



Mawsley Newsletter & Advertiser Christmas 2010



Presents **Arthur's Ball**

Following his fight with cancer Arthur has now not eaten for 18 months.
Your support will help us send him to a specialist feeding clinic in Graz, Austria.

Saturday January 29th 2011

7.30pm, Hangar One, Sywell Aerodrome

Black Tie . Drinks Reception . Dinner . Raffle
Auction . Guest Speaker . Band

Hosted by radio and tv personalities

Sam and Natalie Pinkham

Tickets are £48.00 each or £450.00 for a table of 10
contact details 07888 648342 . arthursnextsteps@yahoo.com

www.arthurkingham.com

Look inside for details of all of these:

Christmas Fun and Fete in aid of Arthur's Next Steps
New Year's Eve Party
Santa's Grotto
MAD Panto
Club updates

Get your diary...

And did you know....

Swishing is coming to Mawsley! More info to follow!

Santa is Coming to Mawsley!

Dear Mums, Dads and
Children of Mawsley,

*Christmas is coming and the
goose is getting fat, yet my little
friend Arthur will not be eating
this Christmas.*

*I met Arthur last year when I
delivered presents to the
children's ward at Leicester Royal
Infirmary. Arthur and his friend
left reindeer food for Rudolph
and the gang. On Christmas Eve
this year I will be visiting Arthur
at home and his friend will be
riding on my sleigh sprinkling
angel dust.*

*However, on the 16th, 17th and
18th December I will be making a
special appearance on my street
sleigh with the help of my M.A.D
elves to bring some Christmas
cheer to Mawsley. We will be
collecting for 'Arthur's Next Steps'
a Trust fund set up to raise
money to send Arthur to a
feeding clinic in Graz, Austria
to help teach him to eat
again. With your help Arthur
will eat eggs at Easter, sausages
in the summer and Christmas
dinner next December.
Just some of the things we take for
granted.*

Best wishes and Merry Christmas

Father Christmas



Christmas at The Centre!

I would like to thank everybody for their help and support over the last year and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



There will be lots of things happening at The Centre over the Christmas period so get your diary, a pen and start planning for the seasonal festivities.

Sunday 5th December 2pm till 5pm - Christmas Fete to raise funds for Arthur.
PLEASE SUPPORT THIS WORTHY CAUSE.



Saturday 11th December 8 till Midnight **Christmas Party Night.**

£5.00 per ticket Adults only. Tickets are available at the bar.

You can dance the night away to Big Bopper Entertainment. This is your time to Party so book your babysitter, pick out your frock and get ready to rock!!!!

Thursday 16th December 8pm start **Christmas Quiz Night.**

The quiz hosted by the one and only (we must count our blessings) Rob Castley will be held in the hall. Go to You Tube and search for Mawsley Christmas Quiz for a little taster!

Saturday 18th December 12 till 2pm **Santa is in town!**

Come and see Santa in his Grotto at The Centre. He can tell you who has been bad or good (If he won't, I will!)

Tuesday 21st December 7.30pm start **The Centre at Mawsley's Spectacular Christmas Raffle**

This year we have more prizes than ever.

Buy your squares for £1.00 each from behind the bar and enjoy a fun, festive, family night.

Wednesday 22nd December 7pm

Carols in the bar then be joyful as you sing your way around the village.

New Year's Eve Party! Guess when?

Celebrate the start of 2011. FREE!

What a start to the New Year!

No tickets, no hassle,
just lots of fun for all the family.
7pm till 1pm.



Christmas Opening Hours

Christmas Eve 12noon until Midnight

Christmas Day 12 till 3pm

Boxing Day 12 till 10pm

New Year's Day 2pm till 10

Advanced warning

The Centre will be closed from 7pm on Sunday January 9th so that The Centre Staff can have their Christmas Party.

I should like to extend a personal thank you to all the staff who have worked very hard to make The Centre what it is today.

Jane X

We Painted the Sky!

My thanks to all those who helped with Bonfire Night this year.

Special mentions to Martin Bentley who took on more and more as the day approached, to Anya Powell and Phil Orchard who both took advantage of the Barclaycard employee donations scheme for our benefit and to Wally Forsyth who masterminded the firework display.

