



Mawsley Villagers Association

Newsletter

April & May 2009

UPS AND DOWNS AT THE PLAY AREA!

It's good to see the new play area is so popular; I think mums are delighted at having the chance to push a swing for an hour or so!

Talking sensibly about mums though, a number have spoken to me and my colleagues about the language being used by some of the older children – in front of the much younger ones. Indeed some older children have themselves complained about it. And yes I am aware of comments re bad language from adults too.

This is not something the MVA can be directly involved in resolving; therefore I have contacted Sgt. Tony Hopkins, our local Community Police Officer. He will follow it up.

Of course young people do say that the reason they use the play area is because there are no facilities for them. Personally I think this is, and has been for some while, the single biggest drawback about Mawsley. However the solution lies in our own hands; there is money available from grants etc. it's just that some people need to spend some time chasing it.

And those "some people" are you – as in the parents of young people. The MVA is keen to help (and will be putting the profits from this year's Fun Day towards facilities for young people) but can't be expected to spend lots of time and money on it if you parents are not prepared to get involved.

So, my message is to the young people of the village: sort your parents out!
Bob Littler

We are interested to know your views and opinions. Please get in touch by contacting the Editor at emma.janebrown@yahoo.co.uk

Thanks to everyone who supported the Red Nose Day evening at The Centre. £285 was raised!
Sarah Hart

Guys...it's your turn !
AN EVENING JUST FOR MEN
(Strictly Over 18's ONLY)

The Centre at Mawsley presents

POKER NIGHT!

FRIDAY 15th MAY
Arrive for 7.30pm
First Game starts 8pm
£10 per Ticket
1st Prize £200

For this, you get a seat at the table for the first round.
Win this and you go through to the next round.
Win the next round for 1st Prize.

Limited Numbers ...so get your ticket NOW!



New Cocktail Menu
now available!



4 pint Pitchers are in too!
Great for the Cricket season, this has now started.
Matches most Saturdays.

Next Month we will see some new wines joining the wine list, so if you taste something you like at the Wine Fayre (Friday 24th April), then let us know!

Gents' Evening on Friday 15th May is a Poker Night (competition rules!)

Ladies' Night is Friday 5th June

Tickets for both of these go on sale soon.
If you want tickets or info for either of these events, then send your email address to:



penny-tcam@btconnect.com

4th JULY 2009

Put the date in your diary

Mawsley Village **FUN DAY**

WE'RE PUTTING **FUN** INTO FUN DAY

Plans are progressing well for the annual Mawsley Fun Day which this year will take place on the afternoon of Saturday 4th July 2009 from 13.00 - 18.00.

As mentioned in the last newsletter we have plans for over 30 low cost fun stalls around a Main Arena that will be hosting events & attractions throughout the day, including a Falconry Display from Icarus Falcons, 'It's a Knock Out' tournament, Dog Demonstration, Tug of War Grand Final and a Dance Show. We will also be running a Family Dog Show with rounds including Obedience, Tricks, Fancy Dress and Waggiest Tail. Entry forms for all the competitions will be available from TCAM nearer the event. A professional tannoy system has been hired so that you won't miss any of the action! A full list of stalls and attractions will be published in the next newsletter.

In addition our local Police Force will be attending with their mobile Police Station and Kettering Blue Watch Fire Brigade are bringing a fire engine along. C&D Cycles of Kettering will be available on the day and are offering a free bike service to anyone who brings their bike along.

For the younger members of our community, Sir Nit Wit will be on hand with his fantastic magic show and balloon modelling and, as its Independence Day, we will be running an American themed treasure hunt around the grounds.

Local businesses are taking stalls in the main hall in TCAM as well as around the ground so there will be plenty of great shopping opportunities.

Lisa Burlison has been doing a great job in persuading lots of companies to donate raffle prizes for our Grand Raffle and tickets will go on sale from the start of May.

Putting on an event like this does cost money. We have secured two main sponsors, Henderson Connellan and Ramsey Health who have both kindly donated funds. We have also applied for a grant from Kettering Borough Council and we should hear the outcome of this in the next few weeks. Mawsley Villagers Association has provided the bulk of the funding we require and we will be working hard as a team to pay this back. The Fun Day is not about fundraising but about providing a great day out for you, however should we raise any money, we would like to put it towards providing indoor and outdoor youth equipment. The Gardening Club are also looking to raise money for the Memorial Garden and Mawsley School and various other user groups are looking to raise money for their own societies. We are keen that the whole village benefit.

