



Mawsley Villagers Association Newsletter

April/May 2008

Wind farm proposals

Why would anyone in their right minds want to put an enormous power station only 800 meters from the edge of Mawsley?

Easy answer; just call it a wind farm. Then all will be fine.

Well, it won't actually.

The outline proposals are for 4 turbines, each 125 meters high. How high is that?

- 3 times the height of the electricity pylons.
- The height of the London Eye.
- The height of the lift tower in Northampton.
- 25m higher than the turbines at Burton Wold.

So they would tower over the whole village.

And let's be clear; the issue is not about whether wind power stations are a good idea or not. It's simply about where they should be placed. Where they won't affect people; or where they will ruin people's lives.

Make no mistake about it, by placing them so close to the village we come into the "they will ruin people's lives" category. Yours. There is an article about some of the health implications on page 4.

Opposing this outrageous proposal is a matter for the whole village. Please don't tell me that you live on the opposite side of the village; therefore they won't affect me; therefore no need for me to do anything. This is a community and the whole community is under threat. Anyway, there's a similar potential site on that side of the village, so one day...

Those of you who came along to the village meeting on the 30th March will know that 95% of the 300 people present, which included about 40 from nearby villages, oppose the proposed wind farm, and that an action group has been set up to co-ordinate information and opposition. This group will keep the village up to date with progress regularly, mainly by door to door leaflets. It has already started work.

It's already clear that we have a good case to get the proposal turned down (i.e. when a planning application is put in; this may be some months away. This gives us time to focus our efforts in advance).

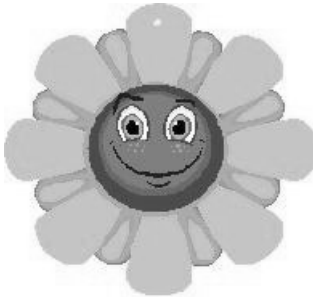
It's equally clear that a great deal of time and effort will have to be put in to win the cause; time and effort that could have been put to far better use on constructive proposals for the benefit of the village.

If you have any information or would like to help, please contact me.

Bob Littler, Chair of Parish Council and MVA
boblittler@btconnect.com

MAWSLEY OPEN GARDENS AND SCARECROWS 2008

Sunday 20th July 11am to 5pm



But here's where you come in...

Do you have a beautiful garden that you would love to show off this year? We have some already but we need more.

If you don't, do you have friends who have beautiful gardens that you could cajole to show off this year?

It could be that you have gone really green in your garden and are prepared to show the rest of us a thing or two about compost, vegetables and the like!!

Scarecrows are back with the theme of 'the jobs we do'; doctors, builders, bankers, teachers, Mums, police officers, etc.

What will yours be?

We also need...

People to help out at our information centre / Pimms stop, for an hour or so during the day and to deliver Open Garden packs.

Can you bake cakes or just cheat?

If you can help with any of the above, however big or small then call me on 791885 or email claire.benham@dsl.pipex.com - happy gardening!

More information to come in the June newsletter.

Claire Benham

Kettering Rural West Community Safety Team Update

It was another good month for crimes. No significant issues have come through, there were 3 crimes for the month, none of which falling into our priority crime areas.

The year end has now occurred and Mawsley was victim of 30 crimes in total. No burglary dwellings. No theft of motor vehicles. No robberies but one theft from motor vehicle. So what are these 29 crimes remaining? These can be a mixture of crimes, including those who have become victims of identify theft, or e-bay crimes. Criminal damage may have come into this figure. Whilst not always a crime domestic incidents are also included in this figure.

Hopefully there has been a change in the access to your local Safer Community Team since I have come onto the team. I have certainly tried to make as many of the Parish Council meetings as I can; we have been involved in the school when required; contacts have been made in the new shops that have opened; and I have got my own section on the Mawsley Village Forum, which people have used to send me information, which I am grateful for and would ask be continued.

As always, should you need anything please contact the team or myself and we will do what we can to help. Do you have a group at The Centre that you would like us to visit? Is there an issue that you think we should be aware of? Let us know.

Hopefully, this year crime will remain low for Mawsley. There is a strong Neighbourhood Watch Programme in place who hold more information on the current crime statistics. Anyone interested is welcome to contact us and we will facilitate that contact for you.

