



Mawsley News & Views

November/December 2013



Kettering Borough Council

This week!
Wednesday 20th
November

There will be a KBC staffed exhibition/display of the latest potential housing plans for Mawsley at Mawsley School between 5pm and 8pm on Wed 20th November.

You can comment on these proposals up until Monday 9th December but for a chance to ask questions and discuss them with the planners get to the exhibition!

What's this all about? For the official KBC announcement and the website links please see page 29.

In a nutshell - from the editor - this is my assessment of the new proposals.

The planning document which News & Views reported on in the spring and which many residents responded to has been updated to take into account the representations made. For Mawsley there has been a considerable change. The field(s) behind Main Street and the Playing Field is/are no longer regarded as potential residential building land. They have been removed from the document. The field (or part of it) between Cransley Rise, Malaslea and Birch Spinney has been now been identified by the planners as a better option.

The document asks for responses similar to those in the last document - basically 'does Mawsley need more housing?' and 'are there reasons why it shouldn't be here?'

This is not a firm proposal to build houses on this site. KBC has to come up with 'potential' sites which will enable it to meet its housing target between now and the year 2030. To achieve this it needs to identify more 'potential' sites than it will actually need.

Please go to the exhibition. Please ask yourself whether Mawsley needs more houses and respond accordingly. It's not clear cut; swings and roundabouts - but what is clear is that some of the arguments and objections that were put forward last time by residents have influenced the outcome. So it is worth responding to the document. See page 29 for how to do that.

Wishing you a very happy Mawsley Christmas

Mawsley is a great place to be at any time of the year but it excels itself at Christmas. There's nothing 'bah humbug-ish' about us!

Christmas treats begin in November with a **family movie, Nativity**, at The Centre on 29th November.

MADS' A Christmas Tale, aka '4 Ghosts and a Mawsley Miser' is on 7th & 8th December. (There probably is a bit of 'bah humbug' in this.)

That's immediately followed, on Monday 9th December, by a **concert of Christmas music** by our very own **Mawsley Community Choir** and Polished Brass at Cransley Church.

Then not long to wait for **Santa's visit, by sleigh**, to Mawsley. He'll be here on 14th and 15th December. Check on page 16 to find out when he's due near your house.

While Santa is in town he will be dropping in to the **Children's Christmas party** at The Centre on 14th.

The Christmas Quiz is always a packed affair. It will be in the main hall on Thursday 19th.

Back to The Centre again for a **church service on Christmas morning** after which the bar will be open till 3pm.

And don't forget **New Year's Eve** of course; a big party, with free entry, at The Centre. Saves wrecking your own house!

See pages 16 & 17 for details of all these events.



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Monday 23rd December 8-6

Tuesday 24th December 8-1

Thursday 2nd January

Friday 3rd January

Monday 6th January

Tuesday 7th January

No registration fee for new joiners



Wow what a busy month October was.

We have been blown away with all the support we have
had from the local community in helping to teach the
children all about the different forms of transport and
provide them with a wide range of different
opportunities.

We have had donations made for our role play areas
from Chrysler, Moulton Park Northampton and cutting
and sticking materials from Motor Cycle World,
Northampton. We have had a black Porsche 911
Revenger, brought into the nursery for the children to
pretend to test drive, courtesy of Vogue Auto Design @
www.vogueautodesign.com. We even had a visit from
the hero himself Fireman Sam, who came to visit from
www.iust-party.co.uk (0800 048 8827) And lastly we had
the most amazing visit from Lightning McQueen.
Lightning McQueen is a full size replica of the Disney
Pixar cartoon car. The children were absolutely buzzing
to see him and we helped raise some money for the
Dylan Cecil Memorial Fund. The car has been created as
a tribute to a special little boy who lost his life at
Burnham on Sea last year so it was a real honour to help
and support an amazing local charity.
As a nursery we would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to
all of the above. You have all helped to create some
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above all else made a child smile ☺

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Mawsley Day Nursery would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for 2014.



For the month of December we will be
celebrating Christmas with lots of creative
activities, parties, fun and games and we may
even get a visit from the great Santa himself, if
he is not too busy.

We will be teaching the children the story of
Christmas, if you have a spare 10 minutes and
love reading stories, why not pop along and read
to our children; they are very welcoming.

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the centre at Mawsley

The Centre has been very busy since the last newsletter. We have had many events and parties and the usual groups seem to have been having a busy autumn also. In October alone there were 26 different groups using our facilities for various events including MAD panto rehearsals, Choir practice, Baby & Toddlers, Zumba and Booika classes and The WI to mention just a few. There is lots going on here on a daily basis. Please contact us if you would like more information about attending or even running a group or event. We are more than happy to help.

We had a fantastic Children's Halloween party which sold out really quickly. I know a few people were disappointed that they couldn't get tickets but there is a limit to the numbers we can have in the hall. Always get your tickets early!

TCAM continues to offer bar snacks from Thursday to Sunday but I have noticed that demand has reduced since the nights began to draw in. The menu will stay in place for November but it may get to the point where we have to stop if things don't pick up.

Christmas and New Year Opening Times

Day	Open	Close
Tuesday 24 th December	Midday	12.00pm
Wednesday 25 th December	Midday	3pm
Thursday 26 th December	Midday	6pm
Friday 27 th December	Midday	1.00am
Saturday 28 th December	Midday	1.00am
Sunday 29 th December	10.00am	12.00pm
Monday 30 th December	Midday	11.00pm
Tuesday 31 st December	2.00pm	1.30am
Wednesday 1 st January	Closed	
Thursday 2 nd January	Normal hours resume	

This is the last time I will be writing in News and Views as Centre Manager because at the end of November I will be leaving to allow Cheryl and myself to pursue a very exciting business opportunity. I appreciate that I have not been here that long and the timing may not be perfect from a TCAM point of view but personally this is the right time for us and it will hopefully prove to be the right decision. I have enjoyed my time here and although there have been some difficult times the vast majority of it has been good fun and I have really enjoyed serving the community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Management Team, the bar and cleaning staff, and Emily for all their help and support and finally Debbie for all her hard work and dedication and for her ability to put up with me all day!! Many of you will know that Debbie is the only person who has been at TCAM since it opened and in my opinion she continues to do a fantastic job. I'm sure that the next Manager will find the job that much easier with the support they will receive from TCAM staff, Management team and volunteers, I know it helped me an awful lot.

Finally Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

Steve Buckle

Coming Soon at The Centre....

Quiz Nights - Thursdays 28th November and 19th December

Family Movie - Friday 29th November

MADS' A Christmas Tale - Sat 7th and Sunday 8th December

Children's Christmas Party - Sat 14th December

New Year's Eve Party - Tues 31st December

Wine tasting with Duncan Murray - Friday 31st January

See pages 16 and 17 for more information on all events.

