



THE MAWSLEY VILLAGER

AUTUMN 2016

NEW WI IN THE VILLAGE

SHORT MAT BOWLS GOES HI-TECH

3RD ANNUAL FOOD & DRINK FESTIVAL

LES & PAUL GO FOR ANOTHER WALK

AND TCAM EVENTS A PLENTY!

"Undulatus asperatus over Mawsley" by Robert Castley

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

I thought that for a change rather than list projects the Parish Council are working on I would start from the Councillors who are progressing them – to give a better view of what they are doing on your behalf.

Kevin White is the momentum behind the Neighbourhood Plan (see article page 4); and also leading the way to try to get Kettering Council to sort out the situation re the missing cycle path alongside the wooded area (aka the Berlin Wall).

Tom Sanders is like a terrier in trying to speed up adoption of highways and open spaces (the latter notably in the David Wilson Homes area); and has long been pushing for bus shelters for the village (see article page 20).

Katie Wilson and Vic Cope have been leading our relationship with TCAM. They undertook the annual landlord's inspection recently, and are also managing the actions that arose out of the latest 5 year electrical inspection. We will have another of our regular joint meetings with the MVA and TCAM soon.

Paul Richards has made great progress with the outdoor gym equipment project; he has secured all the required finance and installation will go ahead soon. He has got agreements from Highways and landowners re the proposed stone village entrance signs.

Richard Barnwell continues to push for young people to have some facility of their own. He is also working with the Allotment Society to provide a new allotment site.

I am also the lead on The Centre extension project; and looking at provisioning of more CCTV cameras at TCAM.

This is not a comprehensive list; and many of the above involve more Councillors than the ones I have mentioned.

What else do you think we should be doing?

Bob Littler

THE MAWSLEY VILLAGER

Welcome to the Autumn Edition of 'The Villager'. It has been a summer full of fun in Mawsley village, from the Fun Day to Fun Night BBQs, from the Music Festival to Tina Turner concerts and much more. What a great sense of community spirit we have in the village.

I do want to thank the Parish Council for giving us villagers the chance to comment on developments in the village through the questionnaire.

I must admit that as one of those pesky dog walkers (yes I am the harassed looking scruff with bouncy Bichon), I would be very happy to see the dog walking/ bike track around the village connected up. I expect so would all those living in the vicinity of THAT FENCE, who must get rather frustrated with us all running out of road and cutting past their front doors when in too much of a rush to walk all the way back the same way.

I have also been pondering on the future village housing plans, thinking that we should consider the housing needs of us all when we finally reach our twilight years. I think there are only a few bungalows in the village, so where will we all go when we can't make it upstairs? I am sure we will want to stay in the village and stair-lifts are not always the answer.

Great to see we have the new WI up and running with more than 30 ladies meeting up. To all you cynics out there; NO it's not all about jam making (though I think we have a few experts in that too!).



As you will see, we now have some local businesses advertising in the newsletter, which I hope will cover the costs. I encourage you to send me articles and photos (very high res please) for the Winter Edition (timing to be confirmed).

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MAWSLEY HAS A NEW WI

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The Women's Institute (WI) was formed in 1915 to revitalise rural communities and encourage women to become more involved in producing food during the First World War. Since then the organisation's aims have broadened and the WI is now the largest voluntary women's organisation in the UK. The WI celebrated its centenary in 2015 and currently has almost 220,000 members in approximately 6,300 WIs.

The WI plays a unique role in providing women with educational opportunities and the chance to build new skills, to take part in a wide variety of activities and to campaign on issues that matter to them and their communities.

We would like to welcome ladies of all ages to come along and join us. We have a variety of events lined up for each meeting to suit all tastes, from speakers to demonstrators on topics such as history, cookery, craft, charity, science. There is always time to meet and chat with everyone informally. Come along as a visitor to see if you are interested to join as a member.

