



Mawsley Villagers Association

Newsletter

January & February 2010

Happy 2010 to you all
and best wishes from all who work on the MVA Newsletter.



Many people come together to bring you this newsletter and I wanted to begin the first issue of the new year by mentioning those who volunteer their precious time to bring you the Mawsley news. In particular I want to give special thanks to Pat Rowley and Bob Littler, who have the tedious job of looking for all of my mistakes, Tricia Taylor and her team who brave the elements to bring the newsletter to your door and, more importantly, all of you who generously contribute articles for each issue. I hope 2010 is a great year for you all.

There is plenty going on in the village in 2010 as you will see when you read on. The staff at The Centre are aiming to make 2010 their best yet with a fantastic diary of events so pop in and join in the fun! See you there!

2010 - A New Year At The Centre!

Christmas Raffle Update

A HUGE thank you to everybody who donated raffle prizes for the Christmas Raffle which raised £203.00 for the Arthur Appeal. Any unclaimed Christmas Raffle prizes will be carried over to the Ball Raffle, which is for the same charity.



Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 28th January

Quiz Night: Our usual fun quiz – nothing too serious - 8pm start.



Saturday 27th Feb

Professional singer from sunny Stevenage Cathy Hart will be singing songs to suit all tastes - in the bar from 9pm till Midnight....and yes you can dance as well if you like!
No charge!



New to The Centre - Line Dancing

Every Monday afternoon from 2.30 till 4.
Everybody, including beginners, are welcome.
What a great way to keep fit!
£3.50 per session.

Friday 2nd April

Good Friday - Good Fun day!

Children's karaoke party,
fish & chip van in the car park,
prize for the best Easter bonnet and
Easter egg raffle.

The fun starts at 6.30 and ends at 9.pm.



Saturday 10th April

Back by popular demand Karin Bello
singing live in the bar lounge.
If you missed it last time make sure
you don't miss it this time.
Karin will sing songs from the
60s up to the modern day.



After which she attained the role of

Friday 23rd April

St George's Day Medieval Banquet and entertainers,
fancy dress, hog roast... more details to follow.



For more information please contact:

Jane Twisleton

jane-tcam@btconnect.com

At the Heart of your Community

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Mawsley Youth Club



EVERY WEDNESDAY

6.30 – 8.30PM

**GREAT FUN AND LOTS OF ACTIVITIES
JUST TURN UP!**

**@ The Centre
at Mawsley**

£2 Admission

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Sing along to Mamma Mia!

7.30 pm
Saturday 23rd January
The Centre @ Mawsley

Next Newsletter deadline is Thursday
11th March and publication will be on
March 20th.

Please send your contributions to
emma.janebrown@yahoo.co.uk



Melton Mowbray Market Trip



Farmers' Market

Melton Farmers have developed a reputation for quality meats and produce.
The Market always offers an extensive range of produce including:

- ❖ Stilton and Leicester Cheese
- ❖ British Beef
- ❖ Local Pork and dry cured bacon
- ❖ Free range eggs
- ❖ Melton Mowbray Pork pies
- ❖ LIVESTOCK AUCTIONS
- ❖ ALSO A GREAT ANTIQUES FAIR

*Call Brenda Quimm on
01536 791186 or 799116
to book your place or
find out more
information.*



Join us on a shopping day at Melton Mowbray - this will suit the chaps too!! This famous market and Melton itself has so much to offer. Above are just a few of the things on offer and there is the Melton Street market as well and of course the famous 'Olde Pork Pie Shoppe'. Lunch at the Market Tavern or the great Fish and Chip shop. Your bags will be loaded with lovely fresh local food. The cost is only £10 per person, the seats are limited so book soon. The Coach will leave Mawsley at 10am and depart from Melton at 2.30pm. The date is Tuesday 9th March. We look forward to seeing you.



*Our lovely Lizzy is 18 years old on the
23rd January!*



*Happy Birthday and all the best for the
future.*

All our love Mum, Dad, Simon and the cats.

Village Celebrations!

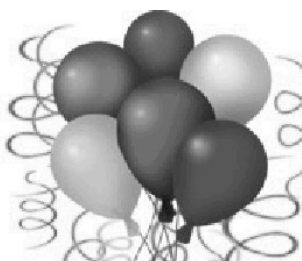
*Congratulations to the
Mawsley Basketball Team
who were very successful in their recent
inter-school competition.*

They were awarded first place!



