



Mawsley Villagers Association

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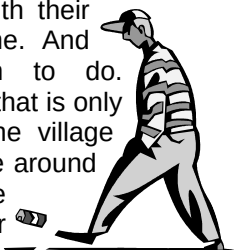
What next?

You are possibly expecting me to go on at length about The Centre; about how you have been there yet, how well it seems to be going, and what is going on there. Well I'm not going to, you can see all that in Penny's feature on page 7.

However now that the issue of getting it open is out of the way, the MVA's and Parish Council's focus of attention can move on, to where do we go from here as a village.

So where do we go from here?

Certainly one area we have to focus on is facilities for young people. There are already about 150 13-18 year olds. We could quibble about start ages, but they are a group who have the freedom, and usually the wish, to spend lots of time with their friends but preferably not at home. And there is not a lot for them to do. Understatement. This is a situation that is only going to get more pressing as the village expands, so there will eventually be around 250 of them. Whatever facilities the Centre provides it alone can never be enough.



This is not to ignore the requirements for 7-12 year olds as well, of whom there are just as many.

Aidan Piper talks (on page 4) about some of the outline plans we have; plans that we can get moving now that the area between The Centre and the playing fields will shortly be accessible. There are potentially lots of other things to squeeze into that space, including moving the current play area from by the first village entrance, and hopefully expanding it - not least to meet the needs of 5-8 year olds.

I am delighted that the Youth Group within the MVA is pushing hard for facilities; I do think it is a good opportunity for them to be directly involved too. Direct involvement by young people by doing things such as consulting with the village, specifying requirements, and costing out proposals for projects would be a great help in getting funding. Organisations that allocate grants really do appreciate evidence of this.

Moving to Parish Council issues, the Council has decided to retain the precept for 2007-8. The precept is a small additional payment on top of your Council tax - approx. 50 pence/week for a Band D household - and *all* of the money (£17,000) raised is directed back into the village.

The reasons for this are twofold. Firstly, as in 2006-7, we need to continue to build up a fund so that any major repairs that might become necessary at The Centre could be done. Otherwise they would have to wait until funds could be raised, and that could take many months - possibly even meaning closing the building - until they are done. The building does not come with a 10 year NHBC guarantee like your house does. £15,000 of the £17,000 will be ring-fenced for this fund.

The other £2,000 is to try to give the Parish Council some more flexibility in getting things done in the village. Also the Parish Council gets a grant each year from the Borough Council, to fund its running costs. After deducting necessary expenses such as the clerk's salary there will be about a further £2,000 available from there. Finally we have a grant of £1,000 from the County Council agreed in principle.

In addition to that total of £5,000 for the Parish Council, we do have some other monies; that raised by the MVA (c. £7,000 available currently); from the Community Fund (£35,000 is completely unallocated at the moment) and hopefully - for the play area - from the Borough Council. We are also looking at sources of grants that may cover part of the costs of any project.

So what shall we do with it? We need your ideas and suggestions.

This sits within the wider issue I raised above; where does the village go from here? What should we be trying to achieve and create? I hope the vision we have for the village - "to create a vibrant, inclusive and fun *community*" - still strikes a chord with you, but how do we move further towards it?

So to summarise: money is available, and can sometimes be added to from grant sources for specific projects. I say sometimes because such monies are usually targeted at disadvantaged

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communities, which clearly we are not. However the absence of facilities, especially for young people and children, is one hook we can grab. Please make your brain ache by thinking hard and come up with some ideas, for any village group. We need big ideas (let's think in six figure sums, and head into major fund raising projects) and much smaller ideas that we can implement quickly. Then let either the Parish Council or MVA know what you think.

Samantha is looking forward to an avalanche of suggestions.

Bob Littler,
Chair of Parish Council and MVA

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be held on: Monday 5th February and Monday 5th March at 7.30pm at the Centre.

The MVA will meet on Thursday 15th February at 8pm, also at the Centre. Future meetings will be on the third Thursday of each month.

If anyone is interested in becoming a Trustee of the MVA Charity they should contact Lizzie Souter or Bob Littler for more information.

Playing fields

As you may have noticed the work on the playing fields has substantially finished. It is pleasing to see that villagers have generally responded by keeping off them, until they are established. Which will take some months yet.

