



Mawsley Villagers Association Newsletter

June 2007

Working together achieves results

It's the 21st April. I didn't have much sleep last night thinking, 'have I agreed to lay 48 square metres of slabs with little or no help? Is there any village spirit left? I'm not sure'. Morning broke, feeling unsure, butterflies in the stomach. Never mind—down to The Centre with the wife, and lo and behold 15 to 20 villagers were there waiting to get to it.



Top right picture: Simon Redgrave (far right) discusses strategy with Ian Ramsay (next right) as the work begins.

Right: Bob the Builder

Below: That's a BIG patio! Much appreciated at the Grand Opening.



I think we, the community, have broken an all time record of laying a 48 square metre patio in 4½ hours!

Special thanks to all villagers who attended, Phoenix Paving and Ian Ramsay for helping to co-ordinate the project.

YES I have got back the faith in the village. Keep it going!

Simon Redgrave
Patio Build Organiser



Pictures by:

*Jason Wallace
and
Penny Feasey*

Mawsley Parish Council

Mini motorbikes advice



A number of complaints have been received about the illegal use of Mini Motorbikes in Mawsley Village and the Parish Council have taken advice from the Northamptonshire Police who have provided the following guidance.

Since the rise in popularity of these machines among the younger generations there has been a steady increase in the number of complaints from members of the public about nuisance.

Parents who are considering letting their children ride a mini motorbike or similar motorised scooter are being urged to think twice before going out to purchase such machines.

It is acknowledged these machines are in the main being bought as "toys" by well-meaning parents, despite strict manufacturing guidelines, which state they should be used under close supervision and sold for off-road use only.

Parents appear to be overlooking the risks and dangers of using these machines, and are not aware of the hidden potential dangers of allowing their children to ride these vehicles in public places.

Mini motorbikes or motorised scooters are fitted with internal combustion engines and are not classed as toys and are considered as mechanically propelled vehicles. Mini motorbikes are not designed to be used on roads or footpaths, however if these machines are ridden anywhere to which the public have access then the rider must comply with all relevant legal requirements otherwise they must only be used on approved tracks or on private land with the express permission of the land owner.

We can confirm by this notice that no express permission has been given by the land owner to anyone to ride these machines on any open space or designated land to be used by the public within the confines of Mawsley Village.

Therefore, anyone who has information about the inappropriate use of these machines should immediately report it to the Police on 01536 400400 or 01604 700700 (quoting motorcycle nuisance). Police Community Support Officers for Mawsley have all been informed about this problem and will be on the lookout for any illegal use of these machines.

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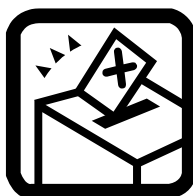
Cllr Jim Hakewill and Cllr Victoria Perry would like to thank Mawsley voters for their support in the May local elections. We are keen to take feedback on issues and concerns in Mawsley as well as any ideas or plans that Kettering Borough Council may be able to support. Please contact us either by telephone or email.

Cllr Jim Hakewill

01858 467686 / jimhakewill@kettering.gov.uk

Cllr Victoria Perry

01536 790711 / victoriaperry@kettering.gov.uk



From the Editor: Searching for a piece of clipart to illustrate the various articles above related to 'elections', this one appeared. On investigating further I found that it is catalogued under 'elections' 'parties' 'democratic parties' and 'government'. We don't do politics in the Mawsley Newsletter but if anyone would like to comment.....

Mawsley Parish Council needs YOU !

After the recent elections there are now vacancies for three parish councillors.

The parish council is an effective way to get involved in community life. It deals with local people and local matters.

If you have a couple of hours to spare each week and would like to become more involved in the community by being a parish councillor please call Bob Littler (791447) for more information **by the 9th June**.

It is planned to co-opt new members at the Parish Council meeting on 12th June.

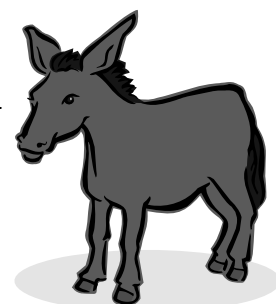
Membership of MVA Ltd.

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.).

This is because MVA Ltd. has a completely different legal structure to the old MVA and we cannot simply transfer your membership without your permission.