We really need your help to make the day a success. We are a new team organising the event this year and would love to attract new volunteers as well as the faithful bunch of villagers we all rely on! There are so many areas you can get involved in from selling raffle tickets, to manning a stall, setting up, to collecting bottles for the Bottle Tombola. If you would be able to offer your time, even if it's just an hour, please give Helen Jones or myself a call on the numbers below.

Many thanks

Ruth Connolly

Helen Jones 07721 694237 or house2home@keme.co.uk

Ruth Connolly 07500 682882 or ru.ru@hotmail.co.uk



May Fayre

Saturday May 16th



1pm until 4pm

Kids' Corner, Cake Icing, Tombola and Bran Tub

Something for everyone

Stalls included

**'Just Soaps' Handmade
Soaps**

'The Olive Queen'

**Willow's Nursery
Local Hand Woven Willow
Products**

'The Secret Kitchen'

**Plants and Hanging
Baskets (outside)**

'Betty Boo' Children's Clothes

Plus a fantastic Hamper raffle

Do support this great event – be sure to come early!!!

**50p Entrance
Fee**

**Refreshments and
bar available**

The Centre at Mawsley,
The Green, Mawsley

For further information
ring 01536 799116

Hope everyone had a good Easter and you are all enjoying the spring sunshine - the lawn mowers are already busy.

At the moment we are very busy organising various events, the first being Ferret racing, and if you didn't come along, you will have a chance to see them at the Fun Day in July.

At our April meeting we had our annual draw for a Bursary which enables a member to go to Denman College on a course of their choice and this was won by Margaret Beavan - well deserved. Then we go on to the May Fayre which is going to be a great event with something for everyone; wine and food for the men, jewellery and smellies for the ladies and cake icing and sweet jar tombola for the children, and of course the Bran tub. If you came to the autumn one you will know it's a great event. Hope to see you there.

We then have a day out to Windsor Castle or just shopping and sightseeing. There are still a few tickets left if you are interested.

May will be our members' meeting and we will be voting for the resolution which the WI will be taking forward to the Government. This year it is 'The Plight of the Honeybee' and if they aren't saved then we are all at risk, as our food and lives are very dependent on these little creatures

The June meeting will be held at The Sanctuary [thank you Adele] and we will be looking at 'Handmade designer jewellery' so all are welcome to come along. It will be on Tuesday June 9th at 7.30pm.

Look forward to meeting you at some of these events.

Brenda Quinn 799116

Mawsley Watercolour Painting Group

*Small, friendly group.
Beginners very welcome.*

*Thursdays, 10 - 12noon
Phone Joan on 791661 for more details*



Interested in Toning Up?.....

Hello, my name is Lorraine. I am a fully qualified exercise & fitness instructor and have taught classes in the area for more than 10 years.

I am considering taking a class at Mawsley CP School on Mondays between 8 and 9pm, but I would like to know if there is any interest in this. Please either text, call or email to let me know if you can make it, it would be great to see you there.

The class would predominately work, legs, bums & tums combining traditional and pilates based moves, so no co-ordination required!

Text/call: 07976 529 414

Email: lollyone@tiscali.co.uk

Mawsley Ladies' Rounders Team



Yes Ladies, it's that time of year again.
The ice packs are ready, the ambulances have been notified and summer is on its way!

The 2009 Rounders season is here and promises to be great fun!!

We would love to see some new members as well as old members of the team, so why not come along and join the fun each week.

We have just started training and meet every
Sunday on Mawsley playing field @ 2:30 - 4:30pm.
Matches are played every Thursday 6:45 - 8:00pm ish
with drinks later in the nearest bar!

If you are interested in joining you can contact either
Clare on 07976 828032 or Sarah on 07970 610336.

Come along and support us.

Clare Wallace and Sarah Simmonite

Dick Whittington Panto

Encore!
completely MAD!
Brilliant!
A huge success!

"Pantomime Lucky Programme"

The lucky programme number was drawn at the end of the Saturday evening performance. The winner of the Sunday lunch for two was Vanessa Mileham with programme number 56.

