



Mawsley News & Views

April/May 2013



Village Meeting

Open to all

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the main hall at The Centre

On Sunday 19th May at 1pm

Come and hear what the Parish Council has been doing and what its future plans are. (See page 5 for more details.)

Police conduct speed check in Mawsley

The Police regularly attend Mawsley Parish Council meetings to report on local crime and to listen to our concerns.

In addition to their normal patrols the Police have recently carried out a late afternoon 'speed and parking' check in two locations in Mawsley in response to complaints by residents. This was a high visibility exercise using a speed gun which in itself may have had the effect of slowing vehicles down. None were found to be speeding, although there was an obvious increase in speedy vehicles towards 6.30pm as it got dark and commuters were returning to the village.



No parking offences were observed although this check was complicated by road works in the area.

Further checks are planned but the Police are optimistic that their very obvious presence is having the desired effect of reminding motorists to watch their speed and park considerably. They suggest also that 'it may be, as it often is, that speeding is a perception rather than a fact'.

Our local contact is: PC 1243 Martin Penhallow
Desborough Police Station

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Telephone: 101/999
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Beetle Drive, for all the family, at The Centre this Friday.

**For details on all events happening at
The Centre
please telephone 01536 799528
or look at our website
www.thecentreatmawsley.co.uk**

The Centre at Mawsley would be very grateful if you could complete our survey. We would like to hear your views and obtain your ideas.

The survey can be found at
www.surveymonkey.com/s/J7Z9W23
or you can pick up a paper copy at the bar.
Thank you.



The table below shows the groups which meet regularly at The Centre with contact details for the group leaders.

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday	Bumps and Buggies Daisy pre-school	Bowls	Karate Zumba
Tuesday	Daisy pre-school	Dance classes	Rainbows Cubs Scouts
Wednesday	Daisy pre-school WI	Dance classes	Youth Group
Thursday	Parents and tots	Line Dancing Dance classes	Beavers Guides Community Choir
Friday	Daisy pre-school		
Saturday	Kick Boxing		
Sunday	Church		

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Beavers/Cubs/Scouts	Shaun Thompstone	01536 791567
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Baby & Toddler Group	Laura	07742 108488
Line Dancing	Jacqui Wilson	Thursday 1pm
Guides	Anne Whittaker	annev.whittaker@yahoo.co.uk
Community Choir	Frances Allbury	01536 790870
Kick Boxing	Alex Barrowman	07930 260705
Church	Rev Richard & Mandy Priestley	01536 790140

News from The Centre Manager.....

As I write this I am just completing week four in post. Well, I can say I have learnt a lot and have overcome a few hurdles! To name but a few, I have battled with a broken projector, temperamental heating and middle of the night alarm system issues! On the plus side, we have had some really successful events including a very busy quiz night, courtesy of Richard and Rosie, the climax of the Six Nations, (special thanks to the Welsh for their very vocal support in the bar), and a visit from Pepper Pig at the Easter Party, which was a sell out.

I have begun to introduce hot food which includes burgers and fish served with buckets of chips. Chips are priced at £2: add a burger or fish for an extra £1.50. This has been well received so I will be making food more regularly available over the next few weeks. Current times for food are advertised on our facebook group.

I would like to thank everyone who has welcomed me to the role and provided feedback on the current services at TCAM. I have opened an online survey and would encourage all villagers to take five minutes to give me your feedback; your opinions are relevant whether you currently use The Centre or not. I will use the information to plan the next twelve months so if you want TCAM to provide something for you, then you have to let me know what you would like. To access the survey go to: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/J7Z9W23> or visit our facebook group The Centre at Mawsley and click the link. Results of the survey will be published in the next edition of 'News and Views'.

I would like to thank all the staff for helping me to settle in and the Management Team (Directors) for their advice. It is also pleasing to see other villagers volunteering their time to improve The Centre. Special thanks to Steve Thorpe for receiving a donation of finger guards for the doors and taking the time to fit them for us. I am sure parents in the village will be grateful to him for reducing the risk of little fingers getting trapped!

Whilst we are on the subject of children.....parents and children please be mindful. Families are more than welcome at The Centre but I will not tolerate children running up and down the corridor or playing with the doors. I have already seen the automatic door put out of action by a group of children misusing it. I will raise my voice and I will return the children to their rightful owners!!!

I have met with Duncan Murray, a local wine merchant, this week with a view to improving the wines on offer. Recent customers were lucky enough to sample some of the choices to tell me which were their favourites. I look forward to launching a new wine list soon.



