



Mawsley Villagers Association

Newsletter

March 2006

Samantha has been on at me again;

"Do you realise how frustrated villagers are at not being able to use The Centre yet?"

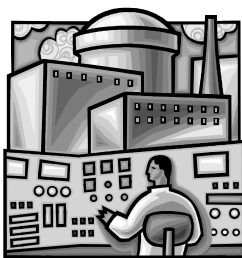
I do actually; and none more so than those of us who are trying to get there.

But we still don't have a date. The only good news is that the Borough Council think they may have found a way forward that gives exemption from the stumbling block of £30,000 Stamp Duty. This requires some negotiation between them and Wimpey so hopefully they will be able to get to an agreement quickly.

We are still working on things though. Our licence application has been approved, so at least when it does open you will be able to act, sing, dance and get a drink – all at the same time if the mood takes you. We decided, after much reflection on the meaning of life, not to apply for a licence for boxing and wrestling.

We have also sorted out allocation of usage time for the planned pre-school and for mums & tots; these are key issues given the large numbers of under 5s in the village. More details re pre-school are on page 3.

We even know now how to switch the heating back on after a power cut. It's a cunningly-devised device that eluded Chris Winter and me when we tried get the heating going again a couple of weeks ago. Surprised it's still working actually, after Chris had been playing with it. Wisely, he wouldn't let me touch it.



The MVA will operate The Centre, leasing it from the parish council. To do this the MVA will set up a trading company to actually run it. This will be a Community Interest Company, a new venture for the county, never mind the village. The legislation to create this kind of company has only recently been passed by Parliament. One of the benefits is that it gives more control to members - that's all MVA members, i.e. many but not enough of you - than normal limited companies do. All of this seemingly complex, well actually it is complex, structure has been designed to protect all parties and village assets in the unlikely event that running The Centre collapses around our ears. Or feet.

Switching to Parish Council issues, we have again received complaints about speeding in the village. As the roads in the village are not yet adopted the police cannot enforce speed limits in the normal way. However if you are able to identify persistent offenders then please feel free to advise their registration numbers as our local Police Community Support Officer is more than happy to pay a visit - hopefully in a brightly-coloured car with the word "Police" written all over it - to individuals to discuss their desire for speed.....

Well I hope to have some more positive news for you next time.

Bob Littler, Chair of Parish Council & MVA

Contact Details

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

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More Representatives Are Urgently Required

Ideally we would like to have one representative on each Road/Street.

With the expansion of our village, incidents will undoubtedly increase, so we really do need more commitment to help the NHW Scheme.

There really is nothing to it; hardly any of your time will be taken. As a representative, you will receive an automated message from the Police or from your area rep. about any incidents that arise; this will be via email or telephone. All you have to do is to inform anyone in your area who has opted to be in the scheme.

We all need to be vigilant and report any suspicious vans/cars/people and alert either your Area Rep. or the Police.

Sector Reps. are needed for:

Mawsley Chase
Hedgerow Lane
Old Gorse Way
Cransley Rise [for the new build]

and for any other road or street as this will help the reps. we already have.

Please think about it or ring one of the Sector reps. and have a quick chat.

Brenda Quinn Area A 799116
Heather and Rob Mallinson Area B 791844
James Ramsden Area C 799355

Keith Powell, Co-ordinator, 790439

Not a member of the MVA?

Do you sometimes wonder how things are organised and how people are elected to the committees etc.?

The Mawsley Villagers Association was set up by residents over four years ago so that villagers could influence how Mawsley developed as a community. It is now a registered charity and has taken on Youth Provision, Social Events, Under 5s and now, its current focus, The Centre at Mawsley.

The MVA wants to represent the whole village, and to do that it needs you to sign up as a member. Membership is free and all villagers, aged 12 years and over, are eligible. If you want a vote on village issues and to nominate and elect MVA committee members all you have to do is sign a piece of paper to confirm your desire to be a member.

Contact Lizzie Souter to find out more or to sign up. Tel: 799072 or email andy.lizzie@tiscali.co.uk

There are currently a couple of vacancies on the MVA Committee. If you think you might like to get involved in this way contact Lizzie Souter for more information.

