



Mawsley Villagers Association

Newsletter

October 2005

I was talking to a villager the other day who asked me why the MVA had gone ahead with The Centre, which was such a commitment to the village.

I explained that we didn't. The original agreement between the developers and the Borough Council specified that the developers had to supply a community building of 903 square metres (such precision!), at their own expense.

The MVA was subsequently asked by the Council to specify what we would like the building to be like; what facilities it should have etc.. A number of villagers looked at other village halls and community buildings in the area, and then drew up detailed plans based on learning from those visits. These plans were provided to Wimpey who then briefed architects.

It is a moot point just how much of the villagers' plans and requirements surfaced in the final design, but certainly the spirit of our original requirements is there. In fact I think we have the makings of a first class facility, that does meet many of those original requirements.

Anyway we did go through a consultation period with the architects; (Wimpey were very good in granting us access to them). Their proposed design was smaller (750 sq m) than originally specified but it was made clear that the budget available gave the option of either a fitted-out building of 750 sq metres or a shell of 903 sq metres. We chose the fitted-out option, as we would otherwise have to found perhaps £100,000 to fit out the larger one....and building wouldn't have started until we found the dosh. We have to accept that smaller means that we can't give everything and everybody the space they would like (not that 903 sq m would have done anyway).

So here we are; it's nearly finished. However there are a number of fundamental issues yet to be sorted before we can take possession and get it going. And unfortunately all of these are beyond our control. We are not the customer; the Borough Council is, even though the village (i.e. the parish council, who then plan to lease it to the MVA to run it) will take ownership.

"What issues?" I hear you ask. Well, Graham's article on page 4 refers to Stamp Duty. We flagged up nearly a year ago that there could be a stamp duty charge of over £30,000 heading our way when ownership is transferred from Wimpey. As yet the Borough Council have not been able to resolve this with the Inland Revenue. (It is a special case, for reasons which would take another 3 pages).

Another issue is that the boundaries between the playing fields, the pub site and The Centre are not yet agreed. Indeed there may be an issue of change of use planning permission for the land that is being transferred from the playing fields to the pub site (to make the pub site viable; if this wasn't done, then almost certainly no pub). As we understand it the Council is expecting a planning application but Wimpey doesn't think one is necessary. For sure we can't resolve this. And there's more; a route for the cycle track has to be found somewhere between the pub site and The Centre site. No, we can't fix that either.

Also we are not sure where things stand re drawing up the legal papers for the transfer; this is for Wimpey to initiate. Nor is it clear yet what warranties there will be. The road entrances need to be re-aligned and there may be County Highways' issues for Wimpey to resolve before they can move them.

Of course, on top of all this, there is the Herculean task of setting up the building as a business. Leases to draw up; solicitors to consult; usage and charging policies to implement; staff to be recruited, an operating company (i.e. a trading company separate from the MVA, which as a charity can't run a profit-making enterprise) to be set up, etc., etc.. Yes, this is down to us, but by the cringe it's a lot of work – for people who have no more spare time than you do.

So please bear with us. We want The Centre to be up and running as soon as possible. We want it to be self-financing as soon as possible, though getting to this will take a while. But above all we want it to be a magnificent multi-use building and social centre for the entire village to use, and to enjoy.

We'll get there. And it will have been worth it.

Bob Littler
Chair, Parish Council & MVA

100 Club Draw Results

Draw 2, which was a rollover, was made at the Parish Council meeting on 3rd October by Colin Williams of George Wimpey.

1st prize (no. 46) £65 to Sue MacDonald
2nd prize (no. 3) £22.50 Frank & Brenda Quinn
3rd prize (no. 10) £15 Tracy Webster

The next draw will take place on 7th November.

The next MVA committee meeting will be held on Wed. 26th October at 8pm, then they will normally be held on a new date of the last Tuesday in the month at 8pm. Always check with the secretary, Lizzie Souter, to be sure.

The Mawsley Villagers Association (MVA) Committee hereby give notice of a Special General Meeting to take place at 8pm, 29th November 2005 at Mawsley Village Surgery.

The primary purpose of this meeting is to receive and approve the accounts for the year to 30 April 2005. All members of the MVA are invited to attend and are eligible to vote. To see a copy of the accounts in advance of the meeting either contact Lizzie Souter (799072) or go to the village website (www.mawsleyvillage.co.uk).

Not a member of the MVA?

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

Well membership is free and all villagers are eligible. All you have to do is sign a piece of paper to confirm your desire to be a member.

Why not come along to the SGM and sign up. If you let us know in advance, we will answer any questions you may have. Please send any questions, by 22nd November latest, to Lizzie Souter (andy.lizzie@tiscali.co.uk or 17 Old Gorse Way). To be considered at the meeting your question must have been raised in advance. We will of course answer any question at any time outside of this meeting.

If you'd like to volunteer some of your time to get involved why not come along and let us know what you are interested in doing – whether it's helping out at social events or becoming a Trustee for the MVA Charity.

MVA Newsletter

I hope you find the list of organisations and committees on the back page useful to keep by you.

The next newsletter is due out on 2nd December. Please let me have items for inclusions as soon as possible and by 25th November at the very latest.

