



Mawsley Villagers Association

Newsletter

September 2007

Good News!

The playing fields are really coming on. If you've been up there recently you will agree what a picture they are now starting to look.

The football pitches have just been top-dressed and more seed added; they need to be top dressed again in a few weeks and it is hoped they will be ready for use by late October. Now is the time to get a football club going; come on you budding managers! Mawsley FC is just the first step.

The cricket square is being given lots of TLC too.

The area by The Centre will soon be ready for general use. Unfortunately a youngster was injured there a couple of weeks ago so Wimpey are reluctant to give the go ahead just yet until the grass has thickened up some more.

More Good News!

We are trying to get some progress on moving the **children's play area** from the village entrance to alongside The Centre, and when doing so also extending it. The Borough Council have allocated a substantial sum of money from their 2008/9 budget. However ever higher safety standards mean that a play area now costs an absolute fortune; we need to find other grant sources to add in to this. Do you know of any? More to the point are you able to help to put a bid(s) together? Please give me a call if so.

A virtual photograph (!) of some proposals is now on display at The Centre; go and have a look and tell us what you think.

Yet more Good News!

We are all aware of the shortage of **facilities for young people** throughout the village. There have been outline plans for some time to set out some – including a hangout shelter, a kickwall and the basketball hoops – by The Centre. However, as ever, more money is needed. This is one topic where grants are available, to add in to our own monies. But we do need more parents to get involved; and, frankly, unless more do so not much is going to happen. We will therefore be holding an Open Meeting at The Centre, on **Sunday 23rd September, at 3:00pm** to:

- Review / agree what facilities we should try to get.
- Line up people who are prepared to help to get them.

If you are a parent it's very much in your own interest to come along.

Even more Good News!

At the back of this newsletter you will see a **questionnaire asking for your views re The Centre**; to help guide how we develop it. We really do want to know what you think and what you would like to see there, so please spend 10 minutes filling it in. You can drop off your completed questionnaires at **The Centre, Mawsley Medical, or the school**.

Even yet more Good News!

It's all coming together; we just need some help for that final push. There are about 1300 adults in the village; some of you must have personal knowledge about, or contacts who know about, sources of grant funding – especially for children and young people. We want them to have the best facilities possible; now is the time to get them. Don't leave everything to others. Just give me a call.

Bob Littler
Chair, Parish Council and MVA

Who's on the Parish Council?

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we now have a new parish council. The contact details of the councillors are shown below. Please feel free to contact the parish councillors on village issues.

The meetings are held at The Centre at 7:30pm on the first Monday of each month. Members of the public are welcome to attend. If you are planning to attend with an objection to a planning application then it would be helpful to contact the clerk in advance to enable the councillors to conduct a site visit prior to the meeting.

Bob Littler (chair) 12 Loddington Way 791447
Bob Holland (vice chair) 28 Main street 790349
Richard Barnwell Cransley Lodge, Great Cransley 790271
Cliff Moreton 43 Cransley Rise 791730
Steve King 15 Mawsley Chase 790429
Vic Cope 30 Long Breech 799643
John Hazell 41 Loddington Way 07748931966
Elaine Cawthorne (clerk) 9 Fox Coverts 791277

Farmers Market Use it or Lose it !!

It is taking some time to build up a wide range of stalls for the Farmers Market. They need to see a commitment from the village, in terms of people turning up, to be able to commit to attending each month.



So, please continue to support it even though there are not yet as many stalls as we would like.

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

Crime – report it !

Have you seen anything suspicious happen that you don't feel is an emergency? If you see or hear anything that you would like to talk to someone about but that doesn't warrant a 999 call then please contact the police on 08453 700 700

The level of crime in the village is actually quite low, although that is not of much consolation to those who have suffered theft etc..

From talking to the police it is clear that they see an active role played by the community as being integral to addressing crime issues. In particular we should report every instance of criminal or anti-social activity, no matter how minor. Also the more reports there are, the more attention is paid to them; so don't just assume someone else or the Parish Council etc. will report it – YOU report it.

For non-emergency calls the number of the Kettering Safer Community Team to use is **08453 700700**.

Bedford Pilgrims Housing Association

BPHA have almost finished the small development of affordable housing on Nethertown Way and will soon be making a start on their area in Sloe Lane.

They are also at the planning stage for their last patch which is down at the far end of the village beyond Pasture End. There is a flyer with this Newsletter inviting you to a pre-planning exhibition and consultation about that development on

**Tuesday 11th Sept, between 3.30 and 7pm,
at The Centre.**

Please note that the land in question is NOT 'off School Road' but down by Pasture End and Rose Hill Way as shown on the far right of the flyer map.

If you live in that new part of the village then this is your chance to see and comment on the proposals before they are submitted for planning permission.

