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Mawsley Newsletter



Goodbye Dr. Oliver and thank you

From the Editor

Welcome to the autumn edition of the Mawsley Newsletter brought to you by the village charity, the MVA (Mawsley Villagers Association).

End August saw the departure of Dr Oliver from Mawsley Surgery. Many villagers signed the leaving book at the surgery thanking him and wishing him a happy retirement. Even the postbox was decorated in his honour!

There is an article by the new owners in this edition explaining how the practice will develop.

We also have news about the extension of the community bus service. This service has been running successfully transporting village residents to various shopping locations and is now looking to expand the service.

Don't miss the information on Firework night – the best local display, one not to be missed.

We have articles from the numerous active groups in Mawsley, including a review of the very successful year for the football club who are now in preparation for the new season.

TCAM has a number of events to look forward to over the next few months and redecoration of the bar area will begin shortly.

Don't miss the articles by village residents with lots of local interest and experiences. There is something for everyone.

The next publication will be the Christmas edition, the closing date for submissions is Friday 17th November.

Keep smiling

The Editor



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We would love to welcome you to Mawsley Church one week. We meet at TCAM on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 11am for about an hour. Most weeks during term-time there is also Sunday Club with activities for children. We are linked to Cransley and Broughton Churches, so there are services you can attend every week.

Keep an eye out on social media and the village notice boards for information about our special services and events. To be added to our email or postal list, please contact Revd Nicki Hobbs on 01536 799522 or revnicki@familyhobbs.org.uk.

Over the next couple of months, we have Harvest Festival on Sunday 24th September at 11am, where will be collecting donations of non-perishable food and toiletries for the Soup Kitchen & Food Bank at St Peter & St Paul, Kettering.

Then on Remembrance Sunday (12th November) we will gather at the Village Memorial at 10.45am.

Finally, if you would like prayer, a listening ear, or would like to book a Christening, wedding or funeral, please get in touch.



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CommMiniBus: Bridging Communities and Educational Opportunities in Mawsley

Since 2020, CommMiniBus has been proud to serve Mawsley as part of the Kettering Catcher community bus routes network. Our aims are to connect communities, reduce isolation, and provide access to essential services. Over time, this commitment has led to an expansion of services that have touched the lives of residents in and around Mawsley.

New Express Bus Route (80P)

We are delighted to introduce an express peak-hour route specifically tailored for residents in Mawsley. Route 80P will connect commuters to the new Northampton School, Northampton School for Boys, Northampton College, and more. This initiative not only broadens educational choices, but also provides a convenient commuting option for residents traveling to Weston Favell, Northampton town and beyond. Information about the service can be found at cmbus.org/80P.

Community Support

We are thrilled to have received a generous donation from Mawsley Parish Council, which has helped to kickstart this valuable service. We also had support from some keen parents and Mawsley Bus User Group. This collaboration underscores the importance of community support and cooperation in making essential transportation services accessible to all.

A Network of Services

In addition to route 80P, CommMiniBus offers a range of services that cater to the diverse needs of Mawsley residents. These include route 78 to Kettering and 78D (pre-booking required) route to Weston Favell Centre on Fridays. Passengers from Mawsley also have the opportunity to embark on exciting journeys to destinations further afield on Wednesdays. Destinations include Corby, Wellingborough, Rushden Lakes, Rugby, and various garden centres. Our single fare for all services remains an affordable £2 until the end of October. Moreover, bus passes are accepted on off-peak journeys.

Join the CommMiniBus Team - Volunteer Drivers Needed!

CommMiniBus is calling upon individuals to consider becoming volunteer drivers. If you hold a D1 license, are willing to undergo a DBS check, and can spare around 5 hours per week, you have the opportunity to not only help maintain essential services for isolated communities, but also enjoy the benefits of giving back.

As an added incentive, volunteer drivers have the chance to apply for a free bus pass for themselves or one of their family members, to use on route 80P. It's a rewarding opportunity to be part of a community-focused movement that's redefining transportation and connectivity in rural communities. Your commitment will make a real difference to improving lives. Therefore, we invite everyone to be part of this exciting journey.

For more information on services, volunteering, or any inquiries, please visit the CommMiniBus website at cmbus.org.