**Happy 1st Birthday
Oliver**

**Lots of love
Mummy & Daddy
x x x**



**If you have a celebration you would
like to share then please contact
Emma Brown at
emma.janebrown@yahoo.co.uk
Next deadline is Thursday 11th March
and publication will be on 20th March.**

**William Brown
is 8 years old
on the 31st January!**



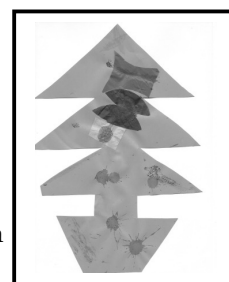
**Happy Birthday
William!**

**Lots of love
Mummy, Daddy,
Maddie, Phoebe and
Alfie**

Congratulations to Isobel and Molly Balzan who
submitted the winning entries for our Christmas
Tree Competition.

They each made an eye-catching
tree using paint, glitter and
collage materials.

By Molly Balzan



Well done to you both and we hope you enjoyed
your Christmas prizes!

**Happy 8th
Birthday**

**Jessica
Simmonite!**



Well done from Sensible Pullover Productions

Rock Night in November was a great
success! We raised £225 towards new
lighting for The Centre. This has been
donated by Sensible Pullover
Productions to the MVA.

Special thanks should go to Jay
McCann for his sponsorship in
providing great light & sound for the
event!

We are hoping to do other similar
"themed" events in the future.

Tony Bagshaw

Group News

Baby and Toddler Group

Thursdays 9.30 – 11.00am

at The Centre @ Mawsley.

£1.50 per child and 50p for each child thereafter.

We have a wide range of toys, books and ride-ons for busy toddlers, as well as a craft activity each session. There is also a safe 'baby zone' where new mums and babies can relax.

We also provide a snack, which is included in your entrance fee. Tea and coffee is on sale too!

Please get in touch if you would like more information - we look forward to seeing you!

Sarah Hart 790517

If you have never been to the group before and feel a little anxious about coming alone, please give me a call. We would love to welcome some new faces and it is a great way to meet friends.

Emma Brown 799440



Mawsley CP School



Happy New Year!

Recently at Mawsley School we've been busy on a new Brain Boost project.

Brain Boost activities give us the chance to extend our learning and mix with other age groups. This term the activities have consisted of many topics ranging from survival to fashion. We have been doing Brain Boost projects on Friday afternoons for the past two years.

New after school clubs have started recently such as: dodgeball and uni-hoc. Hopefully these clubs will be popular amongst the children.

The Mawsley basketball team were very successful in their recent inter-school competition and were awarded first place!

By Bradley Porch, Will Seaton-Burn and Hayden Sayers – Year 6 students

Nursery News

First of all let me begin by wishing everyone a Happy New Year, I hope you all had a really wonderful Christmas and are looking forward to a fantastic 2010.

It has been a little while since our last update in October last year and what a few months it has been. At the end of October the nursery enthusiastically dressed up for Halloween and enjoyed activities such as carving pumpkins and making spiders. We then organised a fundraiser for Children in Need; the children and staff dressed up as their favourite children's character for the day, we raised over £100.00 for the charity and even featured in the local newspaper.

It wasn't long after that we busily began making plans for Christmas; we were very lucky and received a special visit from the Christmas fairies who decorated our Christmas trees and sprinkled sparkly fairy dust everywhere! It really was amazing to see the children's faces and their excitement when coming to play.

In December the children tucked into a tasty Christmas lunch cooked by Alison our wonderful nursery cook; they even had their very own Christmas parties including a visit from Father Christmas who brought them all a special little gift. Our pre-school children also visited Mawsley School and watched their nativity, plus many more exciting activities. What a busy month!!!

As some of you may know the nursery has extended into the building next door where we have been busily organising our second pre-school room next door. Some of our children have already had taster play visits and really have settled in well. Already the children are enjoying the new stage area as well as the mark making, construction and cosy areas. We hope that they all continue to enjoy their pre-school experience.

Again we have extended our staff team and are very pleased to welcome Zoe, Heather, Amanda and Adele to the nursery. They all bring with them a range of skills, which will ensure we continue to provide the very best care for the children. We wish them all the very best and hope they enjoy their time with us.

