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Mawsley Newsletter



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Mawsley Youth's vision for a new skate ramp

From the Editor

Welcome to this edition of the Newsletter.

The Mawsley Villagers Association (MVA) and The Centre at Mawsley (TCAM) held their Annual General Meetings recently. Over 20 residents attended and raised a number of interesting ideas for further discussion.

Importantly both organisations are seeking new members so if you are interested please see the adjacent article. Membership is open to all Mawsley residents and you have the opportunity to have a say or help in village activities. These organisations are there for Mawsley Village and it's residents so do need the support of residents.

At a recent Parish Council meeting an enthusiastic group of youngsters made a very eloquent presentation on their ideas for a new skate ramp in Mawsley. They laid out some proposals for the design and their fund raising plans. This is a great initiative from the village youth so please read the Newsletter article and see how you can get involved.

Thinking of the young people in the village the Mawsley Football teams and the scouts continue to go from strength to strength. Details of recent activities and successes are described in the articles; there is a lot to be proud of.

The Knit & Natter group continue to amuse us with their postbox decorations, I hope you didn't miss the Easter display.

The next Newsletter will be in September so if you have an article in mind or want to advertise please contact me at

editor@mawsleyvillage.co.uk

MVA

Mawsley Villagers Association is looking for new members

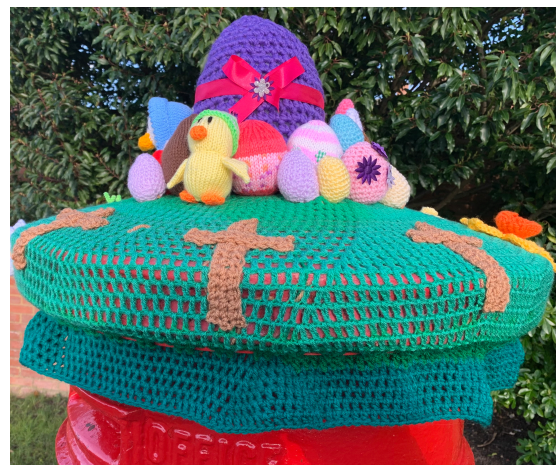
The Mawsley Villagers Association (MVA) held its Annual General Meeting in March. The meeting reflected on another successful year during which the charity has supported village groups and organised events.

The annual firework display was once again a well-organised, very successful event. It is organised by the MVA, with members providing significant time and expertise, and the event is now recognised as the best local display, attended by thousands of people. The MVA also helped the toddlers group get back on its feet following a difficult period. However, not everything was successful; attempts to get the woodland path refurbished met with numerous difficulties not least a lack of funds in NNC.

During the year the MVA renegotiated a new lease with Mawsley Parish Council for the management of the Community Centre, which the MVA operates through TCAM, a Community Interest Company. The new lease is valid to 2034.

After 12 years active service with the MVA Steve Thorpe stood down as Chairman. He was warmly thanked by all the members for his support and help over many years. He is replaced by Jenny Clucas who was elected as Chair. Jenny is now seeking new members to join the MVA and help continue its good work for Mawsley residents.

The MVA meets every quarter to plan new initiatives to help the village. If you are interested please contact Jenny on: chair@mawsleyvillage.co.uk



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01536 237450 or 07769560516.



Website: churchesbmc.org

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We would love to welcome you to Mawsley Church one week. We meet at TCAM on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 11am for about an hour.

Most weeks there is also Sunday Club with activities for children. We are linked to Cransley and Broughton Churches, so there are services you can attend every week.

There are plenty of other events happening too — so to be added to our email or postal list, please contact Revd Nicki Hobbs on 01536 799522 or revnicki@familyhobbs.org.uk.

Finally, if you would like prayer, a listening ear, or would like to book a Christening, wedding or funeral please get in touch.

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Young Visionaries Proposal for a Revamped Skate Ramp in Mawsley

In a bid to rejuvenate Mawsley's skate ramp facilities, a group of determined young enthusiasts is spearheading a local initiative.