The fireworks were probably the best ever; and we've finally mastered the art of making a large but not uncontrollable bonfire!

We can see that we need to improve the hot food offering next year; and we will.

The night made a profit of £1222, plus the donation from Barclaycard was £1106, which all goes into MVA funds for the village.

I think most thought it good value for money and we hope to see even more of you joining us next year.

A huge thank you to Bob Littler and all those who helped organise this year's Bonfire Night celebrations.

I think this year surpassed all, with a breathtaking firework display.

*Merry Christmas
Nicola Hoy*

Bob Littler



Arthur's Next Steps CHRISTMAS FUN & FETE

Write and post your letter to Santa

Christmas Gift Stalls

Balloon Pop

Bung the Dung

Face Painting

Tombola

Splat the Turkey

Cake Stall

Buy Reindeer Food

Wire Buzzer

Tuck Shop

Pin the Nose on the Reindeer

Name the Snowman

Craft Tables



It wouldn't be Christmas without a Pantomime!

Oh yes it would.....because we can look forward to having ours in February!

MAD will be presenting
PINOCCHIO

At The Centre at Mawsley
Saturday 5th February Matinee
Saturday 5th February Evening
Sunday 6th February Matinee

Tickets on sale from January
£3.50 each seat
(Toddlers on laps free)



The Scouts Christmas Card Delivery Service 2010

Starts: Wednesday December 1st
Last posting date: Wednesday December 15th

Cost 20p per card

We will deliver to the following places only. Cards for places not on the list will not be delivered. Incorrectly posted or addressed cards will be kept until 1st January 2011 if you would like to retrieve them: -

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Cranford	Kettering	Orton	Weekley
Cransley	Little Cransley	Pytchley	

Look out for our collection box at One Stop

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Town
Postcode



SCOUTPOST - CUTTING THE COST OF CHRISTMAS

Celebrations!

Happy 7th Birthday to
Eva-Mae
2nd January



With lots of love from
Mummy, Daddy and
Sienna xx

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
JOANNA CUMMING AND DEBBIE RADCLIFFE!!!
XXXXXXXXXX

Happy Birthday Taylor Richards!



*Have a wonderful 6th Birthday
All our Love
Mama, Daddy, Leia and Erin*



Happy 1st Birthday Emily
on 12th December

Love
Mummy, Daddy
and Poppy

Mawsley Coffee Club

The Coffee Club comes to the end of yet another busy year, our membership has continued to increase but we still look forward to welcoming new members, male or female, to swell our numbers.

We have held eight Coffee Mornings, mainly in member's houses but we have also been to The Sanctuary, Beckworth Emporium and The Centre.

We have enjoyed visits to Coton Manor to see the snowdrops, Barnsdale Gardens, Dovecote Farm for fruit-picking, two visits to the theatre to see "Dinner Ladies" at the Castle Theatre in Wellingborough and just recently "Calendar Girls" at the Royal & Derngate in Northampton. Fear not, we have no plans to make a Coffee Club Calendar!!

We have also visited 78 Derngate, the Renee Mackintosh house in Northampton, a shopping trip to Springfields in Spalding, a trip to the German Christmas Market in Birmingham and a tour of Mawsley Community Primary School. To round off our very successful and busy year, 26 of us will be going to the Overstone Arms in Pytchley for a Christmas dinner.

Apart from our Coffee Mornings, visits and theatre trips we have also been involved in providing the refreshments for the Harvest Produce Show and the Remembrance service at The Centre.

What a busy yet very enjoyable year it has been and we are always very happy to welcome new members.

Please get in touch with either Molly Shortt 790781 or Jean Wilson 799490



Team Destined for Great Things!

We are looking for new players to join our fantastic team.

