



Mawsley News & Views

May/June 2015

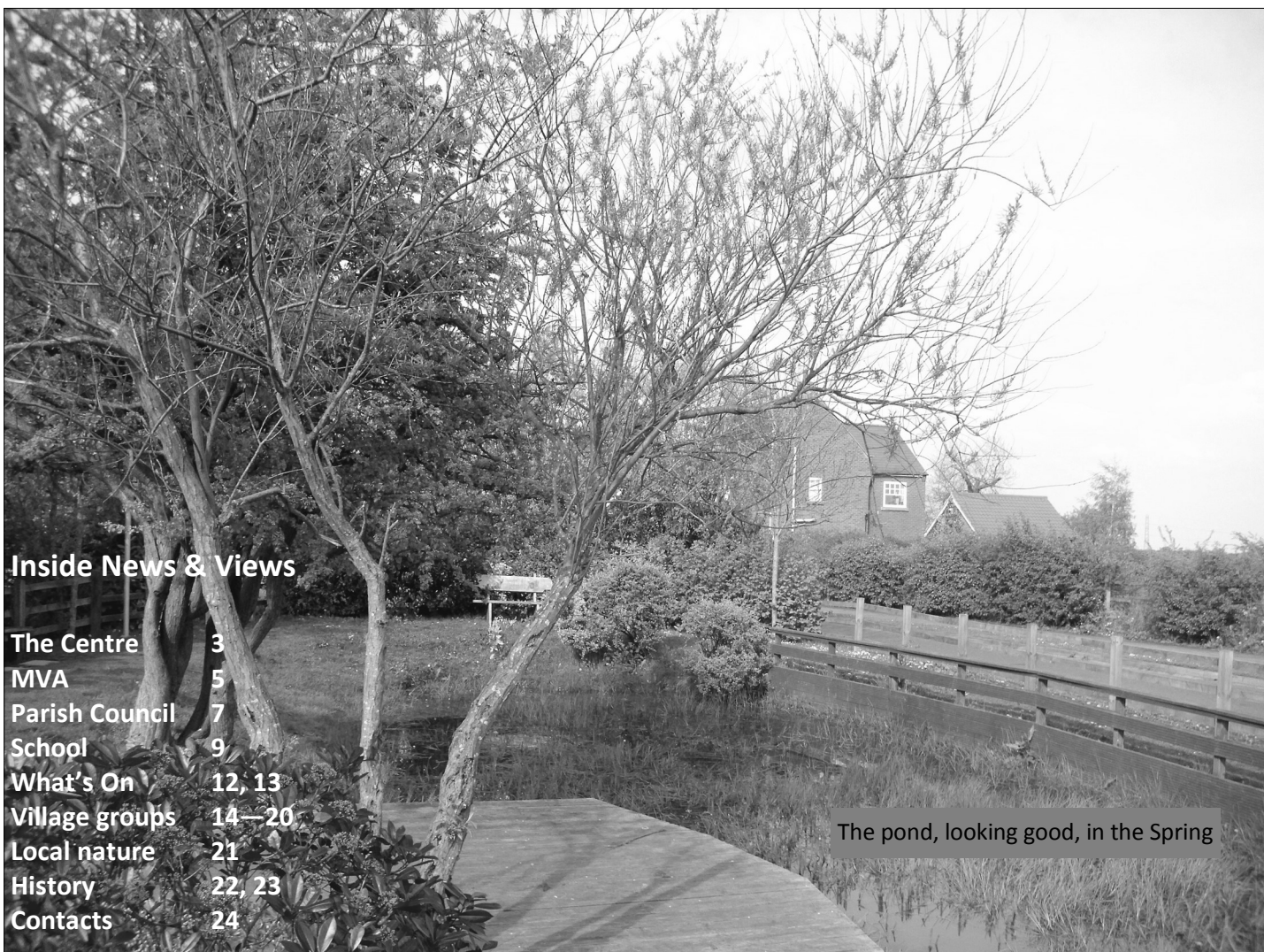
What's to celebrate in Mawsley?

- * The Youth Football Club is celebrating its 10th year and the recent success of its under 13 team. See page 17.
- * Kyle Herrigan, aged 9, is going from strength to strength as a kick-boxer. See page 19.
- * Our Community Choir has won awards at Milton Keynes Music & Dance Festival and Kettering Eisteddfod. See page 15.
- * The Great Crested Newt has taken up residence in our pond. See below and page 6.

Annual Parish Meeting Monday 18th May 7—7.30pm at The Centre

You are invited to this meeting to meet our parish councillors, to hear what issues they are dealing with, to ask questions, to let them know your views or to simply indicate support.

Editor: This will be a good opportunity for anyone considering offering themselves for co-option as a parish councillor to meet the other councillors and find out more about the work.



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the centre at Mawsley

March and April were once again busy months for the Centre and we have a great deal planned for May and beyond.

Once again our regular Children's Film Nights & Quiz Nights proved to be popular with our major events, Party Pants in March and Easter activities and the DreamMen in April, providing a diverse offering to the community. These events were well supported with special mention going to the Easter Egg Hunt and the DreamMen. The bingo events we trialed during March & April were successful and very well received and we will be revisiting these throughout 2015.

By the time you receive this our Bank Holiday Fun Day on 4th May will have taken place and I hope that if you made the effort to attend it you had a great time (and the weather was kind)! We will be running our popular Family Friday Fun Nights every Friday in June and on the 3rd July from 3pm until 8pm.

