



Mawsley Villagers Association Newsletter

March 2005

It feels cold.
It is cold.
It feels colder than it is.
It is colder than it is.



Snow flakes whip by on a Siberian wind. Graham Leah and I are trudging round the playing field site with Wimpey, Peter Harris - the landscaping officer from the Council, and a sports pitches consultant.

It's a site visit; to see how the sports pitches can be best laid out to change the playing field area from a farmer's field to sports pitches and a recreation area. Our request to have the site meeting in the Wimpey site office is not taken seriously. How can we ascertain how much levelling and grading needs to be done, other than by being out there and looking at it?

Anyway enough of the sympathy. The good news is that this means that Wimpey are definitely going ahead with the project to create proper sports pitches, at considerable expense. It will mean re-grading and seeding, plus incorporating proper drainage services, for the whole site.

If all goes to schedule we will be able to use the senior and junior football / rugby pitches by Autumn 2006 and the cricket pitch by Summer 2007. There's also space for rounders, boules. etc..

Which brings me to the subject of the Community Centre, as it will overlook the playing fields. You will see elsewhere in this newsletter an update on it. And that brings me to the meaty issue of dosh. And guess what? - you will see elsewhere in this newsletter an update re fund-raising.

So there's lots going on; lots of things that we need your views and input on. Therefore we will be having a **Village Open Meeting, on Tuesday 5th April**, at the school. At the moment the intention is to feature a full display showing the internal design of the Community Centre, including samples of internal finishes. Plus we will run through all the current village issues. It will also be your chance to raise issues and ask any question you like. Indeed if you can let the newsletter editor have beforehand any questions you want answering on the night, so much the better. Your chance to be involved, too.

2005 is going to be the year when this village really makes the transition from a collection of houses with a good community spirit to a village with a strong, inclusive and fun-loving community. Make sure you are part of it !!

Bob Littler, Chair Mawsley Parish Council and MVA

Village Contact Details

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

Mawsley Parish Council

mpc@mawsleyvillage.net
Cllr. Bob Littler (Chair)
Cllr. Chris Winter (Deputy Chair)
Clerk: Richard Meredith (791539 or richard.meredith@eds.com)

MVA Officers

mva@mawsleyvillage.net
Chair: Bob Littler (791447)
Treas. Chris Winter (790375)

Newsletter Editor

Pat Rowley (791881)
pat.rowley@tiscali.co.uk

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator Keith Powell (790439)

Employment Area and Pub

Diamond Estates, who are working on behalf of George Wimpey in marketing both the Employment Area and the Pub Site tell us that:

- Good progress is being made with the **Employment Area**. They have a company interested in developing the site and discussions with the planning authority are likely to commence in the not too distant future. The Employment Area will comprise small "shop" units for lease or freehold and there have already been enquiries from individuals and companies interested in establishing hair dressing facilities, a florists and (by joining two or three units together) a convenience store.

- The closing date for submission of offers for the purchase of the **Pub** land was the 21st February. Disappointingly only one offer was received (up to four had been expected) and the offer itself appears low, next steps are now being considered



Richard Meredith, Clerk to Parish Council

FALSE RUMOUR OF THE MONTH

Word gets round; rumours spread; misconceptions arise. Happens here; happens everywhere.

One of the current rumours here is that the MVA Committee are opposed to the pub because they feel it would detract from the Community Centre also acting as a social centre. This is also a misconception. Completely wrong.

The MVA has been pushing for and enquiring about a pub for approaching 3 years; we all want to see one because the village needs one. We see the Community Centre bar and the pub being complementary; the Community Centre will never be able to offer the range of drinks, food and entertainment that a pub will, but having a bar will make the Community Centre more sociable and make a key contribution in helping to meet costs.

So I hope that's one rumour put to bed.

Feel free to ask the MVA Committee or parish council about anything you are concerned about regarding village developments. That's got to be better than rumours such as this gathering momentum.

Bob Littler

The Editor has banned all references to dog poo from this edition.
The problem has not gone away - just sick of it!

Your MVA needs you !!

Are you a member of the MVA?



Does it matter?

Yes it does actually. You will see elsewhere in this Newsletter the scale of the work we have to do to raise funds for the village, especially for the Community Centre. Part of that work will be applications to the various grant making organisations. Those applications will have to be focused around the need for Community facilities, as there are few on our doorsteps, and we don't meet many of the other criteria for grants.

Part of the evidence we will need to provide is proof of community involvement; **if we can show that most villagers are members of the MVA it will help considerably.**

But more than that it gives you the right to influence the MVA directly. **We listen to everybody but members have a vote; non-members don't.**

Membership is free; all you need to do is contact me (791447; boblittler@btconnect.com) and I'll get an application form to you. It takes 30 seconds to complete.

