



# Mawsley News & Views

January 2013

**We've got it!**

## £48,500 grant for older children's play area!

**Yes, at last we can confirm that the older children's play area is definitely going ahead - thanks to a grant of £48,500 from Biffa Award.**

**Total cost of the project is £66,200;**  
the balance of funds is coming from:

The MVA:	£9,700
Mawsley Community Fund:	£6,750
The Maud Elington Trust:	£1,250

**When can we use it? What will there be?** I hear you ask. Now we have the funds lined up we can place the orders; subject to the field not being too wet (mmm!) construction can begin mid- February which should mean completion by the end of March!

There are essentially three parts to it: (see next page for pictures)

1. a range of adventurous, challenging (as in 'will tire you out') play equipment;
2. large and small  $\frac{1}{2}$  pipes (this will mean younger children will not be overwhelmed by the older ones); for skateboards and scooters etc.;
3. hard surface ball court; as well as a goals / basketball nets, this will have side and end fencing - to enable nifty passing manoeuvres by bouncing the ball off the fence. Oh how I remember doing that. Still am actually.

The choice of all of this; and of which particular equipment to go for, was dictated by the consultation sessions we ran with children from the village last Spring.

**Where will it go?** - on the playing fields, squeezed in beyond the end of the grasscrete, the football pitch and the cricket outfield.

You may recall from previous updates that we also planned to use the soil from excavations to create a BMX track. Looking at this in greater detail it became clear that this ideally required more substantial surface materials, and more work, than originally envisaged - thus more cost.

So this has had to be put back to be phase 2; however we have a couple of potential funding sources to follow up which hopefully will mean it won't be too long coming.

I know this has all been a long time coming to fruition; however the £48,500 grant is the first substantial amount we have successfully applied for. Grants available to us, as a relatively prosperous village (I am perfectly well aware this does not apply to everybody) are very limited; but not really so for facilities for young people. I am sure there is money out there potentially available to us; it just takes the effort to chase it.

Why not get involved; to fight for more for your children.

Bob Littler

## Biffa Award

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Biffa Award uses money from landfill tax credits, donated by Biffa Waste Services, to award grants to community and environmental projects across the country. To be eligible for a grant the project has to be located within 10 miles of a landfill site. (Ours is between Brixworth and Scaldwell.)

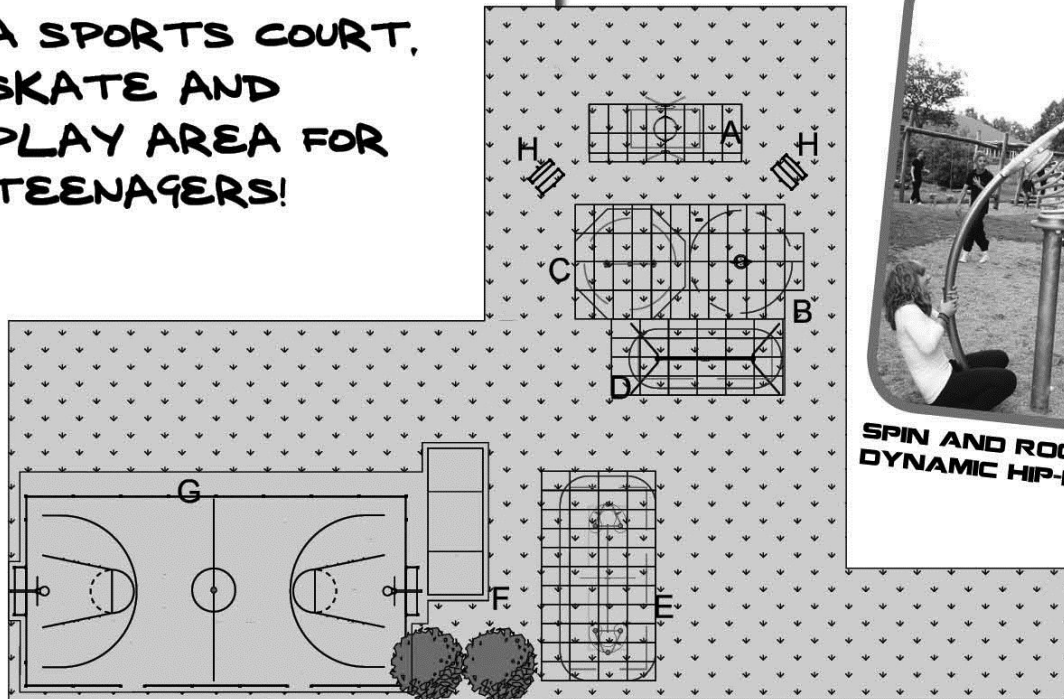
The process for claiming a grant from this fund is detailed and lengthy, involving consultation with the community, local authority, suppliers and contractors and for all of this we are enormously indebted to Bob Littler who has never given up on this project and until recently has done it without help. **Thank you Bob!**

