



Mawsley Villagers Association

Newsletter

July 2007

"So", said Samantha, "are we making progress?"

Difficult to answer really.

Are we making enough? Quickly enough? In the right direction? To where?

I hope the last point is the easiest to answer; towards a vibrant, inclusive and fun community.

I sometimes wonder whether in all the effort to get The Centre up, running and viable we have perhaps been focused rather narrowly. However there is only so much resource to hand, and that resource can't do everything. What do you think?

I think there has been a view for some time that the parish council is seen as being a bit too remote from the village and not involved enough directly with individual villagers. As you will see on page 2 we now have three new Councillors, who together have a wealth of varied experience to add to the equally broad and varied experience of the longer-standing ones. We all agree we need more input from you, as villagers, to tell us what you want to see in the village.

Many things are beyond our control, because they are the responsibility of the developers, the Borough Council or the County Council. But often it is the smaller projects that have the greatest impact - not least as they actually get done!

Perhaps we should get out more, as they say, and just talk to people. One thing we are planning is to hold a **village meeting after the school holidays**, to give everyone a chance to know what is going and planned and why; and for you to put forward your views. Hopefully Borough and County Councillors will be there as well.

But inevitably The Centre remains the centre of attention. **The Fun Day on the 14th July** will be based around it. Or perhaps more accurately based around the tremendous amount of work put in by, mainly, Cheryl Buckle to ensure we will have a mind-boggling range of activity going on. Including helicopter flights!



For more scary scarecrows turn to page 10.

Still on The Centre we need to finally resolve the issue of **access by young people to the bar area**. It is proposed that:

- No restrictions before 9 pm, except that those under 14 must be accompanied by a responsible adult unless attending a recognised event.
- Under 14s not permitted in the bar area after 9 pm.
- 14 - 17s permitted in the bar area after 9 pm provided they are accompanied by a responsible adult.

Unless there is any significant opposition to these proposals we shall go ahead on this basis, as the directors of The Centre do feel they meet the tenor of the open meeting held in March to discuss this subject.

And the verdict on progress? Two steps forward followed by one back; so getting there!

Bob Littler
Chair, Parish Council and MVA



As you may know, I have taken over the role of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator from Keith and we all wish him well on his move.

At present there have been no reported incidents in the village. There have though been incidents around of break-

ins through keys being taken from cars or by reaching them through cat-flaps. Please be very careful where you leave your keys and never leave them on display, of course that goes for anything valuable and always lock your car.

Also the recent Terrorism attacks have prompted the Police to contact all NHW to press the need for all of us to be especially vigilant when in busy places and to report anything, however minor or suspicious to the Police.

On a lighter note, could I put out a plea for more NHW reps especially in the new part of the village. They are needed for Mawsley Chase, Hedgerow Lane, Rose Hill Way and at least 2 or 3 for Long Breech. Anyone interested please call me on the number below, it really doesn't take any of your time but ensures that the village is covered and puts out a clear message to anyone thinking of doing wrong.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the present reps and call me if there is anything you wish to know.

Brenda Quinn

Tel: 799116

Membership of MVA Ltd.

If you were a member of MVA in the past, please note that you will have to re-apply to become a member of the current MVA (i.e. MVA Ltd.). You need to do this if you want a vote on village matters.

All you have to do is drop a short note to The Secretary, MVA Ltd., c/o 12 Loddington Way, with your name and address, requesting membership.

MVA Money

The MVA book-keeper is Lizzie Souter at 17 Old Gorse Way, 799072. If you have any money to hand in from fund-raising events, or donations, please pass it to her.

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 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.

It would greatly assist the parish council if you could contact me if you are intending to attend a meeting with a planning query. Councillors will then be able to visit the site prior to the meeting so as to be better informed for the discussion.

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

New Parish Councillors

Following the notice in the last newsletter to say "Your Parish Council needs You" four people put their names forward for the three vacant places. It is was an extremely difficult choice to make to have to disappoint one, however we are delighted to welcome three new Councillors:

Vic Cope
John Hazel
Stephen King

who join the existing members (Richard Barnwell, Bob Holland, Bob Littler, Cliff Moreton).

