



Mawsley News & Views

November/December 2015

WE LIT UP THE SKY!

Another successful Bonfire Night despite the elements and all down to the hard work and dedication of those who helped; thank you so much for all your efforts. It's good to see all that work reflected in most of the village having a great night out.

Special mentions to:

- Charlie Brown our fireworks maestro and his team of Steve Thorpe & Gary Mileham
- All those who helped setting up during the day and as marshals on the night and thank you to those that stepped in at short notice.
- Simon Wisdom our DJ for the evening.
- Hugh & the staff at The Centre for all their hard work.
- Pat Downing for judging the Guy competition.
- Nick Moore for providing the wood for the bonfire.
- Claire Thorpe, Andrea Bentley & Debbie Radcliffe for providing morning refreshments.
- Nick Hughes for provision of turf cutter.
- Coffee @ No 9 our caterers for the night.

To all of you who attended, thank you for supporting the event and we hope to see even more of you joining us next year.

As this was my last time of organising the event, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those volunteers who have supported me over the last 6 years and without whose help this event would not have taken place. Thank you.

Martin Bentley



Letter from the editor

Despite still being a month away on delivery, it will soon be time to bring out the Christmas decorations and start singing Christmas carols and songs.

This month's newsletter is the first one that I have edited alone, so hopefully I'm able to give you a newsletter that still contains everything you could possibly want to know about from around the village. There's still news from all of the local groups and activities, and news of recent and upcoming events.

The next issue will bring in the New Year, so until then, enjoy!

Peter Reed

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the centre at Mawsley

October proved to be a really busy time at the Centre. We had the Rugby World Cup games, Children's Film Night, the Quiz Night, a Fashion Show, Coffee Morning, a Comedy Night, the Legendary Ladies of Jazz, the Children's Halloween Party, AGMs, Parish Council meetings, MVA meetings and all our regular user group sessions!

It has been a real pleasure to see The Centre so busy with all members of the community being able to access something and enjoy your Centre.

We held an inaugural meeting of the TCAM Cask ale Club which was well attended and delivered some really positive outcomes and actions. Voting for your favourite cask ales and seeing them at the bar as our core range is a really positive step forward in members of the community getting involved and having a real input into the stocking policy and strategy. The actions have seen cask ale sales increase and consequently a more consistently high quality product being available at the bar.

We have also set up new Facebook pages; TCAM Bar and TCAM Cask ale society so please ensure you "Like" these pages so you can keep up to date with all things happening at the Centre.

November will already have seen the annual Mawsley Bonfire Night & Fireworks event which I hope you all enjoyed. On Saturday 14th Doorstep Baking will be hosting the "Food & Drink festival" from 12pm until 4pm, showcasing local food and drinks providers. Last year this was a tremendous event and if you didn't get there, then I can highly recommend this event. It's free entry and there's lots of local produce to try and buy.

The SnowBall is being held on Saturday 28th and was an instant sell out. A huge well done to Kate Baxter and her team for organising the event.

Naturally we will have our regular Children's Film night and the Quiz Night and there are lots of things planned for Christmas this year. There's the Panto on the 5th & 6th of December, a Wassailing Evening with the Mawsley Community Choir on the 12th, the Church Carol Service on the 13th, a Family Christmas Evening on Friday 18th and finally the Family New Years Eve Party on the 31st! Further details for all these events can be found later in the newsletter but I hope you manage to get to some of them.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped in all of the events above and any others I may have missed, and finally whilst it is very early, I would like to wish you and your families a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas.

Best wishes

The Centre has recently been installed with a Defibrillator, so if there is anyone in the community that is interested in receiving training on how to use it, should they need to, can you please get in contact with me.

Many thanks

Hugh Mulligan



News from the MVA...

It's that time of year again when the summer fades and we head into what we're told will be a severe winter. Brrrr!

Which brings me on to two November events that the MVA was happy to support: The Bonfire and Fireworks Night, (7th November), and the Snow Ball, (28th November). Thanks to Martin Bentley and Kate Baxter and their respective teams for organising these two major village events which are now firmly embedded in our annual calendar.

Of course, there are many other events at The Centre in the coming winter months and you can read up on these elsewhere in this edition of 'News and Views'.

Also available from The Centre are professionally printed Welcome Packs for new Mawsley residents. So, if you have recently moved into the village or you've spotted new neighbours you can pick up a copy from The Centre office. Copies are also available from me.

We're also confident that our Youth Club is up and running again soon, once one or two organisational matters are in place. Thanks to Nick Haley and Nick Cox (from the Northamptonshire Association of Youth Clubs) for keeping the momentum going. Remember that our Youth Club can always do with additional support, so if you're able to help for a couple of hours on a Wednesday evening, do let me know.