Meeting dates

Parish Council

Mon 3rd April at 7.30pm. The Mayor will attend this meeting.

MVA

Tuesday 28th March at 8pm

Both meet at the Doctor's Surgery.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday May 8th 2006 at a time and venue to be confirmed.

This is an opportunity for all representative groups in Mawsley to let parishioners know what they have been up to in the last twelve months and where their activities will be focussed in the coming twelve months.

Formal invitations and notice of the meeting will be issued closer to the date but if you are interested in attending it would be helpful if you could let the Parish Clerk know at the earliest opportunity.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be followed immediately by the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council.

Richard Meredith, Parish Clerk, 791539

100 Club Winners

The result of the February draw is as follows. This was month 6 of 100 Club when there is a larger payout than usual. There was also a rollover from month 1.

1st	£50	10	Tracy Webster
2nd	£20	89	Garry Forsyth
3rd	£15	74	Duncan Webster
4th	£10	17	Helen & Ian McNeill
5th	£5	59	Russell Allison
Rollover			
1st	£20	58	Marshall Day
2nd	£7.50	5	Nicky McNeill
3rd	£5	30	Lisa Cawthorne

The March draw took place on 6th March but too late for inclusion in the newsletter. The next draw will take place at the PC meeting on 3rd April.

2nd Broughton Scouts

CAR WASH

Saturday 25th March 10 - 3pm

Car need washing? Too busy to do it?
Why not support your local scouts?

Bring your car to the Red Lion car park in Broughton where we will wash it for a donation towards our group.
Tea, coffee and biscuits served while you wait.



The Friends of Mawsley School
present
Easter Eggstravaganza

Wednesday 29th March

3 - 4.30pm
in the
school hall



Raffle
Easter egg
tombola
Cake stall
Refreshments

Games and Activities:

'Guess how many mini eggs in the jar'
'Guess the name of the Easter Bunny'
'Guess the weight of the Easter Cake'
Chocolate treasure Hunt
Easter card decorating
and more....



Your chance to win some
fabulous Easter prizes

Contact: Kathryn Berrill on 799318

A Pre-school for Mawsley

A demand for a Pre-School in Mawsley has been established.

The Pre-School Committee has recently agreed to join forces with **Scallywags of Rothwell** - a privately-owned OFSTED registered Pre-School in Rothwell - to assist them to open their second branch at The Centre at Mawsley.

'Scallywags of Mawsley' will open in September (completion of the The Centre allowing) and Tracy Carter, the Proprietor, is inviting all parents and carers of children under the age of 5 to contact her to place their child's name on her waiting list. Her number is **07986040377** and she can be contacted Monday to Friday, 10.00 a.m. until 1.00 p.m. after which time a voicemail service will pick up your call.

Those of you who filled in the original feasibility study should by now have received a flyer inviting you to contact Tracy. Unfortunately, due to Data Protection, we are unable to pass on your details direct.

Allocation of places will be on a first come, first served basis with those of you whose children are due to start school in September 2007 being given priority. There are four children in the village who already attend Scallywags and they will automatically be transferred to Mawsley.

We hope that you are as excited as we are about this excellent opportunity for our children and we look forward to the opening of our own Pre-School.

Allan MacDonald and Tracy Baker

On behalf of the Mawsley Pre-School Committee



MAWSLEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

An Author Visits our School

By Molly Macleod - Year 5

On Wednesday 1st March an author called Val Tyler visited our school to tell us all about the books she has written for children. I thought it was a really fun talk. The day before she came to see us we had read the first chapter of her book called "The Time Wreccas". Val Tyler told us all about the characters in her book. They had strange names like Scratch and Stink!

She told us that she has tried to make the story into a musical and has written some songs to go with the story. She played the guitar and taught us how to sing one of the songs, which was really good.

I'd really like to read all of the book now. I think it would be nice to be writer. Val Tyler gave us some good advice to help us when we are writing stories. She told us to keep writing and then re-writing our stories. If I did that, then hopefully I would be able to write a good book.

Years 5 and 6 are now going to write fantasy stories and send them to Val Tyler to judge for a competition.

