



Mawsley Villagers Association

Newsletter

March & April 2010

TCAM 'springs' into action to bring you the best events!

Ricky Zalez singing live in the bar

20th March 9pm to 12am

Free of charge



Chris and Pip's karaoke night

Sunday 21st March from 8pm

Come along and sing your favourite songs - no charge

At the Heart of your Community



The team at The Centre have been working hard to bring you a wide variety of activities and events. Why not come along and try a few!



Quiz night

March 25th - 8pm start

Once again the best quiz in town!!!!

M.A.D presents "Cinderella"

March 26th and 27th

See the poster on the next page for more details!



Easter fun

April 2nd

Children's karaoke in the hall, Easter egg hunt, Easter bonnet competition and Easter egg raffle
Fish and Chip van here from 6.30pm till 9pm.



Karin Bello sings all your favourites

April 10th



Back by popular demand!

Medieval banquet
April 23rd - Fancy dress optional. Hog roast and entertainment.
Tickets £12.00 each (no concessions)



Race Night at the Centre

May 8th - Tickets £3.00 each

Come along for an evening of racing fun for all the family.



This month's delicious cocktail is a Chocolate Martini. Treat yourself!
£5.00 each





Proudly Presents

Cinderella

A classic tale of love, hope & dreams that can come true.
Oh, and a chance to boo the ugly sisters lots and lots and lots.

On Friday 26th March
and Saturday 27th March 2010
(including a matinee performance)

at The Centre at Mawsley (limited tickets on sale now)



Tickets cost £4. (Toddlers free if they sit on your lap)

Box office now open: ring 01536 791881

Performance times

Friday 26th March at 8pm

Saturday 27th March at 3.30pm and 7.30pm

Coming soon - High School Musical 3!

M.A.D brings you an afternoon at the movies!



Helping Haiti

A big thank you to all the people who helped with and supported our fundraising event for the Haiti earthquake victims. Its success was down to the hard work given by village organisations over a few weeks and was well supported on the day. We managed to cover a map of Haiti with coins, in fact mountains appeared with £250 in change! I can still smell the bacon butties and my mouth waters when I remember the cakes for sale! Those who were involved commented on the lovely atmosphere there was. We managed to raise £936.44, which was amazing for two hours.

Again, thank you to
all of you.



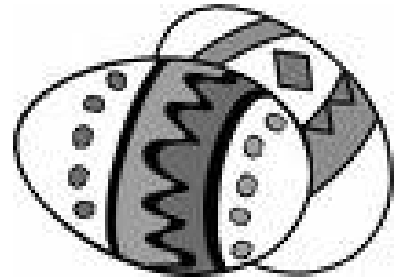
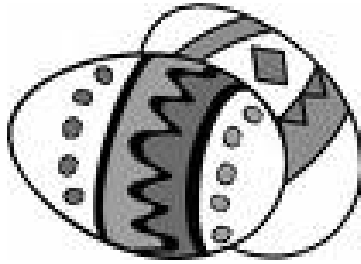
**Well done to Katrina
and the staff of
Mawsley Day Nursery
for donating £116 to
the cause.**

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

10th July 2010

Put the date in your diary!



Mawsley Village FUN DAY

IT'S TIME TO GET INVOLVED

Plans are already well underway for the annual Mawsley Fun Day which this year will take place on the afternoon of **Saturday 10th July 2010** on the playing fields at TCAM.

Last year's event was a great success and will be a hard act to follow. We have a new team working on the event this year and hope it will be as good as last year.

If you attended last year, feel free to send your comments and ideas for this year's event for us to consider. All feedback and ideas are greatly received, after all this is YOUR fun day!

We are still working on the details of what will be at the fun day, but we can confirm we do intend to continue with the stalls, bands and main attractions ensuring we cater for all ages.

We have a small team of excellent helpers who have come forward so far, but are looking for more people to get involved, so please get in touch. There are so many areas you can get involved in and we want to make this a community-driven event. Getting villagers involved is the best way to do this.

We will be holding volunteers meetings in the next few months - you will all be invited so please keep an eye on the next newsletter, the village forum and notice boards at TCAM for further details.

We genuinely are grateful for all feedback and suggestions as well as offers of help, so please get in touch!

Gavin & Amanda Fraser

gavinfraser@tiscali.co.uk 07590 983672

amanda1509@btinternet.com 07590 983673

6th Mawsley Open Gardens

Sunday 20th June 2010, 1pm - 5pm



A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!
Why not make it a special Father's Day?

