



# Mawsley Villagers Association Newsletter

March 2009

## Are you new to Mawsley? What is The Centre?

For those of you that have continued to show us your support and for those of you new to the village, we had a reasonably OK Jan and Feb, considering the current financial climate! The snow of course really helped us (mainly because you couldn't get out of the village!!) Well done to the winners of our snowman competition, and a huge thanks to all the team who did extra shifts to get us through these busy times.

Quiz night as ever is hugely popular (last Thursday every month), New for 2009 is a new question master / mistress for each quiz. Not only does this set a different calibre of questions each quiz, but has also proven to host some interesting topics! Well done to those of you who have hosted so far. Next up for March is Mr Neil Baker, I look forward to seeing those topics! If you'd like a go at acting as quizmaster or mistress please speak to myself or Debbie to book a month (only July 09 left).

Things to look out for in March...  
Cocktails...Coke...Red Nose day ...  
Pitchers...Quiz night...special offers...

See page 2 for more information about  
'The Centre at Mawsley'.

## Beat the Credit Crunch!

The Centre's offers this month are...



Buy 5 pints of Carlsberg and  
get the 6<sup>th</sup> FREE!



Ask for a collector card with your  
next pint.

Buy 2 large glasses of wine and  
get the rest of the bottle FREE!

On all 75cl bottled wines.



Next Month...

All your favourite drinks served in  
a pitcher, ready for the summer at a very  
special price!



Also watch out for our new cocktail menu, coming soon!



**At the heart of your community.**

## It's Here ... Our Play Area!

But what are we going to call it? The New Play Area? The Play Area by The Centre? The New Bigger Play Area that Includes Equipment from the Old Play Area?

Pretty boring. So we are launching a competition, amongst children who live in the village, to find a name. The winner will be invited to officially open it!

Rules are simple:

## Competition!

- Entrants must be 11 years or under.
- Closing date is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March.
- Entries to Emma Brown - 3 Long Breech, Mawsley  
or via email to [emma.janebrown@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:emma.janebrown@yahoo.co.uk)  
Please provide your name, address and age!

The judges will be all the committee of the MVA.



William, Bethany  
and Maddie have  
great fun testing  
out the new  
climbing frame!

Whiz up there, have some fun and maybe a name will pop into your head at the same time!

**Bob Littler**

## ***New Editor for the Newsletter!***

*Rebecca Thorpe, who has done a great job as our editor for the past couple of years, is moving on. It's a great big thank you to Rebecca, for all her sterling efforts, and we all wish her and her family well in their new venture – which entails moving house.*

*We are very fortunate however to have found a new editor almost immediately. Welcome to Emma Brown, and many thanks for volunteering your time Emma.*

*Emma has great plans for moving the newsletter into its next phase of development – and that involves you. You, because we want to feature your views, your ideas and your concerns. Emma will be out and about talking to people; you can contact her via [emma.janebrown@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:emma.janebrown@yahoo.co.uk)*

**Bob Littler**



## **No Pressure then Bob!**

**Many thanks to everyone who has advised and encouraged me in editing my first newsletter, especially Phil, Pat Rowley and Bob Littler – without them you wouldn't be reading it now!**

**Huge thanks** to those who have contributed to this issue – lots of you!! Without you the newsletter cannot exist.

**But we need more!!** Do you have a ...

- **celebration to announce?**
- **a review of a place of interest?**
- **a nomination for our 'Villager Profile'?**
- **a photograph or picture? (come on kids!)**
- **a puzzle?**
- **or maybe an idea for a new feature that you would like to take on yourself?** (I know there were other enquiries about taking on the role of editor – Diana and Natalie please get in touch if you would like to take on a feature or two!!)



**Let's make the newsletter a real community effort.**

If you would like to submit a piece for the next issue then contact me via [emma.janebrown@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:emma.janebrown@yahoo.co.uk) or call me on 799440.

The deadline for **our** next issue is **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April!**

**Many thanks Mawsley!**

**Emma Brown**

## **'The Centre at Mawsley' is your Community Centre!**

It continues to support a wide range of clubs and activities, as well as offering meeting facilities, a party venue, your local Church, a fully stocked lounge bar and changing rooms.

We have our own football (Adult and U8's) club and share the cricket club with Loddington. The facilities are second to none and are kept at a very high standard with the support of paid and volunteer workers who look after not only the inside but also the grounds of the facility, very well.

We are continually evolving to make this facility the very best it can be for the village, we hope next to expand the meeting facilities. So many businesses require reasonably priced meeting facilities, and we believe we can offer this.

Our wedding package is also now very popular; we boast a fantastic setup with the marquee lining, as seen on our website ([www.thecentreatmawsley.co.uk](http://www.thecentreatmawsley.co.uk)), private bar and stage, something that not every facility is able to offer. We offer sit down, catering for up to 100 people with a max of 250 for your evening event. Our basic package is set at a very competitive rate. Simply but effectively, offering as little or as much as you want, tailoring your event to your budget.

