



Mawsley News & Views

July/August 2014

Best Village Competition - success at the first attempt!

Mawsley has won two awards at the Northamptonshire Best Village Competition at its first attempt.

The judges said that they had been very impressed by the community spirit, the number of clubs and activities, the village website, The Centre and the relationship with the school and they declared us winner of the Newcomers' Cup, which is a very beautiful silver rose bowl that we will hold for a year.

That was not all. Mawsley also came third, Highly Commended, in the large villages category. The winner of that section was Stanwick who won the Newcomers' Cup last year— setting a very clear precedent and challenge for us! Weedon Bec came second in the large villages category.

We all know that Mawsley is a great village but persuading three judges who have only our paper entry form and a two hour visit to base their decision on is not easy—where do you start? We have Bob Littler to thank for suggesting that we enter in the first place and then carrying out all the research necessary to complete the incredibly detailed and searching entry form.

So what next? We can't stop now. Hopefully Mawsley will now set itself the target of becoming the county's Best Large Village in 2015, and even the Best Village overall.

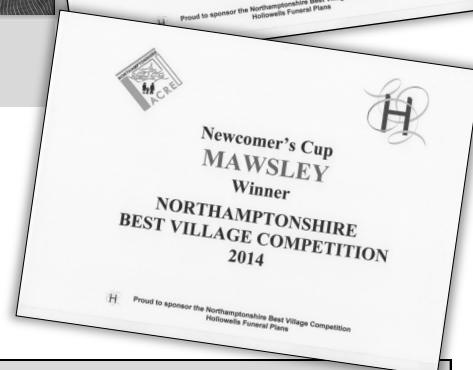
We also offer our congratulations to our next door neighbours, Great Cransley, who have entered the competition before but this time were also successful, coming third in the small villages category.



The Mawsley team at Hunsbury Hill Centre on awards night. From left to right—Alison Cope, first Mawsley resident, Pat Rowley, News & Views editor, Bob Littler, Parish Councillor and Debbie Radcliffe, resident who works at The Centre.



Bob Littler being presented with the Newcomers Cup by John



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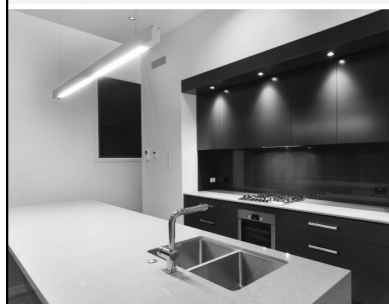


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I can't quite believe how quickly the last two months have gone. Once again The Centre Bar has been extremely busy with more Film and Quiz nights, the World Cup games being shown, the Friday Family Fun Nights, a number of parties and weddings in the function room and of course the Village Fun Day.

Fun Day

It was my first Mawsley Village Fun Day and a day I really enjoyed. I was staggered at the number of people who visited the event and the genuine feeling of community spirit. It was a privilege to be a part of it and to be a part of the TCAM team and the Mawsley community. I would like to thank everyone who supported it and pass on my gratitude to everyone who helped organise the day and those who provided their time, energy and resources into staging the event.

Friday Fun Nights

The Friday Fun nights have proved to be both popular and successful and, following the amount of positive feedback received, they will continue every Friday 3pm – 8pm, throughout the summer holidays. I would like to thank everyone who has supported The Centre in hosting them, everyone who has attended them and helped make them such a success.

Beer prices

I would like to announce some great news regarding our bar pricing. Behind the scenes I have been busy meeting suppliers and using my previous brewery sales and account management experience to renegotiate our drinks supply deals. I have met with our current suppliers and other potential suppliers and as a result of these meetings and renegotiations I am delighted to say that all

our draught beer and bottled product prices will be held for at least the next 12 months and that any increase on spirits will be minimal.

Wine tasting

We do however have a problem with the performance of the wines we stock due to the high cost price and the unwillingness of our current supplier to enter into any renegotiation. I have met with other suppliers and I will be hosting a wine tasting event where anyone who wants to get involved will be able to sample our current wines alongside alternative wines, provide feedback and have an input into a review of our wine stocking policy. If we are to continue to stock our current wine selection the prices will have to increase to the level they should be. However if we stock alternative wines of a similar quality prices will be held at the current level. If you are interested in taking part in this process please contact me at The Centre.

Tea, Cakes & Music

Starting in September we will be hosting a regular monthly event of Tea, Cakes and Music @ TCAM. It will give you a chance to come along for a chat with friends, enjoy a tea, a coffee, a slice of cake and enjoy a sing along with Jef Hatton, playing goodtime jazz and classic songs of yesteryear. I intend to initially stage the event in September, October and November and if it proves successful it will become a regular feature! Dates and details will follow in the next few weeks. If you know somebody who you think would enjoy the event please let them know or invite them along. It would be great to see even more members of the community in The Centre and enjoying what we have to offer.

I hope you have a lovely summer and once again my thanks go to everyone who has helped with all the events over the last few months.

Best wishes

Hugh



For details of all events happening at The Centre

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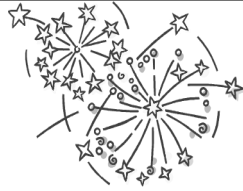
The MVA's Annual
Firework Night

will be held this year on

Saturday 8th November

Plans are already underway to provide the usual spectacular display and entertaining evening.

Book the date now—details in next News & Views



The Autumn Ball

We wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone who has bought tickets for the Autumn Ball.

We are totally overwhelmed by the response to this event and are delighted to tell you that this has now SOLD OUT! We look forward to seeing many of you on the 4th October for a great night.

Those of you who missed out this time ... watch this space!

Baby & Toddler Group

Thursday mornings 9.15 - 11.00 am
during term time

in the Main Hall at The Centre

£1.50 for the first child and 50p for additional children.

