



Mawsley Villagers Association Newsletter

March 2008

Youth facilities

As you will see on page 11, Aidan Piper, after 5 years of running the Youth Group – largely on his own – has decided to step down. The whole village, and especially young people, owe a great big vote of thanks to Aidan for all the work he has done; he will be a hard act to follow. We all know that the facilities for young people in the village are minimal to say the least; but at least the Youth Group has given them a voice and provided some activities. The question is, where do we go post-Aidan?

Firstly, to be clear, the Youth Group remains (it is part of the MVA). However, we must move on. The MVA has decided therefore to set up a structured Youth Club, with a range of organised activities. In particular we have decided to employ a youth worker to get it going; once it is established then it will be easier for parents to get involved and eventually take over responsibility for supervision. We are hopeful of getting a grant from the County Council to help with the costs, to which the MVA will add to as required. One principle is fundamental though; the village's young people will determine what kinds of activities go on and how it is organised. The youth worker is there to guide and to help. We envisage it will mean, in addition to Wednesday evenings at The Centre, trips out to local youth events and centres too.

I should add that now the playing fields are finished we plan to get on with providing some outdoor facilities for young people there. When we can do this, to a large extent depends on you; there is much to do and few parents of young people coming forward to help. Most of the MVA activists have either younger families or their children have grown up. I see no reason why they should do all the work for young people when the parents of those young people are not prepared to help. So.....

And if you want to complain to me about this statement, feel free.

Play area update

The good news is that some parents did come forward, following the appeal in the last newsletter, to help with the play area for younger children. They are getting really well organised and immediately set up consultation with young children, via the school. The school responded magnificently and the School Council (i.e. the children) presented us with their views. Many of their desires can be met within current plans, but we do need to think about something for the 8-11 year olds. Next project!!! In the meantime, the group is setting out to find funding to help achieve a substantial play area, in line with the proposals that were on display at The Centre later last year.

Open space

What else is happening? Well, it looks as though we are finally going to get some progress re the open space opposite the school. We have been badgering for it to be sorted for ages.

Current indications are that it will be made into an eco-meadow; the cycle track will run through it and there will be a grass path meandering through, too. This seems a sensible solution; the soil is very poor indeed and there is no money to do substantial landscaping. However this opens up a number of exciting possibilities for us, for example:

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A pocket park: this is a small area that is managed, by volunteers, to be a haven for wildlife. I have met with the County pocket parks officer and she tells me that the area is ideal. One of the benefits of very poor soil! We have to produce a plan though. Who is "we"? You, as well, I hope.

A quiet area: it has been suggested that, as we don't have a churchyard or cemetery, a quiet area where people might go to remember and reflect would be a good idea.

Bird hides: some structure where people can go to watch the wildlife; perhaps situated at the far end of the open space, overlooking the wood.

An environmental project: that the school may wish to lead on.

Anyway, these are just ideas. Now is the time to put in your two pennyworth and come up with other ideas.

So, I started off being optimistic, became Mr Grumpy, but have ended up bursting with enthusiasm. And you?

Bob Littler, Chair of Parish Council and MVA
boblittler@btconnect.com

Special Parish Council Meeting

Monday 17th March, 7.30pm

The Centre at Mawsley

To discuss a scoping report for a proposed windfarm in Great Cransley.

The feedback we need to give is about the proposed content of the environmental study that will be carried out together with feedback on their assessment methods and any other information that we feel may inform the assessment.

The next monthly Parish Council meeting is Monday 31st March, 7.30pm at The Centre.

Barnwell Court



So, the shop and day nursery have finally opened! The rest of Barnwell Court is also nearing completion and leases have been agreed for a coffee shop, estate agency and hair salon. At the time of writing, the takeaway unit is also under offer and only one retail unit remains available.

Marketing of the office accommodation has also now commenced. These will be available in suites from 948 sq ft up to a stand-alone building of 6,713 sq ft.

An ***open day*** is scheduled for 18th March when interested parties can view the office accommodation available. Anyone interested in attending the event or requiring further information of the availability should contact Samantha Jones at Underwoods on 01933 231070 or sj@underwoods-w.co.uk.

Hair Salon



We're Dave and Debi and we are looking forward to opening our hair salon in Mawsley. This will be our 3rd salon, our others being in Wellingborough and Rothwell. We are really excited and so is our team. We love the community spirit in Mawsley and hope to get involved with the village in various ways and have many ideas.

We are an award winning salon and want to bring the experience of excellent hairdressing and customer service to Mawsley. Our reputation is important and we are a salon that always strives to be the best we can. At the time of writing we cannot give an exact opening date but it should be mid April. Watch the Mawsley web site, the local press, leaflet drops and shop window for more details. There will also be an opening day (TBC) and a great opening offer not to be missed. We're counting down now... See you soon.