There's a bit more to do and he needs your help.

# MAWSLEY VILLAGE TEEN AREA

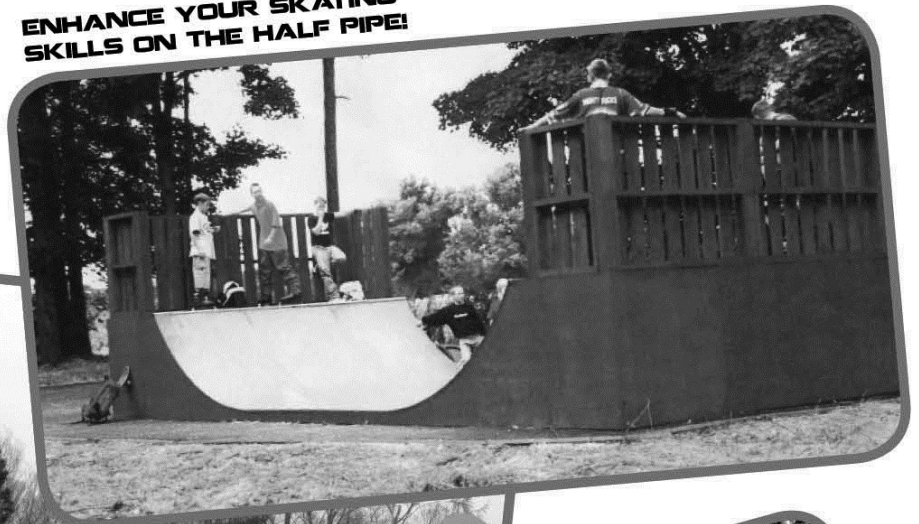
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'The Centre at Mawsley'

The Christmas quiz was a great success. The main hall was packed to overflowing with over 100 people attempting the great questions provided by Rob Castley.

The event was also the occasion of our farewell presentation to Jane, as she leaves her post as Centre Manager.

Below is the advert for the job of The Centre manager that is about to be published.

If you are interested in the role please email Simon Wisdom [simon.wisdom@uk.issworld.com](mailto:simon.wisdom@uk.issworld.com) , preferably attaching your CV.

## Manager - The Centre at Mawsley

The Centre at Mawsley is a purpose built facility in the 'new build' village of Mawsley, near to Kettering. It is the social 'centre' of the village and hosts a variety of events from children's parties to football matches and major village celebrations. We offer a 'different' environment in a small community. We are seeking an experienced individual to manage the total operation of this facility.

Reporting to a Board of Directors you will manage Administration, Marketing/Events, cleaning and bar staff. This is a demanding, high profile role in the village and you will have extensive contact with Village Groups and User Groups, Events customers and General customers.

