



Mawsley Villagers Association

Newsletter

April 2007

Were you there? Did you win?

What's he on about?

Race Night of course. A fantastic night of fun, and high drama. One couple won over £200. (I know who they are, and mine's a bottle of Sam Smith's Pale Ale thank you). Many thanks to all who helped, especially Theresa Meredith who organised the event and her dad who was the bookie/compere. Penny and her staff did us proud with The Centre bar etc.. Altogether, including bar profits, we raised £2000 for the village.

Race Night was a good example of just how valuable The Centre is to us. At the other end of the age scale the fun day for the younger children, crayoning and making Easter bonnets, in it's own way was just as much fun too. Again thanks - this time to Cheryl Buckle of the MVA Events Team and the Under 5s Group.

This inevitably brings me round to the whole subject of use of The Centre. You will see on page 4 a report from the Open Meeting we held on 25th March to address the delicate and tricky subject of trying to balance use by all ages and all groups. What's happened since? Well, the directors have decided to:

1. Set up the main hall as a family room on Friday

nights, except on an exceptional basis (e.g. large booking). This will hopefully include organised entertainment on some occasions. Equipment will be bought to provide suitable facilities.

2. Prior to setting rules re access of young people to the bar area, discuss just what the licensing Authority will allow. It is clear that they will not allow access at all times by all ages, even though the law in theory could permit this. In broad terms the objective is to get agreement to:

- Before 9 p.m.:
 - no restrictions on access to the bar area.
- After 9 p.m.:
 - under 14s: must not be present in the bar area.
 - 15s & 16s: can only be present in the bar if accompanied by a supervising adult.
 - 17+: no restrictions.

On Friday nights when the family room in the main hall is operating, the bar area to be over 18s only.

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Congratulations

Four Mawsley Guides are celebrating after making it through to the regional finals of a talent competition.

Molly Clifford, Molly Macleod, Leah Patterson and Caitlin Wilkins, all members of the 1st Mawsley unit, took part in Northamptonshire Guiding Star, a competition organised by the Guiding movement.

At the county event, the foursome, performing Avril Lavigne's *Things I'll Never Say*, beat 19 other acts to secure their place in the Midlands Regional Final to be held in Birmingham in May.



Going through to the regional finals, Leah Patterson (11), Caitlin Wilkins (10) Molly Macleod (11) and Molly Clifford (11) from 1st Mawsley Guides.



SAFER COMMUNITY TEAMS

The Police in Kettering are making plans to introduce Safer Community Teams to every neighbourhood across the county. The roll out is well underway with eleven Safer Community Teams now fully operational in Northamptonshire North.

The Police have a further seven Safer Community Teams in the pipeline with all communities having their own Safer Community Team in place by April 30th 2007.

The launch of Rothwell, Desborough and Rural West Safer Community Team took place on Friday March 23rd 2007.

The Team that covers this area, and which includes Mawsley, is made up of a Sergeant, two Police Constables, three Police Community Support Officers, Special Constables and other Police staff, and may also include partner agency staff, such as neighbourhood wardens.

The aim of Safer Community Teams is to provide communities with a dedicated team of officers who are visible, accessible and known to local people. They work closely with partner agencies and the community to tackle the crime and anti-social behaviour problems identified within the local area.

The Safer Community Team will not replace the important roles of immediate response and investigation. Incident Resolution Team Officers will continue to provide the first response for those needing immediate or urgent assistance and you should continue to dial 999 in an emergency or 08453 700700 for incidents that do require an emergency response, ie. burglary or stolen vehicle.

To contact our Safer Community Team, call 08453 700700 and ask for the Rothwell, Desborough and Rural West SCT.

IMMOBILISE PHONE CRIME

One of the many increasing problems, which we suffer from, is the Theft of Mobile Telephones, Laptops, Satellite Navigation Systems and I Pods.

A very new and interesting concept, which can assist the Police to trace and the owner to possibly recover any stolen property is a free secure database (www.immobilise.com) for those on the internet. The Police believe that this is an excellent step forward in the help to trace and recover stolen property and will also aid towards bringing the offenders to justice.

I am aware that most of you have internet access, but for those of you who don't I have Immobilise leaflets giving information on how to Protect It and Register It.

CAR CRIME

Finally can I again remind everyone to remove all items of value from their cars when leaving them parked and unattended in the street, either during the day or at night. We are still getting our unwelcome visitor(s) who like to steal items from cars when they are left parked overnight.

Keith Powell

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

The Centre at Mawsley – Next Steps

The Centre at Mawsley is now operational and what an excellent facility it is for our village. The Centre is there for everyone's use and tries to cater for everyone, although, as recent events have shown, it is not always easy to balance different interests.

Long term the Centre aims to be self sustaining and the directors are working towards this objective, however they have another important remit; to ensure that the Centre develops as a facility in line with the interests of the community.