She answered lots of our questions and told us about another book she has written called The Time Apprentice.

It was really good fun to find out how an author writes a book.



MVA Under 5s Group

Launch of the Parent & Toddler Group

Since the last newsletter I have great pleasure in announcing that the Mawsley Parent and Toddler group has successfully commenced. It is currently situated at Cransley Village Hall every Thursday from 9.45am – 11.15am.

The aim of the group is to provide a place where the children of Mawsley can have fun whilst getting to know one another prior to school and also to help parents meet other villagers.

The group will run ALL YEAR – school holidays included, older siblings will be welcome to attend.

Each session will include:

- free play for the children with an excellent selection of suitable toys available (donated by the Mawsley villagers);
- a colouring and drawing table;
- a specialist craft and activity table giving children the opportunity to make something to take home or to take part in a fun, possibly messy, activity;
- refreshments for both children and parents, this will consist of juice and snack for the children and tea/coffee and biscuits for the adults.

At the end of each session we will have music and song time where the children will be able to sing along with their favourite tunes.

Each session will cost £1.50 per child and 50p for any extra children. The weekly fee covers hall hire, snack and craft materials. Any surplus money will be spent on new equipment for the group such as toys, craft supplies etc..

The group has been a great success with excellent attendance, so if you are interested please come along. For any further information please contact either Rebecca 799311, Yvette 799145 or Joanne 799122.

If you are not interested in attending the group but would like to help we are always looking for donations of suitable toys for the group so that the toys can be rotated, or if you have spare craft materials or ideas for craft activities we would love to hear from you.



The MVA under 5s' committee currently meets once a month so if you would like to get more involved please contact Rebecca for the date and venue of the next meeting.

Look forward to hearing from you

Rebecca Simmons
Secretary MVA under 5s' committee
Simmonsmark6@aol.com

And don't forget that Mawsley's original **Mums and Tots** group continues to have fun every Monday morning from 10.30 am at Kids Kingdom, KLV, for a specially negotiated price of £3.50 for parent and child (50p for extra child) to include drinks for all. Contact Sue Owens 791514

Mawsley Mini

Here are some recommended places to take children:

WOBURN SAFARI PARK

Situated in Bedfordshire this fantastic park combines excitement and fun to keep the children content for hours. Meet the animals; enjoy demonstrations, keeper talks and feeding time. There is an indoor and outdoor play area, swan boats and railway all included in the price. And to top it all the wonderful Safari drive and the foot safari.

Prices vary depending on season; tickets can be booked online on www.woburnsafari.co.uk or contact 01525 290407 for more information

WARWICK CASTLE

This has been recommended by quite a few villagers as an excellent day out. It is described as Britain's Greatest Medieval Experience. You can explore various areas of the castle and its grounds including the mill and engine house. They hold special events all year round, Guy's tower is currently open for a limited period until the end of March and there is a Birds of prey spectacular that commences April to September. For more information go online at www.warwick-castle.co.uk or telephone 0870 442 2000. Prices and opening times vary depending on season

WICKSTEED PARK

Situated close by in Kettering. This is a great day out for all the family.

It has rides and attractions and one of the biggest and best free playground in Europe. Swings, seesaws climbing frames to name but a few. Plus the fabulous boating lake where you can also fish. Park opens at 9.00am and the rides open at 10.30am. Ride tickets are available to purchase online.

Entry to the park is free. Visitors are asked to pay a car parking fee which is currently £6.00.

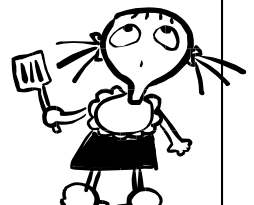
There are plenty of places to eat or even take a picnic. The park holds regular events for example on Sunday the 16th April there will be an Easter Egg Hunt. For more information go online at www.wicksteedpark.co.uk or telephone 08700 621 193 where you can check opening times, ride availability and ride ticket prices.

And another suggestion from the Editor...

What about children's cookery classes at Thorpe Malsor?

From fun cooking for 3 year olds to survival techniques for teenagers and gap year students, all ages are catered for.