For more information, please feel free to contact us via www.facebook.com/mawsleywi/

Sandra Fernandes-Neto (President)

theWI
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Sandra Fernandes-Neto (President), Janice Fox (Committee), Jeanette Harmon (Committee), Caroline Caplan (Secretary), Jane Twisleton (V.President), Tracy Baker (Secretary), Sarah Hogan (Comm), Rosie Todd (Treasurer)

MAWSLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you to everyone who either filled in the Questionnaire online or via hard copy during July and August.

There were a total of 112 Questionnaires sent in, 53 via SurveyMonkey online and 59 handed into TCAM or to the Parish Clerk.

On the basis of there being around 950 houses in Mawsley this represents circa a 12% response, which is very good for these types of fact finding communications. It is understood that circa a 5% response rate is often the norm.

The Parish Council will now take time to collate and analyse the responses which hopefully will indicate how villagers envisage Mawsley developing in the future, or not as the case maybe. The responses will also indicate the validity of Mawsley preparing a formal Neighbourhood Plan in conjunction with Kettering Borough Council.

The key opportunities and the concerns that come out of the Questionnaires will be shared with the Villagers via the Newsletter, Facebook and the Mawsley Village website in the coming months.

Kevin White

Parish Councillor



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WHAT'S ON @ TCAM

October 28th - Children's Halloween Party
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Cards and Cake
1st Tuesday of the month starts Tuesday,
October 4th

Bonfire Night
From 7.15pm, Eddie Robbins playing live in the
bar - <https://facebook.com/EddieRobins707>

Claire Clarke has now joined us at The Centre as the Office Manager. Claire has a background in banking and hospitality and at least 15 years of experience in customer service.

Claire (claire@thecentreatmawsley.co.uk) is now the lady to contact regarding bookings and invoicing etc. Claire will be working core hours of Monday to Friday 9am till 3pm.

Please note that TCAM is recruiting flexible bar staff so if you are interested contact Jane Twisleton (jane@thecentreatmawsley.co.uk)

November 11th - The Occasional Orchestra
6-piece ensemble touring around local villages and community centres.

December 16th - Children's Christmas Party
(details to follow)

December 31st - New Year's Party
(details to follow)

MISS NORTHAMPTON GALAXY 2016/2017

A successful model and co-owner of Stefanie Jayne's in Mawsley, Stefanie Williams (21) is a contestant in Strictly Northampton, raising funds for the Teenage Cancer Trust. Tickets for the final in November are on sale at The Royal and Derngate.

Stefanie from Spratton, attended Guilsborough Secondary School and intended to become a Chartered surveyor, until she was scouted at the Clothes Show, then her life changed completely. Winning the World Teen Supermodel UK 2014/2015, she went on to place in the top six in the World in Fiji. Then in the Face of Beauty International in Taiwan representing England she was 2nd runner up and travelled extensively in Asia, also volunteering in the Allambie orphanage in Vietnam.

In 2016 Stefanie placed 1st runner up in Galaxy England and is competing to take the crown in 2017. With a focus on 'beauty within' Stefanie is raising money for The Christie organising numerous events throughout the county; October events are: An evening of food and entertainment, Royal Bengal – 2nd October, Tickets £15 and Stefanie Jayne's Fashion Show - 15th October, Tickets £5

In July, Stefanie will embark on her 3rd trip to Ghana teaching alongside The Rising Stars of Africa Sports Academy, supporting the amazing work they do with the children in difficult circumstances.

Stefanie is also a regular 'extra' on Holyoaks

For information on her events or if you would like her to make an appearance at your event follow Miss Northampton Galaxy on Facebook or call 07738 695922.

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MAWSLEY FOOD & DRINK

We are pleased to be welcoming the third annual Food and Drink Festival back to Mawsley in November this year.

The event is organised by Cheryl and Steve Buckle of the Mawsley-based business Doorstep Baking and promises to tantalise our taste-buds and provide us with the perfect opportunity to taste, try and buy delicious produce. As it is being held in November, it is also a great time to stock up on some delicious items, or grab some Christmas presents.

