



Mawsley Villagers Association Newsletter

December 2007

Community Spirit

Samantha has this habit of asking questions instead of just getting on with keeping score of what is going on.

Her latest: **"Are we really a community? What do we mean by that anyway? Will this become a meaningless concept as the village gets ever bigger?"**.

Well, not to answer her directly, let's think about some recent things.



Fireworks Night: it was, I think, a great success. At least 1700 adults and children came along - which is perhaps half of the total village. People have said to me how relaxed the whole evening was; no hassle, no trouble..... bit of a community get-together really. Great display; bit of a queue for the bar maybe (we'll sort this for next year).

And it made lots of money for the village, too. Ticket, raffle and fluorescent necklace sales (I bought Samantha one; perhaps that's why she asked the questions) made a profit of £1799. And The Centre took a further £2100 over the bar and from mulled wine and soft drink sales.

More to the point, however, it could never have happened without lots of help from lots of people; including the ticket sellers, the marshals, the firework lighter-uppers, and those who helped clear up afterwards. All kinds of things just appeared; walkie-talkies, boundary tape, hard hats, etc.. Mundane? Maybe, but without them no fireworks.

Lots of you drive past the pond twice a day; you will have noticed the enormous changes there. All done by volunteers. And I can't think of a better example of community involvement and hope for the future than the contribution from two (young) people in particular. Chloe (age 9) and Callum (10), from Nethertown Way, had only moved into the village two weeks previously. They were cycling past the pond as we were working there and asked if they could help.

Pick up a spade so we can have a rest, we said. And they did too. They got stuck in helping to load into wheelbarrows the 10 tons of sand that needed to be thrown into the base of the pond. (There's a picture on page 3 of Richard Hoy trying to use it to help him cross the Rubicon).



Chloe and Callum lend a hand

So, Chloe and Callum, it's a great big thank you to you both; we'll see you there again I know.

Finally, a good example of creating local communities within the overall village one. Vic Cope organised an impromptu BBQ a few weeks ago for all the people from Long Breech who had moved in recently, as he has. What better way to get to meet your new neighbours. And yes, new friendships were forged.

So maybe I should answer Samantha's questions. A community is people who share a common bond and interests, and get together and help each other. Yes we are one. And no it needn't become a meaningless concept as the village gets ever bigger; actually that's up to us all really. If you come home each evening and then ignore the world just outside your front door, maybe you're missing out.

On behalf of the MVA and the Parish Council, hope you have a super Christmas and New Year.

BOB LITTLER

Chair, Parish Council and MVA

From the retiring Editor

My request in the last newsletter for someone to take over the newsletter was answered and I am delighted to be passing it on to Rebecca Thorpe. We have worked together on this issue but she has actually put it together this time. Well done, Rebecca, and thank you.

I have enjoyed my 'editorship' for the last 4½ years but we had reached the time when I, and probably you, felt that a change was due.

The village has changed considerably since June 2003 when, in our first issue in this format, we announced that there were then 224 occupied homes, that a temporary doctor's surgery would be opening in portacabins the following month and that the school would be opening in Sept 2004, a full year earlier than planned. We reported the attendance of 300 villagers at the first Fun Day and Fun Run and we issued a Manhole Cover challenge to find the home with the most manholes in its garden. (The winners had 10!)

Thank you to all contributors to the newsletter, some of whom have not missed a single issue, and to the stalwart team of deliverers. Please keep up the good work - I look forward to reading the next edition when it drops through my door.

The Mawsley Advertiser is not changing hands - I will carry on with that - so please continue to let me have your advertisements as usual.

PAT ROWLEY

From the new Editor

On behalf of all the newsletter readers, I would like to thank Pat Rowley for her hard work over the years in producing the village newsletter. Having recently moved to Mawsley with my husband and toddler, I found the newsletter to be invaluable for finding out more about the village and getting involved.



It is fantastic to have so many regular contributors to the newsletter. I would also welcome more articles, announcements or letters from other villagers.

Please also get in touch with any feedback about the newsletter - are there any ways in which it can be improved?

The next issue will be distributed on 18th January. Please let me have any contributions as soon as possible and by 11th January at the very latest.