Pat Rowley, Editor, 791 881, pat.rowley@tiscali.co.uk

From the Parish Council

There is no further news yet from Wimpey on the pub and employment sites other than that contracts are still being finalised. We have been given no names as to who may be wanting to build the pub but Wimpey have confirmed they are selling the employment site to a developer who will be responsible then for build and letting of units. Wimpey will not be responsible for the design or submission of planning applications for either the pub or the employment units.

Work to plough, seed and drill the fields around the village is now complete. We are advised by the farmer that, by law, he is now required to provide a "wild life belt" around each field - ploughing in future will therefore leave a strip of land untouched around each field. He would be very grateful if residents whose gardens adjoin his land would refrain from depositing garden waste and grass cuttings into the field as this will obstruct the area now set aside for wild life.

Meetings of the Parish Council are usually held at 7.30pm on the first Monday of the month at the Doctor's Surgery. **Richard Meredith, Clerk**



There are a couple of local trends to bring to your attention this time.

Leicestershire police are reporting an increase in burglary of antique furniture, jewellery and ornaments. They advise all the normal anti-burglar deterrents as well as

documenting, photographing and marking all your antique possessions.

Motor vehicle theft, and theft from vehicles continues at a high level. Always lock your vehicle and keep all possessions out of sight.

One in five motor vehicles stolen is a motorcycle. A prolific thief of high powered motorcycles has recently been released from prison. He has been known to steal them from car parks, garages and gardens and will travel to rural areas to offend.

For advice on taking precautions you can contact the Community Watch officer on K 444697 or me, on 790439. If you see a crime in progress don't hesitate to call 999.

Keith Powell, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

Contact Details

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

MVA Officers

mva@mawsleyvillage.co.uk

Chair: Bob Littler (791447)

Dep.Chair: Graham Leah
(799200)

Treas. Chris Winter (790375)

Sec. Lizzie Souter (799072)

Mawsley Parish Council

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Cllr. Bob Littler (Chair)

Cllr. Chris Winter (Deputy Chair)

Clerk: Richard Meredith (791539)

Kettering Borough Council

Cllr. Jim Hakewill (01858
467686)

jimhakewill@kettering.gov.uk

Cllr. Michael Harrison (K 712888)
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Our Community Development Officer at KBC is Collette Lilley 534358

'The Centre at Mawsley'

Here's the latest on The Centre at Mawsley from the Steering Group.....

The Name

Several people have asked about the choice of 'The Centre at Mawsley'. Our reasoning for selecting this name from several suggestions is simple. The Centre Steering Group and the MVA have all discussed the name many times and finally came down to 'The Centre' as being representative of a modern building for the **entire** village to use as a multi-functional facility. It is likely to be a church; a youth club; a cricket club; a gardening club; a pre school; etc.....the list is endless. With all this in mind we felt the name should try to represent all, hence the choice, which we know will not meet with universal approval.....names never do.

Management

This is on-going and some of the points are covered in Bob Littler's front page article. The Centre will be leased by the MVA, from the Parish Council. To run The Centre on its behalf, the MVA is in the process of setting up a Community Interest Company. For more information on this form of Ltd Company see: www.cicregulator.gov.uk.

Opening

We covered this in the last newsletter. Since then, we have received no further information regarding likely dates on which we can 'take possession' of The Centre. One of our major concerns is to avoid burdening the village with the potential of £30,000+ Stamp Duty bill from Gordon Brown.

The physical structure is now almost complete and should be due for handover to Wimpey by the end of October. We hope to be able to arrange a 'viewing' in the next few weeks.....watch this space.

The inside of the building is impressive and we will try to publish photographs in the next newsletter. I do feel that we may have forgotten the fact that this is a superb facility that we have at our disposal. Perhaps the various frustrations the village has faced have hidden the real value of The Centre. It really is 'the business'!!!!

You may recall that we had hoped to have usage of the centre for the Christmas period, but this now looks very unlikely. We are now expecting The Centre to open for 'normal' usage in Jan/Feb 2006.

The Centre needs YOU !

We have received some response to the appeal for help and I thank those who have expressed interest. However, we need more.

For paid and volunteer cleaning and caretaking work or to simply help us through the 'setting-up' period contact:

Graham Leah (799200)

(graham@tuitus.com),

Bob Littler (791447)

(boblittler@btconnect.com) or

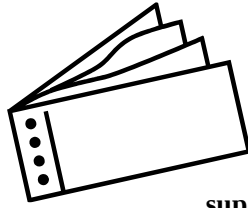
Chris Winter (790375)

(Chriswinter@btinternet.com).

The MVA wishes to thank Claire Jones, of Warren End, for this delightful logo for 'The Centre at Mawsley'. Claire is a professional illustrator/graphic designer who has used her skills, free of charge, to create this and the familiar MVA logo for the village. If you want to see her work in colour, and animated, log on to the home page of the village website at www.mawsleyvillage.co.uk. Claire worked for about 8 years in greeting cards, is currently on maternity leave, but is now hoping to start producing nursery art for children's bedrooms. You can contact her on 791192.