We would be grateful if you could continue to do so; there have been a couple of isolated issues, one involving a mini motor bike, though I suspect the people concerned had not really thought about the potential damage.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

Planning Applications

At every Parish Council meeting the Council discuss their responses to any planning applications that have been submitted from Mawsley. The Parish Council base their response to the Borough Council (who make the final decision) on what they believe to be the best decision for the village. If a planning application is submitted that affects you or that you have strong feelings about, then please contact a Parish Councillor and/or come to the meeting where the application is being discussed.

Meetings are normally held on the first Monday of the months at The Centre at 7:30pm. Agendas are posted on the notice boards three days before. Please note that if a planning application has been received after the agenda has been posted it will be discussed under 'late arrivals' in the planning section.

If you have any queries then please contact me on 791277 or cawthorne@tesco.net

Elaine Cawthorne – Parish Clerk

MVA Secretary

We need to find a new secretary for the MVA as regretfully Lizzie Souter will resign when she returns to work at Easter, after maternity leave.

We are all very grateful for the work Lizzie has done for us, and hope that someone will come forward to take on this role. The basics are simply to organise MVA monthly meetings and take the minutes. Lizzie took on a number of other things as well, but that is not essential and would be up to you.

The basic commitment is therefore not too onerous, but does get you involved in the very heart of village activities.

If you would like to put your name forward, or simply just talk about it, please give me a call.

Bob Littler
791447

Contact Details

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

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mva@mawsleyvillage.co.uk

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Cllr. Bob Littler (Chair)
Cllr. Chris Winter (Deputy Chair)
Clerk: Elaine Cawthorne (791277)

Neighbourhood Watch

Co-ordinator

Keith Powell 790439

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jimhakewill@kettering.gov.uk
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Our Community Development Officer
at KBC is Tim Bellamy 534355

MP Philip Hollobone

0207 2198373 or 07979 850126
hollobonep@parliament.uk

MAWSLEY POND

After our first piece on the pond and its future (October 2006 newsletter) much has happened and all of it positive!!!!!!

1. Numbers of villagers have offered to help as volunteers and I will be in touch with all of you as plans develop.
2. The people at George Wimpey (who I have always found to be extremely helpful) have agreed for us to rejuvenate the pond and its surrounds.
3. Our local farmer, Richard Barnwell, has offered help in excavating and removing the detritus gathered in the pond hole.
4. The appropriate government and voluntary authorities have each been helpful and supportive.
5. There appear (quickly cross your fingers) to be no significant barriers to what we wish to do for and in the pond and its surrounds.

So I will continue the processes and keep you all informed - I hope to start the physical work in early March as long as the weather is clement.

Richard Hoy
(07815986380 if anyone else wishes to be involved)



The pond in 2001

Employment/retail area update

On the employment / commercial site we have now received a detailed planning consent and anticipate that work will commence on site on 1 March 2007 and take about 9 to 12 months to complete.

We will be contacting shortly all those parties who have expressed an interest in a unit and at the moment we are looking to lease the units rather than sell freeholds. We are particularly keen to talk to anyone who is looking for office accommodation so anyone interested can contact me at 15 Tudor Court, Wootton Hope Drive, Northampton, NN4 6FF.

Adrian Allen MRICS
City & County Developments

There is more information about the development in the July 2006 Mawsley Newsletter which is on the village website, www.mawsleyvillage.co.uk
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Welcome Packs

The MVA has a policy of welcoming new residents to the village. They have developed a Welcome Pack in conjunction with KBC and Mary Rose visits to offer a personal welcome to newcomers, giving them information about the village and the area.

She is usually able to keep track of new arrivals moving into brand new houses but not new arrivals who have bought from previous owners.

If you have recently moved in and would like a Welcome Pack please contact any MVA Committee member or Mary Rose on 790349.

Be Aware

Villagers should be aware that there was an attempt recently to entice a young girl into a car. The police are fully involved. Details are that the car was an older-style silver or grey BMW; the man was around 60.

Whilst not wishing to cause unnecessary alarm it would be appropriate to remind children of the dangers of this kind of thing.

If you have any information that may help the police please contact them on 0845 7 300 300, quoting incident number 268 of 29th December 2006.

Gritting bins

You may have noticed that three gritting bins, complete with salt, have been placed at strategic points around the village. These have been donated by G Wimpey, at the request of the parish council. Please use them as necessary; there will not be any organised gritting.