Go on; do it – now.

Bob Littler

Wimpey are about to embark on the next phase of house building in Mawsley. Planning permission was recently granted for 72 new homes, 41 being built by Wimpey East Midlands and 31 by Wimpey South Midlands.



These are located between Hawthorn Lane and School Road beyond the site for the new Medical Centre.

The MVA and Parish Council are working with both the Fire and Ambulance Services on your behalf to ensure that they can find addresses in the village in an emergency. It seems that their mapping is reasonably up to date but, because the village is constantly growing, they are not yet familiar with the layout or the anomalies in house numbering.

Wimpey East Midlands have agreed to update the map that they have provided at each entrance to the village.

CommunityCentre (or Village Hall)

In less than a year's time we will be using the Community Centre / Village Hall (and hopefully have decided what to call it by then! I shall use the terms interchangeably from hereon, just to confuse you). Work has started on the site.

And work by the MVA to enable us to get a facility that meets as many of your requirements as possible, and to be in a position to run it, is gathering pace. We will get a top quality building, complete with many facilities but there is a lot to do to get from that to it being a vibrant sports and social centre for the village. We are looking at:

- detailed bar and cellar design
 - detailed bar lounge design
 - kitchen layout and equipment
 - provision for worship
 - facilities and equipment for young people
 - sound system
 - furniture and decor
- plus
- finalising the business plan. It's not just a village hall, it will have to be a viable business.

It's a mammoth task. We are fortunate that Graham Leah has agreed to be Chair of the Community Centre Steering Group, and some new people – from around the village – have just joined.

Not only that, all the above list will all have to be paid for. By us. £45,000 is a rock-bottom estimate of the costs involved.



Historians in 100 years time will be forgiven for thinking that this was the cutting of the first sod for the new Mawsley pub - because it took place on the pub site, but it was, in fact, the symbolic cutting of the first sod of the Community Centre. The digging was done by Phil Sawford MP, watched by (from the left) Bill Metcalfe, Wimpey Project Manager, Bob Littler, Chair of Mawsley Parish Council and MVA, Terry Freer, Leader of KBC and Mike Diffin, Managing Director of George Wimpey East Midlands.

Photograph courtesy of Webb Associates

Now turn to page 6 to read about fund raising. Then think about two things please:

- is there some way I can help?
- do you represent an actual, budding or potential group who will want to use it? If so please let us know ASAP of any particular requirements you may have, so we can try to take them into account.

When it's complete, and hopefully with the pub too, we really will be able to get together as a community.

Bob Littler



Anyone for Meccano? The village hall on 7th March 2005

MAWSLEY VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Since the last newsletter we have had a good response for Sector Reps, with seven new people coming forward to volunteer for the scheme. Thank you very much.

Recently we had our second successful meeting, and a variety of topics were discussed. By now most of you should have received the necessary NhW literature although there are still some leaflets still outstanding which I hope to have soon.

- **Crime Statistics:** I am sent details from the police of all crimes reported in the Kettering and rural areas. If there is anything relevant to the village then the Sector Reps are notified. There was a burglary in the village just after Christmas and a car theft from Main Street at the end of February, also some minor incidents in the village. Mawsley is still relatively quiet compared with other villages and we would like to keep it that way. Please be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to the police, your sector rep. or me.
- **Operation Abundance:** You may already be aware from recent media reports that the Northern Area Police have embarked on a wide-ranging operation geared at cleaning up communities in Kettering and Corby, blighted by those who use or deal in drugs. This is an intelligence led operation which was led by a team of officers, aiming to arrest some 40 of the areas most prolific drugs offenders. Police are looking to use all the powers available to them, to stamp out the anti-social behaviour associated with drugs. The operation was successful, and will continue over the next few months.
- **Operation Busted:** Another important operation the Northern Area is currently engaged in for the coming months is a force wide campaign to drive down dwelling burglaries. This will involve targeting offenders and raising awareness of crime prevention among the community. These coming months, are traditionally times when we see an increase in burglary dwellings and vehicle crime, and the police look to us as their key partners and decision makers in the community to make everyone aware of the campaign and to help catch offenders. In at least one in four dwelling burglaries recorded the offender has gained entry through unlocked doors or windows. Burglars have to put no effort into getting into homes-many householders offer an open opportunity.

Please do your part by taking note of the following crime prevention advice.

