



Mawsley Villagers Association

Newsletter

May & June 2010

Mawsley Villagers Association - A Brief History!

I was lucky enough to arrive in the village almost 8 years ago. At this time there were only about 80 houses and the community was in its infancy. We went along to a village meeting, which was being held on the front lawn of the houses on Loddington Way and were asked to help with a new group of villagers calling themselves the "Mawsley Villagers Association".

We were warmly welcomed and joined "The Committee" which had set itself the task of ensuring that the developers delivered all the goodies that the section 106 Legal Agreement promised. Among other things, this included provision of a Community Fund, Village Hall/Community Centre and playing fields. At this time there was no Parish Council or official body to protect our interests, there were no user groups, no shops, no surgery.....basically it was a collection of houses on a building site surrounded by fields (and mud!).

The aim of the MVA at this time was to try to steer and influence the shape of the village both structurally and socially. Various steering groups were set up and a huge effort was made by all involved that ensured that we have the facilities in place that we are fortunate to enjoy today. A social committee was also formed and the major events that we hold in the village (Balls, events at The Centre, Fun Day, Bonfire Night etc.) were all instigated by the MVA and continue to be largely organised by them along with a team of enthusiastic volunteers.

A few years on, and many of the things that we set out to achieve, are in place. Many of the original roles of the MVA have been taken on by the Parish Council, Church, School and the many user groups in the village.

So do we need the MVA anymore? Well, I would say that the role has changed but the core focus is still the same – **"Creating a Community" is still the purpose of the MVA.**

The MVA is responsible for The Centre and influences the way it is managed and run. We organise, contribute to and encourage a whole range of social activities and facilities.

Over the last year this has included:

- Completion of the children's play area – with further development of fencing & pathways in progress.
- Revamping the Youth Club, which is now thriving thanks to the efforts of volunteer parents and youth workers
- Overall responsibility for the steering, organisation and implementation of Fun Day.
- The entire organisation of Fireworks Night.
- Running the Under 5's Group.
- Publishing this Newsletter.
- Publishing the Mawsley Advertiser; the prime source of funds.
- Running 'Quiz Night' every month at The Centre.
- Planting thousands of daffodils.
- Continuing the development of the Pond Area.
- Ensuring utilisation of the community facilities by organised groups and clubs.



Make Contact!

Would you like to win a bottle of wine or champagne from the new wine list at The Centre?

Would you like to receive information via e-mail about events happening at The Centre?

If the answer to these questions is YES, please send an e-mail to contact@mawsleyvillage.co.uk and we will send you information about events at The Centre.

1 lucky winner will be selected at random and notified.

Good luck!

I have enjoyed my time so far with the MVA and would welcome anyone who feels they would like to come and help with shaping the community.

Tony Bagshaw, Deputy Chair, Mawsley Villagers Association

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The Centre at Mawsley

FREE!

Cappuccinos; lattes; regular coffees and tea
The Centre, 2:00 – 3:30pm, Sunday 23rd May

Why?



So you can taste how good The Centre's newly refurbished professional bean-to-cup coffee machine is, but mainly because it's the time of the:

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

- Talk to Parish Councillors: tell them your views and concerns; what you would like to see happen in the village
- Meet village groups: see what they are doing; join one...or two....

Bring the family along; everybody is welcome

Fun and Frolics at The Centre!

We had lots of fun, frolics, juggling, and fire-eating not to mention a delicious hog roast at the Medieval Banquet. Lots of us dressed as Knights, Ladies, Wenches and Serfs too; all very fetching! A very enjoyable evening, with special thanks to M.A.D and Brenda, Denise and Janet from the W.I.



Forthcoming events:

- **Party Light Party:** this Sunday May 19th 6.30pm till 9pm
Come and explore a wide range of beautifully fragranced wax, unique accessories, pampering spa products and stylish new ways to fragrance your home.
- **Karaoke:** in the bar with Chris and Pip Sunday 23rd May- 8pm start. Exercise your vocal prowess, stun your friends and get down with the hip and happening!
- **James Lyndon singing live:** Saturday 26th June in the bar from 9pm till 12 midnight – always a good evening with singing and dancing in abundance!
- And don't forget **Fun Day** this year is on 10th July.
The Centre will be having a Pimms tent so get in there at Pimms o'clock. Our outside bar will be in full swing and we will be serving delicious food from our BBQ. The dancing begins with D.J. Paul at 6pm in the hall until 11.30pm.

Every Tuesday night is Pink Night!!!!!! Make it a girl's night out with Kissing Tree Zinfandel at £7.99 per bottle (normally £9.50). *This offer is for Tuesday nights only from 6pm till close.*

Watch the **World Cup** at the Centre
We'll be making a big splash for the World Cup:

- Football card every match - your chance to win £30 at every game.
- Lots of different drinks promotions
- B-B-Qs

And an all-action night for England in the final!