Contact Details

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

MVA Officers

mva@mawsleyvillage.co.uk

Chair: Bob Littler (791447)
Dep.Chair:Graham Leah (799200)
Treas. Chris Winter (790375)
Sec. Amanda Harris (07979 331684)
Book-keeper: Lizzie Souter (799072)

Mawsley Parish Council

pc@mawsleyvillage.co.uk

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

Kettering Borough Council

Cllr. Jim Hakewill (01858 467686)
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Cllr. Victoria Perry (K 790711)
victoriaperry@kettering.gov.uk

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

Brenda Quinn 799116

Newsletter:

Pat Rowley, 791881,
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Our Community Development Officer
at KBC is Tim Bellamy 534355

MP Philip Hollobone

0207 2198373 or 07979 850126
hollobone@parliament.uk

The Centre @ Mawsley 799528

www.mawsleyvillage.co.uk

The Centre @ Mawsley

Well it's that time again where I find myself writing about The Centre, with the summer term drawing to a close and the summer holidays upon us. Let's hope that the summer makes a show so that we can finally relax on the patio with a nice glass of wine and the sun setting over the horizon.

Six months in and we have had some really loyal, hard working, volunteers and staff. Thank you team, we wouldn't be here without you. We are now looking to expand the paid staff. We have a number of evening and weekend shifts available. You may have also seen that I am looking for a handy man/woman; this role will be paid, though varying in hours from week to week, to do jobs such as minor repairs, building shelves, the odd bit of painting, hanging pictures etc..

It also gives me great pleasure to congratulate Fred Jacques, who along with a number of colleagues, completed the London to Brighton cycle race on Sunday 17th June. If you were one of the people to sponsor him thank you very much. We will let you know how much was raised when all the monies are in.

Kasbah, who visited us back on 3rd June, was very successful and has booked again for 19th August and again in December. We also hope to add to the August date by having a bouncy castle, and a BBQ for the afternoon / evening.

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 14th July	Fun Day (1-4 pm)
Thursday 26th July	Quiz Night (8pm)
Saturday 4th August	Farmers Market (9-1)
Thursday 2nd August	Ladies Night
Sunday 19th August	Kasbah Market(10-4)
Thursday 30th August	Quiz Night (8pm)
Saturday 1st September	Farmers Market (9-1)

Please also remember the first Saturday of every month is Farmers Market. If you've been before you will know that this is extremely popular, so I recommend you make it early for the best produce.

We will shortly have in place a TV and DVD player in the Family Room, so I would like to ask if anyone has any old DVDs (suitable for all age groups) that they would like to donate to the Centre please drop them in at the Bar.

Wait; I can just see the sun peeking out! Summer will be here! And I hope to see you here enjoying yourselves too!

Penny Feasey
Centre Manager

Tel: 799528



Fred Jacques (far right) with his cycle team in Brighton.

They rode from London to Brighton on 17th June and raised money for both the British Heart Foundation and Cancer Research .

Three of the riders are from Mawsley: Jon Cummings (20910), Jeremy Radcliffe (no helmet on in picture) and Fred Jaques (20904). They successfully completed the ride in good time and were rewarded by a glass of champagne on Brighton beach .

Congratulations to all of them.

MVA Children's Group

P A R E N T & T O D D L E R G R O U P

After our appeal in the last month's newsletter I am pleased to announce that attendance at the group has increased.

The children had a great month. They made father's day cards, decorated and ate some hedgehog biscuits plus lots more. We also had some great businesses attend the group. We had Usborne Books plus Captain Tortue which sell beautiful French clothes for children.

On July 12th we will have Body Shop at the playgroup from 10.00am – 11.30am. There will be a great raffle exclusive to the Parent and Toddler group. So please come along and while the children have a great time parents can do a spot of retail therapy.

A huge thank you to all our helpers, especially those who regularly help us set up and clear away. This reduces our set-up and clean-up time thus saving money on the rent.

We are considering running the group through the Summer Holidays. Please let us know your thoughts and whether it would be popular. Older siblings are welcome.