- We have only been training for 7 weeks
- Have nine regular players
- Have played and won two friendly games against teams that have been around for over 18 months
- Won one penalty shoot out game
- Currently have a mixture of boys from both within and outside the village
- Looking for more involvement from boys within the village
- Planning to enter the Weetabix Youth Football League after Christmas



Mawsley FC - Under 9s

Requirements to play for our U9s

- If you are a keen footballer and in Year 4 from September 2010 (e.g. your 9th birthday is between 1st September 2010 and 31st August 2011);
- Contact by email at under9@mawsleyfc.com or mobile **07956 543 705**
- Feel free to come along to a training session (Mawsley Village 10:30am at The Centre playing fields every Saturday).

What we can offer you

- A fun, friendly and progressive football environment
- Regular league football at one central venue
- We have FA qualified coaches and strong networks to development centres (e.g. current players are at West Brom, Leicester, Northampton Town and Cambridge United to name a few)



Lee Ramsden

Mawsley Cherokee Walking Club



*The last walk of this year is on December 5th. We will meet at our usual place - Broughton Road Lay-by at 9.30am.
Circ. Draughton / Gamboro Plantation / Maidwell & MAYBE a pub visit??? 5-6 miles.*

VILLAGE NEW YEAR'S DAY WALK

Every year we have a village walk on 1st January to walk off the turkey, xmas pud & general inactivity, so please join us for a morning stroll to Old. Meet at the Broughton Road footpath near the large farm gate at 10.30am to walk to The White Horse, Old for some amber nectar & perhaps a meal. If you wish, please ring Amy or Lee DIRECT to book your meal on 01604 781297. NB. If you mention the walking club by name they will try to put us together again.

Steve & Pam Draycott

Mawsley Village Garden

I have had various enquiries from villagers as to the status of events & monies contributed so far.

As to the Garden itself, like many ideas within our village, events beyond our control curtail progress but be assured that we are as committed to this project as we have ever been. Progress seems to be being made over adoption and we can start to see the wood from the trees. So perhaps in the new year we should be looking closely at calling village meetings to discuss this valuable addition to Mawsley, its design & more importantly its locality within our community. Please look out for dates if you have an interest and come along to air your views.

As to any funds already contributed so far, be assured these are all safe & sound & held in the Gardening Club account, which of course can be viewed at any time on request.



Kindest regards for
Christmas & the New Year
Steve & Pam Draycott
791681 / 07804120076 / slduk@f2s.com

Mawsley Gardening & Wildlife Club



Please note our last trip out has been moved to Sunday 19th December. We will meet at The Centre at 10am for a day out at Huntingdon. The day comprises of a visit to Huntingdon Garden Centre, lunch and, if time allows, a river stroll.

Next year's club holiday

A very warm thank you to those who have by now decided to go on our 4 day, 3 night trip to The Hidden Corners of Yorkshire. Included excursions are The North York Moors local railway trip, Preston Hall, River Tees Cruise, Whitby, James Herriot's Thirsk &, of course, York. A very special thank you to Martin for taking this on.

NB. Jan - we'll all be wearing CAPS for you??? (Underlay, Underlay!)

Pam's Craft Club

Craft Club



A very warm thank you to those who have enjoyed my club this year.

Special thanks to Susie for her invaluable contributions

The first three dates of 2011 are 5th January, 26th January and 16th February.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

Pam & I wish to thank all those who have visited our Groups / Clubs & hope to see you all next year. Have a very Merry Christmas & a prosperous New Year.

Steve Draycott

All information relating to Bumps and Buggies and Baby and Toddler Group is on the board in the corridor at The Centre.

Mawsley Baby and Toddler Christmas Party



Thursday 9th December

9.30 until 11am

£2 per child

Toys, craft activities (provided by Surestart) and a singing session at the end.

Snack for the children, mince pies and the bar open for the adults!

Father Christmas will be paying us a visit bringing a present for every child!

For further info please contact Sarah Hart on 790517.

Mawsley Baby and Toddler Group and Mawsley Bumps and Buggies Group



This year our Christmas meal (adults only!) will take place on Wednesday 8th December at the Trading Post in Kettering. We will eat at 7.45pm.

The cost is £12.99 for a 3 course meal. You need to choose your meal before the night and pay a £5 deposit. The menu is on the notice board at The Centre.