New developments cost money which comes from a variety of sources:

- Grants - for example from KBC
- Donations - money from Wimpey or equipment from individuals
- Fund raising - from village events

It is often the source of money that dictates the priority; the recent children's room came from a Wimpey donation and the next development planned is a patio area outside the bar following a donation of slabs and hardcore from Wimpey and labour from Simon Redgrave et al.

To ensure that the Centre develops the way the Mawsley community would like it to we are seeking your views on the next steps.

How would you like to see the Centre at Mawsley develop?

Some (expensive!) ideas already suggested are:

- To extend the kitchen area to permit the regular provision of food at the Centre
- To add a conservatory (as a bar extension or eating area)
- To extend the building to provide a wider range of rooms; in particular this could give a dedicated Young People's area.

Understanding better how the Mawsley residents would like to see the Centre develop will help us produce a priority action plan; funding will always be an issue and will limit what we can achieve in the short term.

Please let us have your ideas either via the suggestion box in The Centre or email on the-centre@btconnect.com.

We look forward to hearing from you all.

John Holton
Director, TCAM

From The Centre

It's hard to believe that all this started only 4 months ago! What with quiz nights, Race Night plus numerous other spontaneous special nights, not to mention the Pure Lager promotion, March has been quite a month on its own!

I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who has been along and supported us.

Well, April looks equally busy. Already we have had the very successful Easter Fun Day (well done to the MVA Events Team who organised this event), with a large number of the village youngsters making bonnets, cards and entering the colouring competition. And don't forget it's Quiz Night on 26th.

With the Summer creeping up very quickly, we hope to have a patio in place soon. Alistair Lauder has kindly donated the slabs and Wimpey have kindly offered to dig out and lay hardcore. Finally under the watchful eye of Simon Redgrave (thanks Simon) we hope to have the patio down by the end of the month. Anybody who is keen to help, please contact me on 01536 799528; with a team of about 10 we hope to have it laid in one day.

Finally it's time to announce the **Grand Opening of the Centre**. On **Saturday 5th May 2007**. From **10 – 4pm** we will be holding a **spectacular day of events for all the family**. Kiddi Karts are bringing down Go Karts for all the family, so even the biggest kid can have a go! There is set to be bouncy castles, inflatable mazes and slides; we also hope to have a number of children's fair ground rides including candyfloss stalls and your traditional hook a prize. There will be the Farmers Market where you will be able to purchase wonderful meats, olives breads and pastries. Mawsley Outside Catering will be serving freshly made savoury and sweet crepes, from the kitchens. There will be a Bucking Bronco for the bigger kids, with plenty of prizes for all the winners. If you think you have something to offer on the day, please contact me as soon as possible.



Following the daytime events we will finish the day off in style with a **formal buffet dinner, dance and disco with the Dave Johnson Jazz Band**, sponsored by Kettering Borough Council. Tickets are on sale now at the Centre; there will be limited numbers so please hurry.

With one day over and another day dawning, we are to continue in to the Bank Holiday with our first **Karaoke evening, on Sunday 6th May**, starting at 8pm. So pop in early for a drink and join us for an evening of fun. I look forward to seeing you all.

Penny Feasey
Centre Manager

Wimpey Contribution

We would like to thank Wimpey for the following recent donations and contributions for The Centre.

- Donating £1500 to kit out the family room (i.e. the room adjoining the bar) and for equipment to kit out the main hall for 'Friday night is family night'.
- Donating £500 for children's facilities on Grand Opening day.
- Turfing the area around The Centre so it is usable for Grand Opening, at no cost to us.
- Digging out the patio area and laying the hardcore base, at no cost to us.



Centre Manager Walks!

Penny, together with Jane and Debs from the village, is taking part in the Stamford Race for Life on 20th May to raise money for Cancer Research UK and would really welcome your support.

'We are dedicating this race to Lisa, a very dear friend...

Please take a moment to sponsor us. It's really easy - you can donate online by credit or debit card at the following address:
<http://www.raceforlifesporsorme.org/tcamlom>

All donations are secure and sent electronically to Cancer Research UK. If you are a UK taxpayer, *Justgiving* will add an automatic 28% bonus to your donation at no cost to you. Please join us in supporting Cancer Research UK and a fabulous cause!'

3. Display The Centre's rules and policies more prominently.

We suggested at the Open Meeting that a Suggestion Box would be useful. Therefore we asked Samantha to source a high quality British designed and made suggestion box, just to show that not all of our manufacturing expertise has gone abroad. It is now, following extensive design and materials testing, in place at The Centre waiting for your ideas. We can't do everything for everyone, so it therefore follows we can't please everyone or get it right every time. But the more you suggest things the better the chances of getting close.

