



Mawsley Villagers Association

Newsletter

December 2005

A Tale of Two Cities

Well it's not actually; more a tale of two organisations - the Parish Council and The MVA. And The Centre.

So pretty misleading title really. It was Samantha's idea.

Well, I would like to be able to say that all the issues outside of our control that I outlined in the last newsletter are now sorted, and I could tell you when we plan to open for business. Unfortunately much is yet to be sorted and so we still have no idea when we will be able to open.

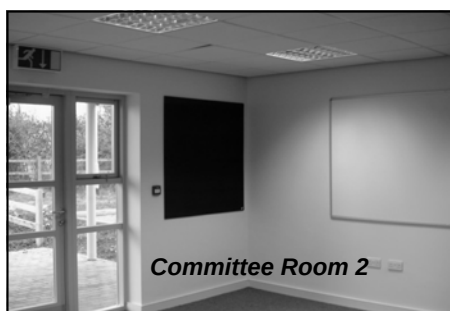
As the parish council will own the building they are trying to get the various parties to resolve them ASAP.

Meanwhile the MVA is making progress in setting up the business structure we will need. A full business plan is now about as finalised as we are able to go in the hypothetical situation we are in. We have also started the licence application process for The Centre. And drawing up policy documents re usage, the environment, health & Safety etc.. Not entirely fun !

But it's all going to be worth it. Hopefully you can get a feel of what a super building it is from the photos – even without furniture etc..

One thing you can't see is the acoustic ceiling in the main hall. We went to Grange Park to see their new Community building a few months ago, and learnt of the difficulties they were having with echoing sound in the main hall, making it almost unusable. They

had to spend £45,000 to install acoustic panels, which are only partially effective. We spoke to the architects who then specified the acoustic ceiling and it seems excellent, although not tested



Committee Room 2

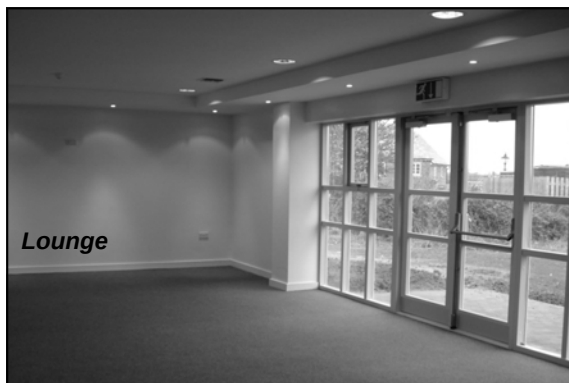


Main Hall

with a party of villagers yet! We haven't been able to get everything we would like despite much time and effort, but that visit really was worth it.

Anyway enough of all that heavy stuff. As the Mawsley gentle breeze of climate change wafts us towards a balmy (barmy?!) festive season of tulips and daffodils, may I wish you on behalf of both the parish council and the MVA a very merry Mawsley Christmas and a rewarding New Year.

Bob Littler, Chair MVA & Parish Council



Lounge

Contact Details

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

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Road Gritting

In the recent icy conditions many of you will have realised that the road from the A43 to Mawsley (the C31) is not gritted for its entire length.

Whilst the C31 is part of the "Precautionary Gritting Network" as far as the turn for Old, the section from there onwards is only due to be gritted in "Prolonged Adverse Weather Conditions" (i.e. below freezing for 48 hours or more).

The Parish Council is actively trying to get the C31 from the Old turn, to at least the Loddington Way entrance to Mawsley, added to the Precautionary Gritting Network. It considers anything less to be dangerous in the extreme.

In the last few days the Parish Council has heard from the County Council that they refuse to change their current gritting network. Therefore the access road to Mawsley will remain untreated unless we have prolonged adverse conditions. We believe this to be unacceptable particularly given the number of vehicle movements each day, the fact that it is a bus route, the speed of vehicles along the C31 and the potential for accidents that exists.

If you agree with the Parish Council's concerns, we would be grateful if you could contact us giving your name, address and the number of times you, or members of your family, drive along the C31 on a daily basis. This information will greatly assist our lobbying of the County Council to change their position. (791539 or pc@mawsleyvillage.co.uk)

Until we can advise to the contrary, do not assume that the C31 is gritted all the way to Mawsley and, in icy conditions, please take extra care!

