



# Mawsley News & Views



September/October 2015

## Welcome!

Letter from the editor

Hello all!

My name is Peter and I am the new editor for Mawsley News and Views.

Firstly I want to thank everyone who has sent in this issue, and a big thanks to Pat for all the support.



This new style takes on some of the old and some of the new. If you are familiar with the newsletter you'll find the same sort of articles as before, just with a few changes here and there. I want to thank our two young writers who sent in this issue, Jamie Smith and Emma Jeeves, as you've helped begin my goal of getting more articles from a younger perspective. The newsletter should appeal to everyone, and include everyone, therefore if you can think of an article for next issue, don't be afraid to send in!

I hope for all you long time readers I've created something you will still enjoy reading, but I also hope I've helped branch out to a new readership as well.

This issue is not entirely mine. Due to going in for an operation on the 24th this issue has been finished by Pat, and so I thank her greatly for doing so.

Please enjoy, and don't forget to send in for November! Details are on the back.

Peter Reed



### Vulcan Flyover

On Monday 20th July, the last flying Vulcan bomber roared across the skies of Northamptonshire on one of its final flights.

The iconic aircraft, XH558, flew over large swathes of Northamptonshire in circles from 2pm to 4pm at a low height and close to our village, as part of an event at Sywell Aerodrome.

The aircraft is currently in what is expected to be its final season of flying air displays, and it is expected to retire in October.

The 60 year old Avro Vulcan is an iconic example of British aerospace engineering at its world-beating best. Its impressive list of technical achievements includes being the first successful large delta wing aircraft, leading directly to Concorde and the Space Shuttle, and delivering performance and agility so close to a jet fighter's that it was given a fighter-style control column in place of the traditional bomber pilot's yoke. That agility allowed XH558 to deliver amazing air displays, which unfortunately must finish this year as her time as a flying aircraft draws to an end.

For those fortunate to see this amazing aircraft so close, it was worthy of considerable interest and record by video and photograph.

Tom Sanders

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## TCAM UPDATE

I hope that you all had a great summer!

Firstly a huge thank you to everyone who helped support the Village Fun Day and for all the feedback I and the team have received. We will be looking at making some changes for next year primarily in trying to increase more traditional activities/stalls and moving away from the commercial stalls. This is dependant upon people or groups volunteering to run them for free and taking all proceeds towards their group funds. The event was once again incredibly well supported although numbers and takings were down on last year for everyone. There are pictures of the event throughout this newsletter.

The Children's Film nights have continued to be supported as have the Jazz afternoons, bingo and our regular quiz nights.

The Mid Summer Mawsley Festival proved a huge success with the Saturday Music Festival being particularly well attended and supported. We will develop this event further and intend to host a Music, Ale & Cider festival in June/July next year. Once again my thanks go to everyone who supported this event.

## FUTURE EVENTS

In addition to our regular events, we have a number of exciting events coming to The Centre over the next couple of months. In September we are hosting an evening of song and dance from the musicals, **"Curtain Up!"** on 19<sup>th</sup> in association with Jonathan Reynolds and TheatreWorkz. This is followed in October by our first **Stand Up Comedy Night** which is planned for 17<sup>th</sup> October with three professional comedians. See page 14 and check our notice boards and website for further details.

Tickets are now on sale for both events the prices of which have been heavily subsidised to ensure that as many people as possible have the opportunity to attend. Further details can be found in the 'Events' section later in the newsletter.

And no October would be complete without our annual Children's Halloween Party which will be held on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October. An opportunity for the children to dress up and have some fun with their friends at The Centre.

I hope to see you soon at The Centre and hope that as many of you as possible can get to one of these new events.

Best wishes, Hugh



Sunny Fun Day 2015

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# News from the MVA...

The Mawsley Villagers Association extends a big welcome to Peter Reed as the new editor of 'News and Views'. Peter has worked tirelessly to gather items for the newsletter and would be delighted to receive contributions for the next issue. Thank you Peter for all your efforts with this one.

On the subject of welcomes, remember that a Welcome Pack is available for anyone moving into the village. You can contact The Centre, or me, if you would like one to pass on to new neighbours or if you are new to this community.

Once again, the weather was kind to us for our annual Family Fun Day. I had the honour of welcoming the Mayor of Kettering, Cllr. June Derbyshire and her partner. As the proud owner of two Japanese akitas, she was particularly interested in the Dog Show. Generally, she was impressed by the turnout and the palpable community spirit so evident in our village. Thanks to Hugh Mulligan and his team, who were responsible for most of the planning and organisation.

We can now look forward to two up and coming events for the autumn. One is our well established Bonfire Night which always attracts a large audience and the other is the Mawsley Snow Ball, (formerly the Autumn Ball). Dates and ticket arrangements for these events are on the Events pages, 15 and 16.

The Bonfire spectacular will be in a slightly different part of the field this year, with no detriment to viewing. That's because our field is becoming ever more in demand as more sports organisations take advantage of our excellent facilities. To this end, much remedial work on the field has been undertaken, with more planned for the future. Many thanks are due to the village volunteers who do this regular work.

Our Centre and field facilities are, of course, of tremendous benefit to younger members of our community in particular, some of whom have enjoyed the regular Wednesday evening sessions at Mawsley Youth Club. As reported previously, the Youth Club is anxious to secure adult support before recommencing. If you are able to help, please get in touch.

Further to the improvements mentioned earlier, we're also glad to report that a defibrillator has now been installed at The Centre. We hope, of course, that it won't be needed but it's reassuring to know that it's there.

I'll sign off with my usual appeal to come and join us if you can. My contact details are on the back of the newsletter.

Rob Bailey, (On behalf of the MVA)

## Fireworks

As summer draws to a close it is time to think about November and fireworks and bonfires.

For those of you who missed last year's Firework Night, despite the weather we had a super display together with bonfire, and it was a great night.

Preparations for this year are already underway, but as ever it all depends on people putting a little time in to help; be it helping with the preparation on the day, acting as crowd marshals etc.