Fund Raising for the village continues



Mega Raffle

Nigel Lay (The Cleaning Doctor, who lives in the village) has offered us a super raffle prize in the form of a whole house carpet clean at no cost – this would be worth over £1000 for a large house.

The Fund Raising Group's view is that this is too big and good a prize to feature in one of the village's usual raffles and that we should use it to form the basis of a large scale licensed raffle, i.e. one for which tickets can be sold to any member of the public.

To make this work we obviously need a number of other large prizes to go with it, so this will mean contacting companies etc.. One way of making it attractive for companies to donate big prizes is that we can offer them free of charge a leaflet drop round the whole village, or a page in the Advertiser.

We feel the best way to progress this is to make it a whole village, rather than just Fund Raising Group, project. Have you got any contacts with a company that could be approached? Mawsley is an attractive market so it will be a win for them as well as for us.

Also we plan to lump together any cash donations and use these to buy larger prizes – at cost price or less, again by offering a leaflet drop.

Although the raffle will not be until the Spring, the leaflet drop could be in the peak selling season of the run up to Christmas.

Please contact Victoria Bell (799196) or Bob Littler (791447) with any ideas or suggestions.

We hope you will get behind this - it is a big opportunity to make a lot of money for the village.



Mawsley Coffee Club

A club for Seniors who meet regularly for coffee and outings, for information please telephone Pat Ellis on 01536 790991

Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy

Thursday, 17 November 10.30 – 12.30

**To take place at Crab Apple Cottage,
15 Hawthorn Avenue**

This Coffee Morning has been arranged to raise money for the Village **MEGA RAFFLE** as part of the Coffee Club's contribution to a raffle prize.

PLEASE do come along for Coffee / Tea / Cakes / Gifts etc. and support our effort for the Village. Thank you.



Do your Christmas shopping from the comfort of your arm chair and help raise money for your village.

By now you should have received a Yellow Moon catalogue through your door.

For every order placed from the catalogue we will get up to 25% cash-back for the village.

So the more you, your friends and family order, the more cash-back we'll receive.

All funds will go towards equipment for The Centre @ Mawsley.



If you pay UK income tax (and let's face it, most of us do) and you make a

donation to a charity it can then claim the tax back from the Revenue.

The procedure is simple and the MVA is geared up and registered to make such repayment claims. We can claim back 28p for every pound donated to us under Gift Aid. That may not seem a lot but it's £28.20 on every £100 and £282 on every £1,000.

This applies to all donations, i.e. free gifts, but not where there is any consideration given in return. So it does not apply to the purchase price of raffle or lottery tickets, or ball tickets or cups of coffee. But a simple donation of £10 to the MVA will be worth £12.82 to us. (And if you pay tax at the higher rate you can reclaim another £2.30 for yourself in your self assessment tax return.)

The process is easy. You will be asked to complete a simple declaration (the form covers only your name and address, nothing personal) which can cover single or multiple gifts and can be retrospective. In order to do this we need to know who you are - so if you are considering making a gift to the MVA for the village please don't be coy, just let us know. We can't claim anything back from anonymous gifts!



Acorn Childcare Ltd has been invited, by the school, to set up an after-school and holiday playscheme. The company is looking to recruit staff for this venture. Please see their advertisement in the Mawsley Advertiser.

The school is currently looking for a new teaching assistant and a cleaner. For details please see the back page of the Mawsley Advertiser.



Mawsley CP School Year 3 Trip to the Dentist

On Thursday 6th October Year Three, from Mawsley Community Primary School, went to visit Mawsley Dental Clinic. The nurse talked to us about teeth and how to keep them healthy. Alfie and Susanna cleaned their teeth and then they tried a disclosing tablet to show where the plaque was. They had to brush their teeth again really, really well to make sure all the plaque was gone.

After that Harry and Emily were allowed to try some mouthwash, it made their mouths feel really minty and fresh.

The dentist then came to talk to us about the surgery and all the equipment. We asked her lots of questions, which she gladly answered. It was really interesting. When she had finished talking Jason was allowed to have a go on the moving dentist chair. It was good fun!

At the end of the session we were all allowed to choose a sticker, and they gave us a goody bag. The bag was full of leaflets and we also got some toothpaste and mouthwash.

We had a fantastic time and we thanked the dentist for giving us her time to help us with our science project. Miss Hall and Mrs Aldwinckle were very impressed with our behaviour, they said we were brilliant!

Written by all of Year Three.



Mawsley School Christmas Fayre

Saturday 26 November 2005 2.00 – 4.00 pm

50p admission (children free)

The Friends of Mawsley School warmly extend an invitation to Villagers and their friends and families to our **CHRISTMAS FAYRE** in the school hall.

We are delighted to welcome the following stallholders. Come along and support Mawsley's local industry and stock up on some beautiful Christmas gifts and ideas at the same time:

Cedar House Flowers Phoenix Cards and Wrapping
The Women's Institute Stylish Stems Floral Decorations
Usborne Books

Raffle: Win a wide variety of Christmas Hampers

A chance of winning a bottle of Veuve Cliquot just by coming through the door

Once again there will be a beautiful array of homemade cakes, cookies and mince pies for sale. Buy to take home or to eat straight away in the large refreshment area.