Last year saw the removal of the small half-pipe ramp due to irreparable damage, and the larger one teeters on the brink of demolition due to financial constraints. Even the once-beloved pump track, while suitable for muddy escapades, fails to meet the standards for exhilarating rides during many months of the year. Undeterred by these challenges, Reggie, Jacob, Alfie, Tom, Ethan, Grayson, and Fynn, all aged 11, have emerged as the driving force behind the initiative. Armed with ambition and determination to improve their tailwhips and air walks, the scooting enthusiasts embarked on a journey of research, community engagement, and strategic planning.



Their efforts culminated in a proposal presented to the Parish Council at its monthly meeting in March. Drawing inspiration from neighbouring parks and identifying potential support from local businesses and residents, the boys crafted a vision that promises inclusivity and long-term viability. Central to their proposal is a design that caters to both novice riders and seasoned skaters, ensuring that the revamped skate park becomes a vibrant hub of activity for the entire community. Moreover, their survey of over 100 people revealed fantastic demand for improved facilities, with 99% of respondents voicing their support.

The response from the Parish Council was overwhelmingly positive. The boys have since wasted no time in initiating grassroots fundraising efforts as they gear up for the table-top sale in May. They also extend an invitation for community involvement, urging support for their fundraising endeavours. Whether through donations, volunteerism, or innovative fundraising ideas, every contribution would be gratefully received.

For those eager to lend a hand or contribute ideas, Reggie's mother, Julia Baines, serves as the point of contact at: juliabaines1@gmail.com.

Additionally, there's still an opportunity to participate in the survey:

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Mawsley Amateur Dramatics Society

Since the last newsletter at the start of December, Father Christmas made his visit to Mawsley with the help of his elves, Rudolph and Frosty the Snowman on Sunday 17 December. He went round Mawsley on his sleigh, meeting many of the children. Once again we were greeted with hot mince pies,



sausage rolls and drinks in Old Gorse Way which kept Santa's little helpers stoked up for the rest of their journey and made sure they had enough energy for their return to the North Pole.

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated to this year's fundraising efforts – you raised an impressive £262 for Cransley Hospice, marking their 25th year.

For the second year running, Santa was easy to see coming thanks to the fancy new lights on his sleigh, courtesy of LT Electrical. Father Christmas is looking forward to his return visit to Mawsley at the end of this year and asked us to thank you all for making him so welcome and giving him lots of big waves and smiles!



Events for 2024

We have lots of ideas for 2024 and hope to put on a number of events between now and the end of the year. Watch out for more details to follow in due course and if you would like to be involved, please do get in touch (contact details at the end). TCAM also now has a great new stage which is available to all user groups and will certainly be featuring in several of our upcoming events.

Pantomime 2024

We have not held a pantomime since February 2020 and are keen to bring the pantomime back to Mawsley in 2024. Oh yes we are!

However, we do need your help to do so – are you interested in leading a production? It's a very rewarding role to direct/produce the pantomime and if you are interested then we would love to hear from you. Maybe two or three of you are interested in doing this together?

If you are interested and would like to find out more, we are very happy to have a chat and talk through what is involved. We will also be looking for people to take part on stage and people to help with scenery and costumes.

Contact details

If you would like to join MADS or participate in any of the activities below, then please get in touch:

mawsleymads@gmail.com or contact Gareth on 07887 984068 (evenings and weekends) or garethn@hotmail.fr





A touch of nostalgia!

Can't believe this was 10 years ago next March, we came 1st in class!

Hopefully we can carry on building up from the 'Lost Covid Years' and achieve this standard again.

We can all dream!

Dear Readers, it seems in the dim and distant past now but our 'Wassail 2023' was a great success. We had a wonderful audience who joined in with loads of carol singing, the little ones were a particular joy! Everyone went home with a warm glow and feeling well and truly in the Christmas spirit (or maybe it was wine or beer).

Well done to choir member Hannah for running the raffle which achieved the magnificent sum of £140 in aid of KGH Twinkling Stars Appeal! Thank you to all who took part.

We are now busy rehearsing for 'Summer Concert 2024' A date for your diary

SATURDAY 20th JULY 'PICNIC IN THE HALL'

It's going to be a good one! Lots of lovely songs and fun.



