



Mawsley Villagers Association Newsletter

June 2005

Let's get straight to the point and talk about the village hall/community centre/ whatever we decide to call it.

About 100 of you came along to the open village meeting on the 17th May to discuss the way forward.

I think the key points were:

1. Current thinking (let's call it our Vision) is based on the Steering Group's view of the way forward. In turn that is based on talking to lots of people in the village, and from a number of other village centres – notably a very good and profitable one in Over in Cambridgeshire.
2. The management structure for the centre is likely to be:
 - freehold owned by the parish council (this is definite).
 - an operating group will be appointed to run the centre; the parish council is currently preparing the terms of this. Any group wishing to run it will have to "bid" to the parish council. Likely to be the MVA.
3. The Business Plan, which is based on likely costs and charges for use (none of which are fixed) quite clearly shows:
 - basic annual running costs (excluding a manager but including cleaning/caretaker) of approximately £35,000 a year.
 - best estimate of income from room hire approximately £8,000 a year.
 - = big gap !! Every year.
 - adding in a proper lounge and bar, with staff to run it and (not necessarily from day 1) a manager, shows losses steadily reducing such that it should break even by around year 4 or 5.
4. Religious Groups: Gerald Peacock demonstrated that there will be provision for Worship, however as with everything else, it is not possible to allocate exclusive space - all rooms are multi-use. The Religious Groups are satisfied that their requirements will be met in a balanced and fair way.
5. Provision for Youth: we aim to provide a tarmac area plus basketball hoop, kickwall and hangout shelter from day 1. They will also of course have room time too. Also there is a capital bid in with the Borough Council for play equipment for 7 – 13s.
6. Under 5s: much discussion re a pre-school and other possible facilities. This is a difficult area as Ofsted requirements could mean exclusive use of the whole building for such groups: we need to work together to find a way forward.
7. Lounge and bar: you can see from the figures above that it will make a vital financial contribution. Not only that it holds the key to the centre being a vibrant meeting place, and not *"it's just a big shed. People come and go but there is no life in the place"* (Verbatim quote from Grange Park parish councillor when we visited their centre). About 95% of the people at the meeting said they wanted there to be a bar in the centre.



However all this is based on best guesses about what you want. We will be conducting a survey to ask you just that. When you get it please, please, please fill it in. It's a few minutes of your time, which will save days of work by the Steering Group. But more importantly than that, it's about defining what we want our brand new, best for miles around, village hall/centre to be and to do.

It's up to you.

Bob Littler, PC and MVA Chair

What's cooking at the MVA?

One of the principal reasons for setting up the Mawsley Villagers Association was to help build a community in our new village. I'd like to think that we've achieved that and I hope you all agree. I've just been hearing about the plans for the Fun Day Weekend and am astounded by the support and commitment being shown by so many villagers to support it. By the time you read this, the weekend will be over and I'm sure we'll all have had a great time, largely due to the efforts of everyone who has helped out. Thank you to all of you. And as for what's cooking - well at the moment it seems to be home-made cakes!

So what is concerning the MVA committee at the moment? Bob has described on the front page the current position on the Community Centre planning.

What feedback has the MVA had recently? Well, we are obviously canvassing opinions on the Community Centre (or is it Village Hall?) but also we've received suggestions as to what other Social Events could be held in the village. This is great, of course the more people who get involved, the more events we can put on and meet the diverse range of needs which exist in the village. At the last MVA committee meeting a couple of villagers came along to find out what will happen about the cycle track which was anticipated to encircle the village - thanks to them this issue is now being progressed through the Parish Council.

Would you like to be more involved/know what's going on? Don't hesitate to contact me. (799072 / andy.lizzie@tiscali.co.uk) Or why not come to a meeting? The next one is the AGM on 23rd June.

Lizzie Souter, Secretary to the MVA (799072)

Allotments

The news is not good. There is no provision within the village boundary for allotments. Richard Barnwell, whose land surrounds the village, is prohibited from selling or leasing any of this land for the next 5 years (12 years from the original planning permission for the village.) He said at the last PC meeting that there is nothing he would like more than to see some of his land being used and enjoyed as allotments but his hands are tied.

Over a year ago I collected 22 names and addresses of villagers who wanted allotments and both the PC and KBC accepted that there is a demand. KBC are therefore obliged to provide them but they can do this from existing stock in adjoining villages or Kettering where there is a surplus..