The festival was originally set up to celebrate and showcase the wonderful artisan producers we have close by and this year the range on offer will not disappoint.

As well as a wide range of stalls in the main hall and hot food being provided in the bar area at The Centre, we are also lucky to have demonstrations from three speakers who will be sharing their expertise in pasta making, Indian cookery and war time rationing. Entry to the event is free and will be on Saturday 19th November, from 12 noon until 4pm.

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Mawsley Church meets at 10.30am on the first and third Sundays of each month at the Centre for either a Celebration Service or Communion.

There is generally Sunday Club for children at both of these, but there are always activities for all ages.

There is also a Communion service at 8am at Cransley Church on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month.

Services and Events October - December

15 th October	Baby Loss Memorial Service, 7pm at Broughton Church
16 th October	Communion and launch of the Shoebox Appeal
6 th November	Celebration Service and Sunday Club
13 th November	Mawsley Remembrance Service
20 th November	Communion and Shoebox collection
4 th December	Christmas Cafe Church - join us for a relaxed service at a busy time of year
10 th December	Cransley Church Angel Festival
17 th December	Nativity, 2pm at Cransley Church
18 th December	Nativity and communion
	Mawsley Village Carol Service, 7pm at the Centre
20 th December	Reflective Christmas Service, 7.30pm at Broughton Church
22 nd December	Christmas Craft morning, 9.30-11.30am at the Centre
24 th December	Nativity, 3pm at Broughton Church
	Lessons and Carols, at 6pm at Cransley Church
	Carols and Communion, 11.30pm at Broughton Church
25 th December	Communion, 8am at Cransley Church
	Christmas Celebration, 10am at the Centre

If you would like to find out more about our services, or would like to book a wedding or christening, please contact either:

Canon Brian Withington (01536 791373) revdbrian@uwclub.net or
 Revd Nicki Hobbs (01536 799522) revnicki@familyhobbs.org.uk

On Saturday 15th October at 7pm, the churches of Mawsley, Cransley and Broughton will be joining together for a Memorial Service at St Andrew's Broughton, to mark International Baby Loss Awareness Week.

During the service we will light candles as part of the International Wave of Light in memory of babies lost during pregnancy, stillborn and in infancy. If you are unable to attend the service, but would like a candle lit in memory of your baby, please contact Nicki Hobbs (01536 799522 or email revnicki@familyhobbs.org.uk)





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GARDENING FOR ALL

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It's been a busy time for Gardening for All since the last issue of The Villager. In place of our usual June meeting we had a village walkabout visiting 3 members gardens. The weather held fair and the 18 members enjoyed viewing, comparing and contrasting layouts and styles of planting.

The weather remained good for Fun-day held on the 9th July and was well supported by passing villagers and members alike. Proceeds from our 2 competitions and plant sales raised much needed money to enhance our dwindling coffers.

Competition winners were – Name the Rabbit (Violet) – James and Denise Ramsden's son-in-law. Guess the weight of the bag of spuds (5kgs) – Rosie Todd.

Our July meeting was a gardening related quiz with bring n share food and birthday cake to celebrate our 2nd year of Gardening for All.

In place of our usual meeting 14 members visited Sulby Gardens on the 22nd August. A large garden situated in a very rural spot near the Leicestershire–Northants border.

The garden features lots of interesting areas with carefully laid out borders contrasting with wild life friendly zones. If you get a chance please visit, you will not be disappointed. For info on opening dates see www.ngs.org.uk

On the calendar for the rest of the year we have 4 meetings all to be held at TCAM starting at 7:30 as follows:-

Monday 10th October – Talk by a member of the Woodland Trust on the Flora of the Woodland Floor

Monday 14th November – 'Home Grown' meeting various items including topical tips and plants of the month etc.

Monday 12th December – Details to be advised, keep your eye on the notice board at TCAM.