We'd like to say a big 'Thank You' from all of us in **MAD** to all the people in the village (and friends and relatives) who supported us by attending performances of our panto, Dick Whittington. Not only was this the first ever panto to be held in Mawsley, it was a first for MAD as a group – in fact, most of the cast had never done anything like this before.

We had a sell-out of tickets for all 3 performances and we could not have asked for better support from our audiences. You stayed with us through thick and thin – oh yes you did – and your input was much appreciated by the cast. In fact, we have never heard such expert booing and hissing – in all the right places of course.

We must also thank all the many people mentioned in our programme because without their support, in whatever form it was given, the production would never have got off the ground. We look forward to getting our teeth into the next one.

Whilst talking about future productions – would you like to take part, either in an acting or non-acting capacity? If so, please contact Vic Cope on 799643 or e-mail do.vic@sakernet.com

Our next event will be the second Mawsley Talent Show to participate in the Mawsley Fun Day on 4th July. We would like to see you on the stage to show what talents Mawsley people have. So if you can sing, dance, play instruments, tell jokes... whatever, please let us hear from you as soon as possible. We had a great response last year. Let's make it even better this year.

Once again, our thanks to all of you for your support. It was greatly appreciated.



MAWSLEY AMATEUR DRAMATICS

MAWSLEY COFFEE CLUB

The Coffee Club is a meeting point for people in the village who have retired. If you are new to the village and would like to get to know people of a similar age then please telephone for more information. We are an informal group meeting in the village for coffee and a chat on a regular basis and we organise trips to places of interest. There are no membership fees or any formality, members can choose to dip in and out of events as they wish.



So far this year various members have invited us to their home for coffee mornings; we have enjoyed a super Sunday Lunch at the Overstone Arms at Pytchley and were very sorry to hear that Josie (who has been the owner for a long time) was finally retiring, we shall miss her. We had a visit from the Benefits Take Up Liaison Officer in March and a very good shopping trip to Birmingham Bull Ring. Later this summer we will be visiting Oundle, The Old Rectory Gardens at Sudborough and Dovecote Farm for fruit picking. Most of our trips involve food of one sort or another, a cream tea or a pub lunch. We like to enjoy ourselves! New members always welcome, male and female.

Phone Pat on 790991 for more information.



Mawsley Football Club Expands – players and coaches sought!

Mawsley FC is an FA affiliated club that has just celebrated its first birthday. The club has made a superb start thanks to the enthusiasm of the committee, coaches, players and parents. We focus on developing players at child and youth level and are looking to recruit new players and coaches to expand our roster of teams to meet demand in Mawsley and the surrounding area. Players of all ages are welcome at our Saturday morning training sessions.

New Under-9s

The club already has a thriving Under-8s team (boys and girls who are under 9 on 31 August 2009) that have completed its first season of competition in the Kettering area Weetabix League. We are setting up a second team at this level for one-day tournaments during the summer months and also to enter the Weetabix League next season. We also need children interested in becoming goalkeepers so if your child is Under-8, bring them along to join the fun!

New Under-10s

We are now building a squad for the Under-10s (meaning boys and girls who are under 10 on 31 August 2009). In this age group children play 7-a-side matches, which are an excellent way to develop skills and confidence before they move onto 11-a-side games in the Under-11s. It is a new team and all players are welcome, so come and join in. There will be one-day tournaments in the summer at which to practice and we are aiming to enter the team in the Weetabix League in September.

Parent Coaches Required

We also need volunteers to come down and help coach the children. We are committed to supporting you with help and advice and we will put you through the Level 1 Coaching course run by the FA. Speaking from experience you really do get a great buzz from helping children improve and seeing them really enjoy playing football. So if you think you could help and have a really positive attitude please contact myself, Phil Shaw or Nick Hughes to discuss further.

Saturday morning is football morning

If your child would like to join or you would like to get involved in any capacity, please come along to our practice sessions on any Saturday morning from 10.00-11.00am at the playing field by The Centre at Mawsley. There is a charge of £1.50 per child per session and they should bring a drink, football boots and shin pads if they have them, and wear sports clothing.

We look forward to seeing you there!

