



Mawsley Villagers Association

Newsletter

September 2005

"The time has come," the walrus said, "to talk of many things...."

We've covered fund raising and the community centre/village hall (actually we have resolved this name dilemma – see page 4) in depth in recent issues, so this time I'm going to wear my parish council hat and update you on issues we have been focusing on there.

First, the really good news. **A sale has been agreed for the pub site**, with – we are informed – exchange of contracts imminent. Yippee !!!!! We can't be told who the buyers are until at least after exchange is completed, but this is such a step forward for the village. "When will we get a pub?" has been the number one question from villagers since day one.

Secondly, more good news – **a sale has also been agreed for the development of the employment area**. Again we don't yet have details, of either who the buyers are or indeed what they plan to do. We did discuss some options with Wimpey's sales agent for the site about 9 months ago. As there had been some interest from a convenience store group in opening a shop in the village (Yippee !!), but their view was that the current shop site is too small, the agents proposed that it would be best to site the store within the employment area. The rest would be a mix of offices, retail (e.g. florist, hairdresser), other businesses (e.g. craft workshops) and perhaps a commercial nursery (for baby people, not baby plants !).

However it is up to the purchasers to develop their own plans; we will make contact with them as soon as we can, and hope to discuss the way forward.

Living in a village that is also a building site poses its own problems. Inevitably for much of the time roads are not complete, nor are pavements or lighting. Traffic signs are somewhat ad-hoc. The landscape suffers and disruption is inevitable – the focus is to try to keep it as minimal as possible, by ensuring the developers are aware of our concerns.

Roads etc. will eventually be the responsibility of the County Council.....so we arranged for Jim Harker (Leader of the Council) together with a senior Highways manager, to visit the village and see whether there was any help or advice they could give. We also talked to them about visibility on the C31 by the village entrances, and at the Old turning. Also, ever seasonal as we are, we pointed out the need for the C31 to be gritted right up to the second entrance.

Street lighting is slowly being sorted, and some roads / pavements (where there will not be any more construction traffic) have been or are being completed with the final surface.

We do think that in some areas there needs to be more attention paid to landscaping. It will be sorted in the end however, as the Borough Council's landscaping officer progressively reviews areas and ensures that remedial work is carried out to meet the original plans. This was the case along Old Gorse Way – notably the area beyond the children's play area – which is now looking much better.

So does this sound a bit boring? Probably, apart from the pub; but I just wanted you to be aware that none of these issues (and it's a much longer list than I've covered here) have been forgotten.

OK, let's move to a bigger issue – the planning enquiry re Wimpey's application to increase the density in the final phase of the village and build an extra 100 houses or so. Some of us went along to the enquiry and got the impression that Wimpey have a strong case; the latest Government guidelines on housing densities suggest putting 35-40 houses per hectare, compared to the 20 or so we see throughout most of the village. We spoke at the enquiry, to oppose the application on the grounds that village facilities were built for 750 houses, not 850, and that it would spoil the character of the village as some of the costs are no open spaces, nowhere for children to play and less car parking space.

The inspector's report is due by the 7th September.

Any more issues? Not satisfied with what we are doing? Every parish council meeting – normally 7:30 on the 1st Monday of each month – is open to the public. Or you can contact the parish clerk, Richard Meredith. (791539; or email him via the new village website pc@mawsleyvillage.co.uk).

Bob Littler
Chair of Parish Council and MVA

Next MVA Newsletter

Will be issued on 21st October
Articles for publication to the editor by 14th October
Adverts for the Mawsley Advertiser by 7th October
I look forward to hearing from you.
Editor: Pat Rowley, 791881, pat.rowley@tiscali.co.uk

100 Club Draw

The first draw of the 100 Club numbers took place just before the Parish Council meeting last Monday. 91 numbers have been sold and, remarkably, the numbers drawn were 92, 99 & 100. As they were all unsold tickets the prizes will be rolled over in accordance with the rules.