If you are willing to help please could you either send me an email or contact me on my home telephone number below:

bentley\_m1@sky.com

Tel: K 799644

All offers of help would be very much appreciated. Thank you,  
Martin Bentley



## From the Chair

### New Parish Councillor

The Parish Council has always been concerned that its make up (mainly men; usually not quite as young as they were - or would like to be) does not reflect the profile of the village.

So we are pleased to welcome Katie Wilson to be one of your Councillors. Katie is a young woman who has lived in the village for five years, so I guess she has a different perspective on village life; on what the village needs/wants to happen and change; and a younger age range of friends and contacts than current Councillors have.

Nonetheless I do wish that villagers would tell the Parish Council what they wish the Council would do. If you don't then we have to do what we think you want; not always the same. I know I keep saying this, but that's only because a) it is true, and b) people seldom do.

### The Community Fund

And now for something completely different. The Parish Council manages the village Community Fund; this being the pot of money that the developers granted to the village to support the development of social activities and facilities. There is still £6,500 available, and any village group can apply for a grant from the Fund. The key requirements are that the project must be of benefit to the village as a whole, and that at least 25% of the total project cost must come from other sources (i.e. the group's own funds, and/or grants from other donors).

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Bob Littler

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# Mawsley Parish Council

## The Adoption Process

Parish Council has clearly documented the negative effects of our village remaining un-adopted and the on-going dependence on the builders for basic maintenance rather than our entitlement for adoption by the local authorities.

Our reports and concerns have been made known about the lack of a regulated adoption programme with the developers, loosely assembled planning agreements and communications issues between the respective planning departments of Kettering Borough, Northamptonshire County Councils and our councillors.

### Taylor Wimpey.

Against this background and without direct responsibility and empowerment, we have been able to influence progress in close liaison with Chris Leeson, the Technical Director of Taylor Wimpey who has facilitated the programme of road works and consultation with senior NCC Highways and planning engineers.

As a result of Chris Leeson's dedicated support we have benefited from an improved routine maintenance service on street lighting, landscape and road gritting in the winter months with the completion in December 2014 of the extensive road works programme which was started in 2010.

In recent months we have been advised that TW have progressively transferred the legal and landscaping maintenance of most of their locations over to KBC, with the exception of small pockets of grassed areas for which TW have committed to remain responsible until the completion of the adoption.

The full adoption is subject to protracted legal and technical issues between TW and the landowner and in particular, a settlement on the storm water drainage onto the land at the north of the village, known as the 'lagoon'

### David Wilson Homes.

DWH will not be able to transfer full adoption of the roads and sewers until a settlement is reached on the storm water drainage on the other Phases under TWs responsibilities.

Following on from the problems that were experienced with the grass cutting in some locations, we have now requested to DWH and KBC that they seek a resolution on the problem with their negotiations on the settlement of a sum of money, required by KBC before they will accept the transfer of responsibility and maintenance on Public Open Spaces.

As a result of these recent events, we have been promised an updated report and follow up from Mr Trevor Rockley, the Technical Director of DWH which will also include the status on their action plans for full adoption under the standards set by NCC, together with an improvement in communications and regular feedback from our KBC and NCC councillors.

## Northants Best Village

Well, I regret to say that the results of the Northamptonshire Best Village competition were a little disappointing. We received a "Highly Commended" award in the large village section.

Congratulations to Weedon Bec, who were the overall winners.

Does it matter? No, not really. Perhaps not at all!

But we viewed the competition as a way of getting recognition of everything that we have achieved, and so many worked so hard for, to make Mawsley an enjoyable place to live. Actually, in many ways I think it is remarkable that our village, which didn't exist 15 years ago, is even able to make a creditable entry.

Anyway, just look around you; look at what goes on in the village; look at the range of facilities, leisure and fun opportunities Mawsley offers. Perhaps that alone should be recognition enough!

Bob Littler

## Visibility problems from village.

Please be aware that the problem with visibility to on-coming traffic from the right, at the Loddington Way and Broughton Road junctions to the C31 was reported to Northamptonshire County Council Street Doctor [Ref:751236]

This was necessary because of concerns and 'near misses' reported by residents and although the grass verges have been cut back previously, we have requested that further action is required and that the heavier vegetation and trees are cut back to improve the vision and distance range.

This work has now been carried out and has made a significant improvement on the visibility range of on-coming traffic and hopefully, more safety awareness.

Tom Sanders

## Parish Council Meetings

The next meetings are at 7pm at The Centre on 21st September, 19th October, 16th November

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, agendas and other information are at:  
[www.mawsleyvillage.co.uk/parishcouncil](http://www.mawsleyvillage.co.uk/parishcouncil)

# Mawsley Community Primary School



## Road Safety

Those of you who have children who attend our village school will already know that for many, many months we have been discussing road safety issues with Taylor Wimpey, our Parish Council and our District and County Councillor.

I recently reported to parents/carers and our Parish Council that school governors are now satisfied that Taylor Wimpey has done all that it is required to do and more, to fulfil its obligations and we also know that we do not meet the Highways Authority's criteria for a school crossing or other road improvements. Taylor Wimpey has offered us £500 to use to reinforce road safety messages and we will be discussing the best way to spend this money.

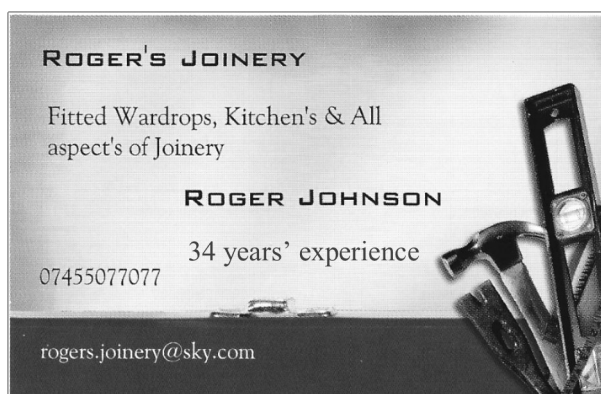
When our roads are finally adopted we will again be pressing for road safety improvements, including a crossing, when we raise this matter again with our District and County Council.

Road safety is everyone's responsibility. Road safety education is part of the school curriculum and we regularly highlight any concerns we have when we write to parents/carers in the school newsletter.