MAWSLEY VILLAGE SURGERY NEWS – SEPTEMBER 2023

September has come and we said goodbye to Dr Oliver last week. We, as new partners of Mawsley Medical feel privileged to have been given the opportunity to run a very successful and well thought after practice. We would like to thank Dr Oliver and Jane for their tireless efforts in helping us reach this stage. Keith has worked extremely hard to ensure a smooth handover and Jane has somehow managed to juggle Dr Oliver's retirement and 5 new partners, all whilst running a busy, high quality practice.

To reassure all patients, Mawsley will continue to run in its own identity and it will not be merged with Weavers Medical

We welcome 2 new Doctors, Dr Mike Slip who started this week and Dr Paddy Leyden who is due to start in November. All existing staff will be remaining and again we are lucky to have such an amazing nursing, reception and dispensary team.

Dr Slip will be working Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and Dr Leyden will work on a Thursday and Friday.

Jane, the Practice Manager who has been with the practice since it started, will continue to manage the practice on a day to day basis with the support of the new partnership.

We have some exciting changes planned for November, when we will be moving to a new clinical system. This will provide patients with a system that integrates well with hospitals, out of hours and other community services. We will encounter a couple of weeks of disruption and we will ask patients to be patient over this period. We will be therefore not be booking too far in advance after November, until the new system is in place.

Alongside the change to SystmOne (the new clinical system), we will also be upgrading the practice website. Work is in progress and we will let you know once the new site launches.

We urge all patients to register with the NHS app to ensure they can access their online medication requests. [NHS App and your NHS account - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

All patients who are registered at the practice will be allocated a new registered, named GP. This will be one of the GP partners. You can of course, see any clinician at the practice.

Our Patient Participation Group is an active group in the community supporting the practice. The Chair, Brenda Quinn, can be contacted on brendaquinn@btinternet.com

Thank you for all your support with this new chapter for Mawsley Medical practice.

Dr Pavey and partners:

Dr Stuart Pavey,
Dr John McManus,
Dr Jon Sansome
Dr Raf Poggi,
Mrs Jo Barker



Mawsley Bonfire and Fireworks Night

Preparations are well underway for Mawsley's annual bonfire and firework night:

Date: Saturday 4th November 2023

Location: The Centre at Mawsley

Price: Adults £5.00, we have been able to maintain this price as a result of a small grant from Mawsley Parish Council, for which we are extremely grateful.
Children 16 and under - free when accompanied by paying adult.

Tickets available to pre-purchase from early October and further details will be published at the time. You can pay on the gate on the night. Entry is faster with pre-purchased tickets.

Timings

Gates Open: 16:30

Food Available: 16:30

Guy Competition: 17:30

Bonfire Lit: 18:00

Fireworks: 18:30 - over 10,000 individual shots will be lit!

TCAM are providing food options and entertainment after the fireworks are over. Please see TCAM Facebook page for more information.

Parking is limited, so if you are attending from outside of the village please ensure you park responsibly. Ensure at all times that there is space for emergency vehicles to have clear access.

No sparklers are allowed on site. Please do not bring them.

As a village event it is reliant on volunteers to help. We will need help in setting up, and on the night, so if you are able to help the village by volunteering then we would very much appreciate your help. In previous years it has been the following day's clean up that's has caused a problem. If you love Mawsley and enjoy the quality of the fireworks it puts on, then please come and help us the following day to clear up. We will provide tea/coffee and bacon rolls.

Event organisers: Chris Waine, Steve Thorpe & Martin Bentley

Mawsley Coffee Club

Mawsley Coffee Club is a friendly group for ladies and gentlemen who live in the village and have retired or are approaching retirement.



The group was established almost two decades ago during the early stages of the development of Mawsley Village. It provided an opportunity for newcomers to the village to get to know each other. At that time, roads and paths were unmade and muddy, there was no street lighting and construction traffic abounded. The Centre was in the process of being built, and so the seven initial members took it in turns to offer warm hospitality to others in their new homes.

