



# Mawsley News & Views

May/June 2013

## It's official ... Mawsley HAS got talent!!



*The junior winners: Amy Wrigley & Ellie Andrews who sang 'A Thousand Years' with their cup song routine.*

Wow! What an evening of talent! The MADS team took advantage of the free Friday evening hall hire offer to hold a talent night. It was FREE to enter and FREE to watch: it was publicised here in News & Views and to local village groups, and The Centre also helped promote the evening. As a result there were twelve amazing performances – six fabulous acts from the youngsters and six brilliant acts from the adult youngsters ranging from group and individual dances to singing to sketches, and included Mawsley Community Choir's first ever public performance.

Gareth Norris, MADS Chairman said, 'We didn't have any idea how many people might turn up, but we were overwhelmed to be putting more and more chairs out as it approached the start.

In the end we had an audience of more than 100 and we were thrilled to see some new faces from the village and such a mixture of people and variety of talent.

There was rapturous applause after each act and plenty of laughs – which I think meant that the audience enjoyed themselves!

Thank you to our esteemed judges, Simon Cowell and Louis Walsh – sorry, I mean Steve Buckle and Cliff Moreton – who did a great job standing in for Cheryl Cole who was unable to make it on the day when the no. 39 bus broke down. The

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## Milestone for Mawsley FC!



*Coaches Gary Mileham and Dominic Lehane with some of their under 8 team celebrating the news!*

**Mawsley Football Club has been granted 'Charter Standard' status by the Football Association.** This is an important milestone in the history of our club.

Since 2008 the village has had its own youth football team started by a collection of parents eager to see their sons or daughters make new friends and take full advantage of the facilities that our village provides. Since then the club has grown steadily from one team to six, ranging from six years old up to twelve years just this season. Over the past few years the Mawsley teams have played in tournaments all over the Midlands including being on the turf at Northampton Town, Leicester City and MK Dons.

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*The adult winners: sisters Flick and Jess who wowed the audience with their version of 'Over the Rainbow'.*

winners were chosen by audience vote.

Our excellent sound and lighting team, Bob Holland and Josh Simson, ensured the evening went smoothly (ably supervised in the second half by Josh Den-drijver) so thank you to them as well.

We can't wait to hold another talent evening – so if you couldn't make this one but have a hidden talent that you would like to share, please join us then! In the meantime, if this made you think the stage might be for you, please get in touch – we would love to hear from you. '

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*Simon Dolan Holland, Josh Den-drijver and Josh Simson at the controls.*



*Melvin & Shane whose comedy dance amazed us all*



*Gareth Norris, organiser and presenter, congratulating the junior performers.*

#### **Thank you to everyone who took part in our talent evening . They were:**

Mawsley Line Dancers - Black Coffee, Skinny Jeans and the Locomotion

Pat Downing – Calypso and My Favourite Things

Charlie Hatwell – Tap Dance to Singing in the Rain

Ellie and Amy – A Thousand Years sung to the Cup Song routine

Mawsley Community Choir – Swing Low medley, This Little Light of Mine, The Rose

Amy Cope – Contemporary Dance

Hannah White – dance

Sophie White – dance

Melvin and Shane – a dance comedy

Izzy Buckle – Guitar, The Drunken Sailor

Vic Cope – Old Man on a Park Bench

Flick and Jess – Over the Rainbow

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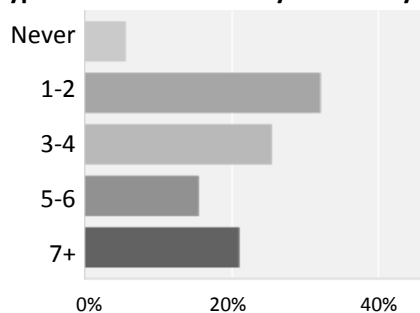
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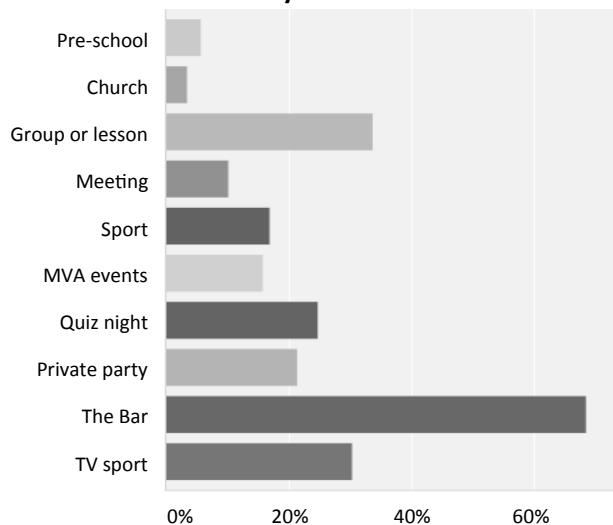
## The Survey Results

Thank you for taking part in the survey about The Centre which we conducted through 'Survey Monkey'. As promised, here are the results. Here are the numbers for some of the questions and there is a summary of your comments on the next page.