In September we will be reviewing our school's Travel Plan and we will be inviting parents/carers and other village stakeholders to join us in this task.

Road safety in our village and wherever we are, **must** be everyone's top priority whether we are walking, skateboarding, roller-skating, cycling or driving.

Pat Downing  
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# Activities & Clubs

## Baby & Toddler Group

It's been a busy summer for Mawsley Touch Rugby Club.

All our training sessions and hard work paid off when we competed in two touch tournaments. In June we came third in the Northampton Casuals' Beerfest Touch tournament. The added incentive of a beer may have increased our determination to win, but we played well and showed the other larger clubs what a village team can achieve.

At the Mawsley Fun Day in July, we raised money to fund a defibrillator for the village, which will be based in TCAM. Thanks to the generosity of the many Mawsley villagers who took part in our rugby darts game, we raised just over £100. This money, along with funds obtained from the British Heart Foundation and money from the MVA, has enabled us to have a defibrillator in the village. Hopefully it will never be needed, but if it is, it could just save someone's life.

At the Fun Day we also showcased our sport with a mini tournament. Many villagers cheered us on and we hope we demonstrated what a great sport touch is and how different it is to rugby union. We've had a few new members join us recently, but we're always on the lookout for more players. As we write this piece, we are organising a free open training day on 12th September for anyone interested in finding out more about the sport and giving it a go.

This summer also saw the formation of a county touch side, Northants Helix. Two members of Mawsley Touch Rugby Club were selected to play for the new team as it entered its first ever tournament. Touch is really growing at the moment across the country, so it's never been a better time to get involved whatever your age, fitness level or experience.

Our training sessions are held on Saturdays on the Mawsley sports field from 9.15am. Throughout the winter we also run a monthly evening session on an all-weather pitch at Montsaye School in Rothwell.

Check out our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/mawsleytouchrugby](https://www.facebook.com/mawsleytouchrugby) to find out more information or to contact us.

Wow, what a fabulous summer term we had with a record 50 children joining in the fun on a Thursday morning. Our theme for the term was 'Under the Sea' with an end of term party filled with pirates and princesses and even some 'treasure' for the children to take home. Thank you to all the parents and carers that come along every week and support our fantastic group making it such fun, a huge thanks to you all.

As we take stock over the summer and plan for the new term starting on September 10<sup>th</sup>, we are looking forward to more fun and a great new theme so if you would like to get out of the house and make some new friends or catch up with other parents and carers whilst your little ones play, then pop along to our fun-filled mornings. There is always plenty to do and something to suit everyone, whether your toddlers like dressing up, jigsaws, cars, role play, crafts, colouring, play dough or painting. For babies we have a soft area, with lots of age appropriate toys, baby gyms and bouncy seats etc.

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

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

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

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

Shelley Brown (07887 792673)  
Sam Eggleton (07818 408911)  
Krista Alford (07742 601100)



## Defibrillator

Thanks to contributions from Mawsley Touch Rugby, the MVA, Gardening for All, Short Mat Bowls and other village groups a defibrillator has been purchased for The Centre.

It's a simple piece of equipment for anyone to use. It is used to shock the victim's heart and restore the heart's normal rhythmic patterns. When this machine is used, it in effect kicks the heart into action again, causing it to resume pumping blood throughout the body



# Activities & Clubs

As we come to the end of our first year as Rainbows leaders we would like to share some of the activities from this year...

- Horse riding at East Lodge Riding Stables
- Wicksteed Indoor Play
- Den-building for Save the Children
- Movie night
- Many arts and crafts
- Bowling
- Pantomime at the Derngate
- Teddy bear's picnic
- Pets coming to visit
- Country dancing

And much, much more!

As always, Rainbows continues to be a popular group in the village and we always have a long waiting list! In fact, we have enough girls waiting to start a whole new unit! If anybody is interested in starting a second unit please contact GirlGuiding as it would be a shame for these girls to miss out! It is a very rewarding experience and we've loved seeing the girls smiling faces every week!

We look forward to more exciting adventures this year!

Tulip and Buttercup



More Fun Day Pics—dancing demos by the tots and Booika group



# Activities & Clubs

## Mawsley Youth Football Club

Mawsley Youth FC would like to keep you informed about the team as the club continues to grow. Over the coming months we will introduce each of the teams to you, but for now, here is some information about a couple of our teams who are looking to recruit some new players.



## Mawsley Village Short Mat Bowls Club

### Fun Day

Thank you to everyone who came along to support us and had a go at Bowls. There was a 'little' bit of competitiveness amongst one or two families but overall it was great fun and raised a little bit for our funds even though it left us quite exhausted [who said you can't get fit playing bowls!]

Since then we have been finishing our matches for the Earl Spencer cup on behalf of 'Age Concern'. We are in the position of 5 Won 5 Lost and are waiting to hear if we are through to the next round. We always though enjoy the competitiveness and friendliness of the teams.

Our Monday afternoon roll ups are really good fun and we all enjoy the spirit of friendship it invokes, so if you are new to the village and want to make new friends come along at 1pm and just watch if you want to or have a go; there will always be a warm welcome.

Brenda Quinn

## Mawsley Under 9s

Mawsley FC is proud to be represented in the Under 9's category for the first time, in the 2015/16 season! The Mawsley Jedi under 9's will compete in the Weetabix youth football league under the management of father and son double act, Dale & James Perry, photographed below. After many years of watching first James and then Ben play football, Dale volunteered to coach when his youngest son Edward, 8, was left without a team for the new season.



The team currently train between 6.30 and 7.30pm on Wednesday evenings at the Mawsley playing fields, however we will move to a 3G AstroTurf pitch at KSA in Kettering during the winter months. League games are played on Saturday mornings at North Park in Kettering.