Whilst on the matter of appeals another big thankyou to Peter Reed, for whom this is the second issue of 'News and Views'. Peter has nobly filled the huge void left by Pat Rowley but from the beginning of next year, his focus will also be on his A-levels and from September, university. So we remain in the business of securing the services of a new editor from next summer. It would be great if someone could volunteer before then, allowing them to work alongside Peter in order to pick up the traces when he goes off to uni. Please let me know if you are at all interested. All enquiries are welcome.

Rob Bailey
MVA Chair

Are you the next Mawsley News & Views Editor?

It may seem like I've only just taken up the mantle of editor of the News and Views, but already we are looking for someone to take it on when I go off to University next year. It involves emailing, designing and editing articles, and that's about it. If you are interested then send either myself or Rob Bailey (details on the back) an email, and we'd be happy to talk.

Thanks

Peter Reed



Meeting on The Centre At Mawsley

Finally, many of us have enjoyed a variety of user groups, clubs, events, parties and entertainment at The Centre. We perhaps have been victims of our own success in that the building sometimes struggles to accommodate all that we would like to provide. For example, we have one very large space and several smaller ones with nothing really in between.

The MVA, along with the Parish Council and TCAM, would like to field ideas from villagers as to how the current building might be extended and what might happen in the extra space. Any initiative undertaken could be externally funded.

However, we have to have a clear idea of requirements before submitting any bids. If you have any thoughts, it would be great if you could fill in the form below and hand in to The Centre office. Alternatively, you could email me or the Parish Council, (contact details on the back of this newsletter).

We would also be especially interested to hear from any architects or construction experts living in the village who can identify practical possibilities for any extension to the building.

These ideas, (and any others), will be tabled and discussed at a meeting at The Centre on **Wednesday 16th December at 7.00pm**. Of course, all villagers are welcome and we'd be delighted to see a lot of interest.

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Ideas for developing The Centre at Mawsley:

I am able to attend the meeting on 16th December: **Yes/No**

From: _____ *(optional)*

Mawsley Parish Council

On numerous occasions, in this Newsletter, we have explained various aspects of the relationship between the Parish Council, the Mawsley Villagers Association and The Centre at Mawsley. Nonetheless I guess many villagers would find it difficult to explain precisely what that relationship is.

Another facet of this is explaining why, and to what extent, the Parish Council gives financial support to The Centre.

So, and also prompted by the Parish Council's auditor, we have put it all together in one document, which is focused in particular on the way in which The Centre is run and paid for. This is now on the Council's website:

<http://www.mawsleyvillage.co.uk/parish-council-documents>

On the website too, and directly relevant to the above, is the timetable for the process to set the Council's budget for 2016/17. Relevant because a large proportion of the Council's revenue, raised by the precept (i.e. as added to your Council Tax), goes towards supporting The Centre. You will see from the timetable that the process starts imminently, even though we do not have to advise Kettering Council of the precept level until the end of January.

This means that if you have any comments, suggestions or objections to the way in which the Parish Council spends your money there is plenty of time to make those views clear. You can come along to Council meetings, or advise the Clerk.

If you don't let us know your views then, as I said in the previous Newsletter, we have to do what we think you want; perhaps not always the same as what you actually want.

Bob Littler

The Adoption Process

Taylor Wimpey

At the 21st September meeting, Parish Council were able to confirm, that the resolution of the storm water drainage issue was progressing well and that an agreement should be reached shortly with the landowner and TW.

David Wilson Homes

A meeting with DWH managers and the project manager of Developers Eyes, who are providing professional services on the works programme, was arranged with myself and fellow resident, Mr Jim Yates, on Tuesday the 13th October.

The reason for this meeting was to establish with them, a commitment to implement the adoption process of the development and the eventual transfer of responsibilities to Kettering Borough and Northamptonshire Councils.

Anthony Sibson on behalf of DWH and Stacey Poole on behalf of DE, outlined a robust commitment to process the adoption works programme starting with a review of the 'defect list' which was specific to landscaping and Public Open Space and this will be followed by an inspection by DE and County Council on the standards relating to the roads, drainage and street lighting, once the spine roads have been adopted.

Communications and feed- back from our KBC and NCC councillors

At the MPC meeting on September 21st, Cllr Jim Hakewill also confirmed that it had been highlighted in the village newsletter [The Adoption Process] but that he had not received any comments from villagers in relation to this and also confirmed that without concern being raised by villagers, it was hard to get the County Council to prioritise Mawsley over other un-adopted roads in the County and that the adoption of Public Open Space was still ongoing.

KBC are working with the developers to achieve agreement on handing over areas for adoption with mutually agreed funding. It is a complex area but the aim is to conclude an agreement as soon as possible.

Cllr Tom Sanders



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Northamptonshire Police

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Visible policing is an issue which is often brought to my attention by many local people across the county. I recognise the importance of a visible police force and as such, upon my appointment as the Police and Commissioner, I committed to protecting the 1,220 frontline officers; indeed Northamptonshire is one of only five forces in the country which has not reduced the number of its fulltime, regular officers. In addition to this, and to further increase the capacity and resource of Northamptonshire Police, I set the Force the ambitious target of increasing its Special Constabulary to 900 Special Constables; that's 900 additional officers on our streets and in our communities. I am now pleased to announce that Northamptonshire Police now has over 500 Special Constables!