I look forward to hearing from you.

REBECCA THORPE

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Kettering Rural West Safer Community Team

Dear Mawsley,

Thank you for inviting me to contribute to your newsletter. From a police perspective Mawsley again remains a virtual crime free area - just five crimes were recorded in October. Whilst I can't pass on the details of all these crimes, I would like to pass the following messages to you all.

As Mawsley develops there will be properties that remain empty for a period of time. Should you see people at these addresses who are unknown to you, please report it to the police if you feel unable to challenge them yourselves.

As mentioned on the Mawsley forum website, someone in the village has had their vehicle window smashed. The crime was reported as the window having been 'shot at'. Do you know any more details about this? If so, please contact me on 08453 700 700 or tony.hopkins@northants.police.uk so we can investigate.

Vehicle crime remains an issue for the Kettering area as a whole and I would ask you to make sure that your vehicles are properly locked and secured with nothing left on display. If you have a Satellite Navigation system that is held on by suction cup to the windows, please make sure you wipe the ring mark away as it will show on the cold mornings, attracting criminals.

And finally, thank you again to all those who have contacted me via the Forum, by phone and by email - it is really encouraging that people are making the time to get in touch to help ensure the area they live in is safe and pleasant. Please keep the reports coming so that we can look into them and hopefully get them resolved quickly.

The team and myself wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

SERGEANT TONY HOPKINS



Mawsley Flight Pond

Since the last article there has been a fair amount of activity and we have achieved Stages 6 and 7 of our pond construction programme. You may have noticed that four revettement walls have been built, the foundations of which are under the water level and embedded in the bedrock Northamptonshire clay. These form the sides, if you like, of the areas which will eventually be available for us to walk on or sit on when we wish to look at the pond and its inhabitants. We will, in due course, front the areas, and then fill them with hard core, which when rammed will provide a solid core and base for topsoil and either pavers or turf or both. All of the side and front walls will eventually be obscured by pond liner which itself will be covered by vegetation growing down or up.



With thanks to for Tom Sanders for photographs

If you look closely you can see a wooden peg in each of the four 'sides' of the pond; these mark the level that currently we believe will be the final water level in the pond; in the centre the pond will, (after its initial fill), be approximately 1.1 metres deep and as it rains it will deepen and then evaporate back to roughly the same level. Because we will have lined the pond (for the first time, we believe), we should not see it drying out to become the unsightly mess it has been during the summer months for the past x years.

As before a terrific team of volunteers was keen to help barrow nearly 10 tonnes of sharp sand from the pile on the road pondside to the bottom of the pond to give it a level and more stable footing to be able to accept the pre liner and later on, the liner itself. May I mention and thank, Bob L, Ian, Keith, Tom, Bob H, Lee, Mark, Mick, Mich, and the wonderful lady who brought such great hot food and the two new kids on the block, who

had only moved into the village five days before and who helped for over three hours. Also Ian Yates who built the walls with such accuracy and precision! Someone said he performed the same function with the same skill for William the Conqueror when he built the Tower of London - surely not??? Anyway, thanks Sir Ian.

Finally - we need large quantities of old carpets to act as the pre liner in the pond bottom; it's cheaper and softer than anything else. So please call 07815 986380 and they will be collected. Thanks in advance.

RICHARD HOY

1st Mawsley Remembrance Service

The first ever Mawsley Remembrance Service was held at the Centre on Sunday 11th November. The service was led by the Rev'd Seaton-Burn alongside the great turn out from our uniformed organisations. We enjoyed some very clear readings from the younger sections of the congregation alongside a beautifully sung hymn by a member of the beaver unit which was accompanied by some very moving images of scenes of war.

Towards the end of the service we moved outside to the grassed area and held a prayer session and heard more readings by two members of the cubs. Following this was a two minute silence, after which some members of the uniformed groups released red balloons into the air.

I, myself also felt very proud as it was my daughter, Shannon Baker, who was given the great honour of carrying the 1st Mawsley Guides flag on this first commemorative event in Mawsley.

MRS KARINA BAKER



The Centre at Mawsley - 01536 799528

What a difference a few pictures, a fireplace and some carefully placed soft furnishings make to the feel of the bar. We have had some lovely feedback, thank you.