We welcome all parents/guardians and their children from newborn to 4 years.



Contacts:

Anthea Cane (07596 022525)

Krista Alford (07742 601100)

Youth Club

Well what a term we have had at Youth Club, we have been very busy and have had lots of visitors!

First we welcomed back Sarah Meeks who did a great mini Zumba class which got everybody involved and very sweaty! Then we had Mawsley Touch Rugby who organised a fantastic game, and we all started to get the hang of it by the end! Finally Wayne Stanton and his team of helpers from BCKA Kickboxing came along and gave us a demo, which was very impressive!

As well as all the above we have also done cake decorating, made father's day gifts and enjoyed the glorious weather by getting outside and playing Rounders and Football.

Our team of helpers also ran a tuck shop at the fun day, which we hope will have generated some funds for new equipment for next term.

This term the children have been "Loom Bands Crazy". Our enterprising young people have set up stalls and been trading in their creations between each other!

As I write this we are planning our last session for this school year, finishing with a bang at our end of term disco.

Finally I want to take this opportunity to say a big thank-you to all the helpers we have for Youth Club. All of them kindly give up 2 hours of their time most weeks to help us supervise the children and plan fun things for us to do each week. So a big thank-you to Lisa, Jordan, Maria, Claire, Nick, Aaron, Debbie and Dawn. A special thank-you to Davina for all the behind the scenes work she does in keeping the books in order and ensuring the tuck shop is always well stocked.

See you all in September!

Final point – we really could do with some more helpers, even on a casual basis, or to organise a one off activity. Most of us are there every single week, but with up to 50 children on some nights we can find we are restricted with our activities because we don't have enough helpers. If you are an adult who is willing to help out then please contact Vicky Waine on 07525 488906 to find out more.

Vicky Waine

If you would like to get more involved with the MVA or TCAM Management team you are welcome to attend their meetings which take place one after the other usually on the first Sunday in the month at 5pm (although the August meeting will be on 10th August, then 8th September).

The MVA minutes are posted on the Mawsley Village website.

Mawsley Fun Day 2014 was a great success and very well attended. The sun shone, there was plenty to see, do, eat and especially drink, which you did, contributing to the running costs of The Centre.

The village groups who took part also raised some funds to support their own activities or to donate to charity

- **The Youth Club** ran a tuck shop and will use the funds raised to buy equipment.
- **Mawsley Short Mat Bowls** thank everyone who had a go at their Target Bowls. They raised £60 which they have donated to Dreamflights charity.
- **Gardening for All** took about £100 which will help pay for speakers for meetings.
- **Mawsley Mother Muckers** raised £100 for the Friends of Mawsley School with their children's obstacle course.
- **MADS** allowed people to get very wet with 'drown the witch' or the mad jester and ran several competitions with money going to charity.

Fun Day Winners

The "Rugby Darts" overall winner (4 tickets to Saints 7's tournament) was Sam Hayman - 80 points

Runners Up: Rugby ball - Jenson Harmon - 75 points, Superman Mug and Coaster - Oliver Watts - 70 points, Cask of Ale - Alistair Mitchell - 55 points.

Almost a hundred people took part and Mawsley Touch Rugby Club would like to thank Mawsley Village for their support.

Thank you to everyone who supported the MADs mad activities. The winner of Drakes Gold was Sue Tarbox. The winner of The Scarecrow was Kevin Powell.

Gardening for All's gnome was called Graham and was won by young Sofia. There were three winners for the 'Do you know your seeds and stones?' competition who were Elaine Greenwood and Ed Copley for the adults and Jenny Caplin for the under 14 prize.

Pictures ▶

1. Minnie and Micky, courtesy of Just Party
2. Roll Up target bowls
3. The mayor, Cllr Duncan Bain, his wife and Mayoress, Carole Bain with Rob Bailey, MVA Chair
4. There's always one trouble maker! (Vic Cope, the mad jester, getting his collar felt.)
5. Mawsley School's Musical Theatre Group performing in the arena
6. Toddlers who could not resist joining in a dance display
7. Dog Show line-up
8. Heather and Luke from Coffee@No 9
9. Aiden trying out the fire engine for size
10. St John's Ambulance crew at the ready



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Mawsley Parish Council Annual Report

It has been a rather turbulent year for the Parish Council; more Councillors have resigned than we would like to have seen, though it does mean welcome to some new ones.

Anyway I hope things will settle down now, so we can get on with some of the issues and opportunities facing the village. It was also unfortunate that due to illness Richard Barnwell did not feel able to stand for the Chair again this year; so you've now got me instead. Hopefully Richard will soon be fully sorted, and he has remained as a Councillor.

About three years ago we took the conscious decision to try to adopt a more visible profile in the village; you will have seen the articles in most News & Views. However we do think there is more we can do. Therefore we have now put last year's financial results on the website; and each month we will post a spreadsheet showing income and expenditure vs. budget. Go to www.mawsleyvillage.co.uk and click on the Parish Council thumbnail.

Over the past year we have continued to work closely with the management team of The Centre. I and others have explained in the past what an expensive building The Centre is to run, meaning that the Parish Council has to subsidise it in order to keep down charges for community activities and groups who use it (Scouts; Line Dancing; dance school; Under 5s etc.). Frankly we don't see that subsidy reducing greatly in the foreseeable future and on top of that capital expenditure is rising as equipment bought when it opened has to be replaced. Add to that increasing maintenance costs and it all adds up to, I regret, a substantial precept on your Council Tax, and quite a headache.

Nonetheless progress continues to be made and it remains a top-class facility that other villages would love to have. We have just signed a new lease with the MVA; and formalised agreements re Parish Council funding support.

