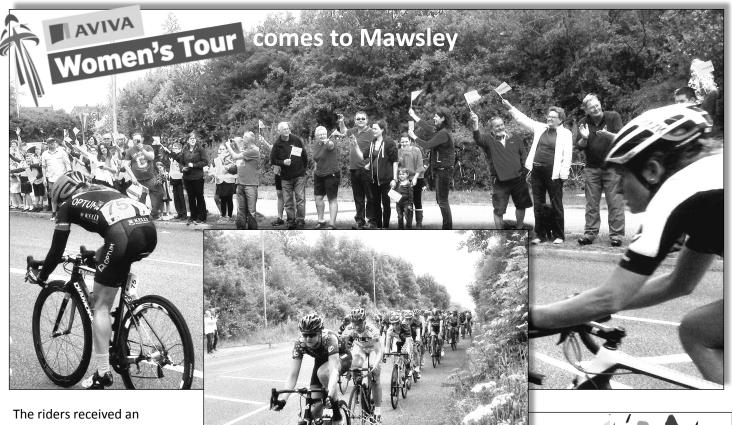


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July/August 2015



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## Introducing your new News & Views editor

Hi everyone.

My name is Peter and I'll be taking over as editor for the next edition of the Mawsley newsletter.

I'm a sixth form student about to enter my final year of secondary education. With luck, this position should help me achieve my goal of studying English at university. Inside school I am working on a sixth form newspaper, which means my life is constantly filled with news and views.

With this new direction, I would love to recruit some young writers to help the newsletter reach more people. There's no age limit on creativity, so if you're interested, just get in contact with me or another member of the team and I'm sure we can help you get started. It would be amazing to see some new writers with new ideas by the end of the year.



Thank you for all the support I have received so far and I hope that I can keep this longstanding newsletter up to an excellent quality.

Peter Reed



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#### **VILLAGE FUN DAY**

Yes it is that time of year ............. Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July is our Village Fun Day! Last year we had great weather so I'm hoping for the same again. There will be a number of demonstrations from our Village User groups and the Vets 4 Pets Dog show will be here once again. There are plenty of activities to get involved with and try your hand at; bouncy castles, garden games, a football shooter, obstacle course etc.

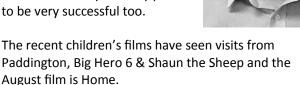
The event starts at 2pm and has a planned finish time of 6pm with a range of stalls and food available (BBQ & Hog Roast by Coffee@no.9).

We will have an outside bar, a Pimms bar and cream teas available in the marquee.

The event is open to all with free entry with a full afternoon of displays in the main arena. Bring along your picnic chairs and rugs, settle down, enjoy the entertainment, some great food and a drink or two! Come along with your family and friends and let's make this another great Fun Day for Mawsley.

My thanks go to everyone who has helped in organising the event and to everyone who has provided their time, energy and resources into staging the event. May & June saw the return of our Friday Family Fun Nights which once again have proved to be popular and we will revisit these. Our Bank Holiday Fun Day proved to be very successful too.

TCAM UPDATE



Our final Jazz afternoon with Jef will be on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July. If you haven't yet been to one of these please do come along and join in with the sing along, have a dance, a chat and of course the all important tea / coffee and cake. By the time you read this the Mid Summer Mawsley Festival will have finished which we will hopefully turn into an annual Music, Ale & Cider festival.

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported these events and to everyone involved in the Open Gardens event in June, a great success.

Once again thanks for all your support in helping make the last few months so successful and we all look forward to welcoming you in the Centre very soon!



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## Mawsley Villagers Association

You will all have received a letter through your letter-box recently describing how the MVA works and I hope you found it helpful. We have had some response but, of course, could always do with more.

The letter also mentioned that applications for funding for one-off events or initiatives are always available and we're very pleased to have helped the **Baby and Toddler group**, who do much sterling work in the village.

Another successful village group is the **Cubs**, who hosted a group of representatives from the Coffee Club and

the MVA as part of their 'Community Support' badge award. We were plied with tasty sandwiches, cakes and drinks, as well as questions about our own scouting and guiding experiences, (some of us having to recall some very long-ago memories). The lively and engaging conversations showed us how confident the youngsters were. Well done and thank you.

Youth Club. Those of you who go on Facebook will know that the Youth Club is desperate for committed helpers. The Youth Club is one of the success stories of the village, thanks recently to the hard work of Vicky Waine, Nick Haley and Claire Thorpe and of course, a number of others. That success can be measured in part by the thirty or so youngsters who attend every week. Our Youth Club is anxious to secure its future after the summer holidays. With a growing number of teenagers in the village, we need it. Can you help?

I should also mention again that this is Pat Rowley's very last 'News and Views'. The MVA, and therefore by association all of us, owe Pat an enormous debt of gratitude for her efforts for over a decade. Her work is not quite done though, as she stays busy handing over the reins to Peter Reed. Thanks again from all of us, Pat.

Finally, remember it's our annual **Village Fun Day on Saturday 11**<sup>th</sup> **July.** Let's hope that we're once again blessed with good weather. See you there.

Rob Bailey (MVA Chair)

#### Welcome Pack

If you're new to the village, or you have a new neighbour, a reminder there is a Welcome Pack available for new residents. The pack gives details of all our local amenities and services, as well as information about the history of the village. They are available from The Centre or through estate agents. Otherwise, I can provide them. (My contact details are on the back of this newsletter.) Rob Bailey



Baby & Toddler Group Leaders with their cheque for £500 from the MVA. From left to right: Krista Alford, Sam Eggleton, Shelley Brown, Anthea Cane

## Baby & Toddler Group

We have loads of fun crafts, toys, colouring, role play, sensory and much more at our group for babies and children from birth up to 4 years. We have a new theme every half term and are currently going 'Under the Sea', making jelly fish, mermaids and crabs.