There are still a few numbers left at £2 a number for each draw. If you want to be in the running for a money prize and to contribute to village funds please contact Victoria Bell on 799196

Parish Council Meetings

It is good to see that some residents are now going along to the Parish Council meetings to raise issues which are concerning them.

At the meeting in August villagers asked about maintenance responsibility for the area of new woodland beyond Fox Coverts and Warren End which is becoming very overgrown and also about the dangerous traffic island by the postbox where the direction of traffic and priorities are not clear.

At the September meeting a group of 10 villagers attended to support the establishment of allotments in the village.

Meetings are usually on the first Monday of the month at 7.30pm, currently at the surgery. The agenda is posted a few days before on the noticeboard and website.

Mawsley Villagers Association

Donations

The MVA is grateful for the following recent donations from residents.

Diane Hulme - donation from booking of her Cyprus Villa

Chris Staines - donation of % of proceeds from his garage sale.

Gardening Club/Wimpey from sale of shrubs

Shenaz Bagshaw - donation from 'Little People' clothing sale.

MVA management meetings

These are held on Tuesdays at 7.30pm, currently at the doctor's surgery

4th October

1st November

6th December

These are open meetings and all residents are welcome to attend.

More details from Lizzie Souter,
MVA Secretary, 799072

Village Allotments

Contrary to previous advice there does now seem to be a possibility of some small allotment plots being provided in the village and the Parish Council is supporting this.

In order to demonstrate commitment by potential allotment holders and to help formulate the requirements which would need funding we need to form an Allotment Association at this early stage. The editor already has a list of interested residents but it is not up to date.

If you think you would like an allotment in the village and you are not already on the list please contact Pat Rowley with your name, address, tel. number and email. Please also let her know if you have any previous allotment experience and whether, experienced or not, you would consider taking a lead in this project. Deliver the information to 34 Main Street or email pat.rowley@tiscali.co.uk

Luisa Jepson the Community Watch Liaison Officer for the Northern Police area, visited Mawsley on the 31 August and discussed with me the way our scheme was operating, and if any improvements could be made either on our side, from her office, or the police.



She was pleased with the way our scheme was running and the involvement of all concerned and in fact wanted to use the same format for two other villages in the Northampton area which were not going so well.

So congratulations to all involved with Neighbourhood Watch.

Keith Powell - Co-ordinator - 790439.

WWW.MAWSLEYVILLAGE.CO.UK

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE NEW VILLAGE WEBSITE WHICH IS SLOWLY GROWING FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHOOL, SURGERY, DENTIST OR GOLFING SOCIETY, FOR MINUTES AND AGENDA OF THE PARISH COUNCIL AND FOR BACK COPIES OF THIS NEWSLETTER JUST LOG ON.

THE MVA IS VERY KEEN THAT VISITORS TO THE SITE CAN ACCESS INFORMATION ABOUT ALL VILLAGE CLUBS AND GROUPS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR ORGANISATION TO BE FEATURED AND YOU WOULD LIKE SOME HELP IN DOING THIS PLEASE CONTACT JONN HOLTON WHO WILL BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS IT WITH YOU AND MAKE SUGGESTIONS. HE IS AT HOLTONJONN@BTINTERNET.CO.UK

MVA Officers

Chair -

Bob Littler - 791447

Vice Chair -

Graham Leah - 799200

Treasurer -

Chris Winter - 790375

Secretary -

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Planning Restrictions in Mawsley - by Richard Meredith, Clerk to Parish Council

As many of you will be aware, the early plans for the development of Mawsley identified a "village core" where the character of the village was to be maintained as originally envisaged. This village core is designated an "Article 4 Area" with similar restrictions imposed on future development to those that apply in "Conservation Areas" - for example (and this is by no means a comprehensive list), there are restrictions on what can be done to windows, the materials that can be used in any extensions, the erection of fences and the placing of satellite dishes.