Throughout the last year we have continued to press the Borough Council, County Council and Taylor Wimpey to get the village finally properly completed. All the roads have now been brought up to adoption standard and are progressively being taken over by County Highways. Similarly re the sewers and Anglian water.

Progress too at last in getting adoption of open spaces by the Borough. Ten key areas, including the green and land opposite the school have now been taken over by them; the balance of larger areas is to follow. This means that the cost of maintaining them falls to the Borough, not to the Parish, and also it gives us more opportunity to make more use of these areas. This may mean some smaller areas remaining that we do have to take responsibility for; not clear yet. However a condition of the Borough taking ownership of

the pond (as opposed to Highways, who would then have filled it in) is that the village takes responsibility for maintaining it.

Other more weighty issues on the horizon revolve around the Borough Council's plans for housing. We have had some discussions with them, principally around making clear that Mawsley needs to settle in before yet more new houses are built. However although it is inevitable we will have to take some at some point we are hopeful (nothing is ever fixed in these matters) that the Borough accept that Mawsley should only see a small number (50 - 70). This is stated in the Borough's draft housing plans.

It is difficult for us to materially affect this decision, however if we have a Neighbourhood Plan we will have some influence. This is not quite as easy as it may sound; a Neighbourhood Plan is a statutory document that has to be prepared in a set way, with extensive consultation both within the village and with external agencies (Highways, Environment etc., etc.). It also has to be consistent with the essence of the Borough's housing plans.

More details, including how you can be involved, in the next News & Views.

As ever a wide range of topics continue: road crossings for schoolchildren; what to do with the pub site; plastic windows; dog fouling; bus shelters; litter bins; how we look after the village - to name just a few.

Not happy with any of this? Tell us; we are not mind readers - we really do want to hear. Contact the Clerk mawsleyclerk@tiscali.co.uk 790573; or better still come along to one of our meetings (usually the third Monday of the month; 7:30; at The Centre) and raise any issues there. We promise you that we will listen.

Bob Littler

Mawsley Parish Boundary

Kettering Borough Council is conducting a consultation exercise over the Mawsley/Cransley boundary in the area of Roman Settle.

Roman Settle was built as part of Mawsley but, inadvertently, crossed the boundary into the Parish of Cransley. This needs to be corrected by redrawing the boundary to include it in Mawsley.

It is Kettering Borough Council that will make the decision but both Mawsley and Cransley Parish Councils support the proposal to move the boundary. If you wish to comment you should do so by 15th August:

- In writing to Democratic Services Dept, KBC, Bowling Green Road, Kettering, NN15 7QX
- By email to democracy@kettering.gov.uk
- Or online at www.kettering.gov.uk/news/article/778/community_governance_review

Mawsley Parish Council

At the Annual General Meeting in May Cllr Bob Littler was elected Chair and Cllr Richard Barnwell, Vice Chair.

We have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor.

Simple statement, but why should you maybe consider it?

Well, there's a lot to do; to build on all that has been achieved in the village so far and take us on into the future. I mention the Neighbourhood Plan in the main article; but as this focuses on housing and employment we have the option to go on to a full Parish Plan thereafter. This would cover every aspect of how want to see the village mature and develop.

Does that interest you?

Or maybe you would be good at chasing Councils, Highways etc. to get them to respond to our needs.

Perhaps you have experience in finance; or building work.

There are a wide range of issues to tackle and no one Councillor knows how to approach all of them, or even many of them.

So, please, do consider it. Your expertise and input could make all the difference.

Let's keep it simple for now. If you think it may interest you just let the Clerk Diana MacCarthy mawsleyclerk@tiscali.co.uk know, by **Friday 15th August**, saying something about yourself. Any of the current Councillors would then be happy to meet informally with you as first step towards potentially taking things further.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Bob Littler

Dog Fouling continues to cause a problem in the village and the Parish Council is occasionally asked why there are not more Dog Bins.

Kettering Borough Council has confirmed that any of our litter bins may be used for dog waste. At the moment we have two ordinary bins that may be used for this purpose as will the new ones to be added soon. KBC will display notices to this effect on the bins.

Please use them!!

The Parish Council is pleased to have recently co-opted Paul Richards to its number. Here he introduces himself.

I am Paul Richards and have lived in Mawsley for nearly 10 years with my wife Eve. We have 2 daughters and 3 grandchildren. I am a recently retired industrial chemist having spent the major part of my working life with a subsidiary company of Shell Chemicals.



After 35 years of village life with a growing family and our associated wants and needs my major focus will be in supporting and contributing to the work of senior Councillors ensuring that Mawsley is a safe, clean, green, interesting, friendly and fun environment for everybody.

Accolade to Adam

There are a considerable number of villagers who individually demonstrate care for our environment by litter picking, however at just 11 years old, Adam Webb merits a special mention.



Adam is a pupil of Bishop Stopford School and was given the task of doing something good for his community and decided to do a

litter pick round the first entrance of the village and near the pond, because he had observed that these areas are where the most rubbish builds up.

After receiving the equipment from the Parish Council, several bags of litter were collected and Adam says "I did this to help improve the image of the village and keep it litter free and hopefully people will acknowledge this and that I am pleased that I did something to help my community".

During the task, Adam was accompanied by his grandmother Sue and was 'acknowledged' by a passer-by.. for the wrong reason—it was assumed Adam was being supervised on a Community Order!

Thank you Adam.

The Parish Council would also like to thank the Girl Guides who did a litter pick in a different part of the village a few weeks later.

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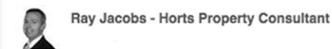
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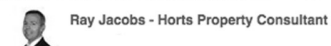


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On 4th August this year communities all over the country, and the world, will be commemorating the outbreak of that war and in Mawsley we will combine that commemoration with the dedication of our new memorial on The Green. See the programme aside.