In May we see the return of our Jazz afternoons, Tea, Cakes & Music! Jef will be with us on Friday 15th May, 19th June and 31st July so please come up and join in with the sing along, have a dance, a chat and, of course, the all important tea / coffee and cake. These were great afternoons last year and I hope that you enjoy them just as much this year. They start at 1.30pm and last around 2 hours. Hot off the press Jef will also be playing in our Pimms Tent at the Village Fun Day on Saturday 11th July. We will also be supporting the Open Gardens event in June more of which is covered later in this newsletter.

We have had no response at all from the younger members of our community regarding staging a new and improved "Teen's Party" and need to gauge if there is any interest or appetite for this type of event before going ahead with another. If you know of anyone who would be willing to get involved or at least provide us with some ideas then please ask them to get in touch with us at the Centre.

2015 / 2016 FUTURE EVENTS

Current events are listed, as usual, on pages 12 and 13 but we have also now put together an exciting programme for the remainder of the year and can give you a sneak preview for those events which are now confirmed for 2015 and early in 2016:

- ◆ **End of Term Picnic and Fun Night** on Friday 17th July
- ◆ **Curtain Up! A night of song and dance from the musicals** on Saturday 19th September
- ◆ **Children's Halloween Party** on Friday 30th October
- ◆ **Family Christmas Party** on Friday 18th December
- ◆ **Family New Year's Eve Party** on Thursday 31st December
- ◆ **Cask Ale Festival and Race Night** in February 2016.
- ◆ **Disney Showcase** in March 2016 with local auditions after Christmas

We will be updating our website and notice boards with further details as we confirm them so please keep checking these or contact The Centre for further details.

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

Best wishes
Hugh



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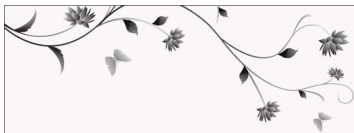
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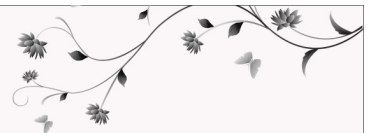
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Mawsley Villagers Association

The clock is ticking.....

You will have read in the last edition of 'News and Views' that Pat Rowley, our long-standing editor is retiring. She will not be involved in any way with the production of our newsletter after the July edition.

Sadly, we have not been overwhelmed (as yet) with replacement volunteers. As I suggested in our last edition, our Mawsley newsletter will only truly be missed when it no longer drops through our letter box six times a year. Once gone, it's more problematic to resurrect.

I know this has all been said before, but we are not necessarily seeking a like for like replacement for Pat. The various different roles could be shared between a team. For example, the Centre staff, (Debbie and Hugh), have already taken over the advertising function.

Another idea would be for someone to 'guest' as an editor for a single edition. That way, you could invest in the future of the newsletter by making suggestions for its development. If enough of you came forward to edit a single newsletter, we could secure its immediate future and sow the seeds to take it to the next level.

And what about the young people of Mawsley? I'm sure there must be some aspiring journalists out there who would like something really positive to put on their CV.

Again, no previous experience is necessary. At this stage, just a minimum commitment to a single edition with the help and support of those who have been involved.

The MVA is very aware that many of you have demanding jobs and young families. That's why we are emphasising that involvement with our newsletter doesn't have to be permanent or onerous.

So again, if you can help in any way, or would simply like more information, don't hesitate to contact me.

Rob Bailey
MVA Chair

(Contact details on the back of 'News and Views')

Youth Club

Mawsley Youth Club regularly attracts 40 or more children each week. As well as providing a varied programme of games, sports and craft activities it is a valuable meeting place for village youngsters and brings together children who don't all attend the same school.

The Youth Club meets on Wednesday evenings during term time from 6.30 until 8.30pm. The cost is £2 for each child and hungry visitors can get food from the Tuck Shop.

Urgent need for Youth Club volunteers

The club has become extremely popular under the leadership of Vicky, Claire and Nick but circumstances have dictated that they cannot now give the time that they once could and new volunteers are needed. The Club will have to close after the May half term unless new helpers come forward.

If you are able to help in any way, or you simply want to know what any commitment entails please contact Vicky Waine, (07525 488906) or me, Rob Bailey, (contact details on the back of 'News and Views').

Many thanks.

Rob Bailey
(MVA Chair)

Baby & Toddler Group

We meet on Thursday mornings during term time from 9.15-11.00am. We welcome all 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. The Centre also provides tea and coffee for the adults 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 on the numbers below 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.

Krista Alford (07742 601100)
Anthea Crane (07596 022525)
Shelley Brown (07887 792673)

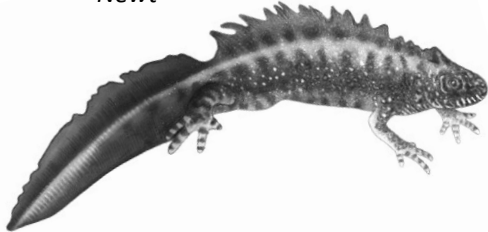


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Great Crested
Newt



Ponds can make a large impact on the big environmental issues that affect us all: climate change, flooding and pollution. All this, as well as being fantastic for wildlife!

Our village pond now contains a variety of wildlife and it is pleasing to see the interest and enthusiasm shown in it by young villagers and adults alike! This year we have evidence that the Great Crested Newt has returned. This species has declined nationwide in recent years due to loss of habitat and is now protected by law. We are especially keen to conserve this species in our pond together with all the habitat and would therefore **request that all pond dipping is returned to the water** and that parents and carers

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All Parish Councillors stood down this month and six of them put themselves forward for re-election. There were seven vacancies and no other candidates so all have been re-elected unopposed.