And on the subject of gritting, although the road past the village is now on the Highways gritting schedule please still be careful especially for the section between the two village entrances. This section is particularly susceptible to black ice, even when roads generally are not affected and therefore not gritted. The accident there the other day occurred in such circumstances.

YOUTH NEWS

On 31st Jan we will hold the first meeting of the Youth Group in The Centre.

On that night the 13+years will be able to put together a programme for Wednesday nights.

During term times we will be having a Youth Night every Wednesday from 7pm to 9pm, so if you are 13+ please bring along ideas for what you would like to do.

We will be having:

Table Tennis (thanks to the WI),
Badminton,
Internet access

and of course you will be able to purchase soft drinks, sweets and crisps etc from the bar hatch in the hall.

Many youngsters have expressed a wish for a pool table and will be getting a petition together asking for support. We need more than half the households in the village to sign this so please help.

We need to raise some cash to pay for these so if anyone feels they can donate anything to us or ask their employers it would be very much appreciated. The Mawsley WI have already donated a Table Tennis table and KBC have given us £100 towards another. Shoosmith's and Harrison's have donated 5 laptops but we also need more. Badminton will cost us approx £500 and table tennis £350 and of course don't forget the pool table. I am also looking for quality board games, a couple of small TV's and anything else you may think will help us. Are your bosses generous, why not ask? We will also need £5,000 for a skate ramp, £8,000 for tarmac and kickwall and £5,000 for a Youth Shelter. Broughton Cricket Club have offered a load of kit for free.

We are about to register with the Northampton Association of Youth Clubs who will support us in setting things up, arranging insurance, getting CRB checks done for us and supporting our Wednesday nights.

We now have a Chair person who is Laura Sturland and Ian Claydon has volunteered for Treasurer. We are desperate for a Secretary to keep us all in order and other youngsters to get involved.

Please get in touch.

Aidan Piper

1st Mawsley Scout Group



Adults' information evening

Tuesday 20th February 2007
7.00pm - 8.30pm
The 'Centre' Mawsley
(Briefing begins 7.30 pm)

Mawsley now has its own Scout Group!

There has been keen interest from parents and youngsters in starting both Beaver and Cub Scouts groups in the village.

Whilst we have some adult leaders / helpers identified for both groups **more volunteers** are needed particularly if we are to start the older Scouts group.

The Group will be based at The 'Centre' Mawsley and the meeting times are outlined below:

Beavers Scouts, 6 - 8 years, Thursdays 6 - 7pm

Cub Scouts, 8 - 10½ years, Tuesdays 6.30 - 8pm

Scouts, 10½ - 14 years, to be arranged.

'Scouting caters for both boys and girls'

If you have registered your child for a place already or are interested in registering your child or indeed are considering becoming a leader or helper, please come along to our open information evening on the 20th February 2007 to find out more.

For additional information please contact:

Mary Findlay 791228 or

Shaun Thompstone 791567 or

Ian McNeill 791067



MVA Under 5s Group

GREAT NEWS

The MVA Under 5s' Parent and Toddler group will commence on THURSDAY the 25th January.

It will start at 10.00am until 11.30am. The aim of this group is to provide a place where the children of Mawsley can have fun whilst getting to know one another and will also help parents meet other villagers.

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

Teas and coffees will be available to purchase at The Centre.

The cost will be £1.50 per child plus 50p for any additional children.

The weekly fee will be used to pay for the hall hire, craft activity, and snack and to purchase new toys.

We look forward to seeing you.

For further information regarding the under 5s' group or committee please contact
Rebecca Simmons on 799311 or
Yvette Sanderson on 799145

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.

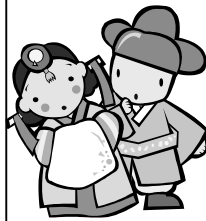


Because Kids Kingdom is very quiet on a Monday morning it is suitable for babies and children of all ages.

Come and join us! Just turn up or contact

Sue Owens 791514 for more information

Mawsley Children's Fancy Dress Fun Day



**This Saturday 20th January
2 - 5pm at the Centre**

All children are welcome (maximum age 11)

We will have great fun.

- * Mr. Mudge will do a 1 hr show and circus workshops
- * balloon modeling
- * face painting
- * bouncy castle
- * craft and colouring activities
- * baby play area
- * and snacks for the children.