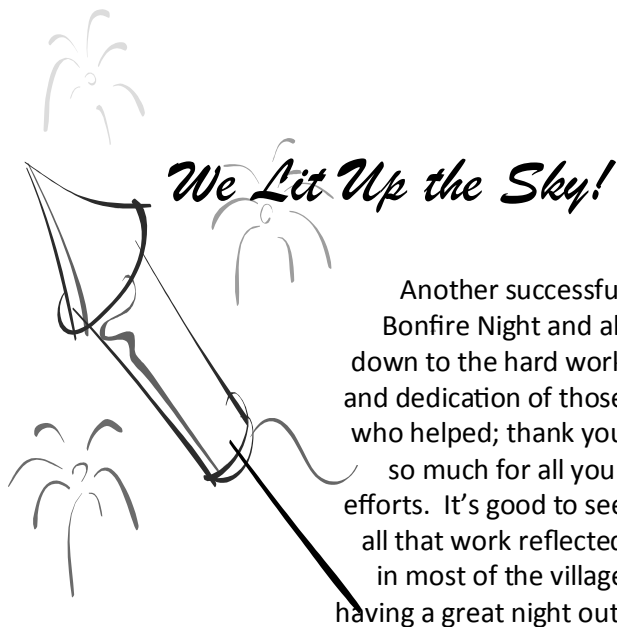
Don't forget that our TV sports schedule is published on the website www.thecentreatmawsley.co.uk along with the What's On Schedule.

Did you know that free wi-fi is available in the bar?

New Centre Manager

The search for a new Centre Manager is well underway but further applications are invited. If you are interested in the role please email Simon Wisdom, preferably attaching your CV.
simon.wisdom@uk.issworld.com

Turn to page 24 for the job description.



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

Special mentions to:

- Charlie Brown our fireworks maestro and his team of Steve Thorpe, Gary Mileham & Richard Harmon.
- All those who helped setting up during the day and as marshals on the night.
- Chris Waine our DJ for the evening.
- The staff at The Centre for all their hard work.
- Nicola Greenwood for organising both the Guy Workshop & Competition.
- Nick Moore for providing the wood for the bonfire and for the servicing of our recently acquired generator/lighting tower.
- Brian Tuite for supplying the festoon lights and transformer for outside bar power supply.
- Coffee @ No 9 our caterers for the night.
- Anya Powell & Phil Orchard who both took advantage of the Barclaycard employee donations scheme for our benefit.

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

Martin Bentley

NB at the time of going to press details of amounts raised were not finalised .
See back page for list of unclaimed raffle prizes.

Editor: The greatest thanks should go to Martin Bentley himself, who has been involved with Bonfire Night for the last six years and masterminded it singlehandedly for three years now. It's a big job in which nothing can be left to chance. He has to pull off a spectacular display and fun for all whilst ensuring that all safety precautions are in place. He did it again. Well done, Martin, and thank you.

Mawsley Villagers

Youth Club is Back!

We are pleased to announce that thanks to new volunteers stepping up we have been able to re-open Youth Club on Wednesdays again!

We now have a team of volunteers who include Dawn Calnan, Lisa Anthony, Nick Haley, Tony Godson, Steve Thorpe and Claire Bentley. Allan Macdonald still regularly pops in and has been really helpful in guiding the new leaders in re-starting the group.

Youth Club is £2.00 per child and runs from 6.30 til 8.30pm term time only. We welcome children 8 years and older. Our tuck shop is open every week, we have music and games, as well as a different craft type activity every week. Games we play include football, dodgeball, bulldog and musical chairs to name a few!

Activities to come before Christmas include glass painting, calendar making, scratch art and Christmas cards, finishing off with a big Christmas Party at the end of the year.

I am so pleased that we have been able to secure the slot for this vital community activity and long may it continue!

Vicky Waine

At a recent MVA meeting the members discussed a letter from Kelly Fardon concerning an incident by the skate ramps in September. She had witnessed adults whom she thought were not local and who had arrived by car, behaving in an anti-social way and in a manner that caused some of our own youngsters to leave. The letter was also considered by the Parish Council.

Rob Bailey comments:

What Kelly has described is clearly the abuse of a public amenity towards which Mawsley residents have made a significant contribution, in terms of both time and money. She is absolutely right to say that it's not what the equipment was intended for.

I am aware that the MVA and the Parish Council have taken these concerns very seriously and will continue to discuss ways in which security around the play area can be tightened without reducing accessibility. Already under consideration is the locking of the gate at certain times and/or the installation of lockable bollards. Funding is currently being sought for CCTV coverage around The Centre including this area.

In the meantime, it would be helpful if we could *all* take responsibility for countering anti-social behaviour by reporting it to the appropriate authorities - KBC who own the land, MVA (contact details on page 32) or in extreme cases, to the police. Less serious unacceptable behaviour could be dealt with on the spot; (the dropping of litter, for example).

Thank you for making us aware of this. We certainly don't want any youngsters to be frightened away from the play areas.

Association

Play area fence

Doubtless some of you will have noticed that the fence around the younger children's play area is leaning.

I have discussed this with the suppliers, who have completed a full investigation. The root cause is some incorrect advice given to them by the people who make the fencing material.

Our suppliers immediately agreed to fix the problem, entirely at their own expense; and will do so shortly.

Bob Littler

Introducing Rob Bailey, new MVA Chair

'I moved into the village with my partner Linda a little under three years ago. Now retired, I was previously the headteacher of a comprehensive school in central Nottinghamshire.

Since coming to Mawsley I have been impressed by the community spirit and dynamism which has rapidly established a real sense of community. The phenomenal progress over little more than ten years is testimony to the vision and endeavour of a number of dedicated villagers who can claim a much longer period of residency than I can. After such a relatively short period, how many communities can boast an established Centre, an Adventure Park, sports facilities and a plethora of groups dedicated to providing social interaction, fund-raising, learning and support?

Much of this progress can be ascribed to the close working relationship of the Parish Council, The Centre at Mawsley Committee and the MVA.

Thus I consider it a real honour to become the chair of the Mawsley Villagers' Association. One of the prerequisites of progress is the provision of a forum for your ideas, contributions and concerns. The MVA is dedicated to this ethos and, with your support and that of the rest of the committee, I am privileged to be a part of it.'



Baby & Toddler Group

Contacts: Anthea Cane (07596 022525) Krista Alford (07742 601100)

What a fantastic half term we have had, looking at all the people who help us.



We've had a fabulous visit from the police, complete with car and siren, brushing giant teeth, making our own spectacles; it has been entertaining, educational and exciting. Thanks to all the mums who have given us excellent feedback confirming that the group's topics have helped at home too, especially the dentist and doctor weeks. That's good to know.