Also, on page 2, you will see a request for ideas about where we go next with The Centre. So yet another reason to admire, sorry use, the suggestion box.

Lastly we hope to see the whole village at the Grand Opening on the 5th May. Lots of fun lined up - see the ad on page 3.

Any suggestions for what else to do on the day?

Bob Littler
Chair MVA and Parish Council



A suggestion (from Richard Hoy)

Beautiful Mawsley!!!!

Not yet, but with your help it could be.

In answer to several suggestions that half a million daffodils on the verges and islands would make our village a whole lot brighter and prettier every spring I am backing a project to collect a small donation from every house in the village (perhaps a pound or two) so that we can bulk buy daff bulbs and plant them all over the village. As daffodils have the pleasing and thrifty habit of multiplying underground each and every year, over not many years we will transform the village.

So if someone taps on your door and asks for a daff donation perhaps you would help.

Thank you all.

Village meeting - Sunday 25th March

The newsletter has had its biggest postbag yet following the last issue, mostly in response to the announcement of a rule change that all children under 14 were to be out of The Centre by 9pm. Villagers also contacted the MVA directly, some in favour of the new rule but mostly objecting to it.

The Directors of The Centre at Mawsley reacted quickly by introducing an interim provision for children in The Centre and calling a village meeting to discuss the issue.

The meeting was attended by about 80 residents and began with a summary of the complaints which had been received about unsupervised children running around The Centre in the evenings, damage done to the building and the discomfort this causes to other users and difficulties it creates for the staff. The Directors acknowledged that they had probably over-reacted but were now moving quickly to find a better solution.

A wide range of views were expressed but there was a general consensus amongst those present:

- that parents have a responsibility to supervise their young children while at The Centre
- that the temporary Family Room is not large enough for parents to be with their children in it,
- that there is no objection to older children/young adults being in the bar throughout the evening,
- that the newly introduced 'traffic light' system seemed to be bringing about an improvement in behaviour,
- that as a community facility The Centre should be welcoming to children and youngsters and
- that it was not discriminatory against adults for this to be so.

There were suggestions that:

- the main hall be opened up for children and their parents, or other supervisors, on a regular basis.
- enquiries be made as to what changes could be made to the licence
- a new policy be formulated and brought to another village meeting for discussion
- more volunteers are needed to work in the bar and to help set up and implement provision for children and with the many other jobs that need doing at The Centre.

Bob Littler's front page article sets out progress so far on achieving the compromises necessary to meet the wishes of all The Centre's users. There is a full report of the meeting on the Notice Board in The Centre.

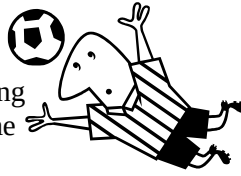
Pat Rowley
Editor

Did you know that Google Maps now has photos of Mawsley? <http://maps.google.co.uk/> Search for your own post code which will bring up the map and then click on 'satellite' to see the photos. Were you in the garden when the picture was taken? You can see The Centre still being built and the footpath to Cransley etc. *Thanks to Robert Castley for this.*

Saturday Football Club

Takes place from 10 -11 on a Saturday morning on the school field and all kids are welcome from the age of 6 upwards.

The format is practice through fun drills and mini soccer at the end where everyone gets a chance to have a game .



Congratulations to the organiser, Phil Shaw, who has now attended and passed the Level 1 FA Coaching Course. He says he looks forward to developing the football sessions with the help of David Porterfield and all our soccer dads.

MVA Children's Group

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The under 5's Parent and Toddler group have had a great month. We celebrated Easter in style and made lots of great crafts. The group each week continues to be very popular and we now have a regular number attending. Costs are still a problem for us but we are doing our best to cut costs where possible without the group suffering.

A huge thank you to Kathryn Berrill who made cakes for us to sell and donated the proceeds to the group.

The children had a great time on Red Nose Day with lots of activities and some great cakes and biscuits made by Cheryl Buckle. Thanks Cheryl. From the cake sale and activities the group raised £25.00.

If you have any queries regarding the group please contact Sarah Hart (Parent and Toddler Group leader) on 790517

The MVA Under 5's Parent and Toddler group runs EVERY THURSDAY. It commences at 10.00am until 11.30am. The aim of this group is to provide a place where the children of Mawsley can have fun whilst getting to know one another and will also help parents meet other villagers.

- ☺ There will be free play with a good selection of suitable toys available
- ☺ A dedicated babies' area with soft play and suitable toys
- ☺ Colouring and drawing table
- ☺ Specialist craft and activity table
- ☺ Song time.
- ☺ Biscuit and juice for the children

Teas and coffees are available to purchase at a special Under 5's price of 50p.

The entry cost is £1.50 per child plus 50p for any additional children.

The weekly fee is used to pay for the hall hire, craft activity, biscuits and juice for the children and to subsidise the adults' drinks.