The MVA Under 5's Parent and Toddler group runs EVERY THURSDAY from 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
- ☺ Colouring and drawing table
- ☺ Specialist craft and activity table
- ☺ Song time.
- ☺ Biscuit and juice for the children

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

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

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

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

Rebecca Simmons
Children's Group Secretary and Treasurer

Does your child start at Mawsley School in September ?

Would you and your child be interested in getting together with the other children joining and their parents ?

If the answers are YES we have provisionally booked the hall at **The Centre at Mawsley for Friday 31st August from 10.00am – 12.30pm**

It would be great for all the children and their parents to get to know each other in a relaxed environment before they start school .

The bar will be open for refreshments and we will have use of some toys and perhaps provide some craft activities.

Depending on the number interested we could all donate some money and hire a bouncy castle. Please let us know your thoughts.

Siblings old or young are welcome to attend.

If you are interested please fill out the slip below and return to 62 Old Gorse Way or 3 The Jitty, or contact Rebecca on 799311 or Yvette on 799145.

We look forward to seeing you there.

I wish to attend the get-together on 31st August with my child

Child's Name: _____

Parents Name: _____

Tel Num _____

Siblings attending: (please include names and ages) _____

Comments: _____

What's on this summer

Fun Dance Summer Schools



Mon 30th July - Fri 3rd Aug

1pm - 2pm - Age 4-7

2pm - 3pm - Age 8+

also

Mon 20th - Friday 24th Aug

1pm - 2pm - Age 4-7

2pm - 3pm - Age 8+

Each class will be £5 per child. But do the whole week and pay only £20 - getting the last class FREE!

Call Miss Katy on 0777 2524 797

Pilates Classes

For increased flexibility, mobility and strength
Suitable for all ages and fitness levels

During the summer holidays we are having a class on a pay as you come basis £5.00 per session no experience necessary

Wednesdays 9.30 to 10.30

The Centre at Mawsley

Private tuition also available in the comfort of your own home

For more information please telephone Melody on 01604 604149

Mawsley Quiz Nights at The Centre

The May and June Quiz nights raised £145.

The winners for May were Shaguar and the winners for June were NHS Finest.

Quiz nights are always on the last Thursday if every month at 8pm. So why not get together a team of four for Thursday 26th July and Thursday 30th August.

See you there!

KBC Summer Play schemes

will be held at The Centre at Mawsley.

Friday mornings 10 am to 11.45am
27th July, 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th August



Activities include:

Supa Bounce
Magic with Dallas
Chris Cullen Fun Show
Balloon Modelling
Face painting



Panto with Alterego Theatre Company

plus lots of fun, games and sports.

The schemes are aimed at 5 to 11 years however under 5's are welcome with an adult.

Only £1.50

Leaflets will go out through the school in early July



Genesis Theatre Schools and Agency

calls all 5 to 18 year olds to spend an extremely rewarding week on the stage this Summer.



Work with the best professionals in Drama, Singing and Dance to create and perform an original musical (regardless of experience or

disability) Don't be bored, be creative!

A week with us is one you'll always remember.

Children and teenagers with little or no confidence are transformed in just 5 days!

These Summer Schools are extremely popular.

Places go very quickly so book yours now!

23—27 July at Brooke Weston CTC

20—24 August at Masque Performing Arts Centre, Latimer Community Arts College.

For details of these, or to find out about regular schools during term-time, tel: 01536 460928 or email info@saracharles.com

1st Mawsley Scout Group



I can't believe that we have only been open 5 months. As a Group we have achieved a tremendous amount in a very short space of time. In April between 50 and 60 Beavers Scouts, Cub Scouts and Leaders were invested, it was a very special night and we would like to say thank you to all who supported us. Philip Hollobone MP joined us with Bob Littler. Jim Hakewill and Jim Harker. Best wishes were received from Her Majesty the Queen's Lady in Waiting and we received a signed photograph from our Chief Scout, Peter Duncan. Gerald Peacock dedicated our flags so that we could use them at The St George's day Celebrations.



The Group joined the St George's Day Parade in Wicksteed Park and we managed to parade without getting our flags caught in the trees. 18 Cubs plus leaders took part in The Centenary Camp at Boughton House unfortunately the weather was against us on the Sunday so we cut our stay short but the young people had an enjoyable time and we were able to see if our new tents were waterproof. Our first Coffee Morning fundraising event raised £200 thank you to all who supported it. The young people are a credit to the Group, their parents and the village and after their weekly meetings they all seem to be smiling having enjoyed themselves. I hope the leaders are too!!

