vic continues to provide a lot of his time voluntarily on various maintenance issues on The Centre building and has just recently designed and commissioned the bike shed (see below). Thank you, Vic. We’re delighted that you came.



Happy Families

My original plan for this Happy Families piece was to feature about 6 families on the page, each with a group photo and very brief description of what prompted the different generations to come, and where from - but some of you have been quite shy about contacting me.

So how about it for the next edition? If you have relatives also living in Mawsley and would be happy to have a group photo on this page I would love to hear from you.

Tom Sanders

t.sanders01@btinternet.com

07836 254252



Mawsley Touch Rugby Club will be hosting its first Tournament on Saturday 5th October 2013.

Touch tournament from 10am
Introduction to Touch for youth 12 noon
Ladies rounders at 1pm

Nottingham Touch Rugby Club and Carlton Touch Rugby club will be participating. There will be three games with the first game kicking off at 10 a.m. We have also arranged for an official RFU ref, so expect non-stop action with minimal contact.

The MTRC Supporters will be playing rounders versus the Mawsley Rounders Club at 1PM.

Additionally the RFU will be holding an Introduction to Touch for the youth. We have invited the Scouts to attend and any other kids in and around Mawsley can email mawsleytrc@gmail.com if they would like to attend and/or require more details. The starting time for the Introduction session is 12PM.

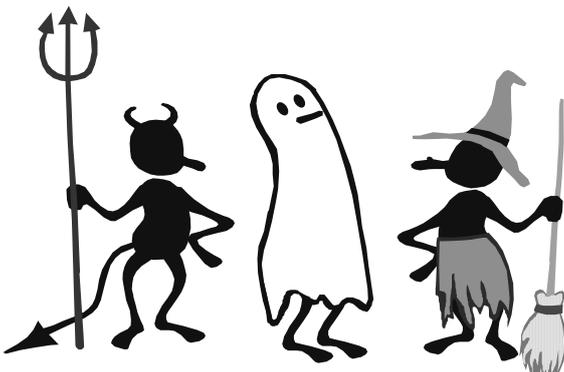
This is a great opportunity for us to showcase our growth as a village club and supporters are welcome.

Steve is looking forward to hosting all participants and supporters at The Centre during and after the games.

Children's Halloween Party

Friday 25th October 5 - 9 pm
at The Centre

Tickets: £3 in advance or £4 on the day to include entertainment and a hot dog



What's On

Live Music in the Bar

Thursday 12th September

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set from across the decades.

Further music nights on
Thursday 10th October
Thursday 14th November



Please Note: Revised Film Screenings – Due to the 'The Last of the Mohicans' film licence, no longer being available.

Argo (2012) cert 15
Sat 21st September 7:30 pm
Lincoln (2012) cert 12A
Sat 9th November 7:30 pm
in Walgrave Village Hall

Tickets: advance/on door
Adults: £4.00/£4.50 £3.00/£3.50
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The last Thursday of the month in the bar at The Centre. Starts 8pm
Raffle and food on sale
Next dates : 26th September
31st October

Coming in November & December

Firework Night

at The Centre

Saturday 9th November

Gates Open: 4:30pm

Hot Food from: 4:30pm

Guy Competition: 5:45pm

Bonfire Light-up: 6:00pm

Fireworks: 6:30pm

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night.

Make a Guy, 2 – 4pm at The Centre. See page 5.



The nights are drawing in and it will soon be Christmas! But don't worry, there is lots to look forward to ... not least the

MADS Christmas performance on

**Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th
December**

so book the dates in your diary now!

This year we are putting on a seasonal production called

**"A Christmas Tale" aka
"Four Ghosts and a Mawsley
Miser".**

Look out for details of performance times and how to buy your tickets nearer the time.

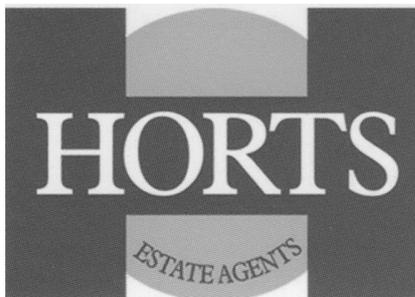
Well done and thank you to all those brilliant people who came along to our auditions on Sunday 1 September - you were fabulous!