We are delighted to have welcomed so many new faces in recent weeks, with a whopping 45 babies/children coming along to play—thank you all for your support.

We would like to thank the MVA for a fabulous donation to the group and are looking forward to updating the toys and equipment over the summer.

In the meantime come and join us every Thursday in term time from 9.15 until 11.00am at The Centre. Cost is £1.50 for the first child and 50p for each child thereafter. Tea and coffee is always available at the Bar for a fantastic 50p per cup.

With a few weeks left before the summer holidays, pop along and join us for a great, fun-packed morning, make new friends and have a chat and a play, we look forward to seeing you there.

Check our facebook page Mawsley Toddlers for weekly updates on our weekly activities.

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## **Mawsley Parish Council News Round-up**

### Wind turbine - update

Regarding the wind turbine by the road leading from the A43, in the March/April News & Views we said: "the Environmental Impact Survey noted that Mawsley would be the community most affected by the turbine, but no public consultation was ever held covering Mawsley residents. This suggests that Daventry Council should not have processed the application"

The Parish Council had agreed to complain to Daventry Council about this. Their response is: "The requirement for prior consultation with local communities on such developments was not brought in to effect until 11<sup>th</sup> December 2013 after the applications were determined so that is why the applications were determined without the evidence of such community engagement having taken place".

Regrettably there is nothing further we can do. The fact that as result of our complaints Daventry and Kettering Councils have agreed to liaise better in the future, and that Kettering Council has put in place processes to advise their parishes affected by planning applications from neighbouring councils in future, is of scant benefit to us just now.

**Bob Littler** 

### **Parish Council Meetings**

Meetings are held at 7pm on the third Monday of the month at The Centre.

Mawsley residents are welcome to attend and may speak for up to five minutes at the beginning of the meeting on any subject that they wish to have added to a future agenda.

Minutes of past meetings are at:

www.mawsleyvillage.co.uk/parishcouncil and the agenda for each meeting can also be seen there, and on village notice boards, three days before each meeting.

The dates of the next meetings are:

20th July 17th August 21st September

#### **Your Assistance Please**

As part of our ongoing village improvement process we are considering the provision of both Outdoor Fitness Equipment and Decorative Village Entrance Signs.

### **Outdoor Fitness Equipment**

Outdoor Gym equipment is becoming a common sight in many recreation grounds and public open spaces in the UK. The products are aimed at young teenagers from 14 years to adults of all ages, from the complete novice to the experienced athlete.

The Parish Council has spoken to several manufacturers and has some rough ideas of prices. As always we are mindful of cost.

#### This is where you can help us:-

Do you think this type of equipment would be a useful addition to our recreation facilities and do you think it would be well used?

If you are not familiar with this type of equipment you can view these at either:

Rockingham Road Pleasure Park, Park Road, Kettering, NN16 9RG

or Dunkirk Avenue, Desborough

### **Village Entrance Signs**

Village or Town decorative entrance signs are becoming common place and many have bespoke signs that are reminders of local history and culture. Various materials can be used including Carved Wood, Fibreglass, Forged Steel, Forged Steel (Painted), Cast Aluminium, Ceramic, Cast Metal, Stone. Of course there are cost implications but we should consider carefully the material to be used in terms of its 'life' and heritage value.

#### Again this is where you can help us:-

Do you think this type of decorative signage would be a valuable asset to our village and could anyone come up with ideas on design, selection of materials etc?

Images of some of the outdoor gym equipment and design styles of village signs can be viewed on the Mawsley Parish Council notice board in TCAM.

Please email your responses to mawsleyclerk@tiscali.co.uk by 14<sup>th</sup> August to be reviewed at our August meeting

**Cllr Richards** 

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#### All pumped out

Sewer pumping stations act like the hearts of the sewer system and play a vital role pumping used water and sewage along the sewer network to the Water Recycling Centre. The pumping station in Symonds Way, Mawsley, has caused some concerns due to a build-up of unflushable materials, such as wipes.

Many residents are unaware that one of the biggest causes of blockages and pump failures are wipes, sanitary waste and

other household material flushed down toilets and drains. Even the products marked 'flushable' do not break down in the sewer like toilet paper. These items combined with used cooking oil, fats and grease build up over time and block pipes and pumps, stopping them from working. When these blockages happen, sewage can back up into homes and streets or cause pollution in local rivers and waterways.

Simple steps we can all take to help prevent these incidents

Mawsley Parish Council is working with Anglian Water to raise awareness amongst residents of what we can all do to prevent these 'avoidable' incidents . Although Anglian Water will always clean or repair our sewers and pumps in Mawsley, there's something we can all do.

Please dispose of sanitary waste and all used wipes in the bin, not down the toilet. Used cooking oil, fat and grease should be left to cool, emptied into a 500ml plastic bottle and put in the black general waste bin or taken to Kettering Waste Recycling Centre (Telford Way Industrial estate, NN16 8TD)

Small changes in the kitchen and bathroom make a big difference.

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## **Tough Mudders**

Captained by Steve Thorpe, a team of six fitness fanatics took part in the recent Tough Mudder's competition, representing Mawsley. Tony Brown, Chris Wayne, Kellie Ceccarelli, Lee Brown and Matt Brown were amongst 14,000 other participants from across the Midlands. The event took place at the Boughton Estate near Kettering.

The military style event, which takes place throughout the UK and across three continents, boasts 22 obstacles in a 12-mile long course, all of which takes an average three and a half hours to complete.