Your responsibilities will include:

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### Profile

- Strong leadership skills, able to influence and inspire their team to achieve
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- Able to deliver in a high profile role that cannot 'please all the people, all the time'
- Experience in managing budgets and forecasting results
- Self-motivated and resilient
- Ability to work with and adapt to ever changing business demands
- Flexible and enthusiastic

Whilst previous experience is desirable, we are interested in individuals who have a positive 'can do' attitude and a willingness to play a vital role in the running of The Centre.

*Details on all events at The Centre can be found at [www.thecentreatmawsley.co.uk](http://www.thecentreatmawsley.co.uk)*

*That's also the place to see the programme for our big screen sports coverage.*

## Your Centre Needs You !

Alongside you will see the advert for the role of Centre manager. However we need not only a new manager but also new Directors, to work with the new manager to take The Centre forward.

Do you want to influence how The Centre helps to enhance our community; have you got some ideas for activities and facilities that The Centre needs to improve or develop; ideally - but not necessarily - do you have a commercial background, or small business experience?

Then maybe this is something you could consider; it's a way of putting something back into society. There is something quite satisfying in helping to improve the village's facilities in exchange for a little time and no money!

There is no need to dive straight in and make a commitment; perfectly fine for you to come along to The Centre Board meetings, initially as an observer - progressively adding to the discussions, until you decide you want to play a full part.

For an initial chat why not get in touch with either Simon Wisdom [simon.wisdom@uk.issworld.com](mailto:simon.wisdom@uk.issworld.com) or myself [boblittler@btconnect.com](mailto:boblittler@btconnect.com)

Bob Littler



# Mawsley Villagers Association Update

## Baby & Toddler Group

**Winter will be the theme for the next half term at Mawsley's Baby & Toddler group.**

We will continue to have a different craft each week and activity based on this theme along with all the usual toys, games and activities.

Every preschool child is welcome to come along, with their mum, dad, grand parent, childminder or other grown up! If you are new to the village or motherhood and are feeling a little shy feel free to call one of the organisers to find out about the group or make a friend before coming along.



**We meet every Thursday during term time from 9.15am till 11am at The Centre.**

The team would like to wish everyone a happy new year and look forward to spending some lovely mornings with you in 2013.

Contact: Anthea: 07596022525  
Laura: 07742108488  
Mandy: 07716116103  
Rachael: 07990942164



## News & Views

### Delivery Person Required



The current volunteer who has been delivering in the Hawthorn Avenue/Orton Close/Saxon Way area is unable to carry on and we therefore need one or two people who would be willing to deliver to approximately 100 houses in total and we could easily split the round into two. There are 8 issues per year and we try to give a 5-6 day period in which we ask that you make the deliveries. If you are able to help please call Tricia on 799487.

This is a good opportunity to thank the team of 14 deliverers who get News & Views to you so promptly in all weathers. A couple of them have been doing this for almost 8 years now. Thanks also to their organiser, Tricia Cottingham. She handles all 900 copies, bundling them and inserting any flyers and then takes them to each deliverer. Thank you to all of you.

Editor

### Best wishes to Marshall

Marshall Day has printed the Mawsley Advertiser and then the combined newsletter & advertiser for the village since 2004. As both the size of the newsletter and the size of the village have grown it has become an enormous job. Almost 6000 sheets of A3 paper, double sided, then stapled and folded for each issue, taking him 8 to 10 hours each time.

Marshall is unwell at the moment and the MVA and newsletter team wish to thank him for his prompt, cheerful and obliging printing service and to wish him a speedy recovery.

### Mawsley News & Views

is brought to you 8 times 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.

**The next News & Views is due out on 6th March.**

**Please send your articles etc. to the editor by Friday 22nd February.**

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# Mawsley Parish Council Update

Happy New Year to you all, from Mawsley Parish Council. The Christmas break seems such a long time ago, even though I'm only writing this on 3rd January!

As we look ahead to 2013, there's a lot we're thinking about on the Parish Council.

**January's meeting will include discussions and a decision as to the level of precept to be set.** This is the money the Parish Council get as part of the Council Tax from every household in Mawsley. We'll need to balance the needs and aspirations of the village, against the obvious backdrop of very difficult economic times for all.

