



Mawsley Villagers Association

Newsletter

December 2008

At last it looks as though work is about to start on the open space opposite the school.

You may remember, from previous newsletters, that the plan is to make it into an eco-meadow. The cycleway would run through it, connecting to the existing part at the bottom of Symonds Way. We have agreed with the Borough Council, who will own and maintain the land, that we can lease sections of it to put in features that we, as a village, would like to see and are prepared to maintain. These include a pocket park, a remembrance garden (the Gardening & Wildlife Club are keen to do this), a community orchard (trees are ordered), and anything else that any community group would like to suggest.

In particular I have been talking with the school about how they would like to be able to make use of it; they have responded magnificently, with the whole school being involved in thinking up ideas. I've now got a sheaf of drawings, with lots of ideas; I think a maze, a pond and picnic tables are favourites. But there are plenty more, and I'm sure we'll be able to accommodate many of them.

Similarly, work to complete the playing fields (i.e. water pipe to the cricket square; a gate at the corner by Hawthorn Avenue; cycleway) is also now agreed. Once that is completed ownership of the land can be transferred to the Borough Council. And once that is done work can start of the children's play area.

However even as some issues look to be resolved, another one pops up. Many apologies to all of you who have suffered from the heating problems at The Centre. We had no influence over the specification for the fixtures and fittings of The Centre, and it came with a central heating boiler that is best described as "complicated; completely unreliable; uses non-standard parts; costs a fortune to maintain; minimal warranty - now expired". The Parish Council, as the landlord, have taken the decision that it has to be replaced, now - albeit at a cost north of £3,500. This will be funded from the cash reserves built up from the precept.

The replacement will be a simpler boiler; using standard parts; with a 5 year parts and labour warranty. Otherwise known as what should have been installed in the first place.

Just one final thing; are you a budding quizmaster? Cheryl and Steve Buckle, who have been setting the questions for the Centre's monthly quiz night, have decided to give it a rest. Can you do it? It doesn't take long at all, as there are lots of sources on the web you can go to. You don't have to be there on the night and ask the questions - unless you want to!

Please give me a call; otherwise I have to write them. So that means no questions about TV, pop music, in fact any music, fashion, the 1990s.....

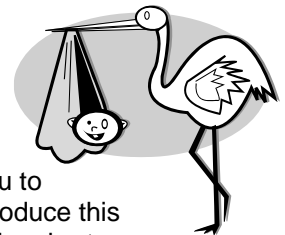
On behalf of the Parish Council, the MVA and The Centre a merry Christmas and an enjoyable New Year to you all.

Bob Littler

Chair of Parish Council and MVA
791447, boblittler@btconnect.com

* It's a boy! *

I am pleased to announce that baby Finn arrived on 23rd November, weighing 8lb 2oz. I would like to say a big thank you to Pat Rowley for stepping in to produce this issue of the newsletter, due to the short amount of time between baby's arrival and the newsletter deadline.



Rebecca Thorpe
Editor

Fireworks night

better; better; good timing; a bit disappointing.

Que?

Well the fireworks were the best ever; much **better** than last year. Many thanks to Wally Forsyth and his intrepid firework lighters.

The way we organised the evening was **better** than last year; bringing forward lighting up time to 6:30, having a BBQ from 5:00 and having an outside bar made the whole thing much more relaxed.

Good timing: 5 minutes after the last firework the wind doubled; not long after it poured down.

A bit **disappointing:** attendance was well down on last year, to the point where we lost money as ticket sales weren't enough to cover the cost of the fireworks. Fortunately The Centre took lots of dosh so overall the village has benefited.

Many thanks to all those who helped in some way; it's damned hard work.

Next year? Well, we think we will now be able to have a bonfire! Hurrah! All we need is your support.



You are invited to the

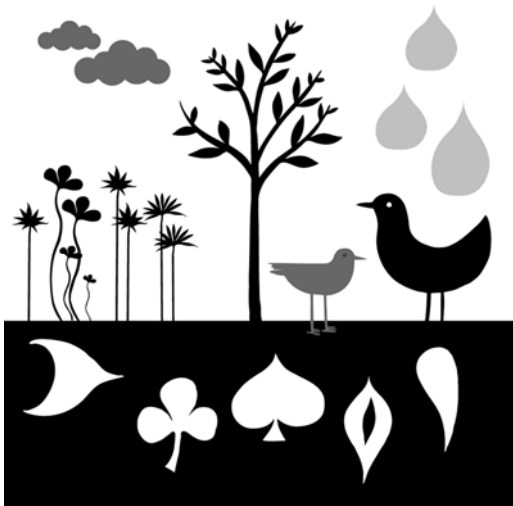
**Mawsley Villagers Association
Annual General Meeting**

11:00; Sunday 18th January

The Centre

Please come along; to hear about plans,
about finances, to have
your say and to ask questions

It's your Villagers Association; what it
does and how it operates
should be guided by you.