There is a lot going on at The Centre and I am including a timetable to show the regular activities and a contact list. The Centre really is a community hub providing something for all age groups in the village, as well as a welcoming bar and flexible function room space.

I am considering revamping the bar space by changing the colour scheme and furniture. If you see me at The Centre please let me have your ideas. Do you like traditional pub-style seating or would you prefer more modern furniture? Are you an artist or photographer who would like to showcase your work in the bar? Do you have any preferences on the layout of the seating?

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter @Centre_Mawsley or join our facebook group to keep up to date with all our news.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me via email steve@thecentreatmawsley.co.uk or call in and see me at The Centre.

Cheers!
Steve Buckle

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Running the Centre - update from Simon Wisdom, TCAM volunteer on the Management Team



Losing Bob

Having worked very closely with Bob Littler over the last three years on the voluntary side of running of The Centre, I cannot begin to convey the size of the gap that will be left, in terms of his time, experience, passion and other great stuff. Those who have witnessed it will understand, some of you will take my word for it I hope

and others will just remember a couple of his 'soap box' posts in this newsletter and probably think 'I am glad he is off our case!': as would be my perception if I did not know what I do now.

The Centre is one of the many projects he has worked so hard at, helping to shape it into both a charitable concern for the creation and support of groups and also a business to support the ongoing costs of running an expensive building that groups could not possibly fund on their own. Thank you, Bob.

Steve arrives

Steve, our new Centre Manager, has been in post now for a few weeks and I think it is safe to say that his presence has already been felt (in a positive way!). I am going to let Steve and the team speak for themselves as they work with all of you, our customers, to continue to move us forward with our aim of running "An inclusive village facility that meets the needs of all our villagers" and wish him every success.

Volunteer changes

We are going to change the language we use when describing the people who run both The Centre and the MVA, currently known as Directors.

Although when our volunteers are fully signed up they become Directors this is just the legal requirement and in reality, in both businesses, we are simply a volunteer management team.

Using the term Directors, particularly in The Centre day to day, seems to create an image of an autocratic committee of decision makers who meet once a month to decide the fate of any request and I am sure that when we make decisions in our little meeting room we only help fuel that belief! Really we are just a management team which helps to ensure that the day to day operations are fully supported and legally compliant and that we have enough cash to operate and that

the Manager is making decisions consistent with our purpose.

We are genuinely always open to visitors and have welcomed another three potential volunteers into the TCAM meeting in the last couple of months. There is no minimum requirement in terms of your time, so please feel free to contact me if you wish to come along.

MVA Meetings

MVA Meeting times have changed to 5pm on the first Sunday of the month, which is immediately before the TCAM meeting. The reason for the move is to emphasise the link and overlap between the two groups and to make it easier for MVA members to attend and join in the TCAM sessions.

YOUR involvement would also be welcome. If you would like to contribute to the social life of Mawsley and have a say in how The Centre is run do come along. **The next meeting will be on Sunday 5th May.**

Bob Littler will soon be retiring from the MVA and we will then need to elect a new Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary.

Simon Wisdom
simonwisdom@gmail.com

Where to find out what is happening at The Centre

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Annual Parish Meeting - Sunday 19th May, 1pm

Some of you may not know or even be particularly interested in what it is your Parish Council actually does. Well it is **your** Parish Council, so we'd like you to feel that it's there working for you.

Councillors believe they are working, often very hard, for the benefit of all of Mawsley; the current residents of course, but also the future residents, as a lot of what we do is for the future of Mawsley, however that will unfold.

To do this we need to be sure that we're talking to you about our plans, our actions and any initiatives we might be engaged in on your behalf. It's only with effective communication that we can be sure we're keeping you in touch with what we're doing.

We try to do this through this newsletter but we also need to do it face to face, so our Annual Parish Meeting is going to be held at The Centre, on Sunday 19th May, from 1pm to 3pm. We want to let you know what Mawsley Parish Council has done this last year and also, perhaps more importantly, to let you know what we're planning to do in the next 12 months. There are many different areas we get involved in, from talking to Taylor Wimpey about road improvements, discussing highways layout with Northants County Council, open space adoption plans involving Kettering Borough Council and the Wildlife Agency, to mention just a few. So for those of you who can't get to our monthly meetings - third Monday of the month at The Centre at 7.30 - this could be the opportunity to hear about the Parish Council and how important it is to each and every resident.