See Mary and Georgie's advert in the Mawsley Advertiser or ring Georgie on 485305.



Mawsley Events Team

I would like to thank Jim Playle who kindly contacted Rushden and Diamonds on our behalf to ask them to donate a prize to help us raise funds for The Centre. We were lucky enough to receive tickets for Rushden v Wycombe Wanderers on 22nd April. So a HUGE thank you to Jim and Rushden and Diamonds for arranging this for us!!!!

If you would like to win this exciting prize then enter the Sport Quiz on this page. If you would like extra copies of the quiz to sell to family and friends please contact me.

££££ Suttons Plants and Seeds ££££

You should now have received a Suttons catalogue through your door. The village will receive 20% cash back on all orders placed. Simply complete your order form, return to me with payment (cheques to MVA) and your order will be delivered direct to you. If you know of anyone else who would like a catalogue please let me know.



Village Connect

We have had 8 volunteers come forward so far to help deliver this monthly magazine that will raise around £60 per month for village funds. We are still looking for more volunteers. So if you can spare half an hour once a month then please contact Steve on 799107.

Our next meeting is on Wed, 22nd March, 8pm at 7 Cransley Rise. Everyone is welcome.

**Cheryl Buckle ~ 7 Cransley Rise
799107 ~ buckle@tesco.net**

MAWLSEY TRASH 'N' TREASURE

SUNDAY 21st MAY 2006 2 - 4.30PM

- DO YOU KNOW WHAT IS IN YOUR GARAGE OR LOFT?
- CAN YOU BE BOTHERED TO SELL 'STUFF' AT CAR BOOTS?
- DO YOU KNOW HOW TO USE EBAY?

IF YOU CAN ANSWER 'NO' TO ANY ONE OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS, THEN **MAWSLEY TRASH 'N' TREASURE** IS FOR YOU!

PUT THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR ... NOW!

Test your sporting knowledge and you could win 2 tickets to Rushden & Diamonds v Wycombe Wanderers on 22nd April 2006



1. How many medals did Great Britain win in the 2006 Winter Olympics?

2. Which country won the Six Nations Rugby Championship in 2005?

3. What are the names of Great Britain's mixed doubles badminton Olympic silver medal winners of 2004?

4. How many test matches did England win against Australia in the 2005 Ashes series? _____
5. What is the nationality of the tennis player Roger Federer?

6. Which 2 teams competed in this years American Football Superbowl?

7. What was the score the last time Rushden and Diamonds played Northampton? _____
8. In which city are the 2008 Olympics being held?

9. How many gold medals and in which events did Kelly Holmes win her Olympic Gold Medals in the 2004 Olympics?

10. Who won the 2005 Formula One World Drivers Championship?



**Please return your answers along
with a £2 entry fee to
Steve Buckle, 7 Cransley Rise.
In the event of a tie, the winner will
be drawn from a hat.
All money raised will go towards
equipment for The Centre@Mawsley.**

Name _____

Tel. No: _____

Letters to the Editor



Dear Editor

Could you please publicise this new venture.

Mawsley Folk Club at The Centre



Can you play or do you enjoy a tipple accompanied by folk music? We plan a regular fortnightly Wednesday or Friday acoustic evening, with licensed bar. The idea is to build a pleasurable evening around some core players. Everybody welcome to do a spot. It's a well tested formula and can be most enjoyable to participants and lovers of acoustic folk music.

The more interest the more likely it is to happen, and so..... if you would like to find out more or register your interest, please call

Jamie Lumsden on 790907..... now!

Dear Editor

In December 2005 my friend of 20 years collapsed and died suddenly while out on a regular training run. He was 39 and leaves a wife and baby son. The post mortem concluded that Jeff had been suffering from a congenital heart defect which had remained undetected.

In the weeks after his funeral I decided to take on a challenge. As a tribute to Jeff I aim to raise money for charity by taking part in this year's **London Marathon**. I have never run this distance before and wondered if people might show their support and encourage me by visiting www.justgiving.com/jeffknowles. This is a fundraising web page and also tells my sponsors about the charity I have chosen. Cardiac Research in the Young (CRY) raises awareness of cardiac abnormalities.