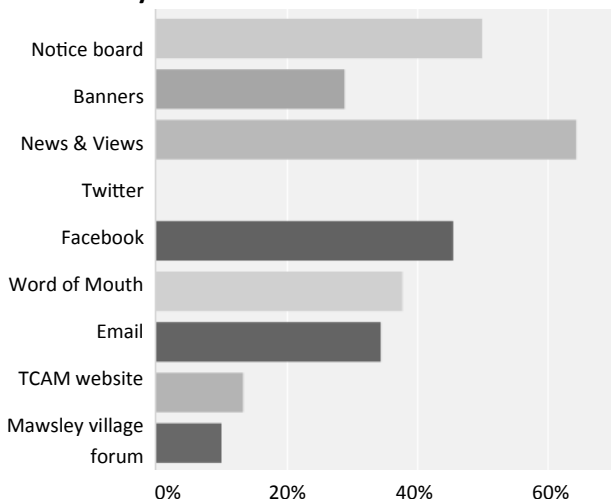
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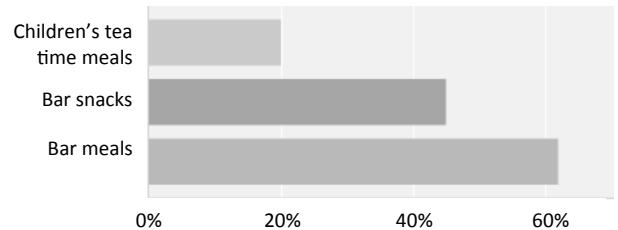
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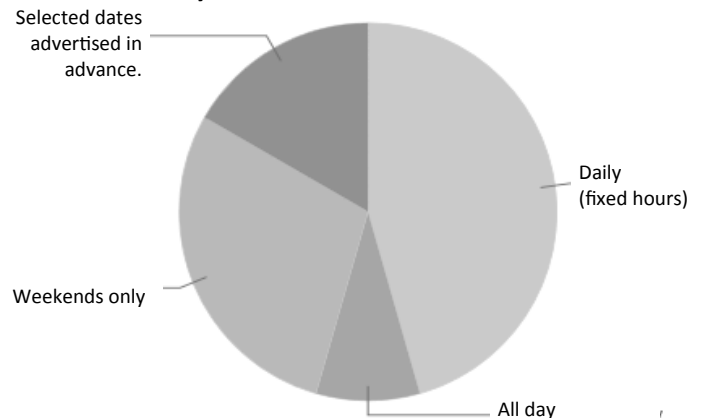
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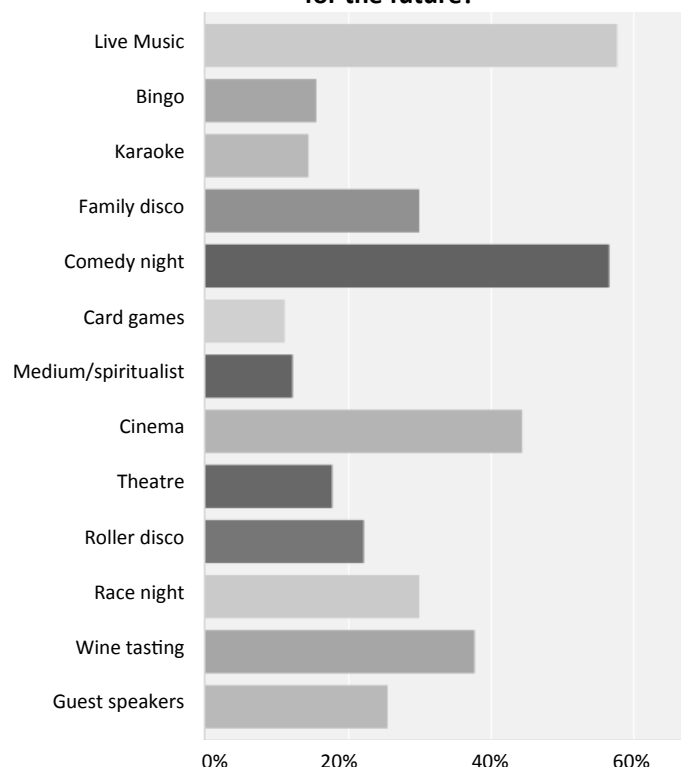
### 4. If TCAM provided food on a regular basis what would you like to see on offer?



### 5. When do you think food should be available?



### 6. What events would you like TCAM to organise for the future?



## From The Centre Manager

It has been great to see so many of you at The Centre and I am pleased to hear that for some of you it has been your first visit. We had great attendance at the two BBQs we held over the early May bank holiday weekend. I am so glad you enjoyed the impromptu visit I arranged with the paraglider who visited us all the way from Wiltshire!!



In May we had a barn dance organised in partnership with WI. It was a rooting tooting time, enjoyed by the young and the more experienced villagers!

### Survey results

Thank you to the 90 of you who responded to the survey I announced in the last newsletter. Your views are extremely useful. There were many comments about what TCAM does well or could improve, and about the bar; so many and varied that it's difficult to summarise them succinctly.

However, broadly speaking TCAM is seen as being friendly and that it runs events well. Its contribution to the community life of the village is appreciated.