However, the Parish Council has recently been advised by KBC Planning Department that, in addition to the Article 4 Area, there are a number of properties in the village that have certain permitted development rights removed by condition of their planning consents. In other words, work which would normally not require planning approval may require it in these other properties. When questioned on what permitted rights may have been removed the advice received is that they are many and varied and, unless your solicitor was particularly conscientious, are unlikely to have been picked up in the conveyancing activity when you purchased your property.

Provided below is a summary of the areas affected by these planning restrictions as at July 2005 (and yes, some properties do appear on both lists!). The advice from the Parish Council is that if you are planning any form of development at your property it would always be worthwhile checking with the Planning Department at Kettering Borough Council before throwing money at a project that may not be allowed. In most cases, the Planning Department will ask for a Household Questionnaire to be completed from which they can then determine if Planning Permission is required.

The Planning Department contact number for general enquiries is: 01536 534316.

Article 4 Area:

All properties in:

Link Lane,
Main Street,
Paddock End,
Scholars Row
The Green
Ellis Lane

Loddington Way - Numbers 1, 3, 4, 5, 6,
7, 8, 10, 12, 49 & 51;

School Road - Numbers 20, 21, 22 & 24.

Permitted Development Restricted:

All properties in:

Hawthorn Avenue,
Mawsley Lodge
Cransley Court

Badgers Lane - Numbers 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 & 9

Browns Close - Numbers 1, 2, 3 & 4

Cransley Rise - Numbers 1, 2, 4 & 6

Cukow Close - Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6

Hedgerow Lane - Numbers 1, 9 & 13

Loddington Way - Numbers 2, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 31,
33, 35, 37, 39 & 41

Main Street - Number 31

Old Gorse Way - all even numbers from 32 to 86

Pasture End - Numbers 1, 7, 8, 11 & 13

School Road - Numbers 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17,
19, 21, 23, 25 & 27

Sloe Lane - Numbers 1, 2, 4, 8

Dear Editor,

Stagecoach Bus Service

My seventeen year old daughter has encountered problems recently with the Stagecoach bus service between Mawsley and Kettering. On three out of five attempts in the last ten days to catch the bus into Kettering it has not turned up. She has also been subjected to negative comments by a driver on the return journey from Kettering. He was put out that she asked for a ticket to Mawsley as he "was not going to bother with Mawsley as he was running late". I have made two telephone calls of complaint to Stagecoach and so far I have received one written response. Has any other villager encountered similar problems? Please contact Stagecoach on 01604 601502 stating the route, date and time so that problems with the service can be sorted. This is a much needed

facility for villagers without transport, often the elderly or teenagers. The reliability of the service should not be decided at will by drivers who need to make up time.

Carol Grimmitt
Foxcoverts

Editor: Has anyone else had similar experiences? Please let us know of any problems and of the response from Stagecoach.

Village Hall Steering Group Report

from Graham Leah

You may be wondering what's been going on with the village hall.....

The Name

After much deliberation on the various suggestions, we are recommending to the MVA that the village hall be known as **'The Centre at Mawsley'** probably 'The Centre' for short!

Management

The MVA is in the process of setting up a trading company in the form of a Community Interest Company to run The Centre on its behalf. This form of Ltd Company is specifically for community businesses such as The Centre.

See: www.cicregulator.gov.uk for more information. The Centre will be leased by this Community Interest Company.

Opening

The Centre is due for physical completion in October. At this point there are a number of legal issues that will have to be handled through a complex ownership change.....from the builderto Wimpey...to Kettering Borough Council.... to Mawsley Parish Council....to the MVA....to the MVA trading company running the Centre.

Whilst we are led to believe that this will all take place relatively swiftly, we were also led to believe that work on the playing field would begin in May! Hence the Centre Steering Group is waiting for further information before committing to any opening date. If we were the 'customer', we could probably speed up this process and would be able to give you a definite opening date in November. However, we believe that no real movement on the transfer of ownership will take place until the building is finally complete.

In addition to the complex legal situation, we face a number of preparations to make the Centre usable for

View from the playing field



the village.....insurance, cleaning, heat, light, power. We have already organised some of the basic furnishings for the Centre which can be finally ordered when we have a clear picture of timing. We have also begun the process of setting up an MVA trading company that will run the Centre on behalf of the MVA. However, it is almost impossible for the Steering Group to organise all the required facilities without the clarity of the timing for taking control of the Centre.