For anyone who missed it but is interested in taking part either on stage or behind the scenes, **please contact Lucy on 07817171095 or by e-mail louiejay73@gmail.com.**

A show like this doesn't put itself on, so if you have some time and would like to help with the production please get in touch too!



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SUMMERTIME BLUES?

Not a bit of it! July and August are generally quiet months for estate agents. The kids are off school, people are enjoying their holidays and there are a million and one other things to do. When the sun is shining like it has this year the last thing people want to do is view houses. Or so we thought..... I am so pleased to report that Horts Estate Agents has just had its best selling month since 2007!! I am even more pleased to report that the homeowners of Mawsley have played a large part in this great achievement.

S	5 bedroom properties in Long Breech and Cransley Rise	S
O	4 bedroom properties in Foxcoverts, Orton Close and Hawthorn Avenue	O
L	3 bedroom properties in Old Gorse Way, Main Street and Scholars Row	L
D	2 bedroom property in Pasture End	D

The momentum for these fantastic results has been building for the last twelve months. A combination of low interest rates, government backed incentives such as the Help To Buy Scheme and a slowly improving economy, mean that the housing market has improved mildly but consistently over the last year. With not much housing stock currently available to buy combined with a sharp increase of buyers looking, means that old adage of supply and demand comes back into play. All this helps underpin an improving situation and the potential for house price rise in the short term is strengthened.

Once again I find myself asking you my fellow villagers if you are thinking of selling your property then please do give me or Emma a call on the numbers above. September is always a strong month for new instructions and sales with people looking to secure a new property and be in for Christmas. Don't forget we pride ourselves on an honest, reliable service. Getting the basics right and taking the stress out of your sale and move is always top of our priority list. Call us now for a no obligation valuation. Don't forget Horts now do lettings and already have a property "let" to the first people through the door in the village: the pressure will be on to keep up that strike rate!

Finally, I would like to thank personally Steve Buckle and his fine band of helpers at The Centre for organising a superb Mawsley Fun Day. A cool head and a cool beer were required on the day which went fantastically well with plenty of our younger villagers taking advantage of the Horts bouncy castle. We also had to turn away quite a few parents looking to recapture their youth.

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Summer 2013

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Almost £70 raised and donated to Cransley Hospice



Seaside special! Waiting for coach to Hunstanton for a day trip to the seaside!
Fresh fish, chips and ice cream on menu for lunch.



Sandwich lunch, cream tea and tour of Houses of Parliament with our MP, Philip Hollobone

Mawsley Coffee Club is open to all folk who have retired or who are approaching retirement. There is no membership or joining fee. Just come along and join us at events of your choice.

For more details of next coffee morning, outings and events, please phone:

Molly and John on 790 781 or Jean and David on 799 490

Crab Apples

The landscapers of Mawsley have planted many Crab Apple trees and these are now coming into maturity with some heavy crops of fruit. The fruit will turn an orangey/red colour making them a good ornamental garden tree. Other than for use in making crab apple jelly the small fruit are too tart to eat. If you want to make crab apple jelly you need to look sharp before the birds start piling in. One or two trees seem to be suffering, shedding their leaves early and looking very twiggy, and may even be on the way out. This is probably a consequence of the water-logged conditions last summer and the lengthy wet winter, and there isn't a lot that can be done, and if by next spring there is no sign of regrowth, perhaps they should be whipped out and planted with another crab apple.

Recipe for Crab Apple Jelly

- 4 kg crab apples
- 1 kg caster sugar
- 1 lemon, juiced

Wash the apples, remove the blossom heads and cut out any bruised bits. Put in a saucepan, fill with water to cover the apples and bring to the boil. Simmer for 25 minutes until the fruit is soft. Pour the pulp into a jelly bag or several layers of muslin and let drip overnight into a pan beneath. Don't squeeze the bag, it will cloud the jelly.