Any adult resident of Mawsley can become a Member of MVA Ltd.. A Member is broadly equivalent to a shareholder in a company except that a Member is expected to be (but not required to be) directly involved in MVA Ltd. activities. Members are expected to give support and guidance to the Directors in managing the Company. Only members can vote at General Meetings.

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.



**The Centre at
Mawsley
was opened on
5th May 2007
by Richard Barnwell
whose family farmed
this land**

From The Centre

I'd like to say a big 'thank you' to all of you who supported us for our Grand Opening. We had a very successful day and I hope you had a very pleasurable one. Even the sun came out by the afternoon to join us. Samuel Smiths did us proud by sending down the shire horses from Tadcaster, and weren't they beautiful!

We have a Wellie Wanging in which Mr Chris Smith became

Mawsley's 1st great winner. There was also a tug of war, inflatables and go-karts not to mention the unbeatable talent of our village face painter Mr Keith Wrigley.

It's also a big 'thank you' to all the volunteers who made this day/night happen. And thanks also to all those who took part in the huge patio build. It's true—Men of Mawsley will work hard for a pint.

This month we have LADIES NIGHT again on Thursday 7th. For those of you who joined us last time you will know that this was very successful with Anneline doing nails, Sam's Avon and plenty of 'bogof' offers on the house wine.

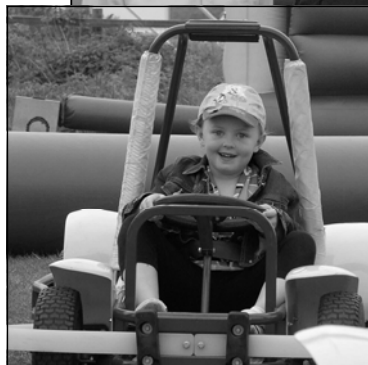
We also have, on Sunday 3rd, 5pm till late KARAOKE MAYHEM (kids/teens until 8pm!) Come and try out our brand new machine, new microphones and loads more tunes.

Saturday 2nd June 9am—1pm* FARMERS MARKET, fresh produce, fruits, vegetables, plants, olives, breads, preserves, meats and much more. (It's important to get a good turnout or they won't be back!) * finish time is dependent on trade.

Sunday 3rd June 10am—4pm CASBAH—indoor local traders with unique products including glassware, jewellery, clothing, pottery, plants and much more. Entrance is free.

And, of course, the bar will be open for all these events.

Penny Feasey
Centre Manager



Pictures

Top left: The plaque in the lounge

Top right: Bob Littler, Penny Feasey and Richard Barnwell just before the unveiling

Next row: What opening? This is fun!

Bottom right: The Main Hall set up in all its glory for the Grand Opening Dinner

You will be pleased to know that

Debbie, Jane and I completed the

Race for Life at Stamford. We

would like to thank all of you

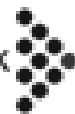
who sponsored us and helped us raise £1,000 for Cancer Research. Special thanks to Wimpey who sponsored us for £200.

Penny Feasey

From left: Debbie, Penny & Jane after the Race for Life with their greatest fans.



CANCER RESEARCH UK



Number of people: 50
Sacks of rubbish collected: 27
Largest item: polystyrene blocks
Most interesting item: thong

*Thank you to all villagers
who turned out for our first
Mawsley Spring Clean!*

Mawsley Cubs Coffee Morning



Saturday 9th June
10am-12pm
15, Loddington Way



Donations of cakes & biscuits appreciated.
Call 790140 for more information.

MVA Children's Group

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

We have had a great April and May. The children have made lots of great crafts including Skateboards for our wheels topic, Fish for our underwater topic and lots more. The children also dressed up in their Fancy Dress outfits and had a great time.

For the official opening of The Centre which took place on the 5th May we made a collage of The Centre and we used photos of the children and their handprints to decorate the picture. It can be viewed in the Family room at the Centre. It is a work in progress and eventually we would like to have it framed as a memento of the Parent and Toddler Group.

The children have so much fun at the group that it is disappointing to report that numbers attending have started to dwindle. This was not such a problem at Cransley Village Hall as rent for a session (3 hours) was £12.00. It is now £30.00 for the Centre.