The bar generally gets good ratings, though some see it as expensive. *Action: The bar prices are being looked at and the new prices will hopefully be in place in June. We have already reduced some and had special offers such as £2.50 for a pint of cider, Simply fruity and a packet of crisps for £1 during certain times and a new size glass of wine for only £2.50.*

Clearly the wine offering needed to be improved. *Action: The wine offering has already been changed and we now get our wines from Duncan Murray wines in Market Harborough. We have also introduced Somersby cider and Greene King IPA Smooth. Don't forget we also have our ever changing guest beers. Early feedback has been excellent. The wines seem to be very nice and we are getting through a lot!!*

Notwithstanding these generally positive comments there clearly are a number of things that need to be addressed. The decor/cosiness of the bar is not particularly good. *Action: The atmosphere and decoration in the bar is being addressed. During the week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> May we are decorating including all gloss work, ceilings and behind the bar. Mawpix are also putting together some framed pieces to go on the walls to replace the previous decorations. We are also removing one of the fireplaces. There may be some disruption to our service during this time. Please check the website and the notice boards for more information.*

*To make the bar more "cosy" we are in the process of buying new furniture. By the time you read this I will have been to a Parish Council meeting to ask about funding the new furniture.*

There is also a requirement for a better more consistent food offering. *Action: It is obvious there is a demand for food of some sort. We have over the past couple of months targeted specific dates to see how food sales go. We have provided chips, burgers, fish, rolls and a few barbecues and also catered for a children's party, all of which have been successful and, more importantly, profitable. I am now in the process of putting a business plan together to try to ensure that any significant investment in catering is justified and sustainable. In the meantime food will continue to be offered on specific pre-advertised dates.*

The really difficult issue is that of the children's policy; just as many people wish to see a more family-friendly approach as wish to see the presence of children more restricted. *Action: The children's policy is currently under review. This is a classic case of "you can't please all the people all the time". Some of you say that kids are here too much and are not controlled by their parents, some of you say TCAM is not child friendly. The best we can do is try to compromise with some kind of balance. The Management team will be discussing both the children's policy and discipline/behaviour policy at our next meeting.*

Another dichotomy is TV sport; just as many want to see less as those who really appreciate it. *Action: This is a minefield. I need more input from you all. See next page.*

There were lots of ideas for things that TCAM could start to do, but by far and away the most popular was a greater focus on food. So overall lots of food for thought (sorry!).

The good news is that many of the issues raised have already been addressed, or plans are being drawn up to address them. I do recognise however that TCAM has to be all things to all people in the village; and by definition it can't be. The important thing is that your feedback should not stop just because you have completed this survey. If you are not happy; if you have ideas on how we can do better, then please tell me.

Cheers!      Steve Buckle,      Centre Manager

## Fun Day ★ Sat 13<sup>th</sup> July ★ 2pm 'til late

### Volunteers needed!

- ✱ Friday – help to erect the marquee and arrange tables and chairs.
- ✱ Saturday morning – help with setting up the outside bars and putting up signage
- ✱ Saturday from 1:30pm – can you give 1 hour of your time to help with the bar, litter picks, or help out with a stall?

### Signing up sheets will be in the bar from late June.

If any village user groups would like to take part in Fun Day then please email me to discuss your ideas.

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## Televised Sport at The Centre

I have learnt very quickly that you can't please all of the people all of the time.....particularly when it comes to the TV sports schedule! It takes the best part of a day to organise what will be shown. Before it was published, I asked for feedback on our facebook page. Thank you to the few who made suggestions. Unfortunately, my staff and I have often been on the receiving end of 'comments' from disgruntled customers who don't agree with what has been scheduled.

It may help if I explain how the decision about what games are shown is made:

### Football:

1. Premiership games only, unless it is a play-off involving a local team in the lower leagues.
2. Major European games involving British clubs.
3. Semi-final or final of European competitions if a British club is not involved.
4. Internationals featuring home nations; England will take priority.
5. FA cup games, featuring major teams and also semi-final and final.



### Rugby:

1. Premiership games involving local teams, primarily Leicester and Northampton.
2. European games involving local teams, primarily Leicester and Northampton.
3. Internationals featuring home nations.
4. European final.

Cup or league deciders in either sport will take priority. This may mean that some games are not fully shown as the cup game will take priority and football/rugby games often overlap when televised. Even by following these criteria it is not always possible to show everything we, or you, would like. We will also include other sports such as cricket and motor sports.

This is a very emotive subject and I haven't even covered the issue of those who would rather there was no sport or television at all. You may not agree with what is or isn't being shown, how it is decided or what to do if there is a clash. I don't even know the best solution myself. Show some or nothing at all?

Here are a few questions which I hope will provoke as many responses as possible to help with future planning.

- Would anybody like to help with arranging the TV schedule?
- Should we have a television at all?
- What should be shown on the television?
- Should we remove Sky and only show sport on free view channels?
- Would you come to The Centre more if there was no television?
- Would you come to The Centre less if there was no television?
- Would you like to have programmes on which are not sport related? If so, what?
- Should we have a big screen?
- Should the TV be on all the time and the first person in the door decides what to watch?
- Does the extra revenue generated actually justify the monthly cost of Sky? (This is one I am looking into)

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## Mawsley Parish Council needs you!

It is with great regret that we have to report that two Councillors have retired.

**Peter Thomas** has been on the Council for nearly three years, and the Chair for two. In that time he has worked tirelessly to raise the profile of the Council within the village, publicising its activities and seeking more involvement from the village. He has also been a quietly effective Chair, showing patience and wisdom - even when most challenged! However some while ago he moved out of the village, and he feels it is now time to focus on his new location. Thank you Peter; we wish you well in your new phase of life.

**Vic Cope** has also retired. This too is a great loss to the Parish Council, and to the village. We wouldn't like to try to count up the many hours Vic has put into actually doing things for the Council and village; nor try to quantify his enormous commitment, dedication and passion. This really will leave a big gap to try and fill.

Thank you Vic; the village and The Centre are much better than they would have been without you.

### So how do we find new Councillors?

Easy - you put your name forward! At this stage all you have to do is let our Parish Clerk, Diana MacCarthy, know by e-mailing her ([mawsleyclerk@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:mawsleyclerk@tiscali.co.uk)). You don't need to give us your life history at this stage. Just name, address, phone number and e-mail address will be fine. You can learn more about what being a Parish Councillor is all about, by looking at [www.stand-and-deliver.com](http://www.stand-and-deliver.com), or just Google: 'being a parish councillor'. (Other search engines are available!)