Followed in the evening by

Mawsley Youth Group Night Disco



SATURDAY 20th January

4-7 year olds: 6-7pm

7-11 year olds: 7.15-8.15pm

12-13 year olds: 8.15-9.15pm

14+: 9.30-11pm

Refreshments available from the bar

Tickets: (must be bought in advance, NOT at the door)

£1 Mawsley Residents

£2 Friends

available from The Centre

What's on, when, at The Centre

	Morning	Afternoon/after school	Evening	
Monday	Pre-school		Karate Taekwando Parish Council	The lounge & bar are open every evening for public village use 6 - 11pm Mon—Sat.
Tuesday	Pre-school	Children's dance	Scout Group Women's Inst.	
Wednesday	Pilates	Children's dance	Youth Group	
Thursday	Under 5s	Children's dance	Beavers Guides MVA meeting	
Friday	Pre-school		Hall reserved for individual events* Folk Group	
Saturday	Hall reserved for individual events *			
Sunday	Mawsley Church	Mawsley Church	Hall reserved for individual events*	

- All the day time activities listed above and some of the evening ones will take place in the Main Hall. Meeting rooms are also available for hire throughout the week.
- Days and times are still subject to change. Check with the organisers below.
- * 'Hall reserved for individual events' means that it can be booked for a one-off event, such as a children's party, birthday party, disco, wedding etc. It will not be possible to book regular recurring events at these times.
- For private bookings and to book for a new user group contact Penny Feasey on 799528, or penny-tcam@btconnect.com, or call in to see her.
- For enquiries about particular activities taking place at the Centre please contact the organisers as below.

Dance: Miss Katy Robson, 07772 524797. Various dance groups weekly.

Pre-school: Claire O'Leary, 01604 781829. Starts September.

Karate: Mr Sahota, 01234 376809. Starts 29th January. Weekly.

Taekwando: Adrian Gent, 01604 670966. Started 8th January. Weekly.

Beavers and Scouts: Shaun, 791567. Starts 20th February. Weekly.

Women's Institute: Molly Shortt. 790781. First Tuesday of month.

Youth Group: Aidan Piper, 790419. Starts January 31st. Weekly.

Guides: Ann Whitaker, 791163. Started. Weekly.

Under 5s: Rebecca Simmons, 799311. Thursday mornings. Weekly.

Mawsley Church: Rev. Paul Seaton-Burn, 790140. Alternate Sunday mornings and afternoons.

Folk Nights: Jamie Lumsden, 790907. Started. 1st and 3rd Fridays.

Parish Council: Elaine Cawthorne (Clerk), 791277. Usually 1st Monday of month.

Mawsley Villagers Assoc: Lizzie Souter (Sec), 799072. Usually 3rd Thursday of month.

- Penny has also been asked about the possibility of Adult Salsa Sessions, Ballroom dancing classes and Tea Dances.
- The Badminton Court can be available in the evenings after the booked activities and at other free times, once the nets have been funded.
- For rates see the October 2006 newsletter or ask at the Centre.

The Centre at Mawsley

01536 799528

Well, there's so much happening I don't know where to start!

Did you get to the opening night? Were you there on New Year's Eve? Have you visited yet?

Whichever; do you like it?

I'm pleased to say that most people do; and thanks to all of you who have supported us so far. If you haven't made it yet, please call in for a drink (not necessarily alcoholic; we have a super coffee maker which has replaced the temporary one we started with). The comfortable and classy lounge and bar are open every evening; from 6:00 - 11:00 Mondays to Saturdays and 6:00 - 10:00 on Sundays.

Of course this is going to be only a small part of what you will find here. Dance classes, TaeKwondo; Pilates, Scouts, Guides and under 5s have all either already started or are about to. More details, including who to contact, opposite. And there will be more coming on stream.