The next day, measure the juice, and combine with sugar at the ratio of 10 parts juice to 7 sugar. Add the lemon, then bring to the boil to dissolve the sugar. Keep at a rolling boil for 35-40 minutes, skimming off the froth regularly. To test, chill a dessertspoon in the fridge. When the jelly is set, it will solidify on the back of the spoon. Pour into warm, sterilised preserving jars and tightly seal while still slightly warm. Store in a cool dark place.

Birds and Feathers

It is noticeable that garden birds are returning to song after a period in which they have been hiding away in the undergrowth. During this time they have been moulting their feathers and were consequently vulnerable to birds of prey, since flying was not as easy as is usual. Robins in particular are singing away, fully visible, and establishing territories for the winter and next year's nesting season.

A larger bird that has been moulting in a dramatic way is the magpie (below). This bird though has not been so shy and really tatty specimens are commonly seen. Whilst they look a bit primeval in this state, there is nothing wrong with them and they soon regain their predominantly black and white plumage. A family of them live on the Queen Eleanor roundabout in Northampton and the sight of them in their ragged state can give motorists a surprise.



Thanks to Les Cottington for both articles.

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Mawsley Village WI

The beginning of autumn, where does the time go?

We have made some changes in the WI as times are hard and we have really struggled this year. Our first change has been to move our meetings to the newly refurbished bar area which, as we are now a small group, fits us nicely.

Our fundraising this year has not been very successful and our numbers have dwindled, so if you think you might like to just come along and give us a try, you might be surprised and perhaps like to join us. Forget the preconceived notion of twinsets and pearls etc. and yes we are at retirement age but that doesn't mean you can't come along and belt us with your younger views and ideas does it?

Our meeting last Wednesday was on a subject that is relevant to all age groups. 'Spring Clean Your Mind Leave your Baggage Behind'. It was a good subject to start the new season with.

Our meeting on 9th October is our AGM for members and we really do need them there for the election of officers.

Our meeting on 13th November is open to all and the subject is 'An Introduction to Reiki' with Jayne Stevens. So come along and meet us all; we need your help and support.

For any other info please call 01536 791186. Thank You.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

There are still some seats available for our trip to:

Malvern Autumn

Garden Show'

Sunday 29th September

*Leaving Mawsley at 8am with a refreshment stop on the way and back by 6pm [traffic permitting]
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Did you see us at the Family Fun Day? We were delighted with the interest spectators showed in our performance and the support and encouragement you gave us. Following our very successful and well received performances at MADS' Talent Evening and the Family Fun Day earlier in the year, the Choir started rehearsals for the new season on the 5th September. Carole, our Musical Director, has organised an exciting and varied programme of music for us to suit all tastes.

We are very keen to welcome new members to increase the size of the choir – please see the flyer enclosed with this newsletter. Completed flyers can be posted to us via a special posting box at the One Stop Shop.

Why not just come along to The Centre at Mawsley any Thursday evening in term time and either sit in and listen or join in – we sing from 7.30-9pm (or 7-8.30pm on Quiz Night). You do not need to have previous singing experience, or even be able to read music – we are all learning. We are sure you will see just how enjoyable it is to join with friends to make music.

We look forward to seeing you.

Mawsley Community Choir
Contact: Frances Allbury, Secretary – tel. 790870

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**The next visits will be on
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- **Over 18 and want to learn from scratch alongside other new players?**

On 28th September we are offering those new to the sport a "come and have a go" session on Mawsley Playing Fields to experience one of the world's fastest growing sports.

09.00am Explanation of the rules

09.30am Learn-as-we-play Game

10.30am Drinks at The Centre

Touch rugby is fast, great for fitness and has minimal contact. It is suitable for men and women alike. It is a separate sport to rugby union with its own rules, governed by the England Touch Association.