We have secured the funding that we sought from the Mawsley Parish Council and Mawsley Villagers Association and would like to thank them for recognising the group's



needs. We can now move on and invest in new toys to help develop the toddlers' imagination and interactive play. We still welcome donations of unwanted, good quality, toys (storage space permitting), so if you are having a sort out and have items needing a new home, please let us know.

On to the next half term, wonderful autumn and fast approaching (dare I say it?) Christmas. We are all set for six weeks (7th of November - 12th of December) of fun, play and crafts. There will be firework pictures, conker rolling, glitter play dough with a hint of spice and a winter wonderland to name a but a few. The new sensory corner has been a success and will continue with lots of different colours and textures. Come and see for yourselves.

The theme for each coming Thursday is posted on our facebook page; visit and be friends at Mawsley Toddlers for all the news.

28th November is a must date for the diary - Shopping Event at Toddler Group, Mawsley Mums in Business. Come and take a look at all the wonderful creations our own Mawsley Mums make, from jewellery, pictures, cards, cakes, sweets, bunting, hearts and Christmas stockings. Find some unique, Christmas gifts and all while your children play. Check the facebook page for information as we may have a surprise for the children on this day too. Happy children, happy mums.

If this is not enough to tempt you, there are still all the usual toys, colouring and the all important snack time. So if you need to get out of the house and have a coffee and chat while your child/children enjoy the activities, come along we would love to see you. The day, time and cost remain the same: Thursday mornings, 9.15-11.00 and £1.50 for first child and 50p per additional child and is open to all parent/guardians and their children, from newborns to 4 years. Look forward to seeing you. Space for Toddlers

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Mawsley Parish Council

The Pub Site; what next?

The owners of the pub site, a company called Mawsley Taverns (MT) recently contacted our Borough Councillor, Jim Hakewill, requesting a meeting to consider its future. Jim asked me as a Parish Councillor to attend together with two representatives from the Borough Council Planning Dept.

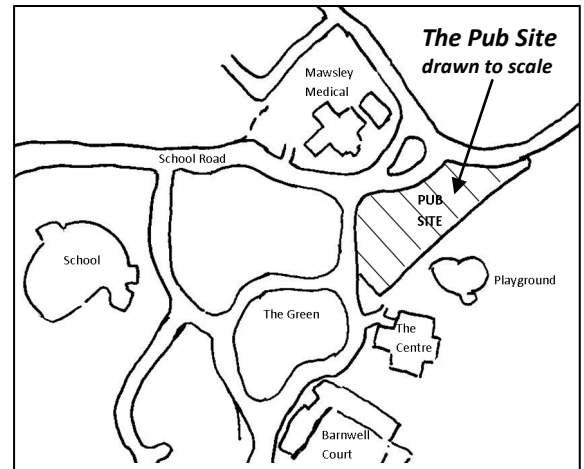
The essence of the discussion was as follows:

Background:

- MT advised that they bought the site for £130k. (We know that they put the site on the market shortly afterwards for £950k; reducing it to £650k and then £450k. They had no takers.)
- To date Taylor Wimpey have held a covenant over the land restricting development to a pub. **However this covenant has now been lifted.** Thus the range of potential options for the site is greatly widened.
- When dismissing the appeal relating to house building on the site in 2011 the Planning Inspector determined that the land was to be retained/used as a community asset. This requirement is still in place.

Current situation:

- MT confirmed the site has been and still is on the market as a pub site, with no indicative price. No interest has been forthcoming however.
- MT wants to sell it, or at least generate income from it. They need to find a use that will satisfy the 'community asset/benefit to Mawsley' requirement but which is commercially viable.



Possible future options:

- There are no possible options in the pipeline at the moment.
- It seems very unlikely there will be any takers for it as a pub site.
- We discussed what types of use would be of 'benefit to Mawsley' and would also justify someone buying the site for that purpose or would generate an adequate rental income.
- We considered some possibilities in the meeting, viz.:
 - Church to buy land and build. (This is an option that the Church declined in the planning stages of the village but circumstances may have changed. MT will contact Church.)
 - County Council to buy land for respite accommodation. (MT to progress.)
 - Kettering Borough Council to buy the land for the benefit of the village. (What justification would there be for KBC to do this? The only reason would be to provide some facility for the village that is felt to be essential and missing. Although this option means that the use may not have to be commercially viable, it does raise the question of then having to find the funding to build / create whatever that facility is.)

So what do you think?

We need some creative thinking to move us beyond this impasse; the site is worth too much for MT to simply hand it back.

1. Can you suggest any commercially viable options for the site that would be of benefit to Mawsley?
2. Can you think of a facility for the village that is essential and missing that might persuade KBC to buy the land? What does this village still need? What do other villages of a similar size have that we don't? What would help to develop further our sense of being an inclusive (and fun!) community?

It's up to us to consider what uses there may be. If we don't come up with some viable ideas it may then become very difficult for the village to have any influence as to the future use of the land.

Please send your ideas to the Parish Council (mawsleyclerk@tiscali.co.uk ; 21 Rose Hill Way, Mawsley).

Have you considered becoming a Parish Councillor?

Would you like to serve your community and influence its development in this way?

There is a vacancy and details of how to apply will be posted on the noticeboards. For more information please contact the Parish Clerk, Diana MacCarthy, mawsleyclerk@tiscali.co.uk 01536 790573

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

Future dates are:

18th November

16th December

20th January 2014

Members of the public, resident in Mawsley, are welcome to attend.

Minutes & Agendas are on the village website:

www.mawsleyvillage.co.uk

The agenda is also posted on the village noticeboards three clear days before each meeting.

Bob Littler

Success in Kettering Sports Awards



Receiving the award from Kettering Mayor Keli Watts and the 2012 winner Amanda Harris

Mawsley Primary School Year 4 pupil, Robert Taylor, had double success at the recent Kettering Sports Awards.

Robert's achievements in his first season of full race karting, allied to his success at rugby, swimming, diving, football and gymnastics led the panel of judges to award Robert the title of **Young Sportsperson of the Year**.

Robert was also successful in the main award, for the Sports Personality of the Year, which was determined by a public vote.

Two weeks later, Robert attended the Northamptonshire Sports Awards and was judged Runner-up in the Young Sportsman of the Year award.


Robert would like to pass this message to the village:

"I'd really like to thank you for voting for me and thank Jigsaw Wooden Products for their support. I was very surprised that I won these awards and I'm very proud to represent Mawsley and Kettering!"


Robert's last races of the year will be at Whilton Mill on 23/24 November and Kimbolton on 7/8 December. Anyone interested in coming to support can contact Robert via his website - www.RTRacing.me.uk or follow his progress via Twitter @Kart_76.

Louise Slaven Dance


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Christmas Competition

We would like you to draw us your best Christmas picture

3 age groups
 Under 5s
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Prizes to be won

Place your entries in the special box at The Centre or give it to Santa when he comes around the village on his sleigh. Don't forget to put your name, age and telephone number on the back

Entries will be judged by Santa.