They are:

Richard Barnwell
Vic Cope
Bob Littler
Paul Richards
Tom Sanders
Kevin White

At the AGM on 18th May they will elect their Chair and Vice Chair.

The process for co-opting a seventh councillor will be announced on the village noticeboards and on the Parish Council website. For more information contact:

the Parish Clerk, Diana McCarthy,
email: mawsleyclerk@tiscali.co.uk

Parish Council Meetings

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

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

Minutes of past meetings are at:

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

The dates of the next meetings are:
18th May,
(combined with the Annual Parish Meeting and AGM)
15th June,
20th July

Neighbourhood Plan progress

As reported in the previous newsletter Mawsley Parish Council submitted the entire Parish area for designation by Kettering Borough Council in February this year. This in effect means that all the land and buildings within the Parish Boundary has been proposed as the Neighbourhood Plan area.

KBC began a 4 week consultation programme to establish whether there were any objections to the boundaries of the proposed area. This involved placing notices around the village, on the village notice boards, KBC website and in the local paper. The consultation period ended on 31st March 2015 and no objections were received. Subsequently the proposed plan area was approved by the Executive Committee of KBC on 15th April 2015. Notices to this effect will be placed around the village w/c 27th April 2015. The agreed area can be viewed on the KBC Planning website, enter Mawsley in the search box.

The purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan is to ensure that Mawsley residents have a significant say as to how Mawsley develops over the coming years. The next stage is to formulate a programme of community engagement, i.e. Get feedback from everyone who lives and works in Mawsley as to how they would like to see Mawsley develop, or not, as the case may be. This could involve new housing, food & leisure facilities, shops, school, and offices for example.

The first part of the community engagement programme will involve a questionnaire with the intention of engaging with all known stakeholders, i.e. Mawsley residents, landowners, commercial businesses, schools, medical centre for example. The objective being that everyone who lives or works in Mawsley has an opportunity to submit their views. It is anticipated that the Questionnaire, in both hard copy and electronic form will be ready for publication in the summer.

A Neighbourhood Plan is a significant and detailed document which will take a considerable amount of effort from Mawsley residents to write and gain acceptance from the Planning Authority. It is very unlikely therefore that it will be ready for submission in 2015. When accepted and approved a Neighbourhood Plan will have statutory powers.

For those of you who are interested in knowing more about Neighbourhood Planning please visit the KBC website http://www.kettering.gov.uk/info/200074/planning/1537/neighbourhood_planning

CLlr Kevin White

Best Village judging

The judges of the Northamptonshire Best Village competition will be visiting Mawsley and meeting some residents this week.

We won the Newcomers Cup last year and came third in the large village section. Our aim this time is, of course, to improve on that. The results will be announced at an awards evening at Hunsbury Hill Centre, Northampton, in July. This will be too late for the next newsletter but will be announced on the noticeboards and Facebook.

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Mawsley Community Primary School



There are lots of creative and innovative learning experiences happening in school this term. The nice(ish) weather has meant that staff have taken the opportunity to take the children outside for their development, which always provides the children with a memorable and purposeful learning experience.

In **Reception** the children have been learning about castles and as a way of getting them active and practicing skills such as balancing and moving carefully around objects we set up a fun game for them to enjoy. Our playground became a maze of obstacles such as rivers, mountains and even dragons which the 'knights' had to negotiate on the balance bikes in



order to rescue the princesses from the tower! The children had a fantastic time and enjoyed the chance to dress up.

On Friday afternoons, we have been welcoming members of the community into school to complete a Brain Boost project with the children. We are very fortunate to have a wide range of people offering their help. From animal specialists, engineers and professional photographers willing to donate their time and expertise to provide the children with an exciting yet valuable experience.

We would like to thank all members of the community who help our school, whoever you are! We appreciate and understand how important it can be for the children to meet and learn about as many people outside of school as possible. This is the world that they are growing up in after all!

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Year 1 are currently rehearsing for their May Day celebrations and following tradition are learning May pole dances. This can be very challenging for children and teachers alike!

Our **Year 2s** have become authors this week by writing and designing their very own books. Inspired by Anthony Browne (look him up, he's great!) the children have written, edited, designed and finally created their very own books from concept to product!

The **Year 3** classes had two special visitors to help with their learning. Mrs Snow and her daughter, who are originally from Greece, came in to talk to the children about Mediterranean culture. They shared different Mediterranean foods and asked lots of interesting questions to find out about life in another country.

Exciting times ahead for the **Year 4** children as they prepare for their trip to Holdenby House. In line with their 'Tudors' topic, the children are really excited to learn about Tudor medicine, cooking and even some Tudor hunting methods!

Our **Year 5** children have been thinking about natural disasters this term and what makes the Earth angry.

As part of this we have been learning about the importance of water during a natural disaster and how difficult the job of search and rescue is. The pictures illustrate the children navigating an obstacle course to transport water to a safe place – not all the water made it there!



The **Year 6** children are busy preparing for their SATS in May. They have been working hard and also thinking about the secondary schools they will be moving on to soon.

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We also managed to get access to the Pub Site !

This year's event coincided with the Keep Britain Tidy Campaign and our entry into this year's Best Village Award, and it resulted in an estimated two tonnes of litter fly-tipping being collected in the time spent on the day!



This 3 hour task was supplementary to the all year round endeavours of a group of villagers like the residents of Hawthorn Avenue and the rear of the Playing Fields, the Eco Meadow, the cycle path, the woodland at Loddington Way entrance, plus walkers and caring dog owners who pick up other people's litter.

that business proprietors of Barnwell Court have accepted responsibility for litter control there together with the maintenance staff and volunteers of The Centre, the Primary School and Medical Centre and that all their efforts make our village a bit more special.

