



Mawsley Villagers Association Newsletter

October 2007

MAWSLEY FLIGHT POND

There are different types of pond, (apart from the artificial ponds which we create in our gardens), stream fed, spring fed, dew/ rain fed or a combination of these, but all of them need a dependable water supply if they are to have water in them 24:7:52. The pond in Mawsley was previously in the third of these categories and in the summer months dried up, allowing weeds to proliferate.

In previous decades our pond (when it contained water), was a favoured and much used staging (or flight) pond for water birds transiting from feeding grounds on the coast at The Wash to feeding and resting areas at Pitsford reservoir. The pond depended mainly on rain dropping on surrounding fields for its water supply but about six ago the building of the village started and subsequently our roads have surrounded the pond, cutting off its main water supply with the results you have all seen - an overgrown, weed-filled swamp.

As you know the committee decided to rectify that situation with the aim of having a wet pond throughout the year, attracting birds, small mammals and amphibians like toads, frogs, newts and a host of water insects. Not only an interesting asset to be enjoyed by us all but a learning asset for our children. It has needed much planning as not only are the excavation and construction major works, but official guidelines on pond conservation are firm and health and safety factors are important.

Thanks entirely to a marvellous team of volunteers who worked for over 95 hours on October 6th - thanks to Bob H, Bob L, Ian, Jamie, Jason, Keith Mark, Red, Tom and to so many well-wishers who smiled and waved. Thanks also to Clare, Keith and Penny for sustenance!! The results are quite startling and give us a glimpse of what the final result may be. If the destructive behaviour of the few who regularly throw traffic cones etc. into the pond could be put on hold for a couple of years we would gladly accept that as their contribution.

The pond should start to look good in Spring 2009 if all goes well. **Volunteers for the next stages please, please, please call 07815986380 - time to show your GREEN credentials ??**

Richard Hoy – Pond Project Organiser



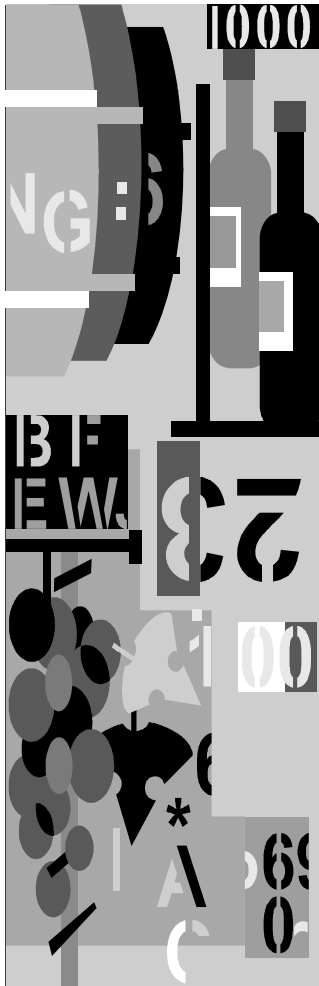
The stages planned to complete the project by Spring 2009

- Stage 1 Excavation and preliminary shaping - (thanks entirely to our most generous local farmer and previous landowner Richard Barnwell). Late September 07.
- Stages 2/3/4 Digging, clearing, weeding, moving plants, pruning, grading, revetting, levelling, refencing, strimming cleaning etc.
- Stage 5 - revetting levee and palisades
- Stage 6 - levelling the base with sand etc
- Stage 7 - acquiring and fitting liner base and the liner itself
- Stage 8 - planting appropriate water plants to oxygenate and keep the water healthy
- Stage 9 - filling the pond with clean water - (which will take several months to become 'natural' and home to wild life)
- Stage 10 - terracing and perhaps paving to provide good and safe areas for pond sitting and picnics etc
- Stage 11 - Alleluia!!!!

During the excavations, for traffic safety reasons we coned off a short stretch of road at the first village entrance. The thought of a collision between one of our cars and a 12 tonne digger wasn't appealing. Drivers, bikers, bus drivers were wonderfully cooperative and understanding. The ex copper on point duty was suitably appreciative!! Thanks to everyone.