Contact: Nicky McNeill at nickymcneill@sky.com or tel 790382

Friends of Bishop Stopford School Gardener's Question Time

At Bosworths Garden Centre

Thursday 13th Mar 2010

Doors open at 6.45pm

Question Time begins at 7.30pm

Tickets £5 to include tea, coffee and cake!

Next Newsletter deadline is Thursday
6th May and publication will be on May
15th.

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

VILLAGE EXPERT

Every Child Matters - Financial Competency in Education



I am writing this having just got back from one of my classes teaching primary school children financial competency. This is something that I, and no doubt many of you, were not afforded at secondary school, let alone primary school. The government want our children to be equipped with basics of personal financial management and are actively encouraging schools to deliver some lessons involving personal finance, although I believe that we should go further and also equip them with the tools to be business owners and entrepreneurs.

I enjoy working with the children. I find them open minded, inquisitive and with a thirst for knowledge. They have a natural interest in money, making it, saving it and spending it. However, in my experience, the value of money has generally passed them by. For example, I challenged the class today to think of ways to make money using their current skills and the response was fantastic. There were posters being produced, partnerships being formed, orders being taken and enthusiasm by the bucket load. Some of the children wanted offer singing lessons, computer lessons or cookery lessons but the average price being charged was £1 per lesson and often the first lesson was for free. Now when you are nine years old I suppose that £1 is a lot of money. In fact as one third of the nine year olds that I have surveyed receive no pocket money then £1 must seem to be a fortune.

So it made me think, what financial experiences are we giving our children so they can understand the value of money? Do we let our children handle cash? Do they have a moneybox, which they count, or hand over the cash for the shopping, or work out the change before it is returned to them? Do we discuss money at home? Do your children have a bank account they use? Have you introduced your children to the concept of saving? Maybe you agree to match the amount your children save when a big item is wanted?

Managing money is a life skill and the opportunities to teach your children are out there. I would urge you all to be the educators and pass on your knowledge and experience to your children.

Sam Mudd

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Chloe Lenton

Happy 1st Birthday
on the 17th March!

Lots of Love
from
Mummy & Daddy xxx



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Village Celebrations!

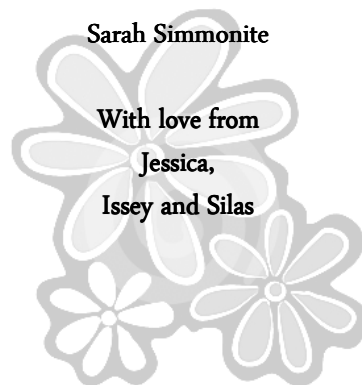
Happy Easter to you all!

(Belated)

Happy Mother's Day

Sarah Simmonite

With love from
Jessica,
Issey and Silas



*I hope all you lovely mums
had a wonderful Mothering
Sunday!*

The Police Report



Two months into the new year and crime figures are looking positive. In November and December we had 9 and 10 crimes. However in January and February we are standing at 5 and 1 crimes respectively. This is indeed good news, although I do have to report that at least one of the crimes in January was a dwelling burglary. This occurred at about 14:45hrs on 12th January 2010. The offenders were disturbed and would have had to climb over a 6 foot fence to get in through an insecure rear patio door. I can only ask you, as you have been in the past, to be vigilant, call us, and keep your doors locked, even in the daytime.

Now that the nicer weather is on its way, the nights will get lighter and we will likely see the return of more Anti-Social Behaviour. Although this can be low level, it can niggle away at the quality of life so it is important that we tackle it firmly. Report it and we can deal with it.

PC's and PCSO's are still patrolling the village on a regular basis and I am surprised to find that some people are still leaving sat navs and cradles in full view in their cars. I see daily so many reports of vehicle windows being smashed to steal a sat nav, and in some cases where the cradle is on show, the window will be smashed to gain entry to the glove box where thieves think it may be hiding. The impact this has on you is not only financial, with the loss of property and higher insurance premiums, but it also means that you may be late or have to take the morning or a full day off work to sort it out. So please don't leave it on show as they are very quickly converted into cash.