If anyone else in the village is taking part in the marathon or the Milton Keynes Half I would love to hear from them.

Thanks to my neighbours who have already given generously offline.

Anne-Marie Webster, 6 Chambers Hill.
Annie.Webster@tiscali.co.uk

....and from the Editor

I hope you feel that the newsletter is keeping you informed and up to date with village events.

As well as reporting what is planned it would be interesting to read your comments and suggestions and have an exchange of views in the newsletter. Please consider writing something or sending a picture or even a joke. If it's relevant to Mawsley then let's hear it.

Perhaps you are thrilled at what is happening in the village or possibly you don't agree with some of the

Dear Editor

KEEP FIT/ AEROBICS IN MAWSLEY

I would like villagers to know that I am trying to organise classes in the village.

Andria is willing to take exercise classes in the Centre at Mawsley. She is a fully qualified instructor. Hopefully there will be two classes, a 50+ class in the day for which there might be funding and an evening class for the more energetic.

If you have already given me your name and telephone number, that's OK. If not my number is 791307, e-mail jfts@luffenham.fsnet.co.uk. Please contact me if you are interested. The more people we have the more successful it will be.

Jan Stevenson

Not exactly a letter, but Mark Eastbrook has submitted his thoughts to share with us.

*I WISH THEY WOULD
HURRY UP and BUILD
THIS PUB!*



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plans. Why not share your thoughts through this page?

The next issues will come out on Friday 21st April and 2nd June. You need to get your piece to me at least a week before those dates. I accept articles by email, typed, handwritten or scribbled on the back of an envelope - don't let presentation worry you. The only rule is that you put your name to it.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Pat Rowley, Editor,
791881, pat.rowley@tiscali.co.uk

Youth Group Report

This is the report that Aidan Piper made to the MVA meeting at the end of January.

The Youth Service in Northamptonshire is being disbanded. It was felt that this would be a great loss to many communities around the county.

The William Knibb centre has now closed. This means that the following will all be cancelled due to lack of venue: Girls night on a Monday, Youth Group on a Wednesday, Computer Group on a Thursday. The Youth Group desperately require a new facility for these groups to continue to meet.

There are still a very limited number of volunteers helping out, which is surprising. The Group would really benefit from additional adults to supervise the sessions. Until there are more volunteers (who will need to be CRB checked prior to any involvement) it is impossible to organise a programme.

On a positive note: Cub, Scouts and Guides are all interested in using The Centre and are ready to start.

You can contact Aidan on 790419

Saturday Morning Football Club

continues on the school playing field from 10 - 11 am, run by football coach Simon Wren for boys and girls from 6 years to 20.



There is a charge of £1 per session.

Contact Simon on 791973

Mawsley Baby Boom

What **have** you all been up to?

Having heard a rumour about the rising birth rate I checked it out with the surgery.

Angene Kane, the practice manager reports, " We have at the moment 14 babies to deliver in May and June but not everyone in the village is registered with us, some have still not moved to this practice. (So there could be more!) We also have another busy month in September - obviously the result of all the Christmas parties in the village."

Thank goodness these fall into different school years, is all I can say.

Editor

MAWSLEY EASTER EGG HUNT MONDAY 17TH April 11AM WARREN END

Come and join the fun and meet the Easter Rabbit

Easter Bonnet competition

for adults and children. Entry is free all you need to do is turn up on the day with your Easter Bonnet - the more outrageous the hat the better. Hats judged on the day.

Egg and Spoon races

for children of all ages. Free entry.

Colouring competition

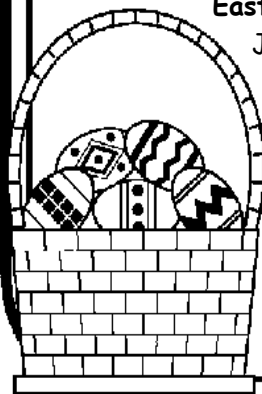
for children up to 13 years - free entry - hand your coloured picture in on the day and prizes will be given the following weekend.

Colour and make an Easter mask

a mask will be provided in the Easter pack. it on the day for a chance of a prize - free entry!.

