



Mawsley Villagers Association

# Newsletter

October 2006

**I'd like to be able to say that we are in The Centre; you know I would. However the frustrations continue. Although the Stamp Duty issue was sorted out in May contracts have still not been exchanged - some 5 months later. As you know, we are only peripherally involved in this (or as one of my MVA colleagues put it "receiving collateral damage").**

But yes there is good news. G Wimpey have offered to let us have access to the building to start the building works we need to do. This is a very welcome move which would ideally mean that we can open for business very soon after taking ownership, rather than having to wait some weeks while building work is completed. However this offer does raise some awkward legal gubbins that the Borough Council and Wimpey need to sort out very quickly if we are going to be able to take up the offer.

Anyway regardless of the delays and uncertainty we have taken some positive commitments, notably employing a manager - Penny Feasey who started on the 2nd October.

Penny lives in the village and comes with 12 years of experience in the licensed trade, most recently from Whitbread where her last job was managing the Brewers Fayre in Peterborough and prior to that Telford Lodge in Kettering. The Centre won't match the £1½ m turnover of the Peterborough outlet, but in its own way it will be just as challenging.



## St Wimpey in the Fields

**Extracts from the non - pc diary of a Parish Clerk.**

### Monday

Contemplation of early retirement blown to pieces when daily post arrives (5.30 pm) the Parish Council is to be taken to an employment tribunal as it appears to be in breach of legislation relating to the age of employees. Immediately contact solicitor to establish a defence. Solicitor suggests a plea of guilty and to throw myself on the mercy of the court.

The Centre has a vital role to play in being the social centre for the village, meeting the needs of as wide a range of villagers as possible. It will be guided by what **you** want. There will be no dictat from Head Office to improve profitability or wine sales or whatever; rather a very difficult balancing act to meet everyone's desires and at the same time at least break even (any profits will be ploughed back into improving facilities, or to the village generally).

And it is a gigantic step to go from a (very large) empty shell - which still needs lots of work doing in it to create a comfortable lounge area, fit out a bar and provide storage facilities - to a fully functioning, effective, welcoming, efficient and safe business. It is an enormous task. That is why we have recruited Penny and why she has already started work.

Penny has been employed on a part time basis, and to be clear yes we know we are taking a risk employing her before we have a date for possession of The Centre, but actually there is so much preparation to do it is an entirely worthwhile, minimal, risk. Now that Penny is on board we have been able to make great strides sorting out things such as the point-of-sale equipment, accounting issues, suppliers, etc., etc..

You will see details of Bonfire Night on page 5. What you won't see is that we came very close to cancelling it. We have now found someone to co-ordinate the event, which was the big problem, and have got volunteers lined to help with ticket sales, marshalling, the bar, the raffle and so on.

However that is not enough. It's the same people who help every time, so this time I want you to help too. Last year 6 people had to remove all the tents etc. and clear up the mess left by over 1000 people. This year it has to be different. I want to see at least 50 people on site at 10:00 on Sunday morning to help clear up. 50 people means 15 minutes or so of their time. 6 people means hours of their time.

The options are simple; help to clear up or no bonfire night next year.

I can't wait for my sunny side to re-appear!

Bob Littler  
Chair of Parish Council and MVA

## Parish Clerk

Richard Meredith has stood down as Clerk to Mawsley Parish Council due to the pressure of his day job. *(They can get in the way!!)* He has served since the Parish Council was formed in April 2004 and has been a tower of strength. As well as setting up the Parish Council procedures from scratch and resolving its relationship with the MVA, he has had to deal with complex legal issues, way beyond the normal remit of a parish clerk, especially the contractual matters relating to the conveyancing of the Centre. His expertise has saved the Parish Council considerable expense on legal fees. The Parish Councillors wish to express their heartfelt thanks to him for this service.

Congratulations to Elaine Cawthorne who has been appointed by the Parish Council as his replacement. Elaine has lived in the village for 4½ years and both her boys attend Mawsley School where she is also a Governor. Elaine is already Clerk to Walgrave Parish Council. Her contact details are : 9 Fox Coverts, Tel:01536 791277 email:cawthorne@tesco.net

## Welcome Packs

The MVA has a policy of welcoming new residents to the village. They have developed a Welcome Pack in conjunction with KBC and Mary Rose visits to offer a personal welcome to newcomers, giving them information about the village and the area.

She is usually able to keep track of new arrivals moving into brand new houses but not new arrivals who have bought from previous owners.

If you have recently moved in and would like a Welcome Pack please contact any MVA Committee member or Mary Rose on 790349.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council  
will be held on Monday 6th November**

at 7.30pm. Venue to be decided.

