



Mawsley Villagers Association

Newsletter

December 2006

Well it almost seemed like an anti-climax, but at 11:50 on 2nd November The Centre became the property of the village. Heartfelt thanks to everybody who has worked so hard to get it transferred.

There is a temptation to think it took a year to get to this. It did in the sense that the building was completed a year ago, but actually this is the culmination of nearly 5 years work. We should not forget the contributions made towards us getting a building influenced by what the village wanted rather than just a building. Chris Cope, Stu Randle and Richard Smith, amongst others, made a big difference in earlier years. Our thanks to them also.

Of course this means the work now really starts. And it has.

One of the biggest projects is to fit out the lounge. The key problem is to be able to make it work for all kinds of occasions and all kinds of users.

We must have a lounge that is equally suitable for watching football as it is for mums and tots; for a coffee morning as it is for an evening drink here rather than at a pub. It has to work just as well with the bar closed as with it open. It has to be welcoming and comfortable. That is very difficult to achieve and we have done a lot of work to try to create a room that will be so.

The lounge furniture won't be in place for the Open Day, but it will for the 1st Night. We hope you will like it – and use it!

And you will be amazed at how we will be able to transform the main hall for parties, discos, weddings etc.. If all goes to plan you will be able to see that on the 15th December too.

Our manager, Penny Feasey, has pulled out all the stops to be able to open for the 15th December – and is committed to opening it every night from then until the 23rd (staff permitting). And she is organising a New years' Eve party. She is a real star.

Then in the New Year all the various activities, from pre-school to Tae Kwando, from Youth Group to dance classes, will gradually come on stream.

So how are we paying for all this fit-out? The MVA has made a grant of £13,000 to The Centre, and the village Community Fund a grant of £67,000. Sounds a lot – it is a lot – I know, but it won't go very far.

As I said in the last newsletter we know it will be an expensive building to run, and maintaining a positive cash flow will exercise The Centre's minds for many months to come.

But you can help. We are advertising for bar staff and cleaning staff (see the Mawsley Advertiser), but really don't want to end up paying a bar person for a mid-week night when there may be only a few customers. But we don't want to not open the bar either – it will be the social centre of the village. For those kinds of occasions, and at anytime to help keep costs down, we would like to be able to call on volunteers (yes, that means unpaid). If you would like to help by working behind the bar, even if only for the occasional shift, please call Penny on 0796 212 7658.

It's the start of a new era for the village; one that I sincerely hope you will be a part of.

And the playing fields are almost finished. Although it will be not until next Autumn that we can use the football / rugby / hockey / etc. pitches – and Summer 2008 before we can use the cricket square – we need to start thinking now about how we use and manage them.

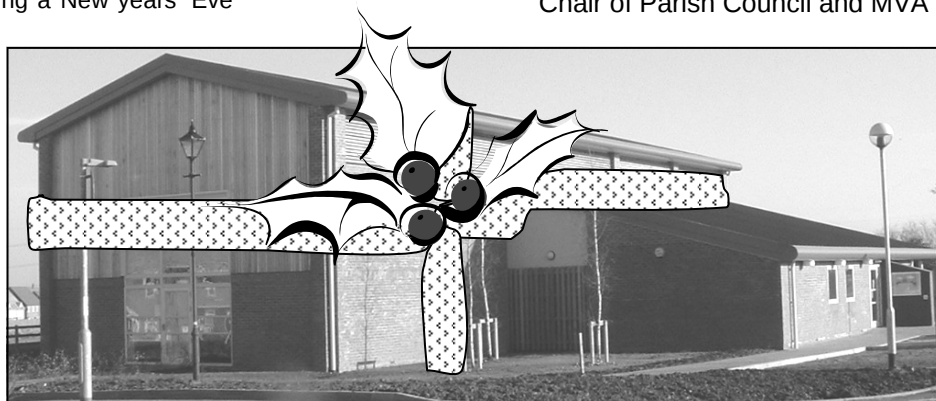
The fields will be owned by the Borough Council, who will be responsible for basic maintenance. Any additional work to get to a higher standard will be down to us. Realistically that means down to the cricket club, football club etc..

We have a cricket club, and we have footballers who play at KLV, but that's all. So all you energetic, run around in the freezing wind and mud types need to get together and get clubs going. The MVA can help advise you about setting them up. (The clubs don't have to be a part of the MVA obviously, though there may be some benefits from doing so). Also you will see on page 3 details of a workshop covering how to get grants etc..