Dave and Debi

Barnwell Court (cont'd)

Mawsley Day Nursery

I just wanted to drop you a little note to say we are open at LAST! After a very busy 2 days to get the nursery ready for the children we well and truly had a success. I would like to thank my staff and family and friends for their support and also many of the villagers met along the way, everyone has been fantastic.

I think a huge mention should go to all the children who started in our first week. Never in my 8 years in childcare have I witnessed such a happy, contented group of children. I am extremely proud to say that not one out of 8 pre-schoolers became upset when leaving their parents, and as for the Out of School Club the children don't want to go home!! We received a wonderful note from Peter after his first day, which he and his parents have kindly agreed to share with you all (see below). I am sure you will agree he is a real treasure.

*On a last note the new nursery contact details are 01536 791609 and mobile 07846 985070 plus you can still use the website www.mawsleydaynursery.co.uk for enquiries and to catch up on the blog which I update regularly. **We will be holding an open day on the 5th April between 10am and 2pm - everyone welcome.***

Katrina Taylor, Nursery Manager and Proprietor

My first day at Mawsley Out of School Club

My first day at Mawsley Out of School Club (M.O.O.S) was excellent. First I was picked up by the adults. When I arrived I decided to play in the foam and got all foamy! After that I went and played with the babies in the baby room with Amy until tea. I knew one of the little girls from Church. Her name is Charlotte.

For tea I had a pitta bread followed by delicious custard. I went on the computer for a while. After a while on the computer I went to paint with some other children. Unfortunately mum came to pick me up. I wish she hadn't and I wish I could have stayed there for longer.

As soon as I came home I wanted to write this letter to let you all know how much I enjoyed myself.

I will recommend this club to all my friends!

Peter Reed, age 9

One Stop

The Mawsley Villagers Association (MVA) would like to thank One Stop for their kind donation of £200, which was presented to Bob Littler, Chair of MVA, at the store's official opening on Saturday 8th March.



Bob Littler cuts the ribbon at the official opening of Mawsley's One Stop store

Balloon landing



Balloon lands on footpath on Nethertown Way.

Villagers were in for a surprise on Sunday 17th February when a hot air balloon had to make an unscheduled landing in Mawsley. The balloon, carrying several children as well as adults, skimmed the rooftops and bounced off the school fence before eventually crash landing on Nethertown Way. Fortunately, it appears that there were no injuries to the passengers.

Thanks to Giles for photos.



Max watches on with great interest.

Your Police priorities for Mawsley

I would like to bring to your notice some news from our local constabulary. Cllr. Richard Barnwell and I have been asked by Mawsley Parish Council to represent the village at the meetings of the Kettering Rural West Safer Community Team (see the article in last month's newsletter by Sgt. Tony Hopkins). We have been asked to ascertain what the residents' priorities and/or needs are when it comes to policing Mawsley.

Several categories have been suggested and each one would need a different course of action from the Police. It could be: speeding, unsociable behaviour, parking, theft, criminal damage, lack of Police presence, fear of burglary, fly tipping, street lighting or dog fouling, etc.

It is up to us as residents to ensure that we give the Police as much feedback as we can to enable them to do the job we want them to do. Therefore, please do use your voice to let us know what your concerns are.

If you would like to ring me on 01536 799643 I will do my best to answer any queries you may have. You should then be able to advise which aspect is most important to you and your family. Perhaps you would then be good enough to list your priorities and let me have them before the next meeting which is scheduled for 16th April. We will then give your suggestions to the Police representative at that meeting, for perusal and evaluation. Once this is done, the Police will be in a position to come back to us with their assessment of priorities in Mawsley.

Vic Cope, 30 Long Breech

Mawsley Surgery news

We recently held a 'Watch your Step' event for our patients aged 65 and over, which was sponsored by Age Concern. The event was very well attended and patients were treated to Reflexology, Massage and Seated exercise sessions. Kettering Borough Council also came along to talk to patients about claiming benefits and our Practice Nurses were on hand to carry out BP and cholesterol screening and offer advice on weight management, asthma and Diabetes. Patients found this session very beneficial and we are looking at putting this on as a regular event.

We are still taking on patients from Mawsley, Broughton, Cransley and surrounding villages. Please see poster in the surgery waiting room for patient survey results.

Angene Kane

MAWSLEY TALENT SHOW

**Auditions to be held
on 28th June
at The Centre
3 - 6pm**

Do you feel you have a special talent?

***Would you be prepared to get up in front of
a crowd and entertain us, whether alone or
in a group?***

There will be 3 categories to enter:

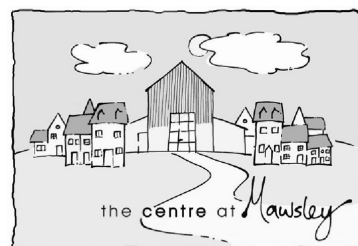
Juniors, intermediates or seniors.