He will choose a winner on Sat 21st December.

Winning entries will be displayed on the MTDs notice board at The Centre.



To advertise your business in Mawsley News & Views please contact Pat Rowley
rowleypj@btinternet.com K 791881

It has been good to hear from, and about, youngsters in the village this time. These pages are especially for them.

Scout camp was great!

We all had a brilliant time at scout camp in October thanks to the helping hands of our scout leaders, giving up their weekends (and warm beds!) to give us the opportunity to have fun and learn new things.

Rifle shooting and scavenging, toasting marshmallows and cooking our own food on the camp fire were just some of the activities we enjoyed, despite the pouring rain and howling wind, at Overstone Scout Camp Site. All this and just chatting round the camp fire, learning all about bushcrafts, was much better than sitting at home playing computer games or watching TV!

Many thanks to the leaders (all volunteers) Andy Farr, Colin Bauckham, Ian Kelly and Tris Tanner and not forgetting Stewart Eaton (a.k.a. Bones)!

This was our second camp this year (the other one in July was much warmer and sunnier!). Other activities this term have included an evening at LaserMaze, another at the John Lowther Scout Centre and night hikes in Cransley Woods and along the Brampton Valley Way. We will be taking part in the Remembrance Parade and are looking forward to a victory in the District Quiz and some scootering and skateboarding before Christmas.

Thanks again, from all the scouts of the 1st Mawsley Scout Group

New Urbanisms - New Citizens

We have reported in the past about the project being undertaken by researchers from Leeds, Leicester and Northampton Universities about the experiences of young people living in new housing developments. Part of the work was carried out in Mawsley.

The reports are now complete and contain the findings and recommendations to developers and local authorities when new developments are being planned.

The full report is called **Children & Young People's Everyday Life & Participation in Sustainable Communities** and can be found at:

http://newcitizens.wordpress.com/2013/07/nunc_summary-of-key-findings_2013.pdf

Alternatively a search for NUNC will probably get you there!

Congratulations to 12 year old Tahlia Feasey who is appearing in the 'Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge' series on iTV.

Tahlia was selected from thousands to appear on the show.

In the summer of 2013 she went off to France to film along with 24 other children aged 12-18years. A week later



Tahlia with Presenter Laura Hamilton



she returned with several scary, hair raising and funny stories. Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge can be seen on Sundays at 8.30am on iTV (weekly) and is repeated on Thursdays at 5pm on CiTV. The show Tahlia took part in will transmit on; 3rd November, 24th November and 8th December.

Reverend Canon Brian Withington came and talked to us in our assembly about **Operation Christmas Child** - this is a fun activity we could do to make children over the world happy at Christmas. We are very lucky that we have loads of Christmas presents but other children don't have any so we were asked to fill a shoebox with special toys to send to them. Reverend Brian told us what we could and couldn't put in it and my teacher gave me a leaflet about it to take to my mum and dad. It was really good fun and the hardest bit was wrapping our shoebox!. Our school and Church do this every year and I think it's a really good idea.



Harry Baker (aged 9)

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with apologies, the opening will now be after Xmas.

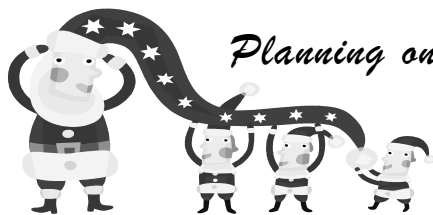
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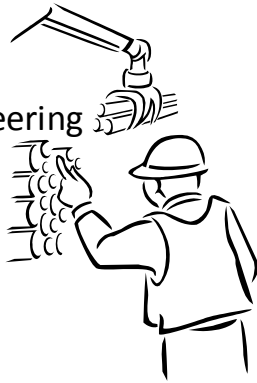
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Stop Press! We have recently received some sensational news regarding two of our particularly talented pupils. First off, Robert Taylor has a triple reason to celebrate as he scooped both the Young and the full Kettering Sports Personality of the year awards and was runner up in the Northamptonshire Young Sports personality award! He has been recognised for his talent racing go-karts; competing and beating children considerably older than him in national races.

Secondly, keen dancer and actor Archie Durrant has landed the lead role in the winter production of "The Snowman" at the Peacock Theatre in London's famous West End! Archie will therefore be performing throughout the Christmas season; he will also be touring the country with the production in January.



We are extremely proud of Archie's achievements and wish him the very best of luck for his forthcoming performances.

Archie Durrant

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Mawsley Community Primary School will be holding tours of the school for prospective parents. There are still places available for the tours listed below. If you would like to attend please book your place by calling the school on 01536 799182.

Tour dates are:
Tuesday 19 November at 2.00 pm
Wednesday 4 December at 10.00 am
Thursday 5 December at 2.00 pm

Trip to Duxford

Year 5 recently had a fantastic learning experience when they visited the Imperial War Museum Duxford, located on an old airfield used in both World War One and Two. The children have been learning about World War Two and took the opportunity to dress up in period costume. We had characters ranging from evacuees to pilots with even Winston Churchill being represented!

On arriving, the children were given a talk by the staff at Duxford and learnt about different jobs that people did during the war. This included fire wardens who had to make safe buildings that had been affected by incendiary bombs dropped from German bombers.

After the talk, the children explored the hangers and the many aircraft within them, including getting the chance to get aboard Concorde!

Next was a trip to the Operations Room where they heard what it would have sounded like if the airfield had been bombed. Our staff were supported on the day by adult volunteers Mr. Henson and Mrs Hayter and we would like to extend our thanks to them for offering their time.



Sophie Haddock in front of a Spitfire

Here's what some of the children thought about the day....

Josh Geddes said: "Probably the best trip we've had! I loved seeing all the different planes and even going in the special play park at the end."

Eva-Mae Hart said: "It was really good – I learnt quite a lot of things like facts about the aeroplanes. I also learnt lots of facts from my friends who knew a bit more than me. We loved it!"

And Poppy-Anne Hedges has the final word – "The best day ever!"

Brainboost

Recently all of our parents were invited in to see the art work produced during our Brainboost sessions. Each year group studied an artist and a musician from around the world and produced some fantastic pieces inspired by their respective artists who reached as far as India and Australia! So thank you to all the parents who came in to view the children's art work.

Gareth Weston





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cranberry relish

Venison loin, root vegetable gratin,
Brussels tops, blackberry sauce

Smoked haddock, crispy poached
egg, crushed new potatoes, peas,
wholegrain mustard cream sauce

Jerusalem artichoke, thyme & crème
fraiche tart, herb salad,
carrot crisps (V)



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Happy Families

Word on the Street

by Tom Sanders

Thanks to the response to our Happy Family article in the last News & Views we are pleased to be able to put the spotlight on two more sets of families and friends who have moved to Mawsley, based on recommendations.....please keep these stories coming. Send them to Tom Sanders - t.sanders01@btinternet.com

Niki Fleming's tribute to her re- united 'extended family'

Niki and Dan Fleming first came to Mawsley on a visit to Sam and Ian Wildman and to have a look at the house they were moving into. They loved the village so much they decided that they would follow them and, in fact, Niki and Dan moved to Sloe Lane just before Ian and Sam moved opposite, into Acre Close, in the summer of 2009.