Come along, listen to what we have to say, ask some questions and, I hope, learn something about your Parish Council, your village and the wonderful community that is Mawsley.

Peter Thomas, Chair, Mawsley Parish Council

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

Future dates are:

Monday 20th May & 17th June

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

The draft minutes of the March meeting are now on the village website.

The Agenda is put on the website three days before the meeting .

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is brought to you 6 or 7 times a year by the MVA. It's 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. See back page to become part of the News & Views Team.

The next News & Views is due out on

29th May

Please send your articles etc. to the editor by

Friday 17th May

Pat Rowley

rowleypj@btinternet.com

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Bob Littler announced in the last newsletter that he is standing down from being a Director of The Centre at Mawsley with immediate effect and will stand down from the MVA very soon. This announcement has prompted quite a response from outside the village as well as within.

Our Borough Councillor and Mayor of Kettering, Cllr. Jim Hakewill has this to say:

Bob Littler is one of those rare people who can listen, understand and, after thoughtful consideration, come up with solutions to life's problems. It is that analytical ability along with his dry sense of humour which has been crucial to enable Mawsley to prosper and grow into the vibrant community that it is today.

Saying that, when things aren't going well it is possible to detect Bob's frustration and to be prepared for some justifiably stern questioning! It is that balance of his being able to summarise a situation and have a gut feeling for the wishes of the villagers, that has enabled him to be so significant in the Mawsley "story".

I'm sorry (but not surprised) that he is finding his time restricted and that he has to reduce the substantial side of his life that is the village. If anyone deserves to step back and focus on other things he enjoys, it's Bob. I shall miss the chance to knock on his door and talk things through, but then again I think I will still knock sometimes!

On behalf of the Councillors and Officers, past and present, from Kettering Borough Council I would like to extend our warmest thanks and appreciation. Not only for all the things Bob has achieved over more than a decade, but also for the thoughtful, pragmatic and passionate way in which he has worked with us all. Mawsley has a bright future to look forward in continuing to build on the foundations Bob has laid. Sincere thanks Bob and all the best for your new interest.



Working on The Centre patio. 2007

**Taylor
Wimpey**

thanks Bob for his huge commitment

Taylor Wimpey would like to pay tribute to the work of Bob Littler who was one of the pioneers of Mawsley Village and has worked voluntarily on behalf of the villagers for the past 11 years to make it a better place to live.

Dominic Harman, Managing Director for Taylor Wimpey East Midlands, says: "Without Bob's relentless enthusiasm, and the huge input he's had – both in terms of the number of hours he's put in and the wisdom and expertise he's brought to a wide range of village projects – Mawsley wouldn't be what it is today, an award-winning village development.

"It's been a pleasure to work with him and the team, and as he stands down to focus on other projects, we'd like to take this opportunity to wish him well for the future."



What other interests?

Bob gave as one of his reasons for stepping down from the MVA and TCAM '*a new voluntary work interest...which is both self-indulgent and fun*'. What could he possibly find to do that is more fun than running Mawsley?

He has kept pretty quiet about it but Bob is now a fully qualified volunteer fireman, regularly on the footplate of the steam trains on the Great Central Railway, shovelling coal and keeping the fire going. Ask him to tell you about it. It's fascinating and amazing.

So now you know! When he's not here getting steamed up, he's up there getting up a head of steam.

Editor

There isn't room here to print everything sent in. Here are some extracts from those contributions.

Without Bob ...the shape of our village would not be what it is today. From the early days when a he and a few others met to ensure that villagers had a voice with the builders, through to asking the village if it wanted a doctors and dentist, lobbying parliament for our own parish council, finding funding for many of our facilities including all our play areas and, of course, helping to shape The Centre he has worked tirelessly.

If you like the village you live in and think what we have is in any way different from the norm then please take two minutes to send him a note (boblittler@btconnect.com) or next time you see him just go and give him a hug - he will love that! Thank you Bob.

Simon Wisdom

On our first weekend in Mawsley in 2002 Shenaz and I were invited to a BBQ hosted by Bob Littler and his neighbours....

...I have always been amazed at the massive commitment that he has given continuously for over 11 years, and I can safely say that no other person in the history of Mawsley (and there have been some outstanding contributions) has given so much for so little reward!

In the early days with no facilities we made our own fun, and this included Bob opening his house every New Year's Eve for a party to which the whole village was invited!