I am probably not alone in not wanting an allotment that I cannot walk to and am therefore giving up the fight. If there is anyone out there who would like to take up the challenge to pursue all the alternatives please feel free!

Pat Rowley

Hourly Bus Service

The editor has seen a letter from Stagecoach to Wimpey stating that the number 39 service to the village will become hourly instead of two hourly from June.

Calling all MVA members
MVA Annual General Meeting will take place
at the Surgery on Thursday 23rd June at 8pm

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 6th June at 8pm at the surgery.

It is expected that Adrian Allan from Diamond Estates will attend and report on the latest developments on the pub and employment sites. (Diamond Estates is the company engaged by George Wimpey to handle the sale of these sites.)

Residents are welcome to attend any Parish Council meeting and to speak for up to three minutes at the beginning of the meeting.

For further information contact Richard Meredith, Clerk to the Parish Council.(791539)

Emergency Services

You may recall that a little while ago we covered the issue of the emergency services finding village properties, when the computerised mapping system they use does not cover the village very well.

After eventually calling on the (previous) local MP to put pressure on things, we have now been to the Fire Service Control Centre (Lizzie did try to drive off in a fire engine, as we knew she would), and also spoken to the Ambulance Service.

I'm pleased to say that both have quite extensive coverage of the village in their systems (which include computer screens in the vehicles), plus other back-up methods, so we feel reassured. Additionally we have agreed to supply them with an updated copy of the village map that Wimpey are producing for us.

If you live in the very newest areas you can stay on the line until they get to you, although if the phone is really near the fire this may be difficult.

We now plan to go back to the police control centre to check where things have moved to there.

Bob Littler (791447)

Public Enquiry

The promised Public Enquiry into Wimpey's refused application to increase the number of houses in the last phase of development here was heard last month.

KBC's refusal was based on the fact that the Mawsley Masterplan and the outline planning permission was for a maximum of 750 houses and that any increase would be to the detriment of the environment both within and outside the village. Wimpey's argument was that the Masterplan is now 15 years old and out of date and that the current Government guidelines for much higher housing density than we have here should take precedence. They argued that an additional 100 houses would not detract from the proposed landscaping of the last area.

A few residents attended the hearing and Bob Littler and Jim Hakewill, our Borough Councillor, spoke in favour of the refusal. A decision from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister is expected in late summer.

Year 3/4 at Mawsley Community School have sent us this poem which they wrote as a joint effort.

Our Amazing School

Inside Mawsley School ...

Amazing active assemblies awarding,
Busy brilliant bursar banking,
Clean colourful classrooms co-operating,
Delightful decorative displays dazzling,
Exciting extraordinary equipment educating,
Faithful friendly Father Brian forgiving,
Great gleeful guitarists guiding,
Happy hopeful Headteacher helping,
Important intelligent ideas impressing,
Jolly jazzy juniors joking,
Keen knowledgeable kids knowing,
Lovely loyal Lunchtime Supervisors laughing,
Magnificent merry Mentors mentoring,
Nice nervous netballers nattering,
Organised orderly office ordering,
Patient polite Playground Friends playing,
Quick quizzing questions querying,
Rough ragged rugby players running,
Super sensible subjects stimulating,
Thoughtful terrific teachers talking,
Useful unforgettable uniform uniting,
Various village visitors visiting,
White wonderful whiteboards wiping,
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Young youthful year groups yelling,
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Pre-school for Mawsley?

Did you know that there are nearly 200 children under the age of five in Mawsley? It's a good job they don't all want to use the playground at the same time isn't it? However, there is one thing they are all entitled to and that's a pre-school education from the age of 3.

Unfortunately, local pre-school provision is over subscribed, with waiting lists at all pre-schools. Mawsley residents who have moved into the area often miss out on the opportunity to register early enough to secure a place. Many Mawsley children are on waiting lists for pre-schools as far away as Clipston. With the help of a local pre-school provider a group of Mawsley parents are considering starting a pre-school in Mawsley.

Unless we know how many Mawsley villagers would be interested in using a pre-school we are unable to move this project forwards. In the last week we have spoken to parents of over 40 of those children, but the rest of you must be out there somewhere. Enclosed with this newsletter you will find a questionnaire about pre-school provision – if you have children under 5 please complete the questionnaire and return it to us as soon as possible.