We hope that we will be able to offer usage of the centre for the Christmas period, but this is dependant on all the issues above and setting up suitable cleaning/caretaking facilities. If possible, we hope that the Centre will come into 'normal' usage early in 2006.

We would appreciate contact from potential 'user groups' who will make use of the Centre as we are now working on costs and usage policies.

However the Centre can only be open if there are people there to run it; we are seeking individuals who would be interested in paid and volunteer cleaning and caretaking for the Centre. Also, we need more people to volunteer their assistance in helping us through the 'setting-up' period.

For the purpose of complying with the new Licensing Act 2003 we will need to apply for a "Premises License" and as our business will involve the retail sale of alcohol we will also need to nominate someone with a "Personal License" to be designated as a Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS). The person who is the DPS must also apply for a personal license at the same time as the "Premises License" and will have to hold the necessary qualification.

We would therefore like to know:

- (a) if anyone holds a suitable licensing qualification and**
- (b) if you would like to work in the facility in a supervisory role would you agree to being trained?**

Contact:

Graham Leah (799200) graham@tuitus.com,
Bob Littler (791447) boblittler@btconnect.com
or **Chris Winter** (790375)
Chriswinter@btinternet.com



From the road

Heard it on the Grapevine

Edition 7

Well, here we are, back from holiday (jet-lagged and broke) all ready for 'drawn in' evenings as we approach Autumn and, guess what, village life is still buzzing great weather (fingers crossed that it still will be by the time you read this!), September Sizzler, Harvest Ball, Chinese van on a Thursday night ... could life get any better?

- Don't forget to get your tickets for The Harvest Ball. If you want to hire a gown, try 'Something Special' in Rothwell ... or check out TK Maxx in Kettering for very reasonably priced gowns to buy! As far as men's wear goes ... I like Warwicks of Wellingborough ... they have a very well run hire department.
- I'm getting really good reports about The Golden Chef Chinese Van ... if you haven't tried it yet ... WHY NOT?
- I've been mooching again and have discovered Victoria Furniture Company in Victoria Street, Kettering. Mark, who runs it, lives in the village and, if I were you, I'd check out their website if you need furniture ... www.victoriapine.com
- Have you used our village florist yet? Chrissie, who runs The Cedar House comes highly recommended by several of you ... and me! She is so helpful and very reasonable for all your floral needs: weddings, Friday Flower Service, floral gifts and tributes etc etc! Linda and Andy were thrilled with their wedding flowers.
- The world and his wife (OK ... slight exaggeration!) are recommending The Country House Hotel in Cransley. Friends of ours used it when they needed accommodation for my 50th birthday party and Linda and Andy used it to accommodate their wedding guests. Steve and Jenny Adams 'are very welcoming and the accommodation is excellent', says Linda and my friend Janis thought it was brilliant and is busy trying to get me to hold another party so she can get to stay there again! The owners really are helpful and they even ferried my guests to and from Mawsley. How good is that!

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

I look forward to hearing from you!

Andrea Lucas

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SEPTEMBER SIZZLER & TALENT COMPETITION Completely free of charge event!

Tomorrow!!

Bring a picnic or food to cook on the provided BBQ

Bring drinks, chairs & rugs etc.

Listen to the band
Watch the children's entertainer

Join in or watch the talent competition

Mawsley Harvest Ball - 1st October Highgate House, Creaton



£50

Coaches to and from the Ball
Drinks reception
Band 'Superfly'
4 course dinner
Wine on table

Ticket sales are going well and we expect to sell out, just like last year. **The final date for buying your tickets is tomorrow, 10th September, at the Sizzler.**

Update from Highgate on our meal - it's now four courses and they are offering the opportunity for one lucky couple to win a meal in their exclusive restaurant.