- Fit mortice locks to all wooden front and back doors, and locks to all windows which are easy to reach
- Keep doors and windows locked at all times day and night in unoccupied rooms and make sure windows are locked if you go out.
- Keep your house and car keys out of sight and away from doors and windows.
- Fit a burglar alarm. Make sure it's installed properly and that you use it.
- Keep your garage and shed locked with proper security locks with tools safely stored away and out of sight.
- Trim back any plants or hedges that a burglar could hide behind.
- Mark your property with your postcode and house number and keep a record of any serial numbers.
- Don't leave any empty electrical goods boxes outside.
- Do not open the door if you are not expecting a call or do not know the identity of the person.
- **Nominate A Neighbour Scheme**
Distraction burglaries take place nearly everyday somewhere across our area. All too often we hear about elderly persons being conned into allowing strangers or bogus callers into their home, and property being stolen. As part of the Police's ongoing campaign against the above they are piloting a new scheme called Nominate A Neighbour or NAN. In keeping with the above advice the NAN scheme removes the need for elderly, nervous or vulnerable persons to have to open the door or confront any unwanted callers to their property. You can enter into this scheme by contacting your Sector Rep for the details.
- **Free Fire Safety Checks and Insulation:**
Northants Fire and Rescue are offering a free check to householders; contact me for further details.

If you have any issues you would like us to raise at our meetings then please contact me or one of the Sector Reps.

Keith Powell

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

K 790439(H) 07739 131178(M)

williamsjea@aol.com

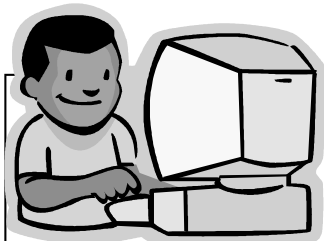
Mawsley Community Primary School

This term has certainly seen some challenging weather conditions for children and staff to cope with here in Mawsley! Despite the snow, rain and frost many interesting activities are taking place in our "growing" school.

Children in Year 5/6 spent an interesting, but very chilly day, at the **Newton Field Centre** learning more about how rivers are formed, as part of their Geography work. Our Year 3/4 class travelled to Birmingham to visit the "**Think Tank**". They had a very enjoyable day and took part in a number of activities linked to work in Literacy and Science. They also used their thinking skills to act as detectives and solve a crime. Earlier this term Year 1/2 visited **Peterborough Cathedral** to extend their RE work. They also had the opportunity to sketch animals at **Hamerton Wildlife Centre**. Their sketches were then used to produce some very creative masks in a recent Art unit of work. Our Reception class have also been out and about in the village delivering gingerbread men, that they have made, to children who will be starting school next September.

This week we are all taking part in **Book Week**. We have organised a number of events and activities to promote reading in school. These activities include a **readathon** to raise money for charity, children writing and producing their own class books, a character hunt game, parents coming into school to share their favourite books, a book fair to buy books, a book exchange, quizzes and competitions and finally dressing up as a fairy tale character. We hope to make this an annual event, as the children are really enjoying the activities on offer this week.

Elaine Wright
Headteacher



TESCO COMPUTERS FOR SCHOOLS VOUCHERS

The surgery has once again kindly agreed to display a collection box for these vouchers. Please do collect the vouchers and drop them into the surgery, or 9 Fox Coverts, or the school. Many thanks.

Calling all friends of Mawsley Community School

The Friends of Mawsley C.P.school would like to extend a welcome to all members of the community. We feel that Mawsley C.P. school is such a central part of the village that we would love to see more villagers who would like to be involved in any of our events in a voluntary capacity or to just enjoy a cup of coffee and a piece of cake.

Alongside is a diary of forthcoming activities that you may like to come along to:

Please call any of the following for more information and tickets:

Vittoria (Chairman) 761515
Claire (Vice-Chair) 790067
Kathryn (Secretary) 790188

Friends of Mawsley School Social Events

Friday 18 March - Cake Sale - in the school music room at 3.15pm (Any donations of cake would be very welcome)

Thursday 14 April - Ladies Night - 7.30 pm at the school; an evening of pampering for the ladies of the village. Beauty and lifestyle products on sale, beauty demonstrations, raffle, light refreshments. Tickets will be £3.00 (bring you own wine). (Date to be confirmed - please call on numbers aside to check)

Saturday 21 May - Family Night at the school - a quiz night for the whole family including supper. Further details to follow.

Saturday 25 June - Summer Fete

Wednesday 20 July - End of term disco in honour of the year 6 leavers

FUND-RAISING NEWS

What we needed	£45,000
Less: Advertiser	£900
Harvest Ball	£700
Bonfire Night	£1900
Race Night	£1850 <u>£5350</u>
Still to raise	<u>£39,650</u>

MAWSLEY ONE HUNDRED CLUB

What is it?