Our memorial is not a war memorial; it has been constructed because many people felt that there was nowhere in our village to act as a focus for remembrance. It has been built by villagers, for villagers, regardless of age or belief, so that we have somewhere to sit quietly and remember those who have gone.

Please come and support us on 4th August at 7pm on The Green.

If you feel that you could assist in any future projects and would like to join the volunteer force (*aka Last of the Summer Wine and Two Pints of Lager*) please contact either Tom Sanders on 799380 or Vic Cope on 799643.

LIGHTS OUT

To mark 100 years since the outbreak of the First World War the people of Northamptonshire have been invited to take part in a nationwide event.

Everyone in the UK is invited to take part in LIGHTS OUT by turning off their lights from 10pm to 11pm on Monday, August 4, leaving on a single lamp or candle for a shared moment of reflection.

People can take part in whichever way they choose, marking the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War either individually or by attending one of the many events being organised around the country for a collective experience.

For more information see:
www.1418NOW.org.uk/lightsout

MAWSLEY MEMORIAL

OPENING CEREMONY

4th August 2014 at 7.00 p.m. on the Green

1. Introduction
2. Dedication by Molly Shortt followed by first verse of “Abide with Me”

*Abide with me, fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens, Lord with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless, oh abide with me.*

3. Act of Remembrance – from “For the Fallen” by Laurence Binyon
*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.*

4. Last post and the lowering of the flag.
5. Cutting the turf by village organisations
6. Close

Exhibition

To accompany the dedication ceremony on 4th August an exhibition of WW1 Memorabilia will be on display in The Centre at Mawsley between 6pm and 10pm on that day.

The exhibition, which was displayed in Cransley a few weeks ago, has been put together by Peter Greenhall of Cransley who has compiled records, information and photographs relating to local residents lost in service and we are grateful that he has agreed to share this with us in Mawsley.



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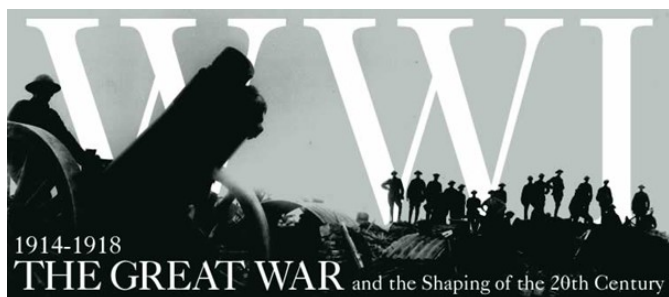
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Word on the Street

by Tom Sanders

sonnel in the 1914/18 war, but we have now discovered that our close neighbouring village Cransley has, and thanks to the kind permission of **Peter Greenall** and his extensive research, we are able to pay a poignant tribute to:

Corporal Leonard Carrington.

Leonard was born in 1897, the youngest son of John and Martha Carrington's family of 9 children, who lived at Cransley Lodge Cransley. As a farm labourer, he worked the surrounding fields of Cransley, which was part of Mawsley at that time.

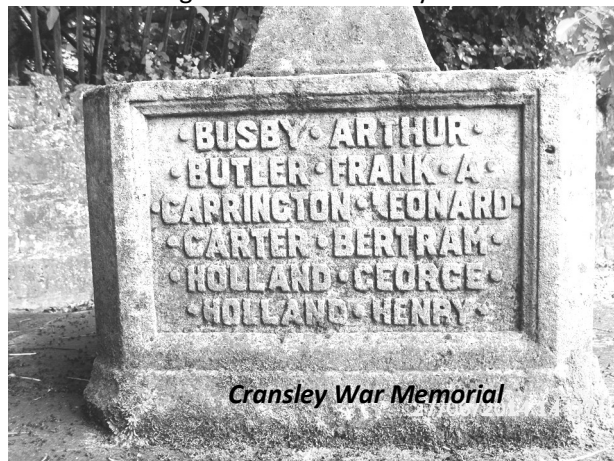
He was recruited to the 2ND/6TH Battalion of the North Staffordshire Regiment and died of wounds on the 21ST March 1918 age 21.

The War Memorial at Church Lane, Cransley, lists his name, together with 16 other villagers of Cransley, making a combined total with Broughton, of 45 men who died.

This was a dreadful and devastating loss to the families of the comparatively small population within the villages, at that time. His regiment lost 5,430 men during the war and Leonard is buried at Boulogne Eastern Cemetery.



Boulogne Eastern Cemetery



Cransley War Memorial



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Joseph and wife Sarah with son, France Grenier.

Corporal Joseph Cook

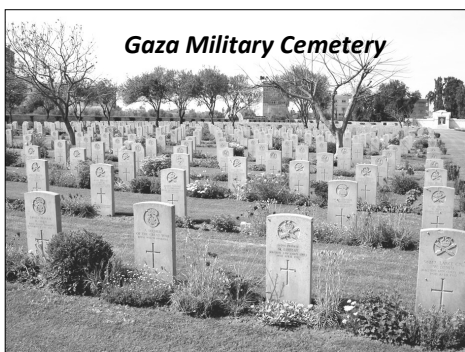
Joseph was born in Twyford the son of William and Mary Cook and lived in Burbage with his wife Sarah and son, France Grenier, who was named after the place called Grenier, in France.

On the outbreak of war he was called up as a reservist and went out to France in September 1914. In May 1915 he was invalided home wounded.

He had served eight years in India with the 2ND Leicesters and in January 1916 he was transferred to the Northamptonshire Regiment and was sent to Egypt.



Judy with her grandsons, Jacob, Isaac, and Harry Joseph.