Bob had a number of titles, as Chair of pretty much every committee and was unofficially crowned "King Bob". He has been a superb chairman, maintaining a balanced and impartial view, bringing out the best results from discussions that have often been heated and passionate. Without the drive and determination of one man, this village would not be blessed with the facilities that we have now. Take a look at The Centre, the playground, and the playing field. We can thank Bob for these.

As the pioneers of Mawsley move onto other things, it is time for new people to get involved, with fresh ideas and enthusiasm to guide the village through its second decade. Now is the time to do your bit. Is there a new Bob out there?

Tony Bagshaw

al-tru-ism (ltr-zm)
n. Unselfish concern for the welfare of others; selflessness.

When we first arrived 10 years ago, we loved the whole concept of the village, but it was just that, 'a concept'. As with most concepts there always need to be people with passion and drive to make things happen and the skill to bring large groups of people together to focus constructively on a common cause.

Right from our first moments here there has been one person who did that, always in the very heart of things, grafting hard to pull together teams of volunteers, campaigning, organising and positively contributing to many of the facilities that have made this village what is today. That individual is Bob Littler and I believe this whole village owes him a huge debt of gratitude.

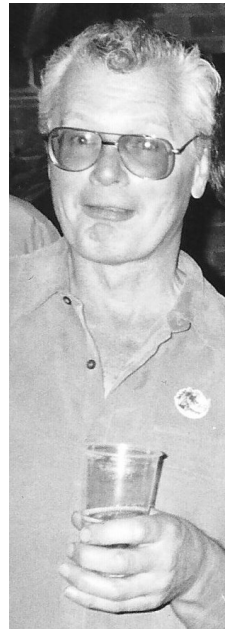
.....His work as a volunteer has always been for the good of the greater cause and carried out with a quiet charm and gentle manner that has endeared him to many. Even Bob's yearly attempts to limit the size of the infamous Mawsley bonfires failed to stop him being a hugely popular character.

His decision to take more of a back seat and focus on his own interests and passions, opens the doors for 'new blood' to drive village issues and campaigns forward, and I'm sure there are many like me who wish to express their sincere gratitude.

He always managed to remain composed, polite and courteous even when faced with a diverse audience with opposing views.... Bob's diplomacy as a volunteer is something I truly admire. I hope Mawsley can find some way to formally recognise his contribution.

On behalf of my family in particular, thank you Bob.

Keith Wrigley



Thanks Bob, it's been an honour

...you couldn't avoid him as he kept appearing on invitations to BBQ's and meetings and occasionally inviting us to residents meetings

... and we all got roped into it; I still don't know quite how but I blame Bob and his infectious encouragement. "We must get these things done" he would say "we have so much to do and no one else will do it"

...Next thing I find myself doing is sitting next to him at Cransley Parish Council being interviewed to become councillors. Why? "Mawsley needs its own Parish Council so we should see how they do it in Cransley." So I sat in that freezing cold village hut in my coat, woolly hat and gloves for 18 months until Mawsley got its own Parish Council: no prizes for guessing who made that happen!

I think setting up TCAM was the hardest and most interesting project I've been involved in outside work and how much time was put into this by everyone involved you will never know but Bob held us all together through thick and thin even when it seemed impossible as we had to deal with complex legal issues, corporate issues, financial issues, villagers opinions and local politics.

For many of us Bob is also a socialite, frequently seen getting well oiled (sorry, involved) at village 'dos' (as shown above) and less frequently in fancy dress as seen here dressed up as John Travolta – great hair dye!



We don't live in the village anymore and seriously miss seeing everyone but I can say I've got my life back now. But it's been a great journey through which I've learnt many things that I would never have experienced without meeting Bob.

Thanks, Bob. Go and enjoy some "me time" my friend. It's been an honour.

Chris Winter

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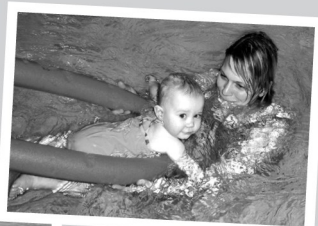
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Dig for Victory ... and The Good Life at Mawsley Allotments by Tom Sanders

The golden age for allotments in England was between the wars, when imported foods were not available and grow-your-own was a must. But these parcels of land go way back to the Enclosure Acts of the 1700s, which gave unstoppable momentum to what became known as 'allotments'.

By the 1920s local authorities were obliged to provide allotments if there was demand and Mawsley Allotments are situated within 1 mile of the village in a rural setting.