**The meeting after this will be on 4th December.**

**The MVA will meet on 26th October  
& 28th November.** Contact Lizzie Souter for venue.

## Winter Gritting of roads to Mawsley

**The Parish Council has been advised that the County Council will be gritting the road to Mawsley this coming winter.**

In fact, the County Council has gone further than anticipated and will be gritting the road from the A43 roundabout, passing both Mawsley entrances and will continue to grit up to the junction with the Rothwell to Lamport road at Foxhall.

The Parish Council would like to thank all those who have supported the campaign to get the road gritted and we hope that the action taken by the County Council will significantly reduce the risks that have been identified on this stretch of road during the winter months.

**Sometimes "people power" and persistence works!**

## Employment/retail area update

The planning application has been re-submitted to KBC following a few amendments which the planners sought and I am pleased to be able to say that this revised scheme now goes forward with planning officer support so we are now hopeful that planning will be granted this year and a start made on site early in the new year so that we can get the first units ready by around August.

Adrian Allen  
City & County Developments

*The original plans were shown on pages 2 & 3 of the July 2006 Newsletter which you can see on the village web site.*

*The amendments include reducing the height of the tallest buildings from 3 to 2½ stories and redesigning them to look like a row of houses.*  
Editor

## Contact Details

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

### MVA Officers

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Chair: Bob Littler (791447)

Dep.Chair:Graham Leah (799200)

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Sec. Lizzie Souter (799072)

### Newsletter

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### Mawsley Parish Council

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Cllr. Bob Littler (Chair)

Cllr. Chris Winter (Deputy Chair)

Clerk: Elaine Cawthorne (791277)

### Neighbourhood Watch

**Co-ordinator**

Keith Powell 790439

### Kettering Borough Council

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Our Community Development Officer  
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# ON MAWSLEY POND

Actually there are two ponds at the first entrance into the Mawsley Village – one on the right behind the road hedge is spring filled and not really accessible, and then there is Mawsley Pond.

The Pond goes back into antiquity and previously has been fed by direct rainfall and by rainwater seeping into it out of the surrounding farmfields. It would appear that when construction of the village started about 4 – 5 years ago the asphalt roads on concrete bases gradually surrounded the Pond and gradually intercepted and then stopped the rainwater from the fields. Clearly the direct rainfall is insufficient to keep the Pond filled – at this time it is dry. Further, because there is traffic on the Pond ringroad, any water which seeped from the road surface into the pond would contain harmful elements including tyre rubber, asphalt/tar and chemicals transported on vehicle tyres. So past water supply is history.



*As seen circa 2006*

The Pond has been a sizeable area of water until the recent past – see top photograph; and the Pond which looks so small from a slowly moving vehicle is really quite large; perhaps 75 – 80 feet long x 10 – 15 feet wide around its perimeter, when full. Check it out! (*That's approx. 26 metres x 4 metres*)

A great many villagers have queried why we cannot have a water filled Pond? So after consultation with statutory and relevant voluntary bodies – English Nature, various councils, Pond Conservation Trust, the owners, and local cognoscenti, there appears to be no reason why our Pond cannot be restored to being a real pond.

A large amount of unwanted vegetation, which is not native or beneficial to our Pond or its future residents, needs to be dug out and removed. When



*As seen circa 2001*

that has been achieved, the task of sealing the base and walls can be undertaken.

Your committee proposes to start the process moving forward to achieve just that, and I have been singled out as the idiot to try to coordinate our activities. I do not doubt that in the nearish future I shall appeal to anyone who enjoys working with and in nature – for help in the myriad tasks to be done –

|          |           |          |
|----------|-----------|----------|
| Pruning  | Gathering | Cleaning |
| Clearing | Digging   | Puddling |
| Removing | Planting  | Etc Etc  |

We are also aware that a Pond will have good aesthetic benefits and should provide a useful educational dimension for our teachers and scholars..



However we must all consider the effect, in terms of risks, that a pond may present to young people in its vicinity. We are taking a good deal of time consulting the relevant authorities and statutory bodies for their advice and experience in this matter and I welcome any contribution from any reader who may raise something which we may not have considered.

**OUR POND OUR CHILDREN !!!**

Richard Hoy  
5 Badgers Lane  
07815986380

*Pictures by Chris Winter*

## The Centre at Mawsley

Lots of things have been happening in the background over the past few weeks

OK, that's not exactly accurate...the truth is.....some things have been happening in the background over the past few weeks. KBC and Wimpey have, apparently, reached a point where they are ready to exchange the Centre's ownership. The MVA and Parish Council have agreed on a nominal charge for the MVA to lease the Centre. The Centre at Mawsley Community Interest Company....let's call it TCAM.....has come into official existence. TCAM has begun the process of commissioning the building for village use, although the progress on this is very limited until we have possession. Penny Feasey has started to work with user groups who want to book times and space in the Centre.

That's the good bit. Naturally, we have no clear picture as to when we will take possession. Actually, today is the first anniversary of that statement. Happy Anniversary!