We decided to focus on the feel of the bar due to your feedback; again I'd like to thank all of you who spent a few minutes filling in the questionnaire. If you still need to fill yours in you can now do so via an electronic version at www.thecentreatmawsley.co.uk.

Since my last article we have seen yet another fantastic quiz night, the Rugby World Cup final shown on a 8' x 8' screen in the hall, our children's Halloween party, with some great fancy dress, our pamper party and just recently our firework extravaganza, which saw more than 1000 villagers supporting this great event.

As ever a huge thank you goes out to everyone involved in making these events so successful, much of this time and effort voluntary.

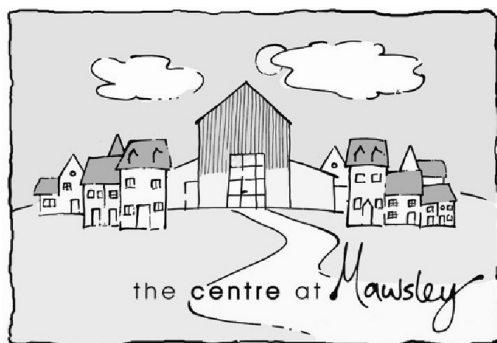
If you would like to find out more information about future events at The Centre, please add your email address to our mailing list found on the main village website www.mawsleyvillage.co.uk or drop you business card into the box on the bar.

With Christmas nearly upon us and The Centre now nearly a year old, we have decided to have a black tie party to celebrate, on Saturday December 22nd. The evening will start with cocktails at 7.30pm; there is a festive 3 course banquet to follow and the chance to dance the night away. The tables will be set for ten, so why not get together for a Christmas Party with your neighbours? As a bonus, for every table of ten booked, there will be a £10 discount per table. Tickets are £30 per head and this is a strictly over 18's event. Please ask at the bar for tickets.

Our New Year's Eve party is now almost sold out (small number of tickets still available as newsletter goes to press).

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has volunteered time, money and effort into helping us achieve our first year of trading, and wish a very Happy Birthday to the Centre at Mawsley. May there be many prosperous years to follow.

PENNY FEASEY
TCAM Manager



The Centre at Mawsley

is proud to announce its

1st Birthday / Christmas Party

**Saturday 22nd
December**

**Drinks reception at 7.30pm
3 course festive buffet
Disco through until 1am**

Limited ticket availability
Strictly over 18s
This is a black tie event

Tickets £30
on sale now
from the bar



The Centre's Christmas Opening Hours

Normal trading hours until Sunday
23rd December

Christmas Eve	4pm - 10pm
Christmas Day	CLOSED
Boxing Day	1pm - 4pm

27th & 28th Dec	6pm - 11pm
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Sat 29th Dec	12noon - 11pm
Sun 30th Dec	12noon - 10pm

New Years Eve	5pm - 1am TICKET ONLY
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Tues 1st Jan - Thurs 3rd Jan	CLOSED
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Re-open Fri 4th Jan at 6pm

Wine Tasting

Well, despite the rather disappointing level of interest in the wine tasting, the low numbers did not prevent a cracking evening.

Duncan Murray produced a splendid range of distinctive and really rather good wines; from a Cava that tasted as good as a £25 champagne, via delectable whites and amazing reds, to ending up with a sweet red that was almost like Port. Heaven.

I know I got my money's worth! More usefully I've found at least four new wines that I'll be returning to - often. A view shared by most of us there!

I think we'll do it again; but Duncan is booked up until 2009 (maybe that tells you something).

BOB LITTLER

Darling Pat,

*Your cheeky smile, your quiet wit
Your pencil, blue and ready
To edit, slash and alter
Pat - oh! Missing you already!!!!!!!*

Anon

Mawsley Email Flyer

A number of you may have seen this exciting new idea we've had to keep you up to date with what's going on. It's an email flyer which is sent to villagers who have signed up to receiving it (with the option to unsubscribe if you no longer wish to receive it).