Richard Hoy (3rd from right) with some of the volunteers before they got muddy



The Greatest Wine Tasting Ever!!!

At The Centre

**Friday 16th November
7:30 for 8:00**

**With Duncan Murray, the hugely entertaining
and knowledgeable wine expert who has a
super wine shop in Market Harborough and is
Radio Leicester's resident wine expert.**

**At least 7 wines; all top quality.
Don't sip it; have a drink!**

This is the highlight of the village's year.

Only 100 tickets absolute maximum

Tickets available at The Centre, or call 791447.

Only £12:50 (adults only)

**Quick, don't miss this. You are promised an
informal, fun and entertaining evening.**

Farmers Market Use it or Lose it !!

It is taking some time to build up a wide range of stalls for the Farmers Market. However there was a good turn-out from villagers last time with the result that they have agreed to carry on through the Winter. So, please continue to support it and we'll soon have an ever wider range of stalls

**Don't forget it's
the 1st Saturday
of each
month;
9:00 – 1:00,
at The
Centre.**



We're sorry you're leaving us!

(Lizzie - MVA Bookkeeper)

After 5 years Lizzie & Andy Souter are leaving the village. Lizzie performed an excellent job as MVA secretary when she took over from Richard Meredith in June 2004 and became involved in getting the MVA charity converted to a limited company, meeting solicitors and the like and corresponding with the Charity Commission to get the advice we needed to make the switch to MVA Ltd. Lizzie then relinquished the role of MVA secretary to Amanda Harris who took over from her in March 2007. However, she was not finished with us yet and consequently took over the role as MVA bookkeeper from Pat Rowley at the same point in March 2007 and even though she has only been helping us with the MVA bookkeeping since March this year, Lizzie has used her accountancy skills to help us with the last three years Final Year End accounts for the MVA, so Lizzie, we would all like to thank you for your many and varied contributions over the years which have been invaluable to all of us in the village and will not be forgotten – both you and Andy will be greatly missed.

Another - we're sorry you're leaving us!

(Craig - TCAM Bookkeeper)

Craig Pashler has been helping us at TCAM for nearly a year with his bookkeeping and accountancy skills since TCAM was established in November 2006. Running a business of this type and size takes considerable time and effort to keep everything in order paying suppliers, employees and reconciling the bank account each month. Craig and his family are also leaving the village very soon after being promoted in his day job and he is finding both roles very time consuming. Our thanks go to Craig for all of the work he has done to date without which we would definitely not have the control of our finances we currently enjoy. Thanks again to Craig's family for putting up with his long hours. We all wish you well for the future.

We're glad you're joining us!

(Laura - MVA & TCAM Bookkeeper)

We decided to amalgamate the two roles and look for a suitable candidate so you may have seen an advert in the last newsletter. I would like to thank all of those people who applied and thank them for their time and effort; it is really appreciated. However, we could only appoint one person and the successful candidate was Laura Timms. Well done Laura. We were all impressed with your motivation and the energy you plan to put into these roles. In addition to bookkeeping, Laura brings her considerable project management and financial planning skills to our small team. As TCAM grows financially the directors are faced with even more challenges so we welcome Laura to our team.

Chris Winter (MVA Treasurer & TCAM Director)

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.

If you have recently moved in and would like a Welcome Pack please contact Mary Rose on 790349.

KETTERING RURAL WEST SAFER COMMUNITY TEAM



I'm Tony Hopkins and I would like to introduce myself as the new sergeant for your local Safer Community Team (SCT).

The Kettering Rural West SCT is responsible for community policing in Rothwell, Desborough, Broughton and surrounding villages, including Ashley, Brampton Ash, Braybrooke, Cransley, Harrington, Mawsley, Newton, Rushton, Stoke Albany, Sutton Bassett, Thorpe Malsor and Wilbarston.



The team is made up of three Police Officers, including myself, and five Police Community Support Officers, and we work very closely with our partners from other agencies, in particular the Borough and County Councils. We are also supported by Special Constables who work with us on a voluntary part time basis to help with high visibility patrols and other policing on the area.