In the intervening years, the number of our members has increased, and we now hold our informal coffee mornings each month in the bar area at The Centre. We endeavour to find a speaker with some interesting topic, have some fun, and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea, with a variety of biscuits. Our programme for the rest of this year includes someone to share details with us about some of the beautiful walks around Northamptonshire, a Social Prescriber from Mawsley surgery, and 70 years of Guiding. Additionally, we have our usual Christmas celebrations to look forward to in December.

A warm welcome at our coffee mornings is assured. Dates of our meetings vary each month and are usually on Thursday morning. Dates and details can be obtained by phoning:

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News from Team TCAM

Team members are delighted to report that trade has remained buoyant through the summer months with parties in the main hall, busy nights in the bar, and many fresh faces for the Monday Bingo sessions.

We may not have enjoyed a particularly sizzling summer, but it has been fantastic to see so many of our customers with friends and family, enjoying the area outside the bar. Once again, our Jumbrellas provided welcome shelter from the hot sun, when it did shine, rain and wind. There are plans to extend the patio area to deliver additional space for benches. The extra space will provide seating that is not immediately under the Jumbrellas, ideal for those sun worshippers amongst us.



Village Fund Day 2023

Saturday 8th July dawned with ominous clouds and a chilly breeze. A team of Centre staff and volunteers commenced preparing for the day ahead, stocking the outside bar, placing tables and benches around the field, fencing off the arena area and all the other tasks that go towards ensuring everything was in place, ready for stall holders, music providers, and the various other activities scheduled for the day.

An excited crowd gathered in the bar to watch the FIFA Women's World Cup Final on Sunday 20th August.

Preparations were well under way and then, the heavens opened. An air of despondency descended! Fortunately, the rain did not last long and, all tasks completed, we were ready to welcome the public. Although attendance was down slightly on last year, the afternoon was a great success and enjoyed by all. Live music in the Centre bar helped to round the day off.



So much to see and do! A wide variety of food vans, snacks, doggy treats, fairground rides, events in the Arena, a tractor history parade. Something for everyone.



A date for your diary: Village Fun Day 2024 Saturday 6th July



Mawsley WI meets at The Centre, Mawsley, on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm. Remember, you do not have to be a member to come along to our monthly meetings – come along as a visitor – enjoy a sociable night out. The meetings start with short updates on WI matters from our President and Secretary before introducing our speaker for the evening. Our speakers appeal to a multigenerational audience, providing inspiration with a view to discovering new interests. Many of us came to meetings on our own, so if you are new to the village, or just want a change of scenery, come along to our next meeting, and meet the gang – we are a friendly bunch!

Visitors fee is £5. To find out the latest, follow us on our Facebook page @**Mawsley WI** or pick up a leaflet from our noticeboard inside The Centre. We also arrange social events in addition to our published programme.

This year we are going to **Stratford Upon Avon Victorian Christmas Market** on Saturday 9th December. This is open to anyone and costs £20 per person. Immerse yourself in the past as you wander through 300+ stalls with traders dressed in Victorian costume. Apart from Christmas shopping there is festive food and drinks as well as music and entertainment, plus a funfair with a Victorian carousel. To book your seats phone Jane on 07500 019698 or Brenda on 07890 389601.

There is also a fantastic Christmas raffle on board the coach. So, sit back, relax, and let us take you there and back. Save energy - enjoy a fabulous day out at one of the UK's biggest Christmas markets.

Coming up next:

October 11th How to enjoy and look after your houseplants.
November 8th Fun oil painting demo. Audience participation.
December 13th Christmas party fun and games.



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Mawsley Amateur Dramatics Society

Thank you to all those who came to see us at the Mawsley Fun Day in July. We recruited a few new members, but if you weren't able to come and see us and would like to be involved in some way, please do get in touch using the contact details below.



Murder Mystery evening, Autumn 2023

Following on from *Murderous Mayhem at Mawsley Manor* and *Many Murders in Midsomer Mawsley*, we will be performing another murder mystery towards the end of October or start of November. Please watch out for the date, which will be published once it has been set. If you would like to take part, please do contact us – there is limited preparation involved (i.e. less than there would be for a full play) and those who have taken part in the past will tell you that's good fun!

