



Mawsley News & Views

March 2012

The Olympics come to Mawsley!

Mawsley CP School are very excited about the 2012 Olympics in London this year and plan on utilising this world class event to inspire the children at Mawsley school and the wider community.

They have devised an ambitious project and raised the funds to allow every pupil to take part. Turn to page 4 to learn more and see how you can join in.

What do you remember from your school days?

When most people are asked this question it is a memorable experience or trip that first jumps into their minds. With this year being the Olympic year we want to provide our children with an experience that they will remember long into their future.

It won't only be youngsters celebrating the Olympics. The W.I. will be parading an Olympic baton in Mawsley on 14th May.

Peter Thomas, Chair of Mawsley Parish Council said,

'The school's brilliant idea is to try to present the children, and some of the wider community, with an opportunity to 'Try Something New', which will hopefully instil the very spirit of the Olympic games themselves. Not the spirit of competition, but rather the joy of effort, respect, teamwork and fair play. So they will take the children to places they might not otherwise go to, to try sporting activities they may never have thought of, with a view to simply enjoying themselves. If they then develop a new interest or talent as a result, then so much the better. The Parish Council is delighted to have been able to support them'

Bob Littler, MVA, said,

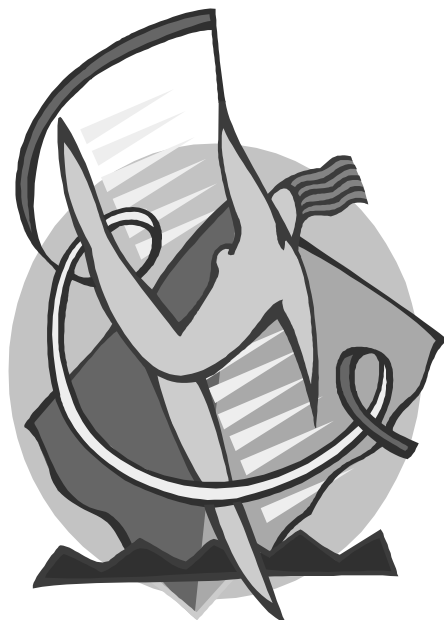
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And Mawsley goes to the Olympics!

The Dance Factory who meet for some of their dance classes at The Centre, Mawsley have been given the honour of dancing at the closing ceremony of the 2012 Olympics.

Auditions have taken place and 25 students - several from Mawsley - have been chosen for this wonderful experience. The RWB Project, Midlands are organising the rehearsals and choreography under the expert guidance of Stephen and Becky Moonesamy.

Miss Katy is very proud of all her students.





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The Centre at Mawsley Pool League - Every Tuesday evening - enter the league and enjoy regular games of pool.

Friday 9th March

Karin Bello

singing in the bar 9pm until midnight.



Children's Easter Party

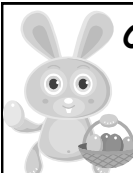
Sat 31st March
5 - 8.30pm



Disco, Buffet, face painting and craft activities
The Easter Bunny will visit with chocolate for the children. Tickets £5 each available now.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Monday 9th April



Egg Hunt starts at 10am



Meet in the bar at The Centre before 10am
Search for Eggs and be rewarded with a chocolate one!
The Easter Bunny will be starting the Egg Hunt.
Hot drinks and bacon sandwiches on sale. £1.50 per child.

Coming soon! Dates for your diary

Thursday 17th May **Handbag sale**

3pm until 8pm



Monday 4th June - **The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebration** - event starts at 2pm. There will be cream teas, BBQ and a bouncy castle.

Saturday 14th July -



Mawsley Village Fete - 12 noon - 4pm.

BLITZ NIGHT

Saturday 21st April 2012

Memphis Belles singing live

Comedian Billy De Laine

Disco playing music from the era

Corned Beef hash supper

7.30pm until midnight



£10 per ticket

Older children's play area – update



Some of the consultation team:
Darcy Johns,
Bethany Burlin,
Francesca Ellingham,
Isaac Amis,
Caitlin Eades,
Joshua May-Green,
Tahlia Feasey and
Noah King with
Bob Littler and a
representative of
the equipment
supplier

The MVA has been doing some more work, to ensure that the equipment we buy is what young people would like to have. A representative of the intended equipment supplier and I have met with years 5 and 6 at the school. We showed them some videos of various equipment being used (this generated great excitement !) and talked through their ideas. They then went on to choose the equipment they liked best. They made clear they were also very keen to see facilities for skateboarding and BMX.