Participants expect a test of physical strength, mental grit and team spirit as they tackle the world-class obstacles, including mud, fire, icy water, haystacks, greased walls and tangled wires. The money raised by supporters' donations went towards the Help for Heroes charity.



A group of 7 of **Mawsleys Muddy Muckers** also took part in the competition over the same gruelling course. Team Leader Kate Thompson said 'for our team it was one of a number of challenges we set ourselves to raise money for the Leukaemia & Lymphoma charity. I chose this charity as a close friend of mine was diagnosed with aggressive lymphoma last October. So far we've raised over £1160'.

This group of Muddy Muckers have also taken part in other challenges over the year, such as the 10K Avalanche Run and the Silverstone half marathon. Kate has said that for more information on her charity visit her justgiving page at: https://www.justgiving.com/Kate-Thompson19/

Some of the other Muddy Muckers have also been raising money in various events for charity such as the Race for Life and the recent Colour Run in Milton Keynes. The whole team has raised £2931 so far, and is hoping to beat last year's grand total of £7234. Again, for more information on the Muddy Muckers team visit:

https://www.justgiving.com/teams/mawsleymuddymuckers

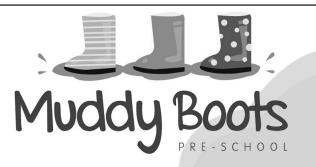
The Muddy Muckers are organising the obstacle course again for the children at the Mawsley Fun Day with all proceeds going to Mawsley School. They are also planning to enter some summer events as a big team and thinking about organising an event in and around the village.





Report by Tom Sanders





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## Mawsley Community Primary School

Once again it appears that an entire school year has passed by! Another hectic and action-packed 9 months has flown by, so here are just a (very) few of the highlights.

Our eldest children have just returned from their annual residential trip to Condover Hall in Shropshire. Thankfully there were no injuries or accidents, however there are unconfirmed reports of teachers singing and enjoying themselves, totally untrue I'm sure.

Our year 5 were lucky enough to take in the Women's Tour of Britain last week. The enjoyment and excitement on their faces was lovely to see, and for them to see female elite athletes was a great opportunity too good to miss.

Overall as a school, we have done incredibly well in sport this year. We have qualified in all age groups for the Level 3 School games in gymnastics, archery, athletics, hockey, multi-skills and hopefully golf next week. I know that Miss Cox and Mr. Walton are extremely proud of the attitude of all the children who have represented the school in these events, demonstrating our school values at all times.

Year 2 have enjoyed a very interesting year ranging from hunting for an elephants foot, to a Victorian seaside experience and finally handling birds of prey with the visit from the 'Owl man'.



Report by Gareth Weston

The year 4 children are still talking about their South America topic as they discovered Brazilian street art. The children have produced some stunning peices of artwork that has captivated the staff and children alike, and has shown us that we all communicate in different ways, each as valid as the other.

In year 3 this year the children really enjoyed tasting, rating and then making their own Greek foods during their Meditteranean topic. Mr Smith and Mrs Revell-Wright are still showing off a nice tan! Perhaps some of the meditteranean weather can make its way northwards for the summer!

#### ANOTHER KARTING RECORD!

Year 5 Mawsley pupil, Robert Taylor, set another record recently when he became the youngest ever winner of the East Anglian Junior Driver Trophy 2015 in June. The award is presented at the East Anglian Kart meeting to the driver who had shown the best performance both on and off the circuit.

In Robert's case, he was in 2nd place at the start of the last lap of the under-14 cadet final when he suffered a major



puncture, which span him off the track. Despite only having 3 useful tyres, he managed to recover and almost regained 3rd place.

The disappointment of missing out on the podium was forgotten when he learned that he had been chosen from over 100 drivers for this annual award.

The results leave him in overall 3rd place for the championship, which attracts drivers from throughout the UK.

## Mawsley Open Gardens & Made Locally Market

It coincided with Fathers Day and the Grand Prix but that didn't stop lots of you coming out on that sunny Sunday afternoon to visit gardens and eat cake.

There were 16 gardens on the route this year ranging from large to tiny, grand to bijoux. Whether you were interested in wildlife gardening, traditional or quirky style there was something for you.

Quite a few visitors said that they were working on garden projects, looking for more ideas and hoping to be ready to open their own gardens next year. If that sounds like you please get in touch now—no commitment at this stage but

it means that you can be kept informed as next year's plans are discussed.

In case you need more encouragement to join in next year this is what a few of this year's 'openers' had to say:

I had a fantastic afternoon, lost count of the never ending visitors. I met so many lovely people & learned loads about plants, ideas for garden improvements etc.; it was a pleasure to meet so many villagers. I didn't even have time for a cup of coffee!!! What a perfect day! Irene (first time opener)

We had a great day in our garden, BBQ, Pimms and kids sweet sales. Steve

What a joy to be part of such a fun day and meet such a nice mix of interesting visitors. Judy

It must have been a success as we counted over 60 visitors to our garden. The kids loved it and we did too. Paul and Eve

We've had a lovely day with nothing but positive feedback. Paul & Debs

The cakes at The Centre sold out completely and the shopping opportunities at the Made Locally Market on the car park were an added attraction. Thank you to Cheryl and Steve Buckle of Doorstep Baking for organising that and all the advertising.

This event is not run as a fund-raiser but as a way of sharing our gardens, gardening ideas and encouragement with other Mawsley residents. But after covering printing and advertising costs this year we do have a surplus of £275 which is being given to Gardening for All to use for, or towards, a gardening related community project. If you have any ideas for such a project please let us know.

If you would like to be kept informed of next year's event please contact Pat Rowley, K 791881 or rowleypj@btinternet.com





Gardening for All organised a very popular Animal Trail round the open gardens for children. All the prizes were generously sponsored by Simon Wisdom, Managing Director at ISS.