At the Heart of your Community



The Centre – Food Update

As you may be aware there have been some significant changes at The Centre recently.

One of the consequences of this has been that we have not been able to introduce provision of food in the way we wished, and as outlined in the January newsletter.

We do apologise for this, but until such time as the potential consequences of these management changes are finally resolved, we will not be able to proceed as quickly or to the extent that we would wish.

We will keep you up to date as developments occur but, in the meantime, we are able to provide buffets for events and parties, and we are able to lay on barbecues.

The Centre at Mawsley

Sport on TV at The Centre? Sport not on TV at The Centre?

To be or not to be? Or, more accurately, is it on or not?

Not everybody wants to watch sport when at The Centre, but many do. Trying to meet the demands of everybody is always difficult.

From now on we will publish a schedule for the month ahead showing:

- which sports events we will be showing;
- whether it will be on with full sound, or;
- whether it will be on but without sound – i.e. the background music will be on.

The rest of the time the TV will either be off, or showing a news channel without sound. The background music will be on.

This schedule will be published on The Centre's website (www.thecentreatmawsley.co.uk) and at The Centre, so you will know what to expect when you visit.

So please do call in!

Village Celebrations!

**Congratulations Russ Findlay
You did it!
The London Marathon 2010**

*Happy Birthday Carl Burlin
31st May
Lots of love from
Claire, Bethany and
Annabella*



**Well done Steve Buckle on
completing the London
Marathon in aid of
'children are butterflies'.**

**Please go to
childrenarebutterflies.org.uk
to give your support.**



**Belated Birthday
wishes
to**

**Shauna Baker
who was 9 on
21st April
All our love from
Mum, Ben, Shannon
and Victoria**



To Eva Henson, I hope
you had a happy
birthday
from Maddie Brown
xxxxxxxxxxx

To Mia Henson, happy
birthday from Maddie
Brown xxxxxxxxxxxx

**Happy 4th Birthday
Isobel Balzan
15th May
With lots of love
from Mummy,
Daddy and Molly**

*Happy Birthday
Shannon Baker
14
10th May
All our love from
Mum, Ben, Shauna and
Victoria*



Group News

We would love to hear about the activities and achievements of your group. Please share your news with the village by contacting Emma Brown at emma.janebrown@yahoo.co.uk.

1st Mawsley Scout Group



Open Night

AGM

BBQ

For

Parents and Friends of our Scouts, Cub Scouts and Beaver Scouts.

Tuesday 25th May – 6.30 to 8.30pm

TCAM

For more information please contact Shaun on 791567 or Mary on 791228



Loddington and Mawsley Cricket Club News

The season at last is upon us and Mawsley villagers may have noticed the new addition to the vista of the playing field. The club have erected a wooden Lodge to accommodate ground equipment and also to be used as a scorers shelter and changing facility. The club will be eternally grateful to local resident Nick Williams who project managed the venture through the complexities of the planning process with Kettering Borough Council and the negotiations with contractors to the installation and finished product. A fine looking building that blends in with the rural setting. Donations of seats would be appreciated for setting out on the patio at the front of The Lodge. The club would also like to thank all who helped with raising the necessary capital to fund the project.

Latest fund raising scheme is to produce a 2011 calendar featuring club members in interesting poses. The title of the calendar is LMCC Uncovered. The club are actively looking for sponsors to donate towards sponsoring the 12 months of the calendar. Thus far A&J Sectional, Blocks 4 Hire, The Raj, Rushton Ablett, Standard Engineering, Della Mix and Hornigold Haulage have offered support. If you are interested in this opportunity to assist the club with its fund raising please contact Chairman Richard Baker 07740 490297 or Fund Raising Manager Hayley Wills 07793 218052. The anticipated print run is early August. The club are also proposing to hold a World Cup Draw with tickets priced at £1 each on sale from committee members.

The club are also pleased to announce that Nandos Restaurant will again be backing the players of the Youth Squads at the Under11 and Under13 age groups this season.

On the playing front LMCC enjoyed a successful pre-season beating Old and Barton Seagrave in friendlies. The First XI narrowly lost their first league fixture against Brigstock but Grant de Kock, with a fine unbeaten 76, ensured that Weekley and Warkton were soundly beaten in their second. The season's prospects look good with both the 2nd and 3rd XI's winning their first two league fixtures.

Youth team action kicks off in earnest in May with the Under 15 girls side playing at Mawsley on alternate Monday nights. Please come along and offer them support.

Senior net practice is scheduled from 6.30pm every Thursday night throughout the summer. New members are always welcome

Stuart Coles



Coffee Club

The Coffee Club continues to grow! We have three more members since the last newsletter. We have continued to enjoy our meetings together in homes on a regular basis. However, with growing numbers, we are moving our coffee mornings to The Centre at Mawsley from July. We have not arranged the date yet, but please contact Jean or myself if you would like more information - our telephone numbers are at the end of this item.