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Sunday 21st June Mawsley Open Gardens

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Saturday 11th July Mawsley Village Fun Day

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The Centre At Mawsley

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A musical theatre compilation show
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FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday 11th July 2015

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Mawsley Coffee Club



John Shortt

It was with much sadness that we had to say goodbye to John Shortt. John died suddenly, but peacefully, on Tuesday 24th March, having collapsed the previous Saturday, after which he did not regain consciousness.

John will be sadly missed by the members of Coffee Club, of which he was a faithful member, and the many friends that he and Molly had made, since moving to Mawsley over ten years ago.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the many, many friends from the village who have been such a help and support to me, it is so much appreciated. My family and I will miss John so much, but we know that he has gone to a better place and will be at peace.

Molly Shortt.

Our 'bring and buy' stall held at our recent coffee morning at The Centre, was a wonderful opportunity to have a 'spring clean' and exchange lots of bargains. Monies raised were topped up with additional donations, and we delighted to be able to present a cheque for £100 to the Kidney Patient's Association at Addenbrookes hospital. Unsold items were taken to the British Heart Foundation shop in Kettering. All were gratefully received.

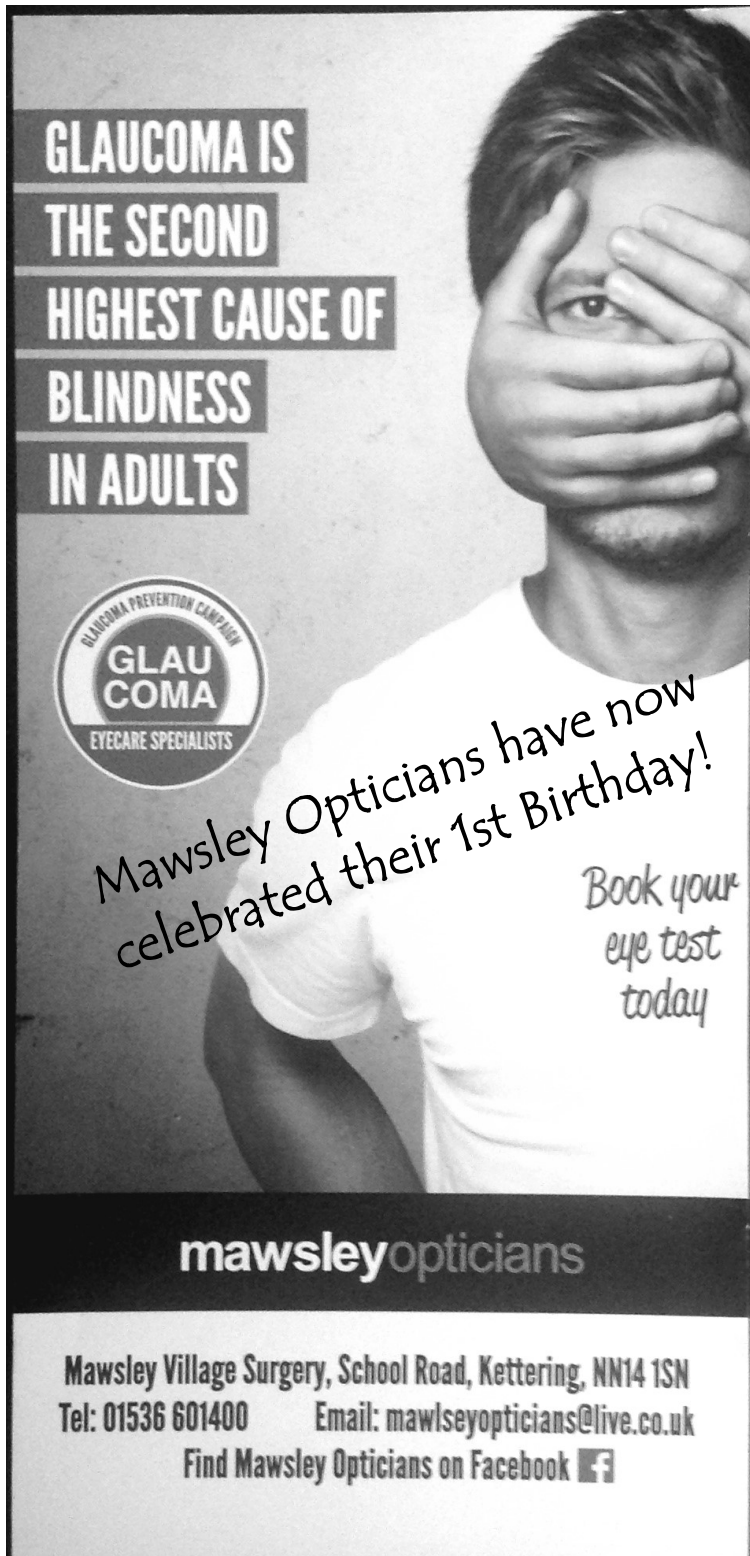
At the time of writing we are looking forward to a 'Springwatch' ramble around the village with Les and Paul, followed by coffee at The Centre. We are in the process of arranging the programme for the rest of the year, and details can be obtained from Molly and Jean.

We aim to provide something of interest to everyone, including outings and events as well as our regular coffee mornings, sometimes with a speaker. We are a friendly and easy going group of people who have retired or are approaching retirement. We provide good company socially and enjoy lots of laughter and fun, as well as caring for each other. People join in whenever they can and when there's something of interest, without the need to feel uncomfortable if unable to get to a meeting.