With regards to our local priorities, for the last 3 months we have had one for anti-social behaviour in Mawsley. We have tried to increase our presence and looked at said incidents and how we can reduce them. I am pleased to say this has been successful and it was decided only this week at our Community Panel Meeting that we could close this priority. We will, as always, keep our eye on matters to make sure it doesn't come back as being a problem again.

Sergeant Tony Hopkins

Kettering Rural West Safer Community Team



Sergeant
Tony Hopkins



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CONTACT US

**Call 08453 700700
or email**

In an emergency call 999

For news and information about your SCT visit
www.northants.police.uk/sct

Air Ambulance lands in Mawsley



With thanks to Richard Craske and Fred Cross for photo



The Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance (WNAA) was called to the village earlier this month, attending to a patient suffering from a suspected heart attack. The patient is now believed to be doing well.

Several Mawsley residents have recently benefited from the excellent work carried out by the Air Ambulance staff.

Since its launch in 2003, WNAA has become the UK's busiest Air Ambulance by attending over 5,400 calls in that short time. It requires a sum of £1.4million each year to operate. This entire sum must be raised by voluntary donations as there is no Government or National Lottery funding available. The good people of Northamptonshire and surrounding areas have continually raised what they can and this helps keep WNAA flying. WNAA want to be the first in the UK to operate 24 hours per day and they would like a second helicopter to cut response times even further.

If you would like to make a difference and become a life supporter, or wish to find out about more about ways you can support the Air Ambulance, call 02476 639043, or visit: www.wnaa.co.uk.

Mawsley Surgery

We currently have 3 GPs: Dr Oliver (male), Dr Shah (female) and Dr Babinskyj (male - here on Wednesdays only), as well as Helen, our Nurse Practitioner who can prescribe.

Nurse Becky and Corrine (Health Care Assistant) cover all phlebotomy, cervical smear, asthma clinic, smoking cessation and weight management advice, and many other nursing clinics. Please telephone the surgery for more information.

Chris Rospopa - Midwife, and Audrey Spence - Health Visitor, take care of our maternity patients, newly born and under 5s.

A reminder of our opening times:
Mon, Tues, Thur and Fri - 8am to 6pm
Wed - 8am to 1pm

The Dispensary opening times:
Mon, Thur, Fri - 9am to 12 noon then 2pm to 6pm
Tues - 9:30am to 12 noon then 2pm to 6pm
Wed: 9am to 1pm

Please note that Clinic times are different.

Please visit our web site at www.mawsleymedical.co.uk for further information on clinic times, clinics available at this practice and treating minor illnesses. Please note that there are a limited number of appointments that can be booked up to 3 months in advance.

Did you know that you can now order your repeat prescriptions via our website?

Angene Kane
Practice Manager

Mawsley Villagers Association

SECRETARY

A vacancy has arisen for the secretary to the MVA. The role essentially is simply to take the minutes at our monthly meetings and then issue them.

If you have just a little time to spare, can you please help?

Just call Bob Littler on 791447 to talk about it.

Health effects and the proposed wind farm adjacent to Mawsley Village

The proposed wind farm adjacent to Mawsley Village is very high and very close to the village boundary. The proposed turbine height is 125 metres (over 400 feet!) which is some 3 times higher than the highest pylons in the area! They are to be positioned on rising ground only 800 meters from the village boundary and any additional turbines when added will be even closer.

The distance from the village and overall height are important as the surrounding landscape is open and flat with no natural features to absorb or impact on the sound, vibration and light distortion effects that will be emitted by rotation of the turbines' blades. This is of great significance as there is considerable documented research relating to many ill-health effects of the noise and light distortion.

Regarding noise, it is not only the overall level of sound in excess of the minimum limit specified, but the low-frequency sound emitted possibly causing lack of concentration, sleep disturbance and vibroacoustic disease. The noise produced by wind turbines has a thumping, pulsating character, especially at night when it is more audible; due to the contrast between still cool air at ground level and the steady stream of wind at turbine level. This nightmare noise travels a long distance and disturbs residents at least 2 kms away!

With regard to light distortion effects from the rotating blades e.g. shadow flicker, reflectivity and strobing, these may well cause ill-effects such as triggering latent epilepsy and seizures, as well as dizziness and headaches.

Some of the most vulnerable groups to the potential ill-health effects are children and senior residents. The playing field, new children's play area and The Centre at Mawsley are potentially the closest area of the village to the proposed wind farm; the very areas the most potentially vulnerable use most!!!