We had a good outing to the Rennie Mackintosh house at 78 Derngate, Northampton. We all went on the bus to Northampton, most of us armed with our bus passes, and had a really good time looking round the house and seeing how it had been restored to its original Mackintosh style. We were taken round by a typical 'headmistress' type of the old days – we were acutely aware of what would happen if we were to dare to touch anything. However, one of our bolder members dared to touch the bed, good job no one was watching!!

We would really love to make contact with more folk of a more mature age, if you would be interested in our coffee mornings, our proposed trip to Barnsdale Gardens, Coventry for shopping etc or the many other things that we are planning, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Molly Shortt 790781 or Jean Wilson 799490



Have nothing to do on a Friday night???? No? Well how about sparing an hour on Friday evenings between 5pm and 6pm term time at The Centre to help with Rainbows. Rainbows are aged from 5 to 7 years and are the youngest branch of the Guiding group. We do many varied activities both indoors and out.
Interested?

Please call Hannah on 07725 477466 or Sarah on 799684.

Thank you

Amber News



Amber Plan for New Season

Walgrave & Mawsley Amber FC can report on a successful season that has truly exceeded expectations in the club's second season back in competitive football in the Northants Combination Football League. Whilst the club has not achieved promotion, it is worth noting that the division is perhaps the hardest to escape: the top three last season have also finished in the top three in the division above, and this season saw UCL side Long Buckby's reserves enter the division and not surprisingly won it at a canter. Nonetheless, the Amber players were cruelly denied silverware in two competitions. Firstly having won through five previous rounds in the Northants FA's largest cup competition, the Area Cup, the Amber lost the semi-final in extra time courtesy of an own goal to second division Corby Everards. Then in a further twist of fate, in front of a crowd of nearly 300 at Wellingborough Town's Dog and Duck ground, they totally dominated the Division 4 Cup Final against FC Higham, who scored the only goal in one of just two attacks they made all game. Amber simply couldn't find the net on the night, with the final agony coming when a penalty in the 94th was missed, the last kick of the game. The players were a credit to the villages they represent with both league and FA officials commenting that we were the best turned out team they had ever seen at a final.

On and off the field the club continues to improve: the club launched its own website in February <http://www.clubwebsite.co.uk/walgraveamber/> the success of which can be judged by reaching over 10,000 hits already. It is actively kept up to date including the now cult-status match reports. Once again this year, we'll be at the Mawsley Fun Day, where everyone can test their skills against our top goalies. We are working ever more closely with the Mawsley FC junior club to explore ways of expanding the ground facilities, and we shall look to launch a reserve side this coming season playing informal friendlies to begin with. The club is funding a formal coaching badge for one of its members to FA level 2, and with an eye to starting an Under 16 junior side. If you have a youngster who is 15 on or before 31st August this year who would be interested in playing, please email simonske35@hotmail.com.

The squad is taking a well-earned break after playing more games than just about any other team in the league, and training will resume on Thursday 1st July 6:20pm. We would love to see new faces of all abilities as we assure a warm welcome and respect in accordance with the FA's objectives. On that note we are proud to be able to say that we have still not had a player sent off since the club re-established!

Kevin Simons

Bumps and Buggies & Baby and Toddler Group

Are you at home with a child/children on a Monday or Thursday morning?
If so, please join us at one or both of these groups.



Bumps and Buggies

Every Monday from 9am in the Family room at The Centre. Please join us for a cup of tea/coffee and a chat whilst the children play.



Mawsley Baby and Toddler Group

Every Thursday from 9.30am until 11.00am at The Centre. £1.50 for the first child in the family and 50p per child thereafter. Come along and join us for a drink whilst the children play. We have toys, books, play dough, craft and a snack. Every week we finish with a singing session.

These groups are suitable for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers.
For more information please contact Sarah on 790517.

Mawsley Youth Club

Hi from the Youth Club!

We have had a very busy time over the past few months and have a lot more planned.

***Youth club runs on a Wednesday evening
from 6:30 to 8:30pm at The Centre.***

£2 entrance fee

Refreshments available to buy

We will be organising games outside, as the weather gets better!

Just a reminder, we have a maximum of 40 children so if you're not a member then you need to join soon!

Looking forward to meeting you.

*Best wishes
Allan and team*

Mawsley Photographic Club is meeting for a walk in the park at Pitsford Water on Sunday May 16th at 2:30pm. We will meet again at The Centre on June 12th at 8pm when we will share our best pictures. We are then going to prepare a display for the Broughton Art Festival.