- A fundraising lottery with one hundred members.
- One number each (1 - 100) for £2 per draw.
- Monthly draw. 1st prize £40, 2nd £15, 3rd £10.
- Higher prizes in month six.
- £2 initial admin charge
- Over 16s only.
- First draw in May.

How do I join in?

- Bring £14 cheque to village meeting for 6 months membership (£2 admin. + 6 x £2)
- (Or send cheque by 11th April.)
- In unlikely event of too few participants money will be refunded.
- Full details and rules at village meeting.



Calling all Domestic Goddesses, Jamies or Delias

We are going to produce a Mawsley Village Cookbook.

We hope to launch and sell it at the Village Fun Day on May 28th.

We have a local company willing to support the cost of printing.

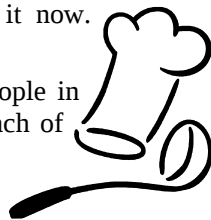
All we need now is your favourite personal recipe.

Please send a copy of your favourite recipe to one of the fundraising group – by email if possible. Or bring it to us at the Village Meeting. We need the recipes by April 23rd so please do it now. Include your name, address or contact details.

We would particularly like recipes from young people in the village. There will be three prizes - one for each of best main course, dessert and young person's recipe.

If you know of any local companies who might want to include a recipe and advertise their business or services in the book please let us know.

We are also looking for some simple illustrations - if you could do these please get in touch.



Contact any of these group members:

Tracy Baker, 33 Cransley Rise 790361
 Victoria Bell, 6 Cukow Close 799196
 vkmarshall.bell@whsmithnet.co.uk
 Bob Littler, 12 Loddington Way 791447
 boblittler@btinternet.com
 Theresa Meredith 1 Main Street 791539

The new Village Hall will be handed to us unfurnished.

It is up to us now to raise the money we need to provide chairs, tables, bar equipment etc. Lowest estimate is £45,000 (less than £100 per household) of which we have already raised over £5,000. So we are doing well but have to speed up to be ready when the building is. The Fund Raising Group has been looking at ways that the money can be raised - village events, grants and donations and individual efforts. We hope that there is something here that you will want to be part of.

What can you do?

Many of you have said you want to be actively involved in helping to fundraise but aren't sure what to do. Here are some suggestions. You could:

Host a party or coffee morning for your street – charge everyone to come, have a raffle etc

Donate a raffle prize – good quality raffle prizes needed for every event we organise this year. Would your company donate a prize?

Arrange a sponsored event – we can give you specially designed sponsorship forms which will allow us to 'gift aid' the donations and increase the money raised by 28%.

Recycle your Inkjet Cartridges – we can get a small donation for these. Collect them from work. Bring them (sealed in a plastic bag!!) to the village meeting. Later we'll set up a collection scheme.

Organise an event – car boot sale, Dutch auction, quiz night, karaoke evening anything you fancy. We can help with publicity, insurance etc.

Grants & Donations. The Fund Raising group is also investigating and applying for grants and donations. Does your company have a charitable fund? Fran Leah's does and when she asked they gave us £400. Thank you Howdens Joinery. If you don't want to approach them yourself we'll do it.

Or do you have experience applying for grants?

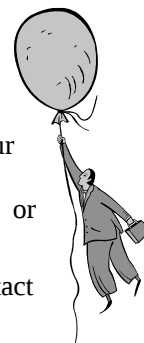
Contact Victoria Bell.

Are you full of Hot Air?

We'd like to incorporate a balloon race into one of the events this summer.

We can hire all the equipment but we need four people to run the event at either the Village Fun Day or VE Day celebrations.

If you can help please contact the fundraising group.



Our next Fundraising Group meeting is on Monday 21st March at 7.30pm at 12 Loddington Way – why not join us if you have an idea or think you can offer help or support for any of the events outlined here – ring Bob to confirm details.

Fun Day Sat 28th May 2 - 6pm

There will be races, competitions, refreshments and fun all over the village.

The more stalls we have the better. Do you have a skill, a craft, an idea for a stall or do you know any craft people or small businesses or charities who may want to have a stall? If you do please contact us.

Could you help at the Village Fun Day?

- Bake a Cake
- Help run a stall
- Make something crafty for sale- if you can knit or sew Tracy Baker has some fabulous ideas but needs more helpers please call her on 790361.
- Donate Bric a Brac or Books for the Book Stall – bring them along to the village meeting and we will store them until the day

Would you like to run an event on the day? Carousel, new game, hog roast? We welcome new ideas.