This is a huge achievement giving Northants Police the largest Special Constabulary per head of population and the largest ratio of Specials to regular officers, in the country. This is testament not only to the hard work of the Force, but also the fantastic support of local people who want to give something back their community.

Special Constables are a vital asset to the Force and have contributed a great deal to Northamptonshire Police Force in this year alone; so far our recruits have made over 500 arrests and recorded over 1,000 crimes. Specials have and will continue to provide a valuable resource to enhance the work

already been done by our protected full-time regular officers. Special Constables have been an integral part of Forces for many years, and are essential to providing a visible police force to make residents of local communities feel safe and secure within the county.

Want help finding a Parish Special Constable for Mawsley?

The ambition over time is to have a Parish Special Constable in each and every village. We would like to help you find a Parish Special constable for your village by inviting you to invite us to carry out a 'knock and drop' event. Knock and drops involve every house in a community being visited by PCSOs, Special Constables and other volunteers. We invite residents to attend a locally-held recruitment event, usually on the forthcoming Saturday at a venue such as the local pub or village hall. These events provide residents the opportunity to learn more about the role of Special Constables and how to apply, but also allows them to raise any wider policing concerns they may have locally.

If you would like any further information on becoming a Parish Special Constable please contact the Specials Recruitment Team at SpecialsRecruitment@northants.pnn.police.uk or phone 01604 888113.



COMMUNITY JUSTICE SECURITY

Anglian Water

Clare Pillinger, on behalf of Anglian Water and the on-going commitment by them to keep the village pumping station at Symonds Way clear of blockages, has recently provided a report that indicates considerable improvements with only 1 maintenance job attributable to pump blockages in March 2015 compared to 4 in within the same time frame last year.

Hopefully, this improvement is in some way attributable to the awareness programme and that our primary school pupils have assisted by taking the message home from the July Mad Science assembly!

What is a fatberg?

By the time that the latest fatberg was discovered in a sewer in Chelsea last April, it had expanded to a 10 -tonne mass of fat and wet wipes. Not quite as heavy as the one in Kingston on Thames in 2013 but still, at 40 metres long, it was enough to cause £400,000 of damage to the 1940s-era sewer it was found in.

Such monstrosities form when household waste clumps together. In 2011, people were reminded not to pour fat from cooking Christmas dinners down the sink as it blocks up sewer pipes. Thames Water said it had been called out 101 times on Christmas Day in 2010 to deal with blockages. Put the fat in a container, it said, and, once it has cooled down, dispose of it in the bin.

Season's Greetings from Anglian Water!

Activities & Groups

Mawsley Cubs and Scouts

After the summer break, the Cubs are back to meeting every Tuesday evening at TCAM. There are currently 25 children attending the meetings. Six of the Cubs have now progressed to Scouts, however their places were quickly filled by six Beavers!

The children have been very busy since September :

- Learning semaphore (with flags) as part of their "communicator" badge;
- Learning semaphore (with torches) as part of their "communicator" badge;
- Playing indoor hockey;
- building camp fires at the John Lowther Centre in Glendon and in true scouting style toasted marshmallows and drank hot chocolate;
- Making a wreath for Remembrance Sunday. As part of this session the children wrote prayers and we also had a visit from Vic Cope to discuss the Remembrance Sunday service.



Between now and Christmas the Cubs will be learning sign language as part of their "communicator" badge, will showcase a song/poem/dance/play etc as part of their "entertainer" badge, and we will be asking the Cubs what they would like to do for the end of term activities (perhaps ice skating (padding required!), climbing wall (hard hats required!) and more importantly Cubs will take part in the Scout Group Fundraiser which is on 28 November between 13.00 - 17.00 hours which will involve bag packing at Morrisons in Kettering.

The 1st Mawsley Scout Group AGM was held on 18 October 2015. The biggest threat that the Group has is the lack of leaders, so if you are or if you know anyone that would like to take on the role of section leader do please contact Shaun Thompstone (Group Scout Leader) or Christine Hamilton (Group Chair) in person or via email mawsleyscoutgroupenquiries@gmail.com

Mawsley Church

At Mawsley Church, we're getting excited about Christmas! This year we'll be celebrating Jesus' birthday with several different services that we'd love to invite you along to.

Christmas Services at Mawsley Church at The Centre

6th December, 10.30am Cafe Church Christmas Questions

13th December, 10.30am Advent Celebration Service

13th December, 7pm Village Carol Service

20th December, 10.30am Live Nativity and Communion - come along dressed as a character from the nativity

Friday 25th December 10.30am Christmas Day Celebration - bring along a present to show us!

3rd January, 10.30am Christingle Service

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

May we take this opportunity to wish you a very special Christmas.