If you would like more information, please contact:

Chairman – Nick Hughes

nickhughes@talktalk.net; 07771 988743

Under-8s – Phil Shaw

philshaw7@btinternet.com; 07958 407657

Under-10s – Blair Adams

blair.adams@btinternet.com; 07956 408022

Recently at Mawsley Youth Club the youth leaders have bought cool space hoppers and a wicked parachute. We are now looking for more fun things to buy like sumo suits and bigger space hoppers for the older teenagers. The club has had a great Easter Egg Hunt where we won big chocolate eggs. Come along and join us.

Bethany Jordan

MAWSLEY YOUTH CLUB

RE-OPENS ON WEDNESDAY 22ND APRIL

NEW TIMETABLE

Ages 10-12 years 6.30 to 7.30 pm

Ages 13-19 years 7.30pm to 9.00pm

**MEMBERSHIP £5 AND 50P A WEEK
THEREAFTER**

**YOU NEED A PARENT TO SIGN YOU UP
FOR MEMBERSHIP**

MOBILE NO: 07505 230077

Baby and Toddler Group

We meet every Thursday from 9.30am until 11am at The Centre. Toys, games, craft, singing and a snack for the children. £1.50 per child. Contact Sarah for more info 790517.



Loddington and Mawsley Cricket Club



Members aplenty descended on the playing field on Saturday 4th April as it was Natwest Cricketforce day. Led by Nathan Coombes, Mark Braithwaite and Ruth Connolly the volunteers were set to work. Steve Thorpe proved to be a dab hand on the outfield mower. Once he had mastered the numerous levers and clutch, he was able to get the grass down to a more manageable level. Nick Williams and Ian Yeats used their knowledge gained as Boy Scouts spending most of the morning unknottting the boundary ropes. Whilst the remainder spent time on mowing the square, clearing litter, stone picking and general housekeeping. The water supply pipe was also located during the morning and with a couple of phone calls the water was plumbed in and ready for use the next day.

Nathan Coombes secured the club a grant of £1000 from the O2 "In Your Community" fund. The money that Nathan did a fantastic job in securing will be added to the Mawsley artificial wicket pot and the club are hoping to have enough in the coffers to be able to install the wicket during the summer.

The girls section of the club are playing in the National Championships at Bath Cricket Club, Somerset on Sunday 19th April. The girls are representing the East Midlands in this prestigious event after winning through to the finals last August. The event was due to be completed last September but due to bad weather it has been carried over to this season. On the same day the 2 Mawsley based senior sides are due to lock horns in a pre season friendly at TCAM.

League action at Mawsley gets under way on Saturday 25th April when the 4th XI led by Nathan Coombes are scheduled to play Thrapston .

Finally Junior Cricket Training recommences at Loddington on Monday 27th April session starts at 6.15pm cost £1.50.

Stuart Coles

SOWING THE SEEDS...

bpha is helping Mawsley Community Primary School to fund their school garden project. Teachers and pupils are creating their own garden, complete with pond, in the school grounds. The money is being used to buy tools, a shed, plants and seeds, with work now well underway to create a plant and wildlife haven.

To mark the 'dig', youngsters at the school were invited to draw their own garden themed pictures as part of a competition. The two winners - Kallie Bauckham and Oscar Davies - saw their drawings applied to two giant seed packets and were presented with a chocolate egg at a special assembly.

We are delighted to be able to support this fantastic project, which is seeing local children working together to make a difference to their area and learn new skills.

The new affordable homes at Mawsley Village are already making a real impact in helping to meet the area's housing needs. As a large new housing development it is also important to provide the right facilities and support that will enable the community to grow.

Mawsley Community Primary School is providing a real focus for village life and we have been really impressed with the enthusiasm of the children for this project. We look forward to seeing the garden develop over the coming years.

Sue Davis
Senior Development Manager



Mawsley Celebrations!