Over the past few months there have been any number of queries and comments coming to the editor or just

floating in on the rumour breeze. One significant point is the cost of hiring space. The village has to bear in mind that estimated annual costs for heating & lighting (c. £10k), cleaning (c. £5k) and insurance (c. £5k) amount to £20k. These alone amount to more than we expect to get from room rentals, hence prices that are not as cheap as some users would wish (though we believe competitive with similar quality facilities). The MVA and TCAM have set the charges at a level that is 'reasonable and fair', bearing in mind the costs of the Centre..... not free, cheap or too expensive. See below.

A second point is the use of the kitchen. TCAM do not think the kitchen is a suitable space for unrestricted public access and is not large enough to store food, consumables and equipment for a variety of user groups. Therefore individual groups will sort out their kitchen needs and provision of food on an individual basis, when booking the Centre. TCAM will not be offering a commercial catering service at this point in time.

It is probably worth saying that we anticipate that the most basic running costs and the capital expenditure required to make the Centre operational, will be in the region of £60,000 in the first year. It is TCAM's operational plan to ensure that the Centre will 'break even' over the ensuing years. We believe that it is essential to provide a high-quality facility that will meet the needs of the whole village community without being a financial burden on the residents.

We fundamentally believe that this cannot be achieved by running The Centre as a "village hall", dependent on volunteers and with minimal charges. It is too big and too expensive to run and to maintain for that to work. The inevitable consequence would be a steady decline into a unkempt, poorly maintained building that did not meet the needs of the village and lost (lots of) money. There are examples of this not far from here.

There have been some hard decisions to make on the way and we don't suppose everyone will agree with them. But we are convinced they are the right decisions, although we are perfectly aware of the need to review them in the light of experience, that will lead to The Centre being somewhere we can all be proud of.

It is still our intention to have an 'Open Day' on the first convenient Saturday after we have possession of the Centre. Although we expect to be somewhat short of fully equipped, we hope that everyone will come and see the potential of the Centre. Additionally, we hope that various user groups will be there to 'sign-up' interested villagers to a variety of Centre based activities.

**Finally, yet another appeal for help! The Centre cannot operate without volunteers.**

**Graham Leah**

**The Centre at Mawsley Steering group**

| <b>Charges for Centre Usage</b><br>(based on 4 hour sessions - ie Morning, afternoon or evening)                                                                                                 |      |                        |        |               |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------------------------|--------|---------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Hall | Meeting Room<br>1 or 2 | Lounge | Changing room |
| Community Use *                                                                                                                                                                                  | £35  | £18                    | £35    | £15           |
| Commercial<br>Community Use **                                                                                                                                                                   | £53  | £28                    | £88    | £35           |
| Parties :Weddings                                                                                                                                                                                | £200 | £100                   | n/a    | n/a           |
| Adult party                                                                                                                                                                                      | £100 | £40                    | n/a    | n/a           |
| Children's Party                                                                                                                                                                                 | £60  | £30                    | n/a    | n/a           |
| External<br>Conference/shows                                                                                                                                                                     | £100 | £50                    | n/a    | n/a           |
| <b>Charges for Centre Usage - (based on 'per hour')</b>                                                                                                                                          |      |                        |        |               |
| Community Use                                                                                                                                                                                    | £10  | £5                     | £10    | £10           |
| Commercial<br>Community use                                                                                                                                                                      | £15  | £8                     | £25    | £10           |
| <b>NOTES to the charges table above</b>                                                                                                                                                          |      |                        |        |               |
| All to be confirmed in discussion with potential user groups                                                                                                                                     |      |                        |        |               |
| * Community use defined as a not-for-profit organisation, village based and for villagers' use only. This will normally include meetings and clubs, youth groups, Mums & Tots and religious use. |      |                        |        |               |
| ** Commercial Community use defined as organisations that charge for participation which, although primarily for villagers, not confined to villagers participation.                             |      |                        |        |               |
| Allocation of a user group to a given charging policy is at the discretion of The Centre management.                                                                                             |      |                        |        |               |

## Bonfire Night

The Events Group is delighted to present yet another spectacular firework display and bonfire.

The venue and format will be the same as last year. There will be a large bonfire and a tremendous, professional firework display. Also a guy competition for children, with prizes for all ages. They should make and bring their guys for 6.30pm. After the judging they can put them on the bonfire or take them away again. Last year poor old Tony Blair was consigned to the bonfire at this stage.

Mawsley Outside Catering will be on hand to sell hot food and the beer tent will be operating all evening.

Please note:

- no fireworks, including sparklers, should be brought to the event. This is an insurance requirement.
- If you have material suitable for burning on the bonfire please bring it to the site at 2pm. and hand it over to the team building the bonfire. Please do not leave it on the site before then.