Meeting dates

Parish Council

Mon 5th Dec and 9th January at 7.30pm

MVA

Tuesday 20th Dec at 8pm (*but please check with Lizzie Souter, 799072, before attending*)

Both meet at the Doctor's Surgery.

Donations

The MVA is grateful for recent donations from villagers June Stevenson and the Leahs.

100 Club Winners

The result of the November draw was:

1st prize £40 - No.85 Fran Leah
2nd prize £15 -No.72 Graham Leah
3rd prize £10 -No.6 Theresa Meredith

The next two draws will take place at the PC meetings on 5th December and the 9th January.

Mawsley Community Fund



- **Do you represent an interest group within the Parish of Mawsley, or do you have an idea that you think would benefit residents of the Parish?**
 - **Is the only thing holding you back a lack of money to get a project off the ground?**
- Then the Mawsley Community Fund could be exactly what you need.....**

What is the Fund?

One of the obligations placed on the developers of Mawsley was to make regular contributions to a "Community Fund" which, when all payments are made, will stand at a figure in excess of £150,000. Management and distribution of this fund is the responsibility of the Parish Council and this is a summary of how it will work.

Use of the Fund

The minimum sum that can be applied for from the fund is £250 and there are restrictions on how the money can be used. The grants must be used for the support and maintenance of the community building and/or the support of recreational and artistic activities based within the Parish. Also you cannot apply for the full cost of any proposed project; applicants must show availability of funding from other sources for the balance of the costs. The percentage available from the Community Fund will depend upon how the grant is going to be used (85% in the case of the community building, 75% for all other projects).

Availability of the Fund

Any individual or representative group from the Parish, can apply for a grant from the fund. The grants will not

be considered for individuals or individual families - it must be shown that there is benefit to a significant number of Parishioners. The Parish Council will consider the applications without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race, disability, age or political, religious or other opinions.

Application forms for grants (and full copies of the rules applicable to the Management and Operation of the Fund) are available from the Clerk to the Parish Council. Dependent upon the sums involved there are different requirements for information for example:

A grant of between £250 and £999.99 requires a statement explaining how the money will be used; a demonstration of benefit to the Parish; evidence of need and a schedule of required funding payments; A grant of over £1,000 will require additional information including a demonstration of "Value for Money" and a business plan.

Management of the Fund

The Parish Council will hold the fund, independently of any other funds, in an interest bearing account with any interest accruing being applied to the Fund. All applications will be considered at a properly constituted Parish Council meeting, open to the general public, and convened with a minimum of three days notice. Resolutions to allocate funding will require a simple majority of Councillors present at such a meeting - in the event of a tie, the Chairman or Acting Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote.

The fund is available now - we look forward to considering the numerous applications that we know will start flowing in!

Samantha tells me that there are lots of people in the village who are aware of the MVA but are not sure what it's all about.

How did it start?

When McAlpine, the original developers, first started selling houses they marketed Mawsley as "Come and create your own community". This was either a real attraction or alternatively a big no-no to some people, but many of those who first moved in were enticed by this and tended to be sociable people, keen to live in a village that would be more than just a collection of nice houses.

When there were only about 50 people here we were contacted by Kettering Council who wanted a village input into specifying requirements for a - quote - "community building". (No name comments please !!). This was the catalyst for getting together. It was soon realised that there were many other things we would need to do if we wanted to influence how the village evolved.

What did it start as?

The MVA was thus created, as a voluntary organisation but with a proper Constitution. Membership was (still is) free and open to all villagers; recognising the need to engage young people we took the unusual step of giving voting rights to all those over 12. About a year ago we converted to a charity.

What did it do?