TREES

1. Many of you have been concerned that the trees you have ordered have still not arrived - the reason for the delay has been the mild autumn which has delayed leaf fall and soil cooling. Tree growers just will not lift (ie: dig up) trees if they are not bare branched and bare rooted as it is difficult to wrap them with leaves on the branch and sticky soil on the roots, for transportation. However the weather turned, around 17.11, and I have been informed that we can expect the trees at the end of the month. Do not be concerned about planting, trees will plant perfectly well during the next three weeks.

2. You may recall that we said we would start to restore the ancient hawthorn hedge in the village which had been savaged by modern building machinery. If you care to stroll down the appropriately named Hawthorn Avenue, on the edge of our playing fields you can see the first planted hawthorn whips in their anti rabbit sleeves. In about six years they should be a significant extension of the remaining hedge. Adequate gaps have been left for pedestrians and for the installation of a field gate for mowing machines to use.

3. We are currently in negotiation with Northamptonshire County Council for the free gifts of a number of traditional British forest trees Oak, .Ash, Hornbeam, Plane which will over a period of 35 - 60 years grow much bigger than those trees which you have acquired for your gardens.

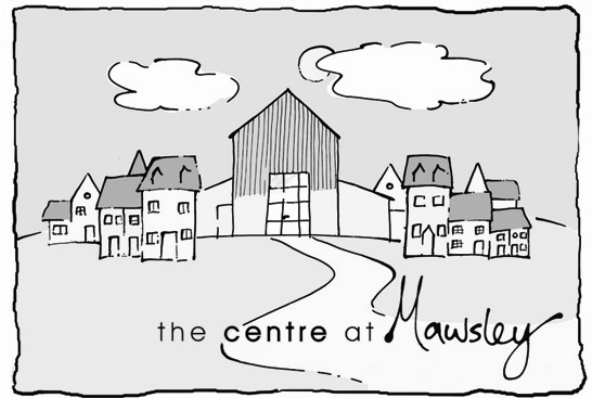
We hope that they will give us six specimen trees and they will be planted on our bigger open spaces for everyone and their grandchildren to enjoy. They will not only look beautiful but will attract many different birds to nest as they grow taller.

4. Don't forget we are also still expecting a large quantity of fruit trees to plant in the eco meadow area as our community orchard sometime in 2009.....please watch this space as we shall need working parties with spades.

Richard Hoy, 07826531735

The Centre at Mawsley

01536 799528



Firstly a huge thanks to everyone who braved the elements to attend the annual firework spectacular. What a successful evening! The beer tent was full for most of the evening and the Band and disco that followed were a huge success with the children. A huge thank you also to everyone who made this event happen; you know who you are!

Sixties night saw another array of beautiful costumes from the era! The live vocalist was amazing and thanks to everyone who attended. The football club are well on their way to paying for their new flood lights. It was great to see also so many Walgrave faces supporting this event. Well done to Mr and Mrs Marriot from Walgrave who won the Dance Competition, and well done to Mr and Mrs McCleery from Mawsley who won the best fancy dress competition. A great night had by both villages. Thank you once again.

Next up is **Race Night on Dec 6th**, £5 per head which includes your sausage and chip supper. **Please buy your tickets in advance for this event as the food needs to be ordered in.**

On the 13th December we are having a Christmas party/disco, all ages welcome. I am encouraging black and white dress (it's an excuse to dress up!) though smart dress is acceptable. Tickets are just £3 and Children £1. I hope to see everyone letting their hair down and enjoying this event.

Now that the wedding season is over, I would like to say huge congratulations to all of the couples who held their receptions with us at The Centre. But also I would like to say a huge Thank you to the villagers for sharing this facility and supporting us in our efforts to make it a wonderful place to celebrate a special day.