*Please let us have your name and contact number
if you are interested in taking part, with a brief
outline of what you would like to do.*

Contact Vic Cope on 799643 to enter.

The Centre at Mawsley

What a fantastic night! Ladies Night saw over 100 ladies, we had 15 traders and 1 fabulous entertainer, in the form of the glamorous Mr Taylor Marcs. I'm sure you'll agree what a fantastic voice!



We are planning the next Ladies Night for Friday 6th June so watch this space.

We are also planning a fashion show for May, with high street names, so if you think you've got what it takes to be a model, please email your details to penny-tcam@btconnect.com (sorry, minimum age of 14 years).

Looking forward to some great special offers for St Patrick's Day, in fact for the whole week from Sunday 16th - Saturday 22nd March 2008. Also:

Every Saturday in March - mad as a mad March hare!

Happy hour every Saturday in March with buy one get one free on all spirits from 6 - 7pm and buy one get one free on kids drinks (cans, Fruit Shoots and kids water) from 5 - 9pm.

So, enjoy March and see you all soon.

Penny Feasey, TCAM Manager

QUIZ NIGHT AT THE CENTRE

Last Thursday of the month

Come and join us

27th March

24th April

29th May

8pm start

£5 entry per team

MAWSLEY FUN DAY

Save the date...

SATURDAY 5th JULY

12 noon onwards

Stalls and games

Food and drink served all day

Magical entertainment from noon til night

Mawsley pond update

As you can probably notice there has been some progress at the pond, working towards our target date of Spring 2009. The entire pond base has been sub-lined with selected second-hand carpet and the effect has been to cover roots and jagged spikes which would threaten the main liner; the carpets have sunk nicely and are weighted with hollow blocks which will in turn become the plant containers for aquatic plants when we get to the stage of putting them in the pond. (We can report three cases of frostbite in the installation team!)

The next step will see the pond sides being sloped and graded to take the carpet "skirts" which will again form the base for the neoprene final liner as it curves up out of the pond base. The "skirts" will be pegged into place and you will then be able to see the final height of the water in the pond as it will eventually look. The revetments have now been expertly boarded and finished so that we can have them backfilled with hardcore and levelled - they will be both areas for people to relax, walk, picnic, etc, and also sluices to act as overflows if and when the pond seeks to expand over its banks in times of heavy winter rains.

There has been a great and continuing support from all manner of villagers since we started the project and as Keith Wrigley neatly put it "it's our project". Thank you everyone; please keep on coming down each time and if next time is your first so much the better. It would be wrong of me not to mention in particular two of the non-stop workers - Tom Sanders who is i/c carpets and Ian Yates who must be about the most skilled craftsman in wood that I have been privileged to meet. We need carpets, but please don't drop them poolside - certain types of carpet are chemically harmful to pondlife so call me or Tom first - thanks once more.

Richard Hoy



Thanks to Tom Sanders for photos of work carried out on 16th Feb.

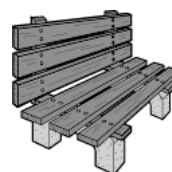
Inconsiderate parking

There have been many complaints to the Parish Council about inconsiderate parking in the village. Please think of others when parking your vehicle: are you making it difficult for people to get past? And, more importantly, could a fire engine get past? It is important that fire crews can arrive as quickly as possible in the event of a fire. Inconsiderate parking can restrict access and mean the difference between life and death for someone trapped in a house fire.

If you are aware of a car which is regularly parked inconsiderately, please contact the police non-urgent incident room on 08453 700 700 and ask for a message to be left for the Rural West Safer Community Team.

Fancy a sit down?

The Parish Council has been given some money by our County Councillor, Jim



Harker, for a bench. The trouble is, we can't decide where to put it!

If you have any suggestion of a place in the village (other than your garden!) that is in need of a bench, please call or email Elaine on 791277 or email her at cawthorne@tesco.net.



Friends of Mawsley School
Easter Eggstravaganza
Thursday 20th March, 3.30 - 4.30pm



Back by popular demand, the Easter Eggstravaganza will again be held in the school hall. A variety of stalls including the chocolate tombola, name-the-bunny, treasure hunt and not forgetting the ever popular cake stall, will be available. Cold drinks and sweets will also be on sale. All are welcome.

The Friends of Mawsley School is a group of parents and other interested people who raise money for Mawsley School funds. Past fundraising has supplied a variety of outdoor play equipment and sun shelters to provide shade. Most of what you see in the school playground and field is only there thanks to your generous support of Friends events in the past. Current projects planned include landscaping for an environmental area featuring a wildlife pond and more play equipment.

**Mawsley
watercolour
painting group**

Small, friendly group with tutor.
Beginners very welcome.
Thursdays, 10am - 12 noon.

Phone Joan on 791661 for more details.