We know the facilities in other village halls pale in comparison with ours but we are finding it extremely difficult to meet costs. We would like to make a little money each week which could then be used for sponsoring events at the Summer Fun day or subsidising the Children's Christmas Party. However at this rate we may struggle to actually run the group.

If you have any idea why numbers have reduced please let us know. Is it the day? time? format? This is a group for you and any suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

The MVA Under 5's Parent and Toddler group runs EVERY THURSDAY. It runs 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 babies' group at the Centre. If you are interested please contact Rebecca on 799311

Rebecca Simmons
Children's Group Secretary and Treasurer



Forthcoming Events at The Centre

Saturday 2 nd June:	FARMERS MARKET (9am - 1 pm)
Sunday 3 rd June:	KARAOKE MAYHEM (kids/teens 5 - 8pm; adults 8pm - late)
Sunday 3 rd June:	CASBAH CRAFT MARKET (10 - 4)
Thursday 7 th June:	LADIES NIGHT (including jewellery by Lounge Boutique)
Saturday 9 th & Sunday 10 th June	CREAM TEAS & PLANT SALES (Open Gardens & Scarecrows weekend)
Thursday 28 th June:	QUIZ NIGHT (8pm)
Saturday 30 th June	YOUTH DISCO (Juniors 6—7, Seniors 7.30—11)
Sunday 1 st July:	KARAOKE MAYHEM (kids/teens 5 - 8pm; adults 8pm - late)
Thursday 5 th July:	LADIES NIGHT
Saturday 7 th July:	FARMERS MARKET (9am - 1 pm) <i>To be confirmed</i>
Saturday 14 th July	FUN DAY 1—4pm
Thursday 26 th July:	QUIZ NIGHT (8pm)

Letter to the Editor



Many of you will have seen that outside TCAM there are 2 parking spaces with a big yellow wheelchair painted in them. It is not a legal requirement to provide parking spaces for people with impaired mobility, rather it is seen as a gesture of inclusiveness and that this is a place where everybody is welcomed and effort has been made to make it accessible to all. This is great except that more often than not cars not displaying a Blue Badge occupy those spaces.

If spaces for disabled drivers are provided then the staff and Directors of TCAM are responsible for ensuring their correct use, otherwise there is no point providing them. When I take my car to the Centre it is because my mobility on that particular day is not good, otherwise I would walk or ride my bike. On more than one occasion I have not been able to park in the spaces provided. I have mentioned it but the problem persists. Therefore I am writing on behalf of all Blue badge holders to request that these spaces are used as designed.

Lynne Craven

HANDYMAN REQUIRED

We are looking for a Mawsley local who has some free time during the day and has handy skills including simple electrical, plumbing, painting, carpentry or general handyman skills.

The Community Centre staff often identify small jobs that need the attention of such a person; these jobs would suit a local handyman with the right skills and a few hours to spare during the day.

The ad hoc nature of the work makes this ideal for a retired person. If you are interested please contact Chris Winter on: 790375 or 07742 080467 or chriswinter@btinternet.com

We need your help.



Can you help with Fun Day on Saturday 14th July? Even if it is just for one hour.

We need:

- Marshals to help on the day– can you spare 1 hour?
- People to help with setting up the event in the morning – putting out chairs and tables etc
- Clearing away after the event
- Litter picking during and after the event
- Organising the Tug-O-War – we have the rope!!! We just need someone to organise it on the day.
- Music – can you play an instrument? Are you in a band and fancy playing to the lovely people of Mawsley?
- Running a stall – you can think of your own idea or we can provide you with a stall to run on the day.
- Local businesses who would like to hire a stall to promote their own business.

Please, please help if you can. We can only make this a fantastic event with your help.

Contact Cheryl Buckle on 799107 or buckle@tesco.net if you can help in any way.

The following items are required for MVA family Fun Day on Saturday 14th July



Wrap Jars

Simply fill a clean empty jar with a small prize (chocolates, sweets, money, toys, cotton wool, tissues, hair bobbles, make up etc) and then wrap the jar with wrapping paper.

Soft Toys

We need donations of soft toys – new or in excellent condition, any shape or size – for a toy tombola.