Happy birthday Eva Henson!
5 years old on the 6th May
With love from Mummy, Daddy and Mia

ALISTAIR LAUDER

CONGRATULATIONS
FOR THE 8TH MAY

ALL OUR LOVE
ON YOUR SPECIAL DAY

EMMA, MEGAN AND ALEX

Patrick Duncan is 6 on 4th May!
Have a great birthday!
Lots of love from Mummy, Daddy
and Amber

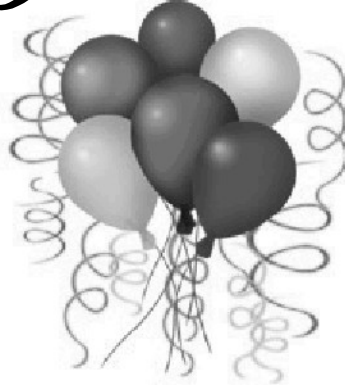
*Happy 5th Birthday to Jordan with lots of love from
Mark, Sarah, Eva-Mae and Sienna XX*

Happy Birthday Carl!
42 on 31st May

Love from Claire, Bethany and Annabella

*Many happy returns to Craig Duncan on your 32nd birthday!
With love from Pauline, Amber and Patrick*

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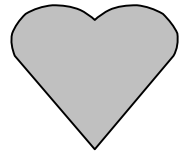
Congratulations Mum and Dad on your 40th
Wedding Anniversary
29th March
Love from Karina xxx

*Happy Birthday to Mark with
lots of love from Sarah, Eva-
Mae and Sienna xx*

*Happy 8th Birthday to Shauna
21st April
Lots of love and kisses from
Mum, Shannon and Victoria
xxx*

The Burlins want to wish me a happy 21st
birthday! Thanks Big Sis and Co.

HAPPY 2ND BIRTHDAY PHOEBE BROWN
SUNDAY 10TH MAY
LOTS OF LOVE
MUMMY, DADDY,
WILLIAM AND MADDIE



*Do you have a celebration to announce? If it
is happening between 6th June and 18th July,
then let me know by 28th May!
emma.janebrown@yahoo.co.uk*

What's On?

5th Mawsley Open Gardens and Scarecrow Festival

A great day out for everyone!

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th June 2009, 12 – 6pm

- 'Anything you fancy' Scarecrows
- Best Dressed Flower or Vegetable of the Day (ages 0-6, 7-12)
- Cream Teas at The Centre by the WI 2 – 5pm
- BBQ at The Centre - from 6pm



The more the merrier! So, if you have anything which may be interesting to others, please open your garden and help to make this day a success.

Work in progress, a special plant, a creative area – anything goes!

Please just let me know if you are planning a Scarecrow or to open your garden to the public so I can 'put you on the map!'

Contact Nicky McNeill at nickymcneill@sky.com or Tel 790382



THANKS to everyone who made our Easter Messy Church such a success. It was really good to be working alongside friends at FOMS to make it such a great day for so many families across the village.

Don't forget to come along to the village **LITTER PICK** on **SUNDAY 26th APRIL** at **2pm** outside the Centre. Equipment's provided and there's plenty of litter to get picking!

Remember too that that every Monday from 9.30am **BUMPS & BUGGIES** takes place at the Centre - an opportunity to meet other parents in Mawsley and enjoy a tea or coffee and a chat.

Our services over the coming weeks, at Mawsley Church (held at The Centre) or St Andrew's, Cransley, are as follows:

Sunday 26th April Communion, Mawsley (11am)
Sunday 3rd May Cransley Praise, Cransley (10.30am)
Sunday 10th May Celebration, Mawsley (11am)
Sunday 24th May Communion, Mawsley (11am)
Sunday 31st May - Pentecost Communion, Mawsley (11am)

We have supervised children's groups during our services at Mawsley:

LITTLE DOVES (up to Year 2) and **EAGLES** (primary school Years 3-6). **Cransley Praise** is suitable for all ages.

Revd Paul Seaton-Burn 790140
www.mawsleychurch.net

Village Open Meeting

Sunday 7th June; 11:00; at The Centre

The MVA wants to hear your views about the way the social activities and facilities of the village should be developed; this includes The Centre.

Do you have ideas, comments, suggestions or concerns? Well tell us!

All are welcome.

We will also hold the (short!) MVA Annual General Meeting at the same time. Please note we are focusing on social activities; not roads, lights, speeding and the old favourite of dog mess. These are issues for the Parish Council.

BUMPS & BUGGIES

Come to the family room at The Centre, 9.30am-11am on Monday mornings and meet other parents in Mawsley and enjoy a tea or coffee and a chat. Everyone is welcome, whether you have a bump, newborn, or toddler (or all three).