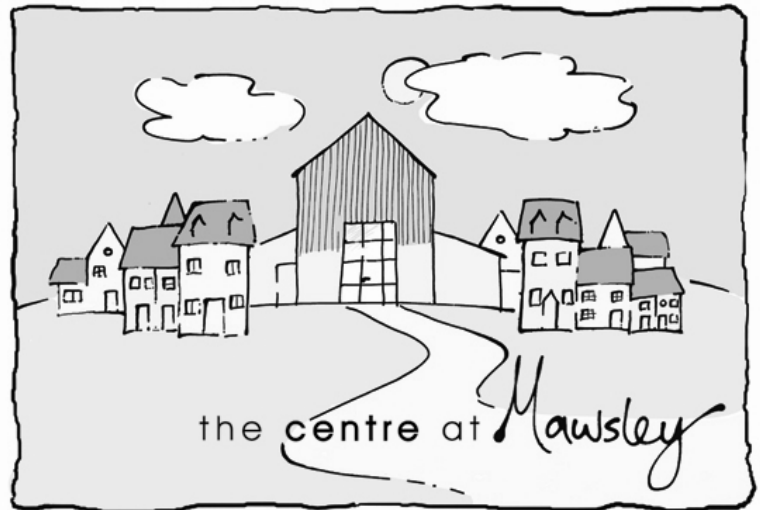
Equally, looking for somewhere to hold that birthday party or celebration? Want room to dance the night away to show just how young you really are? Come on down.....and be able to walk home. Just call me on 799528.

Have you got a High Definition TV at home yet? We have; so look out for announcements about big football matches, cricket (perhaps not), F1 etc., and watch it in HD with your mates.

OK, you say, open every night; lots of activities to participate in; can hold my party there, classy lounge and bar; HD TV, but apart from all that what have the Romans done for us? How about regular mega-fun events? Some dates for your diaries already:

Friday 16th February: 'School Disco' an event for the adults, strictly over 18's. School uniform compulsory. Disco, burger van, and tuck bag for everyone.....and lots of back to school antics! Tickets on sale from the Centre soon.

Saturday 24th February: Race Night. Were you there for the Race Night we held two years ago? One of the best nights ever. Well it's lined up to be



even more fun this time. Come and enjoy a great night at the races - sponsor a race, buy your own horse, have a flutter. Tickets will be on sale at The Centre (not door to door) soon.

Saturday 21st April: Official Opening. Still at the very early planning stages but we are aiming for children's entertainment during the day and a ball in the evening. We do need someone suitably famous to open it. Do you know anyone? Please let me know.

So it's all good fun. But it's also a lot of work, mainly falling on the shoulders of a few volunteers. So why don't you help by doing an occasional shift in the bar. You get full training, and actually it's very easy not least thanks to the sophisticated tills we have, and you get to meet villagers. It really would be helpful and appreciated if you could. You have my number - please use it!

I would also like to hear from you if you have a fridge and/or freezer that we could use here.

Don't forget, open every night for a relaxing drink. See you soon!

Penny Feasey
Centre Manager

The Dance Factory

I am so glad to have moved our children's dance classes in to the Centre this month and these are already filling up very quickly!

Just a reminder - We offer Ballet with Miss Katie, who is from the Royal Ballet school and Modern, Tap and Jazz with myself, Miss Katy, a former professional dancer. We are both qualified teachers and are CRB checked.

Call me on 0777 25 24 797 or
email thedance.factory@hotmail.co.uk

And see my advert in the Mawsley Advertiser for details of my new adult tap class.



Folk club

Thanks to our guest players John and Danny on Friday 5th January it was a magic evening with all sorts of stuff from Bob Dylan to Niel Young. Great Leonard Cohen impressions and lots of duets, trios and more. Add a bit of mandolin, mandola and some harmonica stuff, several snifters and we had a great time.

It's a nice room next to the bar; quiet but close to the watering hole; subdued lighting and a pleasing folksy atmosphere.

For information check out, under "Whats on", the www.mawsleyvillageforum.co.uk website

Our next session is on Friday 19th January and the club plans to have sessions every 1st and 3rd Friday.

Come along and listen or play...we need more folk from the village to really make it roll.....its a fun night from 8 till 11

Jamie

(If you want more info call me on 07710 423412)

Walking group

Hi Ramblers

Hope you all had a happy Xmas/ New Year. As part of these celebrations we had a grand time on the 1st Jan walking to the Three Cranes for our annual pilgrimage. Approx. twenty people came & after a few drinks & merry making we all set off at various times for home. Firstly I would like to thank all those who came but especially the last three musketeers who battled against all odds & after many beers & numerous bird watching stops managed to finally get back to Mawsley.