**In February**, we plan to have at the meeting Adrian Allen, of Diamond estates, representing Mawsley Taverns, the owners of the 'pub site'. He'll be wanting to discuss any ideas we may have as to what use the land could be put, in the absence of any interest from the pub world. I'm sure he'll have some ideas to put forward on behalf of the owners as well. (Editor: See below.)

I recently met with representatives of the Northamptonshire Probation Service to talk about Community Payback. I first arranged to meet them to discuss potentially using people doing community service to help with a litter pick in Mawsley. While we'll pursue that project with them, it's clear there's a large pool of essentially free labour there, for use on community projects, that I would hope we can make use of in a much bigger way than just picking up rubbish. Community projects with a long-lasting legacy present the ideal opportunity for the scheme to deliver just the sort of benefit the probation service community payback team are looking for, while also benefiting the community and those serving their sentences as well. So I'll be discussing that at a forthcoming Parish Council meeting, to make sure we don't squander the opportunity.



As ever, our meetings are announced on the website, the notice boards at the second entrance and on Hedgerow Lane, and on the notice board in The Centre. Anyone is welcome to attend and if there's an issue you wish to bring to our attention or discuss, you're welcome to raise it at a meeting, or by contacting our clerk, Diana MacCarthy by e-mailing [mawsleyclerk@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:mawsleyclerk@tiscali.co.uk)

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 21st January**

**Monday 18th February**

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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

The Agenda for each meeting is put on the website three days before, so you can usually pick it up on Thursday or Friday before a Monday meeting.

## From the editor

The future of the Pub Site will be on the agenda for the meeting on 18th February. Because it has been such an eyesore for the last couple of years it is tempting to say that anything would be an improvement, but it is important that any development of the site is of benefit to the whole community. This is what Peter Thomas wrote in the last News & Views:



*'..if anyone does have any thoughts as to what use that area of land could be put, we'd love to hear them.*

*It is important to bear in mind that the land was purchased by the current owners for real money. They aren't going to want to give it away, however close to Christmas it is! So commercial opportunities will be much more attractive and viable, whatever you think about the history of the site. Please also remember – and we'll be reminding Adrian – that when the planning inspector turned down Taylor Wimpey's appeal against the refusal to allow houses to be built, he stated that in the absence of a pub, the land should be retained for development to benefit the community. **Any ideas can be e-mailed to the clerk ([mawsleyclerk@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:mawsleyclerk@tiscali.co.uk)) or brought to the meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> February.***

My very sketchy map is drawn to scale as a reminder of the size and location of the site.

Thank you to those of you who have contacted the Parish Clerk about joining the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

As described in the last edition of News & Views there are areas of Mawsley that are not covered by the Scheme at the moment. (See list.)

The Parish Council believes that an active Neighbourhood Watch network covering the whole village would be beneficial to all residents. This will be discussed again at their next meeting on 21st January when they will need to know how many residents would join a scheme in those areas and whether any of those would like to become co-ordinator for that road, or part of a road.

**If you live in one of these roads and want it to be a Neighbourhood Watch area please let Diana MacCarthy, the Parish Clerk, know before 21st January. She can be contacted by email: [mawsley-clerk@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:mawsley-clerk@tiscali.co.uk), or by phone on 01536 790573.**



The parts of Mawsley listed below are **not covered** by a NHW scheme at the moment so residents of these roads are not able to be members or to take advantage of insurance and Smartwater savings.

*Contact Diana MacCarthy, Parish Clerk, to get involved in NHW in any of these roads.*

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Badgers Lane  
Barnwell Court  
Birch Spinney  
Broughton Road  
Chambers Hill  
Colseed Road  
Cowslip Hill  
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Fox Coverts  
Hares Run  
Hawthorn Avenue  
Hedgerow Lane  
Jibwood  
Link Lane  
Loddington Way from 1st entrance to postbox

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Long Breech from 43 to end  
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## MAWSLEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Mawsley CP School football team: County Champions!