*Last but not least we invite YOU to join us in choir
So if you think you can't sing, come and find your voice!*

If you know you can, come and share it!

NO AUDITIONS

Rehearsals TCAM Main Hall Thursday 7:30 – 9:30

For more info please contact our secretary

07960 754459

MAWSLEY TODDLERS

Entry is £2 for first child and £1 for each accompanying playmate!

Sensory Tray

Tray is filled with different sensory items each time, from porridge oats to fake snow!

Creative Play Mats

Children can play on our play mats which includes car garage play, super heroes and peppa pig

Craft

Get your child's creative juices flowing with our craft table!

Baby corner

Soft play area set specifically for babies to play safely with parents!

Snacks

Are provided for all children

Oooh! The Joys of Spring!

Spring is definitely the time for new beginnings - so come along to our next meeting and see what our modern village WI is like. We are a friendly bunch aiming to provide an outlet for women to socialise safely, make new friends, and learn new skills and hobbies.

Did you know that you can join the WI from age 18 and 16-year-olds (+) can come along as visitors, so all you daughters out there can drag your mum along and enjoy a night out together. The WI offers inspiration and is a national organisation with a lot of influence on subjects that affect the nation as a whole - so our members can promote campaigns and become influencers from an early age,

The emphasis of the WI is education, so from January 2024 an **online learning hub** was introduced - so you can now take courses at home – most of which are free to members (and a small charge for non-members). Flexibility is key as courses are available regardless of disposable income, geographical location, accessibility requirements or financial and time constraints. There are live courses; on demand courses; anytime access and study courses each offering an array of topics within the following categories - *creative craft; exercise & wellbeing; talks & interests; business & training, technology*. For example, in April there are beginners' courses in Sign Language; Computer Programming; Wellness Meditation; Crocheting; Sewing; Quilting and mobile photography. More courses will be added each month as the hub progresses.

Visitors are always welcome at our local WI - £5 fee per visit. Annual membership is £48 (pro rata) which gives access to the online courses; campaigns; voting rights; plus, our monthly meetings and the WI Life magazine. Support your local WI - see you soon. *Mawsley WI x*

Mawsley WI

VISIT US ~

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 7.30pm at The Centre at Mawsley (TCAM) 9 The Green Mawsley NN14 1GY

CONTACT ~ Jane 07500 019698

COMING UP NEXT ~

8 MAY ~ Tile Painting

Your chance to have a go at tile painting. Bring an apron – all materials supplied. Numbers attending needed. Phone to book.

12 JUNE ~ Northampton Shoemakers & Leather

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10 July ~ Tracing Your Family Tree

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Mawsley Short Mat Bowls Club



We are a friendly club playing at TCAM on Monday afternoons. We have a 2 hour roll-up starting at 1pm with a short break for tea and finishing at 3pm.

We also play a series of friendly fixtures against 8 local clubs both at home and away. These 16 matches are not only fun but also help in broadening our knowledge of the game.

Not every member wishes to take part in these fixtures some prefer to just come along to socialise at our weekly roll ups.

If you would like to know a bit more about us either pop in on a Monday afternoon and have a chat or call us on 0779 338 6232.

You will be made very welcome

The poster for Louise Wright Theatre School features a group of young performers in the foreground, looking upwards with expressions of awe and excitement. The background is a solid green color. In the top right corner, the school's logo is displayed, which includes a stylized white outline of a head and shoulders, with the text 'Louise Wright Theatre School' inside. To the left of the logo, the words 'DANCE • ACT • SING' are written vertically. In the top left corner, there are social media icons for Facebook and Instagram, followed by the handle '@lwtheatreschool'. A purple banner across the middle of the poster contains the text 'Louise Wright Theatre School' and 'Passionate about Performing Arts'. At the bottom, there is a purple box containing text about the school's offerings and contact information. The LAMDA logo is also visible in the bottom left corner.

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The Centre At Mawsley

News from Team TCAM

THE TEAM have been welcoming many new faces at the Centre recently and report that the main hall has remained busy with user groups, events, craft fairs, concerts, parties, and the list goes on! It is also great to see so many football teams using the adjacent pitches (weather and ground conditions permitting). The games create a great atmosphere around the sports field and introduce new faces to the Centre to purchase hot and cold drinks and, occasionally, something a little stronger.