Finally New Year's Eve tickets, as ever, are selling fast. As usual there are two events taking place. 5pm -7pm we will have Banana Brains entertaining the children, and then from 7.30pm the grand event begins.

Tickets for the children's event only are £5.
Grand event tickets are £10 per Adult or £20 for the family.
Alternatively, a combo ticket for the family, for both events is £25.00.

Penny Feasey, Centre Manager, 01536 799528

The Centre @ Mawsley Christmas opening hours

Open as usual up to 23rd Dec.

Christmas eve: 3pm -10pm

Christmas Day: Closed

Boxing Day: 12pm-4pm

29th,30th Dec. Closed

New Year's Eve: Tickets only

1st Jan : Closed

2nd Jan: reopen 6pm

3rd Jan. onwards business as usual.

FARMERS MARKET

We expect to be able to restart the Farmers Market on Saturday mornings in March 2009 utilising the carpark area at The Centre as before. If anyone has a contact who would like to take a stand at the market please ask them to call **Richard Hoy** on 07826531735 as soon as possible.



It would be helpful if any ladies in the village who had any views on the market - timings/frequency/commodities/etc would call me.

JUNK MAIL & CALLS

SCO Firth recommended that people should register with the TPS and MPS if they are receiving unwanted junk mail and/or unwanted telephone calls. This will not stop you being contacted by companies with whom you have an existing relationship but should stop you receiving ad hoc calls and mail.

You can register for these (free) services online at:

www.mpsonline.org.uk

or by calling:

MPS Registration line - 0845 703 4599 and

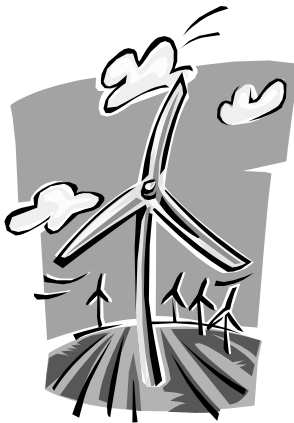
TPS Registration line - 0845 070 0707.

Elaine Cawthorne
Clerk to Mawsley Parish Council

From Philip Hollobone, MP

Residents in and around Mawsley will be weighing up at the moment whether or not they support the proposals for wind turbines on the outskirts of Great Cransley. Thank you to all the villagers who have been kind enough to contact me about the issue, the overwhelming majority of which have been against the plans. It seems to me, however, that for all of us who live locally, there is an obvious way out of the dilemma between government policy for massive windfarm expansion and understandable local concerns to protect our countryside.

The answer for us in the Borough of Kettering is for our local wind energy to be concentrated in one place, on the site of the present wind farm in Burton Latimer, rather than for lots of turbines to spring up across the countryside. This would allow all of us who support renewable energy to do so, would allow the Borough of Kettering to continue to do more than its fair share in its contribution to wind power across the nation, whilst also preserving the wonder of our precious part of the middle of England.



The problem is that under the present Government, planning guidelines won't permit the Borough Council to adopt this sensible planning policy - each wind turbine application has to be considered separately on its merits.

In this regard, I was delighted recently to speak in the Chamber about the number of windfarm developments springing up locally. This is what I said on 16 October in front of Mike O'Brien MP, who is the Minister of State at the Department of Energy and Climate Change. I hope it represents the views of local residents:

“Residents in Kettering are supportive of renewable energy. We have a wonderful wind farm at a place called Burton Wold. There are 10 turbines, and the local authority has given permission to increase that to 17. Indeed, permission may be given in future to expand to 24 turbines. The wind farm currently supplies the equivalent of 10,000 households out of the 36,000 households in the borough, although that figure will increase as the number of turbines increases. The wind farm is not universally popular, but it is fair to say that the balance of opinion locally is strongly supportive of the Burton Wold wind farm, especially in Burton Latimer. Local schoolchildren in the town have named each of the turbines, and there is a substantial grant each year from the wind farm company to the town council to help with local community projects. However, local residents in my constituency, which includes the borough of Kettering and one third of Daventry district, do not want to see lots of wind farms being built all over the local

countryside. Five planning applications are likely to be made for additional wind farms, at Rushton, Great Cransley, Harrington, Kelmarsh and Brixworth. Some of those applications are for wind farms in extremely scenic parts of the local countryside.