Contact Details

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

MVA Officers

mva@mawsleyvillage.co.uk

Chair: Bob Littler (791447)
Dep.Chair:Graham Leah (799200)
Treas. Chris Winter (790375)
Sec. Amanda Harris (07979 331684)
Book-keeper: Lizzie Souter (799072)

Mawsley Parish Council

pc@mawsleyvillage.co.uk

Cllr. Bob Littler (Chair)
Cllr. Bob Holland (Deputy Chair)
Clerk: Elaine Cawthorne (791277)

Kettering Borough Council

Cllr. Jim Hakewill (01858 467686)
jimhakewill@kettering.gov.uk
Cllr. Victoria Perry (K 790711)
victoriaperry@kettering.gov.uk

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

Brenda Quinn 799116

Newsletter:

Pat Rowley, 791881,
pat.rowley@tiscali.co.uk

Our Community Development Officer
at KBC is Tim Bellamy 534355

MP Philip Hollobone

0207 2198373 or 07979 850126
hollobonep@parliament.uk

The Centre @ Mawsley 799528

www.mawsleyvillage.co.uk

Mawsley Pond

SATURDAY OCTOBER 6th

is the day when we are going to clear/clean, prune/primp, make/mend the POND and its paddock. Starting at 0900 anyone who wants to help will be most welcome at Mawsley POND.

Please bring ANY of:

SPADES	LOPPERS
RAKES	LONG HANDLED LOPPERS
SECATEURS	16 FT (5 METRE) LADDER
50 FT (17 METRE) ROPE	ETC.

Suggested attire: rough with garden gloves and wellies.

**For further information call Richard Hoy
on 07815 986380.**

All previous volunteers, please get in touch.

Deliverers wanted

Can you spare about an hour once a month to help with deliveries around the village?

We need someone to deliver Village Connect in the Warren End/Birch Spinney area (please contact Amanda Harris on 07979 331684) and someone else to deliver this Newsletter and Mawsley Advertiser in Cowslip Hill/Symonds Way (please contact Tony Horne on 791162).

From the Editor

After an eight week summer break there has been a lot to squeeze into this issue of the Newsletter. But I never complain about having too much to include so please keep your contributions coming in and, if they're relevant to the village, I'll do my best to get them in.

The next Newsletter will come out on 19th October. Please let me have your articles, announcements and pictures by Friday 12th October at the absolute latest.

Looking back over past Newsletters I realise that I have been producing them now, with Pat Downing's help, for over four and a half years and we think that it will soon be time to give up this pleasure and let someone else take a turn.

We are very grateful to Tony Horne who has now taken over the distribution arrangements allowing us to concentrate simply on production. So the job is smaller than it was but if there is anyone out there who would like to put the Newsletter together on a regular basis we would love to hear from them and would be happy to work with them for as long as they wanted.

It's a satisfying job which allows you to meet lots of people and to know what's going on: and it's time for some new ideas. We look forward to hearing from you.

Pat Rowley 791881

Bookkeeper Required

The Centre at Mawsley (TCAM) has now been running since the beginning of the year and the Directors have been keeping very careful control of the financials and running costs of this Limited Company.

This has involved us employing a Part Time Bookkeeper (Craig Pashler) who has done a great job but has now taken on significantly more responsibilities in his daytime job and will be unable to continue helping us at TCAM in his spare time.

Consequently we are now looking for a replacement to Craig, so if you would like to get involved with this very important organisation within our village and have bookkeeping experience please contact me setting out your previous experience and I will be able to explain the responsibilities and pay structure.

Chris Winter (TCAM director)
email on chriswinter@btinternet.com
or 01536 790375

Village Meeting Sunday 23rd September 3pm at The Centre

To discuss and organise the provision of
Youth Facilities

Open to all.
Parents particularly welcome.

DAFFODILS FOR MAWSLEY

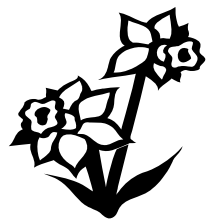
Following our previous piece on daffodils we have been able to obtain over 3000 bulbs at a marvellously low price so that we can plant in the next few weeks and look forward to a pretty special display on some of the village verges next Spring. As usual volunteers are asked to contact us and if anyone has a 'dibber' it would be put to very good use.

Number to call is 07815 986380. Thank you!!

It is hoped that some of our small schoolpersons will be able to participate through the school.

We have been collecting round the village to be able to buy these bulbs, so when Richard knocks please put a contribution in his collection jar.

The editor challenges Richard to find a piece of Mawsley verge that will yield to a dibber. Perhaps a JCB!!

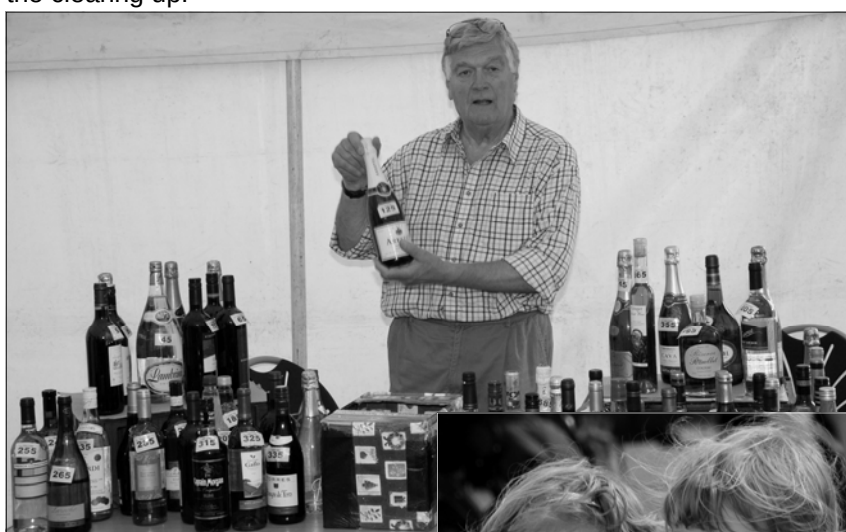


Family Fun Day

Did you make it to the MVA's family fun day on Saturday 14th July?