In essence, the proposed wind farm is too near, too high and potentially too dangerous to health.

Oppose it now!!! Write to Kettering Borough Council and your M.P.

Mawsley Pond



Thanks to Tom Sanders for latest photo of the pond showing its most recent settlers - perhaps they came from the same place as the gnomes?

We are having a pond day on **Saturday 17th May** when we will be very glad to have as many volunteers as possible to help with a number of significant tasks. Please bring wellies or old shoes, spades, shovels and rakes. If you have not been before please do come; and if you have, you know how enjoyable hard work for a couple of hours can be.

We hope to have a large tree trunk to 'plant' as a vandal proof seat and to take the first steps in levelling the sides so that they can be sharp cut to make shelves for the aquatic plants plus a lot of other development work on the site.

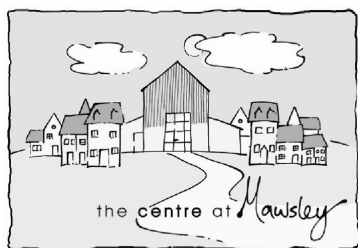
Have you all noticed the new safe access gate we now have?

Hope to see lots of you on the 17th.

Richard Hoy

The Centre at Mawsley

Well, here we are again! Lots of you took advantage of our mad March offers, and even more of you turned up for the Mawsley Village Easter Egg Hunt, which we held at The Centre



this year, for the first time. Yet again it was a great success and a lot of fun, thanks to the unbelievable work of the Mawsley Parent and Toddler group and of course the Easter Bunny! A huge well done to all of you that joined in with the Easter Bonnet parade, we saw some spectacular designs in all sorts of shapes and sizes.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the Race Night, which was pencilled in for the 26th April. However, we are hoping to run it in the autumn instead.

In May we will see the first of our bank holiday BBQs, with our famous burgers and hot dogs available, the bouncy castle for the kids and rounders for the adults (weather permitting). We should be in for a great afternoon of fun.

Take note ladies (strictly over 18s only), June 6th 2008 will be our next Ladies Night featuring the wonderful Taylor Marcs. Again we will have a number of stallholders, however, due to feedback, these will run from 7-9pm with the lights dimming and the entertainment starting at 9.30pm. If you would like to be a stallholder, please email penny-tcam@btconnect.com and I'll send you the details.

By huge request, we are arranging an 80s night for August, so dig out your shellsuits, ra-ra skirts and leg warmers, think big perms and bright make up! A Barn Dance is also booked for September, so watch this space for more information. As ever Children will be welcome up until 9pm for both of these events.

Penny Feasey
TCAM Manager

MAWSLEY FUN DAY

SATURDAY 5th JULY

If you can help out please contact Cheryl by emailing cheryl@thebuckles.co.uk or calling 799107.

The Centre at Mawsley

Ladies Night

Featuring Taylor Marcs

Friday 6th June 2008
From 7pm

Strictly over 18's

Female friendly goods
and fantastic entertainment



QUIZ NIGHT AT THE CENTRE



Last Thursday of the month

24th April

29th May

8pm start

£5 entry per team

STORAGE AT THE CENTRE

I just want to head off any concerns re imminent developments regarding storage facilities at The Centre. We are very short of storage space in the building, and have been using the changing rooms. They will, however, soon be in "proper" use. There are significant health and safety issues arising from the very small bar cellar area. Also user groups require additional storage.

We will therefore be placing 2 containers (length 1 x 6m; 1 x 3m; height 2.6m) in the area by the rear cellar door (i.e. to the left of the main hall windows). Important to note is that they will be shielded by a palisade 2.8m high, to match that on the building. The containers will not therefore be visible; in fact the fencing will shield what is currently an unattractive area. We have full planning permission. Please bear with us for the time period between the first container going in and the palisade being erected; we will keep this as short as possible.

In the medium term we are working towards getting external storage "garages" somewhere on the edge of the playing field; and in the longer term any extension to the building would also incorporate additional storage.

Bob Littler

Mawsley Village WI



Our coffee mornings have sadly come to a close through lack of support. I would like to say a very big thank you to our girls for their donations of cakes and their time and to Sarah and co who have been there for us every time. Sorry we couldn't keep going as we did enjoy it.