Onwards to the new era!

Seasons' greetings to you all from us all at the MVA and parish council.

Bob Littler
Chair of Parish Council and MVA



Employment/retail area update

I am pleased to be able to report that the employment/retail site has now been granted detailed planning permission and plans are now being made in respect of the build contract.

We anticipate at the moment that a start on site will be made on 1st March 2007 to avoid the worst of the weather whilst pulling footings etc and the whole job should be finished in 12 months.

Adrian Allen
City & County Developments

**The next meetings of the Parish Council
will be held on Monday 4th December
and Monday 8th January
at 7.30pm at the Centre.**

**The MVA will meet on 2nd January at
8pm, also at the Centre.**



Allotments

The Mawsley Allotment Association is continuing to lobby for allotments to be established within Mawsley and for this to be done without further delay. Many members have already commented that the amount of time this is taking seems ridiculous and the Association's Management Committee share this frustration. We hope to circulate a detailed update to members soon.

In the meantime if anyone thinks they may be interested in running an allotment in Mawsley come the happy day, then please feel free to phone Tony (791162) or Teresa (791777) for further info. and/or an application form to join the association.

New Goals from Wimpey

Saturday morning football coaching and games for boys and girls from 6 years and up continues from 10 - 11am on the school playing field.

**Thank you to Messrs George Wimpey
who have generously paid for two sets of
goals to be used by this group.**



Mawsley Community Primary School

Admissions

Many thanks to all Mawsley residents who replied to our request to find out how many children, currently under five, we can expect at the school over the next few years.

However, if you have not registered your child at the school, and they are due to start between 2007 – 2011, please register your details at the school office (01536 799182 bursar@mawsley.northants-ecl.gov.uk).

Building work to extend the school is due to begin at the end of the spring term. This will provide us with two Foundation Stage classrooms for our 4-5 year olds.

Applications for a place in September 2007 should be received at the school by 8th December or submitted on line on the Northamptonshire County Council website (www.northamptonshire.gov.uk).

Learning Experiences

Recently our children have taken part in a variety of learning experiences and activities.

- Mrs Wonfor's class have been learning about light and dark.
- Miss Foster's class have been learning about Katie Morag and her home in Scotland.
- Miss Pestell's class have been learning about electricity and making circuits.
- Miss Hall's class visited the Mawsley Dental surgery as part of their Science work on teeth and eating.
- Miss Harris' class have been finding out about temperature and keeping warm.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN WILL BE AGED 4 BY 31 AUGUST 2007

RECEPTION IN SEPTEMBER 2007

Parents are reminded that the deadline for applying for a place in Reception in 2007 is
FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER.

Please make sure your application is given to the school by that time (please DO NOT send it direct to the Education Authority). Alternatively you can apply on line but these applications also have to be in by the 8th. Letters offering places will be sent from the Education Authority on 28 March 2008.

If you have any queries or concerns please contact Kathryn Berrill, School Business Manager, on 01536 799182

- Miss Franklin's class changed their classroom into a Police incident room to solve a mystery during our Numeracy week.
- Miss Child's class visited Holdenby House as part of their History work on the Victorians. They have also been finding out about the differences between Victorian schools and schools today.
- Many children have also taken part in a range of extra-curricular activities including computer club, mini-tennis, hockey, basketball, football, netball, chess, dance and drama, French, recorder, parachute games, gardening club, newspaper club and mentoring.

Christmas Fayre Reminder

**We look forward to seeing many Mawsley residents at
our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2nd December from
2p.m. – 4p.m.**

Elaine Wright, Head teacher



Introducing: The Centre Manager

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you a little about myself. My full name is Penelope Louise Feasey and I am 32 years of age married to my lovely husband Paul and I have two adorable girls, both under six.

Since the age of 16 I have worked in the catering / hotel industry, working my way from Pot Wash, in a small Tea Room in Essex, to General Manager to some pretty beastie businesses.

It's true; I was born and bred in Essex, (please don't hold that against me!) and have moved my way around

Essex, Suffolk and Northamptonshire during my working career.

As a child I lived in a village and I would walk to school with my friends. I loved the safety of living in a close knit community. The village I grew up in was not a new village; it was well established and at the heart of it was a group of people, which I aspired to be. They were pillars of the community, organisers, and drivers, passionate about their views always putting the villagers first. These people were 'ordinary villagers', I just didn't realise it at the time!