If so, I hope you will agree it was a fabulous event. Fun was had by all ages and the Mawsley weather was kind to us. Over 350 adults came through the door, not to mention the hundreds of, very well-behaved, children.

Some highlights for me were seeing the children's faces when Jake from the Tweenies arrived, seeing Penny and Bob being good sports and getting a soaking in the stocks, the man who spent £15 trying to win on the bottle tombola (and he never did!!!) and the fabulous community spirit when everyone pitched in at the end to help with the clearing up!



I couldn't have organised this event without the support and hard work of some fabulous people. So a HUGE thank you to: Steve, Clare, Jason, Rebecca, Yvette, Pat D., Bob L, Bob H, Yvette, Judith, Tracy, Mary, Richard, Nicola, Mary-Rose, Guy, Emma, Victoria and the Cubs, Frank, Vicky, Mandy, Eloise, Keith, Sarah, Phil, Suzanne, Paul, Craig, Jamie, and Penny and her team of bar staff.

Also a big thank you to Kettering Borough Council, Mawsley Outside Catering, Kiddi Karts and Gallone's for their financial contributions and to all the other people who donated raffle prizes, wrap jars and cakes.

So here's the bit I bet you have all been waiting for....



How much did the event raise? Well**£1317.83!!!!** **THANK YOU!**



The fun day was my last event as chair of the Mawsley Events Team.

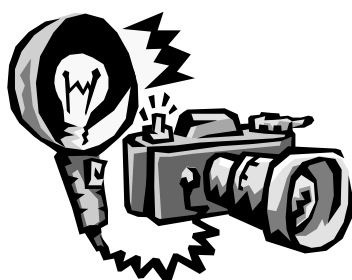
Nobody else is willing to take on the role of chair so the MET will not continue as such. After discussions with a few villagers I feel that events can still be organised and run successfully without the need for monthly meetings. So if you would like to organise an event for the village bring your ideas to MVA Ltd who can offer support with budget, finance and organisation.

We also have a list of fabulous volunteers who are always willing to pitch-in and help. Steve and I will continue to run the monthly quiz night and I may even be tempted to organise the fun day again for next year seeing as it was so successful!!!

Cheryl Buckle



Cheryl Buckle, Fun Day organiser, with Jake



Fun Day photos

The photos on these pages are a small selection of the many taken by Jason Wallace. Further Fun Day Pictures and information on purchasing copies can be found by going to <http://pumbaa.zenfolio.com/p383249327>. The password 'Funday' is required for access.

If you were there then there's probably a smashing picture of you and, as Jason says, 'you never know who might want a pic of Bob getting a sponge in his face. Obviously all profits will be donated to the MVA.'

Quiz Night

Have you ventured to quiz night yet? If not then why not come along on 27th September? It is a relaxed, fun evening with your quiz master Steve.

There are usually around 12 teams to test your knowledge against with questions on a variety of topics! Some highlights from the last 8 months have included fruit and veg, where in the world, karaoke, and Steve's favourite Guinness World Records!!! There are 5 rounds of 10 questions with the winning team rewarded with a £20 voucher to spend at the bar. The last round is always general knowledge and there is the option to take part in the cash rollover prize for this round and win your team some cold-hard cash! The end of the quiz is always marked with the now legendary tie break question. Try these to see how you would do ... How many times did Bob use the word 'the' in his article in the newsletter in July this year? How many vertical fence posts surround the village pond?

Get together with some friends or neighbours to make a team of 4 or come along and join another team – there are some who could do with some help!! (I won't mention any names!!!!!!)

Drinks flow freely with Penny's special £1 a round table service and the atmosphere is always fantastic. Plus we have raised £626.00 for village funds so far this year. So if you fancy a great night out we'll see you at the next quiz night!!!