The final touches to complete the bar renovations will be the placing of pictures, some of which will have acoustic backing to help reduce the noise level. Many of the pictures are some of the great photographs taken by Duncan Webster and we are extremely grateful to him for allowing their use.

As and when finances permit it is our intention to extend the patio area to accommodate more benches and replace the existing benches with a composite material that will be far more serviceable than wood.

Regular users of the Centre will be aware that it is in use by multiple groups or individuals and our aim is to ensure that everyone feels safe within the building. Organisers of functions and groups that include children, defined as people of age 17 and under, are responsible for such children attending those events. It is annoying to users of the bar, for example, if children are running around the corridor seemingly without adequate supervision and becoming a nuisance to others. People hiring the hall sign the TCAM User Agreement which stipulates that children are supervised at all times whilst attending events in the hall and other areas of the premises. Team TCAM thank you for your understanding of this requirement and its necessity for the safety of all users.

A DEDICATED MANAGEMENT TEAM NOW AT THE HELM



The Centre Manager – Nicola Wisdom

Nicola is responsible to the Directors for the day to day running of the Centre including financial prudence, Health and Safety policies, compliance with the conditions of the Centre's Premises Licence to sell alcohol and the hosting of other licensable activities.

Nicola is ably assisted by two Assistant Managers: -

Laura Cave – Assistant Manager, Bar (right). Laura has already established herself as the 'Bingo Queen'! and has been working hard on the entertainments programme.



Sarah May – Assistant Manager, Administration (left). Sarah is well known in the village for her work running the Mawsley Mums and Toddlers group. She is currently busy getting to grips with all the paperwork needed to efficiently run the Centre.



Both Laura and Sarah will be trained to deputise for Nicola when she is away from the Centre, and both are already working seamlessly together.

Be sure to keep an eye on our Website and Social Media Channels for future activities.

Mawsley Coffee Club.

Mawsley Coffee Club was established in 2006 as the village was being built. It is a group for village residents who have retired or are approaching retirement. We meet once a month in the bar area at The Centre, mostly on Thursday mornings. We aim to have some fun and invite speakers who share various topics of interest with us.

What have we organised so far this year?

We started the year with a delicious shared lunch, and a challenging quiz, prepared by Tricia Cottington. Interestingly, most of us knew more of the answers to the 1964 questions but struggled with the 2024 ones!

Despite the incessant rain in February, Richard Barnwell joined us in February and entertained us with tales of his life as an auctioneer. He brought some fascinating items with him and held our attention. If we had thought to have brought some sandwiches to share for our lunch, we could have carried on listening to him for hours.

You may have occasionally noticed a Police Dog van parked near the training field close to the roundabout on the A43/C31 road near to Mawsley. There was also a feature on Anglia TV News recently about Rosie, a Police dog in training, and she has been seen working in Mawsley. PC Steve Thorpe gave a fascinating interactive presentation at our meeting in March, accompanied by his colleague Lucy, and a police dog named Socks. We were all impressed at Socks' ability to search out some cash that had been planted in a handbag. Once Socks was rewarded and had her working harness removed, we were able to interact with her. These dogs are trained from a very early age to search for items like firearms, drugs, cash, as well as digital evidence, such as mobile phones, satnavs, dash cams, vehicle trackers and laptops etc.

We are looking forward to our next coffee morning, which will be on St George's day, Tuesday, 23rd April when Alan Moore has entitled his talk 'hospitality'. Coffee and drinks from 10am.

Further details of Coffee Club events are listed on the notices at TCAM, or are available from Molly Shortt Ph: 790 781, and Jean and David Wilson Ph: 799 490

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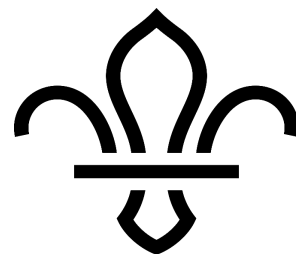
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1st Mawsley Scout Group



Who: 1st Mawsley Scout Group

What: Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

Where: Meet in the Main Hall at TCAM

When: Tuesdays (term time) – Beavers 18.00–18.55, Cubs 18.15–19.30 hrs, Scouts 19.30–21.00hrs

We had a short break over the Christmas period and returned in January. The weather hasn't been that kind so far this year – so the majority of our section meetings have been held inside at TCAM.