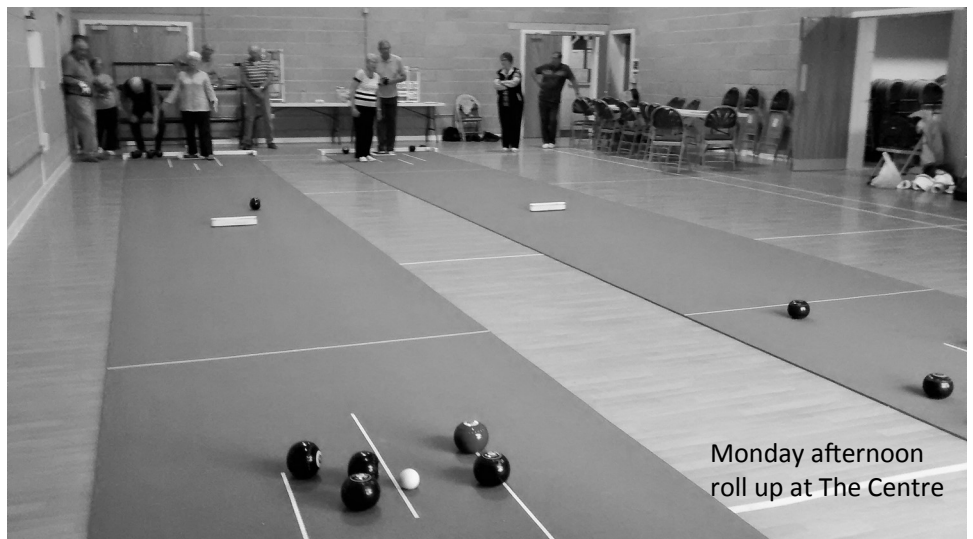
The team can register up to 14 players, and

with 10 players currently registered to the team we would like to encourage anyone with a son or daughter going in to Year 4 this September and who wants to play football, to come along to a training session or contact the Coach, Dale, on 07703 573 570 for further information.

## Mawsley Under 11s

The Under 11 team would like to recruit some new players for the 2015/16 season. Anyone interested should contact the Under 11's Coach, Dominic, on 07828 469 170 or email [dominiclehane@icloud.com](mailto:dominiclehane@icloud.com).

Laura Fraser



Monday afternoon roll up at The Centre

# Activities & Clubs



On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July we were proud to present our 2<sup>nd</sup> 'Summer Concert' to an audience of up to eighty people!! With our very own Musical Director Carole Lyttle leading us we sang ten pieces including 'You'll Never Walk Alone' and 'Edelweiss' with enthusiastic audience participation. For the evening we were accompanied by the talented pianist Emma.

The program also included Polished Brass and the lovely singer Lizzy Holland. The band performed four pieces which stirred memories of the park bandstand Sunday afternoons fifty or so years ago, but seemed to be equally enjoyed by the youngsters in the audience. We were also treated to a heart warming mellow and rich euphonium solo.

It was Lizzys' first concert although you would not have thought so by her professional and calm demeanour. The audience sat spellbound as she sang Ave Maria and George Gershwins' haunting Summertime. Following the interval when the audience enjoyed pre-ordered drinks from the bar she brought us two more lovely songs. We need to hear and see more of Lizzy!!

To round off our last set we sang our award winning 'You Raise Me Up'. Which certainly was uplifting as we went on with gusto to bring the evening to a close with a hundred voices singing 'Land of Hope and Glory' and 'Jerusalem' in true Last Night of the Proms style, with lots of flag waving and bobbing up and down. With many thanks to stage builders and all others who helped with the many other behind the scenes preparations. It was a wonderful evening, so do come along next year!

Rehearsals commenced on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September after everyone had enjoyed a well earned summer break. If you enjoy singing why not come along and join us you will be made most welcome! Rehearsals are held at TCAM on Thursday evenings 7:30-9:30pm

Don't forget to look out for our Christmas events.

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## Mawsley Coffee Club



We invited Margret Burgon to our coffee morning in July to take us on an unforgettable 'journey down memory lane'. Margaret involved us all during her interactive talk. Laughter rippled around the room as memories were triggered of long forgotten events. Afterwards, we had a 'loose change' collection and were delighted to be able to donate £50 towards Margaret's chosen charity. She has a target to provide desks for all the children who attend a school in the Maasai Mara in Kenya.

In recent weeks, some of our members have taken out individual membership with Shire Community Services, to use the door-to-door outings and excursions to local shops, garden centres etc, provided by the Wellibus. The Coffee Club has also taken out group membership. Our first outing was to the picturesque village of Grafton Underwood on a Sunday afternoon for cream teas in the garden of the village hall, followed by a pleasant stroll around the village.

We're off out again in September to visit the BBC studios in London, and we are looking forward to seeing what goes on behind the scenes and some celebrity spotting. In October, we are planning to visit Grafton Regis, on the A508, the other side of Northampton. It was the home and birthplace of Elizabeth Woodville, wife of Edward IV. During the walk and talk, we are hoping to meet many of the historical figures who lived there, including Kings, Queens and commoners, followed by tea and cake (more food!) in the village hall.

Also in October, some of our members are planning to see 'Sister Act' at the Derngate theatre in Northampton.

We have other events planned for the rest of the year, including coffee mornings at The Centre in Mawsley. Our next coffee morning in September will include a book swap.

If you've retired or are approaching retirement, do come along and join us for a chat over a cup of coffee and some biscuits. We enjoy lots of laughter and fun. A warm welcome is assured.

Molly Shortt on: K 790 781 or Jean and David Wilson on: K 799 490 can provide further details of our programme and dates of future events. If interested, please give us a call.



Coffee Club at Grafton Underwood



# Gardening For All

Tip for early September – Plant spring flowering bulbs in groups between shrubs and herbaceous plants, removing tired summer-flowering bedding plants as you work. Prepare pots and bowls of bulbs for indoor flowering and put them in a dark, frost free place to encourage strong root growth. Bring them into the light in two or three months time.

What a busy summer Gardening for All have had with a number of events keeping us on our toes.

It all started with preparing our gardens for Mawsley Open Gardens and organising the Children's Trail. The next event was Village Funday held on the 11<sup>th</sup> July when Gardening for All had a stall with plants etc for sale and several competitions. The sun shone for us and we had a great response and sold all our plants, flowers and growing kits.