1st Mawsley Scout Group

The 1st Mawsley Scout Troop has been up and running since October and has had a fantastic start with over 15 Scouts attending each week!



The Scout movement has transformed itself from what adults remember. Scouts are now open to boys and girls between 10 ½ - 14 and offer a varied programme promoting self-belief, community spirit, healthy living. whilst not forgetting having fun! Scouts also still enjoy those classic outdoor activities - camping, canoeing and map reading and also still work towards those infamous activity badges (the most recent addition to the range being street boarding!!!).

We've already completed night walks to Cransley and through the Kelmarsh Tunnel and are practising our camp craft skills in preparation for our 1st Scout Camp in March - so don't be alarmed if you suddenly see tents and flag poles appearing from nowhere! As the evenings are getting lighter you'll also be seeing a lot more of us out and about each week.

We're also participating in the Sainsbury 'Active kids' voucher scheme so if you are able to help out then please drop them off at the Centre on a Tuesday.

Interested in joining us?

We meet every Tuesday during term time at The Centre at Mawsley from 7.30-9pm. There's plenty of room for any young person between 10 ½ -14 years who wants to come along and we're always looking for new Scout Leaders.

For further information pop along on a Tuesday evening or contact either myself on 07843 292 017 or Mary Findlay on 01536 791 228.

Will Jary, Scout Leader

**MAWSLEY
SPRING CLEAN**

Sunday 30th March

Meet at 2pm at the Centre

Let's clean up our village!

*Equipment & good company
provided*

Call 790140 for more details

Mawsley Daffodils

Congratulations to all who planted the daffodils in and around the village in Autumn and early Winter 2007. What a marvellous difference they are making already with at least another two or three weeks of blooming to come.



It's clear that the bulbs are of many different types - earlies / middles / lates / don't know; and some as always are blind in their first year; some will have been eaten by hungry mammals and inverts and some are not keen to be tar painted. It is also interesting to speculate why in some sectors of our verges there are good blooming shows and three feet away - nothing?

I hope that we may repeat the performance in Autumn 2008 and early next year should be quite spectacular, remembering that daffodils multiply underground after the first year.

Richard Hoy

Loddington and Mawsley Cricket Club

The cricket club continues to progress with the development of the ground at Mawsley. Recent additions to the landscape are a pair of sight screens which were funded by the 100 club at a cost of over £2000. A wicket roller and mowers have also been sourced and are due for delivery in the next few weeks.

A short term machinery storage issue has arisen and if any villager has space available to store please contact one of the telephone numbers listed below. The historic first league fixture scheduled for Mawsley (please note in your diaries) is on May 3rd against Weldon II - all support welcome.

The club is still seeking to add to its playing strength and welcomes players of all abilities and gender. The services of Australian batsman, Elliott Ryan, have been secured as this season's overseas recruit. Elliott is 18 years old and plays for Valley D.C.C. Brisbane and is a former Captain of Queensland Under 16s. Net practice continues on Monday 17th March at Bishop Stopford School, Kettering, from 7.00pm with the registration night programmed for Monday 31st March. As well as players, the club is still looking for a groundsperson to maintain the wicket at Mawsley. The position attracts a small remuneration and training will be given.

Fundraising - the Powells and the Connollys with master of ceremonies Karl Sanders extracted a magnificent total of over £1200 from the pockets of the large crowd who attended the recent Race Night held at TCAM. Everyone had a great social evening and more importantly swelled the coffers to enable the purchase of the wicket roller. Thanks to all who attended and plans are already afoot for another event, watch this space for details.

Kettering Borough Council have recently generously awarded the club £2600 to be used for the further development and coaching of LMCC young cricketers. Coaching sessions will be held at Mawsley throughout the summer months.

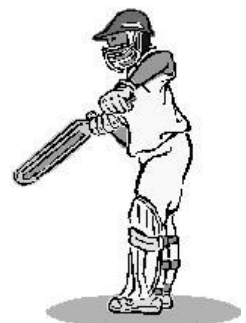
LMCC will again be facilitating the Kettering Borough Junior Schools indoor cricket tournament over 11th, 12th and 13th March at Kettering Leisure Village. This prestigious tourney is now in its 10th year and Mawsley School will again be represented.

The club is actively looking for a sweater sponsor and if anyone can help or is interested please get in touch. There are also a few numbers in the monthly 100 club draw still available at £5 per month.

Latest 100 club winners are: January - Philip Brown number 32 and February - Jean Cross number 21. Both win £100. The March draw will be held at the registration night.

For further details with up to date information about LMCC and to view the club's new badge, log onto the website www.lmcricket.co.uk

Finally, if you are able to help with or require further information on any of the above items please contact Chairman Richard Baker 07740 490297 or Andy Connolly 07770 435107. If you are interested in joining the 100 club contact Sid Reynolds 07917818604.