Gaza Military Cemetery

Joseph was killed in action on Friday the 2ND of November 1917, five days before the end of Third Battle of Gaza at the age of 31. *Had he lived until the following Sunday, he would have been a time-expired man, having served 13 years with the Colours, and released.*



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Panto Open Afternoon
Sunday 7th September
See page 23 for details

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At The Centre**

**Saturday 22nd
November**
Details next time

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And of course there will be some drinks on the house for the host!
If interested please contact Emily on Emily@thecentreatmawsley.co.uk

Dear Editor

Mawsley Brownies & Guides

Can we please give a big thank you to the Brownies and Guides from Mawsley who came to Parade Service at Cransley on Sunday, 13th July. This was a service to give thanks for the sacrifice of the men on the Cransley War Memorial and it was very poignant to have the uniformed services with their flags. Many thanks to your families and leaders for bringing you across to Service.

St Andrews, Cransley.

Dear Editor

A Day at the Races and a 'Thank-you'.

A 6am start and the 'Hat's' at the ready and off we went to Ascot for 'Ladies Day' and what a lovely day we had. We saw the Queen and the Sheiks and some beautiful fashions [and some not so!!]

And as is the tradition we had to have our picnic. We really didn't want to be bothered organising it so we turned to 'Doorstep Sandwich' the up and coming business of Steve and Cheryl Buckle and we were so glad we did. What a picnic, everything fresh that morning and such good value for money. We were absolutely 'stuffed' and the cakes!!!! So a big 'Thank you' Steve and Cheryl for all your help the picnic was great.

Our other big 'Thank-you' goes to Debbie Gill who made the most fantastic celebration cake for our friend Jan who has a special birthday coming soon. We thought we would start her celebrations early and the cake was just the tops. Well done Debbie it was brilliant.

What a great day, sore feet, tired but happy. Try it next year!

Brenda, Denise, Jan, Barbara, Ann, Val and Jane.

Dear Editor

Le Tour de France hits Britain.

Today the stage was from Cambridge to Buckingham Palace and BBC Breakfast TV this morning was giving it the full works and Look East tonight has an extended coverage. Mon Dieu! French TV has experienced nothing like it.

So you can imagine how much I was looking forward to my bike ride this morning. I don't do lycra, but I thought I looked good in T-shirt and shorts as I got on my bike and swept into School Road. The children were already into lessons and just one or two disinterested mums were making their way back home as I climbed Loddington Way and turned into a brisk headwind along the Broughton Road. Shortly before Foxhall, my imagined outriders motioned me right towards Orton and a mile in along the single track road, my arrival was greeted by two barking dogs .. thanks guys ... and then I was impeded by a Borough Council lorry emptying bins. No-one had warned them that I was coming through.

Curving left with the Rothwell water tower in the distance and up the sharp incline towards Loddington .. a dip and then the steep hill section into the village and past the inviting pub and the school where I was expecting a rapturous reception of flag waving kids and their teachers. Er .. no!

Undeterred I approached the cricket field which was surprisingly empty .. and then the relentless long uphill gradient to the Broughton Road. A sharp left and still surprisingly quiet and past the turn off to Old on my right and then back to Mawsley. Mawsley .. my alma mater .. and surely coffee and cakes from the ladies of the WI along my triumphant way to TCAM and the cameras and the inevitable interviews.

Er .. once again no. No one about! Not one solitary person .. just the cleaner. C'est la guerre mes amis.

David Allbury

Mawsley News & Views

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

The next News & Views is due out on

17th September

**Please send your articles etc. to the editor by
Friday 5th September**

Pat Rowley

rowleypj@btinternet.com

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MAWSLEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

History Club.

Report by Kallie Bauckham, Class 11

This term in History Club we are looking at World War One. So far, we have started making our own timelines, highlighting the key events between 1910 and 1920. As well as the most important event (World War One) we also put down things like when the first scouting group was formed in the UK and the sinking of the Titanic on the 14th of April 1912 at 11:40.p.m. To have a slight bit of competition the girls' made a separate timeline to the boys.

In the second week, we started making our own trenches out of strong pieces of cardboard, some multi-coloured art straws, a few lolly sticks, some double sided sticky tape and a lot of patience for getting the duckboards to stick! (Blue Peter would be proud!) One of the main problems was time; it just seemed to go so quickly! Some of us made some dugouts, some of us made an elbow rest and some of us even made sand bags out of scraps of fabric. Despite getting squashed by a rucksack, they looked great!

We went on to learn about nursing during the Great War. We looked at Florence Nightingale but focused more on Edith Cavell. We learned about her story:

She moved to Brussels just before the war.

She taught other nurses how to do their jobs correctly- she was very strict!

Edith was told to start nursing soldiers when the war begins.

The hospital she worked at was a Red Cross hospital, meaning when the Germans took over the land she had to help them, as well as helping the British.

When the soldiers got better she kept them and helped them escape- she helped over 100 soldiers before being shot on October the 12th 1915.

Finally we will be looking at the Suffragette Movement for women's rights. We hope to look at the suffragette who was killed under the King's horse at a horse race but we will be focusing more on Universal Suffrage.



Mawsley CP School visit to World War I Exhibition

Report by Tracy Baker on behalf of
St Andrews Church, Cransley

We were lucky enough to be joined by the current Year 4 students for our World War I Exhibition which took place on Friday, 11th - Sunday, 13th July at St Andrew's Church, Cransley.

The students took part in a discussion, led by Mr P Greenhall, as to his work tracing the names on the war memorial, one of whom we now know to have farmed the land that is now Mawsley. He traced the men through their early lives within Cransley (and Mawsley) using primary sources of evidence.

I would like to congratulate these children on their behaviour - you are a credit to your families and your school. Not only did you remain interested at all times but you found information in the Parish Records that we had missed ourselves!! Well done.