Our meetings are held 2nd Monday of the month at 7:30 in the evening at TCAM and are open to all. Please feel free to bring a friend or two as always.

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About thirty of our members enjoyed a Right Royal Afternoon Tea party on the afternoon of Sunday, 5th June in Cransley Village Hall to celebrate HM Queen's 90th birthday.

MAWSLEY COFFEE CLUB

We have enjoyed a variety of outings during the summer months including a river cruise in Nottingham, our annual day trip to the seaside, coffee at Boughton House followed by a guided tour, and a coach trip to London which included lunch and a matinee performance of 'Mamma Mia'.

These are in addition to the variety of excursions to local places of interest, pub lunches, shopping trips and visits to garden centres etc, organised each week by the Shire Community Services, using the Wellibus.

We aim to organise a social coffee morning each month, usually at The Centre, although we did have an interlude during the school holidays in August. In July, by popular request, we invited Margaret Burgon to revisit us and she entertained and amused us all with her talk entitled, 'It could only happen at a wedding.' In September we organised our own entertainment, 'Who Do you Think We Are'. This generated lots of laughs and was hosted admirably by Les Cottington. In October we have a speaker from the Guide Dogs charity who has been invited to tell us about the extensive training of these dogs and the invaluable support they give to those who are blind or partially sighted.

Further outings have been arranged for the autumn, including a three course lunch at Northampton College (we do enjoy good food!) and a coach trip to Chatsworth House in Derbyshire to see the house decorated for Christmas.

If you have retired or are approaching retirement, do phone us for more details of our outings and events. A warm welcome is assured. Molly Shortt (01536 790781) or Jean and David Wilson (01536 799490).



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FRIENDS OF MAWSLEY SCHOOL



The 'Friends of Mawsley School' (or FOMS as it is lovingly referred to) is a voluntary fundraising group run by parents and supporters of the school.

We met in September for our Annual General Meeting. At

this meeting a new committee was elected for the year with Yvette Den-Driver as Chair, Nikki Farrar Hayton as Vice Chair, Ruth Connelly as Treasurer and Lucy Westley as Secretary.

On behalf of FOMS and all parent volunteers we would like to thank the departing committee Kirstie Marston, Karen Atherton, Emma Haynes and Diana McCarthy for their tireless work, dedication and passion for FOMS.

We would also like to thank all the parent volunteers who gave their time over the year to help make all the events a success. FOMS could not run without you all.

Work is now underway for the annual Christmas Fair which this year will be held at the school on Saturday 26th November 11am to 2pm. There are already a

number of exciting stalls arranged for the day which will help you get your Christmas shopping underway.

FOMS are also collecting for a second hand book stall and a second hand clothes stall for the day. If you would like to help support FOMS by volunteering or have any old books or children's clothes which you would like to donate please contact us on our email friendsofmawsleyschool@hotmail.co.uk

PARISH CLERK VACANCY

Our Parish Clerk, Diana McCarthy, has just resigned.

We can't start the official process to seek a replacement until the Council meeting on 17th October.

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Bob Littler



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MAWSLEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



We are delighted that another school year has begun, in fact this is our thirteenth year, and as before, for each child the experience will bring something new. For our youngest additions, going to 'Big School' can be a daunting experience and that can also be said of our oldest children (although they may not want to show it). We hope all our new families to our two Reception classes have settled in well and that other new children and families, who have moved to the village recently, are starting to feel part of our school family.

As always, Mawsley School has been a very busy place since the new term began. Our Year 6 children are enjoying being the oldest in the school, becoming role models for our younger children and getting ready for the expectations and move to secondary school in the future. Recently, Year 5 enjoyed an exciting 'bush craft' day out on our school field. The children took part in a range of activities including building a shelter, filtering water and learning about making fire. All of these experiences were then used to inspire the children in their writing which is based around the classic story of The Jungle Book. Comments from the children showed how much they enjoyed this experience.