I'm sure we have all seen them hit our inbox at some time or other, mostly unwanted advertising. However, this is really useful as it will provide you with regular updates and reminders about the village, the MVA, TCAM, what's going on, especially those with time sensitive dates and events so you don't miss out.

At the time of writing we have 157 subscribers but there's lots more of you out there who could be missing out, so if you haven't subscribed yet then go to the village website at www.mawsleyvillage.co.uk where you will see a box on the right hand side called "Mawsley News Alerts" - just insert your email address and click "Join". Dead simple.

CHRIS WINTER



Christmas Quiz Night



Thursday 20th December

8pm at The Centre



Lots of festive fun!



Prizes for every round - this month only.



**Cash Roll Over Round
prize guaranteed to be given away.**

Get there early to grab a table!

Table service available.

£5 per team (max 4 people)

Please note there will not be a quiz night on the last Thursday of December.

Quiz Nights 2008:

31st January, 28th February, 27th March,
24th April, 29th May

Our editor

Deadlines; missing articles; inappropriate articles; late articles; articles that are too long. Equally, articles that are very good; on time etc.. The list is endless.

What list is that? It's the list of issues that our newsletter editor has to sort for each edition.

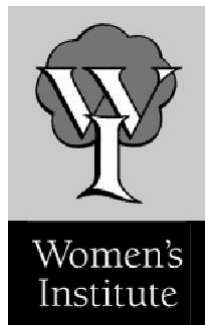
It takes a special kind of person who is willing and able to do this and we have been very lucky that Pat Rowley has done the job magnificently over the past 4 years. It is thanks to Pat that we have the vibrant and informative newsletter that we all take for granted.

But enough is enough and Pat is now in the process of bowing out. The good news is Rebecca Thorpe has very kindly volunteered to take over.

So it's a heartfelt thank you from all the village to Pat; and very best wishes to Rebecca in taking the newsletter onward.

BOB LITTLER

Mawsley Village WI



This is my first Newsletter since becoming President and I would like to say 'Thank You' to the retiring Committee. The new Committee sees one of our younger members as Treasurer. She only came to accompany her mum, who wanted to join so she could make new friends in the Village, and she enjoyed it that much she stayed. It goes to show there's something for everyone, no matter what age!!

We would love you younger ladies to join us so why not come along and give us a try, no pressure, you never know you may decide to stay just as Janice did!

Our November meeting was 'Designer Beading' and besides her own work our speaker brought with her some beautiful Antique work. It's good to see that some people are trying to keep such traditions going but in a modern way.

We have a great programme for next year, hopefully something for everyone. January sees us 'Line Dancing' so why not come along and have some fun. It only costs £2.50 for a good night and probably a good laugh.

We are now meeting at the school and start at 7.30pm. Posters will be around the village and a full programme can be seen in the notice boards, the Surgery and at the Centre.

We will also be holding extra events this year and a great annual outing in July and anyone is welcome to come along. We had a terrific time at Sandringham this year and hope this year will be even better.

Finally, on behalf of all the members of our WI, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and enjoyable Christmas and all the very best for the New Year.

If you would like any more information about the events or to request a programme please call Brenda (President) on 799116, Denise (Secretary) on 791186, or Janice (Treasurer) on 799152.

BRENDA QUINN

MAWSLEY VILLAGE WI

Tuesday January 8th
Boots and hats at 7.30
with Dorinda Chapman

LINE DANCING



**TO BE HELD AT MAWSLEY SCHOOL
MAWSLEY VILLAGE
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
BRENDA 01536 799116**

ALL WELCOME

Youth Group

Thanks to the coffee club who have raised £92 for Youth Group funds. This has been used to finance a multi-media night and purchase some balls.

AIDAN PIPER



Bulb planting in The Round

Residents of The Round and neighbours from Old Gorse Way joined together to plant bulbs on The Green.

The original bulbs were planted four years ago and new bulbs were added. As the weather was good, a picnic tea was held afterwards which gave neighbours an opportunity to meet those who have moved in recently.

MILDRED PEACOCK

Mawsley Community Fund



Do you have an idea for setting up a community group, but need some funding?

Are you part of an organisation in the village that could do with some money for extra equipment?