We hope to open our last section, Scouts, after the October half term. If you are interested in being part of our Scout Section please contact Shaun or myself so that we can have accurate numbers we will be contacting those who have already put their names down for Scouts. We are now operating a waiting list for Beaver Scouts so if you want to put your child's name down please contact one of us.

Mary (Group Scout Leader)

Contacts: Mary Findlay 791228
Shaun Thompstone 791567

YOUTH NEWS

The Youth Group are going to the Houses of Parliament on Monday 16th July and we are taking 20 youngsters.

The Group continues to meet on Wednesday Evenings at The Centre. Wednesday 25th July will be our last session of this school year and we will start back again on Wednesday 5th September.

We would like to thank Patricia, of Cowslip Hill, who

held a Pimms and Bookstall event in her garden and raised £35 for the Youth Group.

Obviously we are very grateful and will put it to good use.

For information about our activities, or to offer help with running teams or events, please contact me on 790419.

Aidan Piper



It has been a busy time for the Women's Institute in Mawsley.

In June we enjoyed a visit to the Welland Vineyard and had a splendid evening. The weather was just about perfect and on this occasion we were joined by husbands, lovers and hangers-on (as put by one of our members).

By popular demand we had a craft evening on July 10th where members passed on some of the craft ideas that they picked up on our 3 day course at Denman College

We are looking forward to our trip to the Sandringham Flower Show on July 25th after which we will be enjoying high tea provided by Gayton W.I. It promises to be a great day.

So, as you will see, there is plenty going on within the Women's Institute in Mawsley. Why not come along and join us at our next meeting?

We are having a summer break in August but will meet again on September 11th at the Village Centre when we will be having a Dutch Auction and the theme for this event will be a 'Green Theme'. So please come along, we would love to see new members, and bring something green for us to sell.

If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on 790781.

Molly Shortt, President.



'THANK YOU'

Following the very busy 'Open Gardens' weekend Denise and Brenda would like to say a very big 'Thank You' to all the W.I. Ladies who gave their time to help with the 'Cream Teas', and also for all the donations of cakes.

Thanks also to all the villagers and visitors for their support by buying them.

Also a very special 'Thanks' to Robin and Frank, our very supportive husbands, who do so much for us and the WI behind the scenes.

And 'thank you' to Brenda and Denise themselves who organised the teas which proved so popular that weekend.

'Awards For All' Lottery Funded Residential Courses at Denman College For Members of Mawsley Village WI

A few years ago, if someone had told me I would go away as a WI member on a Craft Course I would have laughed at them, BUT how foolish I would have been. I have just been on such a Course and the only word I can use to describe it is FANTASTIC.



LOTTERY FUNDED

Along with other members of the Mawsley Village WI, I went to Denman College, the Women's Institute College in Oxfordshire, a beautiful period house set in lovely grounds. This was thanks to a Lottery 'Awards for All' grant.

Several of us had chosen to do a course entitled 'Boxes, Bags and Bows', not the most entertaining you would think, but in reality it's amazing what fun you can have with 'double-sided sticky tape'!! I'm sure I found odd pieces in strange places on my body in the early hours of the morning!

Contrary to popular belief, not all members of the WI are Crafters, and I think we had several non-crafters with us which made for great entertainment, it's hard to see what you are doing when you're crying with laughter. To all non-crafters I would like to salute you, you did yourselves proud, you gave it a go and made some excellent items, especially 'Butterflies' and the lovely colourful 'Shredding'; the finishing touches are sooo important!!

Some others of our group had chosen to do a 'Gardening Course' entitled 'Wildlife in your garden' which included the making of a Bird-Box, quite a challenge for ladies who have never held a saw. On the last day when we all saw the final product, we were duly impressed; we had heard the stories of not being able to get the saw started and others could not finish the ends! But what they had done was marvellous. Just a word of warning to the Residents of Mawsley, there will be no stopping these ladies now, so if you hear strange noises in the night, check your fences and even check your cars before entering, it may collapse!! I believe these ladies will not know when to stop!!