By consulting local residents, we are able to set priorities based on what people tell us are the problems in their neighbourhood. The priorities we are currently addressing are speeding vehicles in Rothwell, speeding vehicles in Desborough and anti social behaviour in Broughton.

We review our priorities every three months, so we would really like to hear from you about any concerns you have about your village. Fortunately, crime levels in Mawsley are generally very low, however, we know that other issues, such as anti-social behaviour, graffiti and speeding vehicles, can be a real concern to local residents and have a real impact on people's quality of life.

To get in touch, you can call us on **08453 700700**, email us at SCTKettering RuralEast@northants.police.uk or fill out the feedback form on our web page at www.northants.police.uk/sct. The Mawsley Village Forum has also kindly set up a section on their www.mawsleyvillageforum.co.uk website, where you can post comments or questions about local policing issues.

We hope to hear from you soon.

Sergeant Tony Hopkins
Kettering Rural West
Safer Community Team



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Well, we have had another quiet month, which is good news for the Village. There have been no bulletins from the Police, but obviously incidents do occur which we don't always hear about. Always be aware and of course report anything suspicious to either the Police or myself. With the darker nights approaching now is the time to make sure the outside lighting is adequate for keeping your home secure and also pathways and pavements are not obstructed.

I have been made aware that one or two minor incidents have been put on the 'Forum' in the past and not reported to NHW. As not all residents look at it please make sure you alert either your street rep or myself; that's what the NHW is for!

The SCT [Safer Community Team] is now running, providing communities with a Policing Team that is local, visible and will hope to make our streets safer. See Sergeant Hopkins' report above about their current activities..

Brenda Quinn 799116
NHW Co-ordinator

The next Newsletter will be issued on 30th November. This will be the last newsletter before Christmas

Please consider submitting a letter, picture or article. Let us know what your group in Mawsley is doing with a report or announcement about your activities.

Please get these to the editor as soon as possible and by Friday 23rd November at the very latest.

**Pat Rowley 791881 or
pat.rowley@tiscali.co.uk**

The Centre at Mawsley

01536 799528



Who was it who said that a BBQ in October wouldn't work?

Rubbish! And if you missed it you missed a great night!

Well done to all who helped out with the preparation and the smooth running of the evening. We managed to raise £89.00 for the pond fund with the raffle, thanks to the hard work of our ticket sellers! And on top of that we managed to double the average bar take for the Centre! Well done to all involved and a big thank you to all of you who came along and supported us.

If you would like to find out about future events at The Centre please send your email address to:

penny-tcam@btconnect.com

with 'add to flyer' in the subject box. I will email you with all the future events. Including:

- Halloween Party,
- Bonfire night,
- Body shop pamper night,
- top gear and a beer,
- Christmas hours and
- New years tickets.

Not to mention 2008!

Penny Feasey, Centre Manager, 01536 799528

*Mawsley Church meets in the
Centre and all are welcome
Every week at 11am*

▪ Sunday 28th October
**CELEBRATION
& COMMUNION**

▪ Sunday 4th November
CAFÉ CHURCH

▪ Sunday 11th November
**REMEMBRANCE DAY
WORSHIP**

▪ Sunday 18th November
CAFÉ CHURCH

▪ Sunday 25th November
**CELEBRATION
& COMMUNION**

www.mawsleyvillageforum.co.uk

We recently passed our 3rd Birthday and I thought I'd let you all know how it's been doing. We now have...

- Over **300** registered users
- Nearly 27633 posts in over 1722 topics
- A growing section of reviews and recommendation for 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 you, concerns you or just pop in for a chat...and yes Keith's jokes are still pretty poor.

Jason – Mawsley Village Forum Administrator

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NEVER get the chance to ask
the BIG questions
?

TOO BUSY working to pay
the mortgage, raising children,
planning the next holiday to
STOP and wonder WHY you're
on the planet
?

THINK that there's more to
life but can't face 'church'
?

Coffee. Croissants. Questions.