AN INVITATION FROM THE FRIENDS OF MAWSLEY SCHOOL

**Mawsley School Summer Fete and Craft Fair
Saturday 25 June 2005 Gates open 2.00 pm.**

50p entrance for adults (children free): this includes a lucky programme and the winner will receive a bottle of Pol Roger Champagne.

Preparations are well underway for the School's first Summer Fete. Running alongside the Fete will be a Craft Fair in the School Hall where a wide range of beautiful products will be on sale. See our double sided poster in this newsletter for more details of the events and activities available. But, even as I write this, many more people are coming forward with stalls for the Fete and Craft Fair.

The fete will be held on the school playing field with traditional stalls and fun games presided over by the exciting bouncy castle (complete with slide). For those wanting to relax and soak up the sun (!) we will be serving up a delicious barbecue on the playground. Other refreshments and cakes will be available in the School Hall along with the Craft Fair. The whole of the school and grounds will be used so it will be wonderful opportunity for visitors to see what we are all achieving especially for those families whose current babies and toddlers will be joining the school over the next few years.

Please do come along and join us on Saturday 25 June where, once again, the village of Mawsley can get together for another fun filled day.

If you have a craft or business and you would like a stall in the Craft Fair please contact me on 799318.

Kathryn Berrill, Chairperson



Harrington Family Fun Time

Come and join other Mawsley families enjoying play, craft, coffee and homemade cakes!

Every Wednesday 10.15 til 11.30 at Harrington Village Hall Fun, friendly group Everyone welcome

Want to know more or worried about walking in on your own phone Tracy on 790361 for encouragement, directions etc

If you are a parent of one of those 200 children please contact us and let us know what you think.

Allan MacDonald & Tracy Baker
(01536 790209) (01536 790361)

On behalf of the Mawsley Pre-school Working Group

Youth News

Monday night is girls' night at the Knibb Centre with Katie and Karen, who are two highly professional youth workers. Girls' issues are discussed as well as film nights, hair and beauty, chilling out, trips, art/photography and looking forward to setting up a fashion show in September. This is aimed at the 13-19 age range. 6pm-8.30pm.

Also cricket for the 6+ age group for both boys and girls at Loddington from 6.15pm - 8ish

Tuesday is Cubs and Scouts night so if you are 8+, boy or girl you are welcome. By the time this goes to print we will have put together some volunteers to start a Beaver group this is for boys and girls 6-8 years.

Weds is Knibb night, 7.30-9.00pm Chilling, Internet cafe, Circus skills and of course Footy and basketball.

Thursday is computer club and web design 7.30-9.00pm at the Knibb Centre and proving very popular.

Friday nights we are looking for alternative venues and soon we will announce the date of our first youth disco in the village.

Saturday is Simon's footy where we now use Loddington cricket field 10-11am. For boys and girls 6 years and over.

More cricket on Saturdays including a minibus to transport from Mawsley to East Haddon, where our youngsters will be coached by an MCC coach (oh yes only the best). This is for both girls and boys, from 9am -12noon. I am so thrilled to be able to let you know of this offer so please do support it. Please ring me immediately if you are interested so I can arrange transport and sort numbers. Aidan Piper 790419

Sundays is grab a beer and put your feet up day and you can keep your kids!

Exciting news is the development of the Village Hall and the youth of the village will be doing their bit to raise funds, so please support them and offer encouragement.

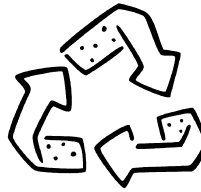
Also we are keen to set up a **Mawsley Youth Parish Council** and I have taken and will be taking expert advice on this. We are getting support for this from youth development workers and will be looking for members very soon. Please come along and discuss this with us on a Weds evening at the Knibb. To work in tandem with this we are also looking to encourage youngsters to take up training in interviewing, recruitment and selection, where the youth will be on employment panels to help in the employment of youth workers or maybe even staff to be employed within the village hall.

In order to produce this ambitious programme I need your help, however small, every little helps.

Thanks to Norman for his kind offer of the cricket kit, we will use it well.