By the time you read this I should also have been able to meet with the Scouts, Guides and Youth Club to get their views. If we have missed you and you want to contribute, just email me at boblittler@btconnect.com.

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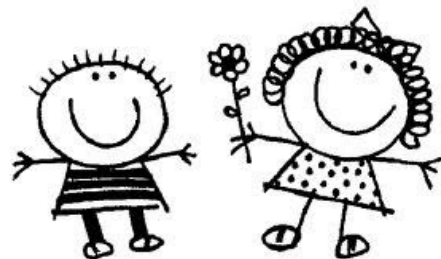
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Try Something New!

Mawsley CP School are very excited about the up and coming 2012 Olympics in London this year and plan on utilising this world class event to inspire our children at Mawsley and our wider community.

Our Olympic project will begin this term where each year group will be spending every Friday afternoon learning about a different country from around the world. They will research an Olympic athlete from their chosen country to learn about, they will be studying an art form from that country and creating a performance piece also based on their country chosen. At the end of term we will be inviting our community into school to come and share some of the work the children have been producing throughout the term in Friday brain boost sessions.

We will be trying this year to embed the Olympic Values into our curriculum at school and working hard with the children to open their minds to what the Olympic and Paralympic Values are really about and how they can demonstrate them in their every day lives.

The values of the games are;

Friendship,	Respect,
Excellence,	Equality,
Courage,	Determination,
Inspiration.	

These values will be the key focus of brainboost sessions at the beginning of the summer term. We will be asking the children to think about how they demonstrate these values in their everyday lives.

As part of the project we are inviting our parents and local community to demonstrate 'courage' and 'inspiration' to our children by attending one of our adult workshops held for one morning only on Friday 20th April. We are asking for adults in the community to become role models by trying something new for a small contribution of £3 per class. We have a wide range of topics to meet all interests - see aside.

In our final summer term we will be putting these values to the test! Every week for 6 weeks on a Monday afternoon every child will have the opportunity to try a new sport. We are very excited about this especially as we are able to offer this to all children at no cost to themselves due to the fantastic financial support we have received from the Friends of Mawsley School, The MVA and The Mawsley Parish Council. We appreciate and thank them all very much for believing in our project!

We are looking forward to giving you more details about the project and how you can be involved in the next newsletter.



Here are the classes that we are inviting you to sign up for on Friday 20th April.

Some classes will have a minimum number of participants in order to ensure they are worthwhile for all involved!

A sign up sheet for all classes can be found on our community board (outside Mrs Wright's office!) or please ring the school on 01536 799182 and book a place. Payment for your place will need to be made when booking or within a week of booking (for those bookings taken over the phone).

9- 10 am	Yoga	Great for strength & flexibility & helps in leading a calmer life.
	Samba	Samba drumming to recreate the sounds of Brazilian carnival.
	Basic computer	Learn more about Word & Powerpoint and how to use the internet.
9 - 11 am	Willow weaving	Learn how to manipulate willow to create your own masterpiece.
10.15 - 11.15 am	Dance	Raise those heart rates with an exciting dance class.
	Philosophy	Use thinking & listening skills to explore a stimulus & then discuss the resulting question.
	Sign Language	Learn to sign basic greetings and weather signs.
11.30 - 12.30am	Glee	Learn a song & dance routine.
	French for Novices	Learn basic greetings that you could use every day.
	First Aid	Learn to deal with every day first aid issues from our resident paramedic.
	Creative Writing	Take part in games & activities that will inspire your writing.
	Talking Maths	A different approach to Maths to help with your skills & engage with your child.

Mawsley Parish Council awards £4,500 for school project

We at the Parish Council were very impressed with an enthusiastic presentation from Mrs. Wright - Headmistress, Steve Buckle - School Governor, and in particular, Andrea Cox and Michelle Harris - teachers from the school here in Mawsley. They were applying for some of the Community Fund (of which there is still some left!) to help towards an exciting venture for all the children at our school in Olympic year.

All the Councillors were impressed, not just with the ambition of the project, nor the huge amount of effort that had already been expended in reaching the stage where the staff could come to us with a fully detailed presentation but also with the sheer enthusiasm and desire to realise this dream for the children of our village by these dedicated people. I'm not exaggerating when I say it was inspirational to hear them talk about their plans, and particularly to see their looks of joy and relief when we unanimously agreed to their request for £4,500 to help fund the many coach journeys necessary to make their dreams a reality.

We wish all those involved the very best of luck with their plans. We really hope it all comes together without too many hitches. And by the way, you didn't need to look quite so relieved. With such a well-presented and enthusiastic plan, we'd never have dreamed of saying no!