Since the beginning of the New Year we have all enjoyed the snowy weather and have excitedly made snow angels and dozens and dozens of snowballs. We are already busy planning activities for the garden and our 2010 fruit, vegetable and herb patch, all we need now is for the frosty ice to disappear so our keen little gardeners can get stuck in!!!

Sending you all warm regards.....
Katrina and the nursery team.



MAD

Mawsley Amateur Dramatics



Hello to all of you and a very Happy New Year to everyone. This is a quick recap from MAD on our Christmas events and details of our pantomime to come in March 2010.

We started off 2009 with our panto of Dick Whittington and we were very encouraged by the feedback received from village in general. Your comments and support were very much appreciated and gave us the impetus to have another go this year. We did not do much mid-season because of holidays etc. but with the onset of winter we started to plan our Christmas events. For years we had been inspired by the various sleighs which had come round different villages and it gave us the idea of doing a similar thing in Mawsley but to use any donations from "bucket rattling" for local causes. We were so thrilled with the response we received to this idea that we asked if we could also run a Santa's Grotto for the children to round off the 3 day Christmas effort.

So, several ideas and plans and a lot of hard work later, a sleigh emerged from Bob's garage complete with lights and music. A kind loan of a trailer and several much appreciated offers to tow it and we were literally on our way. Various pixies and elves rattled buckets with gusto for 3 nights running to great effect. We could not have done it without the support of all of those involved in whatever way.

When it came to Santa's grotto, once again, a kind donation of an igloo/tent and help to erect and decorate it and Santa had a home from home at The Centre. About 120 children turned out to see Santa whilst Mums and Dads had a drink and a mince pie to while away the time when the queues were longest. All the money raised from the Santa sleigh collections, £375, will be divided between a young lad in the village and Cransley Hospice. Thank you to all who gave bucket donations, came to the Grotto and generally took part.

Well, now it is 2010 and we are trying a new thing for Mawsley - a **mobile cinema** at The Centre. The first film on **23rd January** will be **"MAMMA MIA"**. The doors will open at 7.00 for a 7.30 p.m. start and the charge will be £3 per seat. Hope to see you all there.

You are also all invited to come to see our panto Cinderella at the end of March. We will be giving 3 performances with the Saturday matinee concentrating on the younger members of the village - we hope you will boo and hiss very loudly in all the right places please! Exact times and dates will be announced in the next newsletter.

Santa also hopes to return in December so start saving your odd coins now to make our buckets really rattle please.

Once again Mawsley, thank you for all your support over the last 12 months. If you would like to join us, please give me a ring on 799643 - we would really welcome any new members. Remember **You don't have to be MAD to join but it helps!**

Vic + MAD

Santa's Grotto

It is now 2010 and Santa and his elves are all very tired but we really did enjoy coming to the Mawsley Grotto.

The children were all excited but were all very well behaved and had obviously given a lot of thought to their lists of things they would like Santa to bring. They were also pleased with the gifts they had received in the Grotto.

When they were decorating their cakes and biscuits the children were very chatty about what they had told Santa and what he had said to them. Of course, they had seen him going round the village on his sleigh and they were all excited because Christmas was not far away.

There was a stall too for a colouring competition. Very well done to the winners who have received their prizes.

So, as Chief Elf Officer, I would like to thank Santa and all the elves for making it a good day. Also a big thank you to lots of Honorary Elves (you know who you are) who took the money on the door, organised large queues of excited children, helped on stalls and served hot drinks and mince pies.

Don't forget children, you must still be good in 2010 because Santa always checks his list twice!!

Vic Cope - Chief Elf Officer

The good news is that the village Fun Day is secure for 2010, on **Saturday 10th July**.

Amanda and Gavin Fraser have volunteered to jointly project manage the event; so it's an enormous vote of thanks to them. That doesn't mean however that all the rest of us can sit back with the view "Jolly good; no need for me to do anything then". No sir/madam; your village still needs you.

The organisation falls into 6 key tasks,

- main arena
- raffle/sponsors
- commercial stalls
- advertising & programme
- volunteers' / fun stalls
- It's A Knock-Out

Fun Day 2010!