Cheryl Buckle

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:

Thursday 27th September

Thursday 25th October

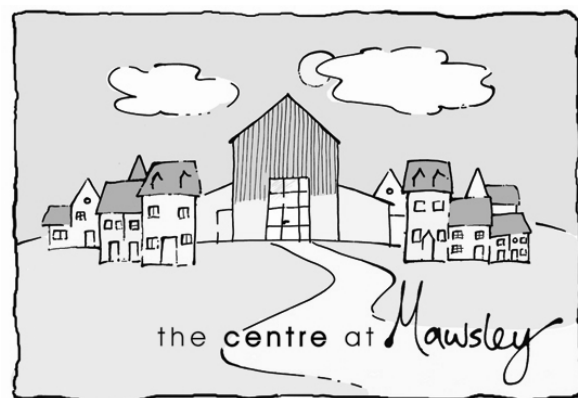
Thursday 29th November

The Centre at Mawsley - 01536 799528

Since my last article, we haven't seen very much summer sunshine. Despite this we did manage to see a lovely day of sunshine for our annual Family Fun day. Well done to everyone involved but in particular to Cheryl, from the events team, who organised the day. What a great job you did Cheryl. If you too would like to help organise events like this one or maybe you just have an idea that think might work, please contact me at The Centre.

The Fun day raised a fantastic £1,300 for the Mawsley Village Fund. The Centre of course was at the forefront of the Fun Day, making the perfect venue for the event.

Isn't it great to finally have a venue to hold such events? With the Bar at full throttle for most of the day, we also managed to raise some funds for The Centre.



Just last week we saw the Casbah return for its second time, again a successful event despite the lack of Caribbean at the Caribbean BBQ, and the complete downpour in the afternoon!

Again we saw the turn out of the Farmers Market, on the 1st Saturday of the month. This event is getting more and more popular. We will see an increase in stalls for the September event and then again in the months following provided we have the continued support.

Looking forward, and depending on the weather and supplies, we are hoping to organise a BBQ build followed by a late summer sizzle. In October dare I say it, we will see Half term, during which we hope to run a kids club at the Centre. We will also have a Hallowe'en Party for the children and then the Firework Show on 3rd November.

Of course with the start of term in September the regular user groups will return running through the autumn term. (Check individual user groups for timetables). Talking of the school term, we now hold a second hand uniform book at the Centre for anyone looking for a bargain or wishing to sell some Mawsley School Uniform.

Finally, you will notice at the back of this edition of the newsletter our Centre questionnaire. Our aim is to listen to all the views of the village - those that love it, those that hate it and those that have never visited the Centre; we want to know why. What do you want from your community centre? How can we improve the facilities? Now obviously some of these ideas will cost money and will not be feasible immediately; however if we know what villagers want we can start to think about the changes we can make.

I have to say it amazes me how many people from the village have yet to visit the Centre. The Centre has a lovely bar area which serves every evening from 6pm and also from 12noon at the weekends. Families are welcome and we now have a lovely playroom for the children (thanks to Wimpey). We have a wide range of drinks available at the bar and a fantastic coffee machine. This is a great place to meet with friends, bring family or even just come on your own as there is always someone new to meet.

I will finish with the anticipation of reading all those completed questionnaires. Happy scribing!

Penny Feasey
Centre Manager
01536 799528

Calling all 18 year olds and above

Bar Staff required

We are currently looking to build our bar team up. If you are looking for a couple of shifts per week and are interested in bar work, no experience needed, please give Penny a call on 01536 799528

*You are invited to Mawsley's
first...*

**FAMILY HARVEST
FESTIVAL
& VEGETABLE AND
FLOWER SHOW**

**SUNDAY 9TH
SEPTEMBER
11AM AT THE
CENTRE**

*Deadline for entries:
Friday 7th September
Harvest donations are invited
for local charity
Call Tony (791162) or Paul
(790140) for details
All Welcome*

**THE ALLOTMENT
ASSOCIATION &
MAWSLEY CHURCH**

**Vegetable and
flower show**

9th September 2007



We are looking forward to the inaugural show on Sunday which will form a part of the Harvest Festival service.

Anything (and as much as) you have grown will be gratefully received and entry is absolutely free. Plates will be provided for all exhibits except the floral class. For this, please submit any single bloom or small arrangement in its own container which will, of course, be returned. Otherwise about the only rule for this show is that entries must be home grown.

If possible, please complete a copy of the entry form below (or otherwise let us know) and return by Friday 7th September as this will really help with the organization on the day.

Whether you had time to fill in the form or not please bring all entries to the Centre from 9:30 to 10:15 on Sunday 9th and we can get the show on the road! Judging will commence straight after the Harvest Festival service and everything should be available for all to see shortly after 12 noon. Further details on the Centre notice board.



Entry Form

Name(s) _____

I/we wish to enter in the following classes (please circle)

3 potatoes

2 onions or 3 shallots

3 carrots

3 fruit or veg
(mixed or single variety)

floral

3 tomatoes

green thing
(children's class)

yellow thing
(children's class)

red thing
(children's class)

**Please return to 1 Sloe Lane, 2 Warren End, 31 Cransley Rise or 10 School Road
(or email details to tony.horne@virgin.net) by Friday September 7th.**

All unclaimed produce at the end of the show will be donated to KCU and used to provide meals for the families of local unemployed people.

FOOTBALL STARS FROM MAWSLEY

SUNDAY 15TH JULY – WEEKLEY ROVERS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT—KETTERING

David Porterfield came up with the idea of entering a football tournament. Great idea, I thought, and we started to put together 3 teams from our Saturday Football Club.

Each team had 2 soccer parents to manage them and thanks to Dale Perry from HRG and Ben Kirk from CPI we even had brand new kits to wear.