ERIC MORECAMBE'S DAUGHTER COMES TO MAWSLEY

As you may have read in the Evening Telegraph, Gail Stuart, daughter of the famous Eric Morecambe, has been in Rushden giving a talk about her father. She is the most entertaining speaker, but then she does have a great subject. Well, she is coming to Mawsley to talk about her father, of whom she has wonderful memories; she's witty and very funny and will talk all night if you would let her. Afterwards she will answer any question you may have about 'Morecambe and Wise' and sign autographs.

The venue will be the Centre on Friday May 16th starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are now on sale at £5. This is a fundraising event so please support it; you will have a great evening. The bar will be available and everyone is welcome so please let all your friends know.

Call 01536 791186 or 799116 for tickets or further information.

Brenda Quinn, WI

Bring Me Sunshine



An evening with Eric Morecambe's Daughter

Stories about growing up with her famous father, things you've always wanted to know about Morecambe and Wise – Question and Answer session

This will be a fun evening so get your tickets early as numbers are limited
(In association with MVWI)

Friday 16th May 7.30
Tickets £5 – Bar available

TO BE HELD AT
THE CENTRE AT
MAWSLEY
THE GREEN
MAWSLEY VILLAGE



FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION PLEASE
CONTACT
01536 799116 or
791186

Mawsley Village WI

This month has seen us organising various events. Firstly, our new coffee mornings; we started in February and they will be on the first Tuesday of the month from 9am until 11.15am at The Centre. These are open to everyone, young, old and even the gentlemen of the village. You are all welcome. Come along and buy a cake for your tea! The money raised will be donated to various groups in the village and also to our bursary. This is given to one member each year enabling them to go on a course of their choice at Denman College.

We have been asked to do coffee and cakes at the annual Easter egg hunt. We will be at The Centre, so while the children are occupied, come and have a coffee and there will also be a small raffle for the children.

February's meeting was a most interesting subject on how to wear the right colours and accessorise to make the most of our clothes and how we dress. We certainly learnt a lot. It was great to see a lot of new faces, some of which have just moved to the village and want to make new friends, welcome to you all.

The March meeting was all about the Fairtrade organisation, the background and about the people it has helped all around the world, a worthy cause that we should all try to help. There were also some lovely chocolate and other products to purchase.

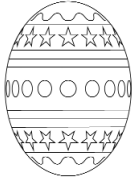
April will be 'English Language and Common Sayings' a witty and interesting look at how our language developed.

As always, visitors are most welcome to any of our meetings so do come along, you never know whom you might meet and we're cheap at the price, only £2.50!

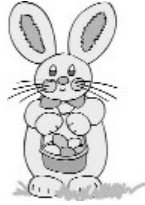
Call any of the numbers below for any further information and look out for the posters around the village. We look forward to seeing you.

For more info call 799116, 791186 or 799152

Brenda Quinn, President



EASTER EGG HUNT



**Easter Monday
24th March 2008**

The Centre opens at 10am

Meet the Easter Bunny

10.30am Easter Bonnet Parade

Followed by the Easter Egg Hunt

£1.00 per child – pay on the door

Suitable for children aged 7 and under

The Centre will be serving drinks and bacon sandwiches and the WI will be serving cakes, teas and coffees.

Easter raffle tickets will be sold on the day and the draw will take place at the end of the Easter Egg Hunt.

This event is organised by The Mawsley Baby and Toddler Group.

For more information please contact Sarah Hart on 790517 or Tracy Baker 790361.

Mawsley church

Mawsley Church meets in The Centre at 11am on the 2nd and 4th Sunday every month and in homes in the village every week. All are welcome.

Watch out for **Messy Church** back on Saturday 15th March, 2.30pm-4pm at Mawsley School, for lots of Easter fun & art, crafts & music. All ages welcome, with activities suitable for children up to age 11. You need to book a place by ringing 790140.

Come and follow the **Easter** story at Loddington church on Maundy Thursday (7.30pm Holy Communion), St Andrew's, Cransley & Mawsley on Good Friday (2pm Easter Garden Service) and Mawsley Church on Easter Day at 11am.

If you haven't heard yet, our Mawsley SUNDAY SCHOOL's up and running. **Little Doves** cater for 0 - Reception aged children and **Eagles** for primary school Years 1-6. These supervised activities are held in The Centre during our two monthly services. Everybody's welcome to come along and there is no charge.

Our services over the coming weeks will be held on:

EASTER SUNDAY 23rd March - Easter Family Service & Holy Communion; **Sunday 13th April** - Celebration; **Sunday 27th April** - Celebration & Holy Communion.

www.mawsleychurch.net

Messy Church is back!! EASTER FUN & ART & CRAFTS & MUSIC FOR ALL THE FAMILY

**Saturday 15th March
2.30pm-4pm Mawsley School**

**Ring Helen and Paul on 790140
to book your place NOW**

*Fruit & juice provided * Donations welcome *
* EGGS, PAINTING, SPRINGY THINGS & LOTS MORE *

Mawsley church



**Did you know that your
local parish
church has a choir?**

Would you like to get
involved?