As to this year I have had various calls concerning the group & look forward to a great years' walking with new & regular walkers. I have placed our group on the Village Website. You will find us under Interest Groups. There's a brief history & all details of this years programme.

If you need any further info. please do contact either Pam or myself. We look forward to seeing you on the next walks:

Sunday 4th February - Warmington, Eaglethorpe green, Fotheringay, Elton 6 miles

Saturday 3rd March, Fineshade & Blatherwycke, tranquil woodland meadows, 9miles.

Steve & Pamela Draycott 01536-791681
slduk@f2s.com



Mawsley Allotment Association

The AGM of the Mawsley Allotment Association is due to be held on Thursday 15th February at 8:00pm at The Centre.

All are welcome. The meeting will give members a chance to hear first hand from the Management Committee how things have gone this year and give the opportunity for us to discuss, as an association, plans for the next few months as we continue to lobby for allotments within Mawsley.

Please try and come along as it should be an interesting meeting.

Please contact Tony (791162) or Teresa (791777) for further information about this or any other allotment-related issue.

Mawsley WI

Mawsley Village Women's Institute had their first meeting in the Village Centre and how good it was to have a permanent venue where we could meet. Our members and guests enjoyed a talk entitled "A Bicycle to Prague" with slides of that beautiful city given by our president Molly Shortt.

Next month we are having a very different topic— **"Belly Dancing"** - and this promises to be an evening of fun, some history and - wait for it - participation. We have to date some 20 members and it would be great to welcome as many ladies as possible to that meeting, whether you come just as visitors for that evening or with a view to joining us. Our venue will be the main hall of the Village Centre so we can accommodate many of you. The date of the meeting is Tuesday February 13th. at 7.30p.m. We have kept our visitor charge to £2.50 and you can now also enjoy a 'tippie' from the bar!! It would be great to 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.

The new programme is being compiled at the moment and we are hoping to enjoy more pleasant days out, visit an historic house locally, do a tree walk at Salcey Forest, enjoy one of our regular Sunday lunches, plus theatre trips, garden centres and a possible coach trip. The coffee Club continues to grow. If you would like more information please contact Pat Ellis on 790991.



FANCY DRESS ADULT SCHOOL DISCO



16TH FEBRUARY 2007

**THE CENTRE AT MAWSLEY
8 TIL LATE**

£10 PER TICKET

TICKET INCLUDES:

- ♫ ENTRANCE TUCK BAG WITH DINNER VOUCHER
- ♫ FAB MUSIC FROM 60s, 70s & 80s

**SO JOIN US & SUPPORT YOUR CENTRE
THE MORE EVENTS YOU ATTEND THE
MORE WE'LL PUT ON**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE CENTRE AND
FROM KAREN ON 790085**

THE ROOM ONLY CAN ACCOMMODATE SO MANY
SO GET YOUR TICKET AS SOON AS YOU CAN.
REMEMBER THAT NEW YEAR'S EVE WAS
COMPLETELY SOLD OUT!!!!!!!!!!

Mawsley Events Team

**Our next meeting is on
Wednesday 24th January, 8pm at The Centre.**

We will be planning the calendar of events for 2007 and would love you to come and join us if you think you can help in anyway. If you have an idea for an event and would like help to organise it or you would like to help us run an event we have organised then please come. With The Centre now open we hope to put on a wide range of events but we can't do it without your help. We hope to see you there!



**Come along to
Mawsley's 1st Monthly**

Quiz Night

**Thursday 25th January
8pm, in The Bar at The Centre**

**1st Prize ~ £20 drinks voucher
Rollover Round ~ Cash Prize**

£5 entry per team (max. 4 persons)

Come along and join the fun!

**The 2nd Quiz Night will be on
Thursday 22nd February**



Brought to you by the Mawsley Villagers Association

The MVA would like to update the volunteers list.

If you are willing to be called on to help with organising events, clearing up/tidying away for events, delivering leaflets, etc then please complete the following and drop it in at **7 Cransley Rise** or send an email with your details to **buckle@tesco.net** If you think you may already be on the list please complete the slip anyway so we know you are still available to help.

Name

Address

Telephone numbers

Email

Mawsley Church: laying the foundations

Thanks so much to everyone who came along to the Christingle, carol-singing and Christmas morning at the Centre and made it such a good start for *Mawsley Church*. Thanks too to Graham and Penny at The Centre for their help and support. Much appreciated.