To help our children develop a love of literacy we organise writing competitions on various themes to give the children opportunities to develop their writing talents. Our latest competition involved writing on the theme of 'summer'.

Finally, later this term we will be asking all of our children's grandparents if they would like to come in and engage with the children in a variety of learning experiences. This was a huge success last time the event was held and we look forward to seeing many grandparents in school for this event.

Gareth Weston

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Neighbourhood Watch is one of the strongest forces operating in the country today to bind local communities and get them pulling together to fight crime and anti-social behaviour.



- ☒ Is there a need to reduce crime and the fear of it?
- ☒ Are you a community minded person?
- ☒ Do you have some spare time and like a challenge?
- ☒ Would you like the opportunity to reintroduce many of the traditional social bonds and values back into your Neighbourhood?




If the answer to any of these questions is **YES!** Neighbourhood Watch is a popular way for people of all ages and backgrounds to get involved in preventing and detecting crime and disorder in the community.

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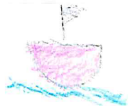
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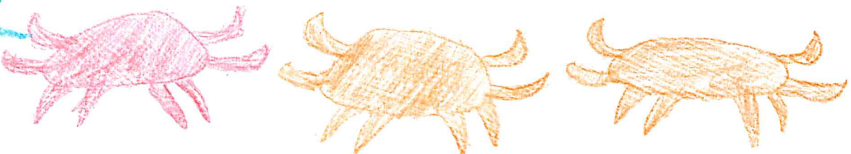



Yesterday, we arrived at Wells-Nest-The-Sea after a long journey. When we got there, we went inside the pub, and the manager called Vicky gave us the key to our room. She was very accommodating. The keys were very useful because without them, we couldn't get into our room.



After we were all settled, we set off to go and get an ice-cream. While we were eating our ice cream, we walked down to the beach. I had a mint ice cream with nuts. It was really yummy, but it was also a long walk to the beach. When we got down to the beach, we walked all the way to the tall sand dunes. We played football with our new ball, but the wind was too strong and it blew out of aim. Me and my mum then did cartwheels while Finlay and Nannie took photos of us. It didn't quite work out so we tried handstands. That worked out much better. Then we played a ball game with our hands. Very soon after that, we had to go back.



On the way back we had a play in the arcade. Unfortunately, we didn't win anything. Instead of a prize, we won 142 tickets to spend. Ten minutes later, we were back at the B+B. We got some smarter clothes on because we were having dinner at the pub. Unsurprisingly, I had scampi. It was a massive portion, but it was very yummy. I didn't eat it all.





Mawsley Maintenance Man

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NATURE ON YOUR DOORSTEP

A stroll around Mawsley & District by Les & Paul (no dog, no wives just us two old boys)

One evening a few weeks ago Les asked if I had ever explored the old Harrington Airbase site. He was referring to the large chunk of land that sits north west of you as you drive, cycle or walk south west down the road from Harrington to Lamport. The answer was in the negative.

So, here we were a few days later in the lay-by on the side road to Draughton. The sky was overcast, light grey with a tantalising hint of blue beyond as we readied ourselves to hit the bridleway that crosses the area towards Harrington village some 2 miles distant.



Leaving the road behind the first noticeable sign of wildlife was a busy flock of up to about 20 finch sized birds flitting from bush to bush.

The occasional glimpse of a whitish rump in the flock suggested these were Bramblings. Making our way along the concrete path with crops to our right the thick mixed hedgerow to our left was busy with birds probably warblers but difficult to identify.



We spotted within a few minutes of each other three birds of prey namely Buzzard, Kestrel and Sparrow Hawk. Arriving at a straw bale storage area several individual birds were seen notably, Corn Bunting, Whitethroat and Green Woodpecker.

As we followed a path through the surrounding area of scrubby bush a large covey of Grey Partridge exploded in all directions making us jump. Les had on a previous trip noticed a sign on a nearby copse saying, "Nature Reserve Keep Out".