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

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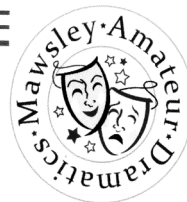
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(stop)
Acre Lane
Pasture End
Rose Hill Way (stop)
Long Breech (top)

20th

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Barnwell Court
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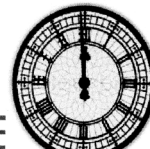
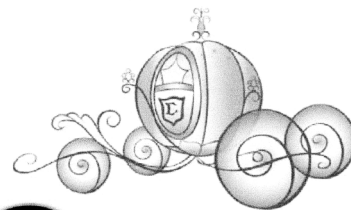
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Activities & Groups

Mawsley Coffee Club

The highlight of this year was unquestionably our visit in September to the BBC Studios in London. It was interesting to see Fiona Bruce in the BBC newsroom hub and to see Helen Willets present a live weather forecast. We enjoyed spotting other TV celebrities and taking a peek behind the scenes. We visited the One Show studio and posed for photographs on the green sofa. If ever there is a 'Britain's Got Talent' competition for ad lib weather forecasting, news reading from an autocue and performing a radio drama, with effective sound effects, then we have some serious winning contenders. Well done to our members who willingly took part. We laughed so much that afternoon, that tears streamed from our eyes!

Closer to home, we enjoyed an 'Autumn Watch' ramble around the village with Les, Paul and Eve who shared their encyclopaedic knowledge of flora and fauna with us in the spinney. They pointed out some interesting plants and shrubs en route to The Centre, where we were appreciative of some warm drinks. Other coffee mornings at The Centre have included refreshments and chat, sometimes with a speaker, and occasionally a book swap.

During the summer, we arranged a coach trip to the seaside. In the Autumn, we joined a historical walk and talk around Grafton Regis to meet characters, dressed in costumes from Plantagenet and Tudor times. They

portrayed Elizabeth Woodville, wife of Edward IV, who once lived there; Richard III, who told us he was delighted to have been exhumed from the cramped conditions in the Leicester car park (and also strongly proclaimed his innocence in having anything to do with the deaths of his two nephews, the Princes in the Tower of London). Other characters included Henry VIII who visited Grafton Regis with Anne Boleyn, and their daughter Princess Elizabeth. Afterwards, in the village hall, we enjoyed tea and cakes that had been delightfully prepared and served by these and other historical characters.

Later this year we are looking forward to a coach outing to the Christmas market in Worcester. We are planning the addition of hand bells to accompany our carol singing at our Christmas celebration at The Centre in December, together with coffee and mince pies.

We have made good use of our group membership of the Wellibus for our outings that have included a visit to the theatre in Northampton to see a matinee performance of 'Sister Act'. Several of our members have also taken out individual membership of the Wellibus and have enjoyed regular outings to local places of interest, garden centres and shopping trips etc.

Our aim is to try to arrange a programme that includes outings and events of interest to all our members who have retired or are approaching retirement. If you are

interested in finding out more about the Coffee Club activities, do come along and join us for a chat over a cup of coffee. Above all, we manage to have a laugh and have some fun! Details of any of our events can be provided by contacting Molly Shortt on Ph: 790 781 or Jean and David Wilson on Ph: 799 490.



The Coffee Club at the BBC Studios

Mawsley Short Mat Bowls Club

Since the last Newsletter we have played our final in the charity match, unfortunately we did lose but had a really good time and that is the best part of being part of a club like ours, meeting new people and hopefully giving Mawsley a good name. We have had a couple of friendly's as well and there is no pressure to play in them, some enjoy it some don't.

The club has seen membership rise with players from Rothwell, Desborough etc. joining us so we must be doing something right! It would like to encourage some younger members as well as anyone else who is interested, and this would be good as we would like to have an evening session as well but we have to wait for an opening. That doesn't mean you can't come along especially if you work from home plus we finish in time for the school run.

We also have to say 'Thank you' to the Parish Council for a grant towards purchasing equipment that will make life a lot easier for us. This is an Electric winder and takes a lot of the heavy work out of winding the mats onto rollers after the sessions and boy do we need that!!

Think about this club as a good 'workout' physically, mentally and above all socially. Come and have a go and see if you agree!
Brenda Quinn
Secretary



Activities & Groups

Mawsley Toddlers Group

An excellent first term back after the summer holidays and we're right back to it. Thank you to all of you who come along each week and support our lovely group, it is much appreciated. We have spent our Thursday mornings looking at people who help us from Doctors and Nurses to Family and Friends, it has been great fun with fantastic crafts and sensory ideas to role play, colouring and cars.