Actual selection of Councillors from those who have put their names forward can be by one of two ways.

1. If more than 10 residents (i.e. people whose names appear on the Electoral Roll for Mawsley) request that there be an election to decide, then that is what there will be. The request must be in writing to Ian White, Electoral Services at Kettering Borough Council or to our Parish Council Clerk. (The strict timetable and details are being finalised as we go to print. Please see the village notice boards and in The Centre for these details or contact our clerk, [mawsleyclerk@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:mawsleyclerk@tiscali.co.uk).)
2. If however there are fewer than 10 requests for an election the process will be that the current Councillors will meet with the prospective ones and then decide who to co-opt.

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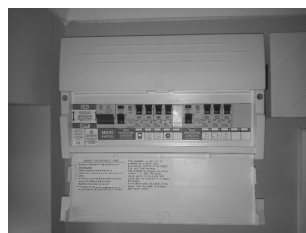
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## A 'Farewell' message from retiring Parish Council Chair, Peter Thomas.

Dear Mawsley,

I'm off! I've served 3 years on the Parish Council, for 2 of which I was Chair. It's been at times fun, challenging, frustrating and rewarding. I'd like to think I've made a bit of a difference although I'm sure anyone else in the same role would have also made a difference, even if they may have approached some things in a different way.

Now it's time for me to move on. Changes in my personal life coupled with a step up at work mean I can't devote the time I'd like to the role. I'm just too busy at work and I'm not in the village very much. So I need to step aside and let someone else have a go. So try it. You might like it. You need the patience of a saint, the skin of a rhino, sensitivity of a Swedish masseuse and a real sense of humour! Actually, all you really need is a bit of time, a willingness to make a difference working for the good of

the community and the sense of humour will definitely help.

Thanks to everyone who made my time as Cllr. Thomas so bearable. You know who you are. And to those who tried to make life harder – thanks to you too. You also know who you are!

The volunteers who make up Mawsley Parish Council work hard and punch way above their weight to keep up pressure on developers; planners; highways departments etc. to 'get things right'. Without this effort the village of Mawsley would have been so much less in so many ways.

So enjoy what you have; complain less; enjoy more; and if everyone tries to make just a little bit of a positive difference, you'll all benefit even more.

Thanks all and bye for now.

Cheers, Pete

The election of officers took place at last Monday's Parish Council AGM. The following were elected, unopposed:

Chair - Cllr Richard Barnwell

Deputy Chair - Cllr Clare Farthing

The other councillors are:

Bob Littler

Davina Macdonald

Christine McIvor

Parish Council Meetings are held at 7.30pm at The Centre on the third Monday of the month.

Future dates are:

**Monday 17th June & 15th July**

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Well, the older children's play area is **nearly complete**; by the time you read this I expect we will be at the final stage - the official safety inspection.

The half-pipes are clearly going to be popular; not yet finished; protected by safety fencing - but apparently in full use! The bad news though is that after 4 years effort, and £70,000 (for the whole project), someone has already spray-painted graffiti on them. The person concerned has owned up and will be asked to clean it up. The police know about it; any further instances by anybody and the police will be formally called in.

The critical point though is that if the skate surface is painted it becomes too slippery, and therefore unsafe. If that happens the ramp will be closed until someone raises the money for new boards (a few hundred £ just for the surface boards). So I suggest it is in the interest of all young people to police it and prevent the minority of idiots ruining it for all.

Bob Littler

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The generosity of everyone who donated will help enable Cynthia Spencer to continue to offer their strength and support to the families and loved ones who need it most. The support of the staff at the hospice gave us a sense of peace and security knowing that Dad was in the best possible hands. It is through donations such as those given in memory of Dad that families like us can continue to get this support from Cynthia Spencer.

Finally, my sister and I would like to thank you all so much for continuing to support Mum. Dad would be so pleased to know that you are still looking out for her. Thank you all so very much.

.... and good luck to Clive Hodges who is running 10K on 16th June 2013 to raise money for Cynthia Spencer!

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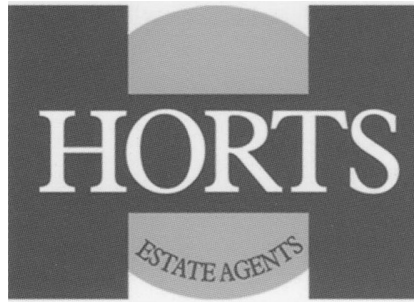


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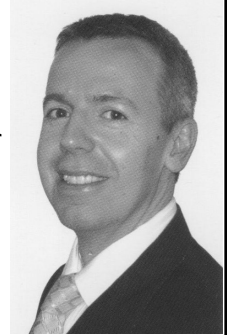
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### **SPRING BLOOM**

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Hello fellow villagers. Firstly, and most importantly, let me start by thanking you all for the unbelievable support and friendship you have offered me over the last four years. Going into the property business has not been easy but it has been a lot of fun and you have all helped so much with your kind recommendations. My business has been built on the back of an honest service which, without you all 'passing the message on', would not have grown at the rate it has.

As we head towards the mid-point of the year it is with great pleasure that I can report a new recruit to my property business. They say 'behind every great man is a great woman', so it is with real pleasure that I can introduce my wife into the business. Emma joins me from the start of July and will be responsible for accompanied viewings, feedback and administration. With both of us available 24/7 we believe our service to Mawsley homeowners will be unique and unrivalled. I'm sure you will be the judge of that!