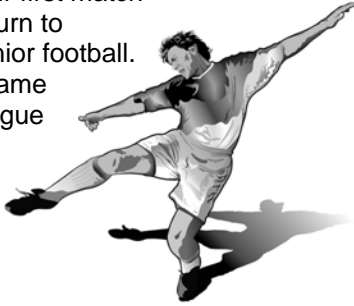
Kettering Borough Council and Daventry district council both face a challenge in trying to balance the Government's understandable objective of increasing the number of wind farms with the strong views of local residents, who are saying, "Yes, we're supportive of renewable energy, but not in every case." It would be reasonable for the Government to adopt a policy whereby they could tell local authorities such as Kettering Borough council that if they are a champion of a wind farm that delivers demonstrable and sizeable benefits to the local community, as the Burton Wold wind farm does, they should be able to use that support to stop other wind farms from being built willy-nilly all over the countryside. That would strike a fair balance between the Government's laudable objectives of encouraging more renewable energy and reducing our dependence on foreign fuel imports, and the understandable concern of local residents, who do not want to see some of the best countryside in the middle of England, which has historic connotations, being destroyed, potentially for a long time, by some very tall structures - they are far taller than Big Ben or Nelson's column - that are likely to remain for 20 or 30 years.”

Local residents are able to keep a track of what I am trying to do at Westminster on behalf of local residents via the independent website www.theyworkforyou.com.

As always, if any resident in Mawsley feels that I may be able to help with a particular issue, please do let me know via 01536 414715 or 020 7219 8373 or 07979 850126 or hollobonep@parliament.uk or at House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA.

The Amber win their first match at Mawsley!

Saturday 18th November saw Walgrave Amber win their first match since their return to competitive junior football. Our seventh game back in the league



against Kettering Park Rovers, who had previously been beaten only once this season, saw The Amber storm into a 5-1 half-time lead thanks to goals from Liam Walden, Billy Ling, Paul Linnell, Jason Mann and Marcus Mabbutt. Despite being pegged back to 5-3, the team finally chalked up its first league win back in the Northants Combination for some twelve years since the club re-formed. It was also the team's first win at Mawsley.

Walgrave (And Mawsley) Amber FC seek Reserve Team Manager

Following the successful relocation from Walgrave to Mawsley, the recent acquisition of training floodlights, and the burgeoning success on the field, squad numbers at our regular Thursday night training session (18:45 every Thursday at The Centre) continue to increase. We have regularly been attracting over 20 squad members to these sessions and we would like to give everyone the opportunity to play competitive football if possible. We have therefore decided to start a reserve team, playing ad-hoc friendlies on Saturday afternoons and the odd Sunday, but before we do so would be interested in hearing from anyone who would be interested in managing and coaching these reserves. You'll be given every support in running the team (the committee will arrange the fixtures, referees etc). Once we have a manager in place we plan to introduce a second training session on Tuesday nights with less emphasis on fitness and more on practice games. If you are interested, please contact Kevin Simons on 01604-781358 in the first instance.

THANK YOU to everyone in the village who on Sunday 9th November took the time to remember those who suffered in the World Wars and in conflicts since, as well as those men and women serving in our armed forces as you read this. Over 200 people made this a very special day for Mawsley, not least everyone who took part in the service and Act of Remembrance. The collection of £187 was donated to the Poppy Fund.

A big THANK YOU, too, to those people who supported **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**, which distributes shoe boxes filled with small toys, school supplies and other gifts to needy children around the world – a sign of God's love in action. Around 500 boxes have been sent from people in Mawsley and Loddington & Broughton – a great result and a good target to beat next year.



Christmas in Mawsley

Celebration at the Centre, 11am on Sunday 14th December; and then

Messy Church which will end with making **Christingles**...an afternoon of songs and art & craft activities for all ages, full of sparkly, festive things, to celebrate what Christmas is really about: **Sunday 14th December, 2.30pm-4.15pm at Mawsley School** – PLEASE RING 790140 TO BOOK A (FREE) PLACE...space is limited...and don't forget your oranges!

...and **Carol singing** on **Wednesday 17th December, 6.30pm -8pm** or as long as you can make it. We'll be meeting at the Centre at 6.30pm. Songsheets provided but bring a torch...

...and, of course, **Christmas Day morning** service for all ages at **10am** at the Centre...

and our last **Celebration** of 2008 at the Centre, 11am on Sunday 28th December. All welcome.

*Revd Paul Seaton-Burn 790140 * mawsleychurch.net*

Your chance to be part of the story...