It would be great if you could join us on this occasion even if you are unable to join us on a Monday or Thursday due to work commitments or because your child has started school

Sarah Hart 790517

Mawsley Village WI

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Well, what a special month November has been for us. Our 1st Morning WI turned out to be a success. Lots of ladies turned up and it was a quite a productive meeting.

Although we are to take a vote in December, we are sure the majority will feel it would be best to remain a Morning WI. Then it will be all systems go to secure some really good speakers for 2011. Our programme will be out as soon as possible and if you would like one please call the numbers below.

The Christmas Fair saw a really good turnout and the craft stalls were excellent with a good variety. We hope all those that did come along found something to buy for Christmas. Congratulations to Sheila Ratclif on winning the fabulous Christmas Hamper and Frank Quinn on winning the Saracen's rugby ball. Also we extend our thanks to Grant de Kock who, through his brother Neil (the Saracens and South Africa star), donated the ball. Also thanks to Jane and Kat for their help on the day.

Our December meeting is our Christmas Celebration and Fun Day with snacks, carols and games. If you would like to come along please let us know, as we need numbers for catering. The guest fee is £3.00.

May we take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

Next Newsletter deadline is Monday 10th January 2011.

Please send your letters, articles and photographs to Emma Brown at emma.janebrown@yahoo.co.uk. Thank you.

Mawsley Community Primary School



Do you have a particular skill or interest that could excite or engage the children of our school?

As part of our Mawsley Community Project we are looking for any help, ideas or assistance that you may be able to offer.

Our Community Project will run for 6 weeks on Friday afternoons from 4th March – 8th April 2011. You could either set a project in week 1 and return in week 6 to see how the children have worked or you could come in every week to develop their skills. The teaching staff will be glad to offer any help in planning any ideas you may have. If you would prefer to come in and simply lend a hand with a project then that would be equally valuable!

Harriet Aldwinckle in Year 6 said: "I loved the Marketing project we did, it was loads of fun to learn about business and how it works."

William Brown, Year 4 said: "We did some cooking and made lots of delicious food! Our cookies were jammed full of chocolate chips!"

If you think that you can offer any help or ideas then please do not hesitate to get in contact with the school, your input would be greatly appreciated.

Elaine Wright, Headteacher

CAN YOU HELP?

I'm a student at Tresham College in Kettering and a resident of Mawsley. My History class are planning a trip to Auschwitz in April 2011 to create awareness of the genocide and make an impact on the students in our college.

However, we need sponsorship money so we can afford to go. I am willing to do odd jobs any evening of the week and on Monday and Thursday during the day in order to raise the funds needed.

Please call me on 07970130303 if you think there is a job I could do, or if you are in a position to sponsor me, you can contact me at 27 Hawthorn Avenue for more details.

Many thanks and Merry Christmas, Tayla Pearce

Mawsley Church at Christmas

Christmas is a time of celebration and sharing. At Mawsley Church we are sharing different times of worship and meeting. You can join us at a variety of different venues and activities. We regularly meet to talk about life and to support each other. If you would like to know more about how and when we meet please call or speak to someone at one of the gatherings.

Mawsley may not have a church building but there are Christians who live here and people are the church.

If you would like to talk about baptism or a wedding then call Richard 790140 or check out our website www.mawsleychurch.net.

Christmas in the Parish.

Dec 5 th	10:30am	Advent Praise @ Cransley Church
Dec 11 th and 12 th	all weekend	Christmas Tree Festival in Broughton Church
Dec 19 th	10:30am	Mawsley Christingle Service @ The Centre
Dec 22 nd	7pm	Carols in The Centre with mulled wine
Christmas Eve	6pm	Traditional Carol Service @ Cransley Church
Christmas Day	10am	Celebration @ The Centre
Dec 26 th	10:30am	Benefice Service @ Broughton

We want to wish everyone a very joyous and blessed Christmas.

Letter from the Editor Teamwork!



I wanted to take the opportunity to say thank you to the many people who help me create the newsletter. Although I am the first point of contact, the newsletter is very much a collaborative effort and I couldn't do it without a lot of help! So here goes...