**Penny Feasey, TCAM Manager**

## **Can You Help?**

The MVA is looking for an 'Independent Examiner', preferably someone with an accounting background to review and sign our Annual Report and Accounts for 2008.

If there is anyone who feels they might be able to help please contact

Lizzie Souter (MVA Treasurer)  
at [lizzie\\_souter@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lizzie_souter@yahoo.co.uk) or on 799072.

## ***Four Spires Music Festival - A Celebration***

*To celebrate the arrival of Spring 2009, the Northamptonshire villages of Broughton, Great Cransley, Mawsley, Loddington and Thorpe Malsor have come together to organise a festival of four concerts throughout May 2009.*

**Cransley & Mawsley**

Saturday 2nd May

**Loddington**

Friday 15th May

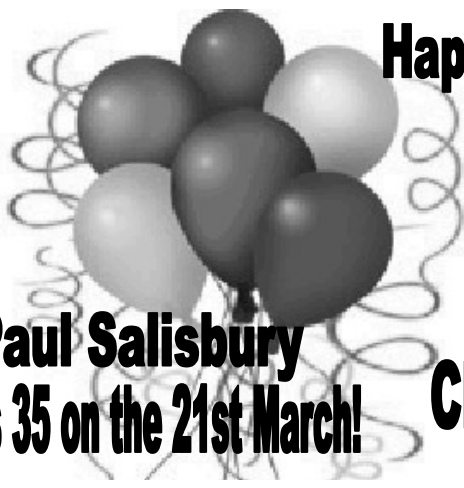
**Broughton**

Saturday 9th May

**Thorpe Malsor**

Saturday 16th May

*Please see the 'Four Spires' for more info.*



**Happy Birthday  
Claire Burlin  
on the 24th April!**

With love from  
The Browns!

**Paul Salisbury  
is 35 on the 21st March!**

**Claire Yarland  
has graduated!**

Love from Annie and Billy

XX Claire and Emma

Do you have a celebration you would like to announce?

It could be a birthday, anniversary or even an achievement like passing a test or exam.

If it is happening between **14<sup>th</sup> March and 24<sup>th</sup> April** then let us know and you can celebrate it with your fellow Mawsley residents!

Send your announcement to  
[emma.janebrown@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:emma.janebrown@yahoo.co.uk)



*Happy  
Mother's Day  
on March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
to all the marvellous mums  
of Mawsley!*

Happy Easter to you all!  
Have an egg-cellent time!

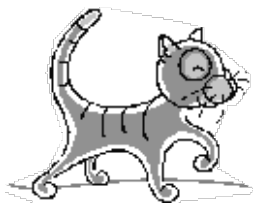


**Mawsley Amateur Dramatic Soc.**

Presents

**DICK WHITTINGTON**

a panto for all the family



at The Centre at  
Mawsley

on

Friday 27th March at 7 pm

~~Sat 28th March at 4 pm~~ *sold out*

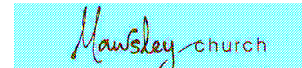
Sat 28th March at 7 pm

Tickets £3 (under 2s free and sit on laps)

Available from: The Centre

Saturday and Sunday lunchtimes

12 - 2 pm



At Mawsley Church in recent weeks we've learned more about Autism on Autism Sunday, thought what Lent is about, and celebrated Thinking Day, helped by lots of Rainbows, Brownies and Guides and their leaders. Our banners team has also begun to make some banners for church using some of the wonderful designs drawn up by our children. Thanks, too, to Mary-Rose and Bob for hosting our shared Sunday lunch in February, which was a great success.

The snow last month was great but did mean our village LITTER PICK had to be postponed. We'll be meeting instead on **SUNDAY 26th APRIL**, at **2pm** outside the Centre. Lots of people from across Mawsley have made this great fun in the past, so come and do your bit! Equipment provided.

Look out for **MESSY CHURCH!** This time we're eggcited to be working with FOMS for our village **MESSY EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA** on Easter Monday, at school as usual. Please see the advert and booking form in this newsletter.

You'll have heard already about our under-5's group **LITTLE LIGHTS**, which meets at 15 Loddington Way every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday afternoon during school term time.