Help is needed to:

- build the bonfire
- put up security fencing
- erect marquees
- clear up the next morning at 10am

If you have not already volunteered please contact Bob on 791447

Calling all trained First Aiders. If you will be attending the event please let Bob know - on 791447.

The Mawsley Villagers Association presents

## A Bonfire Night Spectacular!

Saturday 4th November

Don't forget your  
broly & 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

If you need to get a ticket please ring  
Julie Sayers on 799212 or Bob Littler on 791447

## Mawsley Harvest Ball 2006

Another good night; what a well dressed village we are; other hotel guest commented on our attire. The food was excellent and well presented. The music provided in the reception area was Wallpaper Jazz Duo, who played for the first hour until we sat down to dine. Then after food and fun and games, the band was Got The T-Shirt who played good music throughout the evening.

All the flowers on the tables were provided by Chrissie at The Cedar House and they were stunning. Thank you Chrissie.

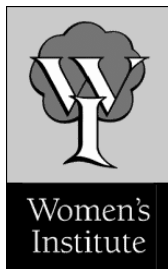
The Heads and Tails games we played between courses raised £386.00. The wonderful painting done by Helen Jones which was auctioned during the evening raised £400.00. As you know the ticket price for Harvest Ball does not include any profit element so these two fund raising efforts on the night were fantastic.

I hope you all had a great evening I know I did. My head was not too bad the next day. I have to say that some of you I saw the next day did look a little delicate. I can also report there were no items left at Highgate House this year, so I have no lost property in my hall.

Karen



*The MC for the evening was a little remiss and forgot to make a presentation of flowers with grateful thanks to Karen for single-handedly organising such a great event. The flowers were presented very quietly (and sheepishly) towards the end of the evening. **But the thank you is being made very publicly here.***



## ALL CHANGE!

The Women's Institute is still going well in Mawsley.

It has been all change with regard to the committee. Last Tuesday at our Annual General Meeting we gave our thanks to Lynn, Brenda, Francis and the rest of the committee who have done so much work in the first 17 months of the newly formed W.I.

Our new committee consists of Molly, Gwenneth, Margaret, Mary, Joan, Denise R and Denise M.

**We would really welcome more of you to join us at our next meeting which is a talk about "The Gunpowder Plot" and takes place at Mawsley School on Tuesday November 7th. at 7.00p.m. Be great to see you there.**

Molly Shortt (President).  
790781

## Mawsley Coffee Club



A Club for Seniors from the Village. We meet regularly for coffee mornings and join in planned activities. Those who have retired, or who are coming up to retirement are very welcome to join. If you are new to the village and would like to get to know others of a similar age – this is the place to do it.

We have just finished a very enjoyable summer of outings, visits to stately homes, garden centres and fruit picking. Our winter programme is just being put together and we hope to include outings for crafts and Christmas shopping, a Victorian Christmas Dinner at Rockingham Castle and we will, of course, be joining in the village Carol Singing at Christmas.

New Members very welcome  
Enquiries please to Pat Ellis on 01536 790991.

## Reading Group

This group continues its regular meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in various homes. The book for discussion next time is The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini. For more information and venue contact Elaine on 791277, cawthorne@tesco.net



### Tuesday

"Welcome to St Wimpey in the Fields" signs delivered and installed. What a joy they are, now everyone will know that the rest of the world treats us as a side show at the fair! Must ensure that an advert is placed in the next newsletter to fill the required number of "freak" booths adjacent to the developers sales office..... the advert for the bearded lady must, of course, be "pc" and require a bearded person of non specific gender.

## Walking group

Thank you to those who have joined us this year so far. We have had many great times. Long may it continue.



The next walk was scheduled for 22nd October but I will need to change this to:

**SATURDAY 21ST OCTOBER.** It is a very local one: Cransley/Loddington/Thorpe Malsor back to Cransley, with a choice of two pubs. Meet at the usual place, Broughton Road lay-by at 10.30am

The following week **Sunday 29th October** & by special request we are going Sloe picking in the afternoon. A short walk followed by fruit picking. For those who have not made Sloe gin we will reveal all on the day. ( Do not forget a suitable container ). Weather permitting we could picnic so bring your teddy bears. Meet at 2 pm at Broughton Road lay-by. Pam & I will be there.

A special thanks to the W.I.

Pam & I would like to say thank you to you all for making 12th September last a very pleasant evening. We were accompanied by a couple of dozen women who completed a full circuit of our village taking in many nooks & crannies plus our own spookie wood. Then we descended to the surgery where we were treated to drinks /cakes & all manner of goodies We do hope a repeat can be arranged. Many thanks again.

NB A few new residents have, through 3rd parties, shown an interest in our group. If you wish to join us here are our contact details:

Steve & Pam Draycott, 791681, 3 Cowslip Hill,  
pamdraycott@f2s.com or slduk@f2s.com



## Watercolour Group

Would you like to join the Mawsley Watercolour Group which has tuition in Thorpe Malsor on Thursday mornings?