***Join us at either meeting or call
Bev 07843247874 or Richard 790140 for more information.***

SureStart

Making life better for children, parents
and communities by bringing together:
► early education
► childcare
► health and family support

**Tuesday 10.00-11.00 Mawsley Surgery
Rhymetime**

**Thursday 1.30-2.30 Mawsley Centre
Wiggle & Jiggle**

**Thursdays 9.30-11.00 Mawsley Centre
Arts & Crafts at Baby and Toddler group
(every other week)**



Cinderella 2010



It was a drizzly Sunday afternoon in September 2009, when I undertook the task of writing Mawsley's 2nd annual pantomime. After a few script read-throughs and cast amendments we headed into early January 2010 where the final cast were assembled and rehearsals started in full swing. By early March 2010, we were almost ready to put the pantomime on and not one of us was without that butterfly feeling of anticipation and fear of the impending audience! Looking back since September 2009, we have certainly had more than a few laughs and tears since the beginning and by the last night of the performance, I was not the only one who wondered what we were going to do without our extended family.

M.A.D.s are a small group and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new members Malcolm Watts, Jane Twisleton, Yvette Den-Drijver, Bethany Jordan, Dan Jordan, Caroline Probart, Holly Cope, Amy Den-Drijver, India Seunaryan and Oskar Wetherall. Collectively our cast of old and new members has an age range between 5 and 65 years old! As the Director, I would like to thank you for bringing my paper characters to life!

Any Amateur dramatics society needs a great team behind it in order for it to run successfully and this would not be possible without the help and dedication of so many people, therefore I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following: -

Scenery painters / Props providers / Pumpkin Coach maker / Ticket sellers / Front of house team / Stage hands / Technical team including lighting and sound / Costume ladies + Fantasia Costume Hire, Corby / Make-up Team / Ice cream sellers / The Centre Management / Printing, Design & Photography team / Prompt / Advertisers / MVA / Kettering Borough Council / TCAM / Parish Council / Mums & Dads of younger members / Clean up volunteers / Videographer / My wonderful cast!

However none of the above would be possible without an audience, so a big, big thank you to all the children and adults who came and supported M.A.D.s in our 2nd annual pantomime.

It thrills me to be part of this fabulous creative group, who will be bringing so many new events to Mawsley for old and young alike, not just our annual Pantomime.

Our latest venture was the screening of High School Musical 3 on May 2nd and whilst people who did come to watch enjoyed it, we had a very poor turnout meaning that once we have paid for the use of the hall and the film it didn't make it financial sense for us to do this again.

Do you want films to be shown at The Centre; perhaps you could let us know what you think? Let Vic Cope know on Mawsley 799643.

So after the last bit of glitter has been swept away and my husband realises that I haven't moved out, I find myself thinking... I can't wait to do it all again next year!

Thank you
Charlotte Fairhead – Director Cinderella 2010



The 'wonderful cast' of Cinderella!

Mawsley Church

Spring is here at last, summer is coming and plans are underway for all sorts of fun.

Our pattern of services is settling in and there is a service in Mawsley Church on every third Sunday. That means May 16th and June 20th.

Father's Day is June 20th and we hope to have a big celebration of fatherhood. Why not come along with the family before going out to visit the open gardens in the village? We will give thanks for fathers and there will be refreshments afterwards.

We also want to know what you think.

Do people in Mawsley have spiritual beliefs? Is there a role for the church in our village? If so what is it in your view? Do you believe in some kind of higher power or a personal God? Would you be interested in exploring spirituality from the perspective of Jesus, whoever you believe he was, without any expectation of coming to church?

We really do want to know what people think. There is a blog on our website with an opportunity to leave a comment. Please take a moment to let us know your thoughts.

If you prefer you can **call Richard on 790140**.

www.mawsleychurch.net

For information about the parish church go to:

www.cransleychurch.org.uk

Services

May 16th	8am	Traditional quiet communion @ Cransley
	10:30	Non-traditional celebration with communion @ The Centre at Mawsley
May 23rd	10:30	Communion @ Cransley
May 30th	10:30	Special joint 3 Villages service in Broughton followed by a picnic
June 6th	8am	Traditional quiet communion @ Cransley
	10:30	Cransley Praise - a service for all ages
June 13th	10:30	Communion @ Cransley
June 20th	8am	Traditional quiet communion @ Cransley
	10:30	Father's Day celebration @ The Centre at Mawsley
June 27th	10:30	Communion @ Cransley

Mawsley Village WI



Our meeting in April was a very entertaining event. I didn't know our singing voices could sound so good, even those who said they couldn't hold a note [admit it Steve and Martin et al who sat in the bar with tissue in their ears!!]

Our May meeting has just passed and a very informative one it was. We hope those of you who came along found it so. Jean, one of our ladies, gave us the historical version of Mawsley and Pat Downing, from the beginning of Mawsley as we know it to present day. Thanks to you both for such a good evening.

It was also our voting on this year's WI Resolution that is chosen from a list and presented to the Government who really do listen to us, as we are in the top ten organisations in the country. This year it is a subject close to us all - the 'Clear and mandatory labelling of all meat, fish and poultry products sold in this country'. This is a grey area at the moment and really does need to be defined for all our health and well-being.