The old favourites -

Guess the weight of the Christmas Cake, Guess the number of Sweets in the Jar, Treasure Hunt, Chocolate Treasure Hunt, Christmas Film Quiz, Tombola, Chocolate Tombola, Bring and Buy Books and Board Games, Pocket Money toys and Stocking Fillers for sale

Children can make and decorate their own Christmas Cards.

And, of course, you will be able to visit **Santa** in his very own magical grotto

And much more.....

For more details please contact Kathryn Berrill (Chairperson) on Mawsley 799318



ATTENTION
ALL PARENTS / CARERS WITH
UNDER 5s IN MAWSLEY

We are delighted to announce that the first **Mawsley Under 5s' Group** meeting took place on the 26th September. The key objective was to discuss and plan the best way to organize the under 5s' provision in the village and to form a committee to oversee group activities.

We discussed the new parent and toddler group. The pre-school will be handled separately; please contact Allan Macdonald (tel; 790209) for more information about that. We established and agreed what areas we would like to cover in the Parent and Toddler group but we'd also like to hear what you would like from this group. We are hoping to have it set up post Christmas depending on the completion date of The Centre at Mawsley.

This month we have started the **Mini Mawsley Grapevine** which will include recommendations for child friendly pubs, restaurants, activity centres and classes for the children to attend or great children's shops in the area. If you have any recommendations we'd love to hear them. Please check out current recommendations from Yvette Sanderson. Thanks Yvette.

Fantastic news! We are currently organizing the Mawsley Children's Christmas Party which will also include the older children in the village not just the under 5s. We have received generous sponsorship from both Bedford Pilgrims Housing Association and George Wimpey. **THANKS VERY MUCH.** The flyer with the party details is enclosed.

Our October meeting will have taken place before the newsletter is published but anyone interested in coming along next month please give me a call for the date and venue.

We look forward to hearing from you

Rebecca Simmons
Secretary Mawsley Under 5s Group
Simmonsmark6@aol.com
01536 799311

The White Horse at Old is now opening on Thursday & Friday mornings from 9 - 12noon to serve coffee and cake. Toddlers are welcome. See their ad. in Mawsley Advertiser. Might suit parents & toddlers.
Editor

The Friends of Mawsley School & The Mawsley Under 5s Group are organizing a Toy Donation

Want to help?

Do you have toys lurking in cupboards or attics?
Or are you organizing a pre-Christmas toy clear out? Then we would love to have any suitable toys in good condition.

The toys donated will be split into two categories

1. Toys to be sold by the Friends of Mawsley School at the Christmas Fair on the 26th November (all proceeds going to the school).
2. Toys to be used by the children at the Mawsley under 5's group upon our move to The Centre at Mawsley.

Smaller items can be dropped off at the Doctor's Surgery and Mawsley School.

For drop off of larger items please contact either

Yvette Sanderson	799145
Rebecca Simmons	799311
Caroline Shoveller	07734 101386



MAWSLEY MINI GRAPEVINE

Here are this month's recommendations from Yvette Sanderson:

DANCING

If your little one loves dancing – The Anderson School of Dance runs at Kettering Leisure Village. The children can enroll from the age of 3 for 'Baby Ballet' and once they are 5 they can take up a whole range of dancing classes. For more details contact Christine Anderson on 07711 866346



GYMTOTS

Climbing apparatus, ball pits, tunnels and singing: the perfect place for your little ones to meet others. Kettering Gymtots run a variety of sessions for different ages with qualified coaches at their fabulous purpose built venue. Children can work their way through activities and gain certificates. IT'S GREAT FUN. For more details contact Gymtots on 415444

HARRINGTON FAMILY FUN TIME

While we await the Mawsley Parent and Toddler group we are all welcome at Harrington Village Hall every Wednesday during term time at 10.15am to 11.30am. It's a craft activity based group with refreshments for all. The children enjoy the craft activity and singing especially the parachute!! Interested? Please come along. For directions to Harrington email Simmonsmark6@aol.com or telephone 799311

HALLOWE'EN FUN AT WEST LODGE



Looking for some Halloween fun then look no further than West Lodge Farm at Desborough. The party last year was great. It will take place on Sunday 30th October at 2.00pm. There are lots of activities and some of the children come along in their Halloween costumes. It's a great afternoon

for all the family especially as it starts to get dark and spooky. For more details telephone 760552

Do you have any recommendations to pass on? Either email Simmonsmark6@aol.com or telephone 01536 799311. Look forward to hearing from you.

The Mawsley Villagers Association presents

A Bonfire Night Spectacular!

Saturday 5th November

Don't forget your
broolly & hat!



Bring your wellies
& a torch!

To be held on the open field off School Road

Pre-event Big Bonfire build at 2.00pm

Gates open 6.00pm

Best Guy Competition at 6.30pm

Bonfire lit at 7.00pm

Fireworks at 7.30pm

Hot food ... Hot Drinks ... Licensed bar

Tickets are priced @ £10 per household

Ticket sellers will be calling on you.
All proceeds will go to the MVA

Bonfire Night

The Social Committee would like to thank Messrs George Wimpey for generous sponsorship towards this event.