Peter Thomas, Chair Mawsley Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting will be on 12th March at 7.30pm at The Centre. The agenda will be posted a few days before on the village noticeboards and the website.

MVA supports Olympic Project

Ever since it was first mooted that the UK should bid to host the Olympics it was always intended that it should also be a boost towards active participation in sport, particularly by young people.

The MVA's ideals are a little less ambitious, but not markedly so; a little less money maybe. Certainly we are keen for the village's children to get the most out of their life in Mawsley.

So we have donated £500 to the school to help pay for the Olympic Project. We hope it sparks interest in new activities; maybe in 2020 or 2024 it will have been the catalyst for a GB gold medal!

Bob Littler
MVA

The **MVA** meets on third Thursday of the month at The Centre at 8pm.

The next meetings will be on:

15th March and 19th April



Spring is here!
We have Easter and Mother's day all wrapped up, so come to the Friends of Mawsley School Easter Fayre for lots of family fun!
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- GUESS THE CAKE WEIGHT
- EASTER EGG HUNT

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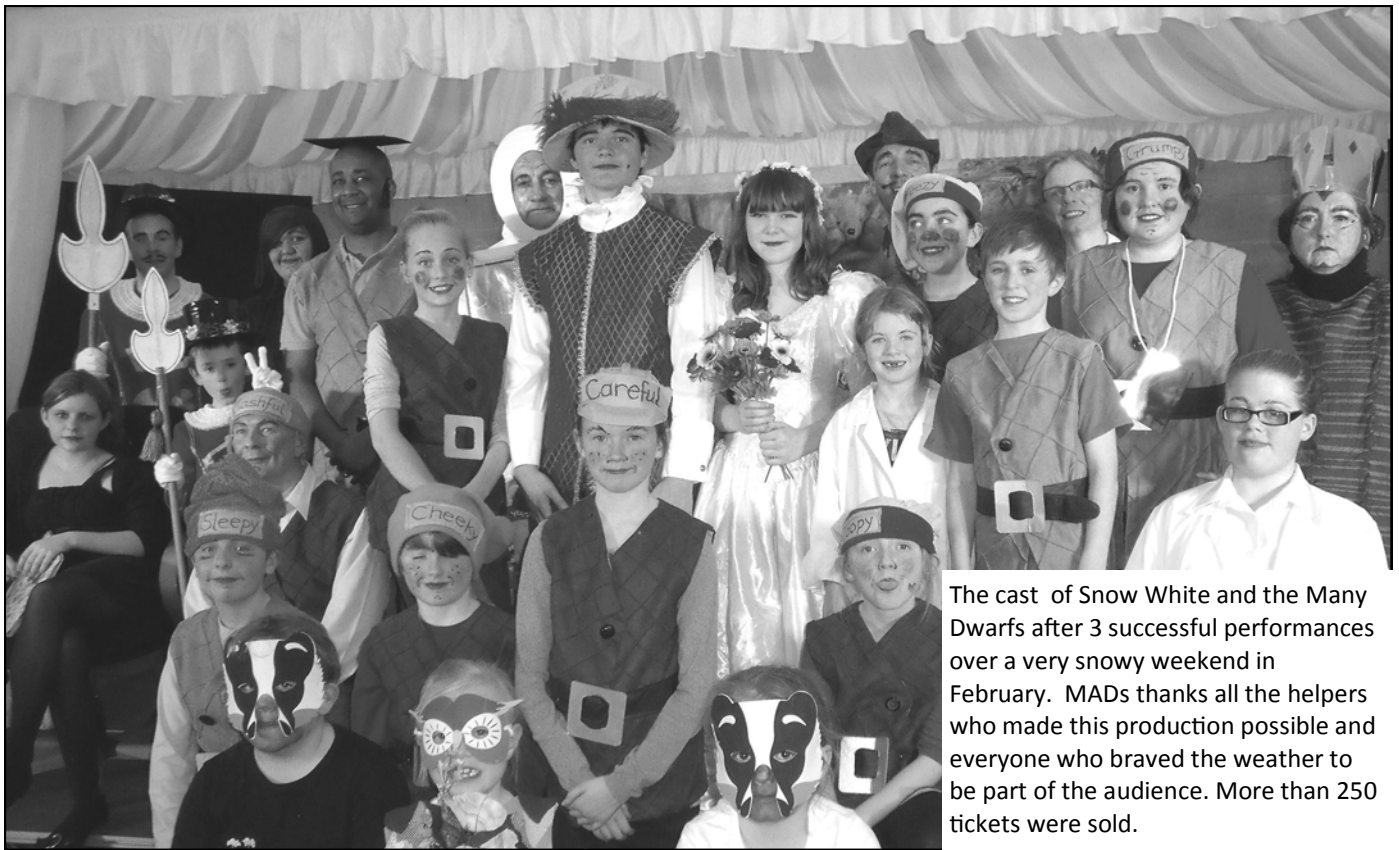


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The cast of Snow White and the Many Dwarfs after 3 successful performances over a very snowy weekend in February. MADs thanks all the helpers who made this production possible and everyone who braved the weather to be part of the audience. More than 250 tickets were sold.