Please ring Angela James
on 790253 or Paul SB on
790140 for more
information.

St Andrew's
Cransley & Mawsley

Youth Group

Seven members of the youth group entered the senior Northamptonshire Association of Youth Clubs five-a-side football tournament on Tuesday 6th March and certainly put in 3 really good performances.

I am looking for someone to volunteer to help advertise and organise a craft evening. A member of the Northamptonshire youth development team is prepared to put the evening together and provide all materials, we just need someone to fix a date and be there on the evening. This is ideal for the Y6 - Y8 age range and is provided completely free and part of our membership.

Unfortunately due to the pressures of business commitments and the length of time I have been involved in the provision for youth within Mawsley village, the time has come for me to retire. The MVA already have things in place for a provision for our youngsters but this will only be sustained and successful with parental input. Bob Littler has always been supportive of youth issues and I think it only right for me to express my thanks to him on behalf of the youth of the village for his continued concerns for proper youth provision within Mawsley. Without our youngsters feeling a recognised part of our community we shall isolate them and be the worse for it. Please be supportive of Bob's plans and encourage your youngsters to get involved, have their say and enjoy their lives in this community.

Aidan Piper

News from Mawsley Community Primary School

Year 2 take part in World Maths Day

By Ryan Hughes (Year 2)

Year 2 took part in World Maths Day on 5th March 2008. We had to go on the Mathletics program on the computer. You give some information and then you find out who you are playing against around the world. I played against a boy from Hong Kong. We had to do adding up at Level 1. You have to be quick to get a good score. I got 2538 points! I did it all on my own. It was really good!



Year 3 and 4 trip to Beaumanor Hall

By Charlotte Richards, James Perry and Bradley Porch (Year 4)

Year 3 and Year 4 went to Beaumanor Hall on Thursday 6th March for a World War 2 Day. We dressed up as if we were evacuees. We did some mystery solving about secret codes. We also played World War 2 games like "Here We Go Looby Loo". After that we went in an air raid shelter and heard what it would have been like in the war. We also learnt some World War 2 songs like "Run Rabbit Run" and "Kiss Me Goodnight Sergeant Major". It was good at Beaumanor Hall.

Snow Queen success

By Emily Berrill (Year 6)

What a success! The Mawsley Dreamers (Dance and Drama Club) did it again. They performed a wonderful performance of THE SNOW QUEEN.

We had amazing dances, drama, songs and comedy from our future actors, including:

Gerda – Rosie Masterman; Kay – David Conoboy; Snow Queen – Emily Berrill; Summer Queen – Caprice Davies; Granny Rose – Olivia Hayward; Handy Annie – Hannah Marshall; Jack Frost – Stephanie Cooke; Snowbell – Georgia Hallett; Grandfather – Holly Mahoney; Mr Mayor – Bethany Jordan.

Well done to all the actors and dancers who performed very well. We all had a lot of fun doing this and we hope to do a lot more!!! We thank everyone who helped with this make this show a success.

Mawsley Baby and Toddler Group

We meet every Thursday from 9.30 am until 11am in The Centre. The cost is £1.50 for the first child in the family, with additional children charged at 50 pence each. There are toys for all ages of children, craft activities, a drink and snack and we finish with a singing session.



We set up from 9am. If anyone is able to help please come along.

The group continues to increase in numbers. We have approximately 45 children attending per week with mums, dads, grandparents, childminders and nannies.

Following an appeal for new committee members we now have a full quota! Members of the group have offered to provide snack, prepare craft, set up and clear away, organise parties and update registration details of all the children. Thank you to everyone who is helping in any way.

The Parish Council have given us £300 to spend on new toys. The toys have started to arrive and the children are enjoying playing with them. Thank you to all members of the Parish Council for this generous donation.

We had a fabulous Valentines party. The children made hats to wear and ate heart shaped sandwiches and cookies – and many other things! We played pass the parcel, danced, sang songs and each child went home with a party bag and balloon. Thank you to all concerned, your efforts were very much appreciated.

On the 1st Tuesday of each month the WI hold a Coffee morning at the Centre from 9am until 11am. A group of us have been meeting for coffee and some wonderful cake whilst the children play. If anyone is available and would like to join us please come along.

Dates for your diary:

We have organised the Village Easter Egg Hunt which takes place on Easter Monday at The Centre. The Centre opens at 10am and Penny has offered to serve bacon sandwiches from this time. The WI have kindly agreed to serve teas/coffees and their delicious cakes and there will be a raffle. The Easter Bunny is making a return visit to the village to meet all the children. At 10.30am there will be an Easter Bonnet Parade and the Easter Egg Hunt will take place after this. The cost is £1.00 per child, just turn up and pay on the door. Suitable for children aged 7 and under – see the advert on page 10 and around the village.