We have just had a great day out to Bicester Shopping Village and were joined by ladies from the Pilates group and, although our tutor wasn't very pleased, we all had a good day.

In October we will be holding an Autumn Fair and would like to hear from anyone with interesting products who would like to join us.

There are some tickets left for our 'Morecambe and Wise' evening so get yours soon to save disappointment, it will be great evening; Gail is as funny and witty as her famous father.

Our next meeting will be at the Medical Centre and we will hold a 'Handbag Bring and Buy'. We will also be voting on the Resolutions for this year. The Great Milk Debate was a very successful one as not only did the Government take it on board but so did all the supermarkets, therefore helping the farmers not only with the milk prices but also other produce.

The WI campaigns on National and International problems and by being a member you could be part of those and make a difference.

*For more info call 799116, 791186 or 799152
Brenda Quinn, President*

Bring Me Sunshine



An evening with

Eric Morecambe's Daughter

Stories about growing up with her famous father, things you've always wanted to know about Morecambe and Wise – Question and Answer session

This will be a fun evening so get your tickets early as numbers are limited
(In association with MVWI)

Friday 16th May 7.30

Tickets £5 – Bar available

TO BE HELD AT
THE CENTRE AT
MAWSLEY
THE GREEN
MAWSLEY VILLAGE



FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION PLEASE
CONTACT
01536 799116 OR
791186

Trentham Gardens and Wedgwood

A great day trip on July 9th

Something for everyone - Italian gardens, boat trip on the lake, narrow gauge railway (for the men!), garden centre and a great shopping outlets (for the ladies!).

At Wedgwood there is visitors centre, museum and shop. We will be having a lovely tea there (on Wedgwood china of course).

The cost is £24.65 with a deposit of £10.40. Join us on this lovely summer outing - everyone invited.

Call 791186 for more details.

Mawsley Coffee Club

The Coffee Club is an organisation for people in the village who are retired, or are nearing retirement. It is an informal organisation whose sole aim is for people to enjoy themselves. We meet regularly for Coffee Mornings, usually held in some members' houses and we plan trips out to various places of interest.

At the end of April, 17 members went out for Sunday Lunch together and this was the final item of our Winter Programme. These events are always full of good food and lots of laughter. Highlights of our Winter Programme included our trip to the Christmas Markets and our Christmas meal. More recently we have been to Barnwell Country Park and then on into Oundle for shopping and lunch. During a recent trip to Springfields near Spalding we found lots of bargains and lovely gardens, although we could have done with a sat-nav on our way home. We lost one car and then all met up again at Junction 8 of the A14, each travelling in opposite directions!



The Summer Programme is being put together now and we are looking forward to some varied and interesting trips, meals out and our usual get togethers over coffee. New members are very welcome. We are a very informal group and members dip into trips or not as they wish. Our aim is solely to enjoy life!

PAT ELLIS Tel: 790991

Mawsley Allotment Association

Annual General Meeting Thursday 8th May

We will shortly be circulating details of the above meeting to all members of the association confirming time and venue. Please keep this date free. It will be an opportunity for all members to decide how the association is to move forward this year.



If you are a member of the association you are entitled to attend this meeting and vote on all matters raised, regardless of whether or not you have taken on a plot down at the Willows site.

The meeting will include the election of the executive officers and the committee, a vote to determine membership fees, an opportunity to discuss arrangements down at the site as well as any matter you may wish to discuss.

For all allotment enquiries contact Tony on 791162.

Tony Horne

Mawsley Gardening Group

As you all may have noticed, on 29th March the group planted not bulbs but Polyanthus to the entrance of our village all along the left side as you enter. It's just a start but, if continued, as with the bulb planting, in a few seasons we should have a very colourful village. Thanks to all who participated.

On 14th April we had a plant and seed swap at The Centre, plus a tippie. Another good evening if my memory serves me well.

Pam & I have purchased all the place tickets for both The 50th Spalding Flower Parade on 3rd May & BBC Gardeners World at the NEC on 14th June. We will be in touch with details and you all will receive flyers through your doors in due course.

Mr. John Leas Penstemon visit details for June will be circulated as soon as we have them - another interesting evening and a true Plantsman and a very kindly family.

In the meantime, the very best of luck to those who have village allotments. If you need any help or advice, please call me.