I am honoured to have the responsibility of Centre Manager; I am also passionate about helping to build a happy and fulfilled community and by using The Centre as this 'heart' to the village I believe I can bring your ideas alive.

Yes I have ideas for myself; of wacky fun days, sporting events, evenings of entertainment for both young and old. But I also want to make the Centre an every day event; I want it to feel welcoming at any time of the day so that you can just pop in for a coffee or beer, a yoga class or pre-school. The main aim of The Centre at Mawsley is to serve its villagers, whatever their age. I hope to have your support in doing this.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the well -wishers on bonfire night for their kind words of support. Sam Smiths supplied the beer on bonfire night and it went down a storm. This is the company that we will be using to supply The Centre.

I know you are all keen to know when the centre will be opening...

...Well I am currently taking delivery of pumps, cooling equipment, furniture and stock. There are also a number of jobs that need completing from knocking holes in walls for doors to filling holes that are not needed! There is endless legal paperwork needed including licences, risk assessments, not to mention recruitment of bar staff and cleaners, and all this before we can open.

However with all this in mind, I do hope you will join me at our Pre opening Open Day, where you can all come and have a look around the building, chat with some of the user groups and sign up for a club or two.

Finally, I would like to say I am very excited about my new venture and I look forward to meeting you all soon.

Thank you once again,

Penny Feasey.

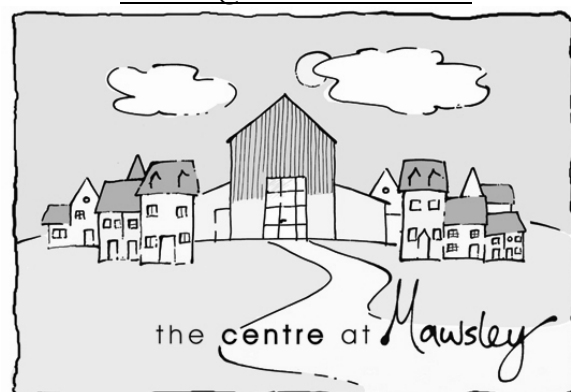
Funding Advice for Mawsley groups

On Wednesday January 10 Tim Bellamy, Kettering Borough Council Development Officer, will be running a meeting for us at which he will give advice to village groups on what grants are available and how to apply for them. He will also cover the wide range of support available from the council including supply of equipment and support for fundraising events.

Support is potentially available to a wide range of community groups, including playgroups, sports teams, youth groups, special interest societies, social groups and official uniformed clubs. If your group is applying for lottery funding it often helps the application if the local council have provided some support. Bob Littler will also be available to discuss the possibility of matched funding, which can also help support grant applications, and to advise on how to approach grant application forms.

The meeting will be held at the Centre at 8.00pm.

For further information please contact
Victoria Perry on 01536 790711 or
Victoria@rowanavenue.co.uk



Coming Soon at The Centre

Open Day

Saturday 2nd December 11 - 5pm.

Come and look round, sign up for a club or lesson, or pop in for a beer.

First night open

Friday 15th December from 6pm.

Then open from 6 - 11pm every evening until 23rd December (subject to availability of staff)

New Year's Eve.

A family event from 6pm - 1am.

Children's entertainment (for accompanied children only) from 6 - 8pm followed by an evening with entertainment and seeing the New Year in together for all ages.

Christingle, Carol Singing and Christmas morning service see page 4.

Children's Fun Day see page 5

Pre-school see page 6.



Celebrate Christmas

with

Mawsley Church

I can't quite believe it either, but it's almost *that* time of the year again. This year, however, is particularly special for our village as we are pleased to announce for the first time **Christmas Day worship at the Centre.**

So you are very welcome to come along to...



Village Christingle

Sunday 17th December at 3pm at the Centre
Celebrate the light coming into the world and the beginning of a new year with a short, family-friendly Mawsley Christingle.



Carol singing

Wednesday 20th December at 6.30pm

Meet at 6.30pm at either the Round or the Centre, whichever is closest to you, and bring a torch or lantern! After singing round the village both groups will finish with some festive refreshments at the Centre.



Christmas Day Service, 10.30am at the Centre

Come along to our very first Christmas morning celebration in Mawsley.

All ages welcome.

With the new year comes an exciting new stage for **Mawsley Church** (the new name for *Christians in Mawsley*). Representing different Christian denominations and open to all, we're really pleased to announce the beginning of regular Sunday worship from January.