Mawsley Touch Rugby Club formed in 2012 and play on Saturday mornings and Tuesday evenings. Full details are available at www.mawsleytouchrugby.com. We are actively looking for new players whatever your background or experience level. Rules are simple to follow with the emphasis on fun and fitness although we do play competitively (local/national leagues & tournaments plus friendly games) and actively encourage participation - so there is plenty of opportunity!

If you would like to attend please email:
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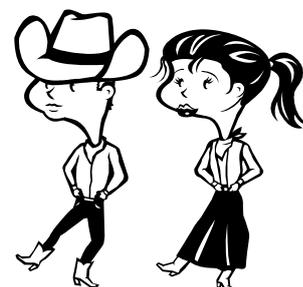
Line Dancing

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They're all winners!

Robert Wins Again!

Robert Taylor, a Year 4 pupil at Mawsley Primary School, has continued his karting success during the summer.

In MSA racing, Robert had great success at Whilton Mill and Rissington, finishing 8th and 6th against large and very strong fields which included a number of British Championship finalists aged up to 12.

The highlight, though, was a competition at Milton Keynes against 23 other drivers aged up to 15. Robert qualified on the front row of the final and went on to win, to become the youngest ever winner of an InKart competition.

Video footage and a gallery of Robert's racing is available at www.RTRacing.me.uk and Robert would particularly like to thank Jigsaw Wooden Products of Broughton for their kind support in his first season.

If anyone would like to come to watch Robert race, his website includes details of future races. There are a limited number of "VIP visit" places available to visit Robert's race team which might appeal to someone interested in seeing grass roots motor sport. Contact details are on the website.



Robert being reunited with his kart after his final race at Rissington came to a premature end. At over 40mph, Robert was forced off the track by another driver and straight into a tyre wall. It is a testament to the safety equipment and precautions that Robert simply got out, walked away and started to think about his next race.

Triathlon Success



Mawsley resident, Rob Kirk, took part in the Virgin London triathlon at the end of July and came in 38th overall -and 8th in his section, and beat his best time to date-in under 4 hours !

Rob is a member of Welland Valley Club, is married to Kate and has three kids, Nevaeh aged 7, Oscar aged 3, and Orla a baby of 3 months.

He competed in support of the Crohns and Colitis charity and has raised over £500 for them. See:

www.justgiving.com/Robert-Kirk



The Northampton Saints Summer Touch League is now over and Mawsley Touch Rugby club finished 4th overall out of a total of 16 teams spread across two divisions.

Congratulations to all those in the community, players and volunteers, who have worked hard as a team to make the club a success and a real asset to the village.

Mawsley Golf Day at Kilworth Springs Sunday 8th September.

A good day was had by all with 10 players from the village taking part and the weather stayed fine.



The results of the competition were:

1st place - Bob Darling - 36 points (Won on countback)
2nd Place - Darren Wilkins - 36 points
3rd Place - Kevin Powell - 30 points

Longest Drive on the 10th - Bob Darling
Nearest the pin on the 18th - Tim Greenwood (only one of us to actually hit the green!)

One particular highlight or lowlight was when Chris Sutton's trolley took off on its own catapulting his clubs into a ditch. No damage done but a true 'You've been framed' moment.

Hope to do it all again next year.

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Here at Mawsley Church we have spent the summer learning about the Armour of God.

We have enjoyed learning about how the bible tells us in Ephesians 6 that God provides us with the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, shoes of peace and preparation, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, the sword of the spirit and persistent prayer. The children enjoyed making pieces of armour to add each week to our headless mannequin which we called "Nearly Headless Nick". Nick was blessed with a paper maché head in time for his helmet of salvation!

"Learning about God's armour was really cool. We got to throw screwed up paper at Molly but we didn't hurt her because the shield we helped her make protected her" said Charlie 5

Looking forward into the next couple of months we have a thanksgiving service, three baptisms and our harvest festival so lots of exciting things going on.

The Harvest Festival will take place on Sunday 15th September, (sadly, before some of you will see this News & Views), and all are welcome. Following the service we will be sharing lunch together. Please bring along something to add to the buffet table that we can share together. We will also be collecting donations for charity. If you wish to bring along a harvest gift any non-perishable food items would be most welcome.