Details of our programme and dates of future meetings can be obtained from:

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Well what a busy and exciting time mid March proved to be for the choir, finding us taking part in two competitions and one very enjoyable workshop!

At the first of the competitions (the 47th Annual Milton Keynes Dance, Music and Drama Festival) held on Friday 13th March, we entered the Open Community Choirs with fewer than 30 performers category. We sang 'Howard Goodall's Theme Academy' which contains an eclectic mix of songs including the theme tunes for Mr Bean, Red Dwarf and Black Adder. We also performed 'As One' the song written for the choir by Sam Holbird to commemorate World War One, which seemed to hold the audience and adjudicator spellbound with its haunting words! Then came the really good news; we had achieved first place in this category and overall first in all community choir categories, coming home with a certificate and the cup. So what do we do now? Only one thing for it travel back to The Centre at Mawsley (TCAM) and celebrate in traditional style with Champagne and Prosecco; other beverages were available! Then home to bed as we had entered two classes in The Kettering & District Eisteddfod as well as the evening concert the next day!

Saturday 14th we gathered again bright eyed and bushy tailed to represent our community at the Salvation Army Citadel. In class one we performed 'Hold On' a traditional ballad and 'Theme Academy' gaining fourth place. In class two we really went for it with two traditional love songs, 'Wild Mountain Thyme' a Scottish song by Robert Tannerhill and 'The Lark in the Clear Air' an Irish Air by Sir Samuel Ferguson, both being a

joy to sing. Finishing with the inspirational 'You Raise Me Up' words and music by Brendan Graham and Rolf Lovland, we feel sure we noticed the glint of tears in the eyes of some! With this sterling performance we were just pipped at the post and were placed second, but we were however awarded the shield for overall best song in the competition for 'You Raise Me Up'. Most of us enjoyed lunch at the Trading Post. Then back to the Citadel for the evening concert opened by us with 'Mad About Mozart' and 'As One'. We then enjoyed performances from section winners from all classes and age groups entering the Eisteddfod, covering most fields of the arts. We closed the event with 'Wild Mountain Thyme', 'The Rose' by Amanda McBroom and 'You Raise Me Up' then in true Eisteddfod tradition we led the audience in 'Jerusalem'. Back to TCAM for more celebrations!!!

Thanks for all the support from friends and family.

The following Sunday 22nd March many of us travelled in convoy to Stratford-upon-Avon Community Choirs Festival Workshop. Here we had good fun learning four new songs for our repertoire with over 500 other choristers from far and wide! We ended the day with a short concert and a beautiful sunset on entering Mawsley (lovely).

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Nick Hughes	Chairman	Hughes149@sky.com

Upcoming FC Events:

Saturday 13th June Mawsley FC 10th Anniversary Summer Ball

Mawsley Football Club will be celebrating their 10th year in style with a Summer Ball at The Centre on 13th June, 7.30pm—1am, for friends of the club over the last 10 years.

*Champagne on arrival
3 course dinner
Live band 'The Smooth Criminals'
DJ Set till late*

£35 per person—black tie event
Limited number of tickets are still available.
Contact Nick Hughes/Mark Willis hughes149@sky.com

Saturday 27th June Mawsley FC Funday

The now traditional Mawsley FC Fun day will be held on Saturday 27th June from 12pm—4pm and will have all of the usual attractions as well as including trophy presentations and registration for the 2015/16 season.

More info on page 12

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Mawsley Youth Football Club

celebrate ten years of football in the village

Since starting as a Saturday morning kick around some 10 years ago Mawsley FC has gone from strength to strength, and is one of the most well-respected clubs in the Northants FA at youth level after being awarded Chartered Standard Development Club status two years ago. The club has an impressive 7 teams with over 250 members and is represented in the Weetabix league at Under 7, 10, 11, 12, 13s age groups.



Since becoming a development club in 2013, the club's commitment to developing quality coaching to drive the development and enjoyment of the children has been key to their success. Many of their players represent not only their village but also Northampton Town, Leicester City, Coventry City, and Cambridge United at development and academy level.

Nick Hughes, Chairman of Mawsley FC and Mawsley Sports Council, added "We have a dedicated group of volunteers in the village who are committed to developing great experiences for children and adults not only in Football, but Touch Rugby, Rounders and Cricket. Come rain or shine Mawsley playing field is used all year round and the youth football teams have been at the heart of the development of sport in the village. We are all very proud of each and every one of the children who have represented the village over the last 10 years".

The success of the club was recently rewarded in the achievements of the under 13s side in reaching the final of the Alan Robinson U13 County Cup which was played at the Cogenhoe United Football Club's ground on Sunday the 19th April, in front of a large number of spectators.



Mawsley were up against Corby Diamonds, arguably one of the best teams at this level who reached the final by scoring 55 and only conceding 3 goals in the competition!

Against these odds, Mawsley put up determined and closely run game with 'man of the match' Vlad Hyatt being denied two fantastic penalty saves, deemed infringements by the referee with Corby scoring at the third attempt and Mawsley eventually losing 4 -1

Mawsley U13s face Weekley Rover Wizards in another Cup Final at the Corby Town FC ground on Sunday the 17TH May ...KO 5PM.

Report by Tom Sanders and Nick Hughes
Pictures by Tom Sanders

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Mawsley Church is excited to announce two new initiatives! On the first Sunday of each month, we'll be holding Cafe Church – come and join us for bacon rolls, discussions about faith and fun activities.