We look forward to seeing

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This month we regrettably said goodbye to Yvette Sanderson who has stepped down from running the Parent and Toddler group. She will remain as the Children's Group events and publicity co-ordinator. Yvette will liaise with the Village Events group on events that require a children's element.

I would personally like to say a huge Thank you to Yvette for the hard work and commitment that she has shown since we launched the Parent and Toddler group in February 2006. You will be missed.

We are currently on the look out for anyone interested in setting up a babies' group at The Centre. If you are interested please contact Rebecca on 799311

Rebecca Simmons
Children's Group Secretary and Treasurer



Can you help with Fun Day on Saturday 14th July?

We need:

- Raffle and tombola prizes
- Marshals to help on the day
- People to help with setting up the event – putting out chairs and tables etc
- Clearing away after the event
- Litter picking during and after the event
- Organising the Tug-O-War – we have the rope!!! We just need someone to organise it on the day.
- Music – can you play an instrument? Are you in a band and fancy playing to the lovely people of Mawsley?
- Running a stall – you can think of your own idea or we can provide you with a stall to run on the day.
- Local businesses who would like to hire a stall to promote their own business.

Please, please help if you can. We can only make this a fantastic event with your help.

Contact Cheryl Buckle on 799107 or buckle@tesco.net if you can help in any way.

Can you help with this event?

We need a group of people to marshal games around the village. All equipment will be organised for you. You will just need to be available between 9am – 12noon on Saturday 14th July to supervise a game and keep the team scores. Please contact Steve Buckle 799107 or buckle@tesco.net if you can help.

The MVA is Going to the Dogs!!!!



Wednesday 2nd May 2007

£20 per person

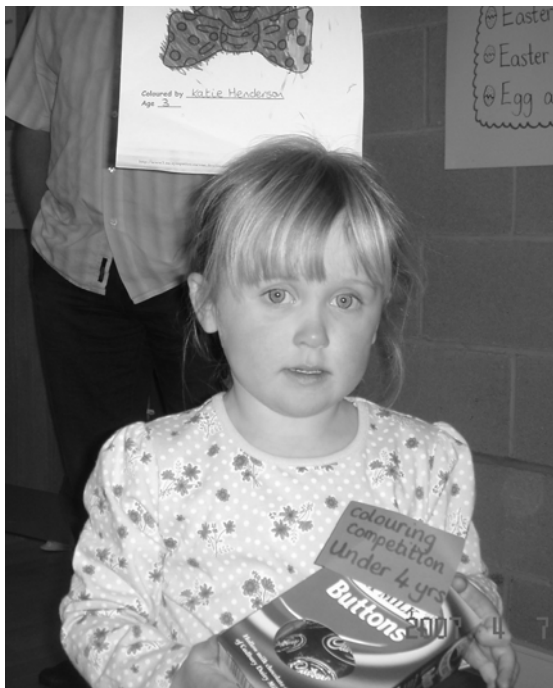
Price includes:

- * Admission to Peterborough Greyhounds
- * Programme
- * 2 pints or 2 spirits + mixer
- * Basket Meal ~ Chicken/Scampi/Veg option + chips
- * £2 TOTE bet
- * Return transport

Strictly over 18yrs only

Coaches leave village at approx. 6pm and arrive back at Midnight (Exact times TBC)

Tickets available from The Centre or Steve & Cheryl on 799107



The winners of the colouring competition were Katie Henderson, Shauna, Elijah, Owen Williams and Ellie. Well done to you all!



Easter Fun Day

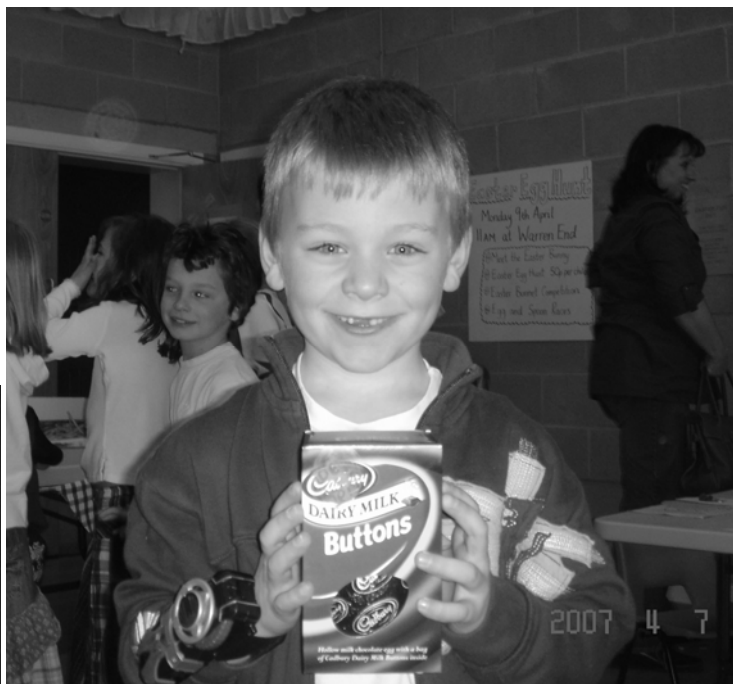
Saturday 7th April.