The 16 animals, ranging from ants to an elephant, were accurately located by 18 keen young explorers and the first 5 names drawn from the hat were:

William Haynes Amelia Thomas Lilly Mitchell Lola Buckle Josh Den-drijver

These five have each won £10. All the children who competed won sweets.

Simon, who is one of the MVA and TCAM directors, said 'I am pleased that so many children took part, especially as they had to walk miles to visit all the gardens! It was great to be able to help and thank you to Gardening for All for all their hard work putting the trail

together.'



A successful season for the Mawsley under 13s



With a creditable sixth place finish in the Under 13s League Cup, followed by being runners up in the George Robinson cup, the team won their match at Corby FC stadium against Weekly Rovers 2-Nil. A well-deserved reward! Cheered on by a group of village supporters, Isaac James scored both goals in the game against Weekley, and the Man of the Match was awarded to Andren Magnus-George. Many of the team are graduating to the next level of the Mawsley F.C setup.

Congratulations and best wishes for next season!



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## Monday 13th July 7:30 at TCAM

Gardening for All Birthday Bash, Informal Fun Gardening Related Quiz, Birthday Cake, Nibbles. Lots More. Register for the Vineyard visit.

## Monday 10<sup>th</sup>August

We will visit **Fleur Fields Vineyard** near Brixworth. Tour the growing and production areas, relax in the gardens over looking Pitsford Water with a wine tasting session. Details to be advised at 13<sup>th</sup> July GFA meeting

#### All Welcome

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## Arena Programme

2.00 pm Opening of Fun Day by Simon Wisdom, MVA
2.15 Zumba Demonstration
2.30 Booiaka Demonstration
2.45 Boogie Lou Demonstration
3.00 Welcome by the Mayor of Kettering
3.15 Fun Dog Show, organised by Vets4Pets (register from 2pm)

## **TALENT SHOW 2**

Sunday 6th September.

Back by popular demand!

Join us for a fun afternoon watching the talented people of Mawsley. Free to watch so bring the family! Show starts at 3pm.

Interval fun - raffle, sweets, cakes and more!

To enter your act contact Karen on mawsleymads@gmail.com
by Sunday 16th August.

There will be a prize for the best kids' and adults' act!!

Come on. We know Mawsley is talented.

#### Hello everyone

It's that time of year again when Mawsley Amateur Dramatic Society, or MADS, thinks about the Panto. Oh yes it is!!

MADS have been putting on productions for 7 years now and this year we are doing Cinderella.

Performances will be on Saturday 5th December 3pm and 7pm and Sunday 6th December 3pm.

We love to welcome new people and keep growing as a group. If you would like to take part in any of the following areas we would love to hear from you:

Acting (please reply by 25th July)

Props Staging
Lighting Scenery
Effects Interval

Setting up and packing away. Advertising and sponsorship.

Please contact Lucy or Sarah on <a href="mailto:makegamail.com">mawsleymads@gmail.com</a> or 07817171095.

Please note:

\*For children to take part they must be in school year 2 or above.

\*Rehearsals start September 19th and will be on Fridays 6:30-8:30pm. Sundays 3-5pm.

## **Coming Soon**

17<sup>th</sup> October – Comedy Night (Ticket Only – From 8pm) 30<sup>th</sup> October – Halloween Party

FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY
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## The Snow Ball

Save the date!

This year's Ball is going to be held on **Saturday 28**<sup>th</sup> **November**, at TCAM.

Tickets will go on sale at the beginning of September. We will be posting updates on Facebook and in the next issue of News and Views.

Don't miss out!



After our success earlier this year winning multi awards in the Kettering Eisteddfod and Milton Keynes Music Festival it was now time to settle down. We started learning new songs and sprucing up old favourites to be included in our 'Summer Concert' to be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> July.

Under the direction of Carole we have been working hard at our Thursday rehearsals. Plus an all day workshop which was an enjoyable get together and well worth the time spent refining our performance.

So this years concert should prove to be 'SPECTACULAR' with the beautiful singer Lizzy Holland and Polished Brass joining us on the programme we hope we'll present you with an evening to remember!

SEE YOU THERE!

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# Kettering Borough Council

#### Summer Fun

KBC will be providing some children's entertainment at The Centre on Friday 31st July and Friday 7th August from 11—12 noon.

Details will be posted on TCAM Facebook page and website when they are known.

## Best Village Judging

We are entered in the Large Villages category of this competition, which is not about pretty villages; the judges are looking for community involvement, pride and initiative.

The judging took place in May. Three competition inspectors visited Mawsley to discuss our entry (which is on the village website) and to be shown round the village and its facilities. They were met by Bob Littler, who had co-ordinated our entry, Rob Bailey, Tricia Cottington, Debbie Radcliffe and Pat Rowley.

The judges appeared to be impressed with what they saw and heard that day but they did not enjoy the wind on our walkabout!

The results of the competition will be announced on 14th July at an awards event at Hunsbury Hill. The result for Mawsley will be posted on Facebook and the village website..

## A prize worth winning?

On page 27 Professor Ed Case, reveals the true story of the Bard of Avon.

The professor has issued a challenge:

If anyone can identify who is really in picture 4 on that page they will win a bound and signed edition of the complete Mawsley History—when it is finished!

Do readers have any views about the change of advertising campaign used by 'Andrex'?



Mawsley News & Views is produced 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.



At Mawsley Church, we're looking forward to our Summer Series of all-age services exploring the Lord's Prayer. During the school holidays there won't be any separate children's groups, but all our services will be child-friendly.