You'll hear a lot more about these developments soon, but for now go easy on the shopping, the mince pies and all the other things which often make this an exhausting and expensive time of year. Whatever you believe, whatever the adverts say, take time to find the peace and hope which is really what it's all about; living not existing.

Revd Paul Seaton-Burn

Tel: 790140

seaton-burn@tiscali.co.uk

REMEMBER SUNDAY 7TH JANUARY IS

CRANSLEY *pr aise*

*All ages welcome, 40 minutes
worship followed by refreshments.
Call 799140 for details.*

Every 1st Sunday, 10.30am

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, GREAT CRANSLEY

Scout Post

This year the Scout Post will operate in Mawsley village.

Christmas cards will be collected and delivered to the following places:

Kettering, Rothwell, Desborough,
Broughton, Cransley, Loddington, Geddington,
Mawsley, Barton Seagrave, Burton Latimer,
Pytchley

Price per card 15p

Post your cards in the Scout Post Box in the Village Surgery. Collected and delivered by 2nd Broughton and Mawsley Scout Group

Watch this space for news of Beavers Cubs and Scouts available very soon in the new Mawsley Centre. Whilst you read this notice plans are afoot to start this exciting opportunity for youngsters from ? years to 15years. You will need to be ready to register as I'm sure this will be over subscribed.

Aidan Piper. 790419



Broughton & Mawsley Scouts Welcomes everyone

Your local scout group, which was established in August 1960 welcomes young boys and girls from all the surrounding villages to come along and enjoy themselves. If you have fond memories of being involved in Scouts when you were younger and want your children to have some of the same opportunities (but brought up to the twenty-first century) then make contact with us.

Structured programme, fun and challenging

The colonies or sections meet on a Tuesday for Cubs and Scouts and Wednesday for Beavers at Broughton Village Hall and, under the enthusiastic guidance of fully trained leaders, participate in a structured programme based on the Scout Promise and Law.

Typical activities (and they vary depending on age) include camping, night hikes, road safety skills, outside guests visiting including police and fire, a snake keeper or even a clown! External visits recently have included a climbing wall, steam railway, training in first aid, woodcraft skills, with others such as cooking, map reading, Origami, cake decorating, puzzles and quizzes, and group activities including summer camp, Bonfire night, Remembrance Day parade, or even Christmas carol singing.

The young people enjoy the challenges, the structure, the learning, and most of all the fun!

Easy to join, contact details. If you would like to know more about helping as an adult then phone Simon on 01604 780064, or if you would like to bring your children along to the meetings before Christmas, then contact Richard on 01536 525827 or Stacy on 01536 791855.

MVA Under 5s Group

Wow this has been a busy month.

Plans are underway to hold a **Mawsley Children's Fancy Dress Fun Day** at the Centre on Saturday 20th January 2007. All Mawsley children are invited to attend (age limit 11. Older children will be catered for at a separate event). The cost will be £1 per child and they will have 3 hours of fun. We will have a Mr. Mudge Show, Face painting, Circus workshops, refreshments, Balloon modelling, prizes for Fancy Dress and much more. It will be a great day and a fantastic start to the under 5s group commencing at the Centre.

PLEASE COME ALONG AND SUPPORT US

Any help will be greatly appreciated. Please see contact numbers below.

MVA Under 5s Parent and Toddler group will commence on THURSDAY 25th January 2007. It will start at 1.00pm until 2.30pm. There will be lots of toys for the children to play with, craft activities, dedicated babies' area and song time. Refreshments will be available to purchase at The Centre. The cost will be £1.50 per child plus 50p for any additional children. We look forward to seeing you.

MVA under 5s meeting

We will be holding a meeting on Thursday the 11th January at 1.00pm at The Centre at Mawsley to discuss the Parent and Toddler group plus the Fun Day. Anyone interested please come along; any input whether large or small is appreciated.

For further information or queries please contact either Rebecca Simmons on 799311, Yvette Sanderson on 799145 or Victoria Bell on 799196 or email Simmonsmark6@aol.com

The MVA under 5s committee would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, plus a special thank you to all who supported us this year.

Rebecca Simmons
Secretary

Bonfire Night

A very enjoyable evening all round; super fireworks (the best yet people have said); quite a bonfire (yes, I was a little concerned for a minute or two); great beer and mulled wine (courtesy of those nice ladies from The Centre), and a raffle that went on for 3 days (or so it seemed!).