M.A.D.S. Needs You – Can You Help??

Mawsley Amateur Dramatics Society (M.A.D.S.) is looking for someone with some experience of directing and producing drama to help us with future amateur dramatics productions.

Perhaps you have been involved with other amateur dramatics groups or School/College drama productions. Those who have been involved in directing and producing our pantomimes over the past few years have got great satisfaction out of this, and maybe you could too.

We feel we need some expert assistance to move the group forward and also to have a go at some slightly more adventurous and serious drama productions. We would also like to attract some more acting talent, and think this may help us to do so.

If you are interested in being our director/producer, it would be great to hear from you. Please get in touch with Gareth on K 790864 or garethn@hotmail.fr

We look forward to hearing from you.

Mawsley Amateur Dramatics Society

P.S. You don't have to be MAD, but it may help...



Thanks to Vic Cope's vision and ingenuity, and the loan of the school's stage the pantomime this year was performed under a full proscenium arch with drapes on a huge stage. Who knows, we may even manage curtains that draw next time!

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Inside the centre of The Centre

(Continuing to look at issues we face in running The Centre)

Promoting The Centre

I have been a user of The Centre since it opened; I run the weekly Under 5s group, and have also organised some events - such as last year's Harvest Ball.

Jane and the volunteer directors had often said that the only way to reduce the subsidy the village pays to fund The Centre's community activities was to promote The Centre. Because what community groups pay to use the hall doesn't cover even half of the cost more business has to be found. The more people know it is an ideal venue for parties - for young and old and in-between; for wedding receptions and christenings; in fact for all kinds of social events which make use of the excellent bar, the more revenue it can generate.

However it was also clear that the demands on Jane's time of day-to-day running The Centre meant she was simply not able to spend enough time promoting it and organising events. I am now employed by The Centre on a part time basis to focus on raising its profile and so develop new business; and to help organise events.

At the moment we are producing banners which are displayed on the A43 at the roundabout for Mawsley. This produced fantastic results for the Wedding Fayre which we held last month.

We are carrying a half page advert with Village Connect and the Brixworth Directory, events are mentioned on Radio Northampton and in the Kettering Evening Telegraph. All our events are advertised in the Four Spires magazine and events for children are featured in the Mawsley School newsletter. We have recently produced a new website - www.thecentreatmawsley.co.uk which not only carries details of all events but also has information about our regular user groups, the TV schedule, photographs of The Centre etc. If you become a friend with 'The Centre at Mawsley' on Facebook you will be able to keep up to date with all event information. If you send your email address to sarah.j.hart123@googlemail.com we will send you regular email updates.

Are you able to help with the task of promoting The Centre? Do you have a notice board at work, do you work for a local publication, can you produce posters? If you would like to help please contact me.

Would you like to see a particular event organised at The Centre? Please get in touch with your suggestions.

Please call at The Centre, telephone 799528 or email sarah.j.hart123@googlemail.com.

Sarah Hart.

P.S. Working there, in the office, I now realise just how busy that office is! I'm amazed. Oh for a quiet moment!

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Buy to Let – Is it time to think again?

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If you are willing to accept that the value of a property may slide in the short term, and can ensure the property meets the criteria of at least 75% to 85% loan-to-value and returning 125% of monthly mortgage payments then it can be a good long-term investment.

Like any investment, buy-to-let comes with no guarantees, but for those who have more faith in bricks and mortar than stocks and shares here are some top tips:

1. Research the market

If you are new to buy-to-let, what do you know about the market? Do you know the risks, as well as the benefits? If you know someone who has entered the buy-to-let market, ask them about their experiences.

2. Choose a promising area

Promising does not mean most expensive or cheapest. Promising means a place where people would like to live and this can be for a variety of reasons.

3. Do the maths

Before you think about looking around properties sit down with a pen and paper and write down the cost of houses you are looking at and the rent you are likely to get. Traditionally buy-to-let lenders want rent to cover 125% of the mortgage repayments. Deposits required are around 15-25%.