Finally, we had a couple of ladies making 'Rag Rugs', sorry gentlemen not those sorts of Rugs; I mean the type to be put in the Lounge. Two days was obviously nowhere near enough time to complete a full rug, but what they had achieved was beautiful. I know they thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

I would like to thank the ladies of Mawsley Village WI for what can only be described as one of the most enjoyable few days I've ever had. I guess you had to be there to understand, but I would say to all the Ladies of Mawsley, young or old, if you are not a member join now, you will not regret it.

Written by one of the YOUNGER members, I'm only '21'. I don't understand why I hear laughter ringing in my ears!!!



Mawsley WI at Denman College

Letters to the Editor

Mawsley Green Forum

'I don't want to cause anyone a huge amount of worry, but with the up-coming summer holidays I thought I should make parents aware that my daughter was recently involved in a 'happy slapping' assault whilst out and about in the village.

She was on her bicycle in school road, when she was approached by two boys in their mid-teens. One commented 'you're small enough', and hit her across the face. The boys were both wearing black hoodie tops and riding black BMX style bikes.

The incident has been reported to the police who would be interested to hear of any similar incidents should they happen. Hopefully this is a one off, but I thought it only fair to make other parents aware.'

Name supplied

Mawsley Dental Clinic

We are pleased to announce the return of Miss Alison Simpson from maternity leave to work upstairs in the new dental spa area. We are also extremely pleased the Mr Abraham Varghese is staying to help expand our clinic.

However, due to unavailable funding from the Primary Care Trust for NHS patients, Alison Simpson is only able to come back on a private basis but will continue to see NHS children. All adult NHS patients who were registered with her will continue to see Abraham Varghese on the NHS.

If you wish to continue to see Alison Simpson you are able to on a private basis. The advantage of this service is a more personal style with extended length appointments and a greater choice of treatments than is available on the NHS.

If you have any more questions and if you wish to continue treatment with Alison Simpson please contact the clinic and we will update your records.

Sarah Johnston 01536 799210/799211
Practice Manager

In my first few weeks as the Councillor for Slade Ward I have had more emails and discussions on green issues than anything else, even dog poo! There was also an interesting thread on the forum regarding making Mawsley a plastic bag free village once the shop has opened by designing a Mawsley Shopping bag. I am confident that we could secure some funding for this and other initiatives.

If anyone is interested in forming a group to look at developing ideas on how to make Mawsley an eco friendly place to live, please contact me at victoriaperry@kettering.gov.uk or 07840 228841.

Cllr. Victoria Perry

How Pilates has changed my life!

I feel very fortunate to be living here in Mawsley; great village atmosphere, lots going on, a bit windy (OK a lot windy), but on the whole a friendly peaceful place to live.

Even better there is a Pilates class on Wednesday morning at TCAM and attending those classes for the last 3 months has had a significant positive impact on my life.

I have lived with MS for 13 years and am at the stage where my mobility is diminishing, and the tendency to wobble and fall increasing. Pilates has shown me ways to use my core muscles to improve my balance and keep myself steady. When I begin to wobble now I can hear Melody saying, pull your belly button in to your spine, use the muscles to hold you up, relax your shoulders, soft knees and breathe.

So if you live with a condition that affects your balance or your joints, or if you just want to improve your muscle tone, come along to Pilates on Wednesday mornings. Our class is small; we want to keep it going and could do with a few more members.

See if it can change your life too!

Lynne Craven

Mawsley Day Nursery

§ out of school club



I am writing to you because I want to

shout from the roof-tops that after two years of work and negotiations I can announce that the Mawsley Day Nursery will be opening in January 2008. It is a single storey building, with indoor and outdoor facilities, purpose built for 52 children aged from 3 months to 11 years. It will offer full-time and after school care. We are going to be able to work closely

with the school, making the transition from nursery to school easier and making the Out of School Club very appealing.

I have had 8 years experience working in nurseries.

We are still at the setting up stage where your input

The Allotment Association is continuing to work alongside Mawsley Parish Council to establish allotments. The Parish Council is putting in a lot of work on our behalf and we hope to have more news soon.