This was the first tournament we had entered and we were up against stiff competition.

The Under 6 's team (right) comprised of Jamie Smith, Ryan Hughes, Harvey Radcliffe, Will Porterfield, Callum Shaw, Mathew Bradley, Kiera Buckwell and Sam Sherwood. Managed by Chris Smith and David Porterfield.

The team started slowly but finally got their reward in the end with a 3-0 victory in their last game. Jamie Smith hammered in 3 goals for a hat trick and won our man of the match.



The Under 8's team (left) comprised of Harry McNeil, Jacob Long, James Perry, Oliver Cockerill, Hayden Sayers, Luke Farr, Brendon McCourt, James Russell, Cameron Hargreaves and Will Seaton-Burns. Managed by Dale Perry and Pete Long.

They were awesome and after a lot of determination made it to the finals! The final ended in a draw and was decided with a tense penalty shoot out. Sadly we lost but were worthy runners up – all players got a medal. Cameron Hargreaves won our man of the match (a Pro in the making).

The Under 10's (right) comprised of Noah Long, Nathan Sayers, Jamie Shaw, Charlie McCloud, Mathew Willis, Will Farr, Matt Jary, Paul Kearney, Jason Baird and Robbie Benison. Managed by Steve Willis and Adrian Shaw. The team put on a great performance and were unlucky not to qualify. Matt Jary won our man of the match for this age group.

I would like to thank all the parents involved for their support on the day .I am sure they would all agree how pleased we were with the players' performance –they did the village proud !

Phil Shaw



FOOTBALL PLAYERS YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!

• **ARE YOU AGED BETWEEN 5 –11 AND ENJOY PLAYING FOOTBALL?**

• **FANCY IMPROVING YOUR FOOTBALL SKILLS?**

• **WANT TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS?**

If the answer is Yes, then come and join our football training sessions every Saturday morning on the school playing field from 10 to 11am.

It's a great opportunity to make new friends and have lots of fun! (£1 entry fee). Boys or girls welcome.

With your help we can make up teams to enjoy friendly matches with local teams, join football tournaments and in time be in a position to join a league.

Hope to see you soon.

Phil Shaw (on behalf of Mawsley Football Club and soccer parents)
FA Level 1 Qualified Coach
CRB Checked

Mawsley Youth

Mawsley Youth group has recently been on a trip to London where we visited the Houses of Parliament. We were given a tour round both houses, The Lords and The Commons, and we met with the local MP Philip Hollobone. Whilst in the Houses of Parliament we were given tickets to watch items of business being discussed in the Chambers. On our visit they were discussing the country's defence.

After spending the afternoon looking round Parliament, we headed down to Oxford Street for a bit of retail therapy! This activity was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated after a long day walking round Parliament. After this we headed back to Mawsley, arriving home shortly before 10. We would all like to thank Aidan for organising this trip and to everybody else who helped. We look forward to many trips to come!

Mawsley Youth group meet every Wednesday at the Centre at 7.30pm.

Katie Sturland

Don't forget the village meeting on 23rd September to discuss the provision of Youth facilities in the village.

1st Mawsley Scout Group



WANTED – SCOUTS GIRLS AND BOYS

If you are a young person who enjoys outside activities, learning new things, wanting to make new friends or want to have more information about Scouting please contact Shaun or Mary.

We are planning to start our Scout Section after the October half term so we need details of interested young people who wish to join our Scout Group.

Those people who have already shown an interest will receive a letter and registration form during September.

Group Scout Leader	Mary Findlay	01536 791228
Assistant Group Scout Leader	Shaun Thompson	01536 791567

Rainbows and Brownies in Mawsley

Following the success of the Girl Guides Unit in Mawsley we would like to be able to open up two new Units—one for Rainbows (girls aged 5 to 7) and one for Brownies (girls aged 7 to 10). Each Unit would meet for one hour per week in term time—possibly early evening on Fridays. Both Units would need a team of leaders including a Unit Leader, Assistant Leaders and Unit Helpers. You would receive help and support from those of us already involved in the Girl Guide Unit.

Guiding is about belonging to a group, learning new skills, making new friends and helping others. If you feel that you could spare some time to be involved in this new project, or would just like further information, please phone Anne on 791163.

As starting the Units is reliant upon finding volunteers to run them, we are not opening up waiting lists for Rainbows or Brownies until we have the Leaders in place. Hopefully we will can update you in the next newsletter.

MAWSLEY GUIDES

Guides starts back after the summer break on Thursday 6th September. In this half term we will be working on the Keep Safe Personal Safety badge and will be trying out several craft activities.

The Unit is completely full at present and has a waiting list. Girls can join Guides at the age of 10, but the youngest girls on our waiting list are aged 7 at present, so we would advise anyone who might want to join when they are 10 to put their names on the waiting list now!

Please phone Anne—791163.