If you can help on the day please contact Lottie on 799375.

Not a Social Committee Event this time, but thought you would like to know...

Christmas Festivities

I have been asked to see if I could get a night out arranged for Christmas.

The good news is:- I have booked The Baronial Room at Highgate for the 9th December 2005, this is booked for 50 for a 4 course dinner set for the season. We have a coach booked from Mawsley and a disco arranged for the evening. All at a cost of £40 per person.

The Bad news is:- There are only very limited places as only one coach is going and places are going fast.

If you do wish to go let me know. I have the menu choice which needs to be chosen with full payment to book a place.

Karen 790085

Harvest Ball

Karen did a wonderful job again this year, organising the ball on behalf of the Social Committee.

Many thanks, Karen. Here is her report.

Mawsley's 3rd Harvest Ball was again a fantastic night. Highgate excelled themselves with the food this year. Superfly the band for the night were brilliant and the dancing started as soon as they did and didn't stop all night. The choice of tracks they played suited our night perfectly and everyone said how much they enjoyed them. Our table flowers were beautifully done by Chrissie at The Cedar House and looked great. We all had a great night.

This year all that was left behind was some makeup and a red/black paisley bow tie, not from the same owner maybe! If they belong to you call for their return.

We had free cameras on the table. If you have the one camera that is missing and have not yet had it developed let me have it and I will process it with the free voucher it came with. If however you have had the film developed and the images are not what you expected let me have them, I may know the guest for future blackmail!!!!!!

Our partly game Heads 'n tails raised nearly £300. Thanks for the prizes and for joining in. This will go to The Centre. Hope you all enjoyed your evening and didn't suffer too much the next day.

Karen 790085

Calling All Ladies Of Mawsley

If you are thinking of clearing space in your wardrobe's for new clothes (I know I am!!) please do not throw away any of your old Evening dresses or Ball gowns! Mawsley Village Social Committee will be preparing a Fashion Show in 2006 and are looking for stock to auction. Further details on this event will follow in later editions of the Mawsley Newsletter. Lottie



Soggy Sizzler - abandoned!

A big thank you to Kevin, Ian, David, Bob and everyone who came to help put up and take down the tent and clear away on what was probably the wettest Saturday afternoon of the summer. Thank you to Gordon and the band, Mel the Funjuror, Minstrel Wine, and first aiders Steve and Cheryl who all also turned up and got very wet before doing the sensible thing and going home again.

And thank you to the Market Harborough Building Society who gave us their sponsorship money anyway - this has helped to reduce the small loss that was made on the hire of the BBQ.

Mawsley Village Youth Group wants you

As you may already know, the **Mawsley Village Youth Group** meet once a month to discuss activities currently organised for the young people within the village like the **Zone Centre** in **Kettering**, and also **Saturday Football** (which has now moved from Loddington to Mawsley School Playing field from 10 - 11am). We also look at fund raising issues and other external activities that may be of interest to the ever expanding number of under 18's in the village.

As the young population within the village is growing so rapidly, we are now focusing our attention on establishing a more permanent base for our youngsters. We are grateful for the support which the Zone in Kettering is already providing but do not think that the Zone Centre should be viewed as a long-term solution to the lack of provision for young people within our community. We need to provide a safe place within the confines of the village where our children/teenagers can go and meet-up on a regular basis.

We are sure you will agree, though, that in the meantime we need to continue offering a safe and locally based place for the young people of Mawsley Village to meet until access to the village hall is established hopefully in the near future. With this in mind, we would like to promote the following activities available to the young people aged 11-18 at the Zone Montagu Street in Kettering.

Focus On Football - Focus on Football is a football and fitness group which could lead to a range of optional sport awards.

In-Zone - A social group for disabled Young People.

KYI - Kettering Youth Information aims to help young people with problems

Music Works - Music Works gives young people a chance to express themselves through music.

Youth Zone Radio - Youth Zone Radio is an Internet and FM radio station that is being set up in the Zone. New members needed.

Zone Café - The Zone Cafe is the hub of The Zone building a chill out Zone to socialize with friends and open to us on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Computer Zone - The Computer Zone is a project which enables users to access the latest IT facilities / Internet Suite where PCs are available for research / homework/ and WEB design projects etc specifically for Mawsley young peoples use.

Circus Skills - Improve your confidence and co-ordination skills while having fun!

Girls, Girls, Girls

Monday night is girl's night. Art/Photography, Girls Issues, Fashion Show, Film Nights, Fitness, Hair and Beauty are all available every Monday evening from 6pm to 8.30pm.

Mawsley young people have access to the Zone on both Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 7:15 pm – 9.30pm where we can currently offer Football, Basketball, Circus Skills, Homework / Internet use, Check out mawsleyyouth.co.uk, and the Zone Café on these nights.

We need you to support this facility and would encourage parents to help promote this very positive option until we are able to provide a similar facility at the village centre in the future. We hope to provide transport to the Zone if we can attract 12 or more people to attend.