Beavers have enjoyed talks about UK Garden Bird Watch and made binoculars and telescopes to help with the bird watch count. They also learnt about Morse Code, putting what they had learnt into practice by using torches (in the dark) to send messages whilst the rest of the group deciphered them.

Cubs started back by looking at the dangers of trains, train lines, roads and farmyards as part of their personal safety badge. Cubs also had to memorise their home address and an important mobile number (someone they could contact in an emergency). They also looked at the firework and water safety codes and were tasked with writing their own safety codes.

We celebrated Chinese New Year – when Beavers and Cubs made red envelopes and paper lanterns.

Scouts worked as a team to create a caterpillar track and raced down the hall. They were also tasked with learning and improving their sewing skills - utilising running, straight and blanket stitches they successfully sewed buttons and badges onto fabric. Perhaps we could challenge them to create a scouting post box topper!

We celebrated Shrove Tuesday in style by making loads of pancakes with various toppings – funnily enough there weren't any left over.



We held forums with both the Cubs and Scouts.

During these forums they get to have their say on the type of things that they would like to do over the next year. It is a fantastic opportunity which enables the young people to shape their future programme.

We did manage one hike along the Brampton Valley Way. The Sections used bushcraft skills and followed a trail left by the Young Leaders which took the young people back to the base camp where firewood was collected. Once collected a fire was lit, and marshmallows were toasted (and eaten)!

All sections have had an opportunity to play a number of games - Ladders, bingo, North, South, East, West, dodgeball, "splat" etc – roll on the lighter evenings and the warmer weather when we can make the most of being outside.

As always if you have any children that wish to join our Group - Scout Troop (10½–14 years), Cub Pack (8-10½ years of age) or Beaver Scout Colony (5¾-8 years of age) drop an email to:

mawsleyscoutgroupenquiries@gmail.com.

Mawsley Youth Football Club



Mawsley Youth Football Club was established nearly 20 years ago by a group of enthusiastic Dads from the village. Since then it has grown to be one of the largest and most successful clubs in the county.

With 25 teams from U6s to U18s, both mixed teams and girls teams are providing over 250 children the opportunity to build strong friendships, develop skills and have fun. They are supported by over 50 volunteer coaches and parent helpers who give up their time on wet weekday

evenings and soggy weekend mornings to bring joy, mop tears and hope of finding the next Lionel Messi or Millie Bright. So far we have over 25 players that are now representing teams above grass roots levels at clubs such as Northampton Town and Peterborough United.

This season our girls teams continue to excel, The Pumas u15s, Jaguars u13s and Tigers u12s are all in the County Cup finals. We also have The Jaguars u13s, The Tigers and The Leopards u12s and Thundercats u11s into their

Mawsley Magic U8's turn Magical!

Mawsley Magic have started 2024 in-form, only losing once in their last 9 fixtures. Magic have worked very hard to develop as a team over the last season and current one, with them now feeling the success of all their hard work and efforts. Last week, Magic played one of the toughest teams in our division and we went toe to toe with them and battled all the way to finish with a 2-2 draw. 2024 has definitely felt like Magic's year and they are looking more and more confident each week. Magic are however looking to add a couple of extra players as they look to go 7v7 next season - Dean

The mixed teams are also having a great season. These teams are predominantly made up of boys but it is great that we have 7 girls thriving in a more physical game.

Our u15 Lions have had a fantastic season so far - some excellent results and a League Cup semi final to look forward to.

Our u12 Avengers continue to progress, they have had some fantastic results this season and continue to develop and grow as a team. A team-building trip to the Butlins tournament looms in April as well.