What can you do to help with any of these? Just drop an email to Amanda amanda1509@btinternet.com or Gavin gavinfraser@tiscali.co.uk. If you want to take control of the whole task then fine; but any way you could help would be invaluable.

Last year we had about 50 stalls run by villagers; hopefully you will all wish to do them again this year. Please let Amanda or Gavin know.

If you missed it last year, put a marker in your diary now. It was a fantastic day, which brought all parts of the village together.

Let's make it the same this year.

Bob Littler

Mawsley Church



New Year New start

At Mawsley Church we have started the New Year by starting two new groups. One meets on Monday evening and one on Wednesday. These groups are for those who want to journey together on a path of faith. It's about sharing life together, praying for each other, supporting each, learning together how to navigate life. You don't have to be a regular church attendee, just a desire to belong to a group of Christians who want to grow in their faith and life. If you are interested then call Reverend Richard Priestley (790140).

Are you married? Would you like to give thanks for your marriage and re-commit to your marriage vows? This Valentines Day we have a special service for anyone who wants to celebrate marriage or is thinking of getting married. We want to bless your relationship and celebrate together. Come and join us in Broughton Church at 3pm followed by celebratory tea.

Every fortnight we meet at the Centre at 11am (2nd & 3rd Sundays) for a service for all ages. It may not be a normal church building but we have a very informal and enjoyable time together. It is not typical of what people think of as church so why not come along and see for yourself. This year, 2010, why not try something that could change your life completely!

Your local Church

Feb 7th	Cransley Praise @ St. Andrews Church	10:30am
• Feb 14 th	Celebration @ The Centre, Mawsley <i>Celebration of Marriage @ Broughton</i>	11:00am 3:00pm
• Feb 21st	Communion @ St. Andrew's Cransley	9:30am
• Feb 28 th	Communion @ The Centre, Mawsley	11:30pm
• March 7th	Cransley Praise @ St. Andrews Church	10:30am
• March 14th	Mothering Sunday Celebration @The Centre, Mawsley	11:00am

For more information about baptisms or weddings or any other enquiries call Rev'd. Richard Priestley 790140 or check out our updated website www.mawsleychurch.net

Mawsley CP Foms

Easter Eggstravaganza



Friday
26th March
3.15 - 4.30pm

Chocolate
tombola

Refreshments

Cakes

and many other
great stalls

If you would like to help set up, run a stall or tidy away at the event please contact the FOMs at friendsofmawsleyschool@hotmail.co.uk

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Mawsley Allotment Association Notice of Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Allotment Association will be held on **Wednesday 24th February at 7:30pm at The Centre.**

If you wish to retain your plot for the coming season you must attend this meeting and pay all due fees. The exact amount payable will depend upon decisions made at the meeting but is likely to be less than £25 in total. If, however, you do not wish to retain your plot can you let us know ASAP so that we can contact those on the waiting list prior to the AGM.

The AGM is when the entire committee of the association is elected. Please consider standing for election, particularly for the executive roles of Chair and Secretary. We are very keen to ensure that actions taken and views expressed by the committee remain fully mandated by and representative of the membership as a whole, so all opinions and experiences are needed in running the association. Nominations can be forwarded to Tony at 2 Warren End or made prior to the meeting on the night.

The AGM is the best time to suggest/demand any changes/improvements in the way the association is run. Decisions made will be binding for all members so please turn up and let us know what you think.

For any enquiries contact Tony at the address above or 791162 or tony.horne@virgin.net



The Coffee Club



When the early morning exodus of commuters join the tread mill on the A43, A14 and beyond and when the hectic school run has left the village on the Scalextric track via Main Street and Loddington Way....peace and normality then descends.

This is then followed, usually mid morning by a group of residents taking a casual walk to the shop or with the dog and taking time to stop, chat and pass the time of day.

Many of these residents are members of the Coffee Club who are a caring group of people who "look out for each other" and enjoy many outings, which are organised through monthly meetings.

The Coffee Club currently has some 35 members and epitomises the community spirit within our village and in fact is one of the reasons many of us have moved here.

The membership consists of early, semi and fully-fledged retirees. The fortunate ones who managed to jump off the "tread mill" and escape the "work till you drop regime"

If you already qualify for this group or you are "working your ticket" for entitlement then you can find out more and join the Club by contacting...