And we also now have a ladies' cell group every Thursday evening from 7.30-8.30pm. It's a chance to meet with other women from the village, chat about how life is going, and eat cake! Contact Anthea Cane (07596 022525) for more details.

Our services take place every Sunday morning at the Centre at 10.30am. They last about an hour, in a relaxed, informal setting and always include activities for children.

Services details

17 th May	All age service
24 th May	Pentecost Celebration with children's group
31 st May	Celebration with children's group
7 th June	Cafe Church
14 th June	All age Parade Service
21 st June	Celebration
28 th June	All age Communion service with Cransley and Broughton churches, Broughton Church at 10.30am
5 th July	Cafe Church

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

Gardening For All

Tip for early May - Now that the days are becoming warmer, extra care should be taken to ensure that the soil in your containers does not dry out. Water regularly in dry weather and liquid feed once a week. Cut off the dead heads from shrubs such as kerria, ribes, spring flowering spirea and pieris. Lightly prune, removing any weak shoots completely, and shortening long ones. Clip hedges of *Lonicera nitida* and oval privet. Topiary and box balls need clipping now to maintain their shape.

At the March *Gardening for All* meeting Paul relived his front garden hedge nightmare, Brenda gave us her tips for the month and Judy expanded on her ideas for the BIG SEED GIVEAWAY event for May. Les presented his plant of the month. We continued with our plant and seed swap and much more.

In place of the usual meeting at TCAM for April around 20 members visited Bosworths Garden Centre in Burton Latimer. Sam Bosworth treated us to a behind the scenes tour of the poly-tunnels and growing areas where thousands and thousands of plants were being cultured from either seed, cutting or plugs. It was both interesting and enlightening to see mass production of many of our favourite garden plants. After the tour we retired to the café for a demonstration by Sam on how to prepare the perfect hanging basket. Hot drinks and cake were provided to round off a very enjoyable evening.

By the time you read this we will have held our BIG SEED GIVEAWAY Sunday which we anticipate will have been a great success plus our usual May meeting. We will have enjoyed a presentation on Lawn care by a villager and seen the introduction of some new features.

June will be yet another busy Gardening for All month. The usual meeting will be held at TCAM on the 8th June at 7:30. As we will be nearing the Mawsley Open Gardens event to be held on Sunday 21st June organised by Pat Rowley we can all share our ideas to ensure our gardens will look their best on the big day. Other features to be included, the World's Finest Gardens, My Problem Patch, Tips and Plant of the Month and more.

Our July *Gardening for All* will be held at TCAM on 13th July 2015 @ 7:30. Details coming soon.

COME AND JOIN US

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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Kick Boxing Star

9 year old Kyle Herrigan, pupil at Mawsley Primary school, looks all set to become a kick-boxing champion.

He has been enjoying the sport and attending classes (now 4 times a week) for the last three years. He is already a purple belt and was noticed last year at the National Championships where he won a bronze medal and was invited to compete in further competitions. He has just returned from 4 days in Dublin competing in the Irish Open Championships which attracted 3,500 competitors and where, in dad Paul's words 'he won a few and lost a few matches'.

So how did all this start? He attends the Mawsley kick-boxing class on Saturday mornings at The Centre and also goes to a class at Lodge Park, Corby three times a week. All are affiliated to

the British Chinese Kickboxing Association (BCKA). Kyle's dad, Paul, provides the taxi service to classes and all events and is delighted and grateful to his employers, Paragon Automotive, who have recently agreed to sponsor Kyle.

Watch this space!



Mawsley Ladies' Rounders Team



Sunday training has begun and so far we have welcomed 6 new players to the team which is fantastic and the weather has been kind (so far!).

Our first game, on Thursday 14th May, will see us play away to last year's league champions, OGs in Wellingborough. Let's just say it will be a challenge.

We are still looking to find an umpire, so if you are interested in rounders but can't play this might be the role for you. Plus as a bonus you will be paid for your time and there's usually a bevvy at the end of the game too. What more can you ask for!

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank India2Mawsley for their continued sponsorship of the team and the kit they provide.

If you are interest in joining the team or the umpires position please contact our captain Karen Garton on 07732392621 or Kirstie Marston on 07716997179.







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Mawsley Short Mat Bowls Club

After an unbroken run of victories in the last 4 games against local clubs, we lost on both mats against Wellingborough Old Grammarians at Orlingbury. We fared a little better against Redwell where we won on one mat and lost on the other. In fact on the winning mat we scored an incredible 6 points on the last end to take the match. We followed that with a two mat win against our old friends Kingsway. We look forward to our forthcoming fixtures for the rest of the year and hope that we can continue to build our confidence based on these excellent performances.

We welcome back Val to our weekly roll up meetings and look forward to seeing other new or past members joining our ranks.

At our AGM held on Friday 24th April 2015 at TCAM we started with a Roll Up of 10 ends and then enjoyed a shared supper after which our treasurer gave the financial statement for the year.

We are pleased to say that the new committee is as follows.

Club Captain - Jim

Fixtures Secretary - Gordon

Chairperson - Cindy

Treasurer - Gill

Biscuit Monitor - Gill

Club Secretary - Brenda

Catering - Denise

We look forward to welcoming new members. You will need no special equipment just flat soled shoes and a sense of humour.

We meet every Monday (except Bank Holidays) at 1pm in the hall at TCAM to start playing 1:15. We finish at 3:15 giving you plenty of time for the school run if needs be. By the way the first three Mondays are free then £2.50 per person per week.

For more details pop in for a chat next Monday.