Small groups continue meeting during the week both during the day and the evening. We have three members of the church starting training in lay ministry; two training to be lay readers and the other training to be a lay pastoral minister.

Services take place at the centre at 10.30 each week and follow this pattern:

- 1st Sunday: SPACE on Sunday – coffee and bacon rolls with activities for children and a quiet space
- 2nd Sunday: Worship with children's groups
- 3rd Sunday: All age worship and shared lunch
- 4th Sunday: 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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In April 2013 we were awarded the contract for Kettering Borough Council's furniture recycling. This we do through our charity shop in Newlands St, Kettering, which is staffed entirely by volunteers

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Volunteers play an important role for the Archive and Heritage Service. Their work supports and complements that of our paid staff. We try to match our volunteers' skills and interests to the activities we have on offer, and provide training for the roles.

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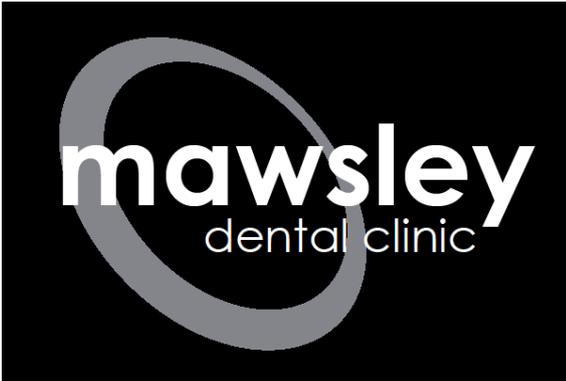
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Roads

Taylor Wimpey is pleased to report that work on Mawsley’s infrastructure is progressing well, with many of the village’s roads now completed.

The following road phases are now complete – Phase 1 (Broughton Road), Phase 2 (Main Street and The Green), Phase 3 (Loddington Way), Phase 4 (School Road and Cowslip Way), Phase 5 (part of Hawthorn Avenue) and Phase 6 (Cransley Rise and Symonds Way).

In addition, Phase 7 of the village’s infrastructure (Hawthorn Avenue, Long Breech, Roman Settle, Lensway, Mawsley Chase, Rose Hill Way, Hedgerow Lane and Sloe Lane) is well underway and is expected to be finished before the end of the summer.

Meetings have also been arranged to survey and schedule the works for the remaining link roads (Scholars Row, Ellis Lane, Paddock End, Nethertown Way, Link Lane and Jibwood), which can then be sent out for tender.

Sewage network

Taylor Wimpey is continuing to inspect and maintain the storm sewers across the village.

Work on the second pumping station in Hawthorn Avenue is ongoing with adoption on schedule for October 2013. Negotiations with Anglian Water to finalise the adoption of Mawsley’s storm sewer network will continue once the legal agreements with the former land owner are undertaken.

Public open space

Agreement has now been reached on the transfer of funding from Taylor Wimpey to Kettering Borough Council so that the first of Mawsley’s public open spaces (including the eco meadow) can be transferred to council ownership. Funds have been transferred and the legal completion is imminent.

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

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This edition of Mawsley News & Views filled up completely with very little arm-twisting from me. In fact so many articles and pictures arrived, in time, that the planned history item has been squeezed out until next November.

I take this as a vote of confidence in this newsletter as a useful method of communicating with everyone in the village who wants to know what is going on. As much as I love technology and quicker means of daily communication I believe there is no substitute for having this paper copy of the newsletter in your home for a few days to thumb through, reread, get dates from and, hopefully, react to. I hope it gets quite grubby and covered with coffee stains before you throw out.

So if you have anything to share with the whole village get it into the next News & Views. Are there any youngsters out there who have anything to say about what is, or is not, happening in Mawsley? Don't keep it to yourself; I would love to hear from you.

Finally I would like to welcome Judy Baker to the News & Views team. She has volunteered to work at attracting new local advertisers. You can help, as well, by mentioning us to anyone who does a good job for you and by using these local businesses whenever you can.

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