Mawsley community fund was set up for the maintenance of the community building and for recreational or artistic activities in Mawsley. Anyone can apply, provided that a group in the community, which is open for membership, will benefit. The fund would provide finance for up to 75% of the project costs. The minimum amount that can be applied for is £250. Mawsley Parish Council manages the fund.

Recipients so far include: The Centre at Mawsley, 1st Mawsley Guides, Mawsley Scout Group, The WI, The Walking Group. The Parish Council would be happy to receive applications from other groups in the village.

Don't be shy, please apply!

For further details please contact Elaine, Parish Council Clerk on 791277

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meetings will be on the following dates, meeting at the Centre at 7.30pm:

Monday 3rd December
Monday 7th January

All are welcome.

Mawsley Village Surgery

Coffee Morning

Please note that Mawsley Surgery's coffee morning will be held on **Friday 14th December**, NOT 7th December, as previously advertised.

Please come along and support your local surgery or help by donating a cake or raffle prize.

All proceeds will go towards essential surgery equipment.

Allotments



Oh what a long drawn-out saga this has been.

But I think we are now getting there.

The Parish Council has been offered some land for allotments down the road towards the A43. OK, it's not next door to the village, but if you do remember any parts of the saga you will recall that - for a variety of reasons - that just isn't possible at the moment.

BUT, the soil down there is superb; a good loam. Nothing like the stuff we have in the village. And water is laid on. And it's a secure area. And you can put up a small shed (for the draught beer or whatever these sheds are used for).

The Parish Council is now going through the legal stuff, but hopefully we will be able to take possession by the early Spring.

So if you would like an allotment down there, or even half of one, please contact Tony Horne, Village Allotments Association on 791162 or tony.horne@virgin.net.

BOB LITTLER

Chair, Mawsley Parish Council

Cricket Club update

Mawsley - We have a problem!

(In fact several)

Further to the feedback received from the last newsletter regarding the cricket set-up, proceedings have now moved on a pace.

The proposed merger with Loddington was deemed the most appropriate option and a preliminary meeting was held on the 8th November at TCAM to discuss the way forward. A robust and constructive discussion ensued between the current officers of Loddington CC and their Mawsley CC counterparts. Both sides were in total agreement about the proposed merger and a draft list of officers and committee was drawn up.

The club will be known as Loddington & Mawsley CC with 1st and 2nd XI playing at Loddington and a 3rd XI based at Mawsley. The expected expansion of the club will hopefully see the formation of a 4th XI in the near future. Also, the youth set-up will include teams playing at U11, U13, U15, U17 and also a Sunday Senior League side. That was the easy bit.

We are now looking for volunteers to play, administer and help with pitch/grounds maintenance and the general running of the club. So if anybody can assist with or provide with the following, we would like to hear from you:

1. Motorised pitch roller.
2. Lawnmowers – outfield – square – strip.
3. Operation of the above equipment on a regular basis.

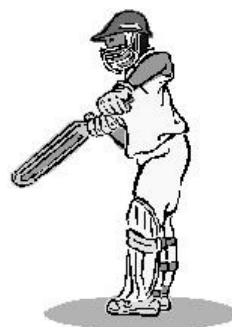
The long term aim is also to provide practice facilities, sight screens, covers and garaging for machinery, including a score box.

Our vision, as previously outlined:

- i) A well maintained pitch and ground that is frequently used and the village can be proud of.
- ii) A genuine opportunity for youth development within Mawsley.
- iii) Cricket available at all levels, junior, senior and fun games.
- iv) Coaching at all levels.
- v) A self sustaining successful cricket club.
- vi) Generation of revenues for the bar/TCAM.

Finally we need a suitable logo that embraces the marriage of the two clubs.

**For more information about the club contact Andy Connolly by email
andrew.connolly@sca.com**



Anyone interested in setting up a football or rugby club?

With the cricket club so well organised, we should soon see good use being made of our cricket field. However, the football pitch is just about ready for use, but we have yet to see a football or rugby club being formed in the village.

If anyone is interested in setting up a football or rugby club, please get in touch with the MVA who would be happy to help.