Christmas Show, Saturday 2 December 2023

This year we are putting together a Christmas Show to be held in the TCAM Hall on the evening of Saturday 2 December 2023. We want to bring all village groups together for this and get Mawsley into the festive spirit. We have written to a number of the village groups who we know, but if you are a village group or even just an individual in the village who would like to take part in some way, please do get in touch. We would be delighted if you would join us for an act – be that a song, a dance, a poem, a sketch or something else. The only stipulation is that it needs to be appropriate for the festive season and for a family audience.

If you are a former MADS member who would like to take part or know someone who does, then please drop us a note or give us a call using the details below.

If you just want to come and watch then please put the date in your diary. This will be straight after the **Christmas Lights Switch On**, which will take place on **Saturday 2 December 2023** also.

Watch out for more details and timings for both events nearer the time.

On a related note, we are pleased to hear that Father Christmas is again planning to visit Mawsley on his sleigh on **Sunday 17 December** – again more details will be published closer to the time.

Pantomime 2024 – do you see yourself as a budding director or producer?

We are gradually building back up some momentum after a break during the Covid pandemic, but recognising the amount of work that goes into a pantomime production, we have not brought it back for 2023. However, we really want to work towards bringing this back for Christmas 2024.

In order to do so, however, we really need somebody (or even two or three people) who would like to lead a pantomime production, either as director or producer. We have a number of people willing to support but have not yet identified anyone to lead this.

If you are interested and would like to find out more then we are very happy to have a chat and talk through what is involved.

Contact details

If you would like to join MADS or participate in any of the activities below, then please get in touch:

mawsleymads@gmail.com or contact Gareth on 07887 984068 (evenings and weekends) or garethn@hotmail.fr



1st Mawsley Scout Group



Who: 1st Mawsley Scout Group

What: Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

Where: Meet in the Main Hall at TCAM

When: Tuesdays (term time) – Beavers 17.45–18.45, Cubs 18.15–19.30, Scouts 19.30–21.00

For this edition of the magazine – our submission should be short and sweet – just June and July to report on as the Group doesn't meet over the summer holidays. No such luck – we have been as busy as ever – but we wouldn't have it any other way!

The Group started the month of June with an "all sections" hike across Twywell Hills and Dales Country Park, learning about the countryside code and the importance of SSSIs. The Beavers had an exciting dinosaur hunt.

The Cubs and Scouts spent a fantastic evening at Cransley Sailing Club where they tried their hands at paddle-boarding, swimming and (for some) wild strawberry picking. The Beavers had a scavenger hunt in the woods before enjoying a picnic.

Beavers showed their teamwork and creativity by building towers with spaghetti and marshmallows. The Cubs worked on their Athletics badge – taking part in traditional sports day activities: egg and spoon race; sack race; relay etc. Meanwhile Scouts worked on camp preparation (you can't have a scout group that doesn't camp!) by learning how to independently erect and dismantle tents and practice pioneering skills.

Loddfest runs every year in Loddington. The Group supported Loddfest by manning a stall, providing games for young children (soft archery and tin-can alley) and by doing so raised its profile within the village and raised some money for the group.

On 4th July the Group held its AGM, where members of the Trustee Board were appointed, and members shared the Group's successes with the attendees. To a packed hall a number awards were presented: Chief Scout Silver Awards went to 10 young people; Chief Scouts 10 yr Service Award went to Scout Leader Paul Feasey; and an Outstanding Achievement Award was presented to Mya.

In July the Group had its summer camp in John Lee Wood, Leicester. The aim was to sleep under canvas but the torrential rain/high winds put paid to this idea and indoor accommodation was booked. The weekend consisted of setting up camp, knots and lashings, pioneering structures, making fires, whittling, knife skills, using axes, rifle shooting, archery, go-karts, rubber band alley, indoor caving experience, making water filters, star gazing, camp safety, camp safety, collecting wood, washing up, drying up, rounders, and more!!



On our last evening in July the Group ran its traditional "Triathlon event" – Scouts, Cubs and Beavers used a bike or scooter to do one lap of the field. The second section was a run/jog/walk around the field and the final section was a "swim" (where they slipped and slid across a wet soapy tarpaulin on the bank at TCAM. This was followed by a game of mop hockey and the evening ended with a water pistol fight. Who said that Scouting was boring?!