Then in September, we are launching the Alpha Course. Alpha is an opportunity for everyone to explore the Christian faith. It's relaxed, low key, friendly and fun. No charge, just listen, question, discuss, discover, and eat cake! Wednesdays 7:30-9PM at Cransley Village Hall, Starting September 16th. If you are interested then please email alpha.inbmc@gmail.com

Our services take place every Sunday morning at the Centre. They last about an hour, in a relaxed, informal setting and always include activities for children.

Services at The Centre
1st Sunday 10.30am
Cafe Church - tea, coffee and bacon rolls,
with children's activities

2nd Sunday 10.30am Celebration Service with children's groups

> 3rd Sunday 10.30am All age service

4th Sunday 10.30am Communion service with children's groups

If you would like to find out more about Mawsley Church please contact either: Canon Brian Withington 01536 791373 or email revdbrian@uwclub.net or Revd Nicki Hobbs 01536 799522 or email revnicki@familyhobbs.org.uk

# Gardening For All

Tip for early July — Often July is the hottest month of the year. Take advantage of long fine days to carry out construction jobs such as making new beds, laying paving or building walls. Water copiously in dry weather and make sure to arrange for friends or neighbours to water the garden if you are going to be away.

Many of you dropped in to TCAM to visit Judy's BIG SEED GIVE AWAY on May  $10^{\rm th}$ . She reminds us that with the soil warming up all the seeds given away will be growing well. Through the summer the sunflowers and pumpkins will grow quickly. Remember to give them a watering if we have a dry spell. On September 13th come along to The Centre between 2pm - 4pm with the results of all your hard work. Have fun and there are many prizes

At the June *Gardening for All* meeting Pat suggested a number of useful and interesting ways to prepare and present our gardens for a big event. Whether that being opening your garden to the public or a special family or social occasion. Brenda gave us her tips for the month and Eve presented her plant and thug plant of the month.

July will be yet another busy Gardening for All month. Firstly we have booked a place for the Village Fun Day on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Make sure you visit the Gardening for All stall to take part in the fun. We have a plant sale, Guess the Name of the Meerkat, Planting Kits for Kids, an Adult Treasure Hunt and much more!

The usual meeting will be held at TCAM on the 13th July at 7:30. No doubt we will be discussing Open Gardens that was a great success but the emphasis will be on Gardening for All Birthday with an informal fun gardening related quiz, Birthday cake and nibbles. Lots more and importantly - register your place for the forthcoming Vineyard visit. Details of time, price and meeting point will be advised.

In place of our usual meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> August we will visit Fleur Fields Vineyard, situated on the sunny south facing slopes overlooking Pitsford Water. We will tour the growing and production areas then relax in the gardens with a wine tasting session. An event not to miss!

Next normal Gardening for All meeting Monday  $14^{\rm th}$  September 7:30 at TCAM - Details to be advised - COME AND JOIN US

Our meetings are held 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 7:30 in the evening at TCAM Open to All. Please feel free to bring a friend or two as always.

£2 per person at the door (includes raffle ticket)

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## 1st Mawsley Cubs



The Cubs have been as busy as ever since May. They had two weeks to show off their skills for their athletics badges (shuttle runs, games of rounders, long jump

etc.), and spent time at the John Lowther Centre on the assault course which was duly rewarded (in true scouting style) with toasted marshmallows and hot chocolate around a camp fire. On a serious note they spent two sessions learning about road safety, and rose to the challenge of a nature quest at Twywell Hills and Dales.

The Cubs were also working towards their Community Challenge Badge. The Cub Leaders were determined to do something different this year (normally it's litter picking...) and decided to provide a "High Tea" to the Mawsley Coffee Club. This would provide an opportunity for the younger and older generations of the village to come together.

The event took place on 23 June 2015. The Cubs were given lists of food to bring in (which included sandwiches cut into triangles, strawberries, cheese and pineapple on sticks, cocktail sausages, and a lot of cup cakes!). As it was a High Tea for the Coffee Club members - only the best would do, so we set about getting table cloths, table centrepieces, bunting, cake stands and vintage crockery (donated for the event by Cransley Crockery - a big thank you goes to Tracy Baker for allowing us to use this).



When our guests arrived they watched the Cubs perform Grand Howl; they were then seated and the Cubs joined them at the tables. As the tea flowed and the food was munched the Cubs and the Coffee Club sat and chatted.

Towards the end of the event there was a presentation to Mary Findlay to thank her for all her hard work and commitment to 1st Mawsley Scouts Group as she finally retires.

Some quotes from the evening:-

"I really enjoyed Cubs tonight because I loved listening to an older gentleman telling me about his childhood and what the world was like when he was a boy. It was also great fun meeting lots of new people and the food and cakes were yummy" - Maleea

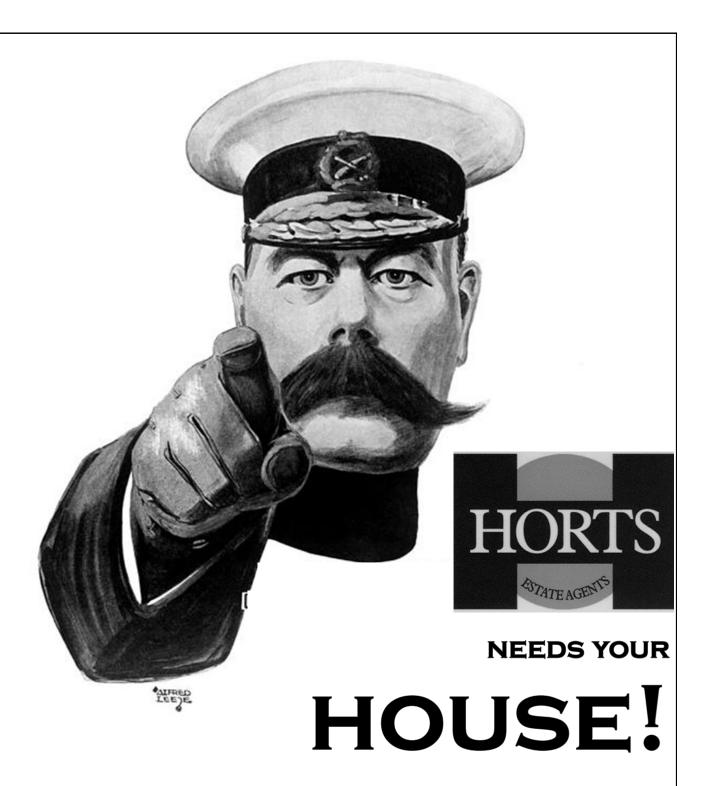
"I couldn't believe that they used to play games out in the road" - Dylan