Raffle Prizes

Can you provide us with a raffle prize? Can you ask your boss for a donation or club together with neighbours to buy a prize? Have you got any unwanted presents lurking in the cupboard?



Bottles

Bottles – any variety, alcoholic or not! – are needed for a bottle tombola.

Cakes

We will be having another famous Mawsley cake sale on Fun Day and would love all those talented cake makers to get busy and overwhelm us with donations. Donations can be dropped at The Centre from 9am onwards on Saturday 14th July.



All donations for stalls can be dropped to 7 Cransley Rise, 9 Badgers Lane or The Centre.

Mawsley's 1st Family Olympics—Saturday 14th July 2007

Unfortunately we have not had any volunteers come forward to help with the Olympics so the event will be postponed.

MAWSLEY OPEN GARDENS & SCARECROWS

9th & 10th June 2–6pm

As I write this, over the Bank Holiday weekend, our gardens are getting the most tremendous soaking, flowers are being blown over and many of our trees are distinctly wobbly. But nature has a way of getting back to normal and we are expecting village gardens to be looking their best for Open Gardens weekend on 9th and 10th June.

This is an event for the whole village to enjoy. Gardens like yours will be open - from the tiniest to the largest in the village — to give you ideas for your own. And it's all on your doorstep.

How to take part in the weekend:

- ☼ Walk round and look at the gardens. 14 signed up so far.
- ☼ Get your programme and map (£2.50 per adult) at any open garden or at the information kiosk near the pond
- ☼ Consider opening your garden. To be included in the programme ring Pat on 791881 straightaway.
- ☼ Build a Scarecrow for your front garden. There will be prizes. The theme is Nursery Rhymes and Fairy Tales—but if that's too complicated just do your own thing. Let Pat know (791881) where your scarecrow will be.
- ☼ Have a cream tea at The Centre. The WI will be serving teas and cakes.
- ☼ Buy a hanging basket or other plant at The Centre.



New Co-ordinator for Mawsley Neighbourhood Watch

Thanks to Keith Powell who has been running Neighbourhood Watch in the village for the last few years. He has now moved out of Mawsley—way up north - and Brenda Quinn has taken over the role of village co-ordinator.

Your local (street) representative will not have changed—but if you need to contact the village co-ordinator, her tel: no. is 799116

April Quiz Night

Another fantastic night of fun with our Quiz Master Steve.

There was a three way tie for first prize and the winners were decided with the tie-break question. Congratulations to Rita, Sue and Bob too who won the £20 bar voucher.



Quiz nights are always on the last Thursday of every month, 8pm at The Centre.
Be sure to get there early to get a table!

From the Editor

I don't want to be pedantic—or do I?

In her article on page 3 Penny Feasey writes about Mawsley's first Wellie Wanging champion. Well—she's too young and didn't live here early enough to know that we held a Wellie Wanging contest here in 2002, June to be precise, celebrating our Queen's Jubilee. Can't remember who the champion was but we held it on the only open green space available at the time which was the green adjoining the pond—that's right, in the middle of the roundabout—but there wasn't much traffic then!

Races, dancing, BBQs & picnics etc took place on the land opposite which is now in private ownership.

My recollection of the event was that all contestants (mainly blokes) took it very seriously and to begin with

were all throwing the wellie backwards—most embarrassing!

Chris Smith was definitely there at the time and may very well have used that event as practice for the 2007 championship. There were only about 80 houses occupied then and most people could nip back to their own homes for toilet facilities but I think it is worth recording here our thanks to those who lived in 4,6,8,10, and 12 Loddington Way who used to open their doors (and toilets) to all and sundry at every village event that we held at the pond between 2001 and 2003. Those were the days when absolutely everybody turned up to absolutely everything because that was all that was going on.



Mawsley Harvest Ball

Highgate House

6th October 2007

£55

The Evening

Evening Includes

- Arrival Photograph
- Reception Drinks
- 4 Course Meal
- Two sessions of a new game
- Music Entertainment
- Transport from Mawsley and back leaving at 6.15pm returning 1am

Event

This will be our 5th Harvest Ball and is a evening not to be missed, make this year your first time. We usually leave the village with the weather against us, from two points nominated within the village. On arrival at Highgate you may have your photo taken, then its on for reception drinks and meeting up with your fellow villagers. You will then be gonged into dinner, with background music and between course games. After our meal the music gets louder and we can dance and party on all evening.