Niki said "Dan and Ian have remained great friends since their school days and our bonding with Sam, is evidence that family doesn't have to be a blood relative".



Ian and Sam Wildman.

This article is a surprise 'thank you' from Niki to her whole extended family. She also wants to express appreciation to Anna and Sam for their enduring friendship and support and for being close within our respective families, together in Mawsley.

A third part of Niki's 'extended family', Anna and Byron Foster, moved here in May 2011. Again this was following a visit by them from Leicester.

Niki and Anna have been friends all of their lives; born in the same hospital, grew up together, engaged at the same time and married one month apart in 2012 .



Dan, Byron, Niki and Anna



Harry, Molly and Rosie Wildman

Brenda Quinn and Denise Mugglestone



Sisters, Brenda and Denise are another example of the appeal of Mawsley. Based on having liked what they had seen, one followed the other.

Brenda and husband, Frank, moved here in February 2004 from Old Aylestone, South Leicester and list their main reasons ascountryside setting, open spaces and, at that time, Frank's new office location at Milton Keynes.

Following a few visits, Denise and Robin, also moved in June 2004 for the same sort of reasons, with Robin still commuting to his employment in Leicestershire.

Since they moved here, Brenda and Denise have been active and supportive in the village community and in particular, Mawsley WI with Brenda as Chair.

Both are keen Short Mat Bowls players and have been involved in the formation and running of the club.

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Nethertown Way
Ellis Lane
The Green
The Centre (stop)

Stops are to meet and greet
Santa

Sun. 15th

School Road
Cowslip Hill
Stonyfields (stop jnc)
Cransley Rise
School Road
Mawsley Chase
Long Breech (Btm End)
Roman Settle (stop)
Hawthorn Avenue
Badgers Lane/Hares Run
(stop)
Acre Lane
Pasture End
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Long Breech (top)



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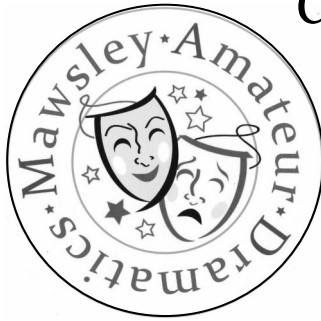
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Picture by cast member
Olivia Newport – Age 8



Christmas Performance

Our performance this year is

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Villagers

Replacement Windows

Many of you will be aware that Mawsley Village is subject to a number of planning restrictions. My understanding is that any changes to people's houses are subject to full planning permission from the planning department at Kettering Borough Council. In particular KBC are very keen to retain timber framed windows and doors throughout the village in order to preserve the uniformity and appearance of the village. However, in many cases the double glazed timber windows originally installed in the village are not of high quality and may now be in need of repair and maintenance.

Nevertheless I have succeeded in getting planning permission for PVC-U windows and a door at the back of my house on the condition that only timber framed windows are installed at the front. KBC planning insisted that the configuration of the windows and doors for the front and back match the configuration of the existing windows and doors. A further requirement from KBC planning is that PVC-U windows and doors at the rear of the house should not be obviously seen from the public domain i.e. nearby residential roads.

The double glazing contractor I used was very helpful in preparing the planning application and in particular their surveyor prepared detailed drawings on a before and after basis which were required by KBC planning. The double glazing company was not cheap but the quality and energy efficiency of the windows and doors will be greatly superior to the existing windows and doors.

If any villagers would like me to put you in touch with the double glazing contractor I used then please let me know by e-mail. I will also need your address and telephone number.

My new double glazing should be installed in about 4 weeks time so I am looking forward to a warmer winter next year.

Chris Hobbs

E-Mail: chrishobbsz@btinternet.com

MAWSLEY COMMUNITY MEMORIAL

Next year, 2014, will be the centenary of the start of the First World War which is known as The Great War.

Cities, towns and villages throughout our country have erected some form of memorial in recognition of the many people who gave their lives in that war, and subsequently to honour all who have perished in every conflict since, right up to the present day.

Mawsley is trying to establish itself as a community and this is done in many ways either by forming clubs, providing a village Fun Day, Bonfire Night celebrations etc. We always have a very good turnout in support for the above things and also great support for our own Remembrance Day ceremony on The Green.

Could I suggest that we in Mawsley join the many other communities and establish a focal point for remembrance in our village so that residents have somewhere to remember their loved ones without having to leave the village to do so?

At present we have a flagpole on the Green; so what do you think about making a more permanent memorial feature in its place?

It would be nice if anyone who agrees with this plan would be prepared to come up with a suggestion as to what form the memorial should take. If you would submit a design plan together with a costing and suggestions for the ease of future maintenance and upkeep, it would be great to have the ideas displayed at The Centre where everyone could view them and choose the favourite.

If you want to submit a design (with your name, contact number etc.), would you please do so before Christmas and deliver it to the office at The Centre. Any queries contact Vic on 799643.

Vic Cope

Editor: Chris Hobbs' letter raises two interesting points:

1. I was surprised that restrictions were applied in his case because his property is not included in the only published list of properties with planning restrictions in Mawsley (now out of date) even though some neighbouring ones are and
2. While some upvc windows are VERY plastic looking and would spoil the appearance of Mawsley 'village' others are not.

I asked Kettering Borough Council to clarify point 1 above. They have replied, *'When home owners in Mawsley are considering extending or otherwise making physical changes to the appearance of their homes they are recommended to ask Kettering Borough Council to undertake a **constraints check** as many properties at Mawsley do not have permitted development rights eg to change windows or extend without first obtaining planning permission. The check is free of charge and details are available by contacting the Council on 01536 534316 or going on line to the following link: http://www.kettering.gov.uk/site/scripts/download_info.php?fileID=3473 '.* While a free check is obviously helpful I don't think this is satisfactory. I think we would prefer to be able to check for ourselves and I have asked for a list of affected properties.

Turning to point 2 Jim Hakewill, our Borough Councillor, has offered to assist by convening a meeting between affected residents, the planning department and window manufacturers, to explore the possibility that there may now be new modern materials that would be acceptable to the planners and easier to maintain than wood. Once we know which properties are affected this is an offer we would probably want to take up. In the meantime Jim will be happy to hear from any resident for whom this is more urgent. Email: jimhakewill@kettering.gov.uk



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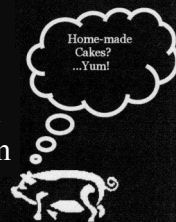
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Our club has only been playing for approx. two and half years so this was no small achievement.