More info from Holly on 790956
or Helen on 790140

Mawsley Church

Walgrave Open Gardens

Walgrave Open Gardens will be on the weekend of the early May bank holiday,
Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd May 2009.

The gardens will be open from **12 noon until 5 p.m.** each day.

There will be plants for sale in some of the gardens and an art exhibition in the church.



1st Mawsley Scout Group

Barn Dance

Saturday 9th May
TCAM

7.30 - 11.30pm

Tickets

£7.50 Children £10 Adults £32 Family

Hot food included

For information and tickets contact
Mary Findlay 791228



MAWSLEY

SPRING CLEAN

Sunday 26th April

Meet at 2pm at The Centre

Equipment & good company provided

Call 790140 for more details



Mawsley Church



Villager Profile

As a resident of Mawsley, my family and I have held a few social events at our home and we try to sponsor village activities such as the open gardens. We also attend events at the school and TCAM. I was a member of the cricket club committee for a very short while and helped organise the golf day. I should really do more though. I do my bit to keep TCAM's bar in business!

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Job/Profession?

When I'm not working as a part-time Fighter Pilot, I work as a freelance consultant for various local authorities.

Family?

Married to Deborah. We have 2 daughters, Caitlin (12) and Olivia (10). I'm very proud of all three of them.

Which adjectives describe you best?

Loyal, sociable, mischievous, moody, headstrong and passionate - about lots of things (-;

How long have you lived in Mawsley?

Since September 2001. No street lights, mud for roads, too many parties and a weak liver. We made our own entertainment in those days you know!

What were your first impressions of Mawsley?

We felt at home straight away and like pioneers of something new and exciting. Everyone knew each other and we felt part of a friendly expanding community. Occasionally, it could feel a little intrusive but generally we all felt that we belonged here.

Hobbies/Pastimes?

Running. Playing bad golf. Watching the mighty Spurs at White Hart Lane with Caitlin.

What did you want to be when you grew up?

Captain Scarlett or Troy Tempest. I succeeded, but only in the privacy of my own home.

Greatest achievement?

My small part in the upbringing of my children. Nothing else comes close.

Biggest regret?

Life's too short for regrets. Each of us is the sum of all our individual experience.

What luxury item would you take with you on a desert island?

My ipod classic.

Who is the person you most admire in the world?

Elvis Costello, Nelson Mandela, Stephen Fry and Bob Littler (in no particular order)

Who is the person you most admire in Mawsley?

Deborah Wilkins....she's a blessed saint!!

Plus all my wonderful mates for a range different reasons.

TV favourite?

Sports programmes and Later with Jools. I also like Coast and QI.

Favourite tippie?

A smooth single malt takes some beating.

Favourite food?

A good Indian. I also love Shepherd's Pie with peas and blob of ketchup.

Ideal holiday destination?

I love California. It has everything for any kind of holiday.

Thing that makes you cross?

People who speed in built up areas. I also can't stand selfishness - including my own at times!

Most happy when?

I'm on the golf course in the sunshine with my mates....if I'm playing ok that is.

What do you want for Mawsley in the future?

Adopted roads, more care with the landscaping and less litter....and a Classy Gentlemen's Club would go down well with some people.....apparently!

Thank you Darren!

**If you would like to be part of a future 'Villager Profile' then contact Emma Brown at emma.janebrown@yahoo.co.uk
Our next issue's deadline is Thursday 28th May.**

MAWSLEY SURGERY

Mawsley Surgery is located in a new purpose built building in Mawsley – which is part of the Mawsleymedical Centre encompassing a Doctor, Dentist, 3D and 4D Ultrasound Scanner and Osteopathic services all from the one site. This GP Practice provides a friendly, prompt and confidential NHS service to patients in the surrounding villages and Kettering areas.

We provide the following clinics:

Asthma/Diabetes/ Heart Disease, Vaccinations (travel and routine), GP Consultations, Cervical Smears and Contraception Services, Child Health Surveillance, Weight Management, Smoking Cessation, Wound Care, Antenatal and Postnatal Care, Insurance Medicals, HVG and Taxi Medicals and Minor Surgery Clinics.

If you would like to register with our practice, please telephone us on **01536 791300**

YOGA classes with a special rate for the over 65's here each Tuesday and Friday. Classes run by Rosemary Booker - for more information, please contact the surgery.