Mawsley Walking Group



Hi again Ramblers

What a cracking day out to Rutland we had on 11th November. It was so warm and none of us had put our shorts on. Shame! If you have not ventured to Rutland you really should, and try the Hambleton

Peninsula and just enjoy.

Our last walk of the year will be:

Saturday 8th December - Hardwick Woods. 6 - 7 miles.

New Year's Day Walk

Please do not forget our annual New Year's Day stroll across the fields to the Three Cranes at Cransley. Meet at 11am on the footpath next to children's play area at the top of the village. All are welcome. Come and blow the cobwebs away.

I shall be completing next year's programme shortly so please look out for it. Email if you would like a copy delivered. Most members will be actively leading walks next year so we should have many varied venues.

In the meantime Pam and I wish you all a very merry Christmas and new Year.

STEVE AND PAM DRAYCOTT

01536 791681 or slduk@f2s.com

A Plus Midnight Mawsley (True) Story

Once upon a time, a couple of weeks ago at 1.30 in the morning, I was awakened from the Land of Nod by a beautiful Princess. Guess what - it was Pammie with sleepy eyes and limp body. I leant on my elbow.

'What's up?' I said.

'We have an intruder.'

But the security alarm was on.

Off we went, creeping down the stairs doing our version of Alien. My tummy was fit to burst. Remember the film?

Now then, to cut a very long story short, it was a baby badger branching up and down our rockery, taking his time to visit us. We watched for some considerable time. It was our version of Oddy & Co. We called him Brian, with reference to The Magic Roundabout. We are over 45 you know! We must be because we do this instead of clubbing.

The little lesson of the story, folks, is to expect the unexpected. We now have a hedgehog, badger, fish, birds and tortoise, etc. in our garden. Who said Mawsley wasn't a great place?

Night, night.

Steve and Pam zzzzzzzzzzzzzz

Mawsley Gardening Club

Hi again Gardeners

The visit to Barnsdale Gardens, Rutland, was enjoyed by eleven of us. The weather was very kind and we all had a fine day. One or two of us joined so perhaps we can visit periodically next year and possibly become 'Friends of Barnsdale' as a club.

We will have planted our bulbs by the time you read this. We bought 2 - 300 hundred which is a lot of holes but it will be worth it to make the village look good next year.

Don't forget that on 10th December we're having an early Christmas social evening at 3 Cowslip Hill to thank you all for your support. 7pm onwards, please. We're holding a flowering plant competition but unfortunately ours has bloomed early. We'll have to move on to Plan B - and hope the prize isn't slipping away.

Moving to next year: I have booked a room at The Centre for 28th January for our first meeting when we can discuss a programme of events.

NB. Please do not forget your gardens over winter; nature does not hibernate, nor do many birds. Look after them.

Merry Christmas and New Year. Thank you all again for your support.

STEVE AND PAM DRAYCOTT

01536 791681 or slduk@f2s.com



Mawsley Baby and Toddler Group

We meet every Thursday from 9.30am until 11am at the Centre. The cost is £1.50 for the first child in the family, with additional children charged at 50p each. There are toys for all ages of children, craft activities, a drink and snack and we finish with a singing session.

This month has seen our bonfire party. The children dressed up in fancy dress, made rockets and ate hotdogs. We took part in the Children in Need fund raiser and collected £31, which has been sent to the charity. Thank you to everyone who helped out on Thursday 15th, after a day spent a Kettering General Hospital Sienna Mia Hart was born at 5.03pm!

Thursday 20th December is the date for our **Christmas party**. The party will take place at the Centre from 9.30am until 11am.



- £2 per child on the door
- Party food and drink
- Entertainment provided by Maisy and Daisy (Clowns)
- Fancy dress
- A visit from Father Christmas
- A present for every child

We must take this opportunity to thank Emma for her fantastic craft activities. She has got a job now so is unable to be with us on Thursdays - their gain is undoubtedly our loss. If anyone would like to help out or take on the job of preparing a craft activity each week, please let us know.

The group will finish for Christmas on Thursday 20th December and will re-start on Thursday 10th January 2008.

We set up from 9.00 am. If anyone is able to help please come along.

Any questions relating to the group, please contact Sarah Hart on 790517 or Claire Burlin on 799017.