Competition winners were - Adult Treasure Hunt £15 cash – Val Keary, Guess the Name of the Meerkat and win her – Sienna Hart (just in case you are wondering the girl meerkats' name was Maud). Other winners were rewarded for their efforts in 'guess the weight of the potatoes' and 'match the fruits and veg' competitions. All profits went towards Gardening for All funds.

Our meeting at TCAM on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July took the form of a light hearted gardening related quiz. Our worthy winners were Trish Taylor and Cheryl Buckle who each received a garden token. To celebrate the first meeting of our second year we had a cake made for us by member Cheryl and nibbles at the interval.

In place of our usual meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> August we visited Fleur Fields Vineyard, situated on the sunny south facing slopes over looking Pitsford Water. We were given a tour of the grounds and growing areas and a wine tasting session by the entertaining owner and master winemaker Bill Hulme. A most enjoyable evening. The group made use of the Wellibus service.

Next Gardening for All meeting Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 7:30 at TCAM - Details to be advised - COME AND JOIN US

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

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

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## Activities & Clubs

### Forthcoming Meetings and Events Autumn 2015

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Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September

#### BIG SEED GIVEAWAY JUDGING

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Bring along your Sunflowers and Pumpkins!!

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 7:30 at TCAM

Introduction of new design project. Tips and Plant of the Month. Bulb Sale Raffle and lots more.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 7:30 at TCAM

Speaker, details to be advised plus the usual regular pieces.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 7:30 at TCAM

We hope to have a guest speaker giving demonstrations on making Christmas wreaths and table decorations etc.

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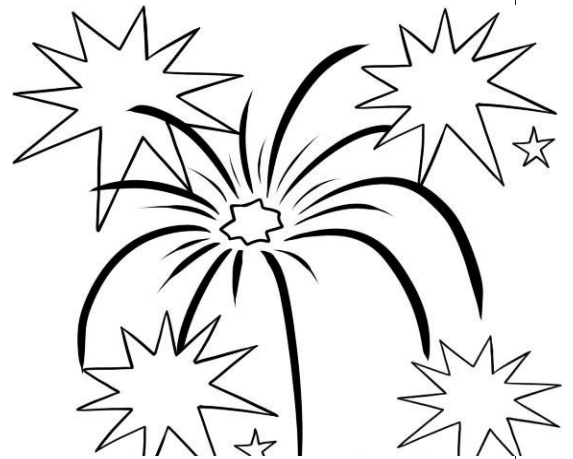
***It's Mawsley Bonfire and Fireworks Night again!***

**Saturday 7th November**

**Playing Field at The Centre**

**Gates open 4-30pm**

- \* 'Our caterers Coffee @ No 9 will be serving hot food from 4-30pm
- \* Guy competition judging at 5:45pm Open competition - lots of prizes So have a go. Who can you make your Guy look like?
- \* Bonfire light-up at 6pm
- \* Fireworks at 6:30pm
- \* Outside Bar



We will also be having a Bottle Tombola stall on the night and if any of you have unopened bottles of beer, wine, sprits or champagne that you would like to donate to this then they may be left at the TCAM office – thank you

### **Ticket promotion**

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**Tickets will be on sale at The  
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NB In recent years the doorstep tickets sales have declined following the introduction of additional points of sale for tickets and therefore this year we have again taken the decision not to undertake this activity.

### **The other stuff:**

- No sparklers please; this is an insurance requirement.
- There will be no room for parking.
- The site will be lit but you may find bringing a torch is helpful.
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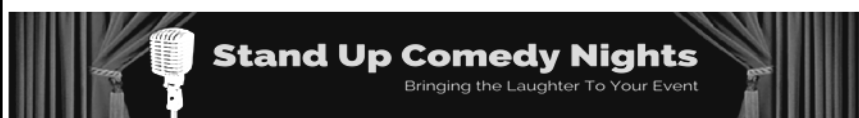
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**Saturday 17<sup>TH</sup> October 2015**



## **QUIZ**

## **NIGHT**

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# Events

## Coming Soon



**30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER –  
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## Legendary Ladies of Jazz

**27th October**

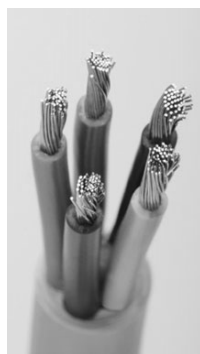
I have recently booked a show, set for 27th  
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Susan Hodgkins



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## Taylor Wimpey meets school head and governors to discuss road safety

# Taylor Wimpey

Taylor Wimpey is working with Mawsley Community Primary School to look at the issue of road safety in the roads surrounding the school.

Christopher Leeson, Technical Director of Taylor Wimpey East Midlands, and Phil Brown, of JPP Consulting, met school governors and head Elaine Wright to discuss children's safety at the beginning and end of each school day.

Taylor Wimpey has been working with Northamptonshire County Council's highways department to determine if any retrospective traffic calming measures or crossing points are required, in recognition of the fact that the school's demographic structure and intake has expanded and traffic flows have increased at school drop-off and pick-up times.

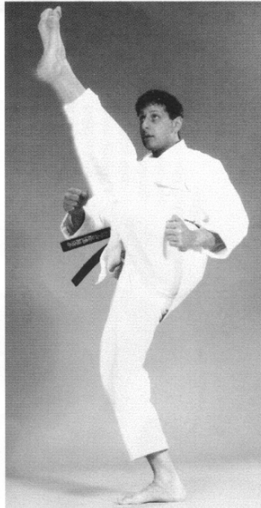
A number of investigations have taken place over the last six months – including a site wide performance report by JPP Consulting, vehicle speed surveys within the village and a road safety audit undertaken by independent representatives of the highways authority – and these have confirmed the robust nature of the road pattern and design.

Nevertheless, concerns for the safety of children are still paramount to both Taylor Wimpey and the school. The housebuilder has agreed financial support for the school's road safety campaign to advise and educate road and pavement users, including new safety signs in the vicinity of the school.

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# People

## 'Bottled Water and Summer Wine'

Our Junior Volunteers recently joined up with our senior volunteers to re-turf a section of the football pitch in preparation for the start of the season and to provide a much need extra pitch for the ever increasing members of our village football club.