**Ladies Evening in aid of
Mawsley 1st Scout Group**



Date: Friday September 14th

Time: 7.30 to 10.30pm

Venue: 4 Rowan Avenue, Mawsley

With kind permission of Victoria and Dale Perry

During the evening there will be demonstrations and advice from

House of Colour Image Consultants

and

Beauty Calling who use the latest mineral products

Quality greeting cards at a reduced price

A chance to purchase quality home and kitchenware accessories

from

House 2 Home Interiors

& Great Raffle prizes donated by all demonstrators

Limited tickets so don't miss out

£5 per Person

Ticket price includes a welcome drink and wine

Any queries contact Victoria Perry 07840 228841

Kettering Borough Council Summer Play Schemes

The play schemes were held on Friday mornings in the village throughout the school holidays and were a great success.

Sarah Hart has written on behalf of all the children who attended to Tim Bellamy, our community development officer at KBC, thanking him. She says that the staff who ran each session were fabulous—so enthusiastic and hardworking and the acts were very entertaining. She is certainly hoping that they will be repeated next year.



**New Baby & Toddler group times
from 13th September.**

Thursdays

**Set up from 9am
Group runs from 9.30—11am**

MAWSLEY HARVEST BALL

Highgate House 6th October 2007

Evening includes

- ❖ Reception drinks
- ❖ 4 course meal
- ❖ entertainment
- ❖ Transport

**Tickets £55.00 available now from
Karen 01536 790085 or 07813907849**

**Bookings taken for individuals or
in tables of ten. Last chance to get
your ticket this month call now.**



**Cransley Village Hall
after 10.30am start at church**

*If you've not yet made it to our
short time of family-friendly
worship plus doughnuts
(every 1st Sunday of the month)
why not come along? Food, fun &
a warm welcome guaranteed.*

**For more info call
James & Denise on 799355
or Paul on 790140**

**ST ANDREW'S
CRANSLEY & MAWSLEY**



Don't forget to get your entries in – and harvest donations (non-perishable) for charity – for Mawsley's very first Harvest Festival & Produce Show.

Mawsley Church meets in the Centre and all are welcome

- Sunday 9th September
I am FAMILY HARVEST
FESTIVAL & VEGETABLE &
FLOWER SHOW
- Sunday 23rd September
I am CELEBRATION &
COMMUNION
- Cell groups – a great place to
learn about the Bible and
discuss together - meet at
homes across Mawsley on
Monday, Tuesday and
Thursday evenings.

We're looking forward to starting
children's activities this Autumn.
More details soon.

Rev'd Paul Seaton-Burn
15 Loddington Way
seaton-burn@tiscali.co.uk
790140

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Mawsley Baby and Toddler Group

We have had a fantastic summer. Approximately 50 children enjoyed the activities on offer each week. Older brothers and sisters joined the group for the school holidays and were made very welcome by our younger members.

At our meeting in August it was decided to change the name from Parent and Toddler Group to Baby and Toddler Group. This is to emphasise the fact that the group caters for children from birth until they go to school. If you have a baby do come and join us—we have a baby area with toys and duvets for them to lie on—you will be made very welcome.

We have also decided to alter the times the group meets. We will now set up at 9am and the group will run from 9.30 until 11am. This is to allow parents to drop older children at school and come straight to The centre to help set up rather than going home and having to come back out again. The new times will start from Thursday 13th September.

Our last meeting of the summer was celebrated with a party. Chris Cullen and Julie entertained the children with face painting, balloon modelling, a magic show and party dances. At this party we said goodbye and a huge 'thank you' to Rebecca Simmons for all her hard work. She will be an impossible act to follow and will be greatly missed.

If anyone is interested in helping with the group—preparing the craft, purchasing and preparing the snack, setting up and clearing away—please come along on a Thursday and let us know.

We look forward to welcoming lots of new faces over the next few weeks and the group will run every Thursday (including the school October half term break) until Thursday 20th December. This meeting will be our last one of this year and we will celebrate on 20th December with a Christmas party.

The contact details for the group are:

Sarah Hart	790517
Claire Burlin	799017
Emma Brown	799440

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU.



The W.I. have not been having a break over the summer holidays. On July 25th, we enjoyed a great day out at the Sandringham Flower Show. Although we had one or two showers it certainly did not spoil our enjoyment of the day and it was nicely rounded off with tea provided by Gayton W.I.

We have enjoyed two craft evenings. These included an opportunity to see how to make bags, this being one of the crafts that some of our members had learned at Denman College. There was also an opportunity to make cards and we finished up with refreshments. It is hoped that there will be opportunities for more of these Craft Evenings, so keep a look out.

We are meeting on September 11th when we will be having a Dutch Auction with a green theme. Why not come along and bring something green that we can sell. We are always pleased to welcome new members. Our venue is changing - we are moving to Mawsley School from September, so we look forward to seeing you there, September 11th at 7.30.p.m. at Mawsley School.

Molly Shortt- President.

WALKING GROUP

Hi Walkers

What a wet last few months. My boots have mushrooms growing on them. Still we're not just sunny walkers you know!



The last walk was a 7mile trot around The Gamboro Plantation at Maidwell in fine weather. It was a smashing day out finishing at the Stags Head. How strange!