Aidan Piper 790419

Hot News, Check out www.mawsleyyouth.co.uk They have got their own web site and will be developing this over the next weeks. We now need 2/3 others to help produce this site and develop the theme. We also need a couple of youngsters either studying media or journalism or who are interested in helping with news and interviews.



Whilst the National politicians drag their heels over waste management and meeting our environmental commitments, two Mawsley young entrepreneurs see a gap in the market. Adam and Elliot are offering a recycling service to residents in Warren End and Fox Coverts. They supply their customers with a waste bin and arrange a regular collection of their recyclable waste. They are now looking for a local company that will pay for the aluminium beer cans they collect in order to increase their profits. Adam, who is eleven, says "We reached our breakeven figure in week two and have made good profits since, but we need to see if we can sell some of the waste".

Russell a neighbour commented "This is a great service, these boys will either be millionaires or we will see them on Crimewatch".

The lads are now investing in better bins to go in the backs of mum's and dad's cars to transport the waste to the local recycling centres. If anyone knows of a company that will purchase aluminium please let the boys know.

Elliot says "It beats car washing as we have more time for playing out".

Wine & Supper Safari

Sat 2nd July

Aidan Piper is organising this event to raise funds towards the village hall youth facilities. The event itself, though, is strictly for the grown ups.

5 different houses, 5 countries with the choice of two wines and the food of that country at each stop. We will start in Mexico with Aidan and Kerry as hosts and finish with France in Pat and Pat's. In between will it be Italy and pasta with Barolo or Germany and those funny sausages with some Riesling? Our other hosts are yet to choose but the desert wine and pudding really will please you.

You will be expertly tutored during your world tour and learn why white wines are white and red are red. What is a floral bouquet, with nettles, peachy overtones and soft acidity? What are tannins and where do they come from and why does red wine give me a headache? Are crystals in wine harmful or mean it is off? **Limited to 30 tickets only and at £15.00 a pop a real bargain.**

Tickets and information from Aidan Piper on 790419.



Fun Day & Barn Dance

The Fun Day was a joint effort this year by the Social Committee and Fund Raising Group who would like to thank all of you who made it such an enjoyable and successful day. The sun, warmth and force 9 gale all spurred you on to really enjoy yourselves and to raise over £2,250 for your village. (Exact figure next time)

There are so many things to remember and to say thank you for:

- You fantastic helpers on stalls, games and inflatables and those of you who fetched and carried or erected and dismantled tents and gazebos and in between times hung on to hold them down.
- The mega band - we'd like to have you here again soon.
- Support from KBC, via Gill Correa and Steve, who provided advice, practical help, the bouncy castle, jungle run, ball pond, entertainer, marquee and loos FREE of CHARGE.
- A brilliant bike display including police motorcyclist.
- Fun races, games and activities.
- Crafts and cakes, teas and coffees for days and days, and customers at the bar.
- Our outside stall holders, ice cream van and Mawsley Outside Catering and a big thank you to Meadow Garden Centre from Cransley who, as well as paying for their pitch, organised a raffle for us and donated some of their takings.
- Jenny who has obtained £400 'matched funding' from her employer Lloyds TSB.
- Barn dancing "like what I have never seen before".
- The victorious and 'exceptional' tug of war team.
- Marshall Day who donated the printing of the programmes.
- And last, but not least, the young lad who spent nearly 4 hours on the bouncy castle and jungle run!!



The country will be celebrating VE Day during the weekend of 9th / 10th July and so will we!! Come and enjoy the fun at

Mawsley's VE Celebration Night

to be held at
Mawsley Village School
Saturday 9th July, 2005
7.30pm to 11.30pm

with live music from **Tad Newton's jazz band** and not forgetting a BBQ. Dress up in your own interpretation of 1945 gear – prizes for the best creations/costumes. Let your hair down and show off your dancing skills, celebrate the end of rationing and go wild!!!!

£25 adults, £15 children, to include the BBQ food
 (of which there will be plenty) **Bring your own drinks**

This is being laid on by the Fund Raising Group with the objective of raising £2000 for the village - as well as having lots of fun.



**For more information, or to book tickets,
 please ring
 Theresa Meredith on 791539**

Open Gardens

In most villages 'Open Gardens' is a sedate grown-up affair with visitors gently strolling round half a dozen or so large rambling gardens, and sipping tea in the village hall.



Not in Mawsley! More than 100 visitors rushed round 16 gardens (to see them all in the time) some of them pausing only long enough to get quite tiddled on Pimms, wine and beer.