For more information please call Joan on 791661.



### Wednesday

Query design of "St Wimpey in the Fields" crest that the developers have included within the "Welcome" signs. Various comments have been made with regard to the inclusion of an oak leaf cluster (this may not be pc as it implies residents may be "very English") and a date of 2002 (apparently some people lived here before then). Am convinced, however, by the developers marketing department that the crest merely demonstrates their commitment to St Wimpey and that they remain a "not for profit" organisation.

# Letters to the Editor

## Wimpey – Out of this world

I could never quite understand the difficulty experienced by all who try to communicate with Wimpey. Sending a message seems simple enough but getting a coherent reply, well that's another matter.

When I saw their latest sales banner proclaiming "house prices have doubled in four years" and linked it with the '1950's country college for daughters of gentlefolk' style sign at the village entrance it all became clear. Wimpey exist in a parallel universe.

Now if only I can make real contact with them! I will gladly sell them (or anyone else) my house for double what I paid four years ago, or is there some small print on the back of the banner?

Yours watchfully  
John, Cowslip Hill

*The 'small print' can be found in a large scale Herald & Post advertisement put out by Wimpey on 12th October for homes in Mawsley. In which they quoted a Daily Mail article which states 'House prices have doubled in nearly four years - taking the **average** cost of a home in England over the £200,000 mark. The average English property price is now £202,660 - meaning it has doubled since 2002 when it first topped £100,000'.*

*So, sorry John. I don't think it's your house or anybody else's house they're talking about. How misleading is that!!*  
*Editor.*

## Dear Editor

I just wanted to thank Richard Meredith of Mawsley Parish Council, who has been very helpful in addressing some issues surrounding planning matters in the village. Despite reviewing the Mawsley Masterplan, subsequent planning documents and speaking with 4 different people within Kettering Planning department, I was no nearer addressing my concerns.

As a last gasp attempt to find a resolution, I contacted the Parish Council, and e-mailed Richard, who was most efficient and provided me with up to date information, which had yet to be digested by the Borough Council.

Thank you Richard. Paul Bowman



### Thursday

Crisis meeting at the village pond. Slightly hampered by the fact that attendees had made the mistake of assuming a pond would be recognisable by the fact that it contained water. Eventually track down all attendees (standing by a small reservoir in a pot hole on St Wimpey Way) and meeting proceeds well. Meeting decides that it would be nice to have a pond similar to that in the developer's advertising literature and so enlists an airbrush artist to "tart up" what is available.

## Dear Editor

### Cycle Track

Now that we have the boards at the entrance to the village, extolling the virtues of the village and George Wimpey and Co, can we at the other end of the village have a word?

When we moved in four years ago we were assured that the cycle/walking path around the village would be completed. Apart from the ugly wooden fence at Warren End and someone building a house across the path, nothing else seems to have been done. It is very difficult on a nice evening to climb the fence or lift one's bike over it and residents do not like us walking or cycling through their lounge!! There are parents who take their children cycling and many people walk around the village, not to forget the young mother who combines taking the dog out whilst running and pushing the baby buggy at the same time.

I am not the only one concerned about the right of way around the village as others have mentioned it also.

Mildred Peacock, The Round

*In the main village plan the cycle track is complete. It is Kettering Borough Council's responsibility to ensure that the developer complies with this. If everyone was to write to KBC about this 'people power' might work for us again.*  
*Editor*

### Where have we seen that sign?

You can hardly miss the 2 monstrosities at the Broughton Road entrance to the village! Are they both meant to be there? Was one of them not meant for the other entrance? Who came up with the logo and has the Parish Council approved it? Do Wimpy need planning permission for the signs? Have the ASA been informed about the blatant misrepresentation in these advertising hoardings, because that is what they are?



Wimpey obviously want to take all the credit for Mawsley, just look at their advert on the front of the Herald and Post and a picture with caption describing, "trees gently swaying in the summer breeze". It looked more like trees in winter (or have they just lost their leaves!) and as anybody who lives here knows, the breeze is rarely gentle!

The signs do seem excessive, erected in a manner that suggests Wimpey knows about the 'summer breezes' and along with the rest of their signs are a blot on the Mawsley landscape. KBC says they do need planning permission, and this is now being investigated. One thing is for sure they do make a useful hoarding for draping alternative messages,....

Lynne and John Barraclough  
P.S, belated birthday wishes to Teresa!

## MVA Under 5s Group

Like everyone else in the village the MVA under 5s group is eagerly awaiting the opening of The Centre. Until then we will unfortunately not be able to run the Thursday's parent and toddler group at Cransley Village Hall as we do not have the transport available to ferry all items to the hall. We understand that many are disappointed at this but the Under 5s committee is equally disheartened to have to delay the start up of the group.