Thundercats

'The Mawsley Thundercats Girls U11 were formed in the summer of 2022, and were put together with half the players never having played in a team before. Finishing their first season with more losses than wins but some amazing development, and friendships made. Roll on the following season, more development and a family friendly team created and we are in our first ever Cup final, and loads of improvements over the past season. OH TO BE A THUNDERCAT'. - Mickey

League Cup finals. The Tigers and Jaguars are also going to the National Aces Invitational Tournament where they go up against some of the best grass roots teams in the country.

Two great examples of how two of our teams have developed comes from the Thundercats and the Pumas.

The Pumas

'This season has been a major turning point for the Mawsley Pumas. The girls all came to football late and were a merger of Pumas and Panthers at the start of the previous season, which saw us with only 1 win and struggling to compete with some strong teams at their age group.

This year has brought maturity, technical development and a new confidence. Results have improved massively, but more impressive is how the team have bonded to become competitive against every team in the division, and has resulted in them reaching the semi-finals of both the League and County Cups, and whether they win, draw or lose, they are out there as one, just having a blast.' - Adam and Leavan

The U12 Marvels are on course to retain the cup double they won in 2023. They are already through to the County Cup Final and are in the League Cup semi as well. They continue to amaze on a weekly basis.

The U13 Thunderkicks made last 16 in the County cup and reached the semis of the League Plate. They are in contention for Divisional title and back to back promotion.

As a club we continue to build and we are looking for new players. Training will begin for new teams at Reception and Year 1 age groups. Winter training is coming to an end which means sessions will soon be back at the playing fields in Mawsley from Monday to Friday. The Centre at Mawsley is always open and provides a convenient place to get a drink and socialise while watching your children play football!

It's not all about football and there is a great social element to the club. There have been many bowling trips and the Hornets completed a charity walk.

Finally if you want to get involved with coaching or the organisational side we continue to look for support. We would love to increase the number of women getting involved in coaching, Rachel and Lizzie will tell you how rewarding this can be, it doesn't matter what level of experience you have, so long as you have enthusiasm you will love it.

If you want to get in touch please send us a message via the Facebook Group.



The gardening year for our village gardening club started with an afternoon meeting in February at TCAM when we enjoyed a very detailed and informative presentation on Dahlias provided by one of our members. This was followed by a talk on tomato growing and a lively chat on other gardening aspects.

March saw 18 of us getting together again at TCAM to celebrate Mawsley Gardening for All's 10th birthday. However, before the party began a member gave us a very interesting talk with photos about his gardening years whilst living in France. Also a short video of blue tit fledglings emerging from a nest box in his Mawsley garden. We all enjoyed the afternoon with nibbles, drinks from the bar and a fun game.

The programme for the year ahead promises many interesting events including plant nursery, stately home gardens, spring festival visits, talks from gardening professionals, walks and much more.

We are a friendly group with a common interest in all aspects of gardening.

Keep your eye on the noticeboard at TCAM for events and come and join us.

For more information please call 07854 505726



Nature on your Doorstep - Springtime Wild Flowers

Wild Primroses

Although flowering from February to May, April is the prime time to see Wild Primroses looking their flashy best. We always take a stroll along the Brampton Valley Way towards Kelmarsh about now to see one of the best local shows on the banks either side of the south tunnel entrance.



Wood Violet

Commonly found on hedge banks and shady woods. Flowering in April to May. They also grow in Mawsley near the Broughton entrance to the village and under some hedge rows. A beautiful little plant but sometimes tricky to spot in longer grass as it is very low growing.

Cow Parsley

This is one of the commonest plants flowering between April and May on road side verges. You can't walk very far up a local lane without spotting this tall exuberant wild flower. It is a member of the carrot family of plants but apparently tastes nothing like carrots. Please note we don't recommend you try tasting it.



Blue Bells

A walk in a wood in mid April to May and coming across a large area of flowering bluebells is a sight never to be forgotten. We are very privileged in that about 50% of all wild bluebells in the world are found in the UK. The sweet smelling bell shaped flowers carpet the ground of old woodland areas. An important food source for nectar loving insects. The wooded areas around Desborough are a good place to find them.

Ramsons (Wild Garlic)

In April till June these plants with broad pointed leaves and white flowers smell of garlic when crushed and often carpet the woodland floor much like bluebells. If you are looking for Ramsons the chances are you will smell the romance-repelling garlic pong wafting through the woods before you see it. Try walking round Harrington village you may spot/smell them there.