Tickets

There are going to be 100 available tickets for this event and the countdown has already started with pres-sold tickets at 22 leaving only 78. Last year was a sell out with numbers left on a cancellation list. If you don't want to miss out -

Contact Karen on 01536 790085
Also available at the Fun Day

Sat, 09th June at 7:30pm

Roughshod Riding Lights Theatre Company bring live professional theatre to Mawsley School Hall with *Flight Cases - stories with something to declare*. Ditch your excess baggage, hitch up your flight socks and take off on a journey of breath-taking views, exhilarating experiences and horizons wider than you imagined.

The show is suitable for ages 11 and upwards. Admission £6, concessions £4. Advance tickets contact the Box office on 01536 799 490.

Youth News

Saturday 30th June

We will have a disco in the Centre
juniors from 6 pm—7 pm
seniors from 7.30pm—11pm

We also hope to have a young village band playing a 20 minute slot for us.



Info & tickets
from Aidan Piper 790419



CONGRATULATIONS to all the adult tappers who took their first Exam with 'The Dance Factory' last month. They all worked extremely hard and every single one of them got A grades! Well deserved!

They, and all my other students, are now working towards the Dance Factory show in early July.....can't wait!

If you are interested in Joining the Dance Factory there will be a new intake of students in September. Please call Miss Katy on 0777 2524 797 or email thedancefactory@hotmail.co.uk

4 Spires+ Men

Following on from the first discussion group meeting on Thursday April 26th it was decided to have monthly meetings on the third Friday of each month at 12.30 in the Red Lion, Broughton.

Next meetings on June 15th and July 20th.

All welcome, why not come along and join us for a friendly chat or if you would like more information phone David Wilson on 799490.

The KBC Summer Play schemes

will be held at The Centre at Mawsley.

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

Activities include:

Supa Bounce

Magic with Dallas

Chris Cullen Fun Show

Panto with Alterego Theatre Company

Balloon Modelling

Face painting

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

Acoustic Music Club

Great night on the 20th April and thanks to
Chris from **Cransley Folk Club**, **Mark and
the Poisoned Pigeons** from Broughton, and
of course **Nigel on the magic ivories**...

We had music from Oasis Guns n Roses, Bob
Dylan, Tom Leyrer, Simon and Garfunkle and
lots of original music from our local
stars....including a rendition of our village song
Ode to Mawsley....

Jamie



**For further
information on the
club call Jamie
Lumsden on**

07710423412 or go to

**www.mawsleyvillageforum.co.uk to check out
what's on**

*Jamie has written the following song about our
pond. Get him to sing it for you next time he's
in the bar.*

'ROUND OUR POND Jamie Lumsden Capo 3rd fret

G6

Down the lane, coming in to our village, there's a pond

Bm

And it looks pretty dry, good to hear we'll try

Cmaj7

There's a frog near the pondhe's looking for a friend

Em7

And he's very glad to hear that we'll try to put an end

Em

G

To the emptiness in his life

G6

If you look, you can see..... there's still some wild life here

Bm

There's a cute looking newt, and he's waiting for a foot

Cmaj7

Or two of Water, in our pond, near the lane coming in,

Em7

But he needs some water soon or he'll have to move along

Em

G

Till he finds another pond

G6

And it looks pretty dry, good to hear we'll try

Bm

To make it work for the frog and the newt and the bird

Cmaj7

On the fence, by the pond at the entrance to our village

Em7

But it sure looks thirsty,..... find a way to fill it

Em

G

Em

G

'Cos if you look, you can see some wild life there

SUMMER EXTRAVAGANZA

At Mawsley Community Primary School



FRIDAY 29 JUNE 2007

3.30 pm – 5.00 pm

**Tombola, Raffle, Cake Stall, Ice Cream
stall, Refreshments, Games and Activities
and lots more**



Event organised by the Friends of Mawsley School

GARDENING CLUB

Hi Gardeners.

Many thanks to those who attended our meeting on 30th April at The Centre. About 20 people came. I'm delighted with this amount of interest. Let's keep it going.