Steve and Pam Draycott
791681 or slduk@f2s.com

Mawsley Walking Group

Hi Walkers

The last two walks were well attended - Fineshade & Blatherwick on 15th March and Harlestone Heath on 13th April. Both days were great for rambling, cool, very little wind and dry. Thanks to you all for supporting the group.



The next one is the Waendal Weekend at Wellingborough on 10th May. Meet at 8am at the usual place. A fine example of going with the flow of international walkers from all over the continent, normally attended by a few thousand walkers - what a hellish thought, most are there for either a beer or just for fun! Can never make my own mind up, still that's an age thing!

Then on Sunday 8th June we are off to Dovedale in the South Peak District. Meet at 7.30 am at the usual place. Then to follow on Sunday 6th July (please note date change), Marston Mortaine The Timberland Trail, 13 miles, led by my good friends Kelvin & Shirley. Both have walked this many times - poor souls! In the meantime happy walking.

Steve and Pam Draycott
791681 or slduk@f2s.com

ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING

The Parish Council is holding its annual village meeting on Saturday 10th May from 10am - 12 noon at The Centre.

Come along and hear what the Parish Council has been doing, meet your borough councillors and see what activities go on in the village.

The meeting is usually part of a Parish Council meeting but this year we are trying a new format. Village groups and groups that meet at The Centre are invited to have a 'stall', it's an opportunity to show the village what you have been doing and drum up some new members.

For further information please call Elaine on 791277 or email cawthorne@tesco.net

Mawsley watercolour painting group

Small, friendly group with tutor. Beginners very welcome. Thursdays, 10am - 12 noon.

Phone Joan on 791661 for more details.



Parish Council meetings

Due to forthcoming bank holidays, the next Parish Council meetings are not as usually scheduled. The next meetings are on:

Monday April 28th 7:30pm
Tuesday May 27th 7pm AGM followed by meeting
Monday 7th July 7:30pm

Loddington and Mawsley Cricket Club

The club embraced the 2008 Natwest Cricket Force on April 5th. Works at Mawsley included repairs to the new sight screens and excavation of a base for the installation of temporary containers to house ground maintenance equipment, the work being led by a team of volunteers from the village aided by the loan of an excavator from Spendlove Contracting of Orton.

The club also in the past month has held a registration evening with over 100 players signing on the dotted line. The newly registered playing personnel also had the opportunity to purchase and view for the first time the newly merged club's kit and sponsorship logos. The new club crest was also displayed which features a Lion rampant.

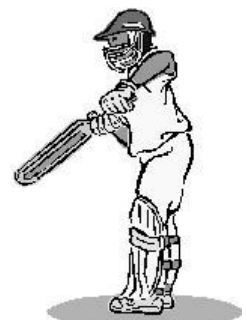
Match action saw the club's first game played at home against visitors Old. Loddington and Mawsley notched 182/9 from their 40 over allocation with notable contributions from Ben Watts 55* and Liam Hanley 40*. The reply saw Old dismissed for 158 in the last over, Matt Asbrey claiming a creditable 6 wicket haul.

Fixtures for the diary :

19th April Home v Weekley and Warkton (friendly) at Loddington
26th April Home v Horton House 1st XI League at Loddington
3rd May Home v County Hall 2nd XI League at Loddington
3rd May Home v Weldon League at Mawsley
13th May Home Under 11 v S+L at Mawsley

All fixtures can be accessed on Loddington and Mawsley website at lmcc.cricketclubwebsite.com

We are still on the lookout for players from Under 9 to Seniors. If interested please contact Club Youth co-ordinator Karl Sanders on 07903 594360



Stuart Coles

Mawsley Baby and Toddler Group



We meet every Thursday at The Centre in Mawsley from 9.30am until 11.00am. The cost is £1.50 for the first child in the family and 50p per child thereafter. There are toys, a craft activity, a singing session and a snack for the children.

Recent activities:

On Easter Monday 116 children took part in the village Easter egg hunt. What a fantastic sight it was when all the children went running across the field chasing the Easter Bunny. The Easter Bunny led the Easter bonnet parade and the children were rewarded with chocolate bunnies for their hard work. The Centre served delicious bacon sandwiches and the WI had made some wonderful cakes. A massive thank you to everyone who helped with this event.

This month we have raised £74.00 for Cancer Research. Thank you to everyone who selected and paid for a square. The winners have been notified.