Hope you all enjoyed it, so a special thanks to all those people who helped to make it happen. Ticket sellers, marshals, bar staff, bonfire builders, those brave chaps the firework lighters, and everybody else who pitched in – it couldn't go ahead without you.

And a special thanks too to all those who turned up on Sunday morning to clear up. The fact that some people started early and by the appointed time it was all but done is just a bonus; perfect example of many hands make big sandcastle.

Thanks to the 14 families who brought magnificent guys along. They were so good we awarded four prizes. The winners, with a really brilliant Guy Fawkes look-alike were Ellie, Ryan & Daniel from Chambers Hill.

Finally our thanks to Tim Bellamy and the Borough Council, who contributed £250 towards the cost, as well as supplying tables and sourcing the marquee.

See you all next year!

Bob Littler

And thanks too to Bob, who stepped into the breach and took on the organisation of the event. As if he hasn't enough else to do!! Editor.

THE MVA UNDER 5's GROUP ARE PROUD TO PRESENT THE **Mawsley Children's Fancy Dress Fun Day**

**Come and join the Fun at the Centre at Mawsley
On Saturday the 20th January 2007 from 2.00pm-5.00pm**



ALL THIS FOR JUST £1 PER CHILD

The Bar will be open for refreshments

(All children to pay. Age limit 11 years of age)

Older children will be catered for at separate event

Parents are required to stay with their children.

Mawsley Children's Fun Day Saturday 20th January 2007

Name of Children	Age	Number of adults attending
_____	_____	
_____	_____	
_____	_____	

Address: _____ Phone No: _____

Numbers are limited. Please return this slip with payment to 62 Old Gorse Way by Fri. 12th Jan. Tickets will be distributed week beginning 15th Jan. Any left over tickets will be available on the door.



Daisy Pre-School

I would like to share with you some very exciting news!!!!!!!!!!!!

Daisy Day Care is situated along the A43 on the Hannington/Orlingbury crossroads. We have been open for nearly two months now, and are enjoying welcoming lots of wonderful new friends into our nursery.

Our ethos is very much letting children be children! We allow children to explore and investigate at their own pace, develop what they already know and support them in learning new skills. We provide the highest quality of care and education in a safe and stimulating environment.

We hope to be bringing all this and much more to your village of Mawsley in your very own Centre!! We will be 'Daisy Pre-school' and we will offer up to five free sessions a week for funded children. (Days and times to be confirmed).

Your child is entitled to five funded sessions per week from the beginning of the term after their third birthday. Funding can only be claimed at the beginning of a term, if you miss the deadline you can not claim until the next new term. So it is very important you register as early as possible.

Registering with OFSTED and waiting for your centre to be ready for us, will possibly take some time. Until then we are running these sessions from the nursery. Those already registered with us prior to the opening in the centre, will get priority in allocation of places.

The sessions are as follows;

Monday 9.00 - 11.30 (lunch club 11.30 - 12.30) 12.30 - 3.00

Wednesday 9.30 - 12.00 (lunch club 12.00 - 1.00)

Thursday 9.30 - 12.00

Friday 9.30 - 12.00 (lunch club 12.00 - 1.00)

Lunch club is £5.00 per day and you must provide a packed lunch.

These times may not be the same at the centre.

To register your child please phone 01604 781829 for an information pack. You will be required to pay £25.00 non-refundable deposit to secure a place.

Happy Days are Daisy Days!

Claire O'Leary

Nursery manager and proprietor.

Mawsley's 'Mums and Tots' group meets at Kids Kingdom, Kettering Leisure Village on Monday mornings from 10.30 am in term time. There is a special concessionary rate for us of £3.50 for parent and child (and 50p for each additional child) to include use of all the play equipment and drinks for all.



Because Kids Kingdom is very quiet on a Monday morning it is suitable for babies and children of all ages.

Come and join us! Just turn up or contact Sue Owens 791514 for more information



Women's
Institute

Mawsley WI

A warm welcome awaits you at our meeting on Tuesday 9th January. We are looking forward to having a talk entitled "A bicycle to Prague" when one of our members will be telling the story behind that title. We meet at 7.30p.m. at the Village Centre.

Do come along. We also have a raffle and refreshments and this is the month to look forward and join the group as a member for 2007. See you there!!