Next month is for any fashionatas or needle persons amongst us with 'Corsages and Fripperies'. It should be a very interesting evening, so do come along and perhaps pick up some tips. We will meet for this on the 14th June at 7.30pm.

All are welcome, and don't forget we are at the Centre.

Brenda Quinn

Nursery News

Mawsley Day Nursery

**Next newsletter deadline is
Thursday 1st July. Please send
your contributions to Emma Brown
at emma.janebrown@yahoo.co.uk.**

We would like to keep you abreast of the children's activities! We have been busy decorating the nursery garden with all our recycled materials most of which we get from the Phoenix Resource Centre. This is where local businesses donate various materials, which would usually end up on in the landfill sites. We are also applying for some pennies from the council to improve our vegetable plot as our windowsills are bursting with plants from pumpkins to parsley! We will be taking part in the Open Gardens so are busy planning our scarecrows - always a fun activity!

The children in the baby room have been decorating vehicles, painting Fireman Sam pictures and growing flowers, sweetcorn and butternut squash. The garden area is looking very pretty after the babies made bumble bees to decorate the fence! They love to be outside and play in the sand and water... well actually they mainly like to eat the sand!

Our toddlers' favourite activity in the garden is hose pipe play!!!! They love to splash around and giggle then finish up with a picnic. The children have been exploring all the shiny materials and fun lights and best of all making dens and hiding in them from all the grownups.

Preschool have been busy looking after their small plants to make sure they grow big and strong. They have herbs and tomatoes and a very special plant that closes up when you touch it - we are sure it has magic fairy powers! The children have been very imaginative pretending to be chefs and dentists. They are looking forward to a visit from Mawsley Dental Clinic who will help teach us to brush our teeth and keep them healthy.

The Out of School this term has been working together to building their own dens using large Lego bricks, wooden bricks and fabrics. They have also been very busy with woodwork, building aeroplanes, helicopters etc and then afterwards decorating them with paint, taking home some brilliant masterpiece

As you can see we are always very busy.



I would just like to add a small note about Amber-Rose, the little girl who had Meningitis; thankfully Amber-Rose is home and improving daily which is excellent news. Amber-Rose's family are extremely keen to help raise awareness of the symptoms, mainly as the ones you generally look out for (rash) didn't appear in her case. Had the family not been so quick to act, it could have been a whole different story. When a child contracts meningitis it can be an extremely stressful and worrying time for the parents, friends and family, and it does leave a lot of unanswered questions and worries for the future. We have organised for Jo Kennedy from The Meningitis Trust to come along and hold a talk where you will be able to ask questions and find out more information. This will take place in the hall at The Centre so we will have lots of room for everyone. Please come along and tell a friend, as it really is important to learn more about this. Don't forget !! **Saturday 29th May 2010 at 10:30am**

Also our little friend Arthur is home after a long time receiving treatment for a rare cancer (Rhabdomyosarcoma) in his leg. Rachel and Ben have excelled at parenting even though they have had such a rough journey and it's wonderful to see them all home together now. All we need is Arthur back to nursery - and mummy too!!!

On that positive note I shall get back to the gang and have fun.

We hope to see you at The Centre on **Saturday 29th May at 10:30am.**

Katrina Taylor

Daisy Pre-School News

As spring has sprung in the village the children have had a wonderful time at pre-school looking and talking about what they have seen (daffodil spotting being a favourite). We have been looking closely at nature and mini beasts through a magnifying glass, planting seeds, catching bugs and creating beautiful butterflies to take home to our families. Our role-play area has been transformed into a garden centre with glorious, handcrafted flowers made by the children.

Spring has also brought some good news. On the 1st April Stacey Evans the pre-school Manager gave birth to another little baby boy called Connor Matthew (brother for Logan) weighing in at 8lb 2oz. While Stacey is on maternity leave I have stepped in as Manager. Marieke White and Toni Greenwood have since joined Joanne and myself, which means that all the staff at Daisy pre-school currently live in Mawsley!

Finally as summer is fast approaching we look forward to helping and supporting the children to make a smooth transition to join Mawsley Primary School. We will be starting to welcome a new group of children ready for the beginning of our 4th year in Mawsley this coming September.

We would like to thank all the parents for their continued support and the children for making the pre-school such fun.

Zoe Rhodes

Mawsley Community Primary School



Birdwatch 2010 at Mawsley School

For the past five weeks during Brainboost we have been studying birds. We made fat balls for the birds and we made bird feeders. Next we did a real bird watch and we saw lots of fantastic birds. On the RSPB bird watch day, Tom enjoyed searching amongst the bushes. Harry found finding all the different types of birds interesting. Hannah had done lots of research into the varieties of birds there are and after our bird watch made a graph for the school display. Harrison and Lauren enjoyed all the colouring activities we did. Eleanor liked looking through the binoculars to see all the birds. Adam liked making the fat balls most and so did I. Kiera liked all of it because it was fun!