Future events:

We are organising the tombola for children at the Mawsley Village Fun Day on Saturday 5th July. If anyone has any new or nearly new toys/books/games that they would like to donate, we would be very grateful. Thank you for all recent donations.

If you have any pre-school children at home on a Thursday morning, please join us.

For any further information please contact Sarah Hart on 790517.

Sarah Hart

News from Mawsley Community Primary School

Year 6 - Miss Childs

Year 6 pupils have enjoyed their wonderful earth, moon and space topic in science. They have also enjoyed learning about formal and informal letters in their fantastic English lessons.



Year 5 - Miss Franklin

In year 5, pupils have enjoyed completing their taught projects, which taught them all about the culture in Mexico.

Year 4/3 - Miss Harris and Miss Hall

In year 4 and year 3, children have enjoyed performing their 'Battle of Britain' play, whilst the audience thoroughly loved watching the Britain stars of the future.

Year 2/1 - Miss Hollway and Miss Foster

Pupils in year 1 and year 2 have liked making their outstanding slippers and have also liked learning the history of shoes and how Northampton is the shoe city of England.

Year 1/2 - Miss Carr

In year 1/2 they have enjoyed learning about time in maths and learning to read in literacy.

Reception - Miss Cox

In reception, children have been learning about addition in maths and they have also liked learning their sounds and their reading.

Reception - Mrs Wonfor

Pupils have enjoyed working on their pattern work and also the Cinderella dress as a worksheet, but most of all they liked making cakes.

Extra curriculum

In dance and drama, pupils have recently performed 'the snow queen' play to the school and to their parents. They all enjoyed performing it and the audience seemed to like the play. In cooking club they have made some fantastic cakes and sandwiches which the students of the club seemed to find delicious.

From Holly Mahoney, Mawsley school

Letters to Editor...

Northamptonshire County Council

Dear Mawsley

The end of the financial year is always a busy and fraught time for us at County Hall as we put the finishing touches to our budget and present it to the Council. This year was no exception as we continue to face the ongoing problem of literally having to provide more with less.

This problem is exacerbated by the fact that the money we receive from the Government does not take into account the growth of our County and the need to provide services to an ever growing population. This puts a great deal of pressure on our limited budgets, however by being wise spenders, we are able to prioritise and invest in those areas that are important to residents.

This year's budget for example includes extra money for highway maintenance, especially in winter maintenance. This money will help to provide safe routes for every community and school bus run to reach the main highway network at times of icy conditions. This will undoubtedly make a real difference to those who live in rural areas.

Safety on our roads is as important as ever, given the ever growing number of vehicles in the county. We are now beginning a programme of 20 mph zones around schools and other accident black spots, which will hopefully have a positive impact and encourage more sensible and safer driving.

Protecting and improving villages also forms an important part of this year's budget. I am happy to report that in addition to agreeing two pilot schemes, involving 20 villages to provide maintenance groups to work with Parish Councils to help them look after their communities better, we are also funding initiatives with the Probation Service to extend community service work into additional environmental areas such as graffiti and chewing gum removal.

These schemes, I am sure will make a real difference to villages across the county and will help improve and protect the many rural communities who form such an important part of our county.

I feel that the tours I undertake of the villages across my division, and the continuing success of our empowering councillors scheme which is making a real difference to peoples lives across the county, provide a wonderful opportunity for people to become more involved in their local communities and build a better future for us all. In Mawsley, for example, I was able to provide a funding and equipment for the Scout Group and provide a cycle rack for the Community Centre. This is yet another example of how this scheme can make a real difference to villages and communities and helps to protect and celebrate our unique history and heritage.

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

Jim Harker

County Councillor, Kettering Rural Tel: 01604 236982 Email: jharker@northamptonshire.gov.uk



Community Spirit Races for Life

Dear Editor

We will be doing the Race for Life on the 1st June in memory of our much loved friend Sue Macdonald, who lost her fight against cancer earlier this year.

Alan and Sue's daughters Kirsty and Louise will join us to make this a truly memorable day, and to remind us of the value and strength of our community.

If you wish to help us in our pursuit, please sponsor us by visiting any of the following websites below:

<http://www.raceforlifesporsorme.org/louisemd>

<http://www.raceforlifesporsorme.org/kirstymd>

<http://www.raceforlifesporsorme.org/victoriahaldenby>

<http://www.raceforlifesporsorme.org/kimlong>

<http://www.raceforlifesporsorme.org/fionahaldenby>

<http://www.raceforlifesporsorme.org/anncroft>

<http://www.raceforlifesporsorme.org/sharonbarlow1>

Or if you prefer, please contact Kim Long on 07810 502536.