Another proud announcement is our venture into lettings. Under the Horts recognised brand, which is ARLA accredited, I can now offer landlords a fully managed rental service which will reflect all the company values that have been the building blocks of our sales division. If you are considering renting your home then please ask me for our Property Management Brochure.

Finally, with the summer approaching, it is time to start thinking about supporting our village by participating in the annual 'Fun Day'. This is the 'one day' out of the year, come rain or shine, that we can all put something back into Mawsley. This year, not only will I be supplying the main raffle prize again but also commandeering Horts latest 'community' offering, the BOUNCING CASTLE! In truth though it is not the gimmicks that make the day, it is you. So please make the effort and come down.

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## Word on the Street - an occasional series, devised and written by Tom Sanders.

← This was the message from Northamptonshire County Council, prior to the May elections. At the 2009 elections the overall voting turnout was just 37.5 %.

A week before the latest election News & Views asked a gathering of regulars at The Centre: ***'Will you be voting at the election?'***



Dave Downer....local businessman

"I will be voting.... I'm hoping the County Council will be encouraging Mawsley business and maybe look at the burden of business rates in addition to service charges at Barnwell Court"



Kasia Underwood...

"I voted in the last General Election for the first time and I will be voting in the County elections also."



Charles Wooley

"I shall be voting...it's important. We should be allowed to voice our opinions and our representatives should be available at the village more.

I'm pleased to see that the roadworks seem to be getting sorted out.

Would like to see more social services support for the elderly in the county."



Katie Briggs.....Assistant Youth Leader.

"It's important to vote and have your say and NCC has a vital role to play in the support of youth within the community.

Good to see that the older children will have the Adventure Park."



Steve Thorpe

"I didn't know about it...has it been advertised, who are the candidates ? Not seen any of them around Mawsley, but assume they have some responsibility on the adoption process. Now that I know...I will probably vote."



Edward Wooley

"I'm 23 and never voted. None of my friends, who are around the same age have ever voted....due to lack of trust in politicians, expenses scandal ...etc.

I still feel strongly about democracy and will be joining the armed forces soon."



Sue Walker

"I will vote....always do....I'm not influenced by politics, but will look at the candidate who has Mawsley's interests at heart and will encourage the great community spirit that exists"



Helen Lowe

"I'll be voting....if you don't vote ... you can't grumble!

"NCC should be more proactive and resolve the adoption, sort the Pub site out, deal with irresponsible parking, consider better signage to the amenities

and take into account any additional traffic with visitors to the adventure playground .... plus can they get ducks on the pond ?"



Allan Macdonald .....Youth Leader

"I've already voted by Postal Application. I have a keen interest in the local community and the County Council plays a vital role in the aspirations of all our residents"

**Congratulations to Jim Hakewill who was elected as County Councillor for Rothwell & Mawsley Ward.**

The turnout was 31%.

Jim came to our Village Meeting last weekend and said he expects that Mawsley will become more prominent in the minds of all County Councillors now that, for the first time, its name is part of a constituency title.



Dear Editor

## SPRING FLOWERS – 2014

In 2008/2009 with funding from MVA and generosity from B & Q, a bunch of Mawsley residents were able to plant 5000 + daffodil and other bulbs, in the verges around the Southern entrance to the village. Despite the ravages of parking trucks, road rollers, delivery vehicles on those verges, and the neo-Siberian winter which we have just endured, a fair proportion of the bulbs have survived and as is the habit of the narcissus family, multiplied. Didn't they look great ?

It might be useful to develop our perennial flowers into other sections of the village in Autumn 2013 – only 5 months away. If anyone will help plant bulbs in September/October, (we will supply bulbs, planters, locations etc.), please call me on 07826531735.

Thanks,  
Richard Hoy

Dear Editor,  
We would like to say a huge **'THANK YOU'** to all our lovely supportive friends and for such lovely gifts given to our new baby daughter 'Elsie' who eventually arrived on 18th April!

We have been overwhelmed by generosity and support from so many people. We are so lucky and fortunate to be part of such a caring close community.

The special people we want to say 'Thank you' to are our neighbours! Our lives are very busy yet we always find time for each other when it's really needed.

That's why Debbie, Joe, Jodie and Ellie are so very special! They, as a family, had their whole lives on hold for weeks while Elsie took things easy! Debbie was in constant touch and when Elsie decided to take three days to arrive Debbie, Joe, Jodie and Ellie were our saviours; they quite simply took care of our current family and made sure Amy and Josh were fed, clean and taken very good care of for three days, while Jack and I were in hospital.

'Thank you' to the Gill family, from the Den-drijver family with all our hearts. We are there for you, for whatever, whenever!  
From Yvette, Jack, Amy, Josh and Elsie xxxxx

Dear Editor

## Four Spires

We were disappointed when the Four Spires church magazine stopped being delivered in Mawsley because we like to know what is going on in the churches in the nearby villages. We now go and collect our own copy and in case anyone else misses it we also put a few copies into The Centre and Coffee at No 9 each month.

Richard and Sylvia Crabtree

Dear Editor

## How Sad!

I have been feeding the birds since I moved into the village nearly 9 years ago, so imagine my surprise last Tuesday when I discovered the two bird feeders that were in the hawthorn bushes by the playing fields had disappeared. It is a very sad reflection of a small element of our village who seem to have no respect for villagers who only want to make our surroundings more attractive to wildlife.