4. Shop around

Do not just walk into your bank and building society and ask for a mortgage. If you are looking for advice consider using a specialist buy-to-let mortgage broker. Remember asking them for information means you are under no obligation to use them.

5. Think about your target tenant

Instead of imagining whether you would like to live in your investment property, put yourself in the shoes of your target tenant. Who are they and what do they want?

6. Don't be over ambitious

We can't all be buy-to-let millionaires with huge portfolios but we can secure a better future for ourselves if we are sensible. To compare different property's value use their yield, that is annual rent received as a percentage of the purchase price. You should easily achieve 5%, far more than your money will get in a bank currently.

Finally, choose an agent to help you. Their advice is free and you do not have to go for a High Street presence as many independent agents offer an excellent and personal service.

Horts currently have a fantastic selection of Buy To Let properties on our books. Prices are currently around 2005/6 levels and rental returns/yields are very strong. If you have lost faith in banks or pensions, bricks and mortar still provide a great income and long term investment. Please call me on the numbers above to discuss further or make an appointment.

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Would you consider opening your garden this year? It's only for a few hours but it really would add to the event if we had some new addresses to add to the list of regulars. Wherever you live we need your garden but in particular we would love to include more in the Old Gorse Way area and in the newer part of the village beyond the surgery because we already have a couple of lonely gardens in those areas.

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Mawsley Sports Council Update

"Mawsley what?" we hear you all say. Don't worry you are a majority voice and actually the reason for this update. So here it is...



Mawsley Sports Council is a small group of volunteers representing the different sports teams who use Mawsley Playing Fields as well as the MVA, parish council & TCAM. We have been in existence for about a year and 'things' are beginning to move forward.

The purpose or role of the Mawsley Sports Council, as stated in our constitution... *'is to manage the sports usage and development for sport of Mawsley's playing fields, in an equitable manner; and to ensure good communication between the various clubs who use the fields and The Centre at Mawsley.'*


The objectives of the Sports Council are to manage the day to day usage and maintenance of the sports pitches and lead the strategic development of the current, and potentially additional, pitches.

In particular to:

- improve the quality of the pitches;
- work together in a co-ordinated manner and to ensure equitable use of the limited resources;
- develop the current facilities, and seek to add to them;
- raise funds for maintenance and development of pitches; allocate those funds;
- promote the value that the Sports Council brings to the village;
- manage the tenure of the pitches.

Membership of the Sports Council can include anyone who has a genuine interest in or the skills needed to help the Sports Council achieve its objectives. If you are interested in getting involved please contact the chair of Mawsley Sports Council (Nick) via his email hughes149@sky.com.

To find out more about the Sports Council's achievements to date look out for a further update in the next newsletter.



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Brownies

Brownies started back after the New Year with vigour – this term we are working hard to gain the Hostess Badge.

Our term started off with a bang – a visit from Northampton St John's Ambulance, bringing with them their ambulance. The girls loved looking at all the gadgets in the ambulance and finding out how to immobilise one of the leaders. It's the first time she has been still or quiet.

To learn about other cultures in February the girls learnt about the Chinese New Year and had real fun making a dancing Chinese dragon puppet.

Wednesday 22nd February is Girl Guiding Thinking Day – this is the day when Lord and Lady Baden Powell started the Girl Guide and Scouting movement – our girls wore their badges to school with pride!

After a well deserved rest through half term, the girls came back to a brilliant night Line Dancing with the Mawsley Line Dancers, lots of laughter, Whoops and Yee Haas could

be heard! The night was so enjoyable that we will be asking the ladies (and their

pink cowboy hats) back very soon!!!! In thanks for their enthusiasm and patience the Brownies are making a donation to Cransley Hospice on their behalf.

Future events we have planned for the next few weeks are:

A 10 pin bowling party to celebrate our 4th birthday, Yoga evening, craft nights making a mothers day present and card, Easter present, and finally an Easter egg hunt. Way off in the future and hopefully when the weather is warmer we have an evening cruise in the Girl Guide narrow boat and a Pack Weekend Away planned.

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Editor: Couldn't get the necessary permission in time to publish our pictures of the Brownies line-dancing - so here are the line dancing ladies in their pink hats instead! By the time you read this they may have inflicted themselves on the Beavers as well!