The work involved laying 20 square metres of turf and over a tonne of soil to fill in a hollow in the ground near the play area at the rear of The Centre.

A special thanks to 10 years old Olivia Newport and 9 years old Thomas Thorpe, for giving up your Saturday and considerable help with this work.



Olivia and Thomas helping to fill in the holes!

## Teenage Perspective of Mawsley...

On a beautiful summer's evening in July, walking around the village brings a variety of beautiful scenery wherever you look. Listening to bird songs, watching wildlife pass by, it brings a wonderful feeling.

Sitting in the park with friends, chatting and laughing forgetting about daily life. You can mess around playing sports or biking on the ramps, there's always something to do! Everywhere you go, you will always meet friendly people, who are more than happy to chat to you and give you a smile!

There are plenty of pets trundling round the village at all times of the day. The feeling of having the freedom to go and explore this wonderful village is fantastic, you can forget about everything else. Walking past each house and looking at the interesting designs of people's front gardens.

At times we may seem a little cut off, but with friends and a variety of things to do in Mawsley, why would you want to be anywhere else?

Emma Jeeves

## A HUGE Thankyou!!!

On Saturday the 13th of June Mawsley Football Club celebrated their 10 year anniversary with a Ball at the Centre. Nick Hughes kindly allowed me to use this event to highlight a cause I am currently trying to raise money for: Alzheimer's Research.

I collected glasses during the evening and thanks to all the very generous donations was able to raise a massive £225 on the night followed up by a further £75 over the next few days. This was a huge step towards me reaching my target of £1500 and I wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone and anyone who donated. It was massively appreciated.

Furthermore this £300 was then matched by Barclaycard thanks to Phil Orchard, which has meant I am now over half way to my target. I am continuing my fundraising and will be taking part in a trek with 19 other boys across the Sahara Desert in February but wanted to offer my services through car washing, garden clearing or dog walking to anyone in the village over the summer holidays in return for a small donation. Many thanks!!

Jamie Smith

Please look up my justgiving page for more information  
<https://www.justgiving.com/Jamie-Smith47>

## SIX OF THE BEST!

Mawsley Primary School pupil, Robert Taylor (10), followed up his recent success on the kart track by achieving the rare feat of winning 6 swimming titles at a single gala.

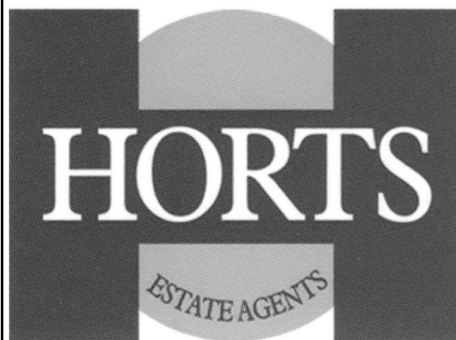
At the Corby Swimming Club championships held in the Olympic sized pool, Robert won his age group in all 4 strokes plus the individual medley.

By winning the freestyle, Robert qualified for and then won the club's handicap final for all of the age group winners.

"I couldn't believe I had won the overall final - I was up against some brilliant swimmers and it was such a close finish! I knew I needed to get a Personal Best to stand a chance and I smashed it!"

Robert then went on to win his first major under-14 kart race at Whilton Mill and also took the trophy for the fastest lap of the day. All the details are at [www.RTRacing.me.uk](http://www.RTRacing.me.uk).





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If you would like to go on any excursions and don't have a County Council Bus pass phone: 01933 223636 for the price of the bus fare and more information. (See back page for more.)



Vic Cope testing the wheel chair ramp with Rosemary O'Reilly at Fun Day.



Coffee Club on a trip to Grafton Underwood



Gardening for All on a wine sampling night at Fleur Fields Vineyard, Brixworth.



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**At Mawsley Church** we're gearing up for an exciting autumn, full of different activities and events.

On Wednesday September 16th, we are launching the Alpha Course. Alpha is an opportunity for everyone to explore the Christian faith. It's relaxed, low key, friendly and fun. No charge, just listen, question, discuss, discover, and eat cake! Wednesdays 7:30-9PM at Cransley Village Hall.

If you are interested then please email [alpha.inbmc@gmail.com](mailto:alpha.inbmc@gmail.com) for more details.

**On Sunday 20th September, we have our annual Harvest Festival service**, where we'll be collecting non-perishable food to be distributed by local charities.

**And then on Sunday 8th November, we'll be joining with others from the village around the memorial for a Service of Remembrance.**

Once again this year, we're collecting shoeboxes of presents for Operation Christmas Child. If you would like to fill a shoebox (or more!), please pick up a leaflet from church, contact Revd Nicki Hobbs, or go to

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/how-to-pack-a-shoebox/#gifts> for details of what can be included. Boxes can be dropped off at our Shoebox Celebration Service on Sunday 15th November, or between 1st & 18th November at 15 Loddington Way.



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

#### Services at The Centre

1st Sunday 10.30am

Cafe Church - tea, coffee and bacon rolls, with children's activities

2nd Sunday 10.30am

Celebration Service with children's groups

3rd Sunday 10.30am

All age service

4th Sunday 10.30am

Communion service with children's groups

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

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# Entertainment

The following short story comes from, *No Worries*, a new book by our village's own Richard Hoy. He is publishing it under the name Richard Stuart, so watch out for that! The book was published on July 31 by Austin Macauley in Canary Wharf and is his first. It's available in hard and soft cover and at all major book retailers. The book is an anthology of 14 short stories, specially selected from the 102 stories Richard has written in the past 12 months, to cover humour, romance, children, drama and just nice family tales. This first sneak peak, *Table Talk*, is one he is happy to share with us, and so hopes you enjoy! To read the other stories buy Richard Stuarts' new book; *No Worries*!

## TABLE TALK By Richard Stuart

When they looked back on it they had difficulty remembering exactly how it had all started. You know, the Table Talk. The venue was always the same, Jim and Alison's back garden, or if it rained, the conservatory with its veranda and overhang; it depended on how hard it was raining. They didn't seem to do it after October end. There was Alison and Jim and Tom and Celia and Andrew and Benedicta and Derek and Francis. Derek and Francis were a couple but not married but they argued like a married couple, so it was fine.