Did we go to the bar and have a tippale?

Nah! We had coffee, tea and biscuits with the team from Redwell, then went home to have a sit down.

Did we gloat?

Nah! Redwell said that they would get their own back when they play us again next March on their own mats. Now there is a challenge for us.

Now what about you?

Do you not know what to do with yourself on Monday afternoons and get bored with the same old T.V.?

Do you have to be fit to play?

Nah! If you can put your shoes on and walk or drive to The Centre then you're fit enough for us.

We meet at 1pm to start playing at 1.15pm.

Come and give it a go.

The club have got spare bowls for you to use and all you need are soft-soled shoes. Your first three Mondays are FREE.

Play dates for this year are.....Nov 25th. Dec 2nd. 9th. Then we start again on 6th Jan.
Can't wait to see you. You will find us a jolly bunch and you'll be very welcomed.

Just turn up or give me a call on 790820
Alan Pritchard.
Club secretary.



Congratulations to Mawsley Touch Rugby Club (MTRC) on hosting their first tournament on Saturday 5th October 2013 which was a huge success. The event was the culmination of a lot of hard work coordinated by club Technical Director Allister Viljoen.

The 'Old Dogs Cup' was challenged for by clubs from Warwick and Carlton as well as Mawsley. Having won both games Carlton emerged victorious. The standard of play was very high and was enjoyed by all.

Played under FIT regulations the tournament was refereed by an official England Touch Association referee, with the tournament and cup sponsored by the RFU thus being amongst one of the first of its kind in the region to highlight the increasing partnership between the two organisations in their quest to support the growth of touch nationally.

The success of the day has firmly paved the way for it to become an annual tournament, putting Mawsley firmly on the 'Touch' map and adding an additional fixture to the end of the touch season for rivalling local clubs with silverware to play for.

MTRC would like to extend their thanks and gratitude to Mawsley Sports Council, Steve Buckle at TCAM, our sponsor Mawsley Dental Clinic, and all those who have supported us in this tournament and throughout the 2013 season.

*If you are interested in playing touch rugby, we train on **Mawsley playing fields every Saturday morning from 9.15-10.30am**. We welcome all players regardless of ability (age 18+). Touch rugby is one of the world's fastest growing sports with the emphasis on fun and fitness although we also play competitively. For more information and to come along to a free trial session, please email mawsleytrc@gmail.com, visit www.mawsleyvillage.co.uk or find us on Facebook.*



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Mawsley Coffee Club

Membership of Mawsley Coffee Club is open to all folk in our village who have retired or who are approaching retirement. We arrange outings and events throughout the year and, most of all, we enjoy ourselves and have some fun!

During the past few weeks we have arranged a visit to the Derngate theatre in Northampton to see "CATS" and have had tea with Keli Watts, the Mayor of Kettering in her parlour at the Council Offices. (I wish I had taken a camera to photograph her in the impressive 75 year old Mayor's bright red gown and gold chain she was wearing for this occasion).

We also had an enjoyable coffee morning at The Centre, where we're always made to feel very welcome by the staff. (See photo above)



Mawsley Coffee Club - coffee morning at The Centre, Thursday 7th November 2013

Our plans for the rest of the year include a coach trip to Baytree nurseries and Springfield shopping outlet in Spalding for some retail therapy and Christmas shopping. Our final Coffee morning for this year will be at The Centre, when we will sing carols and enjoy some mince pies with our coffee. On this occasion we plan to collect tins and packets of food to donate to St Jude's local food bank in Kettering, which provides non perishable emergency food to local people in crisis.

We have arranged our annual Christmas lunch with our traditional Santa's sack at the Royal Oak in Walgrave. Several suggestions have been received for coffee mornings, outings and events for 2014 and we have already begun to put together a programme for the New Year.

During the past year we have organised several coffee mornings, held mainly at The Centre and we have invited speakers to tell us about Neighbourhood Watch and the role of Kettering Street Pastors. We have joined with some of our members to celebrate their special birthdays and wedding anniversaries. We held our annual Garden party in the summer with a bring and buy stall to raise funds for Cransley Hospice. One Sunday afternoon in the summer we visited Rothwell Church to see the bones in the crypt, (an interesting experience!) followed by afternoon tea in the church. Visits to the theatre in Northampton have included performances of "The Mousetrap" followed by "CATS"! The weather was dry and sunny for our day at the seaside and we enjoyed glorious weather in September for our most memorable visit to the Houses of Parliament in London, arranged for us by Philip Hollobone, our MP.

Details of dates and events etc. are available from:

Molly and John Tel: 790781 or

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Please telephone the surgery for an appointment. If you are not sure if you are entitled to a vaccine call us now.

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Angene Kane
Practice Manager.

Bird Visitors by Les Cottington

In the coming weeks the large numbers of a colourful thrush-like bird known as a Fieldfare will be seen in the village feeding off crab apple and berry trees. They make a distinctive chirruck-chirruck sound and anybody walking down Main Street won't fail to notice them. They have come a long way, from Scandinavia in fact, and will return there in the spring.



Talking of visitors, I am indebted to Frank Quinn who told me of the large number of unusual and rare birds that can be seen on our doorstep at Harrington Airfield. For example, in the last few weeks a Great Grey Shrike, Merlins and Ravens have been spotted there. These are the sort of birds one is most unlikely to see in a lifetime in this part of the world anyway. If you are interested there is more information at www.northantsbirds.com.

Another Newsletter already and this I'm afraid is the last one from your WI.

It does seem a shame as a WI is always a good part of village life besides the fact that wherever you go in the country you can always find a WI office, meet someone by chance, but always you share a common interest. I recently went to Dorset and when taking the grandchildren to a museum, there by chance was the Dorset Federation office and me being me, I knocked the door, introduced myself and there we were sharing a cup of tea. It's brilliant.

We are proud of the 8 years we have had and the donations we have been able to make to all the various groups and of course to the Surgery. We have had some really good times, starting with the 'Awards for All' grant that allowed us all to go on various courses at Denman College, the WI owned college in Oxfordshire. Friendships were formed there and are still going strong; new skills learned and a good time all round. We've had some really good speakers [and some not so good!] and had a go at various dance forms including Belly dancing and Salsa.

Above all we are all good friends and would have welcomed the younger ladies to join us and maybe learn a lot! Sadly this didn't happen and our last meeting will be in December with the ladies having a lunch together.

We hope in our time as your WI we have helped you all a little bit. To all our past members 'Thank you' for being a part of the team and we will remain good friends.

Who knows, we may yet rise again!

May we also, as this edition covers Christmas, send you all Season's Greetings.

Thank You
Brenda Quinn

Editor: Mawsley WI has made a significant contribution to our community both in the interest and camaraderie it provided for its members, the donations it made to other groups in the village and the fairs and many cream teas it has laid on for all of us.