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Mawsley Church's new curate, Nicki Hobbs moved into the village in June.

Nicki writes:

"Mike, Esther and I have been enjoying getting to know the people and village of Mawsley, and the surrounding areas. We're really glad to be living somewhere that has such a strong sense of community and is so welcoming. I'm having fun settling into my new role as curate. As well as leading church services in Mawsley, Cransley and Broughton, I'll be getting involved in different groups run by the churches and other community groups and events. We're very much looking forward to getting to know more of you over the coming months."



As always we meet every Sunday at The Centre at 10.30am. Over the summer, we're going to be looking at different Bible heroes. List of services below. Please don't hesitate to contact with any enquiries.

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For more info ring Alan 790820
Alan Pritchard, Club secretary.

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Well! Mawsley Community Choir performed its first Summer Concert to a packed audience on Saturday, 28th June at The Centre. Many thanks to all who bought tickets and supported the evening. We hope you enjoyed the evening's entertainment as much as we did!

Although the Choir will be breaking for the Summer holidays (last rehearsal is Thursday, 17th July), we are excited that when we return in September we shall have some fabulous new pieces to learn for forthcoming planned events. If you enjoy singing, why not come along and see if you would like to join us? There is no charge for this and we are sure you will want to stay! We rehearse in the meeting room, first on the right in The Centre, during term time from 7.30-9.30 pm. (On Quiz night rehearsals are from 7.00-9.00 pm.)

We particularly need to increase our bass section, but would welcome anyone who would like to join us. You do not need any previous experience, just a passion for singing!

For further details please contact our secretary Frances Allbury on K 790870.

Sing - make friends - spread happiness - Mawsley Community Choir

Is your group looking for funds?

Jim Hakewill, our County and Borough Councillor, has access to an 'Empowerment Fund' from which he can make grants of up to £200 to £300 to community groups that need financial assistance to get going or keep going. He would be delighted to hear from any Mawsley group that needs funds at this time. His contact details are on the back page, under Kettering Borough Council.

For larger amounts of capital funding, ie not for running costs, a new Community Fund has been established by Kettering Borough Council (as recompense for no longer making annual grants to Parish Councils). Its rules are not finally agreed yet but it is expected that it will make grants of up to £2,500 and expect to see the group or Council find matched funding from another source.

As Jim Hakewill says, this money is yours—you've paid it in at some stage, so if there is a genuine community, as opposed to individual, need then apply for it!

Mawsley Coffee Club

The lunch prepared for us by the college catering students at The Manor House in Cottingham Road, Corby was top notch. They did us proud, and all for £9.50. Starters, mains and desserts were all enjoyed and consumed in traditional Coffee Club style.

Since then, we've arranged a couple of coffee mornings at The Centre where we're always made to feel very welcome and we enjoy a good cup or two of coffee and a chat. Occasionally we invite a speaker to join us, and at our most recent get together we were pleased to welcome Angene Kane, Practice Manager from Mawsley surgery.

This fine weather has been perfect for outings and we try to arrange a balanced programme with events of interest for everyone.

Interestingly, the events that include an opportunity to enjoy some good food tend to be the most popular. Our shoppers enjoyed a day out to the Bank Holiday market at St Ives (the one near Huntingdon). A few of us visited Milton Malsor Church and were impressed by the amazing display of knitted characters depicting various events recorded in the Bible. Goliath and John the Baptist were really macho. Molly's favourite was Jonah being swallowed by the whale!

Other outings planned for the next couple of months include:

- Coach trip to Boundary Mills shopping outlet in Grantham to search out some bargains
- A day trip to the seaside at Hunstanton, with a lunch of fresh fish and chips
- Coach outing to Highclere Castle for our 'Downton Abbey' fans
- A bus ride to Northampton and a conducted tour of the Guildhall
- Cream tea in local village
- Visit to local Blacksmith's workshop
- Performance at Lighthouse Theatre

We always seem to have some fun, wherever we go. If you live in the village and have retired or are approaching retirement, why not consider joining us. You'll be made very welcome.

Well it's the time of year to think about getting ready for Panto.
Oh yes it is!



This year it will be:-

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For more information phone Molly and John on K 790 781 or Jean and David on K 799 490 who will be happy to provide more details and dates of Coffee Club events.

Nature on your doorstep

A stroll round Mawsley and district with Les and Paul on 17th July 2014

From Les ...

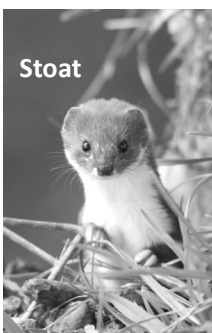
Oh dear. Once again, with the onset of really hot weather, we have carnage of the hanging baskets. Commonly around the village we have seen wilting, dying or dead plants in baskets, simply because of lack of water. It should be remembered that in these hot conditions watering twice a day may well be necessary. Even if there has been a shower of rain, do not assume that it has been enough to soak the compost. Having said that there is nothing quite like Miracle Gro to liven up ailing plants. Miracle Gro is a plant food, and in my experience it does exactly what it says on the bottle. Most garden centres sell it. With my wife, I plant and maintain the flower planters/tubs outside the Centre and it is this product that keeps them looking good.

Beyond the Village, Paul and I took a ramble, the route of which he will describe later. On the wild plant side of things Paul pointed out the tall pink flowered spikey plants that are very noticeable now as you come out of entrance two and go towards Harrington. This is Rosebay Willow Herb, also known as "Bomb Weed", derived from the fact that desolate bombed out areas from the wars were quickly colonised by this one plant. Also noticeable were the large plate sized seed heads of wild angelica – not to be confused with cow parsley which we mentioned as an early spring grower but now completely dead and invisible. A tall, bold white flowering plant was also there on the roadside - Meadowsweet. Evidently this plant can be useful in helping soothe stomach disorders and improving one's complexion. All at the same time, one wonders!