Our last evening walk was a little stroll to Cransley plus a couple of amber nectars. The light is just too faint now as we found out trying to creep back in the dark over ploughed fields. What a challenge, but the lights of Mawsley guided us in

The next three walks are:

Sunday 16th Sept. The Ise Triangle to include Rushton/Rothwell/Pipewell 6-7 mls

Saturday 13th October A walk in the Foxton Locks area. Distance /route TBA

Sunday 11th November The Rutland Penn. A full day out in this beautiful area

In the meantime Happy Walking

Steve & Pam

GARDENING CLUB

The fun day was a smashing day out. Pam & I enjoyed ourselves immensely with valued help from Rita & her daughter who were kind enough to help us on our table also winning a prize for themselves in the process! Thank you very much Rita.

We had a varied collection of plants & ideas together with a raffle, children's gardens & a box of veggies from my plot for auction.

You will be very pleased to know that our takings for the three hours were £120.50, the raffle providing the bulk of this, which enabled us to cover all our initial costs plus plants/ prizes/ etc, leaving us with a small profit for the day. It's always nice to end up with more money than you started with! We will certainly be doing this again (That's me on the right presenting one of the prizes. *Actually the editor has slipped this Fun Day picture in without Steve's knowledge*)

On the 30th July we visited Frogger Cottage Garden, Desborough for an evening & were hosted by Mr. John Lee. What a wealth of care and knowledge this man and his helpers have. Half an acre of pure genius; an honest Plantsman. He gave us a lengthy tour & was always on hand for questions. The visit ended with an informal garden tea An evening to repeat next year

The date for the next meeting is 24th September at the Centre at 7pm when we will run through the previous months issues & plan for the future Ideas for the winter months would be appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you then.
In the meantime Happy Gardening

Steve & Pam Draycott



Letters to the Editor



I have received a number of inquiries from Mawsley residents about a variety of issues over recent months including queries about child support payments, pensions credit, servicemen's pensions, police pay, the rules pertaining to unadopted roads and the need for action against climate change. I welcome all these inquiries and am always available to try and assist with issues as and when they arise.

In early October, I have managed to secure Parliamentary time for a special Parliamentary debate on the future of GPs in Northamptonshire and I would welcome views from Mawsley residents about their experiences of GP services. I would then be able to put these direct to the Minister for Health. Please contact me by any of the means shown below.

Thank you.

Philip Hollobone MP
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hollobonep@parliament.uk

It was Lee Jones, of Warren End, who had mentioned to our MP his concerns about the status of our unadopted roads.

In particular he wanted to know whether speed limits and the drink/driving laws apply and whether vehicle insurance covers vehicles and users on these roads. The reply from the Ministry of Transport was 'yes' to all of these if, as is the case here, that they are roads to which the public has access. They are not private land which is used by people at their own risk.

The Parish Council has seen this reply and has asked the local Police to comment on it as it applies to speed limits. Until now the Parish Council has been led to believe that action could only be taken against dangerous driving and not against speeding 'per se'.

Clarification will be published as soon as it is available.

In the mean time drivers are asked to observe the displayed speed limits in the interests of all.

Dear Editor

Please could we put an appeal in the next magazine, aimed at those people who may be going to paint their fences for the autumn/winter? We have had an incident of a neighbour spraying their fence with brown paint. It may do what it says on the tin but spraying neighbours' cars is not included.

Could people make sure that, if using sprays, they make sure that owners of cars parked in yards behind the houses are notified. This also applies to toys left in play areas. Coloured paint is not easy to remove from a car and the TV advert does not tell you it blows about, especially in Mawsley, and goes through any gaps in the fence.

As always, very grateful for the magazine. Mildred

Registering NHS under 18s at Mawsley Dental Clinic

We are pleased to announce that Alison Simpson is now able to register NHS patients under 18 with the clinic.

Alison Simpson, Sylvia Bentley and Abraham Varghese are all taking private patients over 18. For these we do offer a late night service up to 7pm on a Wednesday and Saturday by appointment.

Barbara and Diane, both great dog lovers, have been supporting 'Animals in Need' for some time. This charity has now moved to Irchester and both husbands have even been involved in helping with the rebuilding of the premises there. They write:

Are you an animal lover? Do you have a pet?

If so, your help is urgently needed for 'Animals in Need' at Little Irchester.

If you have any unwanted items of the following these will help care for the many animals including cats, dogs, birds, rabbits etc. rescued and in need of your help.

Bedding/towels	Food
Medication—eg flea drops	Toys

Many of these animals are also looking for a loving home. So if you are considering adding a pet to your family please consider this local rescue centre.

If you have any further enquiries please ring Diane on 07903212080, and please deliver all donations to 47 Old Gorse Way.

Thank you.

Air Ambulance

In the last few weeks two Mawsley residents have been involved in accidents which were attended by the Air Ambulance.

Thankfully both are now doing well. Phil Haldenby, Fiona's husband, wonders whether most of us are aware of this service and suggests why we should consider supporting it.



“It is often the case that we take our Emergency Services completely for granted, more often than not, with little expectation that you will find yourself in need of their services. How wrong that sentiment is!!