"A man used to go out and note down all the train numbers when he was younger" - Martha

As the organiser of the event it was heartwarming to see that all the hard work paid off - the evening was definitely a success and perhaps we ought to make it an annual event.

As with a lot of the clubs within Mawsley, the 1st Mawsley Scout Group is run entirely by volunteers and we are always looking for people to assist. If you are interested in helping out then please contact Shaun Thompstone on 07793 232986 or email <a href="mailto:mawsleycubs@gmail.com">mawsleycubs@gmail.com</a>.

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Rosemarie O'Reilly, the Senior Transport Co-ordinator for Shire Community Services, has recently announced that she is in a position to offer the Wellibus Service to our village.

The Wellibus is a much valued addition to our public transport to Mawsley and surrounding villages. It is a non-profit organisation which is based on funding support from Wellingborough and Northamptonshire County Councils.

The original concept of the scheme is to provide transport mainly to the rural areas to communities and people who might suffer the effects of isolation and the scheme has two functions:

1. Shire Community Services [Demand Response Transport] and Maxi Service This is a bus service for shopping, excursions and group hire.

Membership is offered to all villagers for a fee of £10.00 per person for six months and £20 for 12 months. Enrolment information will be made available at The Centre and the Medical Centre in addition to the Coffee Club and Bus User Group which have already been advised of the scheme.

Travel on the Wellibus to Kettering is free for County Council Bus pass holders; for non-pass holders the fare will be between £3.20 and £3.60 each way depending on the drop off point.

**Shopping** – The Wellibus will pick up in Mawsley on Mondays and Thursdays to take people into Kettering shopping; drop off points will be Sainsburys, Morrisons, Tescos, Asda or the Town Centre. Full details will be made known at the time of individual membership application prior to the introduction of the shopping trips planned for the 1<sup>st</sup> of August.



## Wellibus comes to Mawsley!

**Excursions** – A list of excursions will be published each month and can be obtained from the bus, office or other publicity sources. Due to these being very popular we give a date from which these can be booked to give everyone the opportunity.

#### **Group Membership [Individual Hire]**

Group membership is offered to any charity or small group that wish to travel from one place to another together. Group Membership is £15.00 for six months and this insures the whole group and, for example, can be used for the Youth Club for a visit to the local cinema or Ten Pin Bowling, the Football Club to the next away match and the opportunity is available to all the other groups registered through MVA.

The charges for the use of the bus are as follows: £25.00 for the first 15 miles, £1.00 for every mile thereafter plus £10.50 per hour for a driver (groups can



use their own driver at Wellibus discretion). If a group is full of people who have concessionary bus passes it is possible for them to travel free using their pass up to 15 miles and they would then just pay for the driver.

#### 2. Volunteer Medical Car Service.

This is a car service giving valued support to the elderly who may have mobility problems or experience difficulty using public transport and it can be used to get people to a range of medical appointments. It is also subject to a membership fee of £10 for 6 months and £20 for 12 months on enrolment.

The scheme is totally dependent on Volunteer Drivers and a nominal mileage charge of 45p per mile and unlimited distance will be payable direct to the driver.

For further information on both of the schemes and membership enrolment contact:

<u>Volunteer Medical Car Service</u>: 01933 272735 or 01933 276933 Monday- Friday 9.00am-4.00pm

<u>Demand Response Transport and Maxi Service</u>: 01933 223636 Monday – Friday 9.am- 4 pm.

[Bookings will be taken between 8am- 1.pm the day before you wish to travel.

Tom Sanders, (On behalf of Mawsley Bus User Group)

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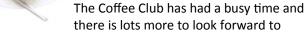
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## **Mawsley Coffee Club**



during the coming weeks.

We have enjoyed a Springwatch ramble around the village with Les and Paul who pointed out not only birds, flora and fauna but also other items of interest.

A group of us went to visit the Wellingborough Museum where we spent a couple of hours looking to the various items of interest in Wellingborough's history and followed it up with lunch at the Castle Theatre restaurant. A very enjoyable time.

We have also been invited to have tea and cakes with the Mawsley cubs and a chance to talk about our experiences as guides/scouts/cubs or brownies. One of our members was at a jamboree in 1963 held in Greece – what an experience!

We have much to look forward in the weeks ahead. We have arranged a visit to Drayton House in Lowick which will be followed by afternoon tea in the nearby church. We have our usual trip to Hunstanton where we are hoping the sun will shine and we will enjoy all that the seaside has to offer. There is a coach trip in September to the BBC studios in London where there could be and opportunity to have a go at doing the weather forecast! Apart from this we have at least three more outings arranged for the Autumn as well as our usual coffee mornings.

Maybe some of the above is of interest to you as a senior resident of Mawsley. If you would like to know more then please get in touch with either Molly Shortt 790781 or Jean and David 799490 and we will be happy to have a chat with you.