A fabulous crafty morning was had by all the families who attended. The children had a fantastic time making all sorts of Easter crafts.

Thank you to all of those who came to join in the fun. With the cake sale and raffle we managed to raise £140 for MVA funds.

I would personally like to thank Yvette, Rebecca and Sarah for helping me to organise the event. Also thank you to Helen who was a valuable pair of hands on the day and to all the other people who pitched in to help with clearing up.

Cheryl Buckle.



March Quiz Night

Another fantastic night with our Quiz Master Steve.

Congratulations to Thelma and Louise who were double winners, winning the £20 drinks voucher and £127 cash for the rollover round! Well done!!!

We also raised £93 for village funds.



The next quiz nights are:

- Thursday 26th April
 - Thursday 31st May
- 8pm at The Centre.

Wrap Jars

We need donations for our wrap jar stall for the MVA Family Fun Day on Saturday 14th July.

Simply fill a clean empty jar with a small prize (chocolates, sweets, money, toys, cotton wool, tissues, hair bobbles, make up etc) and then wrap the jar with wrapping paper.

Donations can be dropped to

7 Cransley Rise, 9 Badgers Lane or The Centre.



Question: Is there an environmental group in Mawsley yet? I'd love to hear about one or from people interested in starting one.
Thanks. Paul SB 790140
seaton-burn@tiscali.co.uk

Change of Gas Supplier

Jean and I with our two collies Fleur and Bracken relocated to Mawsley in November of last year, as part of our move we wanted to retain our previous Gas Vendor. It is in this that we have encountered a bit of a problem which is probably endemic to at least phases one and three of the Mawsley build program.

There are three references to the meter location, 1) postal address, 2) meter serial number – written on the meter, 3) Meter Point Reference Number [MPR] issued by the network supplier, Independent Pipeline Co, and not disclosed to the householder unless requested

The cause and resolution of the problem is:
An MPR number was issued for each meter against the house plot number e.g. ours is plot 15 phase 3
When the postal address and code were finalised the MPR number ought to have been transferred to this reference but by error another new MPR number was issued. i.e. a number of houses here in Mawsley have two MPR numbers for the one gas meter. Also MPR has been duplicated to different houses. Therefore when changing the gas vendor it is possible for your newly chosen vendor to apply for a change quoting a different MPR to that in use by the existing vendor. The existing vendor then refuses to relinquish the gas supply as they don't recognise the MPR quoted – note also that the other MPR may also refer to another property in Mawsley (our MPR in phase three also referred to the same MPR in phase one. This other household found that they were unwittingly changing gas vendor)

If anyone encounters this problem the resolution is:

Contact the area Gas Network Supplier which for Mawsley is the Independent Pipeline Co, a divsn of Connect and subsidiary of British Gas IPC phone is 02920 304000 and ask to speak to an operator then ask him to check the MPR number for your meter – he will need to know your meter serial number – written on the meter, your postal address and the plot / phase number of your property from the house deeds if you don't know it.

With the MPR numbers you can then talk with the existing and proposed new vendor to ensure that they each use the same MPR number for your property meter. The transfer of gas vendor can then be completed

David Wilson

Dog Poo doesn't go away, and the topic generated more correspondence this time. Despite requests to hear from those who believe that it's OK to leave their dog's faeces lying on the pavements for others to tread in no one wrote in support of that idea. There is not room to print all the angry letters received but this one did throw a different light on the problem - ie, is it the only, or worst, nuisance in the village?

“Do Dog Owners read the Newsletter?”

Yes. Simple as that. **Yes. I do not agree with the few individuals who do not clean up after their dog.** How hard is it to store all your old Tesco's or (if you are posh) Waitrose bags, take 3 or 4 out with you and pick it up?

But let's hold on a minute here, there are other issues in this village. If this is 'have a go time' then here are a few dog owners' complaints.

1. It is not very nice going over the bonnet of a car while it is doing 40mph in the village and the driver is chatting away on the phone failing to see a simple pedestrian crossing. I know - it hurts. So maybe we (responsible) dog owners should carry a camera with us and publish the irresponsible drivers. There is a voluntary 10 mph speed limit. So stick to it.
2. I love the country side but not all the crisp wrappers, news papers, cans etc that are lying around when I walk my dog. How hard is it to take your rubbish home? Put your lids on your recycling bins tight as they were designed. I know we do not have bins in the village yet but that is no reason not to take it home.
3. Parking. We all purchased our homes and knew what we were letting ourselves in for with the limited parking provided. Simple tip to help you. Put one car in the garage and the other in front of the garage. If your partner is leaving before you and you are going to block them in, then change the car around. Not much effort really.