Contact: Karen & Simon K 790085

Pat K 791881

Victoria K 799196

OPEN GARDENS - SUNDAY 29TH MAY

Following on from Fun Day we will hold an Open Gardens event on the Sunday. This will be your opportunity to see what others have made of garden plots similar to yours - the same clay, same rubble and same wind. At some you will be able to buy plants as well.



And if you have worked hard on your garden, are pleased with the result and would like to share it with others please consider opening on that day. We have six gardens lined up already and hope to add many more.

Please contact Pat Rowley for more details and to have your garden added to the programme and map.

K 791881. pat.rowley@tiscali.co.uk

MAWSLEY EASTER EGG HUNT

Easter bonnets, mask and colouring competition

MONDAY 28TH MARCH 11AM
WARREN END

Come and meet the Easter Rabbit

Easter Bonnet competition for adults and children.

A chance to really dress up and win a prize - the more outrageous your hat is the better.

Colouring competition for children up to 13 years - free entry - hand your coloured picture in on the day.

Colour and make a rabbit mask - use the rabbit face in the pack. Wear it on the day for a chance of a prize.

Easter Egg Hunt - 50p per child (for MVA funds)

Join in the search for hidden eggs

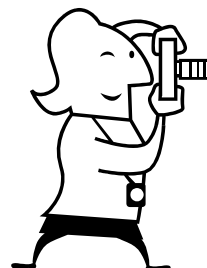


The masks and picture for colouring will be given out at the school at the end of term and via Mums and Tots. If you haven't got a pack by 20th March apply to Pat Downing, 34 Main Street. 791881.

Mawsley Village Calendar

We are still hoping to produce a male calendar for 2006 (along the lines of Calendar Girls) featuring our handsome men at their work!!

We need a photographer (girls don't all rush at once).



If you would like to be in the calendar or are interested in taking the photographs please contact Karen on 790085.

Heard it on the GrapevineEdition 3

Brrr ... I think it's true, what they say about Mawsley having it's own climate!! It definitely feels colder up here ... must be the wind chill!! Anyway I trust you are all snug and cosy and enjoying life here in the village. Signs of Spring are here already and landscapers have begun their work again ... the David Wilson End is looking better now that more trees are going in ... the clocks go back soon so we'll soon be out and about in our gardens and elsewhere.

I've been 'interviewing' a few fellow villagers and have come up with a few tips to share with you all. Please let me know what you've discovered so I can spread the word!

- Thanks for letting me know what you think of The Swan at Lamport. I haven't been, since the refurbishment, but have driven past loads of times and the car park always looks pretty full ... usually a good sign!! Steve says it's a cross between a pub and a restaurant ... cheaper than a restaurant ... very nice décor ... good food ... very good Sunday Lunch for about a tenner.
- Has anyone tried the Waitrose at Kingsthorpe yet? Debbie says that the new one in Rushden is fabulous and particularly recommends the coffee shop. It's bigger than the one in Kingsthorpe and has got a good 'homeware' section too.
- 'Best Buys' in Wellingborough are selling off all their ski stuff apparently, which means that the garden stuff will be coming in soon. If you've never been there, it's worth a trip. It's on the Embankment and has a fabulous, seasonal range of garden equipment and furniture, camping equipment and clothing, walking equipment and clothing etc.
- The White Horse at Old is doing a 'Fresh Fish Night on Fridays'. Please let me know if you go and what you think of it.
- Thai Gardens - the fabulous Thai Restaurant in Rothwell, do a Sunday Buffet. I think it's a sit down at 12.30 and they serve the buffet at the table. I'm told it's worth getting up for, however, 'cos it's excellent.
- For things to do and shops to use in nearby Rothwell turn to our special feature in the Mawsley Advertiser.

I think that's all the 'goss' for this edition. In the last Advertiser Lizzie mentioned a great Farm Shop near Market Harborough ... will fill you in next time when I have the details. In the meantime, if you know of a farmers market, good butcher, farm shop or vegi box scheme, please send me details for next time so I can spread the word.

Don't forget, If you've got a bit of 'goss' to spread about one of your finds - please let me know.

Email or telephone Andrea Lucas

andrea.lucas@virgin.net

01536 799066

Youth Report

If you are new to the village, here's a round up of what is available.

Wednesday Night is Mawsley Night at the William Knibb Centre in Kettering from 7.30pm. Do join us there for sports, circus skills and music making or simply sit and chat in the internet café. Contact Aidan Piper for details of current transport arrangements.

On Thursdays some of our youngsters attend a **web design class** in the Computer Suite at the Knibb Centre.