Girl Guiding – Brownie and Rainbow leaders needed



Within Mawsley village we have a Rainbow Pack (5 – 7 year olds) and Brownie Pack (7 – 10 year olds). Both of these packs are in need of a volunteer leader to keep them within the adult/child ratios set by Girl Guiding:

Rainbows - A leader to join the existing leader. The volunteer would need to take over the main running of the pack from September 2012. The volunteer will also need to be in possession of a Girl Guide Warrant or be willing to attain one with the help of the outgoing leader.

Brownies - A leader to join the 2 existing leaders (no warrant required).

If you are interested in either of these roles or would like to discuss what these roles would involve please contact:

Sarah Blackman (Brownies) – 01536 799684 / 07883293633

Kate Eddolls (Brownies & Rainbows) - 07719568968

1st Mawsley Scout Group



We've been on a sleepover....



(Not convinced that would get through the trades description act!)

In February Mawsley Beavers attended their first District Sleepover. Six of our Beavers joined up with Beavers from 5 other Colonies from Kettering and the surrounding areas. We had 22 hours to have fun, choreograph dances, learn songs, learn circus skills, learn magic skills, and put on a play, as well as having lots of games and a very late night. The Beavers got to sleep in tents inside a hall, and one Beaver who shall remain nameless, at 12.15am was playing "patter cake" in the tent, and when it was suggested that they went to sleep stated "I'm bored" which resulted in an even stronger suggestion that they should go to sleep!!!! Eventually by 1.30 am all of the Beavers had surrendered to sleep.

On the Saturday afternoon the tired Beavers performed their songs, stomp music, dances, play, circus skills, and magic show to their gathered relations and then went home tired. Considering some of the children are not into singing and dancing and that they were working with a lot of new people they all did really well, and they should be proud of themselves.



Thank you to everyone who made the sleepover possible. We would also like to share with you what some of our children said about the sleepover.

"It was great staying up 'til 10 o'clock, having hot dogs and sleeping with my friends and luckily no one snored" Josh aged 7

"I really enjoyed my Beavers camp, it was great to sleep in the tents with my friends. I also enjoyed all of the activities during the day, we all had such a fun time!!!" Ben aged 7

"The best bit was sleeping indoors in a tent and that no adults slept in the tent" Alex aged 7

"I enjoyed doing all of the fun activities and making the things for the show, it was good sharing a tent with another girl as we had lots of room, and had lots of fun" Kallie aged 7

"I had a great time. I really enjoyed everything. I loved it!" Archie aged 7

"What I really enjoyed was looking for the pegs and stealing others from their buckets and all the tricks we had. I also liked meeting new friends and being THE FIRST ONE TO SLEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEP!!!" Logan aged 7

Hawk, Kingfisher and Kestrel

1st Mawsley Scout Group

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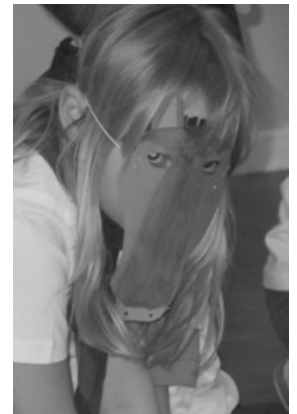


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March is upon us and this brings with it my favourite season with daffodils and sunshine [hopefully it's not raining or snowing when you read this!]

We are as busy as the birds and organising all sorts of events. In May, all the WIs in Northamptonshire will be taking part in our own Olympic baton relay. The Four Spires WI will bring it to Mawsley on May 14th and we will take it to Desborough the next day. We hope as many residents as possible will support us and turn out on our day and show how community spirited we are.

Further ahead, our annual coach trip in July will be to Sandringham in Norfolk and we celebrate our 7th birthday in June. For the village as a whole there will be the Jubilee and wouldn't it be lovely to see everywhere decked out with bunting and flags.

Our next meeting is on 14th March when our speaker will be Jane Barnes from Melton Mowbray with 'Tales of a Farmer's Wife' - quite a funny story. Their farm sells the milk to Long Clawson Dairies which makes the famous Stilton Cheese and more importantly she will be bringing along samples of it, so do come along.

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Letters to the Editor



Mawsley Walking Group

On Sunday, 25th March we will be walking round Stanwick Lakes, a distance of about 3 miles. If you would like to join us meet at The Centre Car Park at 10.00 a.m. For further information contact Steve on 791681.

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Spot the difference

Dear Editor

Question. What's the difference between South and North Mawsley?

Answer. Wendy Andrews. Wendy is the lady who does a regular volunteer litter pick along Broughton Road and the pond locationon her own, without any fuss ...

Mr Grumpy...please note!

Thanks, Wendy...