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## Dent de Lion

Ma'am,

Just a brief note to thank all those volunteers who, apparently overnight, managed to plant thousands of dandelions across every garden and green space in Mawsley. The transformation from rather dull green grass to fields of yellow flowers blowing in the early morning breeze was a sight to behold - it was reminiscent of trips to the tulip fields of Holland.

Now, fun over, could we have them removed as quickly?

*Mr Hop Les-Gardner*

## April/May Quiz

Ma'am,

Having studied intently the picture quiz on the front page of the last Newsletter I was somewhat disappointed to find that pages 5 to 8 of my copy were missing.

In the hope that I am not too late to enter, my thoughts are that the picture is of John Travolta in his first film role as the stoker on "The Orient Express". If I am correct, please donate my prize money to Village Funds.

*Mr Idi Ot.*

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## A load of old Pollocks?

Ma'am

I feel it necessary to respond to a letter in your last publication that has been bought to my attention by a number of owners of my work. G. Grump Jr. of Tunbridge Wells is a philistine. Describing my art as "gratuitous rubbish" shows a deeply depressing level of misunderstanding of the message my work conveys.

I commend the school for the foresight they have shown in bringing my work to the attention of the young of your village! I am delighted that there are those who understand the meaning of my drip paintings – the \$58.4 million paid for "Number 19, 1948" recently shows that the underlying themes of depression, anxiety and the urge to find oneself clearly show through the random dribbles.

If the school can put together a modest £2 - £3 million I am more than happy to come and chuck some paint on a wall for posterity.

*Mr J Pollock*

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The benefits to the club start with discounts on training and safety equipment and continue with further discounts on 'in service' coaching events. A 'hidden' benefit is that by achieving an FA Charter Standard Club Award, you are demonstrating to all members, parents, sponsors and the public, that you are a well-organised, safe club offering opportunities for all.

Joe Dunmore the Football Development Officer from Northamptonshire FA said 'Great work with the Charter Standard application and congratulations on becoming a Charter Standard Club'.  
George King



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Cert 12a

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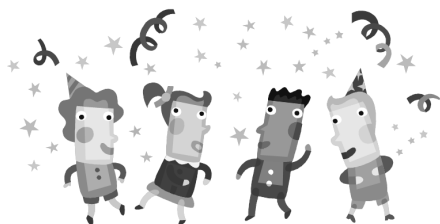
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## ABBA tribute

Saturday 10th August



## BBQ and Band

Saturday 24th August



## Quiz Night

The last Thursday of the month in the  
bar at The Centre. Starts 8pm  
Raffle and food on sale  
Next dates : Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May  
Thursday 27th June

# What's On

## 1st Mawsley Scout Group

### Barn Dance at TCAM

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 7.30 – 11.30pm



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Hot Food

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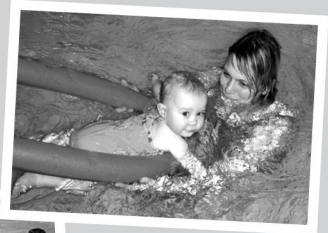
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# Mawsley CP School Update *by Gareth Weston*



## Year 1: Warwick Castle

Year 1 was extremely lucky this week to be able to visit Warwick Castle. The children said that they 'Didn't have a good day, they had a fabulous day!' They had a jam packed day meeting princesses, knights, archers and even some kings and queens! Using knowledge gained from their topic lessons the children were able to impress the tour guides with lots of facts about the features of castles. All were well and truly exhausted when they returned home – and that was just the staff!

Year 1 classes have also been learning some Barn Dances and a Line Dance and they went to The Centre recently to put on a show for, and get some tips from, the Line Dancing group which has a regular meeting there. It was a wonderful session with the age range spreading from 6 to 76 years - with quite a big gap in between!



## Year 2: Mawsley meadow project and Dudley Zoo

Earlier in the year our school was contacted by The Wildlife Trust who, alongside Kettering Borough Council, are involved in improving the meadowland opposite the school as a natural habitat. They would like this area to become a valued part of the village and wanted to involve the school so that the children develop an understanding of the need to take care of their local environment.

In April, the year 2 children along with staff and parent helpers, participated in an afternoon of activities at the meadow which involved making bug houses, planting wildflower seeds to take home and plant, and taking fixed point photos of the meadow so they can compare how it looks at different times in the year.

The children loved exploring the habitat and even had the opportunity to meet the mayor of Kettering, whose theme this year is 'bringing back the bee'. We are hoping to run a further session in early winter when we will plant hedgerows in the

meadow. We would like to make this a community day, where volunteers from the village can come along and bring a spade! Further details will be provided closer to the time, so don't put those wellies away too soon!

The same children were also lucky enough to visit Dudley Zoo last week, to help them with their understanding of non-fictional report writing. All children were very well behaved as usual and represented the school brilliantly.

## Warwick University Outreach programme

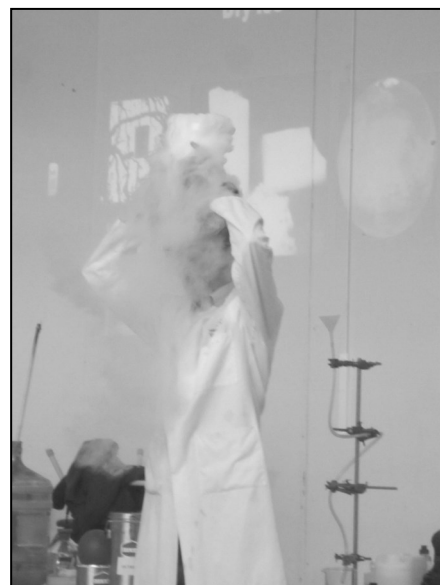
On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May years 5/6 were lucky enough to be visited by Professor Nick Barker and David Withall from Warwick University who treated the children to a very exciting demonstration about chemistry. We saw bananas frozen in

liquid hydrogen, blue flame explosions and home made rockets! All of the children were amazed and hopefully inspired by the experience so we thank them for visiting us.