We counted 47 blackbirds, 6 robins, 27 sparrows, 7 woodpigeons and a couple of magpies and starlings.

I liked watching fantastic birds and painting a picture of a robin.

Chloe Adair



Pupils birdwatching for brainboost!

Brainboost

Each Friday is Brainboost afternoon and for one term a year the Brainboost activities are about a skill or interest that they wouldn't normally learn about in school. For example we have had willow weaving, birdwatching, Netherlands, cooking, sewing and filmmaking. For five weeks the children investigate and learn about these topics. We are eager for any support from the local community. If you have a hobby or interest that you would like to share with the students, and are CRB checked, please let us know.

Mrs Christie

Mawsley CP School - Disability Equality Scheme

The school governors are in the process of reviewing and updating the school's Disability Equality Scheme. The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (DDA) is a law which protects disabled people against discrimination at school, at college, at work and when using services and on public transport. Under the DDA, the school has a duty to:

- promote equality of opportunity for disabled people, including pupils, staff, parents and carers and other people who use the school or may wish to; and
- prepare and publish a disability equality scheme to show how it will meet these duties.

What is a disability?

In this context, disability is defined as including:

- people with a physical impairment, with limited mobility or wheelchair users
- people with sensory impairments, limited sight, the blind and those with hearing impairments
- a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on a person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities

We wish to ensure that all disabled members of the wider community have the opportunity to be involved in the process of drawing up the scheme. So, if you live in Mawsley and you, or anyone in your household is disabled, and if you currently visit or use the school, or would like to, we would really appreciate it if you would join the informal working party of governors, staff, pupils, parents and carers and members of the wider community we are setting up to help formulate the scheme. If you do not wish to join the working party, we would still like to contact you to discuss your views.

If you would like to help and are prepared to be involved in this process, please contact the school on 799182.

Many thanks, The School Governors

Mawsley CP FOMS Summer Fete

Sunday 27th June

11.30am to 2pm

Tombola **Stalls** **Raffle**
Games **It's A Knockout** **Uniform Sale**

We would appreciate donations of prizes for our tombola (new or unused) and any unwanted items of Mawsley uniform for our sale. Many thanks for your support and we hope to see you there!

Year 4 Kingswood Residential

On Wednesday 28th April we had a long journey to West Runton, Norfolk. We were travelling to a Kingswood centre to spend 3 days doing fun activities. When we arrived we were lucky that the sun was shining so we could visit the beach. Everyone quickly ate their lunch so that we could play on the beach and have an ice-cream. Some people played rounders, others played football and some brave children searched for crabs! We were very excited to find out where we would be sleeping. Our first task was to make our beds! (But the adults actually ended up doing most of them!).



Kingswood Activity Centre, West Runton

Our favourite activities were.....

Quad biking

On one activity we got to wear helmets like Jensen Button and go wild round the course. After watching each other we noticed that some people need to practise their driving skills! One of the adults was the fastest around the epic track.

Caving

To go in the cave we had to wear helmets with a light attached to the helmet. To enter the cave we had to crawl through a little door. When we got in the room underground there were lots of creepy crawlies!

Zip wire

We had to climb up scaffolding and ladders to get to the top. We had to get clipped up to the top of the zip wire. Once we were safe we had to jump off. We went as fast as lightning. To get down we had to do an 806 code on a safety harness.

Kingswood was a great experience. *It was the best 3 days at school ever!*

By Callum Shaw, Ewan Cumming, Ben Slater, Ben Richards, Libby Slater and Megan Lauder.

Mawsley Money



Time Banking

As the new term has started I am working in a primary school and I have a new class of primary school children who are discovering the importance of learning about the history and the values of money. One of the first things we look at is what happened before money came along and how people lived. This gets the children asking why we no longer have the sense and responsibility of community that there once was. This got me thinking about life in the village, what it was like when we first moved in and how it has evolved.

When the village started we were all in the same boat, we were all new and as a result we had to work to develop a community spirit. People shopped for each other, came together to maintain areas and had social events on the common areas. (Who remembers the Whitsun bank holiday social by the duck pond and staggering home with no street lights?)

This spirit of village community, in my opinion, has dwindled as the village has grown. I do believe that we still have pockets of community within the village, but no longer as a whole village. So what can we learn from the past? How can we rekindle this ethos?

When money was tight or not available, people used to do favours for each other, favours which were returned when requested, not quite like the Godfather! Today there is something similar known as time banking. Time banking works on the basis that you offer your skills and talents to those registered at the time bank and in return agree to accept the skills and talents of others. Every skill and talent is equally valued. For example if Person A likes painting, Person B likes walking dogs and Person C can give massages, then Person A could paint the fence of Person B. Person B could walk the dog for Person C and Person C could give Person A a massage.