Saturday morning football club, from 10 - 11am The village hall building work is not yet affecting our playing field so we can continue to use it for the time being. Professional coaching of football skills and small games for boys and girls from 6 years upwards. The charge is just £1 per week.

Motor cycle rebuild under Giles' expert tuition has moved to Tuesday evening. Check the latest progress and meeting dates on his website www.mawsleyvillage.com and click on 'Bike Rebuild'.

For more information about any of these activities, or to offer help with any activities for youngsters please contact Aidan Piper on **790419**.



Football at Walgrave

Bill and Sheila Lovell have been running Sunday morning junior football at Walgrave for many years and they have now invited Mawsley youngsters, aged 6 - 11 years to join them. They meet on Sundays during term time from 11 - 12.30 on the playing field next to the village hall. The charge is 50p (for Walgrave Village Hall Fund).

You will be very welcome.

Family Fun Time Harrington Village Hall Wednesdays 10.45 to 11.45

Before Christmas parents and children from Mawsley Village were invited, via the newsletter, to join a new children's group in Harrington.

The first session took place on February 16th attended by just 14 of us (not helped by the fact that a number of people had decided to visit Harrington rather than Harrington). The second session found the brave few of the Mawsley contingent following the gritter from door-to-door (very convenient). However our numbers continue to build and we have great fun.

For just 75p for the first child and 25p for each additional sibling, you get tea or coffee for the carer and juice for the child as well as fabulous homebaked cakes and biscuits. The sessions are very informal and friendly with toys for the children to play with, a craft table (we've made glove puppets, Mother's Day cards and have just started to create scenes for a mural). Every session ends with songtime. Plans for future sessions include an Easter party, a visit to one of the farms in the village to see the lambs, a music session provided by Caterpillar music and much more.

We meet on Wednesday mornings between 10.45 and 11.45 at **Harrington** Village Hall. The Hall is small but has recently been refurbished. Everyone is welcome whether your children are babies, toddlers or pre-schoolers or even if you've just got a bump and want the opportunity to meet local Mums. Grandparents, childminders, Dads and other carers all attend so it's not just for Mums!

The Harrington group has been established with money from a local fund, which we will also be able to access to set up our own group in Mawsley (when the village hall opens). We are arranging a meeting with the funder in April – if you are interested in helping to set up a group in Mawsley please visit our stand at the Village Meeting preview session.

Victoria Bell 799196

Mums and Tots

We continue to meet at Kids Kingdom at Kettering Leisure Village on Monday mornings from 10.30am.

We have negotiated a special entry fee of £3.50 which is for use of all the equipment and includes a drink for Mums and Tots.

Come and join us.

More details from Sue Owens on 791514.

DON'T FORGET TOMORROW 12TH MARCH

Why not come down to the school for 3-15pm and join in a Celebration of New Life here in the village.

This is an all-age event, when children can join in some activities especially planned for them, you can share in a 'cuppa' and then everyone can join in an informal act of worship led by Major Gerald Peacock



We shall feature babies/toddlers who have brought new life into the village and thank God for them.

This is one of the series of Celebrations organised by **Christians in Mawsley**, which take place on the second Saturday of every month.

The next is on Saturday 9 April when the Rev Andrew Dutton will lead a Celebration of God's creation.

Charity Fashion Show

Kelmarsh Hall

Thursday 7th April at 7pm

**Donation of £10 on arrival in aid of
RNLI Lifeboats**

Dear Editor and fellow villagers

I drive out of the village most mornings between 0430-0530 and I see perhaps the village cars and vans as they were parked the night before. On Main Street, chiefly but not exclusively, every morning cars/vans are parked either immediately before the traffic islands or actually overlapping them. I assume that this is deliberate and intended to slow traffic down.

Some mornings I find it quite difficult to pass; if it is considered necessary can I ask those who do it to think about emergency access and to make sure they leave room for emergency vehicles to get through..

Yours sincerely
R S E Hoy

Gardening Club

It's that time of year again!

**Meetings will resume on Wed 30th March
8pm at Marisa's, 31 Main Street.**

This is a very informal club with meetings and outings usually attended by about 15 - 20 people on the last Wednesday of the month. We welcome existing and new members for a season of shared gardening interests.

At this meeting we will plan a programme for the year and consider bulk purchasing of supplies.

Marisa Tel: 790748



Mawsley School Tuesday 19th April 7.30 - 9pm

The WI is thriving up and down the country and, where no WI currently exists, groups of friends are getting together to organise a WI for themselves.