Various ideas were discussed, including village planting around the hedgerows which would not interfere with the landscape contractors.

We then visited a couple of village gardens because the warm weather had brought everything on earlier than usual—thanks to Pat and Marisa for this— and then back to our garden for some refreshments and a splendid end to the evening.

A similar number attended in May for our plant and seed swap and to discuss arrangements for the Open Gardens and Scarecrow weekend.

A few people have asked us to move the meeting time to a bit later. So from now on we will meet at 7.15pm on the 4th Monday of every month at The Centre, in the committee room.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on 25th June.

Happy Gardening. Any thoughts or issues please contact us.

Steve & Pam Draycott 01536 791681
slduk@f2s.com

A COMPETITION FOR THE UNDER 12'S !

The Gardening Club wants to give a prize during the Mawsley Fun Day for the best 'Garden on a Tray'.

This can be made from any bits and bobs and plant stuff, little stones, moss, etc. It just needs to all fit on a regular size tea tray.

Trays will need to be handed in at the centre during the morning to be put on display. They will be judged and the winner announced during the afternoon.

Good Luck!



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 Club continues to grow. There are now 26 members, male and female, and four new members so far this year.

Our summer programme is well underway. All outings are optional so some of us enjoyed a disco with supper at Wicksteed, a shopping trip with lunch at Market Harborough, a super Sunday lunch with over 20 members at the pub—hope we didn't disturb the other diners with the loud laughter! This month we have a day out visiting the tree top walk at Salcey Forest then going on to Olney for lunch and a look at the lovely shops. Next coffee morning coming up in early June, all welcome.

Coming up we will be fruit picking at Dovecote Farm and sharing a cream tea—this is turning into an annual event, and a trip to Derngate Theatre in Northampton. We will finish the summer off with a further Sunday lunch—MOST of our outings involve food!!

Further information from Pat Ellis. 790991

The Management Committee of the **Allotment Association** is still lobbying for allotments in Mawsley. We will continue to do all we can to remind those who have the responsibility to establish this facility that it is now three years since they were originally approached for help.

In the meantime, please keep those prize exhibits in top shape over the summer. Details of the **September show** will be circulated nearer the time.

Membership cards should also arrive through your letterbox soon. Anyone interested in allotments or for further information on the September show etc. please phone Tony (791162).



From Philip Hollobone MP



I always do my best to ensure that the concerns that affect all of us who live in the Kettering constituency get as much Parliamentary airtime as possible. If a resident raises a concern with me, I need to ensure that their concern is passed on to those who ultimately take the decisions in the Government, so that they are made aware of the strength of local feeling. Ensuring that local concerns are raised with Government Ministers at Westminster is the essential part of being an effective MP.

In this regard, I was delighted recently to win from the Speaker the right to a special Parliamentary Debate on 'The Future of Kettering General Hospital', which was held on Wednesday 16 May. I have triggered this Parliamentary procedure before so this was the eighth time I have managed to secure dedicated Parliamentary airtime for local concerns.

During the Debate, which the Health Minister Andy Burnham MP was obliged to attend and respond to, I made the strength of feeling local people have about the future of the hospital fully known to Government. What I said was:

"We are extremely proud of our local hospital. I wish to place on record my thanks and those of all my constituents to all the staff at Kettering General Hospital (KGH) for their wonderful work for local people."

KGH faces real challenges in the next 10 or 20 years, primarily because of the rapid growth that will take place in the local population up to 2031. In north Northamptonshire an extra 52,000 houses are to be built by 2021. The local population will increase by at least a third which is one of the fastest rates of population growth anywhere in the country. You do not need to be a rocket scientist to work out that if the local population is to increase by at least a third, the medical needs of the population will also increase by at least a third.

Unfortunately, against the background of rapid and significant population growth there are significant capacity shortfalls at KGH and the staff are working flat out to meet the health needs of the local population, not least in the A&E department. The situation has been made worse by the forced merger of the local primary care trusts last year. That was bad news for KGH because the now combined Northamptonshire PCT has a deficit of £44M, which is to be shared out across the whole of the county. In other words, health services for constituents in Kettering, Wellingborough and Corby are being cut back because of financial overspends elsewhere in Northants, and the effect of that has been that KGH has had to cut back on some of its procedures. It had to delay the opening of its wonderful new treatment centre in October last year until this April, wards have been closed, procedures have been cancelled and waits have been extended.