The Second World War's great Dig for Victory was waged on 1.5 million plots, but interest waned in the 1960s and was followed by a renaissance in the 1970s, due to the TV comedy, 'The Good Life'.

The benefits of having an allotment are many...such as a break from the work-oriented society, keeping you physically fit and improving your mental wellbeing, plus of course allotments put food on your table.

Allotments play an important part in our community and act as a gathering point for like-minded people

to share ideas and knowledge.

Children of all ages find allotments natural places to root around in the soil and it is a terrific way of encouraging them to learn, have fun and exercise.

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A sad farewell

After being seen over the past four years in and out of the village Monday 18th March marked the end of a familiar sight around the roads of Mawsley. This was the day that our faithful friend, the Reliant Robin three wheeler, decided to turn over and proceed to the scrapyard in the sky, so ending a period of 44 years of accident free driving of these much maligned vehicles, with this one being possibly number 15.

Thankfully our driver lived to tell the tale and to be able to thank all of those who stopped to help the old codger, especially Amey, the first responder.

Yours
Mick Podd



Letters to the editor

I thought you might like to see the letter of appreciation I sent to Kettering Borough Council at the end of February.

'I would just like to express sincere thanks to the Litter Pick Team.... God Bless Em ! who have just carried out a dedicated and very thorough operation on the C31, Mawsley/Foxhall road.

With yellow bags filled and picked up every 25 yards, goodness knows how many tonnes have been removed.

Regards, Tom Sanders

KBC have replied that they collected 70 yellow bags of litter plus a mixture of other items such as tyres etc. which together weighed in at approximately half of a tonne !!

Ma'am

I noted with some disquiet in your enviable newspaper that the school has been "focussing on the work of Jackson Pollock".

Surely this is not a suitable subject for the education of our children. The ability to produce gratuitous rubbish; describe it as "art"; and then sell it for ludicrous prices is not a sound basis for enabling them to acquire an effective preparation for adult life. This will only encourage our young people to grow up to promote things that have little intrinsic value yet somehow contrive to be extremely expensive - wind energy for example.

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Thursday 27th June

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Hope you didn't miss these events

The Mawsley Easter egg hunt
was held at The Centre on
Easter Monday. The Easter
bunny started the egg hunt which saw children racing across
the playing field to complete the quiz for which they were
rewarded with a chocolate egg. A special thank you to the
Easter bunny for attending the event.



Everyone enjoyed delicious bacon sandwiches and hot
drinks. Adam won the competition 'guess the name of the
bunny'. Thank you to everyone who donated money in
exchange for Mr Men key rings - £60 was raised for the



The Children's Easter Party at The Centre
saw all tickets sold before the day.
Children enjoyed a delicious buffet
prepared by Coffee @ No 9 and fantastic
entertainment supplied by Simon and
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Family Barn Dance

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Friday 10th May
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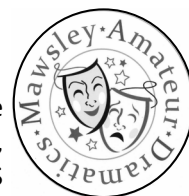
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Has Mawsley got Talent??

MADS are holding a **talent evening** on **Friday 17th May** in the main hall at The Centre. The event is completely **free**, although spectators are welcome to make a donation to MADS if they would like to. The evening will be very informal and a prize will be awarded to the winning act.



Have you got a hidden talent? Would you like to show us a dance routine, read a poem, act out a sketch, or sing us a song? Whatever you feel like doing or having a go at, please get in touch. If you would like to take part, either as an individual or as a group, please contact me with your details and what you would like to do. Please note that all acts must be suitable for a family audience and should last no more than 10 minutes. Make sure

that you respond early as we may have to limit the number of acts.

Doors will open at **7pm** and the talent evening will start at **7.30pm**. If you don't want to take part, why not come along and watch? And, if you are taking part, bring along your friends and family to watch. No tickets required, but turn up in good time as seats may be limited.

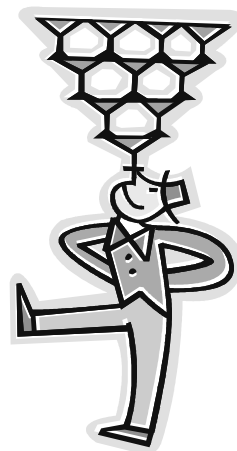
I look forward to hearing from you or seeing you on Friday 17th May!

Gareth Norris

Mawsley Amateur Dramatics Society

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P.S. Is there anybody out there who would be willing to help with next year's MADS production?? So far I have had two responses from my appeal in the last News & Views (from the same household!) – I'm sure there are more of you out there; please get in touch!