Molly Shortt (President).
790781

Mawsley Coffee Club



A Club for Seniors from the Village. We meet regularly for coffee mornings and join in planned activities. Those who have retired, or who are coming up to retirement are very welcome to join. If you are new to the village and would like to get to know others of a similar age – this is the place to do it.

Enquiries please to Pat Ellis on 01536 790991.

Walking group

Only one walk left this year - it's on 17th December, called Clay Dick and takes us for 7-8 miles on a Geddington/Brigstock circular route. Meet at 10.30am at the Broughton Road lay-by with or without your car. We'll sort out lifts.



And why not clear your head on our traditional New Year's Day walk over the fields to Cransley? Meet at 11am at the Broughton Road lay-by.

Thank you all very much for your company over the last year. And wait - the 2007 programme has already been printed and is waiting on your muddy boots.

Whilst we were waiting we had a lovely evening at our house to discuss next year's programme over a meal and wine. We decided to whet your appetites so there are a few favourites from last year plus a slight expansion for 2007.

There are 14 walks on the programme, and we also plan to visit Wales, Derbyshire and Yorkshire. These trips have yet to be arranged but our members are raring to go! Or perhaps a weekend under canvas (Rita)? Our tents are so big they have en suites fitted - especially designed for the cleaner camper.

By the way our sloes are doing fine.

If you would like more information please leave a message or email and we will deliver the 2007 programme to your door personally.

Steve & Pam Draycott, 791681, 3 Cowslip Hill,
slduk@f2s.com

Letters to the Editor



Dear Editor

I apologise that this letter is stropky but I am absolutely hacked off!.

To all irresponsible dog owners

On returning from a walk with my toddler, I took off his shoes to find my hand covered in dog poo and my finger nails filled with it as well as the carpet covered. I hope that the irresponsible dog owner who did not clean up their mess realises that dog poo can cause blindness in children and can cause damage to an unborn child, which is relevant as I am pregnant. Next time you cannot be bothered to clean up after your pet please think about the consequences and be certain that you can live with them on your conscience.

Victoria Perry

Dear Editor

I was unable to buy a ticket for the village Bonfire Night Spectacular due to the cost. I discussed this with one of the stewards who said that the fireworks had to be paid for. I totally agree but I think that there should be a more sensible charging structure.

I expressed my feeling when I was a member of the MVA social committee and my view has not changed. I live on my own and due to the cost I am unable to attend some of the functions in the village. I would have loved to be a part of the evening and I believe that there are possibly other people in the village, on limited incomes, who this also affects. I hope that next year consideration will be given to those of us who live alone.

Jenny Phillips

I have shown your letter to the organisers who thank you for making this point and promise to take it into account next year. Until now the idea has been to keep the ticketing as simple as possible, cover the cost of the fireworks and make sure the event was affordable for families. Editor

Dear Editor

HAND CAR WASH

My name is Ivan Clifford and from now until 30th March 2007 I am going to be washing cars in Mawsley for charity.

I am in Year 8 at Bishop Stopford School and am taking part in a community project called 'Flourishing Fivers'. I have been given £5 by Cransley Hospice and I have to make as much money as I can using that £5. I bought a bucket and some car shampoo and now I am going to be cleaning cars in aid of the hospice.

Cransley Hospice cares for people who have an illness for which there is no cure. They spend almost £1,000 per day on their patients.

I only charge £3 per car. If you would like your car cleaned please call me on 01536 790478.



From Philip Hollobone, MP

Representing local concerns at Westminster is the essential part of being an effective MP. In its MP, each constituency only has one person who is able to stand up and speak out on its behalf at Parliament, so I do my level best to ensure that our constituency gets as much Parliamentary airtime as possible. I take the view that unless I'm there articulating a local concern, I'm simply not doing the job properly. However, I am also a local councillor serving on Kettering Borough Council and I find that often it is possible to link the two to ensure that local concerns get even more projection.

In this regard, I was delighted recently to be able to propose a motion to a Full Meeting of Kettering Borough Council on 20 September **"that Kettering Borough Council calls on the County Council, the Regional Assembly and Her Majesty's Government to bring forward a joint proposal to fund the dualling of the A43 Kettering-Northampton road as an important transport priority"**. I am pleased to say that the Council backed this call. Subsequently I asked the Transport Minister for a meeting to discuss the funding of such road projects. This meeting with Transport Minister Stephen Ladyman took place on 22 November in Whitehall, and I am pleased to say that I was joined in the meeting by Cllr Jim Harker and we were able successfully to push the importance of the A43 up the Government's agenda.