# Mawsley Short Mat Bowls Club



What an achievement! 4 Jacks worn out in as many years. No, not men Jacks but bowling Jacks.

Given the excellent results achieved in our earlier winter friendly matches we gathered with confidence to meet our old friends from Loddington Short Mat Bowls Club. However, we were soundly beaten not only when we played away at Loddington in late May but when they visited us at TCAM the following week. As always the victors were modest saying how much we had improved in recent years and looked forward to meeting again. Oh well there's always next year!

I am pleased to report that we were invited to take part in Earl Spencer's Memorial Trophy, a competition run on behalf of Age Concern. To date we have played 5 matches and won 4 which leaves us in a strong position to go forward to the finals on 17<sup>th</sup> September at Cosgrove Short Mat Bowls club. We look forward to this and all forthcoming fixtures for the rest of the year and hope that we can continue to build our confidence based on these excellent performances.

We have a great club, many skilled members and a fun afternoon. Yes we get a bit serious sometimes and have friendly matches; don't always win but we enjoy ourselves and meet really interesting people from other villages—and all that walking up and down does keep you fit.

If you would like to come along and see what's what, we are there on a Monday afternoon from 1.15pm until 3pm (with a cuppa in between) and you will always be welcome.

Brenda Quinn, Club Secretary



Rehearsals are held in TCAM Committee room Thursday evenings in term time 7:30pm-9:30pm.

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## 'Bowls for All'

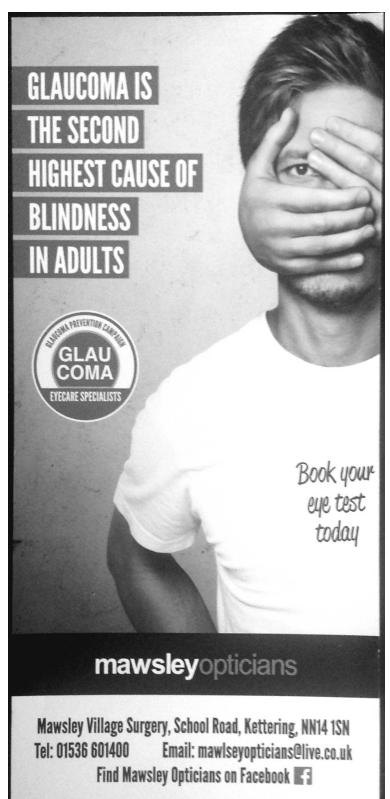
The Bowls Club will be hosting the 'Target Bowls' again on Fun Day. This has proved to be a popular game and although not for the very young, it's great fun for teens and up.

It will be 4 bowls for 50p with a prize of £10 for the 'Highest' score of the day [not too competitive then!!] So come along and have a go, you will have a good time and you could be the winner!









The next News & Views is due out on

9th September 2015
Please send your articles etc. to the editor by Friday
28th August

Peter Reed

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## Nature on your doorstep - a stroll round Mawsley & District with Les and Paul

(and on this occasion not Woody the dog but our wives Tricia and Eve)

Paul

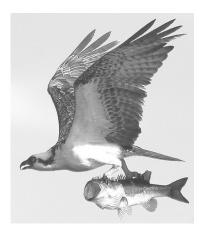
I arose in a small state of high excitation because today we were going to Rutland Water (OK not exactly on your doorstep but a truly amazing ¾ hour drive away) to see the Ospreys. As we dropped down the lane to the nature reserve at Manton Bay on Rutland Water's south shore we caught our first sight of the lake. Although land-locked Rutland Water did look like an arm of the sea reaching in land, or a river estuary reminiscent perhaps of Devon or Cornwall. The clear waters sparkling with rafts of swans gleaming white in the bright morning sunshine broken by a small boat drifting by. The anglers, rods in hand, were silhouetted against the gleaming water with dreams of beating the Ospreys to the biggest fish.

As we set off along the track on foot through the water side meadow the fresh smell of dewy grass filled the morning air, a slow moving wedge of geese passed high in the sky and warblers sang in the nearby trees and bushes. These small birds look very similar with about 5 species (most found around Rutland Water) described as being olive brown with buffish underparts. Distinguishable with difficulty by features such as streaks on the back or an eye-stripe. However, their songs are very different allowing identification if you have the skills.

We reached the hide and peered inside to see several camera clad bird spotters, again they looked very similar in their olive brown upper-parts but in this case identified no doubt by the model of camera or particular brand of binoculars. We sat down, opened the shutters very carefully and at last the wide expanse of Manton Bay met our eyes. The Ospreys' nest (or eyrie) takes centre stage, on a high platform above the water's surface a rather scruffy huge pile of sticks lined with moss, bark and grass but temporary home to 3 plump young chicks and 2 magnificent adults. The helpful information board told us that the adults were Maya - Female and the rather unglamorously named 33 – Male. Usually the female feeds the young but the male provides the fish to do so. No doubt 33 was away fishing and judging by the size of the chicks very good at it too.

Maya was on guard, when we arrived, on the edge of the eyrie, her shadow sheltering her chicks from the warm

sunshine. Whilst watching the chicks Maya took a moment to herself to fly round over the lake, wash her feet and have a nice refreshing bath before returning to the nest. As it was approaching lunch time we left Maya and her chicks to get on with life. Incredible to think these plump fluff balls will be flying off to West Africa in



4 months or so fishing for themselves as they go. If you want to find out more about Ospreys please go to www.ospreys.org.uk

Les

Having not been to the Rutland area before my wife, Trish, and I were amazed that such a place as Rutland Water, with its unique birdlife and open country full of cycle paths and walking opportunities, exists. But we moved on to Barnsdale Gardens, made famous by Geoff Hamilton in the BBC Gardeners World series several years ago. Everything about it was up to date, with 38 individual small gardens planned, executed, and on display, just the thing to inspire Mawsley Gardeners with, on the whole, similar small areas of land to work on.