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Congratulations to Molly and John !



Molly and John Shortt have just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and were asked to provide tips or advice on the formula for a long and happy marriage.

"There is no particular secret...supporting each other through the good and not so good times ...husbands should do as they are told sometimes! Arguments should never be made to last."

The same question was asked of a selection of guests at the celebration and they replied.....



Brenda and Frank Quinn.
"Have your own interests and hobbies...listen to each other and men should have a shed"



Frances and David Allbury
"Gone in a trice, still so much to do...enriched with children and grand children...grown closer....a sentence as long as the Great Train Robbers !"



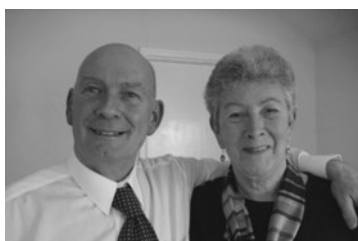
Ann and John Slade
John says "He is very tolerant!! We listen to each other and always share worries and concerns."



Val and Tom Sanders
'Made in heaven', 'fate' or 'in the lap of the Gods' ...who knows? It helps to give and take; there's enjoyment from children and grandchildren, sharing interests and having your own interests, with space at times. The right chemistry to start with ... which MUST be OK for us after 53 years!



Barbara and Alan Pritchard
"A lot of give and take and doing what I'm told ...now and again!" [Allan's words]



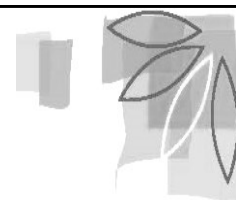
Steve and Pam Draycott
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And finally an anonymous contribution: "7 shillings and 6 pence (the cost of a marriage licence)...good value for money and what's the alternative?"



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Easter Eggstravaganza

When you think of Easter you might very well think of sunshine and Spring flowers. Well this was not the case when we woke up on 23rd

March this year. We were all greeted with a sizeable covering of snow. This did not stop the Friends of Mawsley School. Complete with wellies and snow shovels, pulling our sledges, we put on a winter warmer of an event with hot soup, hot jacket potatoes and chilli to keep everyone warm. The Easter Egg Hunt, games and tombolas together with the sponsored Gangnam style dance provided entertainment for all. The Easter Eggstravaganza was a great success.

The Friends of Mawsley School would like to say a **BIG** thank you to everyone who came and supported us despite the winter weather outside. Thanks also go to the teachers, governors, parents and grandparents who helped organise and run the event. We would like to say a special thank you to the Easter Bunny for all her hard work too.

Our next event is to be held on 5th July 2013 3.15pm-6pm. This will be a Summer Celebration including performances by the children and plenty of stalls and games to play. Please come along and support us in raising even more funds for our playground equipment. Hopefully this time the sun will be shining .

We are also planning another Movie Night for the school children in the summer term – date to be confirmed.



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Year 3 Residential - Beaumanor Hall

Our very brave Year 3 children and some even braver staff and governors have recently visited the residential activity centre at Beaumanor Hall in Leicestershire. All children were reported back safe and sound having had a really great time away from home! The behaviour of the children was exceptional and apparently their sleeping habits were the 'best yet' according to Mrs De La Salle! This is the same Mrs De La Salle who nearly took an unexpected swim in a river while attempting the bridge building activity! A huge well done and thank you to all those who helped make the trip a memorable experience for the children.

Easter Bonnet Parade success!

You may have seen our youngest class touring the village last week wishing one and all a very happy Easter! They even managed to arrange a sunny day! The children were very well behaved and the staff would like to thank all of the community members who contributed in some way. We were very fortunate to have several community members join us on the parade and a special thank you goes to Mr Murray who took time to take some lovely photos.

Comic Relief Bake Sale

We try to encourage our children to be conscientious and considerate members of our community here and the Comic Relief Bake sale organised by the school's representatives from the Pupils' Parliament was a brilliant reflection of this. Run with the support of Miss King and Miss Etherington a grand total of £615.00 was raised! There was a colossal variety of cakes and treats for the children to buy, including a 'Guess the weight' of a giant cupcake which was over 1.5kg!!

It would be very easy to take for granted the support that our parents, governors and members of the community offer our school. So we wish to take this opportunity to offer our sincere thanks for ALL the help and support you provide all year round. The community is a massive element around a successful school and we are very lucky to have you – so thank you!