And all they did was come through the back gate about 10am most weekday mornings and sit down around the table and talk. There were two tables – one a painted wooden, fold-up, lattice contraption and the other a large, round, white metal job which also folded if you wished and had three white matching chairs. Jim thought the third had been left by someone years ago but he wasn't bothered. No one had a 'mine' chair so you could mingle, and they did.

Andrew had the remains of a Scottish accent and liked to shout phrases "D'you ken" but what followed was Midlands. His wife, Benedicta, was a Filipina, petite, dark, charming and utterly unable to pronounce the letter F so that she addressed Derek's partner invariably as 'Prancis' to everyone's amusement and delight.

"Who's for tea and who's not please?" was Alison's greeting by 10.15 each day – those arriving after the others had been 'mugged' had to make their own in her kitchen. Now and again, someone would give Jim a couple of quid with thanks as milk money.

Table talk had become a regular in their lives to which they all set the days' rhythms. All retired, most of them early, all great neighbours originally and now elevated into friends, it was almost a family because so much talk had revealed so many private and a few secret details of all and each of them.

"Derek and me, we're thinking of a steamer trip around the Outer Hebrides in autumn; we wondered if anyone's interested. We've done a bit of research." After a break, Tom said:

"Celia and I might, only might be; we were talking last week about a late UK hol, weren't we?"

"Yes, what sort of money per person per week, Francis?"

"Varies a bit on cabin etc but a rough guide would be £700.00 per week plus fares up to Scotland and back."

"Alison," asked Benedicta, "have you had problems with snails since you planted out your dahlias?"

"No snails, B, but rotten slugs the length of my finger, have given me a real nightmare."

"What's your defence, Alison?" asked Derek.

"I've tried most things, salt, pellets, you name it, but dew and rain just dissolve them and you're back to where you were."

"There's a waterproof pellet on the market now, bit more expensive but it doesn't wash away so that might sort it for you," said Tom.

Celia:

"Tom have you got the new book on car prices, I think you said it was coming out this week."

"Yes, I got it on Monday; are you getting a new car?"

"Don't know, we think something about eighteen months old might be good, perhaps a Mazda."

"Right, I'll go and fetch it, you can have it for a couple of days."

"Thanks Tom, I'll bring it back before Friday."

"That's fine."

Andrew asked Derek:

"Why are you thinking of the Western Isles, Derek, have you been before?"

"No, I've not, Andrew, but I've always wanted to go and I've got a lot of brochures and articles and pictures which show just how beautiful it is, islands, the sea, beaches, cliffs, you know, marvellous; have you ever been?"

"No, never, but like you I wish to and hope someday we will."

Benedicta interrupted:

"Excuse me everyone, Alison and I are going to the cinema on Thursday afternoon – is anyone else interested? There's a choice of six films and it's nine pounds – I've got the programme here if you want to see."

Eventually six decided to go and did – a re-run of *Josey Wales*. At 12.10 only Jim was left until they all started talking around the table again next day – nice.

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# Entertainment

## Code Cracker!

Solve the clues and unravel the well known saying !

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12 H 14 15 16 17 N 19 / 20 21 L 23 24 /  
25 26 G 28 29 30 / 31 32 33 34 / 35 /  
S 37 38 39 40 41 / 42 43 44 P .

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

As this is new, and the first one, some letters are already in place to help !

### Clues :

- 1 - Part of a telephone ( 34 17 6 19 24 41 12 )
- 2 - Pose often used for a 'selfie' ( 45 9 4 33 )
- 3 - Tired ( 31 26 35 5 8 )
- 4 - Matthew, Mark, Luke & ( 2 14 13 38 )
- 5 - Smart male attire ( 36 15 28 43 )
- 6 - A helping hand ( 22 37 10 7 40 32 18 44 )
- 7 - Polluted fog ( 16 20 3 27 )
- 8 - Found in a kitchen or bathroom ( 25 11 42 21 29 )
- 9 - A seasoned wise man ( 30 1 39 23 ) Answer : SAGE /  
Therefore 30 = S, 1 = A, 39 = G, 23 = E.

**Answers in the next issue !**

This is something new. A puzzles page for all the code crackers and lovers of enigmas out there! A great thanks to Julie Barker for this first submission. If anyone else has any quizzes they wish to send in, whether it's a crossword, or even your own riddles, please send in to join the next issue!

## Anagrams

Solve the anagrams with the help of the clues. Then take the first letter of each answer to find the hidden word !



Anagram	Clue
LEADER	Salesperson
UNTROD	Rounded or spherical in shape
BLAME	Leisurely walk
AGREES	Fat or oil
TEDIOUS	External
RETSINA	Not so nice

## Invisible Link

Find the word that will go either before or after the words listed !

- 1 ) Friend, Bet, Seller =
- 2 ) Library, Office, Special =
- 3 ) Padded, Stamped, Window =
- 4 ) Feed, Silver, Wooden =
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## Nature on your doorstep

– a stroll round Mawsley & District with Les and Paul (and on this occasion no dog, no wives but accompanied by Golf Clubs)

### Paul

Yes we were taking a stroll round Pytchley Golf Lodge golf course seeing if we could catch sight of any Birdies, not expecting to see any Eagles, Condors or Albatrosses but more likely Thrushes and Robins.

We were not disappointed Pied Wagtails were there aplenty bobbing along gracefully spread out over the large expanses of fairway feasting on tasty small insects. Interesting to think that now nesting was over and done with they would all be gathering together in large numbers around Tesco's on the opposite side of the A14 of an evening to keep warm and safe.



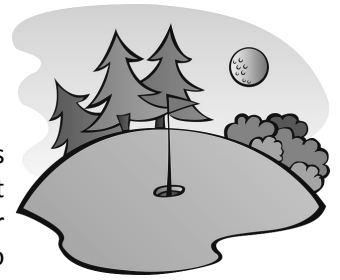
Swallows soared around us dipping low over the greens hoping to beat the wagtails to the rich food source and taking a drink on the wing from the ponds.