Tom Sanders

Editor. Thanks for the pictures, Tom. I checked this out before publishing and Tom is right. Wendy has equipped herself with gloves, bags and a litter picker. Her view is that if something needs doing you might as well just do it. She has also rescued 100s of goldfish which were stranded in the dried up village pond - but that's another story!

Children's Play Area

Ma'am

I was delighted to see that moves are afoot to provide playing facilities for children above the age of 10. I was however somewhat staggered with the cost of the project.

As a boy I seem to recall endless hours of fun could be gained from a brick wall 10 feet high by 30 feet long (100 metres by 40 grams in metric terms) on which could be painted goal posts, cricket stumps and any number of different sized circles – all of which can be used for a variety of different ball games.

Alternatively, I have a number of old jumpers that I am more than willing to loan to the MVA/Parish Council and which make excellent goal posts!

Maj. Gen Five P. Smaller (retired)

Village Pond

Ma'am,

I suspect that I am not the only one who has gazed with disappointment at the Village Pond recently. Despite all the valiant efforts, the pond lining that took so long to install has been breached and water is now entering the pond through that breach.

I now believe that the only permanent remedy will be to fill the offending hole with concrete and offer the land to the developers to build the final house in our village. This is the only safe option left since the lifebelt was sold to raise funds for the Over 10's play area.

Miss D. The-Pointe

Quiz (26th Jan) - Apology

Ma'am,

Having worked tirelessly for several months in preparing a number of questions to place before the intelligentsia of Mawsley at the January Quiz, I find I have to admit to an error. My answer to the question "Which chemical element has the atomic number 17?" was "Hydrogen". This is wrong and as every right minded person knows the correct answer is "Chlorine". I can only put this error down to human frailty and poor eyesight. I have double checked my source and the questions should have been "Which chemical element has the atomic number 1?" – I misread the "?" as a "7" mea culpa.

As I result I have revisited the marking for the evening and have to advise that the team that raised the query (Max Oxlarge) will get no additional points as they gave "Silicon" as their answer. However "Charlie and Friends" do get an additional point but remain in second place.

With regard to the "original" version of "Light My Fire" may I suggest the team who raised the query check their musical history? To my mind a Jose Feliciano cover does not seem to suggest he performed the original.

Richard Meredith

What's in a name?

Ma'am,

I trust I am not too late in suggesting "Mawsley News & Views" may be a good title for your excellent publication?

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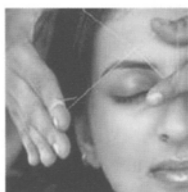
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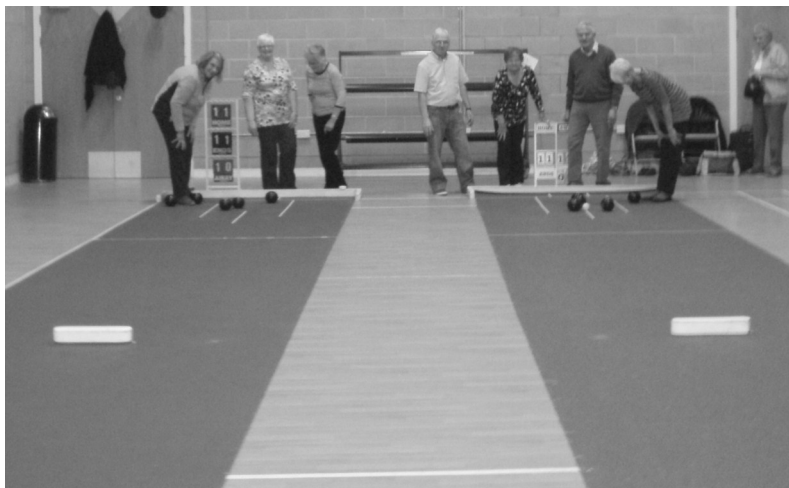
and the idea still grew So

How about we put the idea into action? and

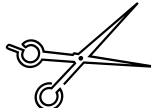
- Contact local bowls clubs
- Get a time and day when The Centre is available
- Contact Kettering Council; someone said they help groups starting up with money and equipment
- Contact Mawsley Parish Council-; someone said they help groups starting up with money
- And someone was right and they all helped the idea become a reality
- and Mawsley Short Mat Bowls Club is now one year old.

So if you fancy joining us on a Monday at the Centre at 1.30pm you would be very welcome or if you have an idea take it from us there is always someone who will help the idea to grow.