As well as doing a great deal of work to specify our requirements for what has now become The Centre (still no name comments please), as outlined in the last newsletter, some of the early achievements were:

- persuading the LEA to open the school at least a year sooner than it otherwise would have done,
- persuading the developers to put installation of pavements and lighting higher up their construction schedule (yes I know it isn't perfect),
- creating a Youth Group to provide opportunities for young people with little to do,
- getting the play area by the first village entrance. This was really difficult as it cost £15,000 (Kettering Council came up trumps) and there was no suitable land within the village; the play area is actually outside the village boundary, which required planning permission,
- organising a range of events (bonfire night, fun days, sizzlers, Harvest Ball, barn dances etc.), primarily to help bring people together and have fun,
- materially affecting planning issues, notably re Birch Spinney, to get a more individual approach to external house designs than was heading to be the case,
- and many others things that there's not space to cover here,

whilst all the time maintaining good relationships with McAlpine and then Wimpey (who took them over). This

good working relationship to our mutual benefit is in itself highly unusual.

We were part of Cransley parish originally, but wanted to create our own parish. The MVA lead on this; a long and complex process which required the Borough Council to make an application to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. The Parish Council started work in June last year.

So now we have a parish council, what does the MVA do?

Mainly social-type activities, with four key areas:

- activities for young people
- representing the under 5s
- events, for all, to have fun and raise money
- The Centre (the plan is for the MVA to operate it).

Who runs it? How do they get to do so?

Everybody is a volunteer, and they come from all over the village. You can see the list of honorary officers on the front page of this newsletter.

The Main Committee members are elected by the membership (they have to stand for re-election after 3 years), and the Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer are elected by the membership each year, at the Annual General Meeting. Within this the Chairs of the Youth Group, Under 5s, and what is now the Mawsley Events Team have automatic Main Committee

membership, but they in turn have to be elected by their respective sub-group members.

In addition to these "visible" people there are a number of people who help with a long list of things, from organising activities to delivering newsletters.

If you have joined the MVA you get an AGM invitation pack, so you can come along and influence that voting. If you haven't joined you don't and so you can't. (If you want to join you will be very welcome - just email Lizzie Souter at andy.lizzie@tiscali.co.uk, or call her on 799072). All meetings are open and you are welcome to attend to raise any issues or simply listen. Better still - join in and help; we need you !

Why do they do it? What do they get out of it?

The chance to make a difference; sometimes it's a small difference and sometimes it makes no difference (e.g. trying to control speeding). But sometimes it's worth all the time and effort that goes into it. None of them has any financial interest or benefits (no expenses are drawn, event organisers pay for their own tickets); indeed some run their own businesses and time spent on MVA activity is actually quite costly to them.

So overall who is the MVA for?

You!

Bob Littler





MAWSLEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

To coincide with the 400th anniversary of the Gunpowder Plot we decided to dedicate the week beginning 7th November to writing and other activities based around this event.

We began the week with a visitor who showed the children pictures and talked about the Northants connection with the Gunpowder Plot. The following day children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 travelled to Ashby St Ledgers to find out more about the village where the "plotters" met and decided upon their plan.

As a result of this, children across the school wrote poems, reports, used drama activities to present arguments for and against, created bonfire sculptures and other art work, produced group firework dances and composed their own firework music.

The week culminated in classes showing their work to the school and parents at our Friday afternoon assembly. It was a very enjoyable week and helped the children to understand far more about the historical facts behind the Bonfire Night celebrations each year in Mawsley.

Elaine Wright, Head Teacher

Bonfire Night Raffle

There were super prizes at the raffle this year and the profit was almost £300. A notice about some unclaimed prizes has been on the village noticeboard and website since then but they are still unclaimed. If you have one of these tickets contact Chrissie on 791337.

Yellow tickets 756 - 760, Top Prize - Portable DVD Player worth £150.00

Yellow tickets 826-830, Multi-Tool worth £14.95

Yellow tickets 351-355, 'Past Mortem' by Ben Elton (Hardback book)

White tickets 151-155, Pillar Candle with Beading

Unclaimed prizes will be put in future raffles.

Lost property If you left any of the following behind on Bonfire Night please contact the editor on 791881 to reclaim them.
Torch (Stretch lantern) Girl's black glove
Woollen Hats - Girls pink and Man's grey

Bonfire Night 2005

What an outstanding evening!! The night started with a wonderful "Best Guy" competition with some great entries.