Easter Egg Hunt - 50p per child.

Join in the search for hidden eggs



For a copy of the picture for the colouring competition and the Easter mask or for more information please contact Ali Williams on 799190.

www.mawsleyvillage.co.uk

Have you checked out the official village website recently?

- Want the latest information about the pub and employment sites?
- Want to see inside The Centre?
- Want to re-read an old newsletter?

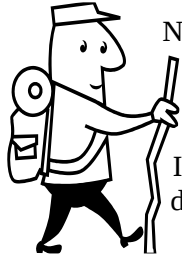
It's all there at the click of your mouse.

And if you want to know who runs what club or committee in the village go to page 12 of the October 2005 newsletter. It's all there.

And if you just want to exchange information, ask a question or share a joke with fellow villagers why not check out the 'unofficial' www.mawsleyvillageforum.co.uk?

Mawsley Walking Group

Hi Fellow Walkers,



New Year Resolutions to get out more meant there was a good turnout of a dozen or so for the February walk to Cransley reservoir and Thorpe Malsor. It was a lovely varied walk on a crisp day in good company.

Why not join us next time?

Walks coming up soon are:

Sun 12th March Across country - Mawsley/Faxton/Old/home to include pub stop at The White Horse, Old. Approx. 5 miles

Sat 8th April. Sywell Country Park to include the reservoir and surrounding countryside, ending at a pub. Approx. 5 miles.

Meet at 10.30am at the usual place - the lay-by in Broughton Road by the first entrance to the village.

If you have any ideas or favourite walks to add to our programme please contact us. In the meantime happy hiking.

Steve & Pam Draycott 791681 slduk@f2s.com



Women's
Institute

Mawsley Women's Institute

The night of Tuesday 21st February saw our members and guests from the village brave all sorts of weather to hear a fabulous talk from Johnnie Amos (finalist in the BBC Gardeners World Competition, 2004). He gave us some great tips on pruning, sowing and a generally good gardening Q&A time. The Garden Themed raffle also went down well with all.

March sees us 'bling, blinging' with Mark Churcher – a designer goldsmith from Desborough.

April – ever wanted to work on a 'Royal Estate'? This month's guest will give us an insight into just that.

If any of these tickle your fancy, then why not come along to the Mawsley Village WI monthly meetings (date, time and venue can be found posted on the village notice board).

For any other info, please ring Lynn on 791691
or Brenda on 799116

Best wishes,

Lynn Hazell, President, and all the Mawsley WI Committee

Mawsley Open Gardens 2006

Saturday 10th and/or Sunday 11th June

Thank you to those who responded to the last announcement. Please note the dates.

More details in next newsletter.

Enquiries to Pat Rowley.

791881. pat.rowley@tiscali.co.uk

Allotment Association

Mawsley Allotment Association came into existence on Wednesday 15th February. It has now a membership of over 35 strong and its own savings account managed by a Chairman, a Secretary and Treasurer and a team of 6 on the management committee. We are ready to dig!!!

We do repeat, all new members are still most welcome and thanks to all who were able to attend the meeting at the surgery.

Contacts for more information:

Tony, Chairman, 791162, tony.horne@virgin.net
or

Teresa, Secretary, teresagable@hotmail.com



Gardening Club

Gardening Club will resume on

Wednesday 29th March, 8pm at 31 Main Street.

This is the start of a new gardening year and we will look at how to wake your garden up for the new season. Please come along with all your ideas for a programme for the year. We will also discuss the plans for Open Gardens to be arranged for the weekend of 10th and/or 11th June.

All are welcome to this very informal meeting.

Marisa Holton 790748

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.

Our new year programme has got off to a successful start and our first outing of the year, to Wistow Garden Centre and shopping complex, with lunch in the restaurant, was enjoyed by all. Lots of plant buying for the garden and also some pretty extras from the interesting range of shops.

Coffee mornings are generally held once a month, sometimes with an interesting topic, or to discuss future programme events, sometimes just to sit and chat, but always enjoyable. Our outings again generally happen once a month and our March outing is to Bedford Market on the lookout for good bargains!

Enquiries please to Pat Ellis on 01536 790991.