In the meantime the **Vegetable and Flower Show** is a **confirmed date for the 9th September**.

If you managed to germinate anything in the arid dustbowl that was April and if every such thing has not been washed away during the, er, summer then please consider bringing it along to the free to enter show. Anything from anyone will be welcomed into one of the classes as advertised on the Centre notice board, and below. Watch the Centre notice-board for full details later of how to enter .

Fr. Paul has asked for volunteers to do some readings and for requests for hymns to be sung at the associated Harvest Festival service. Please see Fr. Paul or contact Tony (791162) to whom all other allotment enquiries can also be made.

Categories are:-

Adult Classes:

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

Childrens' Classes:

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



Gardening Club

Many thanks to those who attended our last meeting. A review of Open gardens was our main topic—we all thought how well it went and many of those who opened their gardens for the first time are now converts. We are pleased to have £200 of the proceeds to help us organise some speakers and visits.

We will be having a stall on Fun Day, 14th July, where we will have plants for sale, a raffle and our children's garden on a tray competition, plus a few extras. Thanks to those who have agreed to help.

Our next meeting will not be at The Centre. I have arranged a visit to a NGS garden on 30th July. Please meet at The Centre at 7pm to go on to Froggery Cottage, Desborough, where Mr John Lee has a collection of 450 different types of Penstemons. This is one of the world's largest collections and was featured on Gardeners World in 2004. Would villagers wishing to go please contact either Pam or myself at least a week prior to 30th July so that I can report possible numbers to our host.

In the meantime, happy gardening.

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



It was great to welcome so many people to our Foundation Service last month, celebrating the launch of our village church.

Open to members of different denominations, and none, we meet:

- every 2nd & 4th Sunday at 11am at the Centre
- every 1st & 3rd Sunday at 3.30pm at the Centre for informal prayer & discussion*
- in groups at homes across Mawsley on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings - get in touch for more details

** There'll be no Café Church during August, but watch out for NOOMA, coming to Mawsley in the Autumn!*

We're looking forward to starting children's work in the Autumn and our Worship Team would love to hear from musicians who want to get involved.

Revd Paul Seaton-Burn
15 Loddington Way
790140

Open Gardens and Scarecrows

It was the last fine weekend of June before the rains set in and was actually better than fine; Saturday was scorching. 16 gardens were open in the village and there were more than 40 scarecrows. It was a real village event with teas and plant sales at The Centre as well —thank you to everyone who joined in and to all the helpers.

It was not planned as a fund-raising weekend but there was a profit. £200 has gone to the Gardening Club and £280 to the MVA for village funds. The WI also made a profit for their funds from their cream teas

There were three winners of the garden quiz: the Findlays from Mawsley , Isabelle O'Brien from Kettering and Bree Streather from Barton Seagrave.

The winning scarecrows were 'The Mad Hatters Tea Party' by the Byrnes of Cransley Rise and the Junior winners were The School for their portrayal of 'Snow White and the 7 Dwarves'.

We don't have pictures of all the scarecrows but here is a selection with thanks to Jason Wallace and Tom Sanders.





Walking group



Hi Ramblers

Well, we're back from Spain where the orange growers need some of this rain. The last walk, a Rita special, went very well and the bonus was that the rain held off. But being an experienced walker Rita took us the sensible way. Thanks for a lovely time.

The evening walks are being severely hampered by not only the weather but also by myself: my hands are held high. Two weeks ago after a heavy day 'at the office' I fell asleep in the bath and missed my own group's walk. Apologies to all who made the effort.

The next three walks are:

Sunday 22nd July	Lyveden New Bield	9 miles
Sat 18th August	A Draughton circular	7-8 miles
Sunday 16th Sept	Ise triangle	6-7 miles

In passing I would like to thank Julia for a lovely evening walk last week. You made me feel my age—4.8 miles over some boggy terrain at power walking pace till I needed a rest! Thanks.

NB Evening walks are on Wednesdays—meet at 7pm at the lay by.

Happy walking.