Molly Short 01536 790781 or Jean Wilson 01536 799490

Val and Tom Sanders

Mawsley Village WI



May we all at your WI wish you a very Happy New Year. Our year has started off really well with an insight to Tai Chi. Everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed it and it is something anyone can benefit from, especially as it is a very calming yet energising form of exercise. Our next meeting is on Monday 8th February starting at 7.30pm and we meet in the Nursery Annexe. The speaker will be giving us an insight into Beekeeping and all the folklore about the Honeybee, which is in serious decline and this affects us all. The idea of telling the bees everything is a lovely idea, whether it is true or not we will find out. Anyone who is interested in keeping bees or wants information on how to protect them please do come along - even the chaps are welcome to something like this.

We do have a varied programme for the year and of course there are our other fundraising events so if you would like one or more information about us please call 07767477519 or 01536 799116

Walgrave and Mawsley Amber FC Update



Amber Sparkle in Cups

The Amber have belied their mid-table league position in the two cup competitions we have entered this season. In the Northants FA Area Cup, we are now through to the quarter-final after one of the best performances of the season defeating first division Blisworth 2-1 at Mawsley Field. The quarter-final tie against AFC Wymington is scheduled to be played Saturday 16th January at Mawsley - look out for details of our progress in the next issue.

Meanwhile, The Amber have also made it through to the semi-final of the Combination League Division 4 KO Cup, and coincidentally have been drawn at home again with AFC Wymington, with this tie scheduled to be played on February 13th.

Considering this is only our second season back in competitive football this is a fantastic achievement.

Training and Reserves

Training sessions are to be held on Thursdays at Mawsley Playing Field starting at 6:30 pm. All comers of all standards are welcome, though players must be 16 on or before 31st August 2009 to participate. As the squad expands we are looking to introduce a reserve team this season and will arrange friendly matches with other reserve team as numbers demand.

Kevin Simons



1st Mawsley Scout Group



Welcome back to all of our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and indeed their parents who continue to come along and support us in different ways. Numbers continue to grow and we now are in desperate need of additional Leaders and/or regular helpers in all three sections. These adults do not necessarily need to be parents or have any experience of Scouting in the past ... just a few hours a week and lots of enthusiasm is what we are looking for! We already have busy programmes planned from now until Easter to keep the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts busy so are in need of more people to help us do what we have planned.

The run up to the Christmas holidays was an extremely busy one for all three sections and ended with Bowling in Kettering for the Beavers, a Christmas party with sausage and chips for the Cubs and a night at Lazerzone in Northampton for the Scouts.

The Beaver colony continues to provide 24 youngsters with lots to do, working towards their challenges and awards on a Thursday evening. Paul Feasey has taken over as Beaver Scout Leader after Claire Yarland stepped down earlier on in the term. A big thank you to Claire who has been with the group since day one!

The Cub pack numbers have grown significantly and before the end of term Akela welcomed Harry, Jordan, Mason, Maria, Kieran, Sam, George, Shauna, Rebecca, Bradley and Brody. All these new Cubs made their promise in one evening! The Cubs have worked hard towards their home help badges and completed the athletics badge before it got too cold.

The Scouts too have been out and about and working towards a number of badges. They have lots planned for next term including a narrowboat weekend in Yorkshire and visits to local places of interest. The troop would welcome any new members aged 10.5 to 14 years!

For more information on Scouting in Mawsley, or if you have a skill you would like to share with us, please contact: Shaun Thompstone (Group Scout Leader) on 791567 or email: shaun_thompstone@hotmail.com or speak to any of the Leaders.

Mawsley Money - 2010 - What does it bring?

So what does 2010 have in store? Will house prices continue their recovery? Will the stock market continue to rise? What next for interest rates, will they go up and increase the repayments on many of our mortgages? There are lots of don't knows on which we can speculate, but if we worry about things beyond our control will we lose sight of that which we can control?

So what can we control that will make us better off in 2010?