Gareth Weston



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1st Mawsley Brownies Unit

Winter is over..... or is it?

The winter term saw the Brownies achieve their Fire Safety Badge, which was finished off with a brilliant visit to Moulton Fire Station and 999 Call Centre, where one of the groups witnessed a 'real' 999 call come in. A few other fun things that happened this term were pancake making, Valentine and Mothers' Day cards and presents making, Easter Egg Hunt and church parade for Mothering Sunday.

1st Mawsley Brownies are looking forward to a new term starting after Easter when a lot of fun things are planned – including a visit to a local vets' hospital, an evening cruise on the Girl Guiding narrowboat, hopefully a charity sponsored walk around Pitsford Reservoir and a day visit to Cotswold Animal Park with the rest of the Northamptonshire Guiding organisations. Oh..... and a few crafty evenings.

If you think your daughter would like to join Brownies (we are full at the moment but operate a waiting list) please contact us!

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The WI has been asked by The Centre to organise some joint events. This helps us enormously as it does get very frustrating trying to come up with interesting themes which enable us to raise funds for ourselves to help with the costs of our meetings etc. Working together with the Centre also enables them to make good use of the hall or other rooms. We are trying to organise these events as 'Family Affairs' appealing to all members of the family and their friends and neighbours. So do join us - It would be great to see you there, at our **Beetle Drive on Friday 19th April and our Barn Dance on Friday 10th May**, and for you to really enjoy a fun, cheap night out with buffet included in the price.

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On to our regular events: we had a really informative meeting with Mr West of the Harrington Museum and, as you saw in Martin Watt's article last time, the Museum is now open and can be booked for private tours. Give it a visit.

Forthcoming Events

Friday April 19th

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Friday May 10th

Barn Dance

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History on our doorstep

Martin Watts continues his look at local history by going back 360 years

What lies beneath.....

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It was on our doorstep that one of the most significant and decisive battles of the English Civil War was fought, resulting in the restoration of a parliamentary monarchy and changing the course of politics forever.

The English Civil War essentially had started due to King Charles I believing in his divine right to rule and his contempt for the 1215 Magna Carta set to limit the Monarch's powers. He had dissolved a democratically elected Parliament due to his disagreements with them on raising taxes. When dialogue failed the result was a declaration of war splitting the country on a personal level, affecting the entire British Isles.

In June 1645 the Royalist Army, commanded by Prince Rupert and King Charles I, were encamped in Market Harborough following their assault on Leicester, which they had taken on 31 May 1645. Meanwhile the Parliamentarian Army, commanded by General Sir Thomas Fairfax and the famous cavalry officer, Lieutenant General Oliver Cromwell, were heading north turning their attention from besieging the Royalist stronghold of Oxford in order to retake Leicester and engage the King's army.

Parliamentarian scouts, billeted in Guilsborough and the surrounding villages, clashed with a Royalist outpost near Daventry on 12 June 1645 and again on 13 June near Naseby, thus alerting both sides to each other's presence. Now, with the enemies only 6 miles apart, King Charles I and Prince Rupert met urgently for a Council of War where it was decided they would engage the enemy.

The Royalist Army moved to occupy a ridge of land between Little Oxendon and East Farndon, while Fairfax occupied a parallel ridge one mile north of Naseby. The 10,000 strong Royalist 'Cavaliers' in their blue coats now faced the 14,000 strong New Model Army known as 'Roundheads' in their distinct red coats across the Broad Moor valley. They met at around 10.00am on the foggy morning of 14 June 1645, in what became the most important battle fought on British soil.... 'The Battle of Naseby'.

The Royalists attacked on the western side, just east of Sibbertoft. Both sides' infantry were able to discharge only minimal volleys of musket fire before intense and bloody hand-to-hand fighting ensued, using swords, pikes and musket butts. The Royalists drove back the Parliamentarian infantry, who retreated towards Northampton, wildly pursued by Prince Rupert's cavalry. This split the Royalist forces leaving their beleaguered

infantry in the centre without cavalry support. Cromwell's more disciplined Cavalry and Dragoons seized the initiative to decisively assault the Royalist forces remaining on the battlefield.

A gallant last stand on Dust Hill by the Royalist infantry was futile and by the time Rupert returned it was too late. Fleeing Royalist forces were pursued as far as Leicester. While the King managed to escape, 4,000 Royalist soldiers were taken prisoner. The battle had lasted three hours, resulting in 400 Parliamentarian killed or wounded, with 1,000 Royalist soldiers killed.