However, on a happy note we are not sitting idle. We are currently organising the Mawsley Children's Christmas Fancy Dress Party. A meeting was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October where numerous people attended to lend a hand so a special thanks to all those. We discussed venues, costs etc.. Please see details of date and venue below and the important application slip.

I hope you will all join us for some great Christmas fun including a Christmas hat parade with great prizes judged by Father Christmas. We will look forward to seeing you.

For any further information regarding the MVA under 5's committee and Parent and Toddler group please do not hesitate to contact me on 01536 799311 or email me at Simmonsmark6@aol.com

Rebecca Simmons, Secretary

### Recipes from Mawsley

Copies of the recipe Book are still available.

It is only £3 and is packed full of recipes from villagers.

Please contact

Cheryl on 799107 or Victoria on 799196 to get hold of a copy.



### Little Lights



for parents & carers, under-5's and Mums-to-be with worship & action songs, fun and a chance to discuss parenting issues.

Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday from around 1.30pm until 3pm at The Maples, 15 Loddington Way, Mawsley.

Any questions? Call Helen on 799170, Beth on 790414 or Holly on 790056

Christians in Mawsley

# Mawsley Children's Christmas Fancy Dress Party



**Come and join the Christmas party fun at  
Berzerk Leisure Indoor Activity Centre  
on Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 4.00pm-7.00pm**



You will be able to enjoy hours of exclusive fun in safe, clean play zones, feast on a Christmas buffet with crackers, streamers etc and best of all get to meet Father Christmas and receive a gift.

**ALL** this fun for just £6.00 per child (adults and under 1's FREE)

**There will be special prizes for the best Fancy Dress Outfit, plus we will be holding a Christmas Hat parade so children and parents get busy making Christmas hats as Father Christmas will be handing out some great prizes**

For the adults there will be a selection of refreshments available to purchase at Berzerk

Important Note: Tickets are limited, so it will be based on first come first served, please submit slips to 62 Old Gorse Way with payment.

(please let us know how many of you will be attending so we can monitor the numbers)



## Mawsley Christmas Party – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Please supply the following tickets

Children over 1 @ £6

| Name of Child/children | AGE | Male/Female |
|------------------------|-----|-------------|
|                        |     |             |
|                        |     |             |



Also attending

Children under 1

Adults

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send cheque (payable to the MVA) with this form to 62 Old Gorse Way by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November



# Mawsley School's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual

## Christmas Fayre

Saturday 2 December 2006

2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

**Grand Raffle: Win a Luxury Christmas Hamper**



**Chocolate Tombola, Tombola, Win a beautiful Teddy Bear, Cake Stall, Refreshments, Father Christmas, Toy and Book stall, Cards and Jewellery, and many more stalls and games**

The Fayre is being run by The Friends of Mawsley School.

For further information contact either Kathryn Berrill or Julie Sayers at the school (799182).



**Mawsley's 'Mums and Tots'** group meets at Kids Kingdom, Kettering Leisure Village on Monday mornings from 10.30 am will be restarting this week.

There is a special concessionary rate for us of £3.50 for parent and child (and 50p for each additional child) to include use of all the play equipment and drinks for all.

Because Kids Kingdom is very quiet on a Monday morning it is suitable for babies and children of all ages.

Come and join us! Just turn up or contact  
**Sue Owens 791514 for more information**



**Congratulations to Lizzie & Andy Souter who are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter Holly Miranda on**



### Friday

Employment Tribunal Day arrives. It transpires that the Parish Council is to be tried on various aspects of employment law including: ageism; sexual discrimination; racial discrimination and diversity policies. Am forced to placed guilty as it is quite clear that, as an employer of one person, the Parish Council has been ageist (I am not over 97); sexist (I only have one); racist (unfortunately a smattering of foreign languages does not constitute being from an ethnic minority) and non-diverse (having a full time job is irrelevant). Am sentenced to ten hours of community service and a £1M fine..... there goes any hope of reducing the precept for next year.....

### The Friends of Mawsley School

An **Usborne Book Sale** is being held on Monday 20 November at 5 Rowan Avenue, Mawsley. Proceeds from the sale go to providing books for the Mawsley School library. Please come along and help support the school library and do some Christmas shopping at the same time!

### Football coaching

The Mawsley Saturday Morning Football Club is back in action and is being run by volunteer dads. We are pleased to say that the Dads helping with the coaching are Phil Shaw, David Porterfield, Adrian Shaw, Ben Reed, Chris Smith and Steve Willis. We also get support from other parents on the touchlines so apologies for not mentioning them but they are appreciated.

We are averaging 20 + kids per week who are really enthusiastic and doing well. Boys and girls from 6 years and upwards are welcome from 10 - 11 am on the School Field.

David Porterfield has very kindly offered to go on the FA Level 1 Coaching course in November which covers an element of Health and Safety, First Aid and most importantly football training. Other volunteers like myself hope to attend in the new year.