We are back after the break on the **5th of November**, starting off with a bang – Fireworks, following that it is Autumn then birds and onto Christmas (yes we said it). Lots of fantastic things to do and make – firework pictures, bird feeders, Christmas wreaths, Cards and biscuit decorating, it is going to be brilliant fun, ending with our Christmas party, with a very good chance of a special visitor. If you need to get out of the house and make some new friends or catch up with other parents and carers whilst your little ones play, then pop along to our fun-filled mornings. There is always plenty to do and something to suit everyone, whether your toddlers like dressing up, jigsaws, trains, role play, crafts, dolls or painting and for babies we have a soft area, with lots of age appropriate toys, baby gyms and bouncy seats.

The group is on Thursday mornings during school term time from 9.15-11.00am. We welcome parents and carers of babies and children from birth to 4 years. The cost is £1.50 for the first child and 50p for each child thereafter, this includes a snack which always goes down well. The Centre also provides tea and coffee at a fantastic price of 50p per cup.

Join our Facebook page - Mawsley Toddlers, for full details of the theme each week, including what we will be doing at the craft table and what will be in the sensory tray.

Still unsure? Then do not hesitate to contact one of us if you want to find out more, we look forward to hearing from you.

Hope you can join us, we would love to see you there.


On a final note - A big thank you goes to Anthea Cane and Krista Alford for all their hard work over the years with the group, they have both moved onto new challenges on Thursday mornings. Many thanks to both of them for their commitment to the group. You are both very much missed! Krista is continuing to help behind the scenes by managing the finances.

As a group, we are collecting for Kettering Food Bank. If you could bring along a tin or other long-life food on a Thursday morning, then we'll make sure it is delivered to the Food Bank. Thank you!"



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Activities & Groups

Gardening For All

Tip for mid November – Continue the autumn clear-up and ensure lawns and ponds are free of fallen leaves. Leaves can be gathered and stored to create a leaf mould. Plant out winter bedding and tulip bulbs for next year's spring display. Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent them from becoming water logged and insulate them to prevent the risk of frost damage.

Following our busy summer, autumn continued the trend with a lively meeting held at TCAM on Sunday 13th September to judge the Big Seed Give-away event. Entrants came along with the results of their hard labours hoping to grow the tallest Sunflower and the biggest Pumpkin. The winners were

- Winner of biggest Pumpkin with a diameter of 39.5 cms - Gabriella
- Winner of tallest Sunflower with a height of 2.08 m – Isla
- Winner of guess the weight of the Marrow - Tim

The September meeting held the following evening was well attended. Colin Balfour provided a well constructed and informative presentation of his current garden and an interesting discussion was encouraged regarding redesign ideas. Other items included, plant of the month and tips, Vine Weevil pest and Bulb sale.

We were very fortunate in October to welcome the owner of The Plant Man nursery at Braybrooke – Ian Colledge. Ian held our attention from start to finish sharing his experiences and discussing the pros and cons of Autumn planting and gardening. He brought along a huge collection of plants showing a variety of colours, textures and sizes which were offered for sale at reasonable prices after the meeting.

In late October our three lady committee members took a crash course from a trained florist (namely Paul & Eve's daughter) on making seasonal table decorations incorporating greenery and foliage from their gardens and local hedgerows. At the November meeting Judy, Tricia and Eve lead our members step by step creating said table decorations themselves using fresh flowers baubles and many other 'bits and bobs'. Resulting in prizes for the best Lady's and Man's efforts. Another fun evening for all.

Speaking of having fun why not join us at our next Gardening for All meeting on Monday 14th December 7:30 at TCAM when Tricia and Les will host a light hearted quiz. We will be having a bring and share supper with drinks from the bar and a laugh - COME AND JOIN US.

Monday 11th January 7:30 at TCAM, our first meeting of the

year to include a short AGM. Come and share your ideas for 2016. During the course of the year we expect Gardening for All will include Hints, Tips and Plant of the month. Also Trips, Speakers, Features, Community Projects, Chats, Talks, Quizzes and Village events to include Open Gardens and Fun day with hopefully lots more new ideas along the way!

Our meetings are held 2nd 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.

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Forthcoming Meetings Winter 2015/6

Monday 14th December 7:30 at TCAM

**Gardening and Christmas related Quiz.
Bring and share food, buy a drink from the bar and have
a laugh. Win a prize**

Monday 11th January 7:30 at TCAM

**First meeting of the year. AGM
Come along and share your ideas for 2016.
Plus the usual, Tips, Plant of the Month and Features.**

Monday 8th February 7:30 at TCAM

**Feature on Seeds and soil and composting.
Plus the usual, Tips, Plant of the Month.**

Monday 14th March 7:30 at TCAM

Details to be advised. See noticeboard in at TCAM

**All welcome, Bring a friend
All meetings held at TCAM on 2nd Monday in the month.
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Activities & Groups



Firstly, we would like to say a big thank you to everyone as £124 was raised at our 'Summer Concert' in aid of Diabetes UK. Well Done All.

Our AGM was held on the 3rd September and we are pleased to welcome Pat Downing onto the committee. We are also pleased to welcome five new members which include two basses to swell our male ranks, who joined us resulting from the 'Summer Concert' and Bring a Friend Evening.