We have had many complaints about the quality of the roads, speeding, careless driving near the schools etc. I am happy to see that some people are starting to take this up with the builder to put this right. We have endorsed and support the recent correspondence with the builder about upgrading the roads and signs. Another aspect with the roads that concerns some of you has been the parking, which is partially blocking the road. Just remember, if there is a fire, then the fire truck will get through, regardless of what vehicles are parked there, they have lives to save. By the same token that is not an invitation to park and block the pavements so that the disabled and pram users cannot get through. I think a sensible approach is needed.

Finally, I do have some other news to report regarding our establishment. PCSO Sam Strong has left our force to work as a PCSO trainer for Bedfordshire Police. Sam was an exceptional PCSO and I know that the public of Bedfordshire will benefit from his experiences. I'm sure that those of you who knew him will be sad to hear that he has left. I am. Good Luck Sam.

Wayne Preece

Group News

Next Newsletter deadline is Thursday 6th May
and publication will be on May 15th.
Please send your contributions to
emma.janebrown@yahoo.co.uk

New Camera Club!!!

Are you interested in photography?
Do you have a camera?
Do you want to share ideas or learn some?

Join us for the first meeting of
Mawsley Camera Club
on April 16th in The Centre @ 8pm

For beginners and experienced photographers.

For more info contact:

Bev - 799477
Richard - 790140



Mawsley Gardening & Wildlife Club



We should have had our Gardeners Question Time by now - I'm sure it's been a great evening but I'll follow up next time with monies raised etc.

The First Nation Edible Show on 21st March has been CANCELLED till 2011.

April 17th brings a visit to Hidcote Manor Gardens (Nat. Trust) Banbury all welcome

Steve & Pamela slduk@f2s.com / 01536 791681

Mawsley Cherokees Walking Club



March 28th Circ. Hollowell reservoir plus extra if needed?!

April 11th Castle Ashby 6-7 mls - a meander by Martin (HAPPY RETIREMENT - WHAT A WAY TO SPEND YOUR TWILIGHT YEARS!)

May 9th The Exton Loop 6-7 mls

Steve & Pamela slduk@f2s.com 01536 791681

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

Rothwell Victoria Children's Centre is running the following sessions in Mawsley:-

23 March	10.00-11.00 Mawsley Surgery Rhymetime
1 April	9.30-11.00 Arts & Crafts at Baby & Toddler Group at the Centre
20 April	10.00-11.00 Mawsley Surgery Rhymetime
22 April	1.30-2.30 Wiggle & Jiggle at The Centre
27 April	10.00-11.00 Mawsley Surgery Rhymetime
29 April	9.30-11.00 Arts & Crafts at Baby & Toddler Group at the Centre
29 April	1.30-2.30 Wiggle & Jiggle at The Centre

Thank you.

Kind regards

Gail Woolley

Information Officer & Parent Link Worker
01536 710025

SureStart

Bumps and Buggies - in the family room at TCAM

Monday mornings from 9am. - £1 entrance fee

Come along with your little ones, enjoy a cup of tea and a chat whilst the children play. We would love to welcome some new faces so please come along!

Mawsley Allotment Association



We have been digging away now for a couple of years based at the Willow Nursery on the C31 (WHO NAMES THESE ROADS???) by arrangement with Les and Anne Cordes and our Parish Council.

In recent weeks, due to Tony Horne not wishing to continue as Chair, I have stepped into the breach. I would like to convey our thanks to Tony for all his very active work over the last few years and wish him and his family all the best for the future

As to the Association and the site itself, we have already made a few very minor changes to our committee and structure. We hope that we can, as villagers, gardeners and friends, encourage and pursue the various original issues and ideals of the association coupled with perhaps a light social programme.

We have recently been able to offer plots to many of those waiting patiently on our list and welcome them to our group.

NB. Please be aware the next committee meeting is the 28th March in the family room at the centre at 7pm. I look forward to your company

Kindest regards

Steve Draycott slduk@f2s.com / 01536 - 791681

Mawsley Village WI



The response to the fundraising for Haiti was fantastic and a big thank you to everyone who came and brought cakes to take home or sat and enjoyed them with a cup of tea. We raised £164, which will go towards the grand total.

Now onto WI news. We are on the move again and we will be going back to our original home at The Centre. We will be there from our next meeting on April 12th at 7.30pm so do come along and meet us. We would like to take this opportunity to say a very big 'Thank you' to Katrina at the Nursery for putting up with us these past months!

We have just enjoyed our March meeting when we had Mick Boyce giving a most interesting talk about Rockingham Castle. It's a great place to visit and steeped in history and is where Dickens drew inspiration for his book 'Bleak House' basing much of the story on the Castle and the character's he met there.