Well that's a simple list so maybe we should have a column in the news letter as follows “I want to have a moan” or “What annoys me about Mawsley”

Cheers, N.

Dog Fouling Update from the Parish Council

A representative of KBC visited the parish council to discuss dog fouling. Dog Wardens are willing to come to the village to educate dog owners and fine offenders who do not clear up their dog's mess. The parish council is in the process of obtaining the developers' permission for this to happen since the wardens will be patrolling on their land. The parish council is asking for permission to site bins on their land at the same time as they are aware of the shortage.

Obviously we do not want to get to the point where residents are being fined or prosecuted and would once again urge all dog owners and dog walkers to clear up after their animal.

Mawsley Amateur Golf Society

Spring competition Sunday 25th March

Thanks to our Captain, Nigel Grimmitt for organising a great day out at Kilworth Springs Golf Club. The sun shone on the faithful and some excellent scores were turned in on the Stableford competition. The overall winner Gary, Nigel's brother, score 37 points and congratulations also to Geoff for Nearest the Pin prize. Several balls met a watery end at the Springs and there were some quite frightened ducks....

A great day out and a special mention to our latest members Chris and Tony who held their own against stiff competition.

The next outing is planned for June 24th. Details for members can be found on the MAGS website www.societygolfing.co.uk or contact our Captain Nigel Grimmitt on covertfox@aol.com. Details are also posted on "What's On" on www.mawsleyvillageforum.co.uk

Membership of the Society costs only £10 for which you receive a Handicap and are eligible to enter the various annual competitions held at great local golf courses. Mawsley villagers are most welcome as are their guests and associate members from outside Mawsley.



Acoustic Music Club

Next session in the Bar
April 20th

Thanks to our players and guest singers on March 9th. We had a splendid session in the bar which kept busy all night. Cransley Folk Club turned out in force and we had some excellent stuff on the keyboard from Nigel Grimmitt.

All we need now is some more talent from Mawsley to match them! Singers players, all genres, pop, folk, blues, classical, jazz are welcome.

Our next live session is on Friday April 20th, at 8:30pm till 10:30, to which all are welcome for a live musical evening. Catch up on the village scandal, have a blether and play, sing or just listen to some surprisingly good local music.

Jamie

For further information on the club call Jamie Lumsden on 07710423412 or go to www.mawsleyvillageforum.co.uk to check out what's on

Come and join in the fun and change the way you think about exercise!

Mawsley Village Multi-Sport/Running Club

We are now up and running and already have a growing membership. This new group meets twice a week at The Centre, and members are already achieving things that they didn't think they were capable of in only the first few weeks. The group caters for all abilities from the complete beginner i.e. walk/jog/cycle to the more competent athlete. Coaching and training support advice is available, you will be able to exercise with people of a similar ability and we have a lot of fun!

So if you spend a fortune on gym membership that you don't use, or if you are a pontificator thinking about getting fitter, losing weight, leading a healthier lifestyle, but just can't quite get motivated or lack the self confidence to do something about it then make contact. Likewise, if you are already training and want to have a go at a local charity event or an even bigger challenge like the London Marathon or Triathlon we want to hear from you, as training in a group like this is more fun and will help you achieve your goals and potential.

Group training sessions take place on a Thursday evening at 1900hrs, and on a Sunday morning at 0900hrs meeting at 'The CENTRE' Mawsley. On a Sunday morning we will sometimes go out of the village for our session and a potential social. As the group grows we will organise a range of events and other activities including a Circuit based training session on a Sunday evening starting in May. Come and join in a session or to register your interest by contacting: Richard Smith - Mawsley: 01536 790421 or mobile: 07768 552653

Next Group Training Sessions:

Thurs 19 April	1900hrs	The Centre – Village Based Session
Sun 22 April	0900hrs	The Centre – Village Based Session
Thurs 26 April	1900hrs	The Centre – Village Based Session
Sun 29 April	0900hrs	The Centre – Drive to Pitsford Reservoir
Thurs 3 May	1900hrs	The Centre – Village Based Session
Sun 6 May	0900hrs	The Centre – Drive to Harlstone Firs
Thurs 10 May	1900hrs	The Centre – Village Based Session

JOIN IN THE FUN – ONLY £1 TRAINING FEE PER SESSION

Vandalism in School Grounds

It is with great disappointment that I am asking you to include in your next newsletter an act of vandalism at our village school over the Easter Holidays, between 3.00pm on Tuesday 3rd April to 9.00am on Monday 9th April.