Memorable moments?

- ✂ The resident who toured with pen and large note pad because she was determined to take an idea from every garden
- ✂ The garden owner who didn't sleep the night before because she was so excited
- ✂ The visitors who told us they thought the village gardens were definitely good enough to be included in the National Garden Scheme (Yellow Book)
- ✂ The garden owners who didn't charge visitors for the wine they served because they were 'wetting the grandchild's head'.
- ✂ The preview evening the week before for all the owners to visit the other gardens with just 5 minutes a garden and five minutes between in order to get round before dark
- ✂ The fact that we raised £365 to contribute to the Fun Day total.

Thank you to all you gardeners who were brave enough to open your garden and please join in again next year.

'The Flower Identity Parade'

The winners of the competition run by Chrissie of Cedar House Flowers were Eve and Nad of Hawthorne Avenue.

It was a close call with Carolyn Swinter, Pat Rowley, Julie Dark, Paula Henson and Brenda Quinn all identifying correctly the ten flowers but Eve and Nad were the pick of the bunch by correctly answering the tie-breaker question. The answer to 'Which is the UK's best-selling flower?' isthe carnation.

Thank you to all those who entered and contributed money to the Mawsley Community Fund.

Chrissie

CELEBRATION OF THE FAMILY

The next Saturday afternoon celebration to be organised by Christians in Mawsley, will be on the usual second Saturday, 11 June at 3.15pm in the school. Lloyd and Beth Bromham, who only moved into the village in the past few months, are planning and leading this. And having become parents for the first time just a month ago will certainly have an intimate feel for the theme. Steve Flynn will be providing the right sort of music to celebrate by.

As usual, there will be activities for the younger children and a 'cuppa' for the grown-ups. Hope to see you there. Further details available from Gerald or Mildred on 791496.



OPEN-AIR SONGS OF PRAISE

Instead of a Saturday service in August, Christians in Mawsley are planning an open-air village event by the Duck Pond.

On SUNDAY afternoon 14 August, they are planning an open-air version of Songs of Praise and are compiling a list of villagers' favourite well-known hymns and sacred songs that can be included in the programme. Why not let Gerald or Mildred know yours by either ringing them on 791496 or e-mailing on geraldpeacock@onetel.com. It would be a bonus too, if you could say why it was a favourite. They are hoping to have a brass accompaniment and be able to provide refreshments.

It will be a 4pm start.

Northamptonshire is currently suffering from a high number of Distraction Burglaries. In an effort to combat these incidents of Bogus Callers, who target vulnerable people, the Northants N'hood Watch Association has launched a scheme called 'Nominate a Neighbour'. This scheme has been mentioned in previous newsletters but it has been brought to my attention again by the Police.



Under the scheme, vulnerable residents get the help of a neighbour or relative to check the authenticity of unexpected callers. The resident shows a 'Nominated Neighbour' card to any unexpected and unrecognised caller through a window or a partially opened door, secured with a door chain or bar. The card directs the caller to contact the 'Nominated Neighbour', who can verify the caller's details and check their validity. When the neighbour is satisfied with the caller's identity, they can accompany the caller onto the vulnerable persons premises or telephone them to provide further guidance.

Should anyone be interested to act as a Nominated Neighbour and to take part in the above scheme please contact me and I will provide you with the

Heard it on the Grapevine Edition 5

Hello again! Today I've decided to concentrate on restaurants which have been recommended to moi!! When I say 'restaurants', I actually mean all sorts of eateries and favourite places which I haven't mentioned before BUT you, my fellow Mawsleyites, say you like. OK?