Once the huge bonfire was ablaze, the evening really got going with a 40 minute display of fantastic fireworks. Although there were quite a few muddy boots on the field due to our recent wet spell, it certainly did not dampen the spirit, or perhaps that was the mulled wine, which we almost ran out of! The money raised through ticket sales, bar and raffle paid for the fireworks and the associated insurance, and we managed to raise £1,150 for village funds. A big thank you to all of you who attended and donated to the event.



This event would not have been possible without the dedication of a lot of volunteers, putting in a huge amount of their own personal time and effort; you know who you are and we really appreciate your efforts!

Special thanks should also go to Collette Lilley of KBC and George Wimpey East Midlands for giving permission for us to hold the event.

We do have one apology regarding our missing portaloo! We did order the loo, but unfortunately this was sent away by an unknown person as not being required. I hope that this did not cause too much inconvenience to your evening.

We all thoroughly enjoyed the evening - we hope you did too!

Charlotte Wills (Lottie)

Both photos were taken by Stuart Williams at Mawsley





Mawsley Events Team



The Social and Fundraising Committees have joined forces to plan and organise new and exciting events for the people of Mawsley.

NEXT TEAM TALK

Tuesday 17th January, 8pm
7 Cransley Rise

Come and join us for a glass of wine if you have any ideas or would like to help in any way. No long-term commitment is needed and any help with ideas would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to be part of this brand new team and would like more information please call Cheryl on 799107 for a chat or email buckle@tesco.net

CALLING ALL LADIES OF MAWSLEY

You will perhaps remember from the last edition of the Mawsley Newsletter that we are appealing for you to donate your old ball gowns or evening dresses for a Fashion Show Auction which is planned in 2006. If you would like to help with our stock, please could you drop your dresses off to either of the addresses below.



Lottie
Valentine Cottage
60 Hawthorn Ave
Mawsley
799375

Or

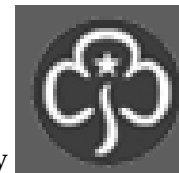
Karen Redgrave
Poppy Cottage
10 Main Street
Mawsley
790085

Mawsley Open Gardens 2006

The Gardening Club received a lot of good feedback from the Open Gardens event they organised in May. It was enjoyed by the 16 brave villagers who opened their gardens and by the many visitors who took away ideas for developing their own plots.

We plan to repeat the event in June 2006. Exact date to be decided soon. It would be good to double the number of gardens - so with this much early warning you have plenty of time to plan and complete your project. Enquiries to Pat Rowley. 791881. pat.rowley@tiscali.co.uk

GIRL GUIDE UNIT IN MAWSLEY



We will be opening the 1st Mawsley Girl Guide Unit in January.

We are currently awaiting confirmation from those organising bookings for The Centre at Mawsley that we will be able to use it on a regular basis on Thursday evenings when it opens. However, in the meantime, we will meet at Loddington Primary School every Thursday evening in term time at 7pm until 8.30pm.

**Our first meeting will be on
Thursday 12th January.**

Being a Guide is all about belonging to a group, learning new skills, making new friends and helping others. If there are any girls out there aged 10 to 14 interested in joining our new unit, please contact Anne (791163) or Danielle (791541) and we will be able to give you more information. We would also like to hear from anyone who would consider helping out at the meetings, either on a weekly basis or as part of a rota.

Anyone wishing to be part of this new unit will be assured of a very warm welcome, lots of help and fun and friendship.

Youth Activities

For the latest info. please contact
Aidan Piper on 790419

Allotments

The situation regarding the possible provision of allotments in Mawsley has not changed drastically since the last update.

The Borough and Parish Councils as well as landowner Richard Barnwell have been very supportive of the idea and, with their help, we hope to move things on as quickly as possible. The next step is likely to be the formation of an Allotments Association some time in the New Year to provide a more effective lobbying vehicle. Full details will be circulated well in advance.

In the meantime, if you think you may be interested in running an allotment then please contact

Tony on 791162, tony.horne@virgin.net or

Teresa on teresagable@hotmail.com

and we will add you to the **growing** (its a poor joke but I couldn't resist it) list!

Tony, Maggie, Teresa & Gavin

Thank you....

....to Andrea Lucas who has researched and written 'Heard it on the Grapevine' and its predecessor 'Out & About' for every edition of the newsletter since April 2004. She is now taking a break. If anyone out there would like to contribute a regular column please contact the editor.