It's been great to see the start of regular Sunday morning worship at the Centre. Children are an important part of our community and our new group for under-5s and their carers, LITTLE LIGHTS, and across the fields, the monthly CRANSLEY PRAISE go from strength to strength. This coming year we look forward to the launch of the well-known ALPHA COURSE in the village and additional events on Sunday afternoons at the Centre. More details to follow in due course.

What I find exciting about being part of a growing community like Mawsley, and like *Mawsley Church*, is that we're having to learn an awful lot together. There are plenty of things we need to sort out (not least a sound system) and learning to live alongside one another often requires much goodwill, patience and a good sense of humour, doesn't it? But in my experience, that's when people begin to feel at home. Unlike an empty show-house, a proper home is where people can rest, laugh, ask questions and, yes, cry; not keep up appearances. That's why we pray that *Mawsley Church* is going to help make our village a place where people of all ages and backgrounds can belong and grow in faith. Come along and be a part of it.

Dates to watch out for:

- **Sunday 28th January**; 11am,
MORNING WORSHIP & COMMUNION at the Centre
- **Sunday 4th February**, 10.30am
CRANSLEY PRAISE at St Andrew's, Gt Cransley
- **Tuesday 6th February**, 1.30pm, 15 Loddington Way
LITTLE LIGHTS, Mums & under-5s group,
- **Sunday 11th February**, 11am,
MORNING WORSHIP at the Centre
- **Tuesday 20th February**,
LITTLE LIGHTS, 1.30pm, 15 Loddington Way
- **Sunday 25th February**, 11am,
MORNING WORSHIP & COMMUNION at the Centre

Mawsley Church is open to all, those who have faith *and* those who are searching, and meets at the Centre and in homes across the village.

For details of baptisms, dedications or thanksgivings for the birth of a child and house blessings please get in touch.

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Mawsley Community Primary School



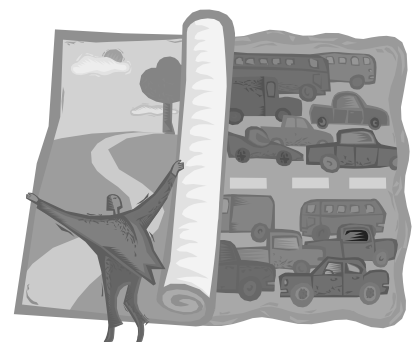
As always at Mawsley CP School the safety of the children is one of our biggest concerns.

Although many readers of the Mawsley newsletter may not have children at school, you may have noticed that during opening and home times the roads around school are very congested. We would like to remind people that it is not safe to park on zig-zag lines painted around the school entrances, or to double park in the area. The safest option for the children would be for drivers to park further away from the school grounds to reduce congestion and ensure that visibility of pedestrians crossing the surrounding roads is as high as possible.

We would very much appreciate your help and vigilance in this matter to increase road safety as this is part of the Mawsley Travel Plan, which is a Government Initiative to reduce traffic and pollution.

Thank you

Miss Foster and Miss Hall
Travel Plan Co-ordinators



Mawsley C.P. School have recently taken part in the Young Artists exhibition at the Alfred East Gallery in Kettering. We have contributed work to this exhibition every year since this school was opened.

2004



The school worked on the theme of famous artists. This was when we only had four classes.

2006



This year we worked on the theme of the four elements. Each class interpreted their element in their own way, using a variety of different styles including paper mache, weaving, sewing, collage...

2005



Each class in our school is named after a tree. (This came about after the school council decided it would be nice to have class names). Each class worked in different ways to make their class tree to make up the scene you see here which we called the Mawsley Woods. It can now be seen in the school's Library.

Reception – Oak
Year One – Apple Blossom
Year Two – Horse Chestnut
Year Three – Willow
Year Four – Cedar
Year Five – Monkey Puzzle
Year Six – Maple.

Fire	Reception	Different celebrations which use fire, inc Hanukkah, and Divali
	Year six	Dragon and Phoenix.
Earth	Reception	Autumn scene above and below the ground
	Year Five	The planet Earth including some different parts e.g. deserts and rain forests.
Wind	Year Two	A windy day with a girl on a hill flying a kite with her hair blowing.
	Year Four	Wind vanes with directions north, south, east and west.
Water	Year One	Under the sea with fishes and other sea creatures
	Year Three	A big bath representing the water cycle

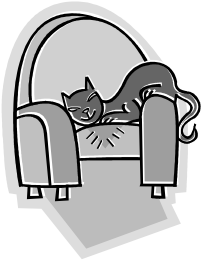
The exhibition can now be seen in the school library.