The Choir had an 'End of Summer Party' where much (sampling) of food and drink took place. Also The 2015 Choir Oscars were held and the results are-

Gillian Taylor - 'Smiler'

Nicola Greenwood – 'Sweetheart'

Carole Lyttle - 'Microphone'

Vic Cope - 'Funny-bone'

Gareth Norris - 'Broken Watch'

James Ramsden - 'Catch Phrase of the Year' with 'Shut it'

and Carol Green – Choir Member of the Year – as chosen by our Musical Director Carole Lyttle.

Congratulations you lot!

We recently had an all day rehearsal, a very enjoyable friendly day where we started on our Christmas repertoire in earnest!

Sunday the 18th October we took part in 'Sing for Lakelands' at The Best Western Hotel in Corby a charity event raising money for Lakelands Day Care Hospice Corby. The afternoon was organised and hosted by Vicki – Louise Sherwin and Charlie

Botting, two talented and inspirational young local musicians. The Masquerade Choir with members ranging in age from five to eighteen also performed - what a joy! Over £800 was raised! Thank you from all the choir members for inviting us to this very special event, we all enjoyed it immensely and felt very proud to be part of it!

As mentioned earlier Christmas is fast approaching so here is a list of forthcoming events.

From 12:30 pm Saturday 28th November – We will be singing with the children at Mawsley C P School at their Christmas Fayre.

7:30pm Saturday 28th November – Mawsley Community Choir presents an Evening of Seasonal Music at St Andrews Church Cransley. Featuring two young local musicians Georgina Ashcroft and Harrison Cook.

7:45pm Saturday 12th December- TCAM Wassail Evening.

Do come along and enjoy these fun events!

See notice board at TCAM later for more information.

Wishing you an early Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from us all.

Rehearsals are held in TCAM Committee Room Thursdays 7:30pm – 9:30pm in term time.

New members welcome no auditions just come along and join us and have fun!

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Events

The Friends of Mawsley School would like to welcome everyone to our

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The Friends of Mawsley School (FOMS) is run on an entirely voluntary basis by a small but hard working group of mothers. We work tirelessly to raise additional funds for the school in order that every child can benefit from having a well-equipped school. We are very fortunate in Mawsley in having an additional resource – you, the wider community. Mawsley School is very good at embracing the wider community and involving you in the educational experiences of our children. We would like you to feel equally welcome to our Christmas event – whether or not you have family connections to the school. So come on in and browse our fantastic array of stalls, taste our delicious food and be entertained as you do your Christmas shopping in the knowledge that you won't be paying car parking fees, you'll be buying more imaginative Christmas gifts and enjoying the vibrant atmosphere of Mawsley Community at Christmas.

Tombolas galore, games to play and over 26 stalls ... what more could you want?

A festive drink and a mince pie I hear you say? Yes, we can provide that too!

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Jewellery – (Gemstone Designs by nature, Silver Pearl)

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Clothing – (B for boy, Old Ma's Knits & crochet, Pansy Power)

Cards & accessories – (Phoenix Trading)

Hair/Body –

Twinkle Tatoos/Body Art

Local Authors – Richard Hoy & Ryta Lyndley

(These are a sample of our confirmed stalls, not a final list)

MERCEDES 'TEAM MAWSLEY' ONE MORE TIME!

World Championship Celebrations at Brackley and Brixworth

After a dramatic, suspense-filled Sunday the 11th of October afternoon at the Russian Grand Prix in Sochi, the team's engine factory in Brixworth and the Petronas car's construction plant at Brackley were filled with scenes of celebration, as staff at both sites marked a landmark moment in Mercedes-Benz motorsport history.

A second consecutive FIA Formula One World Constructors' Championship for the Silver Arrows sees a new chapter written in the long and successful racing heritage of the three-pointed star – 60 years after Juan Manuel Fangio clinched his second consecutive Formula One title with the marque.

With 12 wins, 29 podium finishes, 14 pole positions and 9 fastest laps from 15 races, the Mercedes-Benz PU106B Hybrid Power Unit has taken 60% of all available World Championship points thus far in 2015, leading 79% of racing laps in the process. Meanwhile, the Mercedes-Benz F1 W06 Hybrid has taken 35% of points available, leading 77% of racing laps.

To mark this historic achievement, race drivers Lewis Hamilton and Nico Rosberg joined the teams at Brixworth and Brackley which contains several of our fellow villagers – passing on their congratulations and words of appreciation to colleagues at both sites and joining in the celebrations.

Well done 'Mercedes Team Mawsley'!

Report by Tom Sanders





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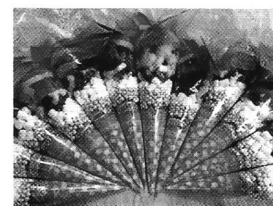
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The People of Mawsley

15 year old Amy Den-Drijver, a student at Brooke Weston School Corby, will join a 30 day expedition to Borneo on the 1st July 2016 which will be packed with exciting challenges, amazing sights and unforgettable experiences which includes volunteering with a sustainable project and help to build a school class room for orphaned children.