I am afraid we all have the Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott to thank for the ongoing road congestion on the A43. Whilst Transport Secretary in the late 1990s he scrapped plans to dual the road, and then, whilst in charge of the Environment, put together the plans to build 145,000 new houses in Northamptonshire by 2021. Increasing the local population by at least a third over the next 15 years, whilst not dualling this major transport artery, is a recipe for continued chaos and is a good example of the damaging effects of non-joined up thinking. The County Council has already identified the road as the most congested in the County and at peak times, as every Mawsley resident will know, the road becomes a linear car park at the Moulton and Broughton ends of the road. More than 20,000 journeys a day are made on the Moulton-to-Broughton stretch. It is also the County's most dangerous road with the worst fatality and injury record of any road in the County; 9 people have been killed and 27 seriously injured on this road in the last three years alone. I will continue to campaign on this issue until realistic plans are put in place to ensure that the road is dualled and traffic relief is provided for Moulton. I am afraid though, that this may be a long haul.

As always, if any resident in Mawsley feels that I may be able to help with a particular issue, please do let me know by contacting me by any of the following means:

Address: The House of Commons, LONDON SW1A 0AA E-mail: hollobonep@parliament.uk
Tel: 0207 219 8373 / 07979 850126



Watercolour Group

Would you like to join the Mawsley Watercolour Group which has tuition in Thorpe Malsor on Thursday mornings?
For more information please call Joan on 791661.

News from Mawsley Medical

Flu Vaccines

Patients who have received an invite letter for a flu vaccine are kindly asked to contact the practice to let us know whether or not you would like the vaccine this year. **The next walk in flu clinic will be on Friday 8th December.**

Coffee Morning in aid of funds for essential surgery equipment.

We would like to thank everyone for their very kind contribution to this important event. We raise £216.00 which will go towards purchasing a new ECG machine for the practice. Many thanks for the donation of cakes and raffle prizes.

Thank You

Dr Oliver and staff would like to thank the Mawsley WI for their kind donation of an activity table for the waiting room which keeps our younger patients occupied. We would particularly like to thank Mrs Lynn Hazell and Mrs Brenda Quinn for their help and support over the last year with many activities in the surgery.

New Patients

Dr Oliver still has an open list and is still registering new patients. *(There is more patient information in the Mawsley Advertiser. Ed.)*

Angene Kane
Practice Manager

Calling all new and expectant Mums (& Dads)

Why not come along to the surgery on the 2nd and last Tuesday afternoons of the month for a chat and get-together? An ideal opportunity to meet other parents and share some of those giggling worries. This group is for babies who are not yet mobile.



For further details, or to check that the session is on, ring the surgery on 791300.

Christmas and New Year Surgery Opening

The surgery opening times for appointments and collecting medication during the Christmas period is as follows:

Mon 25th Dec – Closed

Tues 26th Dec – Closed

Wed 27th Dec – Open 8:00am to 1pm – Walk in clinic so you may have to wait to be seen by a doctor

Thurs 28th Dec – Normal opening

Friday 29th Dec – Normal opening

Mon 1st Jan, 2007 – Closed

Tues 2nd Jan, 2007 – Normal Opening

Please remember that we need 48 hours when requesting a repeat prescription; please ensure that you order sufficient medication to cover the Christmas period.

From the editor.....

It has been a tremendous pleasure to put this issue of the newsletter together. After months of trying to find different ways of giving the same disappointing news suddenly The Centre has become the **Centre of attention** for all the right reasons. It may feel like a bit of an anti-climax to Bob Littler and the team who have been sweating for years on our behalf to get to this stage but for the rest of us there is genuine excitement, anticipation and gratitude that it is looking as good as it does. Thank you to all of them and to everyone who had a part in securing such a fabulous building for us.

Let's overwhelm them at the Open Day this coming Saturday. How about if absolutely everyone from the village was to turn up, even if only for 5 minutes before or after the School Fayre, to look around and give them a personal 'thank you'? Perhaps we could demonstrate by our presence on Saturday that it's already too small!

The next newsletter will come out on 19th January by which time we should have quite a list of regular activities which will be taking place at the Centre. Please let me have your stories, comments, pictures, announcements by Friday 12th January at the very latest. Contact details below. I look forward to hearing from you.

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