The Group ran an additional activity during the summer holiday, 17 Cubs and Scouts went to the Nene Whitewater Centre in Northampton to have a kayaking session.

By the time you read this article the Group's next fundraising event will be having a stall at the Village Firework Night – do come and see us and help with our fundraising efforts. We will be better stocked this year with all kinds of glow wands, sticks and other very fluorescent things.

We said last time that we were holding a trial for the Beaver Section and the eagle eyed amongst you will have noted that Beavers have been mentioned a few times in the preceding paragraphs. We are planning to continue to run the Beaver Scout colony so we are open to new boys and girls (and of course adult helpers!)

As always if you have any children that wish to join our Group - Scout Troop (10½–14 years), Cub Pack (8-10½ years of age) or Beaver Scout Colony (5¾-8 years of age) drop an email to mawsleyscoutgroupenquiries@gmail.com.

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Did you miss this decorated postbox?

Lovely knitted characters adorned the postbox over the summer followed by the tribute to Dr Oliver (front page photo).

What next we wonder??

Do you look after a family member, friend or neighbour?

If so, would you like to access support from Northamptonshire Carers?

Our nearest Carers Group is held at The Centre @ Mawsley, in their café area, on the 4th Weds each month from 2pm-3.30pm. It's an informal Drop-in with refreshments and a chat in a local community setting, with the Cared For welcome to attend too, alleviating the need for sitters. Information and advice is at hand. Mawsley and Broughton residents and anyone in the surrounding villages are welcome. The next few sessions will be on: 27th Sept, 25th Oct and 22nd Nov '23. Further dates available on our website www.northamptonshire-carers.org



There is no need to book, just come along. Please contact Northamptonshire Carers Admin on 01933-677907 Option 1 or email admin@northamptonshire-carers.org for more information on the Mawsley group, future venues where we may meet or ask about other Carers support in your particular area.

Northamptonshire Carers supports unpaid Carers countywide who look after a loved-one, neighbour or friend who has a disability, long-term physical or mental health condition or other additional needs. Care is usually given on a regular basis to a person who couldn't manage without this extra help. It is sometimes difficult for Carers to identify themselves as such, who often feel this care is given out of a sense of duty or family expectations. This is something we are hoping to change.



There are many 'hidden' Carers across our region, so our Carers Drop-in's, funded by The Big Lottery are an important link to us being able to find and support Carers in what may be an emotionally and physically tiring role. We appreciate it is especially hard for those who live in rural communities who are isolated from more centralised services.



Existing Support available through our organisation:- Carers Assessments, Local Carers Groups, Carers Support Line, 1 to 1 Telephone Support, Activity Groups, Community Companions Service, Dementia Advice Service, Support for specific conditions such as diabetes, heart disease and pulmonary conditions, Young Carer teams, Former Carers meetings and Support teams based in the local hospitals.

Mawsley Short Mat Bowls Club

We are a friendly club playing at TCAM on Monday afternoons. We have a 2 hour roll-up starting at 1pm with a short break for tea and finishing at 3pm. ^{SEP} We also play a series of friendly fixtures against 8 local clubs both at home and away. These 16 matches are not only fun but also help in broadening our knowledge of the game.



Not every member wishes to take part in these fixtures, some prefer to just come along to socialise at our weekly roll ups. If you would like to know a bit more about us either pop in on a Monday afternoon and have a chat or call us on 0779 338 6232.

You will be made very welcome



Our Summer Concert on Saturday 1st July was a great success. We had a lovely evening celebrating our 10th birthday with a wonderful audience, thank you all for coming along.

We are currently rehearsing for our Wassail 2023 to be held in the main hall at TCAM on Saturday 16th December. As usual more info nearer the date!

In the meantime, if you fancy adding your voice to Choir why not come along to rehearsals held in the Main Hall TCAM. We meet on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm

We are a no auditions choir and you will always find a warm welcome awaits. For more information please contact our Secretary on 07960754459

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A low impact dance based exercise class to music from all eras. Think Gloria Gaynor, The Foundations, Sister Sledge, Elton John, ABBA, Queen. Lots of great songs that you can sing along to.