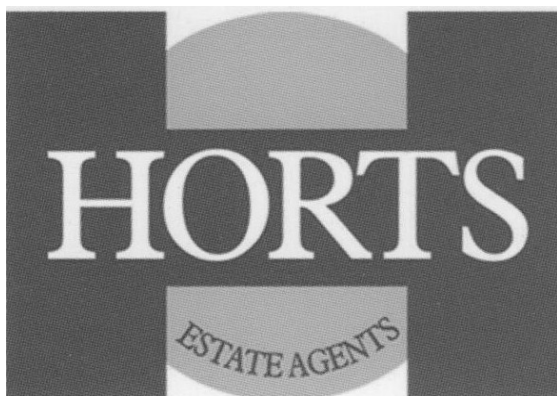
In October our year 5/6 football team qualified for the county finals and on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December we competed against the best teams from Northamptonshire. We are very pleased to say that we won the tournament and now progress to regional finals in March. The children will now compete against the best teams from the East Midlands region.

The children performed brilliantly in very difficult conditions and managed to win a hard fought final against Danesholme School on penalties.

It is an outstanding achievement for the school to represent Northamptonshire and we will work hard to continue the success in March. Well done to all those involved and a huge thank you to the parents for arranging transport to and from the venue.

**Team:**

Harry Thomas, Alfie Cope, Tom Simmons, Vlad Makarov, Jack Barham, Harry Marshall, Matty Cooke, Patrick Duncan, Brody Mountain, Andren Magnus-George.



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On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December we took 14 year 3 and 4 children to compete in the Kettering School's annual futsal\* tournament at KLV.

Once more the children really impressed us with their determination and skill, managing to get both teams into the semi-finals. Unfortunately only one team managed to qualify for the final but we are very pleased to say that we won that too!

Again a huge well done to all those who played and also to those parents that came and supported.

**Blue Team (winners):**

Matty Sherwood, Tate Lehane, Josh Hummell-Newell, Alex Lauder, Oscar Davies, Ollie Cane, Ben Tucker.

**Green Team (semi-finalists):**

Harrison O'Neill, Jordan Harmon, Ellis Park, Ben Garton, Joshua Geddes, Mac Walker-Groom, Zak Mileham.

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## FOMS Christmas Fayre - Mawsley Primary School

Great fun was had by all when Santa stopped by on his reindeer at Mawsley Primary School's Christmas Fayre to deliver presents to the children. The children were happy to be able to talk to Santa and tell him what they would like for Christmas. A truly magical afternoon.

Stalls, games, face painting, turkey rolls and cakes were also enjoyed by all who came along to support the Friends of Mawsley School so we would like to thank everyone for their support. All the money raised will go to help projects within the school.

### **Our next events are:**

Friday 22nd February 2013

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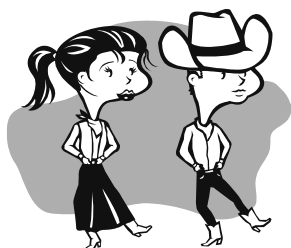
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# Mawsley Amateur Dramatics Society



MADS' pantomime this year is **Aladdin** and with only a few weeks to go until the big weekend, there is quite a lot of nail-biting going on...

Rehearsals are progressing well, and there is already plenty of activity behind the scenes to make sure we have a great show for you once again. Thank you to all those people who have been helping with production, choreography, scenery, costumes, box office, lights ... the list goes on. You know who you are – it's a great team and we couldn't do it without you.

The cast have been putting tremendous effort into the pantomime, so please do come along and support us. There will be plenty of laughter, I'm sure, and we're not worried whether you're laughing with us or at us – we just intend to enjoy it and hope that you will too.