Forget-me-not

Two species of this lovely sky-blue flowered plant are found growing in the UK. The Water Forget-me-not grows on the banks of rivers, streams and ponds and has a larger flower than that of the Common or Field Forget-me-not found in fields, hedgerows and waste land.. These pretty little plants can be seen from April right through to September. Take a stroll along the footpath from Mawsley to Old and try to find both varieties in the field edge and around the dew ponds.

Bye the way we're not foragers so we don't eat anything found in the wild. If you are interested however, there is a course available run by experts.

Stay Safe and Happy Spring Flower Hunting.

THE PHONE

93% of the UK population have or have use of a mobile phone.
(Office of National Statistics 2022)



IN YOUR POCKET

Who discovered the secrets of radio communication that is at the heart of this technology?

Many science books claim that the Scottish mathematical physicist, James Clerk Maxwell was the person most responsible for the theoretical foundation for electromagnetic waves (radio waves are part of the spectrum of such waves) in the 1860's.

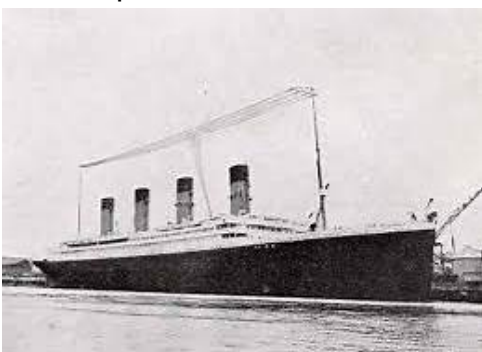
Maxwell's theory was confirmed by German scientist, Heinrich Rudolf Hertz and it was not long before the possibility of using radio waves to communicate, without the use of wires, between sender and receiver was realised.

Guglielmo Marconi, an Italian inventor soon realised the military and commercial possibilities of this new type of communication. In 1895, Marconi used radio waves to transmit signals over a distance of several kilometres. Marconi also made the first shore to ship communication and in March 1899 made a transmission across the English Channel from Wimereux, near Boulogne France to the South Foreland Lighthouse near Dover, Kent.

The new wireless telegraphy equipment installed on the RMS Titanic helped save over 700 lives. The number could have been significantly more had properly controlled emergency communication protocols been introduced. By 1912, the date of the Titanic disaster, most passenger ships operating in the north Atlantic had radio installations staffed by Marconi Company operators. The Cunard passenger ship RMS Carpathia picked up the emergency transmissions from the Titanic and raced to the rescue.

The development of radio communication developed rapidly and in the early 1920s both the Marconi company and the Bell Laboratories were testing car-based telephone systems. In the UK, the British Broadcasting Company (later to become a corporation) began to experiment with radio broadcasting and, on 14th November 1922 the BBC began daily radio broadcasts from a transmitter in the Strand, London. Stations in other cities of the UK followed rapidly.

Further advances were made and equipment, both for receiving and transmitting became more compact, particularly so with the development of the transistor, followed by integrated circuits and micro-chips.



The Radio equipment on board RMS Titanic was housed in three rooms and the wire antenna (aerial) was of a 'T' configuration consisting of a 50-metre vertical section and four 120-metre wires strung between the two masts, around half a mile of wire (805 metres)!

The aerial in your smart phone is a few centimetres long.

For most radio communication today the transmitter and receiver are incorporated in one unit, a transceiver. For day-to-day radio communication considerably higher frequencies are used now than in the early years – a higher frequency equals a shorter wavelength. Broadcasters now predominantly use Very High Frequency bands (VHF) for radio and Ultra High Frequency (UHF) for television. So, the next time you use your smart phone think of those early pioneers of radio whose discoveries made it all possible!

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'DANCE TIL' THE COWS COME HOME!

- LIVE BAND
- FAMILY FRIENDLY
- 7-10:30PM
- 19TH APRIL 2024

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MUSIC FOR THE MASSES!

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- FOOD VENDORS
- CRAFT STALLS
- 1-6PM
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- LIVE MUSIC
- OUTSIDE BAR



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