Under 5s' News

TOY DONATION

We would like to express a BIG thank you for all the toys, books, puzzles and videos that were donated. They were split into two categories, some were sold at the Mawsley School Fayre and the rest will be used by the under 5s' group upon our move to The Centre at Mawsley.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Mawsley Children's Christmas Party will take place on Sunday the 4th December at West Lodge Rural Centre in Desborough. The party will commence at 10.30am. All those who completed a form to attend will receive tickets for entry to the centre (please use the main entrance). Upon arrival you will receive an itinerary outlining the events for the day. Please wear warm clothes and bring your welly boots as you will have full use of the farm and be able to visit the Christmas Bazaar.

For the adults the West Lodge restaurant will be available for food and drinks.

If you require directions to the farm or have not received your tickets please contact Rebecca Simmons on 01536 799311. **Look forward to seeing you there for a great Christmas party.**

COMMITTEE MEETING

We are currently meeting once a month at Harrington village hall for an update on how the under 5s' group is progressing and to plan group activities. **Our next meeting will be Monday the 16th January 2006 at 9.30am** Harrington Village Hall. Anyone interested please come along.

HARRINGTON FAMILY FUN TIME

While we await the Mawsley Parent and Toddler group we are all welcome at Harrington Village Hall every Wednesday during term time at 10.15am to 11.30am. It's a craft activity based group with refreshments for all. The children enjoy the craft activity and the singing especially the parachute. Interested? Please come along. For directions to Harrington email Simmonsmark6@aol.com or telephone 799311

The MVA under 5s' group would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year

Rebecca Simmons
Secretary Mawsley Under 5s' Group

Mums and Tots

This group continues to meet on Monday mornings from 10.30 at Kids Kingdom, Kettering Leisure Village and welcomes newcomers. For more details contact Sue Owens on 791514.

Mawsley Mini

With Christmas fast approaching, this month the grapevine is full of ideas of where to take your children for some Christmas festivities.



Closest to home and a delight is Christmas and Nativity at **West Lodge Rural Centre** in Desborough. Visit

Santa in his beautiful traditional home and watch your child take part in the Nativity play in a stable with real donkeys. Adults £4.25 Children over 2 £3.25 and a visit to Santa £3.50 for more details contact West Lodge on 01536 760552

Further away but definitely worth the trip is the **Nene Valley Railways Santa Specials** near Peterborough. Apparently he's the best Santa ever seen and the children receive fantastic gifts. It includes a train ride with refreshments (alcoholic for the adults) plus mince pies and sweets. Adults and Children £12.00 standard and £15.00 first class. Contact Nene Valley Railway 01780 784444

Visit the **Pot Art Café** in Market Harborough to create a unique Christmas gift. Staff are on hand to help little ones paint a variety of beads, cups etc.. which would make a great Christmas gift. If you arrive at 10.00am for 50p your child can listen to story time whilst parents enjoy refreshments before making a pot. Prices do vary. Please contact 01858 462020 for more information

On December 9th **Cransley Village Hall** have a Christmas party. Children will take part in a Christmas based activity plus listen to Christmas story time with Father Brian, a visit from Santa plus the children will receive a gift. Refreshments are also provided. The party is from 4.00pm – 6.00pm and the prices are £2.50 for one child or £5.00 for a family ticket. For tickets contact the organiser Chrissy on 791561 or Yvette in the Village on 799145

Podington Garden Centre near Wellingborough has again come up with some great Christmas activities including 'Supper with Santa'. Every Tuesday and Thursday from 4.00pm – 5.00pm for just £6.00 per child they will be entertained by a clown, meet Santa and receive a gift. They will get to have cookies and drinks with Santa. Parents will be able to purchase drinks and specially discounted cakes in the centre while they wait. They also have visits to Santa's grotto for £4.50 for weekends. Telephone 01933 353656 for more information

In preparation for the January Newsletter if you have any recommendations to pass on either email Simmonsmark6@aol.com or telephone 01536 799311. Look forward to hearing from you



CAN WE MENTION CHRISTMAS NOW?

Well, not long to go, and Christians in Mawsley have organised two events.