On the night the coaches leave at 6.15pm from three points in the village. Please check your ticket for your collection point and don't miss the bus!

- A The Duck Pond
- B Junction of Birch Spinney and Loddington Way
- C Top of Cowslip Hill /School Road

Call Karen on 790085 for your tickets now.

Remember, remember the 5th November.....

Mawsley Village
Bonfire Night
Spectacular!

Date: Saturday 5th November
2005

Family Ticket Price: £10.00

Ticket sellers will be knocking on your



SONGS OF PRAISE

For those who passed by the other Sunday, appearances could have been deceptive for, including the band, nearly 100 people were present, so around a third of those attending were villagers.

The Sixties Club Band, made up of retired or semi-retired brass players, gave an excellent accompaniment to the wide range of favourite hymns chosen by villagers. Our soloists were Colette Smith and young Harry Mills. As well as singing 'What a wonderful world', Colette sang a verse from 'Amazing Grace' which she told us was her very first solo in public. Harry delighted us with singing two verses from his favourite hymn 'Give me oil in my lamp'.

The Coffee Club kindly supplied and arranged the refreshments having got strategically and gratefully plugged in to Bob Littler's electricity supply.

Mawsley Music Makers

For those of you who have not seen me waddling... The pre-school music group will be taking an autumn term maternity break. We will start again in January 2006.

I shall be dropping information around to you nearer Christmas. If you have any enquiries or are new to the village, please call me, Colette, on 790421.

Words of wisdom from a couple of music makers:

'I like the crocodile and monkey song' - Jacob, nearly 3.

'I like the music and the parachute' - Harvey, 2yrs 9months.

Keep singing and have a great few months until 2006.



THIS SATURDAY

10 SEPTEMBER

The next Saturday afternoon service organised by Christians in Mawsley, is tomorrow at 3-15pm in the School.

Featuring this month, are the puppet group from Great Billing, 'No Strings Attached'. The service has been planned by Kerry Piper and Lloyd Bromham, around the theme of 'Who is my neighbour?'.

Refreshments available and all ages are welcome.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Salvation Army's annual door knock appeal for it social and community work in the UK, takes place the last two weeks in September.

If any villager would like to volunteer to collect from some houses in the village, for this worthwhile cause, would they contact Gerald or Mildred on 791496.

Youth Activities

For information about the Youth Activities in the village, or to offer

Reading Group

Continues to meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 8pm.
For details contact Elaine Cawthorne on 791277.

Mawsley Community Primary School

During our second year we hope to keep you informed about what is happening at the school. At the moment we are preparing and looking forward to starting the autumn term, with many new children and more staff joining our team.

We are hoping to develop our school grounds during the next year to help with both the curriculum and playtime activities. We are particularly aware that we need to provide areas of shade for the children when they are outside during the summer months and would like to ask the Mawsley community to help us with this problem. The School Council will shortly be writing to you to ask if anyone can help us to buy some trees or willow tunnels by sponsoring a tree or donating plants. In the meantime, perhaps you would like to think about the possibility of helping us with this matter in the future.

Finally, as part of our self-evaluation process we would like to gain feedback from the community about the impact our new school is having in Mawsley. We would be very pleased to receive written communication or e-mails (head@mawsley.northants-ecl.gov.uk) from Mawsley residents. We would also like to hear from anyone who organizes a club in the village and may like to link with the school for some activities during the school year.

Looking forward to our second year,
Elaine Wright, Headteacher



Coffee Club

This a group for those in the village of a more 'senior' age. We meet together for coffee approximately once a month and visit places of interest, garden centres etc. on a regular basis.



We have enjoyed a trip to Foxton Locks Inn for Sunday lunch, and a fruit picking outing with cream teas/coffees at Geddington during July. Loads of lovely fruit and very nice tea rooms. We've had our usual coffee mornings, one with a card making activity and demonstration. Some of our members went to Great Doddington for a coffee morning in aid of a foundation in Nepal.