Well over the past few weeks I have been looking at the new deals that are now available, and believe me the providers are all getting into the spirit of the January sales and there are many good deals to be had. However, with all the good offers come things that sound like great offers. Who has had an offer from a company telling you that new government legislation can wipe out your debts in just a few years? Be careful, these people are selling IVAs. An IVA is a way for people struggling to repay debt, to come out of debt. It works for the right people but, for the majority, it is unsuitable and has far reaching consequences on any future credit agreements as bankruptcy does, credit agreements such as mortgages and bank accounts with debit cards and overdraft facilities, which most of us take for granted. An IVA also makes substantial commission for any advisor so buyer beware! Perhaps the best advice I heard that I think we should all heed and perhaps should be a mantra for the new year is "DO NOT BUY A FINANCIAL PRODUCT IF YOU DO NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND IT!" Financial advisors, mortgage advisors and bank staff may be nice people but they are sales people and it is their job to sell a product. Many have your best intentions with their recommendations, but not all do and it is because of this you need to be sure that you understand what you are agreeing to and be happy that it is right for you.

Sam Mudd

smudd@tiscali.co.uk

Village Expert



If you have an expertise to share, please contact emma.janebrown@yahoo.co.uk
Next deadline is 11th March!

Mawsley Parish Council

The following are the dates for the Mawsley Parish Council meetings. These meetings are open for the public to attend.

February 1st

March 1st

April 12th

7.30pm at TCAM

Mawsley Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Hello everyone and Happy New Year!

Just a brief update on the Scheme's progress in Mawsley.

A meeting was held with volunteer co-ordinators on Tuesday 12 January 2010 and it was encouraging to see how many roads in Mawsley will now be covered under the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. You will be contacted by the individual co-ordinators shortly in your particular area and they will be more than willing to help you with any queries you may have about the Scheme, and how you can help by becoming members.

However there are still roads, which unfortunately are not covered by any co-ordinators and as such these properties are not going to have the protection of the Scheme. May I urge you, as Mawsley residents, to please volunteer your services as a co-ordinator so that ALL roads and cul-de-sacs in Mawsley are under the Scheme. This will have an enormously positive benefit to everyone in the village and will send out the message to would-be thieves that we will not become crime statistics due to them! It really is not much work at all and as they say "many hands make light work".

Thank you to all of you who have volunteered as co-ordinators. Your help is much appreciated!

In an emergency always contact 999. For other queries or to report anything suspicious, the NHW Hotline number, which is open 24 hours, is 01604 432436. The Police Control Room number is 03000 111 222. You can email me at heathermallinson2004@yahoo.co.uk.

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All children **over six months and under five years** old are now being offered the swine flu vaccine. This will help protect them from swine flu and its possible complications.

Please contact your GP surgery for more information.

Flu. Protect yourself and others.

Calls to this number are free from landlines. Calls from mobiles may vary, please check with your provider.

If you would like me to email you a copy of the leaflet that accompanies this poster, please contact Emma Brown at emma.janebrown@yahoo.co.uk

Northamptonshire's Volunteer Police Service

Northants Police currently has over 180 Volunteer Police Officers (Special Constables), all of which contribute to **keeping your community safe** and "making the difference" within it.

Special Constables are involved in a very diverse mixture of police work, a typical shift can involve crewing up with another Special or Regular Officer, and responding to calls from the public when they come in. This could be anything from anti-social behaviour to a serious assault! You may find that a large amount of your time will be spent carrying out **proactive high visibility patrols** in your area. This is of course very important as it **improves public confidence** and can deter crime before it happens.

Special Constables are often called upon to support specific operations across the force. This can present you with a number of **exciting opportunities** as you could be involved in, Plain clothes work, intelligence gathering and executing search warrants, to name but a few.

Becoming a Special Constable is ideal for those who want to help their local Police Officers and PCSO's and put something back in to their community.

It is also an ideal position for those who wish to become full-time Police Officers to gain excellent experience and life skills to aid them in applying.

For more information on the role, to receive an application form, or to view our upcoming Open Evenings please visit: www.northants.police.uk/careers or call Lizzi Betts on **03000 111 222 ext 2098**, our specials recruitment administrator who will be happy to advise you.

We look forward to hearing from you!

The Police Report



Well it has been another cold start to the year, with all the snow and cold weather affecting you getting to work, and us getting out to see you. Despite this, your local officers have managed to still get out and about patrolling Mawsley - and other areas of course.