The performances will be on the first weekend of February:

**Saturday 2 February – matinée performance at 3.30pm**

**Saturday 2 February – evening performance at 7pm**

**Sunday 3 February – matinée performance at 3.30pm**

Tickets are now available from our **Box Office** run by Tricia Cottington – please contact **01536 799487** to buy your tickets. Tickets are priced at **£3.50** each and tots on laps are **free**. See our poster on page 12.

As if this wasn't enough to keep us occupied, our "events branch" was busy in December helping Father Christmas with his sleigh and his grotto when he visited Mawsley for

a few evenings and an afternoon. Well done to Lucy and her team for another successful few days – see Lucy's article on page 17 to see how much was raised for charity.

**MADS also co-ordinated the lights for the new Christmas Tree** in time for the Big Switch On at the start of December – a big thank you to Vic Cope for all his efforts on this. We were overwhelmed by the support of village groups and individuals towards the cost of the lights – it was fantastic to see our community come together in this way. Thanks must also go to Richard Barnwell for sourcing and donating the tree, Brian Tuite for his technical expertise given free of charge, and all those who helped dig the old tree up and plant the new tree. Personally I think the tree and the lights look brilliant and made Christmas in Mawsley even more special.

We look forward to seeing you at the pantomime on 2nd and 3rd February!

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We need to persuade you young ladies out there to at least come along to one meeting and see what we have to offer you. Also for you to express your thoughts and ideas to help us provide the kind of WI you would like to be a part of. It would only take a couple of hours once a month of your time; you may find you enjoy it!

Meetings are conveniently in the mornings, at the Centre on the following dates:

**13<sup>th</sup> February** The English Country Lady - Social changes shown through Fashion.

**13<sup>th</sup> March** The Women War Pilots of Harrington - a great story of local interest.

2013 Programme available on 01536 791186.

Members receive a Newsletter which covers all of Northants and the WI Life Magazine both of which are free and are full of news and views from all over the country especially highlighting the new Young WI's which are forming regularly in Colleges and Business premises besides the usual Village Halls.

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## Happy New Year!

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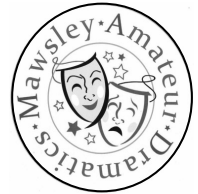
We look forward to hearing from you.





## MAD Santa .... A big thank you!

A big thank you to everyone who supported Santa's Grotto and Sleigh. We were raising money this year for Chelsea's Angels (a children's cancer charity based in Wellingborough) and with your continued support and generosity we raised in excess of £640 for them.



The grotto event was represented by the groups/clubs of the village with lots for children to do. Thank you to them for their time and support and also their generosity to Chelsea's Angels.

For the sleigh trips there was a good turn out of helpers and followers and it was lovely to see so many people coming out into the streets to meet Santa. Continued thanks to Jack and Yvette, Bob, ALL the marshals and "bucket rattlers", Craig our driver for 2012, the refreshments kindly supplied as we went round and of course Santa for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit us in Mawsley.

If you would like to find out more about Chelsea's Angels, go to [www.chelseasangels.co.uk](http://www.chelseasangels.co.uk)

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## Mawsley

### Coffee Club

Our year of events and activities was rounded off with our Christmas lunch at the Royal Oak at Walgrave. Thirty two of us attended and what a great time we had. It was a lovely way to end the year.



We have planned our first coffee morning in the New year for Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 10:30am when we will be at The Centre in Mawsley, and we will not only be enjoying coffee but making plans for 2013, and Jane Calcott will be coming to speak to us from Neighbourhood Watch. Maybe you would like to come and join us? We would love to see any of you who are retired or nearing retirement; men and ladies, and you would be sure of a warm welcome.

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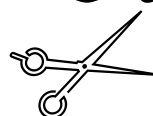
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It is thought that the origin of this dates back to the 1690s. Like many English monarchs, William III.... [Not our County Council].... was short of money, which he attempted to rectify by the introduction of the much-despised Window Tax. As the name suggests, this was a tax levied on the windows or window-like openings of a property. The details were much amended over time but the tax was levied originally on all dwellings except cottages. The upper classes, having the largest houses, paid the most. Some wealthy individuals used their ability to pay as a mark of status and demonstrated their wealth building homes with many windows.