Time banking becomes a way of meeting new people, doing things for other people, having jobs done for you in return and developing a sense of community. Perhaps this is something we could set up in the village? Please email me to let me know what you think.

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What's On?

Do you or your group have an event you would like to tell us about? If it is happening between 10th July and 4th September 2010, then please get in touch.
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6th Annual Mawsley Open Gardens and Scarecrow Festival

Sunday 20th June 2010, 2pm – 5pm

A Father's Day Special

- 'Film Character' Scarecrows
- Cream Teas at The Centre 2 – 5pm
- Entrance: £2 per adult, start at any garden



Gardens needed for opening!

Please contact Sarah Hart by Friday May 28th on 790517.



Autumn Ball

*Black tie and Ballgown
Saturday 11th September 2010*

The Centre at Mawsley

7.30pm to 1.00am

(Dinner served at 8.15pm)



Tickets £30 per person

Cocktail on arrival

3 course sit down meal and coffee/tea

Disco

Auction

Can you donate to the Auction?

*In aid of Children are Butterflies
www.childrenarebutterflies.org.uk*



*Please contact Sarah Hart if you would like to purchase tickets
or make a donation to the auction.*

CRANSTASIA
 A Fantastical Flower Show being held in
Cransley Church
 June 2010

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
4th	5th	6th
10am - 4pm.	2pm - 9pm.	2pm - 4pm.
Music	Music	Music
Teas	Teas	Teas
Cakes	Cakes	Cakes
Refreshments	Refreshments	Refreshments
Stalls	Stalls	Stalls
Tombola	Tombola	Tombola
Raffle	Raffle	Raffle
Talk & BBQ 6.30pm		
Historical Talk by Richard Bamwell		
also Featuring : Girl Guiding 100 years		

A note of thanks...

Helen and I (once residents of Hawthorne Avenue but temporarily of Northampton due to a house fire) would like to say a big thank you to everyone - friends, neighbours, even strangers who have been so wonderful with offers of help, kind words, cards etc... The Coffee Club get a special mention for the card and beautiful flowers which were much appreciated when we were a bit 'fed up' to put it in printable language! Thanks also to Barbara and Peter for their hospitality and help on the dreadful day, Eve and Paul for cups of tea and use of electricity, Sarah for much needed storage space, Alan for dealing with the bins and the Pats for taking over (again) the distribution of the Newsletters - a big load off my mind.

Sorry we can't thank you all individually but when we are back in residence (the wheels turn VERY slowly) we will have a celebration to which you will all be invited!! Again, many thanks to you all.

Tricia and Helen

I am sure you would all like to join me in wishing Tricia and Helen a swift return home. We hope to see you back in Mawsley very soon.

Diary of Events



Party Light Party
 The Centre at Mawsley
 Wednesday 19th May
 6.30 - 9.00pm

Annual Parish Meeting
 The Centre at Mawsley
 Saturday 23rd May
 2.00 - 3.30pm

Karaoke
 The Centre at Mawsley
 Saturday 23rd May
 8.00pm start

1st Mawsley Scout Group AGM
 Tuesday 25th May
 6.30 - 8.00pm

Cransley Church Flower Show
 Friday 4th - Sunday 6th June

6th Annual Mawsley Open Gardens
 Sunday 20th June
 2.00 - 5.00pm

James Lyndon
 The Centre at Mawsley
 Saturday 26th June
 9.00 - midnight

Mawsley CP FOMS Summer Fete
 Sunday 27th June
 11.30 - 2.00pm

Mawsley Village Fun Day
 Saturday 10th July

Autumn Ball
 The Centre at Mawsley
 Saturday 11th September
 7.30 - 1.00am

Next newsletter deadline is
Thursday 1st July. Please send
your contributions to Emma Brown
at emma.janebrown@yahoo.co.uk.

The latest two months has seen low crime in Mawsley with 7 reported crimes in March and only 5 in April. Only one of these was a house burglary. This occurred on 16th March between 10:45 and 11:15 in the morning. The offenders were disturbed by the owner who had just returned to the property. Following a call to the police and an area search, two persons were arrested and have been charged. We would like to remind people to be vigilant, lock windows and doors, and not leave valuables on show. Please also report any suspicious persons.

As I stated in the last issue, we have had reports of concerns from residents about the speed of vehicles through the village. We have investigated this and I can assure you that very few vehicles were speeding and the concern is mainly down to perception owing to the narrow roads. We will however be holding a 'day of action' to highlight the issue soon.

In other news, Operation Guardian reaches 100 search warrants and 100 volunteers. In addition there have also been 986 arrests across Northamptonshire.

Operation Guardian was set up to combat Serious Acquisitive Crime - auto crime, house burglary and robbery. Operation Guardian will take resources from various departments and volunteers to take positive action where it's needed.