The surroundings seemed quite wild with a variety of wild flowers and grasses so perhaps the area is managed to encourage wild life.

Certainly as the sun finally broke through the mask of grey we noticed a large number of beautiful, fairly small violet-blue butterflies with narrow black margins around the wings basking in the sunshine, perhaps attracted by the native flora.



These we believed to be 'Common Blue' males seeking out their food plants of the legume family, the females were no doubt close by, more shy and brown with orange spots.

With all this wild life activity and the sunshine we reluctantly headed back to the car. We will return.

Please remember Autumn is a time of plenty for birds, so please do not worry if your garden feeders are not used. You have not been deserted, it is just that wild birds prefer wild food if easily available.

For now keep feeders only part full to avoid waste and when the weather changes they will be back in your gardens keeping you company once again enjoying the easy meals.

By Paul

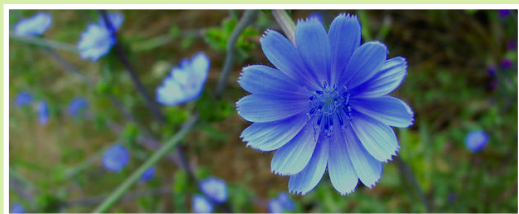
Paul makes a good point about the absence of birds at feeders at this time of year. I can't remember the times that concerned people have asked me about this.

That said, the bird feed suppliers will tell you that our feathered friends need feeding all year round!

Very noticeable at the upper end of Mawsley village this summer has been several families of noisy green woodpeckers. Their main food source is ants, so consider them a friend if you dislike these tiny (what some people might call) pests.

Going back to the Harrington airfield walk, I noticed that the area had been randomly sown with wild flower seeds and also what's known as cover crop. The latter usually contain maize, millet, wheat and other leafy seed bearings plants to provide just that – cover and shelter for the partridges we saw and other birds such as pheasants.

A very striking wild flower we saw was a vivid blue chicory. Because it flowers from late summer to October, you might still see it if you take a wander up Harrington way. Veterans living in Mawsley will know that chicory had other uses in the war.



Moving away from the subject of Harrington, I thought I would just reflect on the odd unexpected bonuses one can get from gardening. In my case, this involved an avocado pear.

Now you would normally expect these exotic plants to curl up their toes when exposed to our cold temperatures. But, in my case, an avocado stone thrown onto the compost heap survived all winter and, what is more, sent out a shoot.

Spotting this, I potted up the sprouting stone and now have a foot tall tree. I have not got the space to keep it much longer, so if anybody wants it, let the Editor know.

By Les

THE ADOPTION PROCESS

September 2016

Full Adoption of spine roads between NCC Highways and TW is still subject to agreement and negotiation relating to the Deed of Discharge for the storm water drainage system.

Nothing to report since the August report, except to mention that there is no feedback or communication from the parties involved in the negotiations.

David Wilson Homes KBC Open Space and Landscaping transfer settlement and Adoption Process with NCC.

Nothing to report on feedback from all the parties involved, since the August report.

Note: *Due to the on-going situation regarding the full adoption of both David Wilson Homes and Taylor Wimpey, any enquiries relating to property sales and purchase conveyancing should be directed to:*

Chris Leeson (TW): 0116 2816400

Andrew Preece (DWH): 01530 276742

Rutting damage to grass verges DWH

Now resolved by Developers Eyes, with signage at both ends requesting non-access to grassed area.

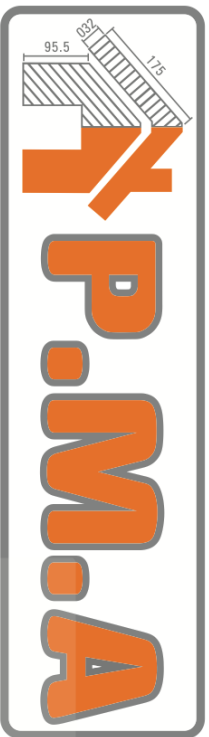
Subsidence of the tarmac surface on the Cycle Way opposite N:4 Loddington Way.