From Paul

The hottest afternoon of the year so far saw Les, Woody the Jack Russell and myself embarking on a walk along the bridleway that starts almost opposite the second exit from Mawsley. As soon as we turned left into the field the distinctive '*a little bit of bread and no cheeeese*' call of the yellow hammer urged us on. The singer was seen perched on the top of the hedge to our left with its unmistakable bright yellow head and brown under parts. Once a common sight in Northamptonshire but less so nowadays.

The bridleway takes you along the edge of the first field then directly across a field of wheat till the path reaches a hedged fence line. As we turned right we negotiated a large muddy patch, Les and I carefully edged round it but Woody



ploughed straight through it leaving his doggy foot prints. Luckily we were able to clearly see several footprints of birds and mammals. The most easily seen and identified were the large three toed bird print, probably pheasant and the small rounded 5 toed print of either the stoat or weasel.

On reaching the Old to Mawsley lane

we turned right immediately noticing signs of rabbit and badger digging under the hedge on our right. It was along this lane that a grass snake was spotted sun bathing in the middle of the road a few days before. The grass snake is the larger of our three native snakes and easily identified by its light green or yellow collar. Its habitat is near to ponds, rivers, ditches and marshland where amphibians form the main part of its diet.

As we approached Kites Hall Farm wood warblers called from the hedge rows, wood pigeons cooed from the adjacent woodland and swallows lazily flitted by in the stifling heat. We noted that for over a hundred years Kites Hall Farm may not have seen any red kites hunting in its skies but since re-introduction they are a daily sight.

We re-entered the village by the second entrance commenting on the trees either side of the road. Beautiful examples of locally common Ash and Oak.

A useful website if you wish to find out more about our wonderful local wildlife is the <http://www.wildlifebcn.org/wildlife-sites-northamptonshire>

Gardening for All

With two successful and well attended meetings under our belt it is great to confirm that 'Gardening for All' is well and truly up and running.

In June we welcomed guest speaker Richard Kibble of Kettering Borough Council's Parks and Open spaces department who gave us an enjoyable and amusing insight into the daily workings and goings on of the Borough's flower beds, nurseries and playing fields. The meeting also featured 'Plant of the Month' when *Sambucus Nigra* 'Black Lace' headlined this new regular spot. A full house in July was enthralled by an interesting and entertaining presentation by David White of Northamptonshire Bee Keepers Association. The beautiful and aptly named (due to its hot paprika red flowers) *Crocsmia* (or *Montbretia*) *Lucifer* was the chosen plant of the month.

Our thanks to both Richard and David for assisting in launching Mawsley's new gardening group in such fine style.

The next main meeting will be held same time, same place on 8th September when a programme of new and interesting features will be enjoyed by our members. Please feel free to bring along a friend or two as always.

7:30 pm Monday 8th September
£2 per person at the door (includes raffle ticket)

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Cheryl and Steve Buckle

You can't go wrong with chocolate!

Congratulations and good luck to Cheryl and Steve Buckle of Doorstep Baking who have been announced finalists in the 6th annual Carlsberg Food and Drink Awards for their Double Chocolate Brownie Baking Mix which was entered in the Artisan Local Sweet Product of the Year. The winners will be announced at a grand dinner event in October.

NEW RACE SUIT ARRIVES!



Year 4 Mawsley pupil, Robert Taylor, has taken delivery of the bespoke race suit designed by fellow pupil, Alfie Cope, which he now proudly wears when racing at Whilton Mill and Kimbolton.

After finishing in 5th place in the under 14 F6 cadet kart race at Whilton recently, Robert has now moved up into the faster IAME class.

Special thanks to Mawsley Dental Clinic, PMA, Mawsley Maintenance Man and Jigsaw Wooden Products for their kind support.

Away from the circuit, Robert has also shown his speed at Corby Swimming Club, where he has become the under 11 champion in both butterfly and breaststroke and has qualified for the county swimming finals!



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The picture says it all



In case the time board isn't clear it says R. Kirk 12.55.59 which, translated, means that Rob Kirk of Hedgerow Lane, Mawsley, completed the Frankfurt Ironman Contest, on 8th July, in 12 hours, 55 mins, 59 seconds.

The Ironman Triathlon is one of a series of long distance races organized by the World Triathlon Corporation .

Why is a time just under 13 hours such a fantastic achievement? Because this triathlon consists of:

- a 2.4-mile (3.86 km) swim,
- a 112-mile (180.25 km) bicycle ride and
- a full marathon 26.2-mile (42.2 km) run,

raced in that order and without a break!!

Rob, you are a superman. Congratulations.

Mawsley Achievers

Stories of Mawsley people who are pushing themselves and making their mark.

Please send in your stories for the next edition.

Who are Mawsley Mother Muckers?

They are a team of 27 ladies and one man who are all (almost) Mawsley mums!!

Kate Thompson explains: 'We have called ourselves Mawsley Mother Muckers and are taking part in the 6-7 mile muddy Mudderella obstacle event at Boughton house at the end of August - that is what we are working towards.

We are training and raising money along the way for various causes. We have recently raised over £850 for Cancer Research doing a 10k run (race for life) and other summer fundraising events include 2 family days, 1 for CALM (childrens cancer and leukaemia movement), 1 for Bliss (still-born baby charity) plus an after-party for our Mudderella event on August 31st with all money going to air ambulance and/or Cransley Hospice.

We are the team who organised the children's obstacle course at Fun Day and raised £100 for The Friends of Mawsley School.

Please see our team justgiving page:
www.justgiving.com/teams/muckers
and support us as generously as you can.'