Some of you in the Village will know of my Wife's unfortunate accident a few weeks ago, when the services of the Worcestershire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance were called into action. Flying from their Coventry base, they arrived at exactly the same time as their land-based paramedic counterparts. The crew of three included the pilot, doctor and paramedic, who assessed the injuries and decided that they were critical enough that a road trip to Kettering may well have been detrimental to her condition. The smooth flight from Mawsley to Coventry Hospital took little over 7 minutes, during which the medical team could carry on working to stabilise her.

I can't express my gratitude to the service enough. They were quite literally in this case, the difference between life, and the unthinkable other outcome.

This is about the time when a couple of revelations happened to me. Firstly, we are a rural community, where responses to a local incident may well be delayed by distance, and that in a serious incident, the return to a hospital may be further delayed by a paramedic crew having to drive slowly on our slightly uneven roads back to the A43 (or worse if you happen to be beyond the village when an accident occurs, as in this case).

Secondly, I found out what a wonderful and brilliant bunch of people I have come to know in the Village. Having to abandon a planned www.mawsleyvillageforum.co.uk barbeque at my house, Lisa and Mick Cawthorne generously stepped in, suggesting not only that they hold the event at their house, but also that it should be a fund-raiser for the Air Ambulance service.

In contrast to the usual Ambulance and Paramedic services, the Air Ambulance relies entirely on charitable donations to be able to operate. They have no other funding, Government or Lottery, to provide an essential and life saving service.

I would like to thank Lisa and Mick for their brilliant efforts to raise some super raffle prizes from generous individuals and businesses. (The Forum barbeque was certainly up to the usual excellent standard!) I am pleased to say that this raffle alone raised £202.00 and I intend on carrying on this effort in the future. Thanks also to Penny and the team from The Centre @ Mawsley for supporting this raffle so well.



If you would like to make a donation to our local Air Ambulance service, you can do so by debit card by calling 024 7663 9043. Further details are on <http://www.wnaa.co.uk/> ”

Phil Haldenby

Forum-Mites cooling off at the WNAA charity BBQ!



Organised Events/Clubs at TCAM	We currently use this	We are aware of this	We were not aware of this	We were not aware but are interested
Pre-school /under 5's group				
Children's dance classes				
Karate / Taekwondo				
Farmers Market				
Beavers				
Scouts				
Guides				
Youth group				
Mawsley Church				
Folk/live music nights				
Pilates				

- ☐ Which of the following evening based events would interest you if they were held regularly at TCAM?

Quiz Nights Yes ☐ No ☐
Karaoke Yes ☐ No ☐
Sports Events Yes ☐ No ☐
Games Evening Yes ☐ No ☐
Barbeques Yes ☐ No ☐

- ☐ Which of the following organised events would interest you generally?

Men only events Yes ☐ No ☐
Ladies only events Yes ☐ No ☐
Mixed events Yes ☐ No ☐
Family events Yes ☐ No ☐

- ☐ What do you feel is missing at TCAM and should be made available?

- ☐ What would make you use the facilities more?

- ☐ Is there anything that specifically puts you off using TCAM now?

Would you be interested in hearing about future events or activities being held at TCAM?

No ☐ Yes ☐

If 'Yes' how would you like to be informed? Text Message ☐ e-mail ☐

Mobile telephone no. _____

e-mail address _____

TCAM (The Centre At Mawsley) Usage Questionnaire



Please help us find out:

- *exactly what you think about The Centre,*
- *why you use it or don't use it and*
- *what you want from it*

by filling in this questionnaire. Please do fill it in and then put it into any of the boxes at The Centre, the School or the Medical Centre.

☐ About you

What Road or area of Mawsley do you live on? _____

Please list the number of people living in your home between the following ages:

1-5 ☐ 6-10 ☐ 11-17 ☐ 18-25 ☐ 26-50 ☐ 50+ ☐

How many years have you lived in Mawsley? 1 or less ☐ 2-4 ☐ 5+ ☐

Have you ever visited TCAM? No ☐ Yes ☐

If 'Yes' which of the following applies to you?

- I took a look but don't use the facility ☐
 I have been there very few times ☐
 I visit fairly regularly ☐
 I visit very regularly ☐
 I have held functions there and/or attend organised events there ☐

How do you view TCAM?

- Not a facility we need or would make use of ☐
 It has limited appeal to me ☐
 It is useful to have such a facility ☐
 It is a great asset to the village ☐
 Don't know ☐

☐ About TCAM

Please review and mark which of the current list of facilities and activities at TCAM you are aware of and/or interested in (please tick) **Note*** If you require further details on any of the activities listed, please fill in the contact details at the bottom of the form.

Facilities at TCAM	We currently use this	We are aware of this	I was not aware of this	I was not aware but am interested
Large licensed function room available for parties or corporate events with or without catering				
Licensed lounge bar area with televised sports and regular events				
Children's room with 2x games systems, DVD/flat screen, bean bags and table football				
Smaller meeting rooms for social or corporate use				
Separate Male and Female sports change facilities				
Licensed outdoor patio seating area overlooking the playing fields				