Remember that villagers can now worship every week, as services now alternate between our sister church, **ST ANDREW'S, CRANSLEY** and worship at the Centre, Mawsley. Whether it's at an 800 year old building or a 3 year old building, you'll find a warm welcome. Our services over the coming weeks will be held on:

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March** Holy Communion, Cransley (9.30am)

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** Mothering Sunday Communion, Mawsley (11am)

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March** Joint Service (HC) at Loddington (9.30am)

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Palm Sunday** Cransley Praise, 10.30am

**Sunday 12<sup>h</sup> April - Easter Day** Celebration, Mawsley (11am)

*We have supervised children's groups during our services at Mawsley:*

**LITTLE DOVES** (up to Year 2) and **EAGLES** (primary school Years 3-6).

Revd Paul Seaton-Burn 790140 [www.mawsleychurch.net](http://www.mawsleychurch.net)

## Mawsley Community Primary School

At Mawsley Community Primary School we are always looking to develop our curriculum and provide innovative and interesting ways to extend the children's knowledge and skills. During January and February we introduced eleven Community Projects linking children's interests and adult skills. We were very pleased that a number of parents and friends of the school were able to get involved. It was particularly good to work in conjunction with Mawsley Day Nursery on a project where our children were able to help design a garden area for the young children at the nursery.

Our Community Projects included: car design, marketing, learning about the Netherlands, willow weaving, street dance, art, finance, sewing, film making, orienteering and garden design. The children really enjoyed these sessions and presented their work at an assembly in February. Examples of their work are now on display in the school.

The art group worked on a 3D map of Mawsley. It is hoped that their work will be displayed at The Centre.

Comments from the car design group:

"I learnt about streamlining and aerodynamics." - Matthew "I learnt how to design and make a car." - Brody  
"I used lots of different materials to make my car." - Jonathan "I learnt about how different cars look." - Zak  
"I learnt how cars move quickly." - Sam

If any Mawsley residents or groups have skills and talents that we might be able to use in community projects next year, please contact the school to let us know.

Elaine Wright, Head Teacher



### ***Village Pond Conservation***

*Most villagers will be aware that the pond has been restored to a good standard over the last 12 months with the participation of a number of residents and funding from the Parish Council. We will also see the results of additional bulb planting in the spring.*



*The pond continues to require regular maintenance and weed clearance, and this is acceptable, however there is evidence that some damage has been done to the trees that surround the area and the habitat log piles have been disturbed and thrown into the water.*

*It might be coincidental, but since the Mawsley gnomes have moved away, we don't have anyone on permanent guard! On a serious note, the pond is quite deep in parts now and we would request that parents and children are aware of the high water level and pay respect to the conservation of the pond location.*

*Tom Sanders, Mawsley Conservation Group*

### **MAWSLEY BABY AND TODDLER GROUP**

We meet at The Centre every Thursday from 9.30am until 11.00am. The cost is £1.50 for the 1<sup>st</sup> child in the family and 50p per child thereafter.

There are toys, craft activities, a snack for the children and we finish each week with a singing session.

During the school Easter holidays we will meet on Tuesday and Thursday. The dates are Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> April and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> April. The times for these dates are our usual meeting times. You are welcome to bring older brothers and sisters during the holidays.

We set up from 9am. If you are able to help you will be made very welcome. Over the last month we have welcomed many new faces. If you have a baby or child at home, please join us.

For further information, please contact me.

**Sarah Hart 790517**



### ***Dog Club***



*The first meeting of Dog Club has been held.*

***Next meeting is at 4pm on Sunday  
March 29<sup>th</sup> at 19 Birch Spinney.***

*Agenda*

*Constitution  
Election of committee  
Objects and aims of club  
General discussion*

***Everyone welcome***

*Contact Pat/Dot 799384*

*Email patrick570@btinternet.com*

## MAWSLEY VILLAGE FARMERS' MARKET '09

From **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April** (the week before Easter) at **9.30am** the 2009

*Mawsley Village Farmers' Market*

will operate each Saturday until October - that is as long as we support it.



**The location is the car park at The Centre and so far we have quite a good selection of stalls.**

If you know of anyone who would like to take a regular stall, please get them to call  
**Richard Hoy on 01536 791757.**

## *Mawsley Watercolour Painting Group*

*Small, friendly group.  
Beginners very welcome.*

*Thursdays, 10 - 12noon  
Phone Joan on 791661 for more details*



## STOP PRESS! ANNUAL MAWSLEY OPEN GARDENS



A date for your diary! **13th - 14th June, 12pm until 6pm**

An opportunity to show off your garden or view some wonderful village gardens!

**Gain ideas and inspiration!**

**Enjoy the creativity!**

**Indulge in a leisurely cream tea maybe?**

Fancy dress for the kids "Best dressed flower or vegetable of the day"!

3 prizes on both days! Age groups 2 - 6 / 7 - 12

**Exhibitors needed!!** Repeats and new needed to build on this successful village weekend.

Exceptional show class not at all necessary!! Work in progress, an extraordinary plant or something a little quirky - variety is the name of the game to make this event a success!

**Please contact Nicky McNeill on 01536 790382 or by email at [nickymcneill@sky.com](mailto:nickymcneill@sky.com)**

PS Why not pop the dates in your diary now - just so you don't double book!