Issues of interest in the village at the moment are the provision for skate boarding both in the short-term and for the long-term. We are aware of the problem that boarding is currently, however please be tolerant as these youngsters have nowhere else to go. We are also looking into other facilities it is felt should be provided for the youth within the confines of the village, e.g. youth shelter, tarmac area, basket ball, footy pitches, kick wall, permanent 8-13 play area etc.

For further information and to have your say please contact Aidan Piper on 790419 or Nigel Grimmitt on 790914. We need more young people to support what we currently provide and help us ensure we provide for you in the future.

Mawsley Youth Committee.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

The Mawsley Village Forum **www.mawsleyvillageforum.co.uk**

Unfortunately the old forum has now gone. I would like to use this column to publicise that, in its place, a NEW and IMPROVED Mawsley Village Forum has begun.

Set up by some of the old forum regulars, the new village forum will provide an open discussion facility for the village and provide an additional source of information for current and future residents. This new forum can be found at www.mawsleyvillageforum.co.uk and has amongst others the following improvements:

- Fully administered and moderated forums
- A Clearer structure of categories and forums including "For Sale", "Wanted", "Help" and "Reviews"
- The flexibility to add additional forums as and when required
- The ability to provide our village groups with their own private and public self moderated discussion areas
- Fully searchable content

So why not pop in for a chat, or come and tell us about your favourite local pubs and restaurants or even about the bloke who does your windows.
Looking forward to meeting you there.

Jason pumbaa@mawsleyvillageforum.co.uk

Dear Editor

Good News for Mawsley Village!

I'm very pleased to announce that the Diocese of Peterborough has decided to place a Curate with the Four Spires Group of Churches from July next year (2006) who will be housed in Mawsley.

For those of you not conversant with the term "Curate" it refers to someone who takes up their first ministry position following completion of a course of ministerial training and ordination.

Our prospective Curate is called Paul Seaton-Burn. He is 35yrs of age, is married to Helen and they have four boys aged 13 down to 2. He is currently in his final year of theological college training at St John's, Nottingham.

I have met Paul and his family on a number of occasions now and believe that working alongside Christians in Mawsley they will be a real asset to developing Church in the village as well as the surrounding 4 Spires villages.

I will keep you updated and in the meantime would encourage you to hold Paul, Helen and the boys in your prayers as well as all the practical matters associated with this news, not least the Diocese finding a suitable property for them to live in.

With my prayers and good wishes

Brian Withington, Priest-in-Charge, Broughton, Cransley with Mawsley, Loddington and Thorpe Malsor
The Rectory, Gate Lane, Broughton, NN14 1ND
01536 791373

Dear Editor

Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning

I would like to thank everyone who got together for a cup of coffee and helped raise a fantastic £102.00 on Friday 30th September 2005 as part of Macmillan Cancer Relief Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning.

It was a great day and everyone really enjoyed themselves. It is amazing that a simple cup of coffee with neighbours has helped raise lots of money for such a great cause.

Thanks .Karen

*Left behind: one pink stripy bag with baby items in
please call 790085 for its return*

Dear Editor

I would like to appeal again, this year, for Mawsley to help local disadvantaged children enjoy Christmas.

Please help make a child's Christmas special.

Last year we collected around 250 presents from Mawsley, Broughton and Pytchley schools, along with donations from Mawsley residents. These were distributed via the Family Support Unit at Northants County Council, to children who otherwise would not have received a gift at Christmas.

Northamptonshire's Family Support Team give support to 350 children, many of whom would have been in children's homes in years gone by. These children may be in foster care, having lost one or both parents, who may have an absent parent due to a long term illness, or have a disability which puts financial strain on the family. The advice the Support Unit has to give the families and carers at Christmas is that they have more important sensible uses for their money than a Christmas present for the child. That's where we can help.

If you would like to help, please just donate a Christmas present - unwrapped so that we can be sure it goes to the right child. The children are newborns up to 12 year olds, and the only guideline is that the toys need to be new and educational and fun rather than fluffy and cuddly.

Donations need to be in by December 15th. There is a donations box at Mawsley school, or you can drop them into 3 The Jitty, Mawsley.

Please give just one present - it really could be the most meaningful one you give this Christmas and will make a real difference to these children.

Thank you

Yvette Sanderson

Dear Editor

Mother's Union.

I would like to contact any member of the Mother's Union who has come to live in Mawsley with a view to starting a branch here.

Please contact me at 49 Hawthorn Avenue, Mawsley.
01536 791661. Email joan.redman2@btinternet.com

Joan Redman

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Mawsley Football Club

Do you suffer from any of the following?

Rheumatism
Joint pain
Back pain
Muscle soreness



If so, then why not join the rest of the old crocks in the village who play footie between 9 and 10pm on a Monday evening at Kettering Leisure Village? All abilities welcome.

For more details contact George Caplan on 791333

Mawsley Walking Group

Sat. 12th November. Irchester Country Park

Sat 10th December. Barnwell Country Park.

For all walks Meet at 10am in the layby in Broughton Road just inside the first entrance to the village.

More information from Pam and Steve Draycott,
3 Cowslip Hill, 791681

Letters.....continued

Dear Editor

I live in Mawsley and am on the committee of **Brixworth Mums and Tots**. I thought others might like to know what we are planning.