Wayne Preece | Police Sergeant
Kettering Rural East / Rural West Safer Communities Teams

Neighbourhood Watch in Mawsley



I am delighted to tell you that we now have 17 NHW schemes up and running in Mawsley. (The last few around the Old Gorse Way area are still in the process of recruiting members.)

We have a village co-ordinator, Heather Mallinson, and 17 street co-ordinators. If you have already joined a scheme you will be in receipt of your co-ordinators details.

The roads which are already covered are: Browns Close, Cransley Court, Cukow Close, Ellis Lane, Kemps Close, Lensway, Loddington Way (nos. 1-41), Long Breech, Main Street, Mawsley Chase, Old Gorse Way, Roman Settle, Rowan Avenue, Scholars Row, School Road, Symonds Way and The Round.

Our aim is to get the whole of the village covered by NHW schemes. So, if you are in a road which is not covered, and are interested in taking part in this initiative, please contact me via one of the methods below.

NHW is a proven and effective way to reduce crime and the fear of crime. Belonging can reduce your chance of being burgled from 1 in 47 to only 1 in 400, and, because of this, you can get a reduction in your household insurance.

We work closely with the Police Safer Community Team in your area. You will receive regular messages from our Community Safety messaging service informing you of problems in your area. NHW is an information sharing service, as I'm sure we all want to work together to improve the quality of our lives.

If you would like more information and/or are interested in setting up a scheme in your road please contact me.

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Village Issues

Parish Councillors

We are pleased to announce that Peter Thomas was selected to be the new Parish Councillor to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of John Hazell. Many thanks to the others who also applied, and commiserations that they could not be selected.

Since this, a further vacancy has arisen, as Stephen King has resigned. So, welcome to Peter and thank you, Stephen, for your contribution.

The election process is managed by the Borough Council, who clearly have had a much bigger election on their minds recently. However we expect them to start the process to find a replacement for Stephen soon. Anybody on the Mawsley Electoral Roll, or who lives within 3 miles of the village or works here - and has done for the last 12 months - may apply.

Please note in particular that final selection from the list of candidates will be made by the current Councillors, unless at least 10 villagers have written to the Borough Council (to Ian White; Democratic and Legal Services; Municipal Offices; Bowling Green Road; Kettering; NN15 7QX) to request an election. This did not happen for the recent vacancy; it would be greatly preferable if more than 10 requests were made this time so all the village would be able to vote to select the new Councillor.

All Councillors will be up for re-election in May 2011.

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The Village Community Fund

We said in last month's newsletter that we would give more details regarding the Community Fund. What is it? A pot of money provided by the developers for "the maintenance of the community building" and "support for recreational or artistic activities". The Fund belongs to the village, and is managed by the Parish Council. To be clear, it is not the Parish Council's money; simply they consider and decide upon applications for grants from it.

The rules of the Fund are simple:

- ***The project must be of benefit to the Parish and/or a significant number of parishioners.***
- ***Maximum grant is 75% of the total project cost – i.e. at least 25% must come from the group's own resources, or from other grant sources. Minimum grant is £250.***
- ***Evidence of spend, receipts for both the grant amount and total amount (so the 75% maximum can be verified), is required.***
- ***A business plan is required for applications above £5,000.***

To date the Fund has helped:

- ***The Centre. As the only fittings provided were carpets and curtains the Fund contributed towards equipping the building: - e.g. all the bar, lounge and cellar; all the tables and chairs; shelving in the storeroom / cupboards; till system etc.. Loans have also been made from the Fund to help cover trading losses.***
- ***The Cricket Club, Scouts, WI, Youth Group, Mawsley Church; Baby & Toddler Group and Mawsley Amateur Dramatics have all benefited from grants too.***

So if your group would like help towards a project then maybe the Community Fund can help. The first step is to contact the Parish Clerk (Diana MacCarthy mawsleyclerk@tiscali.co.uk). The Fund stands at over £30,000 currently, but once it's gone it's gone!

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Maintenance and adoption process

- *The road works between first entrance to the village up to the pond are still in progress and have been affected by problems with the restrictions in allowing bus access.
Once this has been resolved, the top surfacing will be completed and followed by white lining for improved vehicle channelling at the pond junction.*
- *The extended bus route to the surgery is still scheduled for the end of May and this is subject to some maintenance work on the road surface in some locations.
For safety reasons, road sweeping to remove loose gravel has already been carried out by Taylor Wimpey.*
- *The purchase of a bus shelter has now been endorsed by Parish Council and the details regarding the purchase and proposed location will be made known as soon as possible.*

Road Safety

As a result of some concern on road safety within the village, our Community Police have arranged to have speed checks carried out on Main Street at the pond junction and at the Loddington Way/School Road junction.

The data from the checks at just these two busy locations, recorded that a minority of drivers were exceeding 30 MPH

As a follow up to this survey, the police have offered to organize a Road Safety Awareness Day; details will be announced in due course.

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