11am-11.45am
4th & 18th November
at the Centre

CAFÉ CHURCH
Space to think

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The show was held on 9th September and all expectations were exceeded with over 30 entries which may not seem like a lot but was far better than the 6 we thought we were getting on the previous Friday! And anyway even Chelsea started from humble beginnings.

The quality of the produce was also very good as it is generally agreed that this season has been one of the worst for some time with summer in April and April in summer.

Certificates were awarded for the Best in Class and the overall winner of the Mawsley Cup was Teresa Gable who amassed two Best in Class and two Highly Commended.

The Junior Cup is awarded by the Allotment Committee and was won by Mawsley School.

Thanks go to Betty and Ian Hudsmith for giving up their Sunday morning to judge the entries and pass on their wisdom gained from 35 years of organising Gardening shows in deepest Somerset. They were really impressed by the efforts that had been made and the enthusiasm of those taking part.

Thanks too to Mawsley Church for making us so welcome at the Harvest Festival Service.

So, let's do it all again next year.

Report by Maggie Denham



Mawsley Fruit & Vegetable Show



The Winners:

Junior Classes:

Best red thing	The Misses Horne
Best yellow thing	Kallie Bauckham
Best green thing	Marie Jary

Senior Classes:

	Winner	Highly commended
Best floral	Justyn Castle	Ali Jary
Best tomatoes	Teresa Gable	Teresa Gable
Best potatoes	Teresa Gable	Justyn Castle
Best onions	Tony Horne	Mawsley School
Best Carrots	Bob Littler	Mawsley School
Best mixed	Mark Hilliard	Lesley Grannum
		Teresa Gable





Cricket Facilities in Mawsley.....

Most of us can just about remember the plans for a cricket pitch and the thoughts of watching (or playing) a game on a sunny weekend afternoon. Indeed these idyllic village images may have influenced some of us to buy into the Mawsley way of life when surveying the plans in the various show homes.

Over the last couple of seasons Nick Owens and a few interested individuals have arranged some non league games with teams who have some spare time and availability.

Well the time has come for the village to decide what we are going to do with our facilities and lay the foundations to make it happen. We have a pitch that needs some qualified, expert guidance if it is going to be ready for the 2008 season. If we don't act now we run the risk of the cricket pitch turning into nothing more than a playing field!

First we should perhaps explain who 'we' the composers of this article are !

Quite simply we are a handful of villagers who are of suspect ability when it comes to cricket. However at some point we have expressed an interest in putting some of our time aside to help the village develop a decent cricket club together with a solid business plan. We have all been involved in the cricket played over the last couple of years.

Our Vision

We could potentially have some fantastic cricket in Mawsley. The Northants Cricket League representative inspected the ground on Wednesday 12th September and confirmed an application will go forward to the league AGM in November to enable league matches to take place on the pitch. TCAM's bar and changing facilities would also be the envy of all visiting sides.

Our vision would involve;

- A well maintained pitch and ground that is frequently used and the village can be proud of.
- Cricket available at all levels, juniors & senior leagues and fun games.
- A genuine opportunity for youth development within Mawsley
- Coaching at all levels.
- A self sustaining, successful cricket club.
- Generation of good revenues for the bar/TCAM.

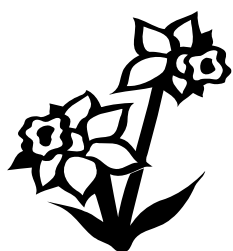


Costs

We currently require in the region of £10,000 to set up and deliver a pitch in a playable condition and an additional c.£20,000 to have all weather facilities, nets and screening.

We will also need to cover the cost of a qualified grounds person to prepare and maintain the pitch.

We cannot justify the spend required to upkeep a pitch and its associated facilities for a couple of games a year played by 10-15 individuals.



Thanks to so many 'volunteers' we have planted around 4000 bulbs in the village during September and October and I believe that all are now safely buried.

We have tried to be even handed in our work so that each end of the village has received approximately the same number of bulbs. We have planted verges, edges, islands and grass amenity areas but inevitably there

DAFFODILS FOR MAWSLEY

will be gaps after our first year's efforts. Some of the bulbs won't germinate, some will be eaten, some may rise early and be frost struck, but even if only 80% flower in Spring 2008 we should have a decent "host of yellow daffodils" in our village.