Cransley Praise INSTANT NATIVITY!

on Sunday 7th December 10.30am
at Cransley Church

* ALL WELCOME * COSTUMES PROVIDED *

Christmas Scout Post

Scouts within the Kettering Area deliver Christmas cards to:



Kettering
Rothwell
Desborough
Broughton
Loddington
Burton Latimer
Barton Seagrave
Mawsley

And all the villages in between.

There will be a Post Box in One Stop from 1st December so if you have cards for any of these areas let the scouts save you some money.

15p a card

All proceeds go to local Scout Groups

Please put the money in the honesty box inside One Stop

1st Mawsley Scout group will be delivering cards in our village.

If you need more information ring Mary Findlay on 791228



Remembrance Day Service

Sunday 9th November saw my family and over 200 others at the Centre for a special service to commemorate Remembrance Day. Although this is only the second time Mawsley has held a Remembrance service it still came with changes to last year as we were joined not only by our Cubs, Scouts, Guides, and Beavers but also by the Brownies and Rainbows too. It was lovely to see so many of them turn out for the occasion and all looking very smart in their uniforms.

The service began with an introduction by Rev'd Paul Seaton Burn. There were readings by Shannon Baker, Rebecca West and Evangeline, members of 1st Mawsley Guides. We also enjoyed a song from a further 3 guides, Caitlin Wilkins, Molly Clifford and Amy. A poem was also read by members of the Beaver pack.

Rob O'Hara read some very moving excerpts from diaries written by 3 different people spanning from 1938-1944. One of these included entries from a Soldier in battle. We were also reminded of the fact that over the time span of 10 years and 3 months of WWI & WWII combined, there were 90 million people killed. The teaching was entitled 'What makes a Hero'? There were some fantastic thoughts and comments put forward by some of our younger members of the congregation. Well done to all of them.

During the service there was a collection and over £187 will be sent to the Poppy Appeal.

For the second part of service we all walked over to The Green for a small ceremony where a wreath and a cross were laid. The last post was played and there was a 2 minute silence. Members of the uniformed organisations released red balloons into the air. Needless to say with the windy day we were experiencing, they didn't stay above us for very long!

I mentioned last year that I was a very proud parent as it was my daughter, Shannon that carried the 1st Mawsley Guides Flag for the very first time at the service. This year too was somewhat special, as not only is my daughter still gaining experience within the guides but she is also working towards her Baden Powell badge. My other daughter is still in the Beavers and carried the flag this year on behalf of the pack, whilst my youngest was invested into the Rainbow unit after making her promise at the beginning of October this year. Not only was I there this year again as 'proud Mum', but also as a Rainbow leader. Seeing my family all turn out in our uniforms was yet another proud moment.

Written by
Mrs Karina Baker



Mawsley Village WI

Well here we are, Christmas is here again and what a lovely time it is, especially when all the shopping etc; has been done and the presents wrapped. Well done you ladies!!

Our new programme is out and it should have something for everyone, so if you would like one please call. There is also one in each of the Notice boards.

Our December meeting will be for members only and they will be enjoying a Christmas buffet whilst being regaled with 'Christmas with the Tudors' by a speaker from Sulgrave Manor, in full dress of course, as we hope to be; a pleasant end to the WI year.

Of course we will be back in action in January with 'Ceroc' dance and do hope you can join us to dance off those extra mince pies. It's quite energetic and you can bring your partner, only £3 for a great night. It will be at the School on Tuesday January 13th starting at 7.30pm.

We have now given out our donations from the Autumn fair. All the proceeds have been given to the Village namely; Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. We have also given £250 to Dr Oliver to go towards a 24hr Heart Monitor, which will be of an advantage to patients who at present have to go to the Hospital.

Lastly, on behalf of all the Ladies of Mawsley WI we would like to wish you all a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year, and ladies make it a New Years resolution to come and give the WI a try, you might enjoy it!!

Christmas wishes to you all.

Brenda Quinn

Mawsley Guides, Brownies and Rainbows (*below*) would like to say a big thank you to the members of the Mawsley Women's Institute for their donations. The Brownies will be using their money to have a Christmas party at The Sanctuary.



The Guides are using their funds to subsidise their trip to see the Kettering Gang Show on 27th November.

The donations are really appreciated by all of the girls in the Units and their Leaders
Anne Whittaker
Guide leader

The Mawsley Village WI have very kindly donated funds of £40 to each of the Scout, Cubs and Beavers youth groups in Mawsley (*right*).