We like to work on whole school pieces with a theme, where we take a day out of timetable to think about and work on our different pieces. Many children could be seen in a variety of newspaper articles during the run up to the exhibition where they were seen working on their class pieces and at the exhibition itself.

The Young Artists exhibition displays works from local schools and colleges. It ran from **16th December 2006 - 6th January 2007**. It is run in association with Kettering's Rotary Club.

On Friday 15th December there was a private viewing for the teachers, Governors, young artists and their families. This was opened by the Mayor of Kettering.

Anne Pestell, Art Co-ordinator



Lost cats

Two families have lost their much-loved cats in the run-up to Christmas.

Have you seen them?

1. Our 3 month old kitten went missing from Symonds Way on 19th December. She is smokey grey and white. We all miss her, especially our puppy as they always played and curled up to sleep together. We hope that someone has taken her in over Christmas as they don't know where she came from.

Please contact Julie Owens on 799491

2. CLEO our cat has been missing since 8th December from The Green, Mawsley. She is 7 years old, black with a white patch on her tummy. She is microchipped. Cleo is a very loved member of our family, we are missing her very much, especially our other cat. If anyone has seen her or has any other information, I would be very grateful if you could contact Shelly on 01536 799073.

There is a photograph and more information about Cleo in the Mawsley Advertiser.

From the editor.....

As expected there has been a lot of material to include in this newsletter; it's a New Year and we have a new village centre and many new activities. What I would really like now is to regularly receive newsletter items from lots of new people.

Please consider writing something for next time. Tell us what you think about life in the village and what you would like to see going on here. Send us pictures of village events, or just tell us an amusing story.

The next newsletter will come out on 9th March and I will need all copy by Friday 2nd March at the latest. I look forward to hearing from you.

Village Contacts List

I would like to publish a new village contact list in the next newsletter for villagers to pull out and keep as a quick reference. If you run any kind of activity in the village that other residents might be interested in joining please let me have your contact details and a brief note of when and where you meet. Please let me have this information by the end of February.

Thank you

When the newsletter is ready each time we aim to get it out to the whole village at about the same time. I would like to thank the eleven newsletter deliverers, some of whom have been doing this for three years now, for getting your copy to you promptly come rain or shine. They are much appreciated.

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ESTABLISHED VILLAGE PRACTICE COVERING MAWSLEY, BROUGHTON, CRANSLEY, AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES

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HELEN, BECKY AND CORRINE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING NURSING CARE TO PATIENTS.

WE ALSO HAVE AN ON SITE DISPENSARY AND OFFER AN ADDITIONAL HOME DELIVERY SERVICE TO PATIENTS OVER THE AGE OF 65 YEARS.

WORKING AS AN INTEGRATED TEAM AUDREY SPENCE (HEALTH VISITOR) AND CHRIS ROSPOPA (MIDWIFE) ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING ANTENATAL AND POSTNATAL CARE AND CHILD HEALTH SURVEILLANCE FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 5.

WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING SERVICES WITHIN THE PRACTICE:

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| ❖ DIABETIC CLINIC | ❖ SMOKING CESSATION CLINIC |
| ❖ HEART DISEASE | ❖ CONTRACEPTION ADVICE |
| ❖ ASTHMA CLINIC | ❖ WEIGHT MANAGEMENT |
| ❖ MINOR SURGERY CLINIC | |

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A PATIENT WITH THIS PRACTICE, PLEASE TELEPHONE 01536 791300 FOR MORE INFORMATION AND A NEW PATIENT PACK.

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS

I have 10 boxes of second-hand books, mainly paperbacks, in my garage.

I think they were originally collected together for sale at the Fun Day held on the pub site grassy area about 18 months ago.

They are deteriorating in the garage and there is no room in The Centre to store them so, unless anybody either claims them or has a better idea, I plan to give them to a charity shop by the 25th of January.

Any "better idea" must include removal of them from my garage!

Anyone is welcome to remove them on behalf of their favourite charity.

Bob Littler
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