Thank you from Mawsley to the W.I. and especially its two chairs, Lynn Hazell and Brenda Quinn.

Rehearsals are now well under way for our Christmas Concert in conjunction with Polished Brass. We are thoroughly enjoying the variety of Christmas and non-Christmas music and are delighted that such a prestigious group as Polished Brass would like to share this event with us.

The concert will be at St Andrew's Church, Cransley beginning at 8pm on the evening of Monday 9th December 2013. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served during the interval, and will add to the atmosphere. Admission is free although there will be opportunities for donations. All are welcome and do arrive early, as the church is small – doors open at 7:30 pm.

We are always keen to attract new members and would like to take this opportunity to remind you that:

- We are a Community Choir – in the community and for the community
- The music that we sing is varied and hopefully appreciated and enjoyed by as many people as possible – repertoire ranges from popular to classics
- No previous singing or music experience is required – we are all learning as we go along. Although Carole, our Musical Director is an excellent and experienced musician, she realises that not everyone is similarly trained and helps and guides us through all the music we learn.

Earlier on in the term, Councillor Cliff Moreton from Kettering Borough Council attended one of our rehearsals and presented us with a cheque for £150 from his KBC Ward Fund to help us with the cost of sheet music, which has been very gratefully received. We have also benefited from a grant from the Community Fund administered by Mawsley Parish Council which has enabled us to purchase Carol books for the forthcoming Christmas season.

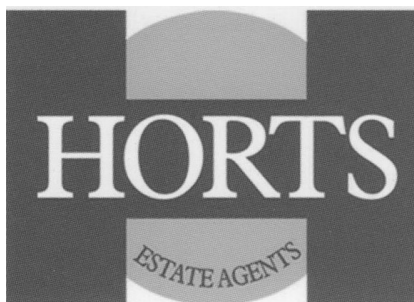
We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Concert!

Mawsley Community Choir
Contact: Frances Allbury, Secretary – tel. 790870



Gareth Norris (left) being presented with the cheque by Cllr Cliff Moreton

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As the nights draw in and the leaves fall from the trees, we look back on the long summer we had and how thankful we are for the Harvest.

At Mawsley Church we celebrated Harvest festival followed by a shared lunch to worship God together.

As well as our monthly Café Church we have also had some Baptisms and also family worship (including the Drum kit in a box!).

Over the next few months we are running The Pilgrim Course which has just been launched by The Church of England. The aim of the course is to help people explore the Christian faith. The course is open to anyone who is interested in learning more. Please contact us for details.

November 29th sees us joining with The Centre to bring you movie night! Nativity is the movie and hotdogs, popcorn, drinks and sweets will be available. Tickets are £1 and everyone is welcome.

Services take place at the centre at 10.30 each week and follow this pattern:

- 1st Sunday: SPACE on Sunday – coffee and bacon rolls with activities for children and a quiet space
- 2nd Sunday: Worship with children's groups
- 3rd Sunday: All age worship and shared lunch
- 4th Sunday: Communion service with children's groups

If you would like to find out more about Mawsley church then please contact either:

Rev. Brian Withington 01536 791373 or email revdbrian@uwclub.net or

Churchwarden Anthea Cane 07596022525 or email anthea76@hotmail.co.uk

Christmas Services at Mawsley Church at The Centre

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Family Service with a nativity

25th December

10.30 am

Family Service



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Mawsley works are progressing well

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Taylor Wimpey is pleased to report that work on Mawsley's infrastructure is progressing well.

Phase 7 of the village's infrastructure (Hawthorn Avenue, Long Breech, Roman Settle, Lensway, Mawsley Chase, Rose Hill Way, Hedgerow Lane and Sloe Lane) is almost complete. Footpaths and roads are now 98% complete and have been inspected by Northamptonshire Highways as the work has progressed, and been confirmed as up to adoptable standards.

We have tendered for the village linking road works and anticipate awarding contracts for this work in late November, with a completion date for physical works by Easter 2014.

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Sewage network

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Further works

Our maintenance works to grass highway verges and open spaces is now reducing as we advance towards winter.

We have also been busy tidying up fences and adding new gates to open space areas in preparation for the handover to Kettering Borough Council.

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.

Street lighting continues to be the responsibility of Taylor Wimpey. Anyone who needs street lights attending to in the village should ring Tim Sellens on 0116 281 6403 and he will make arrangements for repairs etc. to any lights not working.

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Kettering Borough Council is currently consulting on the 'Housing Allocations – Assessment of Additional Sites and Update'.

The document provides an assessment of additional potential housing sites submitted following publication of the Site Specific Proposals LDD – Options Paper (KBC, March 2012). It provides an update to the 'Housing Allocations: Background Paper' (KBC, February 2012) which was used to identify proposed housing options in the Site Specific Proposals LDD – Options Paper.

An interactive version of the document is available to view on the Council's consultation portal at:

<http://consult.kettering.gov.uk/portal>.

Representations on the document are invited and must be received no later than **5.30pm on Monday 9th December 2013**. Representations should be submitted electronically via the Council's consultation portal or in writing to Development Services at Kettering Borough Council, Municipal Offices, Bowling Green Road, Kettering, NN15 7QX.

The exhibition at Mawsley School on 20th November from 5 - 8pm is intended to provide members of the public and stakeholders with the opportunity to ask questions, view display material, make comments in writing or find out more about making comments online via our consultation portal.



**Northamptonshire
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FLY THE FLAG FOR NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

A competition has been launched by Northamptonshire County Council to find a flag for Northamptonshire. The contest is open to schools, community groups or individuals to design a flag which they believe best represents the county. All entries will be assessed by a panel of judges, including a representative from The Flag Institute in London and a Professor in cultural studies, and a final five designs will be put to a public vote.

Chairman of the county council Cllr Joan Kirkbride said: "Over the past two years here in the UK we have had ample opportunities to get out there and wave flags. Whether it has been to celebrate the Royal Wedding, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee or supporting our Olympic heroes. The Parliamentary Flags and Heraldry Committee is now encouraging communities across the country to get involved and register their own flags. We think this is a golden opportunity for Northamptonshire to find a flag we can be proud of. We are looking for a flag which can help raise recognition of Northamptonshire across the country, express pride in our local community and celebrate the heritage and culture of our corner of the country."

For full details of the competition visit: <http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk>>www.northamptonshire.gov.uk.

Entries must be submitted by Friday 17th January 2014. After short-listing a public vote will take place on the council website between 24th February and 21st April 2014. The winner will be announced in May.

It would be great if this was an entry from Mawsley.

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History on our doorstep

Ironstone Mining in Cransley and Loddington Parish 19th & 20th centuries by Richard Barnwell

I have been asked to write a little about the Ironstone Railway which runs through Cransley Parish from the site just off the A43/A14 and culminates at The Loddington Sidings.