All the leaders and young people would like to say a huge thank you to the WI. The funds are greatly appreciated and will be put towards Christmas activities.

Lesley West,
Assistant Beaver Leader





Mawsley Community Primary School

News and views from the pupils

On 10th November we had a first aid trainer from St John's Ambulance come to teach us how to be young first aiders. We were taught lots of new things, for example, what to do in an emergency, how to contact the emergency services, how to put someone in the recovery position, what to do if someone was choking and lots more. We had a fantastic morning and can't wait for the next training session in Year 5.

By Harriet Aldwinckle

I have learnt how to write stories about fire.

I helped with the big display about the Fire of London and the River Thames.

We have been writing poems about the Fire of London. We had to use alliteration, similes and adjectives.

In our Science lessons we have been learning to prove that air exists.

In Class 6 we have been writing poems about India and we are learning about the Taj Mahal. We drew the other side of the building. In PE we have been learning a dance about the story of Hanuman who is the Monkey God. We have been doing a new topic in Science and it is about keeping warm. We have been using thermometers around different parts of the school.

By Amy Whittaker

In Class 10 we have been learning about life for children in Afghanistan. We have also learnt about the Victorians. I enjoyed my homework project about the Victorians and made a Victoria sponge at home.

A judo teacher came into school to work with all the classes in Key Stage 2. He taught us lots of moves and vocabulary to do with judo.

In our India project we have learnt about famous Indian buildings.

I'm really enjoying going to Dance and Drama club, especially learning the dances and story of Cinderella.

Comments by: Issey, Louisa, Amber, Melissa, Amy and Jamie.

1ST MAWSLEY CUB SCOUT PACK

So far we have had a busy term and have learnt lots of new skills including working on the Outdoor challenge and personal safety. A number of Cubs have also shared their hobbies and collections with us and we have played new games. The cubs will tell you more about what we have done below...

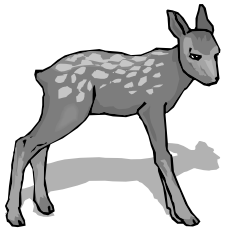
Shaun (GSL), Sarah (ACSL) and Kerry (Young Leader)

At the beginning of November we went on our first pack holiday for two nights and we were 'Pirates'! We made our own pirate gear which included eye patches, belts, swords, daggers, designed t shirts and made bandanas. We ate food fit for a pirate and drank gallons of rum and brandy!!

The Scouts were also away for the weekend and took us on a treasure hunt which we enjoyed and made a campfire so we could toast our marshmallows. The rain and mud did not put us off and we spent lots of time on the slide and in the adventure playground. It was great fun exploring in the woods and using our torches at night to play top trumps.

When we got back on the Sunday morning we took part in the village Remembrance service.

Will, Megan and Amy (1st Mawsley Cubs)



Deer near Mawsley

It is a cold November evening and I have just driven past a beautiful sight near the first entrance to Mawsley as you are coming from the roundabout on the A43. Standing by the hedge on the other side of the road was a small deer. Now I know we have badgers around Mawsley but this was the first time that I have seen a deer near here.

Not having a great knowledge of our wildlife I could not say what kind of deer it was just that it was a deer. If any does know the kind of deer we have around here, I would love to know. My email is at the bottom of the page or write to Mawsley newsletter and let everyone know.

Perhaps if people know there are such lovely creatures near our road they will give them a thought and slow down a little bit on their way home. Slowing down will give the wildlife a better chance of surviving crossing the road and will give you a better chance of seeing something wonderful on your way home.

Bev Lloyd-Roberts
bevjonessr@aol.com

101 dog club

Hello to you all from Pat and wife Dot.

We live at 19 Birch Spinney opposite to the entrance where we regularly see many residents taking their dogs for walks. How nice to see so many of you with your Family Pets and such a variety of Breeds.

It's because of this we would like to take the opportunity to contact as many Dog Owners as possible in the Village with the view of providing ways and means of getting together as I'm sure we have a lot in common and collectively would have a lot of expertise to help each other and the community at large and not forgetting our four legged friends. We suggest perhaps something like say 101 Club, organized by ourselves for our Pets. In addition there would be a spin off to members at times of emergencies/contact and support /useful information etc. as well as having our own venues for our pets.