Suitable for beginners, and anyone looking for low impact exercise.

There is no age limit. You can do the class seated if that is your level of ability. There is no floor work in my classes.

They include strength & balance work with a huge helping of fun. Each class creates small communities where you can make friends as well.

Everyone is welcome at a Movers Class, they run every Friday morning at 10.45am at TCAM

ON MOVING FROM COAST TO COUNTRY by Alan Moore

Coast, the ever-changing line dividing land and ocean. The meeting of the two is often dramatic. It can be granite blocks, dark basalt, or magnificent white chalk cliffs. Rocks and shingle tumbling into the sea, a river estuary, gently sloping sandy beaches or mud flats, solid when dry but often lethal when covered by the sea.

We arrived in Mawsley village, and several people asked, 'why the move from the Kent coast to the East Midlands?' Suffice it to say that the move was partly dictated by family matters.

Do we miss the coast? The answer is yes! My wife Sue, her mother Joyce, and I moved into Mawsley in late 2018. Sue and I both grew up in the village of St. Margaret's Bay, which lies betwixt the port and town of Dover to the south and Deal to the north. St Margaret's was a great place in which to grow up. School holidays down on the beach or exploring the remains of the St. Margaret's Bay Battery and other ex-military buildings. Teaching myself to swim, regular dips in the sea became the norm, including walking through winter snow to reach the water.

I lived in Kent for some sixty-five years and much of that time was close to, or within sight and sound of the sea. The coast of France was easily visible from my bedroom in the house in which I grew up, after all, it was only 21 miles across the English Channel. Villagers would often say 'if you can see the coast of France, it's going to rain, if you can't see the coast, it's already raining.'

Walking the cliff tops to Dover was also a favourite activity and most definitely worth the effort.

A glimpse of Dover Harbour from the White Cliffs, a National Trust property.

There is always something to see when overlooking the port, the constant stream of cross channel ferries arriving from and departing to Calais and Dunkirk, France, pleasure boats and the odd fishing vessel. Cruise liners also use the port cruise terminal.



Kent has around 350 miles of coastline running from Camber Sands, on the border with East Sussex in the south and reaching to the Thames Estuary in the north.

Upon moving into Mawsley, it was immediately obvious we had moved into a very friendly and welcoming community – we were even offered glasses of wine whilst our furniture was still being carried in. Most definitely a good start.

What do we think of Northamptonshire thus far? Basically, loving it! People are friendly and customer service in pubs, shops and filling stations and other services is first class.

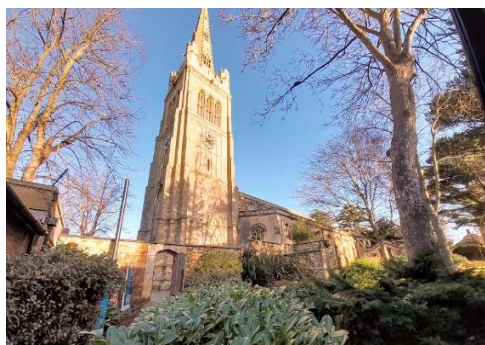
George Bradshaw's Descriptive Railway Hand-Book of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (published circa 1863), gives the following description of Northamptonshire: -

Bradshaw was writing, of course, long before the building of roads as the main transport arteries and I am not sure that the air is quite so exceedingly pure now.

We have enjoyed finding out about the county and its history. Exploring public rights of way,

The Climate of Northamptonshire is mild, and the air exceedingly pure, healthy, and favourable to vegetation. The soil is various, but on the whole fertile and productive. The county is also intersected by several of the most important canals in the kingdom.

walking along canal tow paths, riverbanks, and discovering the numerous country parks and reservoirs, both within the county and across the border in Leicestershire.



St Peter and St Paul, Kettering



Misty Sywell



The Grand Union Canal

There is still much to discover and many new byways, bridal ways, and footpaths to walk. The county is also well placed for journeys to other parts of the country – without having to flog round the M25.

Gardening For All

Mawsley Gardening for All members have enjoyed a busy summer with a speaker, a trip to Lamport Hall, and a visit round a few members' gardens.