The next meeting will be on April 12th and we will be having Natasha Thompson with 'How Can I keep From Singing' and this should prove a really interesting evening as everyone is expected to participate, all be it in a fun way, so do come along and join us and have a laugh. Don't forget, at The Centre.

If you would like any information on your WI and what we do, especially our annual Coach trip, which this year will be to the Norfolk Broads, please call 791186 for the trip or 07767477519 or 799116 for other information.

Brenda Quinn

Coffee Club

The Coffee Club has had a busy time since the beginning of the New Year. We started off our events with a New Years Party with entertainment, actually that involved a 10 minute pantomime with parts played by club members, what a laugh we had. Our coffee mornings continue in homes around the village. The problem is that with so many members, now up to 39, we find it difficult to find a living room to accommodate us! We do, therefore, go out for coffee at times, and have just enjoyed an enjoyable morning at Beckworths. Our next coffee morning will be at the Sanctuary on Monday 22nd March at 10.30am - please do join us. Those of you who are of retirement age and would like to meet others in a similar situation, it would be great to meet up with you.

We have a varied programme in the pipeline for the coming months. If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact Molly Shortt 790781 or Jean Wilson 799490.



Mawsley CP School



We are very pleased that the school has been able to take advantage of a number of sporting activities through the local Schools Sports Partnership with Southfields Secondary School. Over the last few weeks children have very successfully taken part in separate Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Gymnastics competitions, Y3/4 and Y5/6 Futsal competitions (a Brazilian adaptation of football), a Key Stage 2 Indoor Athletics and a Key Stage 1 Multi-Skills Festival. We have reached the County finals in the KS 2 Gymnastics and Athletics events.

In addition to our usual curriculum we have also:

- Been learning about making “good choices” through a series of lessons on the Life Education Bus.
- Helped to raise £457 through our “Hats for Haiti” appeal.
- Celebrated World Book Day on 4th March by dressing as book characters and listening to a variety of stories to develop our enjoyment for reading

It is anticipated that work to begin building two more classrooms and additional offices will begin in April.

Elaine Wright, Headteacher

1st Mawsley Guides – Leaders or Helpers needed!



Mawsley Guides meet at The Centre on Thursdays in term time from 7pm to 8.30pm. There are 25 Guides in the Unit at present, with more waiting to join. We have a very varied range of activities - this term our activities have ranged from sweet making to ten-pin bowling, and in the summer term we intend to do some outdoor cooking and walks.

We are looking for anyone who could spare the time to come to meetings either weekly, or as part of a rota of helpers.

Please contact Anne (791163) or Hannah (07725 477466) if you are interested, or would like some more information.

1st Mawsley Scout Group



1st Mawsley Beaver Scout Colony

The Beaver Scout Motto is “FUN AND FRIENDS”



This term we have already completed the Air Activities badge, which involved designing an aircraft, and we have started the Creative Challenge badge by making musical instruments and using them to accompany songs we learnt. To kick off our Animal Friends badge we have just visited Pets At Home in Kettering where members of staff talked to the Beavers about the importance of caring for pets properly and they let us hold some of the animals, which all the Beavers enjoyed. We also celebrated our 3rd birthday with a yummy cake made by Akela (Sarah) the Cub Scout leader. A big thank you to all those parents who have come along as part of the parents’ rota – we hope you have had fun too! Our next big event will be attending St George’s Day Parade at the end of April alongside Cubs, Scouts and Leaders from 1st Mawsley and the other 23 Scout Groups in Glendon District...

Hawk & Kingfisher

1st Mawsley Cub Scout Pack
The Cub Scout motto is "BE PREPARED"



What a start to the year! In January we won the District Quiz Competition. The team was James Russell, Toby Bence, Bradley Riding, Ewan Cumming, Maria Anthony and Rebecca Russell. Congratulations! We are now through to the County Quiz on 28th March – GOOD LUCK CUBS!



The cub quiz team proudly showing off their winner's plaque!

The Cubs have been doing the Entertainer and Map Reading badges this term. We have been learning about knots and making pancakes. We also had our 3rd birthday party with games and a cake. James Russell, Melissa Markham, Rebecca Russell and William Brown cut the cake.



For Mothering Sunday we decorated pots and planted sweet peas – we hope they grow!