Well good Residents thank you for reading this. All that remains is to see what you all think and to let us know your views.

Our email address Patrick570@btinternet.com
Tel 799384

Calling Malcolm Wigfall

Have you lost anything down by the shop? Please call in at the hairdressers to collect.

Trick or Treat Angels

I would like to make a comment of appreciation for the children of the village who called on Trick or Treat night.

They were at all times polite and well mannered and their parents should be proud of their behaviour. It was also noted that the younger children were also accompanied by adults, which showed additional responsibility.

A mention also, for Mawsley Village School and The Safer Community Team, who no doubt had some influence on this event.

Val Sanders
The Round

1st Mawsley Rainbows - Waiting List Error

Due to an administrative error (Sarah tidying up her desk!) the name and contact details of a girl wanting to join Rainbows has been lost.

The little girl's Mum rang Hannah and gave her her daughters details, Hannah then passed them onto Sarah who threw them away by mistake.

We have had several new names put onto the waiting list over the last couple of weeks so If you gave your daughters details to Hannah during the week of the 27th October (Halloween Week) could you please contact Sarah on 799684 just to make sure the details have made their way to the list.

Apologies and Thank you.

From Jim Harker, County Councillor

Our Empowering Councillors scheme continues to deliver excellent schemes across the County and I have continued to spend money across my Division. Last year I was able to provide funding for the Mawsley 1st Scout Group and provide a cycle rack for Community Centre. So far this year I have been able to provide £300 to help support the Mawsley Allotment Association. This scheme has been a great success and has helped to make a real difference to towns and villages across the County by giving local people a real say in how their money is spent.

I have been working closely with the Parish Council and Borough Councillors over the need for additional bus stops and proper signage at the entrance to the village, and I hope to see some improvements in these areas soon.

As 2008 draws to a close can I wish you all a happy and prosperous 2009 and as ever, despite the many challenges we face as a council, 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
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jharker@northamptonshire.gov.uk

MAWSLEY VILLAGE WI

CALLING ALL LADIES IN MAWSLEY YOUR WI NEEDS



FORGET ABOUT



AND



Why not come along to one of our meetings which are held on the second Tuesday of each month from 7.30 till 9.00p.m.

We have great speakers and demonstrations, such as:



Perhaps you have fresh ideas or skills that you could Share with us or maybe you just want an evening out?



We would love to see new and you will always find a warm welcome.

Look out for details of our forthcoming meetings Or  791186 or 799116 for more information.

We hope to see you soon!

Kettering Rural West Safer Community Team

Working together locally

POLICE WARNING

Vehicle crime thieves are
operating in this area

CHECK that you have parked in a safe place and leave nothing in your vehicle



REMOVE everything from inside and take it with you



SECURE your vehicle, shutting windows, locking the door and setting the alarm.



Don't forget to remove Sat Navs and wipe off any suction marks left on the windscreen



**Don't become a victim of crime
- check - remove - secure**

If you see anything suspicious or you have been a victim of crime, please report it



Kettering Rural West Safer Community Team

Oct 08

Working together locally



PC Jim O'Hara



Sgt Tony Hopkins



PC Ian Cottrell



PCSO Paul Miller

**We are your
Safer Community Team
and you will see us
patrolling regularly**



PCSO Peter Firth



PCSO Sam Gill

We are here to tackle crime and disorder to help improve the quality of life in your neighbourhood



PCSO Jason Parish

WE NEED YOUR HELP!



SC Stuart Smith

If you see anything suspicious or you have been a victim of crime, please report it. Or visit the mobile police station when it is in the area.



PCSO Jayne Breeze



To contact your Safer Community Team, call 08453 700 700 and ask for the Kettering Rural West SGT or email SGT.KetteringRuralWest@northants.police.uk



Sergeant Tony Hopkins wishes all Mawsley residents a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

French for Beginners

Have you always wanted to have a go at learning French but are a little scared? Well here's your chance to have a go with like-minded people. We are hoping to start a new daytime class in the New Year and would like to hear from anyone who is interested in coming along and having a go. It will start with a 10-week course and then see how we want it to develop. If you are interested please call 01536 799116.