Ethan Butler said 'I've wanted to be a scientist since year 4 so it was really fun to watch! I can't believe that they made a real rocket!'

Matty Cooke added 'They had some liquid nitrogen that was minus 192 degrees!! That's cold!!!'

*Our visitors from Warwick University wow our children with chemistry*



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If you would like to come along on a Thursday to listen or join in you would be most welcome, or give me a ring and I can give you any further information you need. You can come along for a trial evening for free before you decide whether to join.

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## Visit from the Kettering Fire Service

On May 7th, 1st Mawsley Rainbows were really excited when all of 'white watch' brought their fire engine to our Tuesday meeting. The girls all listened whilst Mark explained what clothing the firemen had to wear as they set off to each 999 call and then the girls went outside and were shown around the fire engine and allowed to sit inside the cab! The fire team left with blue lights flashing and the sirens blaring much to the amusement to all who waved them goodbye!  
Willow





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The next News & Views is due out on  
**10th July**

Please send your articles etc. to the editor by  
**Friday 28th June**

Pat Rowley  
rowleypj@btinternet.com

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We had a great evening on Friday when, with the help of Steve at the Centre, we held a Barn Dance. 'Thanks' again Steve for all your help. It was so good to see families dancing together and having the most fun evening. It was hard work and we got into a few tangles but eventually we got it right. Heather from Coffee at No9 did us a lovely buffet and everyone tucked in and really enjoyed the lovely food. It is good to have family 'do's' and it makes a change from children and parents doing their own thing. If we hold another we do hope you will give it a try, perhaps one of your friends came along; ask them how much fun they had!

On to WI. We had a bring and buy sale at our last meeting which went down really well and brought us in some much needed funds. It was also our time for voting on this year's Resolution which is 'The Decline of our High Streets'. We all

know how much the shopping areas are becoming just Coffee shops and Charity shops. We must all try to support our shops. I know we all do for the One Stop, which is really good; we wouldn't want to lose it.

**June:** A Farm visit at Melton Mowbray, home of Stilton Cheese.

**July:** Elizabeth Thomas who is the Physio at the Surgery will be giving us a talk on her days as a Police Woman.

**August:** Look out for news of a Chocolate and Coffee morning.

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# History on our doorstep

David Wilson has traced the history of Mawsley from 1000BC up to 1943 when the old village was finally deserted. Here he summarises the archaeological finds relating to the early part of that period.

## A History of Male le (Mawsley)

### Part 1: Archaeology 1000BC – 1000AD

During the construction of the new Mawsley village during the early 21<sup>st</sup> century, archaeological researches were carried out by the Northamptonshire Archaeological Society and the University of Leicester Archaeology Department disclosing clues as to the history of the surrounding land and its inhabitants since early Saxon and Roman times. There have been settlements at various points along the line of the C31, formerly known as The Olde Road.

**1. The old village of Mawsley** was not on the current site. It was about a half mile north west of the new village and was approached via Mawsley Lane from Loddington. This track continued on through Mawsley Wood to Mill Lane. Medieval pottery fragments and building rubble was found in the vicinity of old Mawsley.

**2. Further east of the deserted village** and about 400 yards virtually north of the new village Medical Centre are signs of an **Iron Age or Romano-British settlement** dating from **800BC – 409AD**.

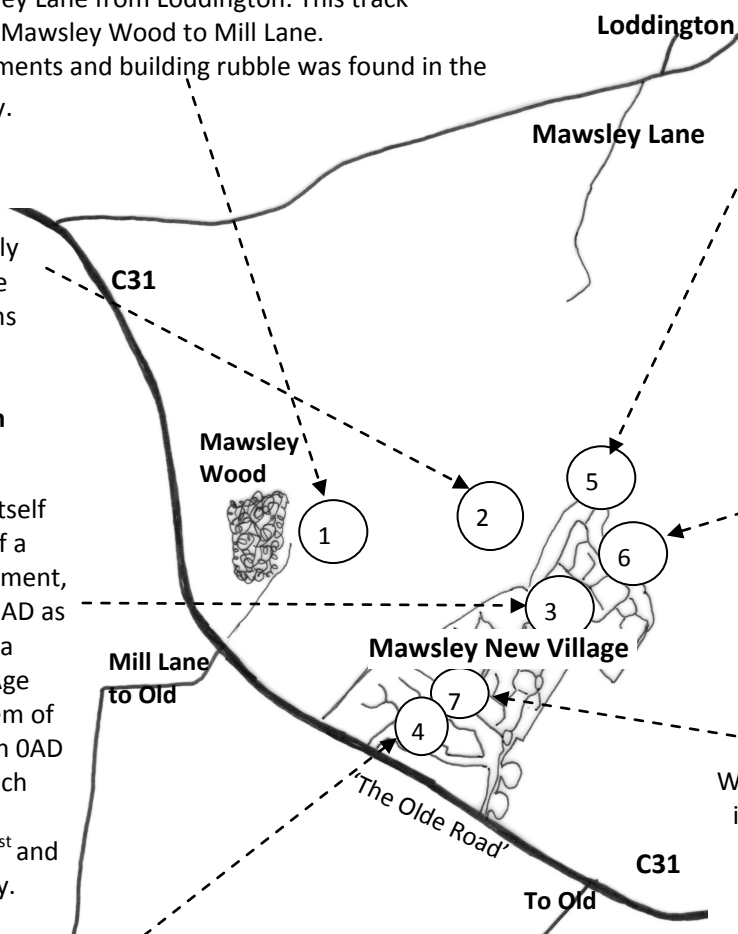
**3. The Medical Centre itself** is situated on the site of a possible Iron Age Settlement, dating from 800BC – 42AD as shown by revelation of a ditch assessed as Iron Age and, a linear ditch system of Iron Age to early Roman OAD – 100AD. Within the ditch evidence was found of possible Iron Age and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> centuries AD pottery.