Happy Easter to you all!

Akela – Sarah Allen

Baloo – Phil Brown

1st Mawsley Scout Troop
The Scout motto is "BE PREPARED"



1st Mawsley Scout Troop welcomes young people (girls and boys) aged 10.5 to 14 years old from Mawsley and its surrounding villages ... would you like to come along and join us every Tuesday at TCAM from 7.30pm to 9.00pm? If so, then you need to speak to Will, Andy or Shaun who will give you more information!

A number of Scouts were generous by donating some of their own money to fill in the map of Haiti on the TCAM Hall floor and supported the "Helping Haiti" event! Our Tuesday evening programmes have included working toward their Communicator badge and IT staged award, designing and making the best bow and arrow as part of the DIY badge and a night hike. Last week we visited the unusual Bone Crypt at Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell and of course had chips from Rowell Fayre before returning to Mawsley. The Scouts and their Leaders will be travelling up to Wakefield this weekend for an exciting adventure on the Scouts Narrowboat ... this will be great fun and a first for many of us!

Will & Andy (Scout Leaders)

**For information on Beavers, Cubs and Scouts in Mawsley please contact:
Shaun Thompstone (Group Scout Leader) on Tel 791567 or speak to any of the Leaders**

Mawsley Church
Easter means all change at church!

What has been known as the Four Spires Plus Benefice is no more. The churches in the villages of Mawsley, Cransley, Broughton, Loddington and Thorpe Malsor have been working together for several years. In March, Loddington and Thorpe Malsor formed a new team with the churches around Rothwell. This means Mawsley is now partnered with Cransley and Broughton alone. St. Andrew's Cransley is still the parish church for Mawsley. However, the times of services are changing. It will be much easier as the main service is 10:30am wherever it is. Mawsley will have one service a month on a third Sunday. There will also be a family service, Cransley Praise on the first Sunday at Cransley. Other service times are below.

Easter is a special time for Christians the world over. It's not about chocolate or bunnies but about new life and new creation. We are celebrating Easter at dawn in Mawsley with a sunrise service. This will be followed by a family communion service in Cransley at 10:30am.

If you would like to know more about the real meaning of Easter, find out about baptism or weddings in church or simply have someone to chat to then **call Richard on 790140**.

For more information about the activities of Mawsley church check out our new website at www.mawsleychurch.net and there is also a site for the parish church at www.cransleychurch.org.uk

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday	7:30pm Communion @ Broughton
Good Friday	10:30am Cransley Praise
	12 - 3pm Quiet reflection
	(come for as long as you want) @ Cransley
	7:30pm The Troubadour (A passion play) @ Broughton Church
Saturday	14:15 Easter Egg Hunt @ Cransley Village hall
Easter Sunday	6:30am Sunrise service @ Mawsley Sports Field
	10:30am Family Celebration with Communion @ Cransley

Future Service times

1st Sunday	8am	Simple Communion @ Cransley
	10:30	Cransley Praise @ Cransley
2nd Sunday	10:30	Communion @ Cransley
3rd Sunday	8am	Simple Communion @ Cransley
	10:30	Family Celebration @ Mawsley
4th Sunday	10:30	Communion @ Cransley

Mawsley Ladies Rounders Team

Yes Ladies, it's that time of year again.
The ice packs are ready, the ambulance service has been notified and
summer is on its way!
The 2010 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. There will be a new season meeting on Wednesday 24th March at the TCAM beginning at 7.00pm. Then training will start on Sunday the 18th April **on Mawsley playing field @ 3.00 - 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

Loddington and Mawsley Cricket Club News

There will be again four senior sides competing in the Northamptonshire Cricket League on Saturday afternoon and on Sunday a side will represent the club in the Rutland League. New players of all age, ability and gender are always welcome and anyone interested in joining the club should contact Chairman Richard Baker 07740490297 or Head of Youth Coaching Karl Sanders 07903954360. Coaching is currently indoors at Bishop Stopford School on Monday nights but will commence outdoors at Loddington from 16th April for Seniors with Junior coaching on the following Monday 19th April.

The Club have several important dates prior to the start of the 2010 campaign.