We look forward to seeing you.

SARAH HART

Rainbows

We are pleased to announce that a Rainbow Unit will be opening in Mawsley in early 2008.

Rainbows is for girls aged 5 to 7. The meetings will be at The Centre on Fridays from 5pm to 6pm.

Could anyone with girls aged 4+ who are interested in joining Rainbows please contact Caroline (799425) or Katie (791834). Due to adult to child ratio requirements, places are limited.

We would also love to hear from any adults who would be interested in helping at the meetings either weekly or as part of a rota.

New Brownie Unit in Mawsley

We are close to being able to set up a Brownie Unit for girls aged 7 to 10 in Mawsley from January 2008.

The meetings will be at Mawsley CP School on Thursdays from 7pm to 8pm.

If you are interested in a place please contact Kelly (790317 or 07784 737697) – spaces will be limited. Any adults wishing to become Leaders or Unit Helpers would be very welcome – again please contact Kelly.

Mawsley Coffee Club



The Coffee Club is an organisation for people in the village who are retired, or are nearing retirement. It is an informal organisation whose sole aim is for people to enjoy themselves. We meet regularly for Coffee Mornings, usually held in some members' houses and we plan trips out to various places of interest. The Coffee Club has been running now for three years and is open to both men and women – although our coffee mornings usually consist of mostly women and the menfolk join us for trips out.

Our summer programme of events was very successful. We visited Warkton WI for a fundraising coffee morning, had a trip to Salcey Forest and Olney, and visited Lamport House among other things. The Winter Programme has just been produced and this month 21 of us will be going out for Sunday Lunch at the Overstone Arms, Pytchley.

Several of the members will be joining in our first overseas venture in early December when six ladies are off to the Christmas Markets in Belgium. We will be going over to Poddington Garden Centre, also in December, to have a look at their Christmas displays, have some lunch, and call at Cranberry House in Higham Ferrers on our return journey. A country walk is planned for February, weather permitting, and some of us are attending the Blitz Ball at Wicksteed Park in February, which will include a wartime supper and a sixteen piece Big Band. In March we are hoping to visit the Springfields Shopping Centre at Spalding.

We have also recently donated £70 in Euroaid for hungry folk in Eastern Europe and £94 to the village youth club, following a very successful Bring and Buy Coffee Morning.

PAT ELLIS Tel: 790991

Christmas in Mawsley



There will be lots of light and fun and fruit at our village **Christingle** on **Sunday 23rd December, 11am** at the Centre. BRING AN ORANGE!...

...and **Carol singing** on **Wednesday 19th December, 6.30pm - 8pm** for as long as you can make it (bring an instrument too if you like). Meeting at both the Round and the Centre, ending with mince pies & drinks at the Centre...

...and, of course, **Christmas Day morning** family celebration on 25th December at **10am** at the Centre.



Mawsley church



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH CRANSLEY WITH MAWSLEY

Services for December

Sunday 2nd
10.30am
Cransley Praise with Christingle

Sunday 9th
9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd
8am Holy Communion

Monday 24th
CHRISTMAS EVE
6pm Carol Service

Sunday 6th January 2008
10.30 am Cransley Praise



Mawsley Village Properties For Sale



We are starting to sell properties within the village via the Mawsley Village website. The cost for this is a one off fee of £50 and all proceeds go to the Mawsley Village Association. Email details of your property including up to 4 pictures to: properties@mawsleyvillage.co.uk

Please send cheques (made payable to MVA Ltd) to:

10 Scholars Row
Mawsley
NN14 1GZ

Mawsley church



A big thank you to all those children and grown-ups who came along and helped at **Messy Church** on 17th November at Mawsley School.

REV'D PAUL SEATON-BURN

MISSING CAT



Ginger and white stripy cat called Izzy.

Missing since Sunday 18th November.

If you have any information please contact me as she is sadly missed. She is normally seen around Badgers Lane and she never strays far.

*Kristy Horne, 07971 158002
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Next newsletter issue

The next newsletter will be issued on 18th January. Please consider submitting an article - we would love to hear from you.

Please forward any contributions as soon as possible and by 11th January at the latest to:

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