We are running a series of events this term, both for the children and the mums and dads. We would love to see as many of you as possible, as like all baby and toddler groups we always need more people. If you have been before please come along again, and the new committee welcomes any comments, suggestions, or offers of help!

We meet at Brixworth Village Hall every term-time Monday from 1.30pm to 3.00pm.

The events are:

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| 31st Oct 2005 | Have your child videoed driving a jeep on safari or on the farm (they make an unusual Christmas present.) |
| 7th Nov 2005 | A Body Shop agent will be attending, where you will be able to watch demonstrations, and buy the products. A good opportunity to buy Christmas presents without the stress of going into town! |
| 5th Dec 2005 | Pots of Fun. For anyone who hasn't come across these before, you have the choice of various styles of plates and mugs that your children's hands and feet can be imprinted on. Again more useful Christmas presents. |
| 5th Dec 2005 | Christmas Dinner (for Mums and/or Dads) at the George in Brixworth; booking is essential. |
| 19th Dec 2005 | Children's Christmas party, including Santa. |

For further information please contact me, Judy, on 790537.

News from the Surgery

The new surgery building is progressing very well (hope I haven't spoken too soon), with a completion date of the end of March 2006. We continue to have monthly progress meeting with the developers and should have our next update on the 26th October.

Flu clinics it's that time of year again. There has been a problem with the delivery of flu vaccines throughout the country. We are beginning to receive vaccines albeit in small batches. If you have been invited to have a flu jab please note that the next few walk in clinics will be on the 28th October, 4th November and the 8th Nov. Please telephone the surgery for further information, or come to one of the walk in clinics - no appointment is necessary.

Richard Pullar continues to run his private chiropody clinics here, but is changing his day from Tuesday to Wednesday from November. Please telephone the surgery for further information.

Repeat Prescription Requests- A reminder that we only accept repeat requests in writing. This could be sent via fax, email or just pop it in the letter box at the surgery. (There is a letter box just outside the door for when we are closed.)

Angene Kane
Practice Manager

Gardening Club

Johnnie Amos, our speaker at the last meeting, proved very popular and entertaining. Marisa's lounge is large but was full to capacity on that occasion. We really are looking forward to being able to use 'The centre' for meetings next year.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 26th October, 8pm at Marisa's, 31 Main Street.

The topic will be 'putting the garden to bed for the winter' but you are also asked to come prepared to tell what you have been doing in your garden this year.
Enquiries to Marisa on 790748

Mums and Tots

Don't forget that there is a very well established Mums and Tots group from the village that meets regularly in term time on Monday mornings from 10.30am at Kids Kingdom at KLV.
More information from Sue Owens, 791514.

Free Co-op Bus

This is now calling regularly to the village at about 9.30 on Wednesday mornings en route for the Co-op Superstore in Kettering. It is sometimes delayed until 9.45 but it does turn up. It stops at the 'old' bus stop by the duck pond. It leaves the Co-op at 12 noon.



Mawsley Village WI

Mawsley Village WI has had a fabulous, fun-packed six months. With Speaker topics ranging from prison and

paintings, to winter pansies and pots, with excursions including the towering heights of Rockingham Castle to 'Wind Beneath the Wings' falconry experience at Holdenby House. It's entertained us all!

Our first annual meeting was held on Tuesday 11th October, and we've seen a 50% increase in our membership.

The group is friendly, outgoing and very young at heart. The committee is vibrant and ready to take on community challenges. We are keen to support worthwhile village projects.

We are currently discussing with KBC, Wimpy and the parish council the possibility of a recycling facility for The Mawsley Villagers. We'll keep you updated on progress.

The next dates in the WI calendar are

**Tuesday 8th November
for Hand Made Chocolates, and**

**Tuesday 13th December
for Christmas Table Decorations.**

Both start at 7-30. We look forward to seeing you there. The venue will be confirmed closer to the time.

If you have any comments or ideas on how we can continue the development of the Mawsley WI and support The Village further, please direct them to the Mawsley Women's Institute President, Lynn Hazell, on 791691. We're keen to have your involvement.

Please come along and join us for informal fun & friendship. We look forward to seeing you.

Lynn Hazell
President

Christians in Mawsley

The Sunday collection at 'Songs of Praise' was £77.88, half of which was sent to the Niger appeal as indicated.

The door-to-door collection for The Salvation Army, which did not cover the whole village was £203.65.

Our next Saturday service is on 12 November at 3.15pm in the school. The theme is 'All creatures great and small' and it will be led by Major Mildred Peacock.

Heard it on the Grapevine

Edition 8

64 days left until Christmas! Can you credit it? Where did the year go? Not to worry, though ... we've got All Hallows Eve (I'm not an American so I stick to English terms ... tee hee!) and Bonfire Night first. I'm also getting wind of a Christmas 'Do' being planned in The Baronial Hall at Creaton House . sounds fabulous!

So what am I going to share with you in this edition ... let me see ... I thought I'd concentrate on 'services' this edition ... things I've found out about recently ...