As we wandered along it was interesting to note that despite being within a few hundred yards of the busy road and Kettering town beyond many of our common mammals including Hares, Foxes, Badgers, Moles, Voles and the green keepers nightmare Rabbit were making a living from the lush open space.

A large dragonfly rose from a ditch in a flash of greenish blue. The ponds here boast of large Carp that can be seen on sunny days rising to gulp down a bug or two but alas not today. Frogs, Toads and Newts also live there and provide food for visiting Herons and grass snakes.

Back on the driving range as we knocked our balls out Les and I saw all 3 of our locally common members of the crow family, Rook, Carrion Crow and Magpie feeding on the large open green expanse without a care, golf balls landing all around them!

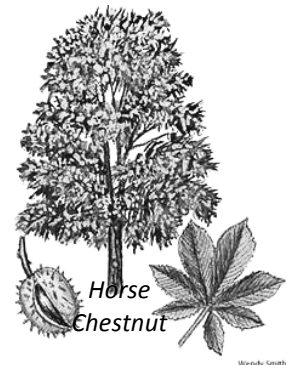
Incredible that all this wonderful wildlife thrives just because we human beings for some reason feel the need to hit little white balls down little holes with sticks. Long may it continue.



If you are interested go to [www.rspb.org/news](http://www.rspb.org/news) to see article on how golf courses can help threatened birds.

### Les

While Paul was looking at the wildlife, I noticed that there were very few mature trees in the area, quite understandably as the course was obviously fully landscaped not too long ago. However, there was a good stand of young horse chestnut trees down the main drive which I saw were, unusually, completely free from signs of damage by the leaf miner moth. These little critters so damage the leaves of the chestnut tree that by the end of September a good proportion of them look brown and blotchy as though winter is setting in early. I am sure many of you will have seen the huge chestnut trees down one side of the Towcester Road into Northampton which will be looking very sorry for themselves at the moment due to this damage.



Younger trees seem not to be so vulnerable and I hope that this can also be said for Ash Die Back disease which is another fairly new scourge, this time caused by a virus. Certainly the 10-12 year old Ash in the Spinney here in Mawsley seem not to be suffering and Paul and I are keeping an eye on what might be happening in Old Poor's Gorse where there are some Ash trees which must be over 100 years old – we hope to have more on this wood in the next News & Views.

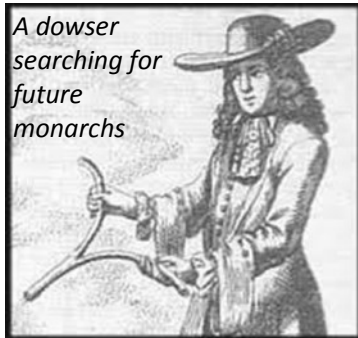
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## How Civil Can Any War Be?

Everyone loved Shakespeare, but not the monarchy following the death of Good Queen Bess. Through the early 17<sup>th</sup> Century there was conflict between the less than loyal subjects and the monarchs who believed they ruled by divine right – that is, they had been determined to be a monarch by a dowser.



(Editor's Note: Dowsers still remain a useful person to know in present day Mawsley if you have lost your Water Meter).

By 1642 there was open rebellion and those supporting their elected representatives (the Parliamentarians or, rather rudely, the Roundheads) were being very civil in their fight against the Royalist supporters (or Cavaliers, named after the awful locally made mode of transport they preferred). After a number of inconclusive battles between the two groups it was decided that future engagements would be co-ordinated by a new and autonomous body – FIFA (Fighting In Fields Anywhere) which would be headed by a charismatic figure called Sebastian Batter.



A  
Roundhead



*Sebastian Batter reviewing the proposed Malasleau Battliefield*

FIFA determined that each and every Parish across the Britain should be able to bid to host a battle between the Roundheads and Cavaliers and so it was that the Parish of Malasleau, led by its Chairman (for there was no need to be politically correct in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century) came to the attention of the warring parties.

In a presentation to the FIFA Executive in early 1645, Richard O'Cromwell (Chairman of Malasleau Parish Council) outlined the proposal for hosting The Battle Of Malasleau with a scheduled date of 14<sup>th</sup> June 1645. The proposal appeared to be received well, the only competition being from the nearby hamlet of Naseby. Richard O'Cromwell was able to offer sufficient fields for



*Richard O'Cromwell presents to FIFA*

tented villages to accommodate the competitors, having struck land sharing deals with the neighbouring Parishes of Cransley, Broughton and Loddington; food and drink that would be available through The Great Bustard at reasonable rates; and, as a result of some night-time tree felling in Malasleau Wood, clear land was available to accommodate a battle between armies of up to 5,000 on each side. Naseby's bid seemed to stumble when it was pointed out that there was a hill involved that would give one tented village an advantage over the other. However FIFA worked in mysterious ways and, very late on in the process, started adding restrictions such as:

- Only locally brewed ale could be provided to the competitors before and after the battle;
- Local Public Houses had to agree to change their names to reflect the eventual winner of any battle; and
- The battle site had to sound as if it was in Britain and not France.

On all of these points Malasleau would not compromise – The Great Bustard would always be named as such; it would always serve Belgian beers; and, was it not Edward 1<sup>st</sup> who had given the village its name? (Editors Note: See Part 4 of Mawsley, The Nearly Village). FIFA retired to consider their verdict.

In the early hours of the 31<sup>st</sup> May 1645 FIFA came to a decision awarding the forthcoming battle to Naseby and, to this day, there remains animosity between the two villages (if either can be truly called such) as to how FIFA arrived at this decision. The fact that the pub in Naseby changed its name from "The Puritan" to "The Royal Oak" on the 30<sup>th</sup> May and that Seb Batter was given freedom of the Parish on the same day is claimed to have nothing to do with the decision that was taken. Richard O'Cromwell swore to the day he died that "We Was Robbed".

Ultimately Naseby's win was its downfall – in a stunning result the New Model Army of Richard O'Cromwell's distant cousin, Oliver, was victorious and left the Royalist Army shattered. Meanwhile Malasleau continued as a quiet backwater, somewhat better off though for not having had to go to the expense of hosting a war.

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