I have spoken to George Wimpey Homes and they have offered some financial support for equipment for the club and have just asked for a photo in return for the local press which I hope will be ok (with parents' permission granted first of course)

I would like to thank all the people involved within the MVA who have supported the club financially and enabled us to buy new balls, cones, bibs etc.

Anyone with coaching experience in the village is more than welcome to help run the club.

Phil Shaw



# YOUTH NEWS

Over the next couple of weeks I am going to be pressing hard to get others involved in youth provision in the village as I am more conscious than ever of the growing numbers with nothing to do.

Beavers is available for all 6½ to 8½ year olds on Wednesday evenings at Broughton village hall, with cubs and scouts available on Tuesday evenings.

The 2nd Broughton and Mawsley Scout Group now has a number of Mawsley adults involved as well as youngsters who attend and is for both sexes. At the moment there are plenty of spaces for youngsters to join. Each section has a varied progressive programme offering an excellent scouting facility.

The youth group want to say a big thank you to the Mawsley Women's Institute for raising funds for a table tennis table which will be used by many over a

number of years.

We are now looking to replace Helen Grimmitt our Chairman who has gone off to University and we wish her well and thank her for her efforts over the last couple of years. If you feel you would like to represent the youth of the village as our representative on the MVA as well as chairing our meetings I would like to hear from you.



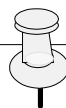
I also need to gather together a number of people, of all ages to put together a programme of activities for the coming months.

The first of these is a **ghost walk which will be on Friday 24th November which will end with a Bar B Q. The cost of this will be £1 per person with a further donation for drinks and food at the end.**

## Trick or Treat

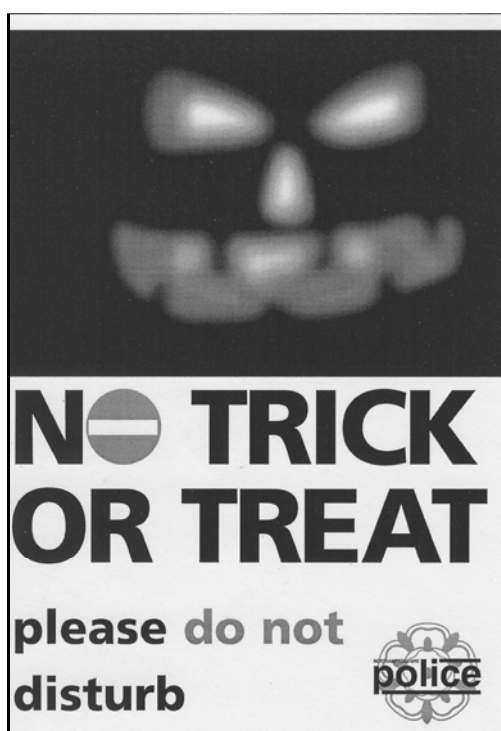
Last year several residents complained about Trick or Treaters in the village, some of whom were rude or intrusive.

The police have produced a notice for residents to display by their front door if they do not wish to be disturbed in this way. We are trying to get hold of sufficient of them to distribute with the newsletter. If we can't get them we suggest you make your own on the lines of the one below. We also ask children to respect the wishes of residents displaying the notice.



### Saturday

Find the shame of being a criminal too much to bear and so fail to attend for my community service and abscond taking my "Guide to Local Council Administration" with me as it is the best sleeping draft ever prescribed.



[www.mawsleyvillageforum.co.uk](http://www.mawsleyvillageforum.co.uk)

We recently passed our 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday and I thought I'd let you all know how we've been doing. We now have...

- Over 140 registered users
- Nearly 3557 posts in over 570 topics
- Loads of Reviews of local services, pubs and restaurants.
- Free For Sale and Wanted sections

So why not come and have a look, maybe join in and start a discussion on something that interests, concerns you, or just express your views on Keith's bad jokes....we do!

Jason – Mawsley Village Forum Administrator

☎ 01536 791305

✉ [jason@mawsleyvillageforum.co.uk](mailto:jason@mawsleyvillageforum.co.uk)

# News from Mawsley Medical

## Flu Vaccines

Patients who have received an invite letter for a flu vaccine are kindly asked to contact the practice to let us know whether or not you would like the vaccine this year.

There is a shortage of vaccines this year and deliveries are very restricted on a week by week basis so please contact us **only if you have had a letter.**

## **Lounge Boutique Jewellery party on 9 November at 7.30pm in the pharmacy building**

selling an exclusive collection of Jewellery, bags and giftware including all the Christmas ranges.

**Tickets for sale for £2.00 which includes wine and mince pies and all profit from tickets to British Heart Foundation.**

**Tickets available from the Dispensary.**

## **Coffee Morning in aid of funds for essential surgery equipment**

**in the pharmacy building  
on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

**from 10:00am to 12.00 noon**

A selection of cakes and food will be on sale. Please come along and support your local surgery. Alternatively if you cannot attend, please help by donating either a cake or food to this event.