Resolving Issues

I am working closely with the school in Mawsley to resolve the issue of extra places and ensure that Mawsley children are able to attend their village school.

We have resolved the issue of the bus stops in the village, and expect to have the signing and lighting at the entrances to the village improved very soon. The issue of the adoption of the village roads is still a difficult one, relying as it does on the developers to complete but we are working hard, with Borough Councillors, Victoria Perry and Jim Harker, to resolve it.

Although the Council faces many challenges, I am, as always, also keen to try to help with any individual problems or issues you may have with County services. Please get in touch and I will try to help to get them resolved.

JIM HARKER

County Councillor, Kettering Rural

01604 236982 jharker@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Villager Recommendation

Ascough's Bistro, High Street, Market Harborough

I visited Ascough's for lunch with a friend recently and was extremely impressed. Having been inspired by watching the MasterChef finals on the TV I was amazed at what was on offer at a local independent restaurant at such a reasonable price. Ascough's change their menu every month and have a selection of about 5 or 6 options for each course, everything is homemade.

We plumped for the 2 course option (main and pudding) with a shared garlic bread to start and a large bottle of spring water between us. The total bill came to less than £21 for the two of us. The garlic bread was like a sliced roulade stuffed with sun-dried tomatoes and topped with a parsley dressing. For main course I had rolled trout fillet with a caper dressing, horseradish mash and seasonal vegetables followed by rice pudding with caramelised plums. Everything was delicious and immaculately presented.

My only criticism was that the lunchtime service wasn't all that speedy so we did exceed our one hour lunch-break and I don't think it would be somewhere where I could take my toddler! However, if you are not in a rush and you are looking for an inspirational place to eat without kids, why not give it a go. I will definitely be going back to sample next month's offerings!

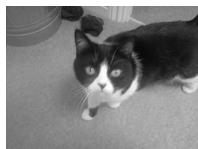
Ascough's is closed on Sundays and Mondays and booking is recommended.

Lizzie Souter



MISSING CAT

FLOSSIE



Our black and white cat "Flossie" has been missing since Friday 13th February. If you are aware of anyone sheltering or feeding a stray cat please give them this number. Our family dearly loves her and we are very concerned. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Jeanette Harmon – 07813 751312

Bunnies free to good homes!

Call Annie on 790231 for more information.



A big thank you to those of you who have contributed to this issue of the MVA Newsletter. Special thanks to Lizzie and Annie – the Villager Recommendation and Pharmacist features are their creations.

I'm sure there are lots of other budding journalists out there with great ideas so please get in touch. It would be really nice to hear from our younger readers – so Mawsley children start writing!

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NKPA aided by 'The Sanctuary Bistro'

A fund raising event in aid of the Northamptonshire Kidney Patients Association was held at The Sanctuary on the evening of Tuesday 7th April. The event was centred around a cooking demonstration, organised by Adele of The Sanctuary and ably orchestrated by Lesley of Pampered Chef. The event was supported by gifts from Mawsley Dental Practice, Mawsley WI and the major Superstores

Adele was as usual hospitable and made everyone very welcome, offering a drink to all on arrival. A very amusing and enjoyable evening was had by all who attended, sustained by some very tempting and easily prepared refreshments.

The NKPA thank all those who came along to the evening and are grateful for the substantial contribution that 'The Sanctuary' made to their funds. Money raised will assist in providing essential aids to Northamptonshire people of all ages who have renal failure.

David Wilson
Chairman, NKPA

Maintenance issues with Taylor Wimpey

Due to problems experienced with Taylor Wimpey in dealing with defective street lighting, I have exchanged correspondence with the East Midlands Director and I have also had a meeting with the Mawsley site manager.

The original complaint about street lighting has now moved on to general lack of maintenance on unfinished pavement surfaces, trip hazards, potholes in the roads and lack of gritting during the recent ice and snow conditions.

Residents should be aware that until adoption, this problem is the responsibility of Taylor Wimpey and not Northants County Council Street Doctor. Please note also, that street lighting in some locations remains the responsibility of the individual builder.

A follow up meeting has been arranged for early May, with Taylor Wimpey and with the support of Parish Council and Councillor Victoria Perry.