5th July – We are running a toy tombola (new and nearly new toys, books, games) at the Mawsley Fun Day. If you have any of the above that you are willing to donate, please contact us. More details on this in the next newsletter.

Any questions relating to the group, please contact Sarah Hart on 790517.

If you have pre-school children and are available on Thursday mornings, please join us.

Sarah Hart

Open Gardens

There are no plans to hold an Open Gardens event in the village this year.

If anyone would like to put this on either this year or next there is plenty of helpful background information and a contacts list available from Pat Rowley on 791881.

Mawsley Allotment Association

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY 26TH MARCH 2008

The Committee of the Mawsley Allotment Association hereby give notice of an EGM to be held on Wednesday 26th March at The Centre (venue to be confirmed). The agenda will be circulated to all members in the next few days but the main business of the meeting will be to distribute allotment plots and allow members to pay the rent that will secure themselves an allotment. All current members are likely to be offered some allotment space but you must attend this EGM to ensure that you do not miss out. Please keep this date free.



There are still details to be sorted, particularly with regard to leases and final preparations of the land, but we hope these will be in place by the date of the EGM. A huge thank you is due to all those who have put so much work in to bring the availability of allotments that much closer to Mawsley. Allotments are almost in sight.

Tony Horne

Mawsley Walking Group

Hi Ramblers

Rita's surprise walk attracted some eleven walkers. Pam & I were sorry to have missed it. We were both unwell but we're on the mend now and I will certainly be on the next walk, but Pam needs to recover a little more before attempting a 9 mile trek.



Thanks to Kelvin for bringing another couple over from his neck of the woods - Bucks - a fair way to come but as always we're pleased to welcome all, and of course a thank you to Rita for her efforts.

The next three walks are:

Saturday 15th March	Fineshade & Blatherwick Woodland & Meadows	9 miles	Leader: Mark
Sunday 13th April	Harlstone Heath. A rare area of Acid Heathland right on our doorstep	7 - 8 miles	Leader: Steve
Saturday 10th May	The Waendel Weekend. A chance to walk at an international event staged in the town & surrounding countryside of Wellingborough.	9 miles	

Would those interested in the Waendel Weekend please inform me so that I can register their details for the start.

The meeting times for the first two walks is 10am at the lay-by on Broughton Rd. The Waendal Weekend is an early 8am as we have to be in Wellingborough for the 9am start.

In the meantime keep those muscles and boots warm.

Steve and Pam Draycott
791681 or slduk@f2s.com

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CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!

In 2009 i am going on an expedition to Kenya, where I will be doing community work with local villages and schools and helping them extend the schools they already have there by doing building work. We also plan to work in an elephant sanctuary for a while and help safari leaders restore the sanctuary.

Being a musician myself, with the help of my music teacher, Carol Lyttle, I intend to hold a music night at The Centre to raise money for me to go as i have to raise £3000. Hopefully, with the help of musicains in the village this will be possible. I am writing this letter to ask for musicians to come forward and put their name down to be part of the music night. There will be solo sections involved along with ensembles that my music teacher and I will be putting together.



If you are at all interested you can contact me on 01536 799373. The concert will be towards the middlle of the year when i have confirmed a date with Penny. I hope you all can help. Thankyou for your co-operation.

Georgina Ashcroft

Dear Editor

My daughter Holly, aged 7 years, submitted a letter to the last issue of the newsletter about her fundraising idea for the RSPCA. She was putting out water for people to use for their dogs when out walking and they could put a donation in a tub.

She was absolutely delighted that as soon as the newsletter came out, people were using it and leaving donations. It's one of the reasons we are so glad to live in a village like Mawsley, that she was able to do something like this.

Whilst things were going well, the donations made raised a total of £17.35, with some children also bringing money into school to donate. That money is being taken to the RSPCA where Holly also wants to go to see the work they do there. The sad thing was that she had to stop doing it when her tub of donations went missing, not once but twice – a disappointment for her, but I also think it's disappointing for the village.

Thank you to all the dog walkers who made a donation.

Yvette Sanderson



Life in a dark cardboard box,
Of this we are not fond!
So we sent out a search party,
And came across a pond!

Life could not be better,
We have settled in quite well!
This waterside we call our home,
Is cared for we can tell!

Of course it is not perfect,
With rubbish it is marred!
It wasn't us, we didn't see,
But now we are on guard!!

This perfect little village,
The community is grand!
And although we don't look busy,
We can't always lend a hand!

So, we do our bit to guard the pond,
And brighten up your day!
This is now our family home
And we would like to stay!!