Registration Evening is on Monday 22nd March at Bishop Stopford School from 6.45pm onwards. A representative from new kit supplier Karl Sports will be on hand to advice and demonstrate equipment on the evening. If you wish to check out their website it can be found at www.karlsports.co.uk

Cricket Force Day is pencilled in for Saturday 27th March from 9.00am until the work is done. There will be teams of volunteers at both Mawsley and Loddington grounds cutting grass, painting and carrying out general refurbishment works. Special projects are targeted at Mawsley this season with the repair and painting of the sight screens, getting the mobile nets in working order and the placement of boundary boarding around the edge of the field. Volunteers from both villages are welcome on the day to assist.

One for the Ladies - Wednesday March 31st a Ladies night in conjunction with an Ann Summers exhibition. Entertainment is from Miss Tiara Moneypony aided and abetted by Fabio. Thorpe Social Club is the venue with the action commencing at 8.00pm.

Tickets are just £10 with all proceeds to the cricket club. Details and tickets available from Marc B. 01536 790896 or 07979946377.

The proposed scoreboard and equipment store is due to be installed along the hedge line before the start of the season. This should prove to be a popular addition to the vista giving the ground a more homely feel and a focal point for the cricketers to congregate.

Initial Home Fixtures are:

Saturday 10th April versus Old at Loddington (Friendly)

Saturday 17th April versus Barton Seagrave at Loddington (Friendly)

Saturday 24th April versus Desborough II at Loddington (League)

Saturday 1st May versus Cogenhoe III at Mawsley (League)

The girl's team will again be playing home fixtures at Mawsley on Monday evenings commencing in May.

A full fixture list can be found on Loddington and Mawsley website along with the up to date club news.

stuart.coles1@ntlworld.com

Mawsley Youth Football Club

The club is growing from strength to strength but with that comes a desperate need for more help and support than ever to maintain weekend training for the village children. The commitment of the current coaches and committee is fantastic, and to support them and the club in growing we are looking for new coaches, players and sponsorship.

Parent Coaches required

As our current coaches start to take sides into the Weetabix league we are in urgent need for 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 if you feel it is appropriate. So if you think you could help and have a really positive attitude please contact Nick Hughes to discuss further.

Under-9s News

The current under 9's team have continued to perform excellently in the Weetabix league, currently lying 3rd. The success at this age group has enabled us to bring together another team in this age group to enter the league in the new season. If you are currently in year 4 and would like to play please contact Phil Shaw or Tyrone Long for information on training times.

Under-7s News

We have now entered a team into the Weetabix league for the second half of the season. After resounding wins in their first two games the players and coaches should be extremely proud of what they have achieved in a short period of time.

Under-6s News

We are hoping to enter a team in the Weetabix League from next September but to do this we need more Under 6 boys and girls to come and join us. The focus at this early stage is on enjoyment, taking part and learning basic skills so if you have children in Year 1 who may be interested (or maybe already play football with Vicky on Thursdays) then please contact James Geddes to find out more.

Contact Details

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Phil Shaw	Under 9's	philshaw7@btinternet.com	07958 407657
Graham Haines	Under 9's	graham@haines747.orangehome.co.uk	07880 553112
Tyrone Long	Under 9's	tyrone.long@live.com	07795 307548
Craig Duncan	Under 7's	craig.duncan@sumo-digital.com	01536 791673
James Geddes	Under 6's	jamesgeddes@aol.com	07810 411301



More from TCAM...



Conference? Meeting? Interview? Private space away from the office gossips?!

We will shortly be launching our meeting and conference facilities at The Centre and we are hoping you can help us to get started.

The primary function of The Centre is of course to serve the Mawsley community but one of our challenges is balancing this primary function with the need for The Centre to be commercially self sufficient. We are not there yet, and the bar in effect subsidises clubs and activities that hire rooms by keeping room hire prices much lower than they otherwise would be.

Using our under-utilised spaces as meeting room/s, now kitted out for a variety of commercial meeting needs, presents us with a real opportunity to offer a great value offering to the business community, whilst generating low cost revenue (and therefore profit) to invest back into The Centre.

Our meeting room space offers.

1. Low cost - £50 ½ day / £80 full day.
2. BUT: introductory offer of £35 / £60.
3. Seating for 24 theatre-style or 12 boardroom-style.
4. Fully equipped rooms and free use of the rest of The Centre's facilities.
5. Excellent catering offering tea/coffee/biscuits/ freshly prepared cold and hot food at sensible prices.
6. Long opening hours (p.m. meetings if required).
7. Quiet space.
8. 10 acres of outdoor space for outdoor training and team building.
9. Easy access and parking – we have no traffic jams in rush hour!
10. We can set up an account and invoice to your business.