You may notice that among the daffodils there are narcissi and even a few jonquils so the colour variation should be quite interesting. I am hopeful that we may want to repeat

.....Your Chance to Shape the Future of our Club.



Options

Obviously all this is not going to happen with the current set up. We consider there are three options the village needs to consider.

1. Option one is to do nothing and continue as is. This will result in the pitch and ground deteriorating and no youth cricket development.
2. We find volunteers from Mawsley to set up and run the new cricket club. This would involve everything from fund raising, youth and adult coaching, organising ground works, matches, finances, liaising with the English Cricket Board etc. It is considered that it would take at least 3 years to establish league cricket of any standard and this is provided the right skills were found. In an ideal world we would keep our village identity and have a good standard of cricket but it will require significantly more people to get involved. I therefore ask that anyone interested in helping let us know via the e-mail addresses at the end of this article. If we are unable to secure the expertise and commitment to make this happen we recommend that we progress with option 3.
3. Loddington have made a formal approach for us to consider a merge with their club to create a new club called Loddington & Mawsley Cricket Club. They currently run two Saturday sides, playing league cricket in the Northants Cricket League. Loddington CC is an established club with over 100 members, a large number of whom are youth players (some are already from Mawsley). They would like to play a joint Loddington / Mawsley Saturday adult team here at Mawsley, as well as a youth league fixture one evening a week. Loddington have the expertise to provide both adult and youth coaching in Mawsley, one evening a week during the summer months, to encourage participation from within the village.

We have already met with the coaches and committee of Loddington and have been impressed with the set up. The committee is experienced and is able to tap into such resources as grant-aid, ground maintenance and preparation, administration and cricket coaching. They would give us much needed expertise and help us to deliver opportunities for Mawsley's kids much quicker, hopefully facilitating interest. Mawsley residents would sit on the merged club's committee and be actively involved in all decisions and future direction of the new club.

Ultimately it is your decision as to the best way forward but hopefully this document can start the ball rolling and we can look forward to making it all happen.

Please feel free to send us an e mail if you have any comments or you can help. We are particularly interested in hearing from people who have some expertise in fund/grant raising or coaching.

Andy Connolly

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Nick Owens – ndo@maidwellhall.co.uk

Kev & Anya Powell - kevin.powell@tiscali.co.uk

Gary Eldershaw - gary500@tiscali.co.uk



something like this venture in late 2008 and perhaps 2009 so that Mawsley registers a beautiful natural asset in Northamptonshire - it's up to you friends.

Remember too that daffodils multiply each year that they are in the ground (although erratically), so nature is helping us too !!

Richard Hoy



Mawsley Ladies Rounders

Interested in playing?

Why not come and join us for a knockabout each Sunday at TCAM from 3 — 5 pm?

Interested? Give Clare a call for further details on 01536 791305 or email clare.wallace@pendragoncs.co.uk.



This is the last news item that I will be doing as Mawsley W.I. President. I have now retired from the position and the new president is Brenda Quinn and we wish her well as she takes on this role.

Our Women's Institute year finished with the Annual General Meeting which was held at the Thornhill Arms, Rushton. The meeting took place over a very hearty meal which was enjoyed by 15 members and also we were pleased to welcome Malvina Keech from the Northamptonshire Association who had joined us to help us through the election process for the new committee.

Over the last 2 months we had made a decision as a group to award a bursary to one of our members to enable them to go to Denman College and take part in one of their courses. Denman College is run by the Women's Institute and they have a great variety of courses, day and residential, that members can attend. The winner of the bursary for this year was Barbara Pritchard and we are sure that she will enjoy her time at Denman as she was one of the group that went from Mawsley W.I. on a Lottery grant.

I would like to express my thanks to last year's committee who have given me great support over the year.

Our next meeting will be on November 13th at Mawsley Community Primary School at 7.30p.m. and will be talk and demonstration on 'Designer Beading'. Please come along and join us for what promises to be a great evening.