For my part, the best bit was being able to identify plants that I liked in the various small gardens, and then going into the garden centre where the same plants are available for sale. We took home a potentilla and a geranium which immediately went into our own garden ready for Open Gardens held a few days later.

Both Paul and I opened our gardens and thank you to all those who took the trouble to come around. Be assured we got as much inspiration out of talking to visitors about their own gardens as visitors might have taken from ours. We hope some of the visitors will open their own gardens next year, like Rachel and her partner, who seem to be able to make a fine and interesting show, despite having several dogs and an infant!



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## Mawsley, The Nearly Village – *Not* A Social History, Part VIII. Professor Ed Case, FRS

## History on our doorstep

With apologies to historians

#### Return of the Native.

The role of The Great Bustard in resolving the War of the Roses was variedly reported across the country, the early newspapers being as clearly "party political" then as they are now. For example, The Sky (then owned by a Scottish Baron by the name of Murdoch) reported "Dick loses everything after night on Belgian Monk" whilst the Daily Register documented that "The King dined alone at a Tavern in Malasleau (Northamptonshire) before enjoining battle at Bosworth Field where he met his end, Long Live The King!"



A Groat

People came from far and wide to see where Richard III had spent his last night and, for a handful of groats, any resident would tell the tale of how they personally had been honoured to buy the former king his fateful fifth flagon of Trappist 17%. The Great Bustard

continued to thrive and became a "place to be seen" for minor celebrities such a Lambert Simnel and Perkin Warbeck. In 1536, Thomas Cromwell stayed at the Tavern

on his "Dissolution of the Monastaries" tour of the Kingdom. Parish records showed that he engaged in discussions with the local community about the construction of one of the first "Churches of England", however, arguments as to where this should be located have delayed the construction for nearly five hundred years (an initial grant towards building works of £100 remains in Parish coffers).



Thomas Cromwell at a table in The Great Bustard (Dissolution of the Monasteries Tour, 1536)

Even in the 1600s news events were reported globally and it is no surprise that, only 50 years after the death of Richard, a young Frenchman in Lyon should hear tales of Malasleau and that those tales should stir in him a desire to return to the village of his forebears. And so it was that in 1540 a young Glen de Sommerville, and his bride Nathalie de Combrouse, took rooms at The Great Bustard.



A young Glen de Sommerville

Glen had, for several years, been a contributor to the "Theatre of France" and was credited with such great theatrical works as "La Farce de maître Trubert et d'Antrongnard" and "Théodore de Bèze Abraham sacrifiant" – he was determined to make his mark on the nascent English Theatre.

#### Chance Encounter.

Whilst Nathalie served as a wench in the Tavern, occasionally serving great French delicacies such as "Escargot Aioli" (making use of the vast numbers of local snails), Glen remained in his rooms writing. He wrote prodigiously and within ten years had penned nearly thirty plays. These were based mainly upon events he had witnessed since coming to Malasleau for example:

Robert and June – a tale of star crossed lovers from the rival villages of Walgrave and Wold, a sort of 16<sup>th</sup> Century "West Side Story";

A Summer Solstice's Ponderings – fairies and men with faces like donkeys frolic in the countryside on Midsummers Day; and

Hamlet – a monarch goes mad in a small village.

What Glen lacked through was anyone who would take his works seriously. By chance, in the early 1560s a troop of touring players, The King's Men, visited Malasleau and performed a work by one of the troop — a young Christopher Marlowe. Following the performance Glen engaged in conversation with another member of the troop, one Will.I.am Wavepole, and talk soon turned to

the plays wot he had wrote. Will.I.am quickly spotted the genius of Glen and offered to read each of the plays, critique them and, when next they were in the area, refine the plays with him and find a publisher for the works. So it was that Glen handed his works to Will.I.am. It was the last he ever saw of them. Within a



Will.I.am Wavepole

year a new playwright burst onto the scene – one William Shakespeare. Now a resident of Stratford upon Avon the public were amazed at the quality and quantity of plays that he had written considering the fact that he had never received an education and was semi-literate. Were they really his works, or had a team of monkeys randomly managed to generate the works on his behalf? Christopher Marlowe knew the truth and was on his way to unmask Will.I.am when he was killed in a tavern in London – or was it murder?

## From the editor

I want to use this, my final editorial, to thank both readers and contributors for your support over the years and the kind things you have been saying about News & Views. I have enjoyed putting it together and hope it has kept you informed and added to the great sense of community that we have here in Mawsley.

It is definitely time to move on, though, and I am delighted that our new volunteer editor, Peter Reed, is a young man who will inevitably bring a new look and different focus to the newsletter. Unless he can be persuaded to continue with it when he goes to university in a year's time the MVA is likely then to be looking for his successor. Please bear this in mind; see what Peter does and how the newsletter could be different and consider whether you might like to have a go then, either alone or as part of a team.

Please give Peter as much support as you have given me. Continue to send many articles and pictures, and send them on time. Most newsletter editors struggle to get enough articles submitted but you have all been great in that respect and I more often have the problem of how to squeeze it all in than how to fill the pages.

Please continue to promote the newsletter to local traders—their advertisements are useful to residents, they pay for the newsletter and provide a surplus for village funds. If you refer them to Debbie at The Centre she will fill them in on rates and dates.

Thank you, Peter, for taking this job on alongside your studies. I look forward to reading the next edition.

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