At our evening meeting on May 15th our speaker Andrew Mikolajski gave us a talk entitled 'Come into the Garden Maud' The Gardens of Victorian England. This very interesting and enjoyable subject explained the development of the modern garden. Not only the garden layout we are used to, but also the discovery of plants from around the world and the way in which the plants are supplied.

On the 27th July we visited Lamport Hall gardens and were greeted and treated to a guided walk round by the Head Gardener Jake. The afternoon was absolutely perfect given our enthusiastic, approachable and very knowledgeable guide and the fine weather. If you haven't visited yet we strongly recommend it.



Photos of Lamport Hall gardens

The 16th August saw 17 of us gathered again to visit 4 gardens in Mawsley. It is quite amazing how different gardens can be created in such relatively small spaces. We all went away with some fresh ideas for our own. Again, so lucky with fine weather and lively, friendly chat.

As the evenings close in we look forward to what we refer to as our 'Home Grown' meetings to be held at TCAM in October and November followed by a Christmas Quiz evening in December. As usual look out for dates on our noticeboard in TCAM.

Our meetings are informative, sociable and most importantly enjoyable. We all look forward to welcoming you to a club meeting or garden visit soon.

For more information please call James on 07840 957339



Mawsley Youth Football Club 2022/23 Season Review - Mixed Teams

What an incredible season it has been for our Mixed Teams in leagues, cups and friendlies! In total, 13 teams represented Mawsley Youth Football Club in the Mixed section from our U7 Magic and Wolves teams through to the U16 Jedis. All of our teams represented the club brilliantly showing the respect and sportsmanship that we expect. Well done to all involved whether you were starting out on your football journey or if you were competing for league titles like the U15 Wasps!



U14 Lions

The Lions have had mixed fortunes throughout the season with tournament victories bookending an up and down league campaign.

In pre-season, the Lions won the Woburn and Wavendon Tournament and most recently they won the Roade Tournament. In the league, the team produced some great displays and they also reached the semi-final of the League Cup. Well done!

U12 Thunderkicks

A brilliant season for the Thunderkicks in both league and cup competitions. The team finished runners up in Division 4 after defeat in the play off and were semi finalists in the League Plate. Well done all!

U11 Marvels

The Marvels had an amazing season, winning the League and County Cup double. They were also Runners up at the Butlins Tournament. The boys continue to amaze with brilliant results at end of season tournaments too and cannot wait to go again next season!



U11 Avengers

The Avengers have had an up and down season but battled throughout. During the season, the team had some massive wins, some very close games and a few losses but the attitude and effort of the players can not be faulted. The team are already raring to go for 2023/24!

U16 Jedis

This was the 8th season as a team for the Jedis who finished their league season in 4th place. They also reached the Plate Cup Final where they were unfortunate to lose out 3-2 in the last second. The team were fantastic all season and look forward to competing at U18s level next year!



U17 Wolves

The Wolves had a brilliant year! They won every league game as well as reaching the semi-final of the prestigious GLK Tournament. The team have made excellent progress with 3 members in pre academies and high hopes that others will soon follow. Well done!

Mawsley Youth Football Club

2022/23 Season Review - Girls Teams

The Girls section of Mawsley Youth Football Club continues to go from strength to strength and this has been a wonderful season for all of the teams that represented us this season! Well done to all the girls who played this season!



The Leopards have gone from strength to strength this year. The development made by all of the girls has been a privilege to be part of. It has been heartwarming to see them grow as a team and to celebrate their own and each other's successes! We may not always have been on the right side of the scoreline but we've shown that we can play some great football. Well done Leopards!

The U8 Bees have had a brilliant season winning all but one game across the whole year! The girls have worked incredibly hard on their skills and teamwork and this has seen them to develop into a formidable team to face. Well done girls!



The Jaguars have had an amazing season - their hardwork and ability has seen them achieve a 100% win record in the league! They also won the League Cup and were County Cup finalists!

A brilliant effort girls!

The Tigers have had a stunning season - not only have they gone through the league season unbeaten (winning every game) but also won the League Cup! The girls also competed in two prestigious tournaments at Butlins, Skegness and the invitational Aces Tournament - for the second year in a row, the Tigers were Runners up at Butlins and put in a stirring performance at the Aces tournament against some of the best teams in the country! Well done girls!