Molly Shortt, Retiring President

WALKING GROUP

Hi Again Ramblers

The last walk on 16th September, the Ise Triangle, was a lovely hike starting and finishing at The Thornton Arms, Rushton. It was a 7 mile walk taking in Rushton, Rothwell and Pipewell. The weather was kind, it was good underfoot and there was a high speed railway to boot. All in all another cracking day and, funny enough, there were a few pints and humour to conclude the afternoon.



Welcome to our latest recruits Angela and Doug.

By the time you read this we will also have walked in the Foxton Locks area. A 7—8 mile route supplied by Mark.

The remaining two walks this year are:

Sunday 11th November, Rutland Water Peninsular. A full day out at this beautiful venue.

Saturday 8th December, Hardwick Wood. A 6—7 mile local hike.

Our annual social and putting together next year's programme will be held at Rita's house on Friday 23rd November from 7.30 onwards. I am assured that mulled wine will flow freely so we should perhaps figure out the programme first. Many thanks, Rita.

Steve & Pam Draycott. 791681. slduk@f2s.com

GARDENING CLUB

Hello Gardeners

I hope you are all clearing away the season's growth and preparing for the winter months. Don't forget to clean and disinfect all your tools, pots and, of course, your greenhouse and potting sheds.

On the 24th September we had a meeting at The Centre. There were seven new members on that evening; what an achievement for a single night. So a warm welcome to Andrea and Martin, Vic and Doreen, Angela and Doug and Mark. You all seem as committed as we are to our gardening and our village. There were some good ideas put forward such as a Tools Swap, Book Swaps and, best of all, Knowledge Swap. We have also all agreed to help where we can to encourage a closer interest in the well-being of our village and its surrounding countryside.

There are three dates for your diary.

- Sunday 21st October. A visit to Barnsdale Gardens, one of the early homes of 'Gardeners World'. Meet at 10am at The Centre. Villagers with cars could you please help those without transport who wish to go. (You can obtain food at the venue if you wish.)
- Saturday 24th November. Bulb Planting. We have obtained various bulbs from funds to plant all around our village. Meet at 10am at The Centre.
- 10th December. Pam and I will be thanking you all for your support in our first few months at the helm with an early Christmas social evening at our house, 3 Cowslip Hill. 7pm onwards. Bring a home grown flowering plant for a wee competition—just one prize this time!

In the meantime, Happy Gardening.

Steve & Pam Draycott. 791681. slduk@f2s.com

Quiz night



Last Thursday of
every month
8pm, at The Centre

£20 bar voucher
Cash rollover round
£5 entry, max 4 people
per team

Test your knowledge
against the best
Mawsley has to offer!

Dates for your diary:

Thurs 25th October
Thurs 29th November

Mawsley Bonfire Night Fireworks Spectacular!!

Saturday 3rd November
At The Centre

Best guy competition judging 7:15 Fireworks light-up 7:30
Over £2,500 of fireworks for a truly magnificent display

Tickets: £5 per adult;
children (who must be accompanied) free
Available from The Centre, also ticket sellers will
call house to house; failing that ring 791447

Hot food; mulled wine; late bar
We'll light up the sky – don't miss it

For safety reasons you are asked not to bring cars to The Centre on this night, except for disabled parking. St John's Ambulance will be in attendance and access must be left for emergency vehicles. Also please do not bring your own fireworks or any sparklers.

Rainbows and Brownies in Mawsley

Further to my plea for volunteers to start up Rainbows and Brownies Units in the last newsletter, I am delighted to report that three people have said that they would like to be involved. We have had one planning meeting and we are arranging another soon. Those involved are very keen to get started.

However, we need at least one more person to enable us to set up the two Units and further leaders or helpers would be useful for both Units. If you would like to get involved as a Leader or as a Unit Helper (either weekly or as part of a rota) it would be great to hear from you - tel Anne 791163.

SPORTS KIT

I picked up a number of sports items from KBC last week courtesy of Tim Bellamy and these included; 2 footballs, Indoor Cricket Set, a number of bibs, 2 Rugby Balls, 2 Basket Balls, Soft Baseball, 4 Catch Rackets, American Football, Short Tennis Set, 3 Baseball Bats and Floor Markers.