We are looking forward to a walk at Sywell Reservoir and then a Pub Lunch – this is going to be a family outing with several grandchildren and dogs! Also a trip to Wyvale Garden Centre/Edinburgh Woollen Mill at Wootton is planned. Looking further ahead we will get on our dancing shoes and return to Wicksteed for an 80's Disco Band show, plus chicken and chips, and if there is sufficient interest a trip to Stowe Christmas Fayre may take place in October.

We provided cakes and drinks for the Mawsley Village Songs of Praise.

Join us at any time. Our next Coffee Morning will be held at 15 Hawthorn Avenue at 10.30am on 14th September – you would be made very welcome.

For more info. phone Pat Ellis on 790991

Gardening Club

Our two recent visits, to Willows Nursery and Cottesbrooke Hall, both on scorching hot Sunday afternoons, were very enjoyable.

Three members spent another hot afternoon digging up shrubs from around the new medical centre site. At short notice Wimpey offered the Gardening Club the chance to take the shrubs for village fund-raising. We quickly advertised them in the newest part, The Copse and The Leas, and then dug up and delivered 80 shrubs raising £100 for MVA funds.

Our next meetings will be at 31 Main Street at 8pm

Wednesday 28th September

Speaker: Johnnie Amos from Flore who was third prize winner in the 2004 BBC Gardener of the Year competition. If you visited Flore Open Gardens this summer you may remember that his Old Bakery garden was the one with the huge tree house way above the roof-tops. He will talk about his BBC garden experience.

Wednesday 26th October

Marisa will suggest ways to get your garden ready for winter and how to make the most of bulbs.

Do join us.

Marisa - 790748

Mawsley Village W.I.

We are still busy getting the W.I. up and running and would really welcome ladies, either as members or as visitors - just come along and give us a try. It is only £2.50 per guest for an entertaining evening plus tea and homemade cakes!!

Events coming soon:

**Wed. 14th September. 7.30pm at the surgery
BOSWORTH'S NURSERIES**

Come along and pick up some tips for autumn planting. Jill will be planting an autumn container.

OCTOBER: AGM

We will be discussing our next year's schedule. Great speakers, evening trips etc. There is also a Ploughman's Supper. Free to members. £2.50 for guests.

NOVEMBER: 'Chocolates for Christmas'

We do have some great talent in the village. Two of our members will demonstrate 'Handmade Chocolates'. Come and learn how to make a delightful Christmas present.

DECEMBER: 'The Cedar House'

Chrissie will show us how to make a Christmas table decoration. Bring your own foliage, candles etc. to complete your own. There will be mince pies and mulled wine.

Do come along and meet us, you may be surprised. Think 'Calendar Girls!'.

Check the noticeboard for dates, times and venues or ring Lynn (791691) or Brenda (799116).



**Women's
Institute**

Front Garden Competition

Perhaps we should have advised the winners - but we decided to surprise them in the newsletter instead.

A small group of us (remaining anonymous to avoid possible lynching) presumed to 'judge' the village front gardens at the end of July. We expected to find just a handful which would stand out from the crowd but were very surprised by the end of the afternoon to have listed over 50 beautiful gardens which had something extra special about them!

We have picked out our top dozen. There are no prizes, just recognition and admiration. (If you go to look at them please bear in mind that some were seasonal and we were looking at them 6 weeks ago. If we had judged a month earlier or later there might have been a different result.)

Congratulations to:

1st - 21 Main Street. A tiny cottage garden cleverly combining flowers and vegetables.

Joint 2nd - 31 Cransley Rise & 4 Mawsley Lodge
Highly commended:

**4 Chambers Hill
2 Chambers Hill
6 Old Gorse Way
1 Sloe Lane**

Commended:

**3 Old Gorse Way
7 Warren End
11 Loddington Way
14 Badgers Lane
9 School Road**

In some roads, such as School Road (odds 7 - 25), Cowslip Hill (most) and Hawthorn Ave (odds 23 - 43) it was the combination of a whole row of well tended gardens that created a good effect rather than individual ones.

We particularly liked all the gardens which confidently had vegetables growing in the front.