In the meantime, if you have a problem with these issues you should contact Taylor Wimpey Customer Care on 01162 816445 [or the individual builder regarding street lighting].

*If you have any other enquires on this matter, please contact me on 01536 799380 or
email: t.sanders01@btinternet.com*

Ask the Pharmacist

Having lived in Mawsley for almost 8 years I thought that it was about time to make a contribution to village life! I have milked the goodwill of others on offer as my children have enjoyed Rainbows, Cubs and Football to name just a few. Time given freely by generous folks with a lot less spare time than me.

I thought that perhaps my professional qualification may be of use.

It is my intention to submit a regular article to Emma, our Editor. I have endless ideas but also welcome questions or requests for specific information. I graduated in Aberdeen in 1990 and following the mandatory pre-registration period, qualified in 1991 and have been helping people understand their ailments and medicines ever since.

Hopefully with Summer approaching we will be thinking less and less about buying cough and cold remedies giving us parents time before winter to digest and understand the latest legislative changes. I have decided to clarify these after hearing all sorts of inaccuracies in the playground!

Last year, the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Authority issued advice that children under 2 should not be treated with OTC (over the counter) cough and cold medicines. Last month they revised this and issued new advice. It has been found that there is no evidence that OTC cough and cold medicines have any benefits in children under 6. They can cause side effects such as allergic reactions, hallucinations and sleep disturbances. The list of ingredients no longer recommended can be found at www.mhra.gov.uk. Because there are no specific safety concerns the MHRA has allowed companies to sell through current stocks. Understandably this will cause confusion until the industry makes the necessary labelling changes later this year to reflect the new advice.

Don't worry if you have given your under 6's the medicines in the meantime. Check that you have given the correct dose and review the medicines in your cupboard and perhaps drop off anything no longer recommended at the pharmacy for disposal. It is just good pharmaceutical practice to discourage the public to take medicines of no benefit. Any worries call NHS direct or seek advice from a healthcare professional. Paracetamol and ibuprofen are still recommended to relieve pain and reduce fever. Paediatric simple linctus or glycerol, lemon and honey may still be given to treat simple uncomplicated coughs. Vapour rubs and inhalents provide relief for stuffy noses and saline drops are excellent in babies having difficulty in feeding due to blocked noses.

I look forward to hearing from you with some suggestions for next time.

Anne-Marie King annie.webster@tiscali.co.uk

FARMERS' MARKET

As we projected in previous issues we have been working to restart the Farmers' Market in the village with a marked lack of success so far. Twice we have arranged a specific date/time with agreed traders to have them either cancel immediately before the due date or just not show. On Saturday 11th April two traders arrived at set up time but declined to start until some more showed up; and then left; followed by a third late trader who did the same. I am considering whether to continue with the very considerable efforts it takes or just let it die - watch this space or, better still, let me know if there is a real desire in the village for the Farmers' Market and at what frequency.



FOREST TREES

The forest trees referred to last year as a donation from the County Council were delivered in March and immediately planted in appropriate open spaces around the village. They are good specimens, 8 in total (12' - 15' each) of Oak, Ash, Hornbeam, Hornbeam Fastigiata, and eight villagers have very kindly consented to 'adopt' them and keep them watered during their infancy. I have particularly promised to mention Hayley.



OTHER TREES

I must extend my apologies again to those who ordered domestic trees through me last autumn. There has been a great deal of problems with the supplier although we still expect them to be supplied to the village.

CAR PARKING

You will have noticed the security posts around the 'grasscrete' car park at The Centre, erected to preserve the grass verges and the playing fields; they will shortly be followed by posts around the car park in front of The Centre to stop cars and trucks ruining the grass verges in that location; it would be helpful if you could encourage strangers to the village to use the car park.

Thanks, Richard Hoy 07826531735

Dates for your diary...

Mawsley Church Litter Pick - 26th April
Walgrave Open Gardens - 2nd & 3rd May
1st Mawsley Scout Group Barn Dance - 9th May
TCAM Poker Night - 15th May
WI May Fayre - 16th May

Next newsletter deadline - Thursday 28th May!

TCAM Ladies' Night - 5th June
Village Open Meeting - 7th June
5th Mawsley Open Gardens and Scarecrow Festival - 13th & 14th June
Mawsley Village Fun Day - 4th July

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