First it's the **Christingle Service on Saturday 10 December, starting at 3-15pm.** Come at about 3pm with an orange and we will provide the rest of the materials for the children to make one.

This year the Young People's Band of The Salvation Army will provide the music, so we are in for a treat there. Refreshments, including mince pies, will be on hand afterwards but we will need to start on time. We will split the collection between the work of The Children's Society and The Salvation Army.

Then **Wednesday 21 December is our Carol Singing** – for fun, not a charity. With the geography of the village expanding we will need to have two groups. 'Upper' Mawsley will start as usual at The Round and 'Lower' Mawsley will meet at the Wimpey South Show House/Sales Office in Hawthorn Avenue/Badgers Lane.



We will start at both venues at 6-30pm and work our way towards **34 Main Street** to be at Chez Pat and Pat's for 8pm for libations. They are looking forward to welcoming us again already!

It has always been good to have the youngsters joining us in the early evening and as they leave for bed, other adults have been linking up with us, so please feel free to come and go as you need. Bring a candle lantern if you can, just to add to the atmosphere. We'll try and publish a more detailed route at the Christingle service or contact Gerald or Mildred on 791496.



The year will end with Christmas flower decorations, mince pies and mulled wine on Tuesday 6th December at 7.30pm in the School Hall. Visitors will be very welcome.

It has been an exciting and busy first year for The Mawsley Village WI Committee, who, after a short break, will resume in January with an even more interesting and educationally stimulating programme of events. The first in January will offer an insight into relaxation techniques.

Seasons Greetings to you all. We look forward to seeing old friends and new faces in 2006.

Lynn and all the Mawsley Village WI Committee

Lynn Hazell, President, 791691

Mobile Library

The last visit of 2005 will be on

Monday 12th December.

The library stops by the post box at the junction of School Road and Loddington Way from 3.15 - 4.00pm. Enquiries to 01933 225365.



THE COFFEE CLUB

This is a club for the more senior residents of Mawsley, meeting regularly for coffee and outings.

Recently we have enjoyed an outing to Sywell Reservoir, when we undertook the circular walk and then had a very enjoyable pub lunch at the village pub. A coffee morning and bring and buy was held on 17th November to raise funds to buy an electrical item as a raffle prize for the Village Mega Raffle. There was a disappointing turnout but we raised £50, so we are well on the way to getting a small raffle prize.

Our Christmas Outing will take the form of a Sunday Pub Lunch on 11th December when 17 of us will be tucking in to some delicious grub!

There is always a welcome for new members and if you require further information please telephone Pat Ellis on 790991.

Mawsley Walking Group

Hi fellow walkers,
thank you very much for supporting our Mawsley Walking Group. Over the last year we've had some interesting days out



There's only one left now in 2005 and that's on **Sat. 10th Dec.** for a walk through Barnwell Country Park. Meet at the usual place - the lay-by in Broughton Rd near the first entrance to the village at 10am.

Now to next years fun packed programme

We'll start with the now traditional **New Years Day** walk across the fields to Cransley. Meet by the pond at 11am. We'll call at the Three Cranes in Cransley for refreshment to sustain us for the walk back.

I'm in the process of preparing a programme of walks for the year that hopefully will be on view at the Surgery and Parish notice board & supplied to those who request one from ourselves. If you have any favourite walks or ideas please let us know.

In the meantime happy hiking. Steve & Pam
791681 pamdraycott@f2s.com slduk@f2s.com

Spare a thought for a local child this Christmas

A brief reminder about the appeal I made in the last newsletter for Christmas gifts for children aged from birth to 12 years old who are in the care of the Family Support Unit of the County Council. **There is a box for gifts at the school, or you can drop them into me at 3 The Jitty.** Gifts are going out to the parents or carers after December 15th. The presents do need to be new please and unwrapped so that we can get it to the appropriate child. Thank you for helping.