Steve and Pam. 791681.slduk@f2s.com

CRANSLEY VILLAGE FETE

Saturday 14th July 2pm-5pm

Cransley Hall

Jazz band Bouncy castle Books Bric a brac

Folk music Wood turning Face painting

Local history Plants Teas

More info & donations 790140

FISHMARKET GALLERY

THE 'ART OF NORTHAMPTONSHIRE!

Northampton Arts Collective (NAC) is the group responsible for turning the old Fishmarket in Northampton into a vibrant and exciting arts centre, comprising of galleries, shops, café and arts information.

The NAC has been formed by the community for the community, and everyone is invited along for the ride!

If you are involved in a creative project (be it - a drama club, art workshop, dance group, choir, rock band etc.) we would like to support you and/or your group and, by doing so, continue to raise awareness for all the worthy projects, groups and events that are currently taking place all over the county.

You can send or bring in any printed material to us for display and also add events to the NAC website, details below.

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PR : Sally Blaise
01933 667390

Bradshaw Street
Northampton, NN1 2HL
01604 639090
www.northamptonarts.org



Jo, Emma, Paula, Debbie and Shenaz (from left to right), who ran Race for Life in Campbell Park in Milton Keynes on 2nd June! It was incredibly hot and quite hilly, so we were all very proud of ourselves for keeping going! Many thanks to all our sponsors: between us, we managed to raise over £750 for Cancer Research.

The next Mawsley Newsletter will come out on 7th September. Please have all items for inclusion with the Editor by 31st August at the latest.
Contact: Pat Rowley on 791881 or pat.rowley@tiscali.co.uk

Meetings

Parish Council

Monday 6th August
 Monday 3rd Sept
 7.30pm at The Centre

MVA Ltd

Thursday 19th July &
 Thursday 16th August
 8pm at The Centre

Did you know?

1. The employment units/shops development is going to be called Barnwell Court, named after the previous landowning family. Richard Barnwell has continued to take a keen interest in the development of the village and is one of our Parish Councillors.

2. For the last couple of months a team of archaeologists has been working ahead of the builders down in the newest part of the village. Residents of Rose Hill Way tell me that some days there are as many as a dozen and they are expected to be there for another month.

A very quick internet search turned up a report from 2002 stating that an assessment of the site had revealed 'a series of Middle Iron Age circular structures comprising an unenclosed occupation site with at least two phases of activity carbon dated to the 4th and 1st centuries BC. There is some evidence of metal working.' Apparently there are also Roman remains.

If anyone can provide more accurate information for next time I'm sure this would be of interest to readers.



Help wanted

As the village grows, by about 10 homes every month, we always need more people to help with deliveries of this Newsletter and Advertiser. The current team of 11 deliverers have rounds of between 50 and 70 houses each which takes them an hour or so every six to eight weeks.

If you could help with this we would love to hear from you. We particularly need more deliverers in the newest part of the village, i.e. Rose Hill Way and Long Breech and also Cransley Rise. Please contact Tony Horne who is now organising Newsletter deliveries. Call him on 791162.

From Philip Hollobone, MP

I was delighted recently to win the right to a special Parliamentary Debate on the proposed closure of the Kettering Tax Office. During the Debate I made the Government fully aware of the strength of feeling local people have about this issue. In the run up to this debate, I had the privilege to present a petition to the House on 26 February, with more than 400 signatories protesting at the closure plans. I also attended a meeting in Her Majesty's Treasury on 10 May with officials.

In the main tax office in Kettering, there are 78 staff in total. Fifty-nine of them, or 75 per cent. of the work force, are female. Of those 59 women, 32 are part-timers, which is 54 per cent. In total, part-time staff in the Kettering tax office comprise 42 per cent. of the work force. Closure of the office would not only be a bitter blow to the local economy; it would very badly affect, in a totally unfair way, female employees. If Her Majesty's Treasury has not already conducted an assessment of the inequality as regards the effects on male and female employees of the planned closure, I very much hope that it will do so in short order.

A decision on the future of the office is expected in October. Fingers crossed that the debate has made a difference

As always, if any resident in Mawsley feels that I may be able to help with a particular issue, please do let me know via 01536 414715 or 020 7219 8373 or 07979 850126 or hollobonep@parliament.uk or at House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA.