At the back of the school the playground was littered with very large stones/rocks which had obviously been thrown around at the building and the bicycle sheds. The back of the building has had "chips" knocked out of the wall, the outer plastic cover of the notice board has been broken, and one of the bicycle sheds has been smashed at the bottom.

If anybody has seen anything suspicious, or noticed anyone on the school premises when they shouldn't be please can they notify the school on: 01536 799182. This incident has been reported to the Police as an act of criminal damage, and is recorded with them as a crime.

Helen Smith, Bursar

MAWSLEY OPEN GARDENS & SCARECROWS - 9th & 10th June

The dates are fixed. June is probably the easiest time of year to have your garden looking its best and if you start now yours could be a picture in 7 weeks time.

There were 16 gardens open in the last two years and we would like more this time. If you would like to include yours in the programme or would like to know more about what is involved please contact Pat on 791881, pat.rowley@tiscali.co.uk or Steve on 791681, slduk@f2s.com.



And whether you open your garden or not please think about making a scarecrow for your front garden.

Life-size if possible, and dressed to the theme of **Nursery Rhymes and Fairy Tales**. Make it like a guy but with a rigid frame inside. (Put 'scarecrows' into Google to see some brilliant examples in other villages.)

Or just be a visitor - wander round the gardens, enjoy the scarecrows and take a cream tea at The Centre.

The Mawsley Allotment Association invites entries for the **First Annual Vegetable and Flower Show** **9th September 2007**

In partnership with Mawsley Church

All are invited to enter exhibits into the show which will be a fun opportunity for growers to enjoy sharing their experiences (good and bad) of the forthcoming growing season. This is a free to enter show which will be featured around a Harvest Festival service at the village Centre. The show is open to absolutely everyone regardless of faith and the categories below will be applied with a large degree of flexibility to ensure that anything anyone grew and wants to enter will be allowed!

Categories are:-

Adult Classes:

- Best exhibit of 3 potatoes
- Best exhibit of 2 onions or 3 shallots
- Best exhibit of 3 carrots
- Best exhibit of 3 tomatoes
- Best exhibit of 3 fruit or veg. (mixed or single variety)
- Best floral exhibit

Childrens' Classes:

- Best Green Thing
- Best Red Thing
- Best Yellow Thing



Please consider entering something for the show regardless of "standard". It is just intended to be a bit of fun for those interested in horticulture. All produce not reclaimed at the end of the show will be donated to the KCU Ltd a local charity providing meal (and other) services to those who find themselves unemployed and in need of help. Harvest Festival service starts at 11am and further details of how to enter etc. will follow - please get growing!

There are bound to be excess seedlings and perhaps even the odd seed potato knocking about so if you would like to use any of these please ask and please consider entering something in September.

All enquiries to Tony (791162).

GARDENING CLUB

Hi Gardeners. Welcome to this year's gardening programme.

The first Gardening Club meeting in Mawsley was in September 2003 and I would like to thank Marisa for her contribution since then. It's always a tall order keeping any group running & and this effort certainly needs to be mentioned. We certainly look forward to her, and John's, continued contributions over the next period.

We had our first meeting at the Centre & although rather noisy due to England playing at the time a few items were brought forward for discussion.

We will now meet on the last MONDAY in the month, the first being 30th April at the Centre for 6.30 where we will discuss further items, walk around the village to see some village gardens & also get to know each other.

Other decisions were to keep meeting all year round as nature does not stop for lunch, and to try to make our village a welcoming place by perhaps Autumn bulb planting, making the entrances & village colourful & to include as many villagers as possible plus our children, the future custodians of our planet. Suggestions also included plant & seed swaps so look out for them. We all normally grow too much & this could prove a valuable asset.

I have already been to see various Garden Centres/Plantsman to discuss our club & have received very positive results; they also have a vested interest in our efforts. Also there is always the National Garden Scheme book and we will be visiting gardens all over the place if you wish.

In passing, an added incentive for the next meeting(30th April), it happens to be my birthday so all are welcome to our home for a social ending to the evening.

Happy Gardening Steve & Pam Draycott
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WALKING GROUP

Hi Ramblers

Many thanks to those who came on our interesting walk last time. I hold my hands up in shame because I got the maps upside down and started walking the wrong way. Still we had a nice stroll in the end, about 8mls plus a drink. Such a nice day.

The next three walks are:

- 28th April Merry Tom Crossing 8mls
- 27th May A Bluebell walk. I will be away for this one but local lads will guide you to, we hope, an array of colour.
- 23rd June A Rita Special. There's just no telling where Rita will take us but there certainly will be a liquid end.

We intend to start our **regular weekly evening walks** on Wednesday May 2nd. 6.30pm. Meet at the lay-by for a local evening stroll of 2-4 miles plus a drink, and every Wednesday throughout the summer. Sounds great doesn't it? We look forward to your company.