The Mawsley Gnomes

Please continue to send in your letters to the Editor and share your news and views with the rest of the village.

Please send to Rebecca Thorpe
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Deadline for next issue: 17th April

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COMMUNITY SPIRIT

I would like to respond to the article on page 10 of last month's newsletter entitled 'Community Spirit'.

I would like to say that I have now lived in this village for over 3 years and from the day I arrived I have been welcomed and greeted by almost everyone that I come across.

When I moved in it was around Christmas time. Within a few days I must have received over a dozen Xmas cards welcoming my family to the village. I too have done my best to carry this through by welcoming people into their new homes in my Close (of which there have been quite a few) over the last couple of years.

I agree that community events could be better supported by us locals (especially at setting up and clearing away time), though some do have good reasons for not either attending functions or being able to help at such events.

I for one was unable to either attend or help at any event for over 18 months as I had a prolapse in the lower disc of my back. Now nearly back to normal (if this is at all possible for me) I am trying my best to attend and help out as much as I can.

I do believe that what has been achieved so far in the village is fantastic and we should be singing the praises of all who have made this possible.

I am sure that like anywhere, there are people that just enjoy the events, turn up and go home. On the other hand there are people that would love to 'get stuck in' but just can't for their own reasons.

I just hope that we are not too quick to judge when we don't see them coming forward with their offers of help. For instance I would have loved to have been part of the pond development but because of my back and the fact that I have children of a very drowable age it was not the place for me to be.

I will be helping to set up and clear away this year at the Fun Day; also I will be helping out at the Easter messy church. Things like this are a little easier for me to put my hand to now that my children are a little older and I don't have to have them chained to my side so much.

I chose to live here for the sense of community and the safer lifestyle and freedom that it gives to my children and so far I can honestly say that I have had this sense of love and acceptance from all around. I don't believe that a community should be solely based on the amount of help that people give at events (although helpful) and I think that a very important part of this village is the sense of identity and belonging and looking out for each other as equals.

WE ARE NOT JUST A COLLECTION OF HOUSES IN A BIG FIELD!

Karina Baker

Dear Editor

I would like to thank all the community for the support and help when I really needed it, after losing my wife, Sue. The village managed to support me and my two children, and I now know what community spirit means to me.

A big thank you to everyone from friends, teachers and the community as I could not have done it without you.

Allan Macdonald

Dear Editor

I am Clerk to the Governing Body of Hinwick Hall College of F.E. who provide day/boarding education for young people with severe learning/physical disabilities.

Run by Grooms-Shaftesbury Charity, the college is located in Hinwick near the village of Podington, Wellingborough. We are seeking to appoint Foundation Governors, who must be practising Christians, to increase the size and diversity of the established Governing Body.

If you feel this may be of interest to you, I would be delighted to hear from. I can be contacted by telephone on 01536 790870 or email to allburyf@hinwickhall.ac.uk.

Many thanks

Frances Allbury
Hedgerow Lane

Dates for your diary

Why not cut out and stick on your fridge?

March

Saturday 15th March 2.30 - 4.00pm	Messy Church, The Centre
Saturday 15th March 10.00am	Mawsley Walking Group (see inside newsletter)
16th - 22nd March	St Patrick's Day special offers, The Centre
Monday 17th March 7.30pm	Special Parish Council meeting, The Centre
Thursday 20th March 3.30 - 4.30pm	Easter Eggstravaganza, Mawsley School
Easter Sunday 23rd March 11.00am	Mawsley Church, The Centre
Easter Monday 24th March From 10.00am	Easter Egg Hunt The Centre
Wednesday 26th March	Allotment Association, EGM The Centre (TBC)
Thursday 27th March 8.00pm	Quiz Night, The Centre
Sunday 30th March 2.00pm	Mawsley Spring Clean Meet at The Centre

April

Tuesday 1st April 9.00 - 11.15am	Village coffee morning - all welcome, The Centre
5th April	Nursery open day
Sunday 13th April	Mawsley Church, Celebration
Sunday 13th April 10.00am	Mawsley Walking Group (see inside newsletter)
Thursday 24th April 8.00pm	Quiz Night, The Centre
Sunday 27th April	Mawsley Church, Celebration & Holy Communion

May

Saturday 3rd May	1st cricket league fixture in Mawsley
Saturday 10th May 8.00am	Mawsley Walking Group (see inside newsletter)
Friday 16th May 7.30pm	An evening with Eric Morecambe's daughter, WI
Thursday 29th May 8.00pm	Quiz Night, The Centre

June

6th June	Ladies' Night The Centre
28th June	Talent Show auditions

July

Saturday 5th July 12 noon onwards	Fun Day The Centre
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Next newsletter issue

The next newsletter will be issued on **25th April**. Please consider submitting an article - we would love to hear from you.

Please forward any contributions as soon as possible and by **Thursday 17th April** at the latest to:

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