**Angene Kane  
Practice Manager**

## **Dr Oliver made it to the finish line in 2 hours 14 minutes**

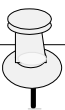
Dr Oliver completed the Great North Run in 2 hours 14 minutes in aid of the British Heart Foundation. He would like to thank everyone who kindly sponsored him for a very good cause. If you have sponsored Dr Oliver, please make sure that your sponsorship money is paid in before the 30<sup>th</sup>

October, if you haven't, then there is still time to do so either by buying some raffle tickets – many excellent bottles of wine could be yours - or by attending the Lounge Boutique Jewellery party on 9<sup>th</sup> November.

Dr Oliver hopes to raise £1000; please help him to make this target.



***For more information about the  
surgery and its services please  
see the Mawsley Advertiser.***



## **Sunday**

Find myself overseas having managed to scratch together sufficient funds to take a RyanAir flight to an airport only some seventy miles from the expected destination. Am writing this last despatch from a café close to a new housing development..... seems that they are looking for interested residents to become involved in the development of the Community. Knowing better, I pass by and apply to work as a plasterer with the developers. Skills required ..... nil. Language skills.....nil. Hours of work...09.00 to 16:00 with numerous tea breaks. Bliss.

*From the editor.....*

Welcome to Mawsley if you have recently arrived.

I hope you have found this issue of the newsletter interesting and informative.

The next one is due out on 1st December. Why not have your say in that issue? Letters and articles for publication should reach me as soon as possible and by Friday 24th November at the very latest. Or just let me know what you want to read about and I'll get someone else to write it.

Don't forget that back copies of the newsletter, and other information, are on the official village website at **[www.mawsleyvillage.co.uk](http://www.mawsleyvillage.co.uk)** and that you can have a chat and exchange information and views with other villagers on the unofficial **[www.mawsleyvillageforum.co.uk](http://www.mawsleyvillageforum.co.uk)**.

And one day we may get permission to erect the noticeboards that we purchased almost 2 years ago. But that's another story!

**Pat Rowley      791881  
[pat.rowley@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:pat.rowley@tiscali.co.uk)**



## Mawsley Community Primary School

### Admissions Update

Since the school opened in September 2004 we have constantly been growing and developing. At the start of our third year we now have seven

separate year group classes and 168 children on roll.

However, we are aware that our numbers are likely to rise over the next few years. To help manage this situation the Local Authority have been kept fully aware of the admissions numbers we are expecting.

We have recently received information from Northamptonshire County Council stating that "We are committed to admitting **all** Mawsley children in September 2007 and 2008".

Building work to provide two new Reception classes is also planned to be carried out during this academic year. This will ensure that we are able to offer two Reception classrooms and have a new outdoor play area for these classrooms by September 2007. This

has been discussed at a recent Governors meeting with a representative from the County Council.

The Local Authority will provide us with more information about additional classrooms in the future as the need arises and as we obtain more information about expected numbers from Mawsley parents for our September 2009 and 2010 intake.

The Northamptonshire Schools booklet for parents of children due to start in September 2007, who have registered their child's name at school, will be sent out shortly. Parents will be able to apply for a place by filling in the form in the booklet and returning it to the school. Parents may also choose to apply on line on the Northamptonshire County Council website ([www.northamptonshire.gov.uk](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk)) from October 2006.

I hope this information is helpful.

Elaine Wright, Headteacher

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### Calling all parents of preschool children living in Mawsley. We need your help.

The Local Education Authority need to know the potential size of the reception intake at Mawsley Village Community School over the next 5 years. This information is not readily available and their default position is to assume that we are an average Northamptonshire village with an average number of children under 5.

We don't think that this would accurately represent our position and to prove it we have offered to conduct a survey of numbers of preschool children currently living in Mawsley who hope to attend the school.

Every response we receive will support our position and help us to try and ensure the best possible funding from the Local Education Authority.

Please could you fill out the tear off slip and return it to the school. You can use the post box outside the school gates on Scholars Row or alternatively email a response to [bursar@mawsley.northants-ecl.gov.uk](mailto:bursar@mawsley.northants-ecl.gov.uk).

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Name and address (optional)

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*Please put this form in the post box outside the school or email the information to [bursar@mawsley.northants-ecl.gov.uk](mailto:bursar@mawsley.northants-ecl.gov.uk)*

Number of children hoping to start at Mawsley School in,

2007/08 ..... 2008/09 ..... 2009/10 ..... 2010/11 ..... 2011/12 .....

This information is protected by the data protection act and will be only held by the school and used by the Local Education Authority to help judge future numbers.

Thank you for your support.

Victoria Perry on behalf of Mawsley School and the Governors.

October 2006