The 11 strong team will be preparing together and working hard to raise funds to pay for their expedition and Amy is tasked with raising £1,160, plus the cost of special equipment that is needed.

Assisted by her younger brother, Josh, a total of £600 has already been raised through various events and activities.

Please look out for Amy and Josh who will be continuing with the fund raising at future events at The Centre, which will include a perfume party for fun a get together and Christmas gift ideas, a cake stall and Indian night!

Amy hopes to up-date News and Views on the progress of the fund raising in the coming months and of course we are committing her to a full report on her return!

Good Luck Amy and best wishes!

Tom Sanders



Amy encourages anyone to come along for the Perfume Party in order to raise money for the expedition. Best of luck!

Tahlia 'bounces' into 1st Place at Trampoline Championships

This weekend saw the finale to the British competition season with the British Championships taking place in Liverpool.

Tahlia Feasey from Mawsley, was one of eight that made it through the qualifying competitions this year around the country, which meant a trip up to Liverpool's Echo arena for the Championships.

We went up on the Friday for podium training and orientation, then the Competition commenced on Saturday Morning with the Prelims, for this she had to produce a set routine (which she scored 9's) and a voluntary routine (where she scored 8's). All in all Tahlia secured a 1st place prelim round.

By coming first in the prelims it meant she would bounce last in her category on the Sunday. She was up against some stiff competition from some amazing clubs around the country, and with the GB Coaches looking on for the first part of the world age selection process, nerves were running high!!

Tahlia produced a confident routine and secured 1st place making her the British Champion in her category, with her NTGA team mate coming in 3rd!

Tahlia originally started as a gymnast at Kettering Olympic Gymnastics Club from the age of 2 yrs and then moved across to Northamptonshire Gymnastic Trampoline Academy at the age of 10, where she has been training with her coach Dani Martin.

I think you would agree this is an amazing achievement. We as parents are super proud of her, hard work and dedication.

Penny Feasey



Tahlia (right) with her coach Dani and teammate Abi

Nature on your doorstep

Nature on your doorstep – a stroll round Mawsley & District with Les and Paul (no dog, no wives just us and the rain).

As we made our way over towards Old Poor's Gorse Les and I had to comment on the splendid vivid Autumn colours of the surrounding trees and hedges. In contrast to the dreary slate grey sky the reds, oranges and golds, brightened up the view ahead and encouraged us to explore further. This Autumn being especially wonderful, starting on cue in September and still ongoing taking us in to November as the trees hang on to their precious cargo reluctant to give them up to the woodland floor. However, once fallen providing a perfect site for various species of fungi and bacteria to establish themselves and create tomorrows soil for future generations of plants.

The woods were quiet apart from the odd blackbird foraging in the fallen leaves after a tasty titbit and a crow or two. We came across a single large diameter burrow with a heap of freshly excavated clay soil. In a line coming from the ancient hedge to the hole we could clearly make out piles of leaves and dry grass possibly left behind by a lone boar badger preparing his winter retreat from the main sett.

Old Poor's Gorse is an ideal spot for one of our local deer species to live namely the Muntjac. Muntjac are small, stocky and russet brown in colour in summer and grey/brown in winter. The haunches are higher than the withers giving a hunched appearance. These fine animals are generally solitary in nature or found in pairs (doe with kid or buck with doe). They do not have a defined breeding season but breed all year round. You may have heard a repeated loud bark coming from Old Poor's Gorse usually in early morning or late afternoon. When heard this can be quite eerie and gives the Muntjac its common name of Barking Deer.

Talking of scary noises, as the days get colder and frost starts to settle on a clear night (usually November) you may well hear a scream coming from an area of open land. This is likely to be a Fox vixen calling for a mate. Her call can carry for miles across open country and is so eerie that police have been called out on occasions to investigate an apparent assault or worse based solely on the disturbing sound. On the subject of scary a Barn Owl seen low in the sky can appear ghost like. Strangely it is Halloween as I write.

Little known fact Wood Pigeons and Collared Doves breed all the year round!

The birds are now gathering together to feed and roost in

flocks. More safety and warmth in larger numbers. Although wild food is abundant at this time of year keep putting small amounts of food out and the flocks will be back in your garden as temperature drops and winter closes in.

Top places in Northamptonshire to see the Autumn colours in late October and early November are Top Lodge, Fineshade Woods, Corby NN17 3BB and Salcey Forest, Near Hartwell, NN7 2HX

If you are interested in exploring either of the above go to www.forestry.gov.uk to find out more

Paul

You might be wondering why Old Poor's Gorse is named as it is. We were in the wood where the radio mast is situated, of course, and there is an ancient path that runs direct to the village of Old (Wold) from there. It is thought that, ages ago, the poor people of Wold were allowed to gather wood, game and nuts/fruit to take home without charge. Anyone who goes into the wood will notice how very old some of the trees are and it is thought that this area was once part of Rockingham Forest, which stretched from Stamford to Northampton in the time of King William 1 – who used the forest for hunting.