This preliminary meeting is to enable women from Mawsley and the surrounding area to hear what the WI has to offer and have some input into what the WI could be like in your village. In most rural areas and many suburban or urban areas the WI is a key part of the local community giving women opportunities to meet and learn or work together in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

If you are looking to make new friends, to learn new skills or to have your say on the issues of the day then the WI may well be for you. Two or three members from other Northamptonshire WIs will be coming along to make the tea and coffee and chat to you about why they so enjoy being a member. Do come and join us for an hour or so.

We look forward to meeting you.

If you would like further information or are unable to be there on the night but may be interested in hearing how things go, then please phone Malvina Keech on 01536 330232 or the local Northants WI office 01604 638378.

The Coffee Club



A few retired residents of the village have got together to form a group for social outings, theatre trips, days out etc. At the moment we have about 14 members but hope that there are more people in the village about retirement age who might be interested in joining us.

We meet regularly in each others houses for coffee and our programme up to June includes visits to:

- Heart of the Shires Shopping Village
- Coton Manor Gardens for the Bluebells
- Stoke Bruerne
- An evening show at Wickstead Park Pavilion
- A seaside trip is also being considered.

If you would like to join us, even if you are still working but approaching retirement, please contact Pat Ellis on 01536 790991

East Haddon



Calling all cricketers!!!

East Haddon Cricket Club would like to hear from Cricketers, male or female, adult, junior or beginner, who would like to play at the appropriate level in Northants. and adjoining counties in Season 2005.

We have one of the best grounds in the area with excellent net, pavilion, bar and children's playground facilities. Winter nets currently in progress; cricketers' wives, partners and families very welcome.

There are four members from Mawsley. Please contact:
Martin Daniels, School Road, 07813698030 or
Richard Hoy, 5 Badgers Lane 07815986380

FRIENDLY PEOPLE - GOOD CRICKET
ALL WELCOME

Book group

We are a friendly informal group that meets every month to discuss a book and any other subject that comes to mind. We are always on the lookout for new members. This month we have set ourselves a challenge to review two books. These books are:

Sea Glass by Anita Shrieve and **The Bookseller of Kabul** by Asne Seierstad.

The meeting will be held a week earlier this month on Wednesday April 6th, (meeting usually the 2nd Wednesday of the month). For details contact Elaine Cawthorne 791277.



Wildlife Watch

Now that we are in the grip of winter, with the frosty mornings and recently all the snow around us, what birds have you had visiting your garden and feeding on all the food you have put out for them? I expect like us you have all had your usual visitors like the Starlings, Blackbirds, Sparrows, Robins, Wrens, Chaffinches, Wagtails, Blue Tits and the odd Magpie, to see what is on offer on the bird table.

The other morning we saw a bird I'd never seen before, let alone in our garden. He had some berries off the tree and as he sat on the fence out came the books and we identified it as a Fieldfare.

The Fieldfare is a large long tailed thrush and is distinguished from other thrushes by its grey head and rump, chestnut back and wings and black tail. It is a northern species like the Redwing but has colonized Central Europe over the last fifty years. It is a winter visitor to western and southern parts, forming large feeding flocks often mixed with Redwings. These flocks are nomadic in their search for food, and a shortage of berries drives them into gardens where they feed on the berries of Cotoneaster, Holly, and Hawthorn bushes. Fieldfares are a related species to the blackbird, redwing, Song Thrush and Mistle Thrush.

If you have had any unusual wild life visiting your garden or have any items of interest on the wild life front to share with other readers please contact me.

Keith Powell Tel: 790439



The MAWSLEY TT

He said they called him 'Slack Alice'
The youngest but tallest of five;
He spoke soft, without trace of malice
Whilst seeming more dead than alive.

He'd come from Down Under that morning,
His fatigue both deep and profound;
To settle - (please pardon, I'm yawning)
At MAWSLEY, Northants. By the pond.

He'd heard of the peace, charm and quiet;
The loudest noise gentle birdsong;
He certainly wanted no riot - just
A drink by his own billabong.

One bus per week he'd expected,
Outback one per year would be right;
But his wonder at us was directed -
No inn, pub or boozier in sight.

He accepted the mud, rain and wetsand
And roadcracks as deep as your hub,
But no FOSTERS, no 4X, no tinnies - and
The shame for an Oz "There's no pub".

Richard Stuart

News from the Surgery

This month I have lots of good news for you.

New Surgery Update –The land deal with Wimpy and our PFI company should be finalised by the end of March and the build should start sometime in April. With 11 months for completion this means that we will be at our current premises until March. We have therefore applied for a planning extension of 3 months to see us through this period.