Thank you to Bob Littler and Pat Rowley for correcting all of my spelling mistakes, to Tricia Taylor and her team for delivering the copies, to the family and friends who include their celebrations, to the many contributors who write articles, to my husband and children who have to fend for themselves on deadline day and to you, the readers, who read some or all of the issue, who offer me support when I am lost for words and who encourage me to do it all again in 6 weeks time!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

Emma Brown, Editor

Lest We Forget

On 14th November, Mawsley villagers came together to remember the members of the armed forces who have served and died on duty since World War I.



Esme Feasey carrying the flag for Beavers on Remembrance Sunday.

Letter to the Editor

In response to Craig Duncan's and Peter Thomas's entry in the last newsletter; I do agree with their comments. Why should any of us have to put up with dog mess on the field? We are all subject to getting this on our footwear & clothes, but for children & adults playing sport, this must be a disgusting accident to encounter.

Dog Mess

Dog mess left on the field & around the village is the selfish behaviour of a small minority of people who are not bothered about cleaning it up. Everyday I walk my dogs at least once on the field. During this time, I have dog bags to clean up dog dirt left by careless people. I do this because I am a responsible dog owner & it disgusts me to see dog mess lying on the ground.

My husband and I have 2 dogs & you will never see us out and about without a good quantity of bags to enable us to clean up after our dogs. We are not alone; there are a lot of decent people who clean up after their dogs. If fouling continues on the playing field we could eventually be banned from walking our dogs in this area, which I think would be most unfair for the responsible dog owners.

Litter

However, I wanted to also draw attention to the growing problem of litter. On my walk I also carry a plastic carrier bag to pick up litter left behind after the footballers and their supporters. Empty bottles, sweet & crisp wrappings, food cartons, coffee cups, sticky tape (players use to keep their socks up), etc. Who do they think is going to clean up their mess? Is it fair that they should inflict this on others? No!

It would appear that dog mess and litter are not the only problems. On one occasion an adult football player used the hedgerow to relieve himself! I thought this was an offence in a public place. Once he was finished he just went back to the training and carried on. The coach said nothing, the other players said nothing, and yet the toilet is only a short distance away.

What kind of message do these examples of anti-social behaviour give out? Who cares? How do we expect others to behave in a responsible and respectable manner when behaviour like this is evident!

How do we resolve this problem?

How do we go about getting that message across to others?

Any suggestions or ideas?

Nancy Geoghegan

Concerned village resident and proud dog owner.

Maintenance and the Adoption Process

Phase Two of the road works to bring up to adoption standards has commenced and will include the continuation from the pond junction, Main Street, The Green and the surgery junction with Hawthorn Avenue.

Bus Service

Following on from a recent meeting with Stagecoach, County Council and Parish Council representation, the site for a bus shelter has been identified at Loddington Way.

The proposal for the bus shelter in this location is subject to approval of Northamptonshire County Council (NCC), consultation with the near residents and funding contributions from NCC, Kettering Borough Council and Parish Council.

We have also requested from Stagecoach and NCC that they consider a further extension of the bus route to include the far end of the village past the 'Farm View' Lodge Park Development on Hawthorn Avenue and return along the existing route.

A request has also been made to install GPS [real time information displays] at the surgery and bus shelter, which will provide passengers with accurate arrival and potential delays of the bus service.

Stagecoach have again requested that the bus route is kept clear of parking obstructions, particularly at The Green location.

This also applies to access for emergency vehicles.

Tom Sanders

Parish Council Update

The year draws to an end and the Parish Council would like to wish you all the very best for the festive season. We hope next year will be a prosperous and positive one for all of Mawsley.

TAYLOR WIMPEY

Many of you will have seen the field opposite the school has been ploughed and may wonder why. This is work carried out by Taylor Wimpey, in agreement with the Borough Council, to turn this slightly scruffy area into a wild flower meadow. It's been seeded with native, British species, and these plants should start to appear in spring. With a bit more work by the contractors, this should hopefully produce a lovely area for the whole village to enjoy in the coming years. In the short term this means a popular walking area is out of action but it will soon be even better than before. Any ideas for future use of this area can be forwarded to Parish Council via the Clerk at mawsleyclerk@tiscali.co.uk.