Special introductory offers!

- You can give the voucher enclosed with this newsletter to any company or public sector organisation where you know people, so they can hire a room free of charge on one occasion (all other costs to be paid).
- If you, as a village resident, directly introduce a company or public sector organisation that hires a room, even with the above introductory offer, The Centre will give you a £10 bar voucher (terms and conditions apply).

Brochures are hot off the press and available in The Centre by request, but even better a PDF is now available on the website (www.thecentreatmawsley.co.uk) that you can forward to people you know.

So how can you help?

We know we have some influential and successful people in the village, so...

- Do you use meeting facilities - for example for a team meeting.- and would you give us a try?
- Could you use the space for a private meeting/ redundancy consultation/ disciplinary that would be best done out of the office?
- Do you know somebody who regularly uses a space like this and could you put us in touch?
- And importantly if you think that something in our offering that is not quite right, would you let us know so we can put it right?

We would particularly like to speak to local authorities, the NHS, large organisations etc. who might set up a regular account to use our facilities - let us know who you know, or if you can put us in touch with the decision makers in any field where we might be successful.

Peace of mind

We really want to make visiting The Centre a genuinely positive experience. We will always be trying to improve, and with this in mind we are confident we can make you proud of your village when you invite your colleagues or recommend your associates.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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The team at The Centre at Mawsley

Speeding in the Village

Yet again the subject of speeding in the village has been brought to our attention, by - to quote: "I write this as a parent at the end of my tether". Frankly I understand how she feels; over the years speeding has always been an issue and lots of people have complained to me about it. However my request for them to give me the car numbers so I can pass them onto the Police has generally been disregarded. Maybe it's because people feel that, as the roads are not adopted and speeding cannot be legally enforced, there is no point. This is not really the case; dangerous driving can be prosecuted in the village, and anyway the Police will follow up justified complaints by a high-profile (marked car) visit to the offenders.

Maybe we can go further though. The parent who emailed recently mentioned an initiative currently underway in Cheshire (see <http://www.cheshire.gov.uk/roadsafety/SetThePace.htm>). Do we as a village want to try to get something like this in place? It doesn't have to follow this approach slavishly, which would require official County Council and police support; the key point is that it is a community-lead approach. It's bad enough that the roads are not adopted, but also unrealistic to expect the problem simply to go away when they eventually are.

What do you think? What can you do to help? What other ideas have you got?

Tom Sanders has been talking to the local police about road safety issues generally, and his update below covers their initial proposals re speeding, but the more we act as a community the greater the chance of achieving real change.

Come on; before something really bad happens.

We should progress ideas via the Parish Council, who meet regularly with the Police, so get in touch via the Clerk Diana MacCarthy (790573; mawsleyclerk@tiscali.co.uk)

Bob Littler

An introduction to your Parish Council

Mawsley Parish Council was formed in 2004. The current Chair is Bob Littler, who is assisted by Councillors, Vic Cope, Bob Holland, Richard Barnwell, Stephen King and Cliff Moreton. Parish Councillors are elected for four years, the current term started in May 2007. Councillors are not paid salary or expenses. There is also a part-time Clerk (Diana MacCarthy; mawsleyclerk@tiscali.co.uk) and this is a paid position.

The Council meets at 7.30 pm on the first Monday of every month (except on Bank Holidays, so the next two are **12th April** and **10th May**) at The Centre at Mawsley. Meetings are open to the public to observe, but not to participate in. However at the start of the meeting members of the public are able to raise any issue they wish the Council to consider; five minutes per person is allowed. The Notice of the Meeting is posted on the village Notice Boards and within The Centre prior to the meeting. Copies of Agendas and past Minutes can also be found on the Mawsley village website at www.mawsleyvillage.co.uk

So what does your Council do? Beyond the general role of working with / influencing the Borough and County Councils, and the developers, to try to get the best for the village.....

You may not realise it but the Parish Council owns The Centre at Mawsley. It is then leased to the MVA who manage it. As the landlord the Council have a close interest in the fabric and maintenance of the building. To date most of the precept levied on the village (see below) has been used to establish a contingency fund in the event that any major repairs are needed. The Council is also keen to help The Centre be a key part of the village's social life and works with the MVA to help achieve this. The Council also administers the village Community Fund - a pot of money provided by the developers to enable social facilities. Grants from this have been made to a wide variety of village organisations, including The Centre; and money is still available. We shall cover this in more detail in the next newsletter, but in the meantime if you wish to discuss how it could help your village group please contact the Clerk.