Remains on KBC programme of works.

Exterior refurbishment of Electricity Sub- Stations.

As a result of the condition of the Sub- Station at the cycle path at Loddington Way, Weston Power are now dealing with this and all the other Sub- Stations located within the village.

Tom Sanders



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BUS SHELTER PLAN

It's not much fun arriving at School, College, work or Town after waiting in the cold and rain for a bus from our village!

Our Bus User Group and patients of the Medical Centre, have been concerned about this for over 7 years and recent figures now show that 134 School Children and students have now been added to the passenger volumes, who use the bus services.

Because of this situation a proposal has been presented to Parish Council, who have the sole responsibility to provide rural bus shelters and we are working through all the options on the locations of the shelters with NCC and KBC and with the suppliers regarding quality suitability and cost....in order to seek the endorsement of the plan with Parish Council.

This is being carried out in close liaison with Borough and County Councils and Stagecoach and a programme of consultation with our Bus User Group and all villagers who are dependent on the bus services plus the near neighbours of the bus route and shelter sites.

The progress and further information on the plan, will be made available through reports, meetings and the minutes of MPC.

Tom Sanders and Vic Cope

FOOD & DRINK MAWSLEY FESTIVAL

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Mawsley Toddlers

Mawsley Toddlers is a popular, friendly group for parents and carers to enjoy time with their children in a safe and exciting environment. Each week there is a craft activity and sensory play based around the theme for the term and alongside this we offer a variety of toys and books, and a baby area for our younger members. The Centre also provides tea and coffee at the low cost of 50p a cup.

For the first half of autumn term our theme will be letters, shapes and numbers and we have a number of exciting craft activities planned including biscuit decorating, shape monsters and finger puppets. Half way through the term we will also have a focus on harvest and will be collecting for the church's harvest festival which this year will be donated to Homestart. Donations are welcome and will be collected at the group every week up to and including 6th October.

During the second half of autumn term our focus will be on the changing seasons and will be using autumn leaves and conkers for some fun crafts, decorating cards for Christmas and the term will end with our Christmas party.

We look forward to welcoming back some familiar faces for the new term and meeting some new friends.

Day: Thursday mornings (term time only)

Time: 9.15am – 11am

Location: Mawsley Centre

Cost: £1.50 for the first child and 50p for each child thereafter (this includes a snack)

Age: Birth to 4 years old.

Join our Facebook page – Mawsley Toddlers for full details on 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 why not contact one of the volunteers or message us through our Facebook page.

Sam Eggleton (07818 408911)

Shelley Brown (07887 792673)

Lucy Westley (07834 515690)





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Our 2016 'Summer Concert' held at TCAM was a great success with an audience of over 80! We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did. We managed to bring tears and laughter with songs from 'Les Mis' and 'Mary Poppins' amongst others. Also on the program we were treated to the splendid 'Polished Brass' playing us a medley of popular music.

Andre Sparks and Nick Weldon were well received bringing us two sets of songs across an exciting mix from the world of jazz. We ended with a traditional prom style finale! What a lovely evening! All held together by our wonderful MD Carole. Many thanks to all who came along.

If you missed out do join us next summer. If you can't wait that long, look out for our Christmas Wassail at TCAM and Christmas songs and Carols at Cransley Church. Dates to be announced in the next edition and on our notice board at TCAM.

We then started our Summer Break with a party held at a member's house. The weather was kind to us as we enjoyed a 'bring and share supper' and various beverages in the garden.

During the course of last year we have welcomed new members and said, 'good bye' to some others, as our choir continues to evolve.

Rehearsals re-commence on Thursday 8th September when we start at 7pm to include our AGM. Then it's back to normal!

If you have a love of singing why not come and join us?

No auditions! New members always made most welcome!