Mawsley has a cricket team - its official!

**Mawsley Village Cricket Team v.
The Royal Oak, Walgrave**



On Thursday 18th August 11 men good and true wielded our willow against the might of the Royal Oak in Walgrave. Whilst it may be true that some of the team were a tad rusty, thoughts of emulating the likes of Flintoff and Harmisson fired their imagination.

We fielded first and the honour of first wicket goes to Richard Meredith. He not only skilfully bowled a rank long hop but also had the presence of mind to place a deep Square Leg for the catch. The bowling was generally pretty good, Scott Ramsey bowled well and but for the incompetence of the Keeper (me) would have had more wickets. Top of the bowling table goes to Ian Yates who at one point was on a Hat trick.

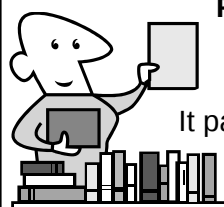
The Royal Oak set us 120 to get a fairly hefty target. Jon Eaves gave us a solid start and saw his batting partners depart at regular intervals. Luckily a lower order led by Scott saw us reach a respectable total of 92 before the end of play. A loss but against a side that plays regularly, certainly no disgrace.

So to the Champagne moment. Well some of the fielding was truly unique and the bowling unusual. Could it be Darren Wilkins flailing blade opening the batting. No the honour goes to Garry Forsyth who in the pursuit of runs decided to take on a fielder for a second run. With a good 6 feet to go and with no regard for his own safety decided to dive for the crease in an effort to save his wicket. The resulting dive and eventual landing would have given Dr Barnes Wallis himself inspiration.

I think all involved had a great time and in the Pub afterwards expressed an interest in more fixtures. I hope to try for 5 or 6 for next summer so if there is anyone else who would like to join up please contact me, Nick Owens, either on 07801018979 or ndo@maidwellhall.co.uk

It may also be nice to get together for some pre season nets. I believe you can hire indoor sessions at the county grounds. If anyone has any contacts there who may be able to help with that or my Wicket Keeping please contact me.

NEW LIBRARY TIMES

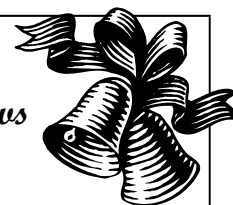


**From Monday 12th September
the Mobile Library will arrive
at 3.15pm and leave at 4pm.**

It parks in School Road by the post box.

Congratulations

*to Wendy and Stuart Andrews
on the occasion of their
Silver Wedding Anniversary
on 13th September*



*Contact the editor to place a personal or family
announcement in your village paper.*

Mawsley Walking Group

An informal group which meets for a variety of walks in the area. Please feel free to join us.

For each walk we meet at 10am at the lay-by in Broughton Road, by the first village entrance.

Saturday 17th September - Fermyn Woods

Country Park near Brigstock.

Sunday 16th October Circular walk.

Draughton/Hanging Houghton/ Maidwell/
PUB/Draughton. Approx. 6 miles.

Saturday 12th November - to be decided

Sunday 11th December - to be decided

For any enquiries or if you have any favourite areas or walks to suggest please contact Steve or Pam,
3 Cowslip Hill, 791681

'At a Glance' Contact List

In October it will be time to update the list of village groups, clubs and contacts.

If you run a club or any activity that villagers may wish to know about please

let the editor have your name and contact tel. no. and brief description of activities and meeting arrangements. Thanks.



FOUND

Single door key on a red "Lonsdale" boxing glove key ring. Call 01536 791539 (finders fee will not be requested.....!!)

LOST & FOUND!

David Good, visiting relatives in Mawsley, lost his gold watch as he walked their dog. He has asked us to thank Mr & Mrs Jones who found it by the playing field and returned it to him. What really impressed David was how quickly the jungle telegraph worked in the village so that they knew who to return it to. He thinks Mawsley is wonderful.

Coffee Morning - 30th September

**with Karen at
Poppy Cottage, 10
Main Street
10am to 2pm
All welcome**