- First up is **The Old Post House in Brixworth** ... funnily enough this was where we held our wedding reception donkey's years ago! I was amazed to hear it's still going but apparently it is ... and John and Karen recommend it. Must take a trip down Memory Lane and visit it!
- Debbie says that **The Pump House Café in Nene Court** by Best Buys is excellent for coffee, breakfast, light meals and snacks ... so if you're off buying camping or garden furniture, you can get refreshments to build you up before you pay the bill. Tee hee! Apparently the coffee refills are free so you can save money on that at least!
- I had an email about a place called **The Parmesan in Uppingham**. It's a specialist restaurant in that charming little town and is well worth a visit according to my source. He recommends the Fresh Herb and Parmesan Frittata, at the lower end of the menu or The Char Grilled Spring Lamb with Parmesan and Mint Hollandaise, at the top end. They even do Parmesan and Crème Fraîche Ice Cream! Yummy ... I think, anyway. Apparently it's not cheap but affordable for a bit of a special occasion. I have to say, I've fallen in love with Uppingham and plan to visit it more often.
- On the Eastern Front ... fellow Mawsleyites are telling me about **The Tong Thai Restaurant** in the small plaza over the roundabout on the way to Kettering ... behind The Trading Post. If you want an Indian meal delivered to your door ... try **Brixworth Tandoori Express Delivery** (01604 883787). Good Food and very polite delivery men!! I'm also hearing mixed reports about **Taste of India in Rothwell** ... let me know what you think, please.
- Finally - before I finish for this edition ... a personal plea ... Has anyone found a really good Kebab Shop in Kettering yet? Please let me know if you have ... I'm in withdrawal!!

Remember ... these are your finds and this is your 'Grapevine'. I have been bowled over by the emails and visits I have received to give me 'the goss' and once again, thank you to all. Don't forget ... if you have found a restaurant, walk, garden centre, shop ... whatever ... and you think it's worth telling other villagers ... tell me and I'll pass it on. Thank you.

Email or telephone Andrea Lucas

andrea.lucas@virgin.net

01536 799066

appropriate information.

Can I ask all parents to make their children aware of the dangers of playing on building sites and the serious injuries that could arise. There have been incidents recently, mainly at weekends, of damage to property on The Copse and The Leas sites.

Keith Powell. NW Co-ordinator 790439

Gardening Club

The next meeting will take the form of a group visit to Flore for their Open Gardens, under the National Garden Scheme, on Sunday 19th June.

We will meet up in the White Hart car park there at 1.30pm. Please park up the village hall end of the car park.

This will be instead of the usual end of June meeting.

For more information contact Marisa on 790748.

Reading Group

To celebrate H.E Bates' centenary we are joining other Northamptonshire Reading Groups and reading 'Fair stood the wind for France'. We are also reading 'These foolish things' by Deborah Moggach.

We continue to meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 8pm and would welcome new faces.

Contact Elaine Cawthorne (791277) for information.



Sailing at Cransley - by David Allbury

The Cransley Sailing Club on Eagle Lane at Thorpe Malsor held an open day on 1st May. There were visitors aplenty, me included, ready and eager to be taken out onto the water by the experienced club members in a variety of boats. Children were lining up to paddle around in canoes and when they came ashore there were burgers and sausages grilling on the barbecue to satisfy keen appetites. It was simply idyllic.

The club house is welcoming, comfortable and unpretentious.....just like the members I met .

It is not an expensive hobby. For £90 a year a whole family can enjoy all the facilities of the club but a student or junior member pays only £25.

The club:

- has dinghies for hire to club members .
- runs training days during the season
- has second hand boats from as little as £100

The reservoir is within a five minute drive of Mawsley village and apart from the sailing there is a very pleasant circular walk over the dam to Thorpe Malsor and if you want to talk boats there is usually a committee member on hand to answer any questions you might have.

You are assured of a ready welcome at Cransley Sailing Club and for further information do contact the club secretary Gene Lane on 07803 854342 or e-mail him at gene.lane@btinternet.com or the training officer Rick Dunsby on 01536 799151



Calling all calendar girls!

The Women's Institute is here and active in Mawsley Village.

Are you outgoing?
Maybe a little outrageous?
Want to continue learning about life?

Find out what's happening in your local area, have fun and meet new friends.

The Mawsley Village WI will meet on Tuesday 21st June at The Surgery, Nethertown Way, Mawsley. 7.30 start.

Guest speaker, Christine Farmer, will present 'Masquerade' The History of Masks.

Every-one is welcome. See you there!

Lynn Hazell – 01536 791691

Mawsley Village Cricket Team

Having talked to a number of people in the village I detect some enthusiasm to play a bit of cricket this summer for a Mawsley Village Cricket team. This may, of course, be macho bluster but some people were actually sober when volunteering their services.

As many of you will know playing cricket is a great way of filling a Sunday afternoon. An added bonus is that it is a great opportunity to get families together to share a glass or two. The idea would be to try to get some games against other villages or travelling teams and gradually build up a fixture list. With any luck we may be able to host our own games in the near future.