These are stored in the blue Bishop Sports bags in The Centre for general use.

Thanks to Tim Bellamy for his assistance in obtaining these for us.

Aidan Piper
790419



Mawsley Community Primary School

Our community school has now been open for three years. During this time our pupil numbers have risen from 87 in September 2004 to 216 in October 2007. It is expected that the number on roll will continue to rise during this academic year as new residents move into Mawsley.

The school has recently been extended to provide us with two new classrooms which are currently being used by our two Foundation Stage classes. At present the school is organised into nine classes.

During Term 1 (Sept – Oct 07):

- A new School Council has been elected with representatives from across the school.
- Our netball team played Hall Meadow Primary School and won by 9 goals to 7.
- Year 6 visited Holdenby House for a Victorian Day as part of their History unit of work.
- Year 4 visited Sulgrave Manor to learn more about how the Tudors lived.
- A football team, to play against other local schools, has been set up and will have their first match on 17th October.
- The number of extra-curricular clubs offered to children has continued to grow and now includes: football, tag rugby, orchestra, ICT- Fantasy football, netball, chess, gymnastics, mentoring, recorder, French, clay, ecoclub/ gardening, basketball, computer, Spanish, art and craft and dance and drama.
- New play equipment funded by the Friends of Mawsley School has been provided at the edge of the playground.

Elaine Wright, Head Teacher

Do you enjoy using your PC?

Are you interested in what is going on in the village?

Are you enthusiastic about keeping everyone informed & involved?

How about having a go at producing the Mawsley Newsletter?

At the moment, and until everyone is communicating electronically, the Newsletter is the only method of regularly reaching every household in the village. It is how villagers are informed and consulted. It is a forum any of them can use to make comments and announcements. It also reaches a wider audience via the village website and we give a copy to every KBC Councillor.

The job of editor is completely voluntary with scope for putting your own mark on it. You have editorial control. You do not need to sit on any committees or attend any meetings.

Most contributions to the newsletter are received over the course of one week by email and do not need retyping. The main aspects of the job are setting issue dates, reminding contributors of copy deadlines and of topics that may need covering, laying out and editing the various articles in a DTP programme and getting it to the printers. (The newsletter is printed free of charge for us by KBC.)

For the week of production the work is busy and it helps if you can be easily contacted at that time but almost nothing needs doing between issues. The newsletter job does not involve production of The Mawsley Advertiser or distribution of either.

If this sounds like your sort of thing, or you would like to know more, please get in touch with the current editor, Pat Rowley, on 791881 or pat.rowley@tiscali.co.uk

MAWSLEY BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

We meet every Thursday from 9.30am until 11.00am in the Centre. The cost is £1.50 for the first child in the family with additional children charged at 50 pence each. There are toys for all ages of children, craft activities, a drink and snack and we finish with a singing session.

Since September we have had the pleasure of welcoming lots of new babies and children to the group. Children have taken part in a wide variety of craft activities and we have purchased new toys for the group. We took part in the Macmillan Coffee Morning and raised £25.00 by donating some of our weekly subs and holding a raffle.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 1st November - We are having a party with a bonfire night theme. All children are invited to come in fancy dress, there will be related craft activities and hot dogs as the snack.

Thursday 20th December - Our Christmas party. Entertainment, party games, festive food, fancy dress !!

We set up from 9.00am - anyone who is able to help would be made very welcome.

Any questions relating to the group, please contact Sarah (790517), Claire (799017) or Emma (799440).

Surgery News

I know it has been a while since you heard from us, we are still here and I have some very good news for you.

NEW FEMALE GP: We have now recruited a female GP – Dr Shah who will replace Dr Orpelli. Dr Shah has worked at a large practice in the town centre and has very sound medical experience. Dr Orpelli will continue to cover Dr Oliver's annual leave so we will see her from time to time.