The wood is renowned for its moth life and a particular interest at this time of year is the winter moth. Unusually this is out and about right the way through until March and is often seen in the headlights of cars. The female is flightless and it climbs up the tree trunks to await the arrival of the male. The wood is the perfect habitat for this moth because the wide variety of trees provides its food.

Another notable feature of the wood was the thick carpet of a plant related to the onion family. It does have garlic in the colloquial name, but do not be fooled into thinking that this particular one is edible.

I must correct a mistake I made in the last issue of News and Views when I mistakenly said that Ash Die Back was caused by a virus. Of course it is spread by a wind born fungus. Incidentally, a villager has reported to the Parish Council that he thought there might be Ash Die Back in the Spinney. As I said last time, I have not been able to find any of the classic symptoms, but it has been reported to the appropriate authorities.

Les

Entertainment

Code Cracker!

Anagrams

Dealer	1 - Handset
Rotund	2 - Pout
Amble	3 - Weary
Grease	4 - John
Outside	5 - Suit
Nastier	6 - Lifeline
Hidden word :	7 - Smog
DRAGON	8 - Basin
	9 - Sage

Last Issues Answers

Invisible Link

1 - Best
2 - Branch
3 - Envelope
4 - Spoon
5 - Income

Now in it's second running, Julie has been generous enough to come up with a second batch of codes and puzzles for you all to try. The answers to the previous issue are also in here, so it's time to pull out last issue and go 'ahh right' to those questions you just couldn't figure out.

Once again enjoy!



Code Cracker

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 / 10 11 12 13 14 / 15 / 16 17 18 19 20 / 21
22 23 24 /

25 26 27 28 / 29 30 31 32 / 33 34 35 36 37, / 38 39 40 /

41 42 43 44 45 46, / 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 / 57 58 /

59 60 61 62 63 64 / 65 66 67 / 68 69 70 71 / 72 73 74 75 76
77 78 79 80.

Solve the clues, then transfer the answers to the correct corresponding number in the grid above and you will crack the code and reveal the saying !

Clues :

1 - You might get carried over this (76 43 64 47 5 53 34 80
24)

2 - American mum (16 44 68)

3 - A writer (14 1 35 19 41 27)

4 - Assess (42 48 15 36 75 65 6 71)

5 - Homeless person (21 8 31 61)

6 - A mode of transport (72 79 9)

7 - Prepared (37 28 17 78 62 49 67)

8 - Earth (32 25 54 45)

9 - Taken an oath (58 10 69 50 39)

10 - You might get this if you watch clue 12 too much (63
51 73 59 29 70 11 57 55)

11 - Not low (2 77 18 30)

12 - Something you watch (52 12)

13 - You might stay in one for a holiday (20 38 3 22 26 74
66)

14 - Cut down (7 60 33 13 46)

15 - A ringing sound (40 4 23 56)

**Answers in the
next issue!**



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Ray & Emma Jacobs

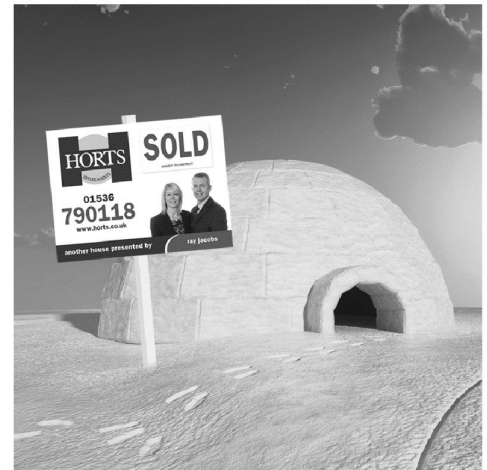
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Hello again fellow villagers, maybe a little early to talk about mistletoe but, with this being the final edition of 2015, both Emma and I would like to take the opportunity of thanking you all for your support with our business over the last 12 months. Thank you also for all the kind words about our new boards. We are proud to be the local agent and are very passionate about the surrounding areas, in Particular Mawsley with all its fantastic amenities. Most of all we are proud to be part of this great and friendly community.

In past years the housing market has traditionally slowed down over the festive session but, with stock levels of property so low, genuine buyers continue to look as eagerly in late November and December, as at most other times. It is also worth remembering that as people have more time off over Christmas they tend to have more free time to browse the web and this is not just restricted to Amazon!! Rightmove and Zoopla also claim 'spikes' of activity over this time period. Therefore, if you are thinking of moving in the New Year, it would be worth wetting the appetite of potential buyers early and taking advantage of less competition.

In the meantime, to keep up to date with our news or properties please like us on our Facebook page and if you want a valuation please do not hesitate to contact Emma or myself on 01536 790118. We are always happy to help.



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