Mawsley Gardening & Wildlife Club

I think you'll all agree a very enjoyable year's programme; plenty of groundwork / visiting / & humour. One more appointment to go; a social evening at our house, 3 Cowslip Hill, 7pm Friday 19th December. A new programme for 2009 has been agreed. We have but to print. A couple of nice treats - the NEC / Chelsea & a 5 day holiday to the Dutch Bulb fields for starters. Looks like a promising year. A special thanks to you all for supporting our village club last year, also to Mr. Richard Barnwell for his very kind gesture of help towards our programme. Thank you again for your support

Steve & Pamela
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Mawsley Watercolour Painting Group

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

Phone Joan on 791661 for more details

Newsletter delivery

We are still looking for a volunteer to organise the delivery of the Newsletter and Mawsley Advertiser. It takes place eight times a year and the organiser's role is to collect the printed newsletters from Kettering, collate them with the Advertiser and get them round to the dozen or so deliverers. This is usually spread over a couple of days on each occasion.

Please contact Pat Rowley on 791881 if this sounds like your sort of thing.

Mawsley Cherokees Walking Club

Another great year coming to a close, just one more walk to go, 20th December The Hambleton Peninsular - a lovely Rutland Stroll of 7mls. A programme for 2009 will be discussed soon. Next year's walks will generally be shorter 5-6mls, also we hope to encourage more villagers by arranging a programme of very short walks 2-4mls. These will be local & ideal for a countryside stroll. Watch this space.



The New Year's Day Walk will be to The White Horse, Old.

Amy & Lee will be opening for a couple of hours from 12 till 2pm. Those wishing to order a meal should do so direct by ringing 01604 781297. Meet at the usual place, the layby Broughton Road at 11am.

Hope to see you there.

Steve & Pam Draycott.
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BIRDS - with feathers

I've had a life long fascination with wild birds which is one of the reasons that I keep on buying bird books. I belonged to RSPB for ages until we realised that we never went to any of their bird sanctuaries because we never had the time but on business trips around the world and throughout Britain I have seen a lot of birds over the years and their hold on me never falters.

One bird however which had escaped me was the Kingfisher - despite countless attempts to see one, at all hours, early and late, I had never ever seen that marvellous aquamarine feather flash - never.

This year we returned to Crete, in September, to the North coast, about 20 miles west of Agia Nicholaia. On the beach about 9 am we saw a Kingfisher - sitting on the bowsprit of a small motorboat anchored 20metres offshore and 10 metres from us. Kingfisher are supposed to be among the shyest birds on the planet - Greek Kingfisher aren't. Over the next couple of weeks we saw 15 Kingfishers on the seawall, on the beach, on every boat anchored in the harbour, on any fishtruck that stopped, on masts, on rails, on buoys, on any perch that they fancied. Sometimes singly, sometimes in pairs, sometimes in a group of five, always separated from each other by an invisible boundary, so that if one bird crossed it, the defender immediately attacked; and then went back to fishing.

If they were on the seawall they killdived perpendicularly - if the fish swam 20 feet away from their perch on a boat rail their 'approach' killdive was almost horizontal until a last 18 inch dip. They had no fear of, or interest in, man. What a memory ! We will be back in North Crete - the photos are not enough.

Richard Hoy

Dates for your diary

December

From 1st December	Scout post box in One Stop
Sat 6th December 10.30 - 12.30	Cransley Church coffee morning & Christmas sale
Sat 6th December	Race Night The Centre
Sun 7th December 10.30am	Cransley Praise Instant Nativity
Sat 13th December	Christmas party/disco The Centre
Sun 14th December 11am and 2.30pm	Mawsley Church Celebration and Messy Church
Wed 17th December 6.30 - 8pm	Carol Singing Meet at The Centre
Thurs 18th December 8pm	Quiz Night The Centre
Sat 20th December	Walking Group Hambleton Peninsula
Thurs 25th December 10am	Mawsley Church Service The centre
Sun 28th December 11am	Mawsley Church Celebration
Wed 31st December 5pm and 7.30pm	New Year Celebration The Centre, ticket only

January

Thurs 1st January 11am	Walk to White Horse, Old
Tues 13th January 7.30pm	W.I. Ceroc dancing The School
Sat 17th January 7.30pm	Dance for Lily The Centre
Sun 18th January 11am	MVA AGM, The Centre
Thurs 29th January 8pm	Quiz Night The Centre



Next Newsletter issue

The next Newsletter will be issued on **31st January 2009**. Please consider submitting an article - we would love to hear from you.

Please forward any contributions as soon as possible and by **Thursday 22nd January** at the very latest to:

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