Cycling for Dreamflight charity

John Fox and Mike Hughes from the village, along with a work colleague Bob Lyman, from the University of Northampton are doing a charity cycle ride from the University to the Sorbonne University Paris, 400miles in 4 days.

The charity is Dreamflight, who take seriously ill and disabled children on a holiday of a life time to Disney world. The parents and carers do not go, and this gives respite for them and gives the children an opportunity for some independence.

The charity has to charter a full medically equipped aircraft with volunteer medical and care teams.

The cost of sending just one child is £3500. John, Bob and Mike are trying to raise enough money to allow a child to go.

They have a just giving web site entitled John Fox's university challenge should anyone wish to donate to this very worthwhile cause.

Housing Benefit, Council Tax Support Drop in Surgery here on:

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Norman Wisdom

Although the Norman Conquest took place in 1066 it was not until 1086 that the people of Moosloo found out that they were now ruled by a Frenchman called William who had won the right to the throne by landing at Hastings with a few hundred men and beating the living daylights out of a much larger Saxon Army who were tired having just played Chelsea at Stamford Bridge. In 1086 William had sent out surveyors to take account of who held what land and how much livestock was on that land, establish the value of that land and livestock and then ask His Majesty's Revenue and Customs to send out a tax bill. This was documented in what became the Domesday Book, and it was an error in the entry for Moosloo that led to great, if short lived, prosperity.

The monks who compiled the Domesday Book for William used Latin however the numerous surveyors reports were written in a mixture of languages and, quite often, were only partially legible. The surveyor who visited Moosloo wrote only in the developing French language – his entry was short and to the point – “Ca merde ville” (Fig 1).

The regional surveyor, who like most Normans was originally Danish, misread the entry as “Somer ville” (Somer being ancient Danish for Summer) and immediately reported that an inland holiday destination had been discovered and recommended it to the noblemen of William's court. William directed one of his most senior Knights – the Duc de Grangepuits (Fig 2) – to establish a town at “Somerville” which would provide a summer retreat for his court and courtiers.



Fig 1 The original entry for “Ca Merde Ville” in the Domesday Book



Fig 2 An early likeness of the Duc de Grangepuits in traditional Breton Beret

The Duc de Grangepuits set about his task with relish such that by the summer of 1088 the hamlet of Moosloo had a magnificent stone built Norman Keep in the style later used for the White Tower in London (Fig 3) and the population had risen to close to two hundred with an influx of building workers. After a renaming ceremony, the town of Somerville was ready for its first “guests” –

one of whom was the original surveyor. The translation error was uncovered, the bottom fell out of the holiday market and the Duc de Grangepuits was left with the original “white elephant”, two hundred plus mouths to feed and a large tax bill from a seriously miffed William. The long term, and devout Saxon, residents found this all rather amusing and several changed their surname to Somerville in an attempt to upset the Norman newcomers. Somerville remained a popular surname over the centuries and it was only in 2008 that the last person bearing that name left the village, the irony of this was that the Somerville in question moved to France.

Years ahead of his time, the Duc de Grangepuits established a farming commune and allocated individual plots of land around his Keep to those who remained after the collapse of the holiday industry. Each year he took one tenth (a tithe) of the income earned by each plot owner to help repay his tax bill imposed by William. However, he found the expenses of maintaining a large fortified structure (the upkeep) well-nigh impossible and so, stone by stone the Keep was dismantled and a smaller property built in the nearby village of Cransley where the Grangepuits have lived to this day.

Feudal Dues and the Dark Ages

Gradually the 200 plus residents of Somerville began to learn how poor the soil in the surrounding area was, farming was hard and the constant battle with Dandelions wore the residents down. By the early 1100's the population was down to less than 30 and the burden of taxation had risen to such an extent that those remaining were paying 110% of their income to the Grangepuits. In another gesture of defiance, those who remained handed their land back to the Duc who proceeded to demonstrate that by careful land management and large fields you could successfully grow cash crops – he no longer needed the Feudal Dues. In a minor act of retribution he did ensure that fires had to be extinguished at sunset each day – the Dark Ages had arrived early in Somerville (Fig 4).



Fig 3 The White Tower in London followed the same design used in Somerville



Fig 4 The Dark Ages in Somerville

Mawsley enters the 21st Century:

Thanks to Bob Holland for this update on BT Infinity

It was a long wait, but it'll be worth it – BT have finally made their BT Infinity Service available to some of us Mawsleyites.

This means that we can wave a not so fond farewell to the basic broadband service that provided us with the constant buffering message when we tried to stream anything of any significance.

To make this happen, BT have effectively brought the Broughton exchange closer to us connected by a very fast fibre optic cable. You will probably have noticed the shiny new larger connection box close to the old one near the duck pond.

BT call this type of connection FTTC (Fibre to the Cabinet). The existing line from your house is then connected to this new cabinet to complete the connection and "voila" you will now have a much higher speed service. This new connection will not affect your telephone service. There are two options on offer – BT Infinity 1 up to 40Mb download speeds or BT Infinity 2 up to 80Mb download speeds (about £3.00 per month

extra for option 2). The exact speed will depend on how far your house is from the cabinet, but BT will give you an estimate on application.

To sign up or find out more go to www.bt.com/btinfinity. There are sections covering the speed and optional tv packages, together with a link to check availability by either postcode or telephone number.

Many people have asked why only part of the village is covered? - Again this is all down to the distance from the cabinet as the signal degrades as the line length increases. BT have said that they plan to install another fibre connection box close to the medical centre to provide the service to that part of the village. They haven't committed to a time scale, but, with the instant uptake I hear so far, I don't think it will be a hard business decision for them to get it done PDQ – Watch this Space!

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