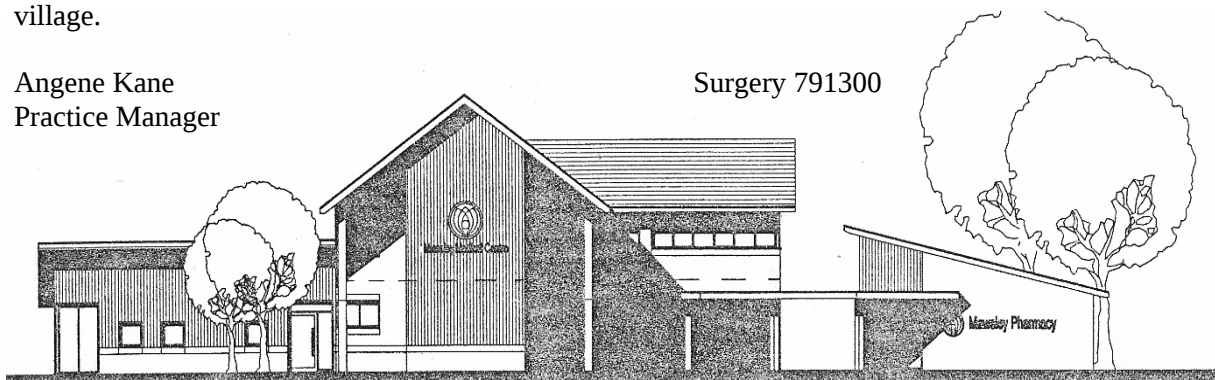
New Dental Service at our current premises – The PCT have approved a new dental service to be commissioned from April 2005. This means that, subject to planning permission, the dentist will have an additional temporary building on our current site. The new NHS service should begin mid May and the new surgery building will also accommodate the dental suite.

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

Surgery 791300



The front of the proposed new surgery, showing Mawsley Pharmacy on the right.

A Galloping Success

**Screaming. Shouting. Jumping up and down.
Deafening!**

Toddler group? Bolton Wanderers at the FA Cup Final?

No, Mawsley villagers at Race Night as the horses came round the last bend.

We set out to make Race Night fun first and fund-raising second. I think we triumphed on both. Everybody had a great night; some won, some lost but at the end of it we had made £1850.

Many, many thanks to all those individuals and companies who sponsored races, bought horses and bet on the races. Your generosity made it all worthwhile – not least for all the time and effort put in by the organisers.

It's definitely going to be a regular event!
Bob Littler

P.S. Brown Sauce paid £7.83 for a 50p stake (well, sausage actually).

Mobile Library - Alternate Mondays

3.40 - 4.10pm on School Road by the Post Box

Next visits: 21st March, 4th & 18th April

Open Village Meeting

**Tuesday 5th April at 7.30pm
at Mawsley School**

Come and see the Community Centre plans and proposed décor, get the latest on other village issues and ask questions.

Sign up for the 100 Club
Bring books and bric a brac for Fun Day
Meet your neighbours

Michelle Bailey from Mawsley is organising a

Crocus Charity Walk

In aid of **breakthrough**
breast cancer



**Sunday 3rd April, 10am
at Sywell Country Park**

All welcome
Norwich Union will match every £1 raised!

For more information or sponsor forms

Christians in Mawsley is a group of both practising Christians and those seeking faith, that meet in homes in the village on the first and third Thursdays, as well as conducting monthly worship.

If you are interested in coming along, telephone Gerald or Mildred on 791496 for further details.

The next Mawsley Newsletter is due out on Friday 22nd April.

Please let us have your ideas, comments, jokes and notices for publication.

Help make it a varied edition.

All copy to the editor by 15th April at the very latest – the sooner the better!

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

Are you new to the village?

Welcome! And we hope to see you at some of our social events and particularly the village meeting on 5th April.

If you have arrived in the last month or so and have not received a Welcome Pack (made up by KBC and the MVA) please call Mary-Rose on 790349 and she will get one to you.

The response to Eleanor Meredith's Pop quiz in the last edition was disappointing. Only 3 entries - so they all got a prize and she made up the money to £10 herself to send to the Tsunami Appeal. Thanks for your efforts Eleanor.

Kettering Borough Council

If you have any issues to raise with KBC that relate to Mawsley remember that **Gill Correa is our Community Development Officer**. If she can't deal with your enquiry she will know who can.

**Call her on K 534374 or
email on gillcorrea@kettering.co.uk**

Our KBC Councillors are:

Cllr. Jim Hakewill (01858 467686)
James.hakewill@btopenworld.com
Cllr. Michael Harrison (01536 712888)
michaelharrison@kettering.gov.uk