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

Bright sunshine, balmy breeze, butterflies and bees. Life doesn't get much better. So it was as Les and I made our way to Mawsley allotments for a look round to see what was stirring.

Our attention was immediately drawn towards the many butterflies taking advantage of the lovely weather. The 3 usual spring species were there in good numbers, these being the Small Tortoiseshell, Brimstone and Peacock.

The Small Tortoiseshell is one of Europe's commonest garden species, and one of the earliest to appear in spring. Look for blue-spotted margins and a large dark patch at the base of the hind wing and tiny white fleck near the tip of each fore wing. Its food-plant is stinging nettles.



The bright yellow Brimstone



butterfly overwinters, hiding in ivy and other evergreens also among the first to be seen in the spring. The male is bright yellow in colour but the female is greenish white. The underside is pale green and leaf like in both sexes. Its food-plant is

Buckthorn and Alder Buckthorn.

Our Peacock butterfly is very fast-flying and very fond of Buddleias (Butterfly Bush) in our gardens in summer. It perches with wings open or closed and often flashes its eye-spots to scare predators. It overwinters in dark buildings where the dark underside of the wings provides a perfect camouflage. Its food-plant is stinging nettles.



Whilst marvelling at the sight of these incredible insects I lost Les. After a while I found him up to his waist in a ditch looking for '*Jack in the hedge*' which is the common name for a weed we often find on road side verges and ditches, also called Garlic Mustard. He explained that it was the food-plant of the Orange Tip butterfly that is usually seen later in spring. The males have an obvious orange tip to the upper wings but the female has more rounded wings and a solid black patch on the upper side.

Apart from very vocal Chaffinches, Blue Tits and Great Tits birds were noticeably absent. On walking round the plots we noticed small holes perhaps 3" in diameter in several of the compost heaps. These could have been made by burrowing rodents such as mice, voles or rats. The allotments are sited on a very damp area of land with ponds, wet ditches and year round open water, in fact an ideal habitat for grass snakes. These reptiles also favour compost heaps to bred in or to bask on. So, we pondered could these holes have been made by grass snakes emerging into the open to enjoy the sun's rays.

At this time of year our local Ospreys have returned to their breeding sites at Rutland Water and will be well on

their way to raising the new generation of these magnificent birds. You can observe these birds and their antics from a hide or in the visitor centre by webcam. A wonderful day out for all the family which I heartily recommend. For more info visit www.ospreys.org.uk

Many Mawsley residents don't know that the village actually has allotments of its own – anybody can rent one for next to nothing. The plots are off to the left less than half a mile from the mini roundabout on the A43 near Broughton. Be warned, though, one should have plenty of time on hand to get the most out of them. Having said that, Les's plot is entirely devoted to fruit growing- which is less work and, some would say, more satisfying in terms of the tasty seasonal fruit that can be picked. There is not a lot of skill involved and one is not pressured so much by seasonal tasks that vegetables require.

Around the village at the time of writing in mid- April can be seen some very striking flowering magnolia bushes. One in Old Gorse Way is the variety *M.soulangiana* 'Rubra' which, as the name implies, is a lively rosy red colour. These bushes, when in flower, are difficult not to admire, and they can be grown by most people, providing some basic rules are followed – firstly, if you want one, make sure you plant it in April, do not disturb the roots afterwards, water well and mulch well in subsequent years. A less dramatic variety is *M.stellata* with its smaller spidery royal snow white flowers. Plenty of these are also scattered around the village - announcing the onset of spring. Long may they reign.



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History (very recent) on our doorstep (actually very close to home)

In the last News & Views I described how and why The Centre building developed in the way it did. This article now explains why things are organised in the way they are.

As before, this is my personal view/recollection; not necessarily that of the Parish Council, MVA or TCAM.

How did we set The Centre up as a business (because operating as a “pub” a business it would have to be); and decide who would run it?

The Parish Council did not wish to run it. The MVA had done all the work regarding the building to date and were keen to run it. However as a charity the MVA could not run a licensed trade business; so a separate company - The Centre at Mawsley Community Interest Company - was set up. A Community Interest Company (CIC) is a new form of limited company, which must be set up to serve the community it is a part of; it also has the benefit that the assets of the company are owned by the village and cannot be sold off by the company. CICs are regulated by, and we must report to, a Government Office. This was only the second CIC to be formed in the County. So TCAM is in effect the trading arm of the MVA. In order for the MVA (which by now was also a limited company - but still a charity) to retain control of TCAM the directors of TCAM have to be drawn from the directors of the MVA.

It was absolutely clear that it would not be possible to run the business entirely voluntarily, so a manager (Penny Feasey) was appointed.

How did we convert an empty shell into a useful village facility and a “pub”?

Fortunately the Section 106 Agreement (i.e. the commitment required by the developers as a condition of getting planning permission) included a substantial sum of money to be used for setting up social facilities. There could be a separate 3 page article on the lengthy process we went through for the village to get control of that fund (which is managed by the Parish Council), rather than it be controlled by a company set up by the developers as the S106 Agreement specified, or by Kettering Council. We were able to use some of this money to fit out the

bar, cellar and lounge; and to provide tables & chairs, fit out the office etc., etc. We also put in the marquee.

Of course we also had to go through the process of getting a licenced premises licence. Not simple, and it brings enormous responsibilities.

Fitting out, and actually setting up the new business, was achieved in a matter of a few weeks after the building was handed over (not least thanks to the enormous effort Penny put in), so we were able to open in mid-December 2006.

What has happened since then?