The Taylor Wimpey site compound has moved to the area next to the playing fields, generally known as the pub site. We've asked the Borough planning department and TW to consider an alternative but it seems we are going to have to get used to it being there. We've an assurance from TW they'll try to minimise disruption at this prominent site. They're going to crack on with the road, pavement and open space improvements so most of the building materials will be delivered to where they're required, instead of the compound itself, on a just in time basis. This spot is the only area of private land large enough for their needs. TW have committed to working with Parish and Borough Councils to decide on the positions of dog waste bins. Please forward any suggestions as to good spots for these to the Parish Clerk.

Tripartite News

In our last newsletter entry, the 3 groups (Mawsley Villagers Association, The Centre and Parish Council) pledged to continue to improve communication with the village, to help you better understand what we do, what goes on and hopefully, to make you feel more confident about getting involved yourself. We also mentioned an independent assessment of the running of The Centre, which is now underway. We thought it a good idea to tell you a bit more about this, it's objectives etc..

Centre Health Check

After being open for 3 years, it felt like the right time to have a health check as we all want to be sure The Centre is run as well as it can be, to meet the objectives of a community facility as cost effectively as possible. The assessment is going to investigate what has been achieved so far with developing The Centre to this point, how it's funded, directed and managed. There will hopefully be some recommendations from the assessment, which will be considered as part of the ongoing development of our facility. But by getting an outside expert to come in and look at things, warts and all, we can be sure we're doing the best we can for all of you with this valuable village asset.

Peter Thomas



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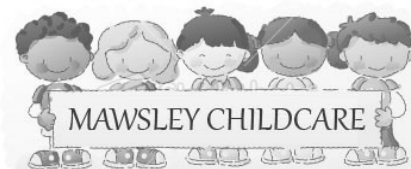
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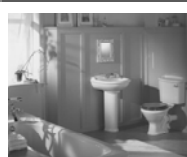
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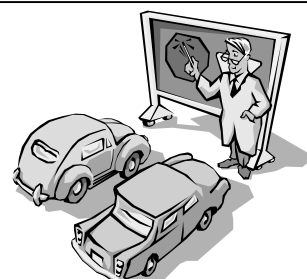
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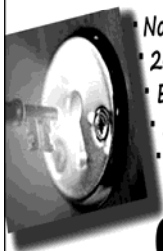
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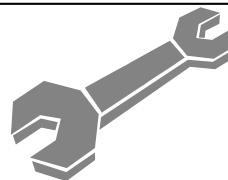
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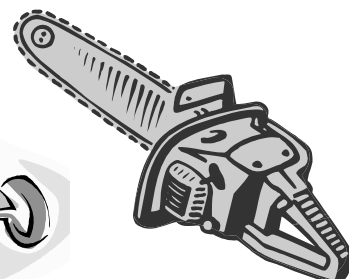
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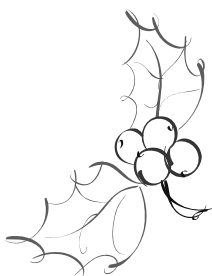
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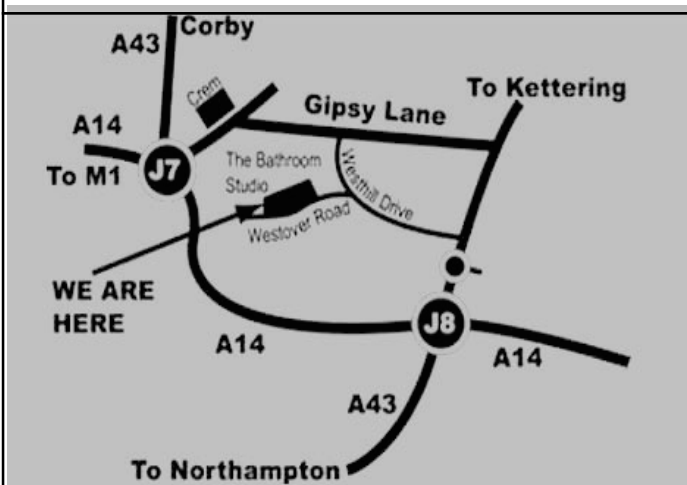


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