Steve & Pam Draycott slduk@f2s.com



The next meeting of the Mawsley W.I. will take place at the Village Centre on **Tuesday May 8th at 7.30p.m.**

At this meeting we will be discussing our resolutions and this will be followed by a talk entitled "Learning to drive at 60". This promises to be a most amusing talk given by Anne McCall. Be great to see you there. Members are free and visitors are £2.50. We are also organising a trip to the Sandringham Flower Show and have 5 seats available if you are interested in joining us on this trip on Thursday 26th. July please do not hesitate to contact me as soon as possible.
Molly Shortt, President 790781.

1st Mawsley Guides

Following my appeal in the last newsletter for adult helpers for the Unit, we are pleased to welcome Hannah to the team. Hannah is already a qualified Guider and is currently also still helping with a Brownie Pack in Northampton. If anyone else is interested in helping at the Unit we would be pleased to hear from you - please phone Anne on 791163.

We have a varied programme lined up for this term including a Teamwork project, some outdoor activities and hopefully First Aid training. The guides also have the opportunity to attend a camp with other local Units during May half-term.

The Unit is now full, but we keep a waiting list which includes girls currently under the age of 10 who wish to join when they are 10. Please ring if you would like to add your name to the list.

Anne Whittaker, 791163

Mawsley Church

Dates for your diary

- 1st May - *Little Lights* 1.30pm-3pm
15 Loddington Way
- 6th May - **Cransley Praise** 10.30am & **SPRING CLEAN** 2pm
- 13th May - Morning worship 11am at The Centre
- 15th May - *Little Lights* 1.30pm-3pm
15 Loddington Way
- 20th May - CAFÉ CHURCH 3.30pm
- 27th May - Pentecost Celebration & Holy Communion 11am at The Centre

Call 790140 for more information

'Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force – no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building'- NO, NOT MAWSLEY. JERUSALEM c.35AD

Come and find out what **Pentecost** is all about.
Your church at the Centre.
11am Sunday 27th May

Roughshod Riding Lights

Theatre Company bring live professional theatre to **Mawsley on Saturday evening 9th June at 7.30pm in the School Hall** with **Flight Cases** – stories with something to declare. Ditch your excess baggage, hitch up your flight-socks and take off on a journey of breath-taking views, exhilarating experiences, and horizons wider than you imagined...

Flight Cases is an elevating collection of stories – moving, challenging and hilarious – an energetic blend of theatre and story telling; a fast, fun and furious ride through tales that will challenge, delight and surprise you.

Their themes will take you to the heart of human and spiritual issues, questioning what makes us valuable and asking what difference faith makes as we journey through

Mawsley Community Primary School

UK Schools Fitness Challenge

The school is taking part in the UK Schools Fitness Challenge set by Ian Wright to see which Primary and Secondary School in the country has the most improved levels of fitness over a six week period. The most improved schools will receive £5000. The staff and children at our school have taken up this challenge and have begun by assessing the children in the required four areas: step ups, star jumps, bunny hops or squat thrusts (depending on age) and shuttle runs.



Over the next six weeks children, who are working on the challenge, will be getting fitter by coming into school early on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. They will be working on a variety of fitness activities including aerobics, circuit training, track events and dance. These activities are led by teachers, teaching assistants and parents. Lunchtime activities are also planned. In May the children will be assessed again in the four basic areas and our results sent off.

We certainly will have fitter children and adults by then - and may even have £5000 to spend on PE equipment! (With many thanks to all the adults for initiating this project and taking up the challenge).

School Extension

Building work has begun on our two class extension. It is anticipated that this will be completed by the end of August 2007.

Development of School Grounds

Teachers and children are currently working on plans to develop the school grounds. This will then enable the grounds to be used more in curriculum units of work and to make playtimes more interesting for the children. This is a long term project but work on developing a school pond has already begun.

Welcome

We have been notified by the Local Authority of the names of children who have been allocated a place at the school from September 2007. We would like to welcome all these children and parents to the school and look forward to working with you and your children in the future. Information about meetings and the induction process will be sent to you soon.

Our number on roll is currently 179.

Elaine Wright, Head Teacher

MAWSLEY SPRING CLEAN

**Sunday
6th May
Meet at 2pm
at the Centre**

*Equipment &
good company provided*

**Call 790140
for more details**



**Your village
needs YOU!**

**The next Mawsley Newsletter
will come out on 1st June.
Please have all items for
inclusion with the Editor by
25th May at the latest.**

**Contact: Pat Rowley on 791881
or pat.rowley@tiscali.co.uk**

Meetings

Parish Council

Monday 30th April
7.30pm at The Centre

MVA Ltd

Thursday 19th April &
Thursday 17th May
8pm at The Centre

Contact Details

Please contact any of the following to make suggestions, ask questions or discuss current issues

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