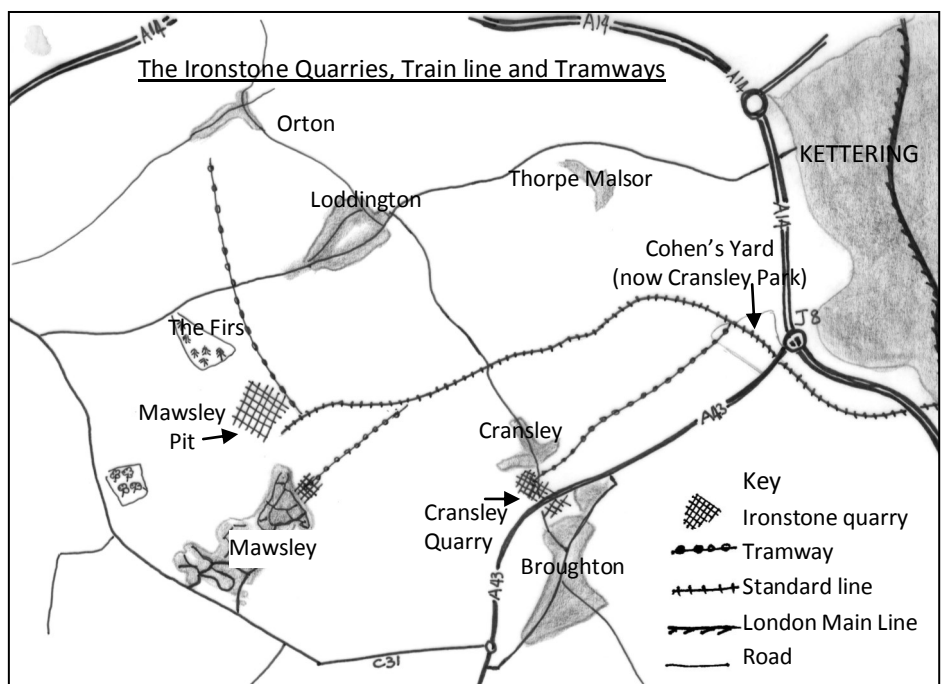
In the late 19th century when the UK ruled the world and it was indeed an empire on which the sun never set the demand for raw materials, particularly iron, was enormous.

Our part of Northamptonshire is rich in seams of Ironstone, hence all the local Ironstone foundries, which were located in and around Kettering and Corby.

In many of our local villages, there were Ironstone quarries where the stone was mined to provide building materials for our local vernacular buildings. If you place yourself back in the mists of antiquity, one of the things essential for an area of habitation was water, fuel (timber) and building materials (timber and stone). This is often why small fields around villages were undulating because they had been quarried for the precious building material. One of the difficulties of quarrying any form of stone was removing the over-burden or top soil which covered the area. The viability of such sites depended on the depth of the

top soil, as one has to imagine in the days before machinery, this all had to be moved by hand. The onset of the industrial revolution and all the advances in machinery, particularly steam railways, enabled quarries to be set up some miles from where the raw materials were processed into pig iron. At the end of the 19th century, agriculture was in an extremely impoverished condition and country estates were finding it difficult to keep afloat.

Hence when in the 1880s estate owners were given the possibility of earning an income from the royalties of iron production and were able to sell pieces of land for infrastructure such as railways and furnace areas, they were only too delighted to welcome the new industry. The income from the Ironstone completely revitalised The Cransley Estate and enabled Major Thurburn, who purchased the estate in 1903 to commence considerable projects including under-draining the land, re-building and extending the farm buildings of his tenants, building new farmhouses and so on. This prosperity lasted up to the beginning of the 1930s when once again there was a national collapse in confidence and the spectre of bankruptcy, or at the very least an



inability to pay one's rent, came once again to the Cransley fields.

The early ironstone workings in Cransley were in the south of the parish and culminated in my fields adjoining the Broughton bypass. These were worked by Plevins & Co as the Cransley Iron Co. from 1875. Little trace of these remain and the early pit was on the site of the recently granted controversial site for the development of a large number of houses on the junction of Coxes Lane and Broughton Hill.

In 1889 a new Company was formed, The New Cransley Iron Steel Company and soon commenced the construction of the new standard gauge line to enable them to get a greater tonnage of ore to the furnaces at the east end of the parish.

The earliest excavations were adjoining my farm buildings at Cransley Lodge in 1894 and the distinct dip in the field can still be seen today. This quarry just clipped the eastern Mawsley village boundary to the south of Cransley Lodge and was served by a narrow gauge steam tramway to the standard line where it went under the bridge then turned west to meet up with the standard line (on the same Level) at the "Docks". The "Docks" was the point at which the standard line terminated and the northern tramway commenced which eventually went as far as the quarries at "Gun Bank" on the Rothwell road to the east of Orton. All excavations from this part ended in 1963 from the Orton Pit and the Mawsley Pit. The Mawsley Pit was the area which now is a wooded area known as the "Firs" which can be seen from Mawsley to the west of Loddington.

The furnace site (Cohen's Yard) was closed shortly after and for a few years British Rail, still reeling from the savage "Beeching" cuts, used the site to store Locomotives and Carriages, brought there from the main St Pancras line at Kettering, before they were cut up for scrap by the famous George Cohen scrap metal merchants.

My maternal Grandfather George Henry Johnson was Managing Director of Stewarts and Lloyds and ran the

furnaces at Kettering and Cransley. He had the sad job of closing the furnaces and arranging the demolition of the Chimneys. I remember the occasion well, when his eight grandchildren were asked to push the plungers!

There is one local ironstone engine left that I know of which has been completely restored and that is "Kettering Furnaces No 3" (pictured) which now lives at Penrhyn Castle in North Wales. The engine shed from the site is now in my yard at Cransley and we use it for farm storage.



When the rail lines were taken up in the 1970s the Cransley Farmers whose land it passed through were able to purchase the land and in some places this has been returned to agriculture. My portion of the track now carries the Bridleway from Cransley to Loddington and along this section you can see the wonderful blue engineering bricks which were used to construct the Bridges.

Ironstone which was once so important in Kettering Borough has now (like the Boot and Shoe trade) all but gone but there are still many "Locals" who could tell you many stories about "The Furnaces" and the lives of their fathers and grandfathers. They were all "Real Men" who worked hard to support their families, the parish the borough, the country and ultimately the Empire. We who earn our keep by sitting in an

office and pressing buttons and who have to go to a gym to work off our overindulgence should occasionally give some thought to our recent forbears' lives. Just imagine for a moment all those men trudging on foot to the quarries, doing hard manual work all day, and then having to trudge home again in filthy clothes, come rain or shine. We all have some nostalgia for the past but we should all give thanks to God we were born in a totally different age!

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