So if you are interested in playing please give me a call or e-mail me and if the interest is there we can go about arranging a game. Also any information regarding grounds we could hire would be welcome, as well as possible teams to play.



If you are interested you can contact me – Nick Owens on 07801018979 or ndo@maidwellhall.co.uk (if any e-mails are returned – apologies it's the school's firewall)

Mawsley Coffee Club

This group is for those in the village of a more 'senior' age. We meet for coffee approximately once a month and visit places of interest, garden centres etc. on a regular basis, usually setting off around 10.30am and returning to the village for about 2.30pm. We have enjoyed a very good night out at Wicksteed park, together with a basket meal, visited the Shires Shopping Village and the Coton Manor gardens to see the bluebells. Currently we are planning a trip to the seaside early in July and a stall of refreshments for Fun Day, together with a Christmas Party Lunch at Wicksteed park.

Join us at any time. Next Coffee Morning will be held at 17 Hawthorn Avenue on 15th June - you would be made very welcome.

For more information phone Pat Ellis on 790991

News from the Surgery

New Site Update- I am really pleased to report that after a long and arduous task, we have finally completed on the legal side. The inaugural meeting for the project will take place on the 15th June. I hope to be able to report more on the timescale of the build once this meeting has taken place. It was a requirement by the dentist to have two floors instead of one; we have now applied for an amendment to include a second floor. The latest version of the plans is in the surgery, please pop in and have a look.

New to the site is a NHS Dentist

The team consists of the following staff:

Alison Brophy – Dentist
Katie Piggott – Dental Nurse
Chloe King- Dental Receptionist

The temporary building for the dentistry is now ready and will have capacity for 3200 NHS patients. Registration will run over the next few weeks/months where patients are able to complete a registration form in order for the admin staff to computerise the patient's record as soon as they join the practice. Alison will officially start to see patients from Friday 3rd June, 2005 and will have capacity to do emergencies as well as new patient checks.

The service is open Monday to Friday from 8.30am until 5.00pm; private patients are able to be seen on Saturday mornings by appointment.

Please telephone the dentist on 01536 799210 for further information.

VACANCY WITHIN THE DOCTOR'S SURGERY

Do you have a few hours to spare; we are looking for a housekeeper for the Doctor's surgery. – Monday to Friday maximum 12 hours per week. Interested? Please telephone me for more details.

Village Notice Board

Please don't forget to make use of the notice board in the surgery for any activities taking place within the village.

Angene Kane - Practice Manager - 791300

LITTLE people Children's Clothes Sale

Saturday 2nd July, 10am - 12pm
Mawsley Medical Centre

Brand new clothes and shoes at bargain prices for children from birth to twelve. Clothes from Gap, Next, Disney, Adams and other High Street Stores. **10% of sales will go to the MVA.** Payment by cash or cheque and clothes will be available to take home on the day.

Information from Shenaz Bagshaw 791837

Charity Casino Night Friday 22nd July

Coach House Restaurant,
Burton Latimer



£20 per person to include:

- return coach travel from Mawsley
- 2 course meal with choice of 4 starters and 4 main courses

All gaming profits will go to Mawsley village hall funds

Coaches will depart: Warren End 19.00
Duck Pond 19.15
Leave Burton Latimer 23.30

Contact Sue Macdonald, 7 Loddington Way, 790209 For tickets and information

MAWSLEY'S HARVEST BALL 1ST OCTOBER

Tickets went on sale on Fun Day with a good early response. We sold 6 tickets on the day and a further 32 to be delivered this week. If you don't want to miss having a ball call me on 790085 to get your ticket.

Tickets cost £50 per person which includes:

- Coaches to and from Highgate House
- Drinks on arrival
- 3 course meal
- Wine with meal
- Live Band
- Entertaining evening with other villagers



Don't miss out - call Karen on 790085

Letters to the Editor

Two received on the same subject this time, both reporting that residents with dogs have been seen exercising them in the crops which surround the village. They suggest a reminder that the farmland is private, that the landowner has already generously loaned us land for our toddlers playground and that ruining his crop is not a neighbourly way to behave. Please observe the Country Code and stick to the marked footpaths.

**Copy for the next newsletter by
8th July please**

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