Most parish councils work with the Highways Department of the County Council to help manage roads, pavement and street lighting. However as the roads are not adopted in Mawsley yet this is not the case; we are confined to making representations to the developers, directly and also indirectly via the County Council. Tom Sanders is pursuing this, with the backing of the Council, and you will have seen his regular updates in recent newsletters. The Parish Council is notified of all planning applications within the parish and comments to the planning authority – Kettering Borough Council. Please note that if you have any issues re a planning application in the village, which you would like the Parish Council to take account of when considering it then you should let the Clerk know.

The Parish raises a 'precept' (a small additional charge on top of your Council Tax) on the houses within Mawsley. This is collected by Kettering Borough Council via the Council Tax and all of this money is then handed back to the Parish Council. The precept for 2010-11 has been set at £20,000 (about £24 p.a. for a Band D household). Although the Council is sometimes asked to intervene re things such as policing issues, waste disposal, litter, buses or environmental issues it has no direct responsibility for them. However it may try to influence the bodies that are responsible. It has no role re schools, medical provision, commercial facilities or residents' disputes re parking or access etc..

Going forward the Parish Council will update you within each newsletter of the current issues affecting the parish, and if you have issues you wish to raise with your Parish Council please contact the Clerk on mawsleyclerk@tiscali.co.uk.

Mawsley Parish Council

P.S. It was very encouraging to get 8 applications for the vacant Parish Councillor position. We will let you know who the successful candidate is in the next newsletter.

Maintenance issues and the adoption process

“Phase one” road works Broughton Road to the pond will commence in early March and no further delays are anticipated.

Street and traffic signage lighting...

Taylor Wimpey are dealing with the list of defective street lighting from the last meeting and residents are reminded that they should continue to report new problems to the respective builders for their locations. The problem with defective traffic signage lighting was also highlighted in the report from the Safer Community Police on village road safety and potential liability in the event of accidents and once again this has been referred to TW.

Extended Bus Route and shelters...

Stagecoach has still not finalised the timing schedule with NCC but registration of revised route is imminent.

The new bus stops positions have been agreed and will be erected on the extended route. Due to the limitations on funding we are only able to focus on the purchase of one bus shelter and this has been made possible by donations from Kettering and Northamptonshire councils plus contributions from the One Stop Shop and Mawsley Village Medical centre. The eventual purchase, location and responsibility of the shelters are subject to negotiation between Parish Council, Borough Council, County Council and Taylor Wimpey.

Road Safety concerns...

Community Police have carried out observations and reported back on the 2nd Feb with the following action plan...

Speed survey will be carried out on Main Street and Loddington Way into School Road.

- Speed awareness poster will be supplied for lamp posts
- Survey outside school on parking and safety problems.
- Survey on parking problems Broughton Road during school bus pick up and arrival times.
- Borough Council [VP] to support prize funding to support a speed awareness competition through primary school.

Litter Control....

Over several months, the village has been blighted by rubbish and is looking shabby.

The Black Spots where banks of recycle boxes are placed and overfilled without secure lids at the top end of Loddington Way, near the pond, along Main Street, The Green opposite The Centre and also around The Centre. Kettering BC has responded to our concerns and will be issuing a letter to all households advising them of their responsibility on litter control and recycling with an offer to provide additional boxes to households who require them.

They will also be surveying areas for the placement of Litter and Dog Waste Bins when adoption takes place, but cannot offer full street cleansing services until adoption.

Tom Sanders

Diary



<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>
Saturday 20 th March	Ricky Zalez	TCAM
Sunday 21 st March	Karaoke Night	TCAM
Thursday 25 th March	Quiz Night	TCAM
Friday 26 th March	Easter Eggstravaganza	School
Friday 26 th March	MAD presents Cinderella	TCAM
Saturday 27 th March		
Friday 2 nd April	Good Friday Fun Day	TCAM
Saturday 10 th April	Karin Bello	TCAM
Friday 23 rd April	St George's Day Medieval Banquet	TCAM
Thursday 6 th May	Newsletter deadline	N/A
Saturday 8 th May	Race Night	TCAM
Sunday 20 th June	Mawsley Open Gardens	Village
Saturday 10 th July	Village Fun Day	TCAM

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