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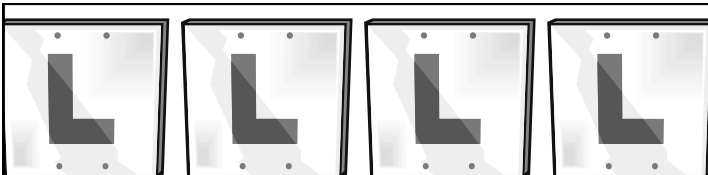
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Gatherings in Mawsley in the next few weeks are as follows:

March

- 11th SPACE for Worship with children's groups
- 18th Mothers' Day Celebration
- 25th Celebration with baptism followed by lunch

April

- 1st SPACE on Sunday – Café church
- 8th EASTER Celebration with Communion
- 15th SPACE for All-age Worship followed by lunch
- 22nd SPACE for Worship with children's groups.

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Sunday, 1 st April	8am Holy Communion
Thursday, 5 th April	Maundy Thursday Benefice Service 7.30pm Holy Communion, <u>Broughton</u>
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Village works are on the road to completion - report from Taylor Wimpey

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Progress is being made towards completing the main infrastructure roads, with the final surfacing of School Road and Cowslip Hill due to take place soon and works also starting on Cransley Rise. Meanwhile, every effort is being made to finish off the village's remaining roads for the convenience of residents.

Elsewhere, the adoption process is taking place as planned for the last sections of the village's storm water network and foul water pumping station to be handed over to Anglian Water.

Negotiations are also progressing with Kettering Borough Council for the transfer of the open space areas currently under Taylor Wimpey's ownership. Further maintenance works will take place on the wildflower meadow before the council can take possession of this land.

Some elements of the infrastructure and public amenity works have taken longer than expected due to the recent bad weather and a number of logistical problems, which Taylor Wimpey is working hard to resolve. In the meantime, Taylor Wimpey would like to thank Mawsley residents for their patience and understanding.

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Proprietary anti-cat products can be quite useful over a short time while you are helping to persuade a cat(s) to reroute away from your new defences. When a cat does get in, after you have gone to these efforts, shout at it, bang something or throw water at it. It will soon get the message.

Vulnerability. Cats can't fly, birds do. Bird feeders should be sited where it is almost impossible for a cat to reach, for example -

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| End of a branch | Garage gable end |
| Clothes line | Each end of T pole over 8' high |
| Screwed on a wall 6' up | |

If you ground feed the birds with bits of bread/toast/biscuit/crumbs, consider putting a wire cage over the food that birds can get in and out of but cats cannot.

Nesting birds needs protection. Small garden birds don't live very long lives: two or three winters is a pretty long time, so the bird population needs several broods per family whenever conditions permit. When pruning in Autumn or Spring try to leave enough branches/vines/stems so that they can be leaf covered very early each year as the temperature rises and birds can get leaf cover from magpies and rooks for their nests.

More next issue. Richard Stuart

Letters to the Birdman

After reading the Mawsley News and Views we thought we would just let you know that today, 20th January, we had around 10 Long Tailed Tits on our bird feeder which is situated in our front garden in Broughton Road. We have a charm of GoldFinches almost everyday, but its the first sighting of these Tits.

*Many thanks
Paul & Clare*

My garden was filled with Field Fares (at least 30 of them) over the snowy weekend of 4th/5th February. They fed from my bird table and stripped my huge Cotoneaster of all its berries.

I assume it was the snowy conditions that brought them in - but where are they now?

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From the Editor

Thank you for your contributions to this issue of Mawsley News & Views.

I hope something you have read this time surprised you, interested you or even annoyed you. If it did let me know and share your views with the rest of us.

Our appeals for help still seem to be working. The TCAM directors are delighted to have received a response to their plea last time for help with financial analysis and reporting. A very suitably qualified resident has volunteered and has already given help and advice. Can you assist with Sarah Hart's request for help with promoting The Centre?

The only bit of News and Views that I write is this small piece - the rest is down to you. So I really mean it when I say I look forward to hearing from you by 6th April in time for our next issue.

Pat Rowley

News & Views deliveries

Apologies to residents in Rose Hill Way and Mawsley Chase who received their copies of the January/February News & Views weeks late due to a communication breakdown. We got them out as soon as we were alerted to the fact that they hadn't been delivered. The published delivery date is always a Wednesday and we aim to have them with you by the following Saturday. In the now very unlikely event that you get missed please give me a ring on 799487.

We have a full complement of deliverers at the moment and this is an opportunity to thank them publicly for what they do. But I often need people to stand in to cover holidays. If you would be able to deliver about 60 newsletters for us please contact me so I can add your name to my reserve list.

Thank you to the whole delivery team.

Tricia Cottington

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