**4. At the junction of Old Gorse Way and the peripheral walk / cycle way** was **an enclosure** of unknown date.

**5. Results of the August 2007 excavations** are not published at this time but indicate a small Anglo-Saxon settlement at one time in the vicinity of Roman Settle. These latest excavations indicate that the village probably only consisted of one family (tribe) of only a few people and that it may possibly only have been occupied for the summer months of each year during this period due to the poor quality of the soil for crops.

**6. Between Hawthorn Ave and Cransley Lodge** (the farm, not the new close of that name), now Lodge Park, was an early Iron Age Settlement of about a 100 yards diameter including a 50 foot diameter round house.

**7. At Mawsley New Village in Old Gorse Way**, south of Loddington Way in the Browns Close area there is evidence of an enclosure and an Iron Age post built structure, **possibly used as a smithy**, as evidenced by a concentration of smithy earth bottoms and slag and a ring ditch with an entrance facing south east.



*Excavating round house foundations in Mawsley.*



*Artists impression of an Iron Age enclosure with round houses of the type that could have been in this area.*



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## Mawsley infrastructure works continue – above and below ground

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### Roads

Taylor Wimpey is pleased to report that work on Mawsley's infrastructure is progressing well, with many of the village's roads now completed.

Following the completion of surfacing works to Phase 1 (Broughton Road), Phase 2 (Main Street and The Green), Phase 3 (Loddington Way), Phase 4 (School Road and Cowslip Way) and Phase 6 (Cransley Rise and Symonds Way), the final surfacing of Phase 5 (part of Hawthorn Avenue) is due to be finished by the end of May. In addition, Phase 7 of the village's infrastructure works is scheduled to begin this month and is expected to take about five or six months to complete. This will include the remainder of Hawthorn Avenue, Long Breech, Roman Settle, Lensway, Mawsley Chase, Rose Hill Way, Hedgerow Lane and Sloe Lane.

On the adoption side, legal formalities are now being finalised with Northamptonshire County Council for the handover of Phases 4 and 6 to council ownership. Phases 5 and 7 will follow as soon as work on these sections of the village has been completed.

### Sewage network

Taylor Wimpey is continuing to inspect and maintain the storm sewers across the village, and can now confirm that the pumping station off Symonds Way was formally adopted by Anglian Water on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2013. Work on the second pumping station in Hawthorn Avenue is ongoing ahead of scheduled adoption in October, while negotiations with Anglian Water to finalise the adoption of Mawsley's storm sewer network are continuing.

### Public open space

Agreement has now been reached on the transfer of funding from Taylor Wimpey to Kettering Borough Council so that the first of Mawsley's public open spaces (including the Eco Meadow) can be transferred to council ownership. The actual transfer of funds is expected to take place over the next few weeks.

*To report issues or discuss any matters relating to public works at Mawsley Village, please contact Taylor Wimpey's Regional Engineering Manager Chris Leeson on 0116 281 6400.*

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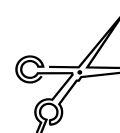
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## From the Editor

### It's been an odd weekend!

On Friday evening there was the Talent Show which initially looked as though it wasn't going to be particularly well supported but turned out to be a full show with standing room only, and then, on Sunday, there was the Village Meeting which should have been packed because it provided the chance to hear, and ask questions about, how the Parish Council and The Centre are conducting their affairs and yet hardly anyone came.

So well done MADS for having the courage and energy to organise the talent show and well done, also, to Parish Councillors and The Centre Management team who put time, thought and effort into preparing excellent clear and concise presentations which only 10 residents turned up to hear. The questions from the floor were mainly on the theme of 'where is everybody?' The consensus then seemed to be that absence signified satisfaction. Let's hope that is right because otherwise a great opportunity was missed.

Jim Hakewill, our long time Borough Councillor and newly elected County Councillor, came to the meeting and spoke very warmly about Mawsley and how proud he feels about the way it has developed. He remembers

seeing the 'requirement for more rural housing' on a Borough Council agenda for the first time in 1989 and then walking these fields as the choice of location narrowed down to Mawsley. He doesn't believe we have finished yet and urges us to do more to save the pub site.

### Royal Mail

I asked last time about your experiences with Royal Mail deliveries in the village and have had a few responses from you. Some, like me, experience post **regularly** being delivered to the wrong town or village but the main complaint is that there appear to be days when there is no delivery to Mawsley at all - making a bit of a nonsense of first class mail.



An interesting outcome was the discovery that no one who has written to the Post Master, Kettering Sorting Office has ever received a reply, whereas complaints sent to 'customer services' via the Royal Mail website are generally promptly and courteously dealt with.

I look forward to receiving your news and views for the next edition.

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