The current crime position in Mawsley is not disconcerting. As the town grows and more and more people move in, more traffic travels in and out - with all this comes more opportunity for crime. The last few months have shown slightly higher crime figures, mainly in a series of burglaries in October 2009 (which have now stopped) to a one-night hit of vehicle crime (which has not been repeated). The simple fact is that the majority of these crimes can be prevented, not by flooding the area with yellow jackets (which we have done, but cannot sustain), but by taking precautions, locking doors, not leaving valuables in sight, not leaving car keys where they can be reached from the letterbox etc... It does amaze me that people leave the car running while they pop into the shop or back in the house as they forgot something. As well as being a road traffic offence to leave the engine running in this way, it very often results in the vehicle being stolen. While I like to direct the team to provide hi - visibility policing around Mawsley, I am acutely aware, from reading the forum, that this can sometimes create the perception that something is going on, so there is always a balancing act of providing visible reassurance, a visible deterrent and not creating a worrying perception of over policing. I hope that we have struck the right balance.

Some of you, I hope, would have read in the press or on our web site 'Operation Guardian'. Operation Guardian is our force focus on Serious Acquisitive Crime (SAC's), which is dwelling burglary, auto crime of any description and robbery. So while the force and your local Safer Community Team will be concentrating on these crime types, we also focus on other issues that concern us, such as anti-social behaviour, violence and drugs.

We have received fewer reports of anti-social behaviour in the last few months, so does that mean that we have solved the problem or that people don't bother to ring in any more? We have been working extremely hard to combat this, together with our partner agencies so I would like to believe the former is true, but would urge you to call in any anti-social behaviour you witness and together we can deal with it.

One other thing I would like you all to be aware of, is that Mawsley has not really yet been subjected to the 'peddlers'. These are door-to-door sales persons, claiming to be rehabilitated offenders who have a licence to sell goods door to door. The majority of the time, they have fake licences. So what harm could that do, surely the police have more important things to worry about like burglary? Well we have always suspected a link with peddlers and distraction burglary, especially where we see burglaries occur several days after their visit. Ask yourselves - why do they travel from the Nottingham area? If you see them about or one of them knocks your door offering to sell items on the doorstep then call us straight away. We will check them out. If they are genuine, we will advise them accordingly, if not we will take positive action and in the majority of cases we could arrest them.

It is very important for me to feel that you, the community, will know at least one of your local officers and how to get in contact with us if you have any problems. So I would like to direct your attention to our web site, where, if you click on the map for the Kettering Rural West Safer Community Team, you will see our faces. We don't photograph well do we?! In addition to seeing your local officers, you will see lists of upcoming police surgeries and community panel meetings, where you get to decide on what priorities the local team should focus on. The last meeting was on 5th of January 2010 where only 18 people turned up. The community then decided that we would focus on anti-social behaviour in Rothwell and Desborough as well as speeding in Sutton Bassett. Everyone is invited to the next meeting, which will be held at Rothwell Community Centre, 1900hrs on 13th April 2010. I hope to see some of you there for a free cup of tea and some low cost biscuits.

Happy New Year to you all.

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Maintenance Issues and the Adoption Process

Thanks to Taylor Wimpey and their local site managers, Paul Lord and Craig Vincent, we have had the gritting services implement by MGWSP who have done a great job in keeping our main village roads open during the current adverse conditions.

This has meant that the Surgery, Primary School and Nursery have remained accessible and open and other vital services have been maintained.

Stagecoach has also been able to provide uninterrupted levels of service on the existing bus route and we are working closely with them to have the extended bus route implemented as soon as possible.

Supported by Cllr Victoria Perry, Brenda Quinn WI and Bob Littler we are planning to purchase two bus shelters which we consider necessary to protect residents from the elements at the outbound waiting stops.

The shelters will cost in the region of £3,500 each and we are seeking help on this funding from local businesses because assistance from our local authorities is extremely limited.

The next meeting with Taylor Wimpey relating to maintenance issues and the adoption process is scheduled for the end of January and we will be seeking updates on the items previously raised.

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Saturday 23rd January	Mamma Mia Cinema Night
Thursday 28th January	Quiz Night
Wednesday 24th February	AGM of the Allotment Association
Saturday 27th February	Cathy Hart
Friday 26th March	Easter Eggstravaganza
Friday 2nd April	Good Friday Fun Day
Saturday 10th April	Karin Bello
Friday 23rd April	St Georges Day Medieval Banquet
Saturday 10th July	Village Fun Day

Diary

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