A Reminder about our Opening Times:

Surgery opening times :

Mon, Tues, Thur and Fri – 8:00am to 6:00pm
Wed - 8:00am to 1:00pm

Dispensary Opening Times:

Mon, Thur, Fri – 9:00am to 12:00 noon then 2:00pm to 6:00pm
Tues – 9:30am to 12:00 noon then 2:00pm to 6:00pm
Wed: 9:00am to 1pm

Please note that Clinic times are different. Please visit our web site at www.mawsleymedical.co.uk for further information on clinic times, clinics available at this practice and treating minor illnesses.

Please note that you can book an appointment up to 3 months in advance.

*** DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN NOW ORDER YOUR REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS VIA OUR WEBSITE. ***

Coffee Morning – 7th December 2007

Run by Friends of Mawsley Surgery.

Please support the surgery by coming along and purchasing some of our delicious cakes . If you cannot attend , please consider donating cakes , food or a prize for the tombola which would be gratefully **accepted the day before the event.**

ALL proceeds go towards essential surgery equipment.

GP Survey

Over the coming weeks, if you do attend the surgery to see a GP, we will be asking you to complete a survey about your consultation, access to the practice, continuity of care, communication and the care provided by our reception staff. Your opinions are very valuable to us. We will use them to try to improve our services to you wherever possible.

Angene Kane
Practice Manager

**** Patient Survey Results ****

Patients in England were asked about their recent experience of making appointments with their GP Surgery. Of the 80 practices taking part across Northants, only 23 achieved higher than the national average satisfaction score across ALL areas of the survey. We were one of those 23 practices and **Mawsley Surgery had a mention in Parliament this week when Phil Hollobone debated the current GP contract.**

Here are the results achieved by this practice:

Areas Surveyed	Practice Results	National Results	Variance
Use of Telephone	100%	86%	14%
48 Hour Access to a GP	94%	86%	8%
Advanced Booking	97%	75%	22%
Appointment with Specific GP	93%	88%	5%
Opening Hours	91%	84%	4%

For more information on these results please visit the DOH website – www.dh.gov.uk then follow the links to publication and statistics and then Survey results.



A big thank you to all the ladies who supported the Mawsley 1st Scouts Ladies Evening.

Even with 24 empty bottles of wine and Pimms we still managed to raise £295.

Also, thank you to the brave husbands who served the drinks to 40 women and the Cub Scouts, Harry Mills, Harry McNeil and James Perry who sold raffle tickets and collected glasses.

Victoria Perry

Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration.

Barbara & Alan would like to thank all friends and neighbours for their lovely gifts, flowers and cards on their Golden Wedding.

It was wonderful surprise to see you all and we appreciate your good friendship.

So glad that we moved to Mawsley.

Barnwell Court

The building of the shops, offices and flats next to The Centre is coming on apace and the letting agents, Underwoods at Wellingborough, tell us that they expect the build to be completed by the end of this year. There may be a further month's delay before occupation while utilities are sorted out

Samantha Jones of Underwoods said,

"The scheme will comprise:

- a range of office suites from approx. 1,000 sq ft to 6,000 sq ft,
- a convenience store,
- three general retail units,
- a hot food takeaway outlet,
- a children's day nursery, and
- eight one to two bedroom apartments.



Two occupiers have already committed to the development - one for a new children's day nursery which will provide indoor and outdoor facilities for 52 children aged between 3 months and 11 years old - and the other being Simpson & Partners Estate Agency.

Work is progressing well and we are currently in negotiation with a number of other occupiers - primarily for the convenience store and take-away unit."

Now that the buildings are almost up it is good to see the variation in the roof-lines and the mix of brick and stone. And it will be so good to be able walk to shops. Can't wait!

If you have any queries about the letting of the units please contact Sam Jones at Underwoods on 01933 231070 or sj@underwoods-w.co.uk

The next Newsletter will be issued on 30th November. It will be the last newsletter before Christmas.

Copy date is Friday 23rd November

Thanks to Tom Sanders, Jason Wallace and Tony Horne for the photos in this issue.

October Half Term Playscheme at Moulton Sports Complex

22nd—26th October for 4—12 year olds.

It includes coaching in many sports by qualified staff.

For more details:
see the website: www.moultonsportscomplex.co.uk or
contact reception on 01604 670506

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