The result was an overwhelming defeat for the King's campaign. Having lost his veteran infantry and much ordnance, he was unable to create an army of this standard again. This was not the last battle of the Civil War, but it was the beginning of the end allowing the final pockets of resistance to be crushed and within a year the war was over.

It was at the Battle of Naseby and in our local area that liberty and democracy were defended, resulting in the 1689 Bill of Rights. It directed the future system of government of this country and ultimately its growth as a world power. Although King Charles II returned to the throne in 1660, never again would Britain have an absolute monarch able to rule without the consent or Parliament. Paradoxically, many argue that it was the reformation of the monarchy that ensured its survival as was not the case in many European countries at the time.



The battlefield lies roughly between Clipston, Great Oxendon and Naseby. An Obelisk monument can be found on the main road from Naseby to Market Harborough. There are a number of other viewing points and monuments dotted around the battlefield each with a tabature giving a detailed account the position of the forces engaged. A walking trail around Market Harborough also exists. Further details on the Battle of Naseby including an MP3 audio download, battlefield tour map and information on how to support 'The Naseby Battlefield Project' is available from www.naseby.com.



MARCH saw Mawsley Church enjoy two of its busiest services of the year.



The village's children's groups attended the bustling Mothers' Day Service, (see picture) which saw each mum leave with a posy of flowers.

Just weeks later the church celebrated Easter. This was a great service when families joined together to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Reverend Richard Priestley had already been into school to talk to the children about the reason for Easter.

With these festivities still fresh in our minds Mawsley Church is looking forward to a month of celebration as four families bring young ones to be baptised. All four baptisms will take place in May and will be lively all age services.

The remainder of April and May services follow the usual pattern.

If you are looking for an informal introduction to the church come along to our service on the first

Sunday of the month, where we have a 'cafe' serving bacon rolls, lots of children's activities and a quiet space for prayer and reflection.

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Mawsley Coffee Club

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The Coffee Club continues with a variety of outings and coffee mornings. We enjoyed a pleasant coffee morning at the home of one of our members. Twenty five folk attended and we had great fun with a music quiz prepared by our hosts. We are looking forward to our next coffee morning at 10:30am on Wednesday April 17th, which will be held at The Centre and we are having a speaker on this occasion to tell us about the Street Pastors who operate in Kettering town centre. Do come along if this topic is of interest to you.

There has been a theatre trip to Northampton Derigate to see Agatha Christie's 'The Mousetrap'. A most enjoyable

time was had by the ten members who went. We also arranged a coach trip to Melton Mowbray earlier this month and had an enjoyable time shopping and visiting the local markets and savouring the local pork pies and variety of cheeses.

In March we celebrated two memorable events. Margaret celebrated her 80th birthday and Molly and John celebrated their Golden Wedding – great opportunities for parties!!

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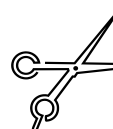
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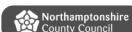
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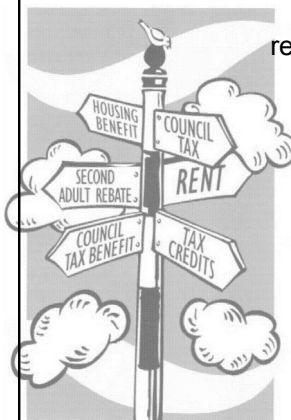
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Help with News & Views

Thank you to Tom Sanders and Richard Hoy for helping with this and future editions of News & Views. The list of jobs is now shorter than it was last time but I am including it again because help is still needed in some areas.

Managing the advertising is an important part of the process. The profit from this contributes between £3K and £5K each year to MVA funds which are then available for community grants and activities. This is a self-contained job not directly concerned with the editorial or production side of News & Views. There is scope to link/expand it to advertising on the



Help is needed in the following areas

- Have you a flair for digital photography? Could you edit all the coloured photographs that arrive into good black & white images?
- Are you a whiz with IT? Could you, for example, convert the myriad formats in which copy and adverts arrive into an easy to use format?
- Are you more of a business person and could you deal with all our advertisers? Provide them with information, remind them for each edition, issue invoices, chase up payment and get the adverts in on time?

village website and to automate much of the process. Is it something you could do? Are you well organised? Do you enjoy 'systems'?

Please get in touch to discuss anything that you would like to help with. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Mawsley Villagers Association (MVA)

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