The U10 Bobcats have really come together as a team this year, developing a real chemistry and fluidity in their passing play and teamwork. This season they won the League Cup for the second year in a row! The Bobcats are looking to recruit at least one new player for next season so, if your child will be in Year 6 next year and would like to play in a great team please contact the club. Congratulations on a great season!



The U10 Thundercats have just completed their first season as a team having formed in May 2022. As a squad, the girls have had a fantastic season playing with smiles on their faces whether they won, lost or drew! Aside from the football, the girls have made some amazing friendships - a wonderful team!

The Hornets played their first competitive season at 9 a side this year and had a great year winning 80% of their home games! The girls' biggest success was their cup run getting to the County Cup semi finals! A tournament win at the end of the season was the cherry on top! The coaches are incredibly proud of the girls for a very impressive first season! Well done girls!



Nature on your Doorstep - AUTUMN

Believe it or not Autumn is upon us (where did that summer go?). 'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness' as John Keats would put it. To the birds, mammals and insects of Mawsley and District it means a *time of plenty* with fruits and seeds now ripe and ready for the picking, hopefully preparing them for the forthcoming winter. To us villagers a treat for us to wonder at as the trees and shrubs change the colour of their leaves before they fall.

In Autumn as you tend your garden or stroll round the village look out for:-



Most of our local House Martins, Swallows and Swifts who have had a good breeding season and entertained us with their stunning aerobatics throughout the summer have flown south for sunnier climes. However a few young birds may still be seen hanging on if the weather is fine. Many of us will have seen Martins and Swallows gathering on wires and roofs as they prepared for the long flight to Africa for their winter holidays. Returning to our lovely part of this world next spring.

The Sedge Warbler is a migratory bird that breeds in the UK and can be seen this time of year feeding heavily on berries in the hedgerows along our local lanes. It needs to double its weight from 10g to 20g in just three weeks to sustain it on the flight back to West Africa.

The annual *Daddy Longlegs* invasion will have happened all around the village evoking distant memories of my return to school after the long hot summer holidays (well they seemed long and hot in the 50's and 60's) with the playground teeming with them. These insects have an adult lifespan of about 2 weeks. Their larvae, called leather jackets, spend spring and summer feeding on grass roots to erupt as adult Crane Flies in early Autumn. These are what the starlings are probing the grass for.



With the cooler nights spider webs on bushes and fences will gather dew and sparkle in the morning sun. Many of us will see more spiders in our houses. However, this is not because they are searching for warmth but actually the males searching for mates. Amazingly there are approximately 660 species of spiders resident in the UK. All needed to help the House Martins, Swifts and Swallows keep the population of flies down.



Taking advantage of the *time of plenty* you are likely to spot Grey Squirrels scurrying round the spinney to cache nuts in preparation for the harder months ahead.

Some species of birds gather together in late Autumn for safety and warmth. At sunset look out for Rooks and Starlings flying en masse (in the case of starlings called a murmuration) to their roost.



Mid Autumn will make the late blooming ivy many pollinating friends. Although some consider it a pest plant it rarely harms buildings and trees and when other nectar producing plants have disappeared it supplies hover flies, late-season butterflies and many bee species much needed energy. It also serves as safe cosy roosting for birds and bats to hunker down away from the cooler winds. Take a stroll round the village and see how many species you can see taking advantage of this.

Please remember bird numbers visiting our gardens to feed in Autumn tend to reduce as they are taking advantage of the seasons rich natural food. Reduce the amount of food you put out to minimize waste and when the winter closes in they will return to delight you. Oh! and bye the way please check out for hibernating Hedgehogs before you light your autumn bonfires.



Have a lovely Autumn



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Get QUIZICAL with Paul Howells. Thursday September 28th at 8.00pm. Teams of up to 6 people

Watch major sporting events on our BIG SCREEN. See our Website or Facebook for more details.



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Please donate a cake if you are able. Let Nicola or Claire know at the Centre, it would be very much appreciated

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Friday 6th October 8.00pm



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Sunday

19th November 2023

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CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT

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