Taxes are rarely popular but the Window Tax, which was considered to tax the very stuff of life, i.e. light and air, was singled out for particular loathing. People went to great pains to avoid paying it and many windows were bricked up for that reason.

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Tom Sanders



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2013 will be a year of big changes for the church as Rev'd Richard Priestley and Rev'd Mandy Priestley plan to leave the village in the summer. The husband and wife ministry team are departing as Richard's three year curacy has come to an end. They, with their daughters, will take up a new position ministering to a group of parishes around Shepton Mallet.

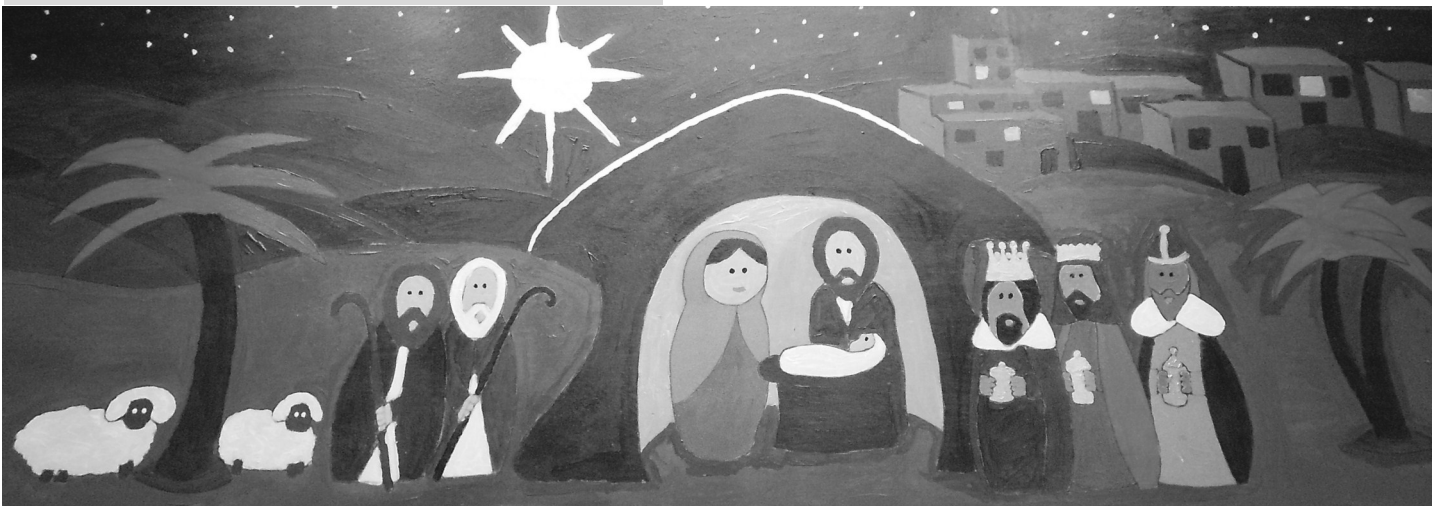
The congregation is now planning for the future. Everyone is invited to help decide the direction of the church in Mawsley following their departure. In the meantime the regular pattern of services will continue with Richard and Mandy at the helm.



Services take place at The Centre at 10.30am every Sunday following this pattern:

- 1st Sunday: SPACE on Sunday
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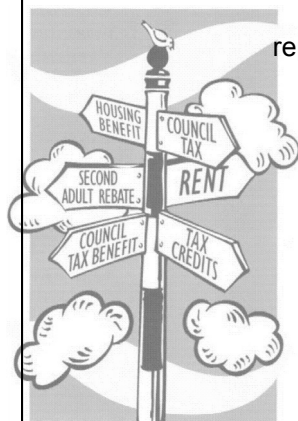
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