- Our original business plan saw revenues reaching £90,000 after 5 years; in fact they were £250,000.
- It proved impossible to run the bar even partially with volunteers; so after about 6 months all staff were paid, which remains the case.
- The cost of running the building has proved to be far, far higher than we ever envisaged, and although the bar makes a profit and helps to subsidise the community room hire, regrettably there are substantial trading losses.
- The building has been kept clean and - at some considerable expense - in good condition.
- Most importantly it is a first class, albeit not perfect, facility that meets the needs of most villagers most of the time (all, all of the time will never be possible).

There are now intentions to extend/improve the building in some way. This will be a whole village project; details have appeared in previous newsletters and will continue to do so. Please help or get involved if you possibly can; even if just to contribute ideas.

Bob Littler

Mawsley News & Views

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

The next News & Views is due out on

8th July 2015

**Please send your articles etc. to the editor by
Friday 26th June**

Pat Rowley

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The Peasants Revolt.

By 1381 large parts of England were in open conflict with the then Monarch, Richard II, a wizened old lad of 14 at the time. There were many factors that caused resentment in the country: the almost total collapse of the NHS in the 1340's and 1350's as a result of the outbreak of the Black Death and the rise in waiting times to be seen (standards had fallen such that the only guarantee of seeing a doctor was to have more than five festering pustules): and the high taxes being levied to fund the ongoing Hundred Years War (by then really only the Forty Four Years War). However, the straw that broke the camel's back was the imposition of a "poll tax" that hit the poorest hardest.

Unfortunately, when Watt Tyler led his rebels against the King, the residents of Malasleau found themselves on the horns of a dilemma. Whilst feeling great sympathy for the cause, the (by now) farming community with residents holding varying sized plots of land, did not feel they could be classed as "Peasants" but they also had no desire to pay the tax. In a stroke of brilliance, James Barnwell (Grandson eight times removed of the first Duke de Grangeput) pointed out that Malasleau was built for the



Richard II meets Watt Tyler and the Peasants

Normans by the Normans and was to have been a royal holiday venue. As such Malasleau was part of Normandy and therefore subject to "Non-Dom" status and, with all lands therefore being part of Normandy, the imposition of any Poll Tax was against Common Law. (*Authors' Note:* Corby applied for the same Non-Dom status in 1405 and held it until the Act of Union in 1701 when Scotland became part of a United Kingdom – the SNP are currently trying to restore that status for Corby.)

The debate between Malasleau and His Majesty's Revenue and Customs Officers lasted many years, even reference to the High Court Chancery Division did not resolve the matter. In *Malasleau v R*, (Ch 1:1387 – 1402) the then Master of the Rolls (John Waltham) described the case as "too hardie for the poore Justices to determine". It took the intervention of a Trappist Monk to resolve the issue.



Richard III

Phillipe the Trappist.



Philanthropist – Phillipe the Trappist

Sent from his monastery in Belgium to promote the good work of the Trappist monks in the Community, and also to find outlets for the strong beers they produced, Phillipe arrived in Malasleau in 1440. He immediately identified that the village lacked a communal meeting place and that there was an

overwhelming desire for such a place to spend time after a hard day's work in the fields before going home for a family meal and a night in front of the open fire. He therefore suggested that, rather than paying the Poll Tax, the community should set aside a small amount of money levied against land they held and then spend that money locally. Residents and tax officials jumped at the idea and a local Precept was agreed by all in place of the Poll Tax. (*Author's Note:* Mawsley was, for many years, the only village in Kettering to raise a Precept for the upkeep of local amenities).

Plans were made and by 1445 construction work on a village "Tavern" commenced, but what to call it? The residents knew immediately. Malasleau was one of the few parts of the country where a particular bird could be hunted for its delicate meat. In 1450, the community installed Henry Cope as the first keeper of "The Great Bustard Tavern – outlet for Trappist Beer". Having resolved the tax issue Phillipe moved on, but Phil – as he had become known – had left his mark and henceforward generous works on behalf of the community have locally been called "Phil-an-trappist". The fame of the hostelry grew and trade prospered. In 1485 Richard III stopped at the tavern on his way to Bosworth Field. On being found several hundred years later under a car-park in Leicester (a common place for Trappist drinkers to be found) his body was identified, not by genetics, but by a tiny piece of parchment bearing the inscription "I came, I saw, I drank Trappist 17%. The Great Bustard Inn, 20th August 1485". (*Author's Note:* this is taken from the work of the Royal Chronicler to Richard III, Gefforie d'Archer, later Lord d'Archer).



A Great Bustard

Mawsley Open Gardens

Sunday 21st June 12 noon—5pm

Our Open Gardens event on 21st June is going to be rather different from previous years because we are combining it with a 'Made Locally' food and craft market at The Centre. Organised by the Buckles, who brought us the Food & Drink Market last November, it will feature local producers and artists and will be held outside if fine and inside if not. Teas, coffees and cakes will also be available in The Centre.

At least nine gardens will be open and a £3 entry fee will get you into them all. (Children go free.) The owners will be delighted to welcome you in whether you just want to look around or to have a chat. There will be a Children's Trail with answers to be found in each garden and returned to The Centre.

Collect your garden map, trail forms and entry tickets from The Centre or enquire at any of the well-marked open gardens.

Would you like to open your garden on that afternoon? Are you pleased with how it looks? Have you some good ideas to share with others? This is not a competition and there are no entry requirements—we would just like there to be as many open gardens as possible to give residents a reason to stroll round the village on that Sunday afternoon. If you would like to take part please contact Pat Rowley.

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Council Tax Support Drop-in

Surgery at The Centre will be on
2nd June from 11am—12noon

Kettering
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Our Safer
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