Many thanks in advance.

Tyrone Long

Letters to Editor...

Mess in Mawsley

Dear Editor

My husband and I have lived here just a couple of months; we love it and are just beginning to find out what surrounds us. Amongst other things we like to walk during our time off, this helps us to exercise and find out about the area. Whilst on one of our frequent walks on the green near The Centre, we became very concerned at the amount of increasing dog waste that is there.

It is bad enough that someone is finding it necessary to empty the contents of their cat tray in the hedgerow, whilst others find it necessary to dump their unwanted rubbish either on the field or in the hedgerows, but to allow your dogs to use the area as an open toilet is adding insult to injury.

This area is for everyone and used by a lot of people, including children, but is abused by the few who refuse to care. During the snow fall in March it was lovely to see families and children on the green, building snowmen and messing about in the snow, but I did worry about the amount of hidden dog mess that lay underneath this snow, which may have ended up on hands, clothing or footwear.

With the warmer weather approaching people will be venturing out and about more (with or without dogs), cricket will be played, and children will be playing ball or other games on the field. It will be very unfair that they have to put up with this unsightly and unnecessary mess and be expected to have to play or walk amongst it.

I find it totally inconsiderate that people either refuse or can't be bothered to clean up after their dogs. It is not right that their pets foul the field and surrounding areas whilst the owners just walk off and leave it. Just last week I came across foul on the grass adjoining our house and our next door neighbours, someone allowed their dog to do this whilst they displayed no concern whatsoever for the people living in or around these houses, as they obviously watched their dog do the business and just walked off and left it.

It does not take much to show responsibility for your pets whilst displaying care for others and your environment. If you take on the responsibility of a dog you should also take on the duty of cleaning up after them, you can buy equipment especially for this or if you prefer use tissues, perhaps a small shovel and / or plastic carrier bags. Either put it in your own dustbin or the one provided near the centre especially put there for dog waste.

We have 2 dogs of our own and will always clean up after them when we take them out. We like nothing better than to walk them on the field, they enjoy the freedom of this green and we enjoy the open space. What spoils it is the mess left by the uncaring few. We do not leave our house without a good supply of plastic bags and tissues, if our dogs need to go, then we need to clean it up.

We can all do it if we try, so please, Mawsley is a lovely place, have some pride whilst showing consideration for others, CLEAN UP THE MESS LEFT BY YOUR PET.

Nancy Geoghegan

Please continue to send in your letters to the Editor and share your news and views with the rest of the village.

Please send to Rebecca Thorpe by email:
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Deadline for next issue: 29th May

Dates for your diary

Why not cut out and stick on your fridge?

April	
Thursday 24th April 8.00pm	Quiz Night, The Centre
Sunday 27th April	Mawsley Church, Celebration & Holy Communion
Monday 28th April 7.30pm	Parish Council meeting
May	
Saturday 3rd May	1st cricket league fixture in Mawsley
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday BBQ at The Centre
Thursday 8th May	Allotment Association AGM
Saturday 10th May 10.00am to 12 noon	Annual village meeting
Saturday 10th May 8.00am	Mawsley Walking Group (see inside newsletter)
Friday 16th May 7.30pm	An evening with Eric Morecambe's daughter, WI
Saturday 17th May	Pond day
Tuesday 27th May 7.00pm	Parish Council AGM followed by meeting
Thursday 29th May 8.00pm	Quiz Night, The Centre
Thursday 29th May	Copy deadline for next issue of newsletter
June	
Friday 6th June	Ladies' Night The Centre
Sunday 8th June	Mawsley Walking Group (see inside newsletter)
Saturday 28th June	Talent Show auditions
July	
Saturday 5th July 12 noon onwards	Fun Day The Centre
Monday 7th July 7.30pm	Parish Council meeting
Wednesday 9th July	WI visit to Trentham Gardens and Wedgewood
Sunday 20th July	Open Gardens and Scarecrows

Next newsletter issue

The next newsletter will be issued on **6th June**. Please consider submitting an article - we would love to hear from you.

Please forward any contributions as soon as possible and by **Thursday 29th May** at the latest to:

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