- If you want to pamper your pooch ... there's a lady called Karen, based in Little Bowden who does clipping, stripping, washing and tidying up ... whatever that is! I'm a cat owner so these terms are all a bit foreign to me but if you own dogs ... and lots of you do, I'm sure you'll know what they all mean. Her details are:

Karen's K9 Grooming

Tel: 07850 086166

www.kj.evans1@ntlworld.com.

Let me know what you think if you use her, won't you.

- Did you get a Yellow Moon **Christmas Catalogue** through the door? Apparently they give a % of your spend back to MVA and ... we need them so if you can use it ... please do.
- Did you know that we have a couple of ironing services that come to the village now? I've tried both of them (there may be others I don't know about) and the best one, by far, in my opinion is **Easy Press Ironing**. Lisa (01536 420101 or 0788 655189) collects on Monday evenings, weighs it so you know what your bill will be and brings it back hung up or folded (you supply the hangers) on a Wednesday evening. Great ironing ... my husband has never looked so smart!! £3.00 per kilo collected, ironed and delivered back!
- Are you looking for a cleaner? The lady who helped me at my last house was with me for 15 years but I've had 3 since I moved here ... must be something in the water! Anyway .. I now use an Agency called **Selclene** ... they're a bit more than the normal hourly rate but they take on all the hassle and I was desperate!! Their website is: www.selclene.co.uk and a very nice man called Neil owns the franchise in this area and can be contacted on 01858 466247
- Lastly: Nicky recommends **Farndon Field Farm Shop** outside Market Harborough for fabulous fresh veg and other produce ... **Saul's of Spratton** for very good homemade pies and ready meals ... and **the Butchers at Twywell** (not sure if that's what they're called) for fresh game.

Remember ... these are your finds and this is your 'Grapevine'.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Andrea Lucas

Tel: 01536 799066

‘AT A GLANCE’ MAWSLEY REGULAR EVENTS & CONTACTS Oct 2005

Christians in Mawsley	1 st & 3 rd Thursday evening for discussion, prayer & socialising	Gerald Peacock	791496
Church of England	Baptism, Home Communion, Marriage, Funeral & other enquiries.	Revd. Brian Withington	791373
Coffee Club	Outings & socialising for ‘seniors’	Pat Ellis	790991
The Centre at Mawsley Steering Group	Sub-committee of MVA, planning the fitting out and management.	Graham Leah Chair	799200
Dental Clinic	Offering NHS dental treatment	Dr Alison Simpson	799210
Family Fun Time	Weds. 10.15 – 11.15 at Harrington Village Hall (babies – pre-school)	Victoria Bell	799196
Friends of Mawsley School	Organises events to support the school	Kathryn Berrill Claire Harthill	799318 790067
Fund Raising Group (MVA sub-group)	Raising funds to equip The Centre & for the village generally.	Victoria Bell, Chair	799196
Gardening Club	Last Wed. for visits & self help	Marisa Holton	790748
Kettering Police	(Use 999 for emergencies)		411411
Mawsley Villagers Assoc.	Usually meets last Tuesday. 8pm	Lizzie Souter	799072
Mawsley Cricket Club	Nets and games to be arranged	Nick Owens	791514
Mawsley Football Club	9 – 10pm Mondays at KLV	George Caplan	791333
Mawsley School	Community Primary	Elaine Wright, Head	799182
Mawsley Welcome Pack	Info. Pack produced by KBC and MVA delivered to all new arrivals	Mary-Rose Dolan-Holland	790349
Mobile Library	Fortnightly, Monday (except bank hols) 3.15 – 4.00pm by Post Box.	Next visit is 31 st October	01933 225365
Mums & Tots	Mondays from 10.30 at KLV Kids Kingdom (babies – pre-school)	Sue Owens	791514
Neighbourhood Watch	Area reps. are keeping you informed	Keith Powell Co-ord	790439
Newsletter & Advertiser	Produced every 6 weeks. Next due on 2 nd Dec. pat.rowley@tiscali.co.uk	Pat Rowley Editor	791881
Parish Council	Meets 1 st Monday at 7.30pm	Richard Meredith	791539
Pre-school group	Working for pre-school provision	Allan MacDonald	790209
Reading Group	2 nd Wed. to discuss books	Elaine Cawthorne	791277
Sat. Football Club (youngsters)	Sats. 10 – 11am on School Playing Field – coaching & games	Aidan Piper Simon Wren	790419 791973
Stagecoach	Regular and free Co-op bus service	01604 601502 or N 676060	
Social Committee	Organising village events	Simon & Karen	790085
Surgery	Doctors, nurses, chiropody	A Kane, Manager	791300
Under-5s group (MVA sub-group)	Organising events & groups for under-5s & their carers	Rebecca Simmons Victoria Bell	799311 799196
Walking Group	Monthly weekend walks	Steve Draycott	791681
Mawsley website	www.mawsleyvillage.co.uk	Duncan Webster Graham Leah	799200
Women’s Institute	2 nd Tues each month, 7.30pm	Lynn Hazell	791691
Worship & celebration	2 nd Sat at 3.15pm in the School Hall	Gerald Peacock	791496
Youth Club	Weds. 7.30 – 9.00 at William Knibb Centre, Kettering	Aidan Piper	790419