The cuts have not helped the serious infection control situation at KGH. Local people are rightly proud of the work that the hospital does, but it is sad indeed that in 2006 it had the worst record in the whole country for clostridium difficile infections. That rather contrasts with the Prime Minister's remarks when he visited in February 2005. He said that Kettering was a world-class hospital, but since his visit we have seen not only ward closures, further underfunding, the country's worst record for hospital-acquired infections and some of the highest mortality rates in the country but also staffing levels driven to what one member of staff who I spoke to in preparation for this debate described as crisis levels."

During the Debate I also invited the Health Minister to come and visit the hospital for himself and he has agreed to do so. With so many hospitals which he could visit around the country it is good that Kettering's has been added to his list.

Mawsley residents are able to keep a track of what I am trying to do at Westminster on behalf of local residents via:
the independent website www.theyworkforyou.com or via Hansard on www.parliament.the-stationery-office.co.uk/pa/cm/cmhansrd.htm.

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.



Mawsley church

Celebrating the foundation of Mawsley Church Sunday 10th June 11am

Your Church at the Centre

WALKING GROUP

Hi Ramblers

Many thanks to those who walked the last one—an 8 mile circular from Merry Tom Crossing taking in Brixworth, Pitsford, and Boughton—a smashing contrast of venues, villages and rolling countryside with good weather too.

We had a midweek walk in early May to Old and back with a pub stop and a right cosy stroll home in the twilight. Next time I'll bring a torch, or better still a generator.

The next two midweek walks were rained off. But we had a little chat in our car while we waited for the rain to stop and solved most of the world's ills.

Pam and I will be away for the next three weeks walking in the hills of western Spain, plucking oranges for an early breakfast. But the walks will continue with other leaders.

- **Sat 23rd June.** A Rita Special. Arthingworth area, 5—7 miles
- **Sunday 22nd July** Lyveden New Bield. 9 miles of easy paths and woodland.
- **Wednesday evening walks**
Every week throughout the summer. Meet at the lay-by at 6.30pm for a local evening stroll of 2-4 miles plus a drink.

We look forward to your company.

Steve & Pam Draycott slduk@f2s.com





Farmers Market

The Centre will be hosting a Farmers Market **this Saturday 2nd June 9am - 1pm.**

Stalls will include: bread, meat, fruit & veg, olives, preserves, home-made lemonade, chilli plants, oils and more. Organic, super quality, locally grown - you name it and you'll be able to find it.

We hope to be able to hold one every month, but we do need to show the organisers that it will be worth their while. So please come along to support it - and enjoy the occasion too!

Apologies from the editor to anyone whose article has not appeared in this issue of the Mawsley Newsletter. This is due to email problems over the Bank Holiday weekend.

The next Mawsley Newsletter will come out on 13th July.

Please have all items for inclusion with the Editor by 6th July at the latest.

Articles, announcements, pictures are all welcome.

Contact: Pat Rowley on 791881 or pat.rowley@tiscali.co.uk

Mawsley WI

There will not be a meeting at the Village Centre in June as a group of us are off to visit a vineyard.



Our next official meeting will be on Tuesday September 11th when we will be having a Dutch Auction. This promises to be a fun evening and it would be good to welcome new folk. Just come along on the evening we will be really pleased to see you.

Should there be enough demand we could meet on Tuesday July 10th at the Centre when we will put on a Craft Evening. Please would you telephone me if you would be interested.

Molly Shortt, President 790781.

Loddington Village Barn Dance

Friday 22nd June at 8pm

With buffet and pay bar.

Tickets £8 adults and £5 under 12s can be bought from the village shop. For further details contact 01536 710497

FREE CO-OP BUS

There is a free bus service from Mawsley to the Kettering Co-op Superstore every Wednesday morning. It leaves the pond at approx. 9.30am and returns at 12 noon.

Meetings

Parish Council

Tues 12th June
Tues 3rd July

7.30pm at The Centre

MVA Ltd

Wed 20th June *to be confirmed*

8pm at The Centre

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