Yvette Sanderson (*Mawsley resident working with The Family Support Unit in Northamptonshire*)

Wildlife (!) in Mawsley

Dear Readers,

I travelled all the way to Australia this summer to see budgies flying in the wild, only to discover, on my return, that we have our own budgie free and flying with the starlings in Mawsley. He/she appeared at the bird feeders the week before October half term. There he was sitting all on his own, the sparrows not sure what to make of him in the hedgerow in Hawthorn Avenue. He looked well, grey plumage with a bright yellow head, I thought he must surely be someone's loved pet. Slowly, but surely, all the birds have become at ease with him feeding and flying with them, so much so that after five and a half weeks as I sit here and write this item, I am pleased to say Bingo is one of the boys!!! He is coping with the horribly cold nights by roosting in our porch, so fingers crossed he will continue to thrive. However, is Bingo your beloved pet? From The Bird Lady of Mawsley (who can be contacted via the editor)



Christmas Fayre Round-Up

We are delighted to announce that we exceeded our expectations at last Saturday's School Christmas Fayre and raised approximately £1800.00!!

This is an incredible achievement and means that we can now go ahead and place the order for the shaded structure. Everybody has contributed in some way and we'd like to thank you for all the support and generosity in helping us achieve this goal.

Here is a run down of prize winners.

Please collect your prize from the school office.

Lucky Programme	Number 33
Film Quiz	Peter Darling
'Lose Your Marbles'	Rosie Masterman
Chocolate Treasure Hunt	Katherine Leaver
Treasure Hunt	Harry 'Neill
Guess Weight of the Cake	Jayne Patterson
Guess Name of the Teddy	Leah Simpson
Guess the Sweets in the Jar	Mr F Valentine
Golf Auction	Peter Darling
	Mike Slater

The raffle prize winners are: Ticket No:

Deluxe Hamper	Mrs King	0853
Luxury Hamper	The Holloways	0184
Luxury Hamper	Simon Cawthorne	3676
Alcohol Hamper	Mrs R Eke	1793
Mini Grocery Hamper	The Cope family	0470
Alcohol Hamper	Tony Godson	2886
Mini Grocery Hamper	Struan Tait	0389
Large Wrapping Hamper	The Eke Family	1779
Chocolate Hamper	Yvette Sanderson	2140
Small Wrapping Hamper	The Braithwaites	2524
Chocolate Hamper	Amelia Thomas	4662

Kathryn Berrill, Friends of Mawsley School

Congratulations & Best Wishes to **Sally & Bob Darling** who were married on 1st October in Sally's native Cornwall. A reception was held at Kingsthorpe Golf Club on Saturday 29th October - A great "Do" - thanks to Sally & Bob for a great night.
From Karon & Stephen.



Congratulations!

Caitlin Wilkins has received a Blue Peter badge for a piece of artwork that she sent in during the summer. It was a design that showed the smiley faces of the presenters and the Blue Peter pets.

Could this be the first BP badge for Mawsley?

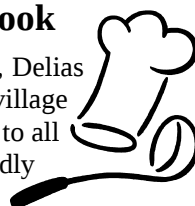


Mawsley Village Recipe Book

Thank you to all those budding Jamies, Delias etc who contributed recipes for the village recipe book. And a very big thank you to all the village businesses who have kindly sponsored the printing.

The recipe book is finally at the printers and we will be selling it door-to-door in the next few weeks. The fantastic response to Chrissie's request for sponsorship (thank you Chrissie) means that every penny raised will be used to help with the work needed to make the Centre habitable – hopefully something for the kitchen!

If you want a copy or are able to help sell copies please call Victoria on 799196



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From the Editor

The newsletter is taking a break over Christmas and will re-appear on Friday 27th January. From then on it will be produced at 6 weekly intervals. If you have withdrawal symptoms catch up on the village website.

- Could you write for the newsletter?
- Do you fancy yourself as village roving reporter?
- Could you produce photos or sketches to illustrate our stories?
- Have you an amusing local tale to tell?
- Do you want to comment on what is happening in the village?

To become involved or have your say please contact me on 791881 or pat.rowley@tiscali.co.uk as soon as possible. And for the next edition by 20th January at the very latest.

In the mean time I would like to thank all regular contributors for helping to keep the village informed and all the newsletter deliverers for getting it to you on time. Also KBC who print it for us free of charge.

On behalf of the whole village I also wish to thank Bob Littler and all the officers and committee members of the Parish Council and MVA who have worked so hard this year on our behalf. They give an enormous amount of time and energy for the benefit of all residents. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Pat Rowley, Editor