Rehearsals are held in TCAM Committee room Thursday evenings in term time

7:30pm-9:30pm
CHOIR SECRETARY - 07793 386232

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Starting on October 4th

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SHORT MAT BOWLS WELCOMES 'BARNEY'!

Mawsley's very own Short Mat Bowls Club were recently delighted to receive a new recruit to their ranks.

After years of struggling with the manual version, they took delivery a state of the art electronic roller machine, which enables them to lay out and take up their bowling mats without effort.

All these machines are apparently given a name, and this one has been dubbed, 'Barney'.

They were given a quick demonstration by the supplier, supported by members who quickly tuned into the necessary rolling skills. So sophisticated is the machine, that one member was prompted to ask if it could do toast. "Only if you put your finger in the electrical socket!" came the reply.

With the new equipment, Mawsley Short Mat Bowls is now on a par with other leading clubs in the wider area. Precious energy that formerly had to be spent on mat winding, can now be entirely devoted to honing those bowling skills.

Funding for the new equipment has come from Kettering Borough Council, Mawsley Parish Council, Mawsley Villagers Association and Councillors Jim Hakewill and Cliff Moreton.

Vic Cope thanked Brenda Quinn for tireless efforts in securing the grants (Vic and Brenda are second and third from the left in the photograph below).

Members of the SMBC find it a stimulating environment with much humour and great companionship. It also offers thought and exercise.

On Mondays, the SMBC offers 'Roll Ups' from 1.15 until 3.15pm, (to fit in with the school run). As with many of our user groups, the club provides a good way of making new friends in the village.

There are also friendly fixtures against other towns and villages. For example, the club recently played in the Earl Spencer Charity Matches. Taking part and meeting friendly people from neighbouring communities was more important than competitive success.

The SMTB is open to new members of all ages. The first 3 weeks are free to give you a taste before committing and thereafter it's just £8 a year. Please come along and give it a go. Bowling skill is not a pre-requisite, (just ask any member). For more information, ring Brenda Quinn on 01536 799116.

Rob Bailey



Mawsley Short Mat Bowls Club with their new electronic Roller Machine

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Another reason why regular eye tests are so important is because they don't just test how well you can see but pick up on many conditions, (and not just eye related), that you may be developing so allowing treatment to start after early detection.

Eye tests are free to under 16's, those up to and including 18 and in full time education, the over 60's, as well as people with a family history of glaucoma.

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If this person is you, please communicate with us via the school office (Tel: 01536 799182, Email: nwatts3@mawsleycpschool.northants.sch.uk) by Friday, 21st October and provide a pen portrait, with your CV, marked for the attention of the Chair of Governors.



RAY AND EMMA'S PROPERTY NEWS

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Hello again fellow villager's, neighbours and friends.

We hope you have enjoyed the summer holidays and the lovely weather that we have experienced. For Estate Agents, it's common that the school summer holidays can be a relatively quiet period. People generally enjoy some well earned family time and recharge their batteries. The vote over Brexit has now taken place, and whilst there has been a marginal slow-down in the number of property transactions taking place, our experience is not the housing Armageddon predicted by most of the financial experts and newspapers. Interest rates have hit a historic low, and with them expected to remain that way for the foreseeable future, combined with a shortage of housing supply, property still remains an attractive investment.

Once again Emma and I have been thrilled with the new instructions of both for sale and rentals we have received. Thank you as always. Your faith in us has enabled us to have a record year! Our high board presence in the village has given us a chance to show off our new branding and, just for our eagle eyed friends, we have managed to get our photos and names in the same order on the boards this time!! My eldest daughter thinks the new boards are 'swag', whatever that means. The branding will, at the start of September, also include a new 'state of the art' website. So we will have a modern look to go with our good, old fashioned service and experience.

As we enter the last quarter of the year it is the last chance to get moving before Christmas. So, if you are thinking of selling or letting your property please give Emma or me a call. We don't believe in promotions, or gimmicks. We do believe in getting the basics right and keeping our promises.

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