## The Sanctuary Review



We are rapidly approaching the first anniversary of the opening of The Sanctuary Coffee Shop & Bistro. It has been both an exciting and enjoyable 11 months so far, although much harder work than we could ever have envisaged.

**For the past six months we have successfully carried out our famous Bistro Evenings. These are very popular and all of our regular guests enjoy our friendly and informal atmosphere. Our next evening is on the 27<sup>th</sup> March and will continue to be on the last Friday of each month.**

We also feel that it is our responsibility to help the village and its residents, if the need arises, with help in organising their events. We are sponsoring races and offering prizes for the Mawsley & Loddington Cricket Club race night as well as selling tickets for the event on the Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

**We are also getting excited about the MAD performance of Dick Whittington on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> March (with a small part for The Sanctuary Staff!)**

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April we are proud to be offering the Northamptonshire Kidney Patients Association Sanctuary exclusive use of The Sanctuary for a fund raising night. We will also be holding a Pampered Chef party and we will be having a Raffle with some fabulous prizes.

**Over the coming months we will be trying new events that may tempt you to The Sanctuary - Chinese and Indian Nights, Pizza Nights, Murder Mystery, Tapas Evenings to name but a few. Watch the new website to see more details ([www.thesanctuarycoffeeshop.co.uk](http://www.thesanctuarycoffeeshop.co.uk)).**

As you can see, The Sanctuary has become more than a Coffee Shop & Bistro.

We would like to thank all of the Mawsley Villagers who have frequented our establishment. Hopefully you will continue to see us as an integral part of village life and enjoy our services in the coming months.

**Adele Woan, The Sanctuary Coffee Shop & Bistro**



## Mawsley Village WI

*Are you glad it's all gone? But how lovely it all looked, families playing together making some fantastic snowmen, very imaginative.*

*Well, you may know we had to cancel our meeting but we did our very best to let all know, so hope no one came along. Of course we went ahead the next week and what a fun night we had, not I imagine what some people expected!! PC Bull was a good laugh and hopefully after all the weather, it cheered everyone up.*

*The next meeting was on March 10<sup>th</sup> and the speaker was from the Rennie Mackintosh house in Northampton. If you haven't been there, try to, as it really is like stepping back in time.*

*We also have a great night coming up. [See advert] Ferret racing is really good fun and it's in a good cause, if you've never been, come and give it a go. The tickets are limited, so book early.*

*Our next meeting is on April 7<sup>th</sup> and will be an insight into 'Emergency Planning' in the event of a major incident and what role the WI would take.*

*As always, visitors are most welcome. Call 799116 for any information. Brenda Quinn*

## MAWSLEY VILLAGE WI FERRET RACING

(On behalf of The Ferret Rescue)  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 7-10pm

### At The Centre, Mawsley



A night of fun  
and laughter

Place a bet on  
your favourite  
ferret



**£6.50 with Supper**

*Tickets Available*

**For information contact 01536 79116 / 791186**

**Keep this date free in your diary!**

### Windsor Coach Trip

Thursday June 11th

Windsor and Castle £29.15

{Concession £27.80} {If group admission applies}

Windsor only - £16.00

Coach departs Mawsley 8am - arrives back approx. 7pm

Hi Folks

You may have heard or read in recent months that we as a village, via your **Gardening Club**, are embarking on the planning & construction of a substantial area within the proposed wildflower meadow. This will be our very own 'Remembrance Garden'.

As a club we feel this is a fantastic opportunity to provide our village with a timeless focal point of substance, a place of thought, reflection, & remembrance or simply a place to relax in our countryside if you wish.

To date we have approached the Parish Council who have approved this project in principle, we are still presenting our case & discussions are continuing.

However, as a club we have committed ourselves to the completion & future maintenance of this area, as simply without this promise there would be no garden.

Obviously with projects of this nature, funds are a vital issue. Various applications have been made already, but we would very much appreciate further donations from yourselves or local groups, please feel free to contact us.

This letter then is our invitation to you all to join us in whatever capacity you are able to.

We have already approached various local groups within our community & thank them for their support & promises of help. The Parish Council, Mrs E Wright - Head Teacher, The Rev. Paul Seaton - Burn, Brenda Quinn & the WI, Pat Ellis & the Coffee Club & Pam's Craft Club to name but a few.

I'm sure there are many more villagers willing to help so please join us, remember it's YOUR garden.

**Be part of it!**

Thanks in advance for your help & attentions to this project.

Regards Steve

Steve Draycott

Mawsley Gardening & Wildlife Club / 01536 791681

slduk@f2s.com

**Remembrance  
Garden  
Appeal**





## ***Mawsley School Gardens***

**A number of our garden plans are starting to take shape in the school grounds!**



### ***Copse***

The Woodland Trust, through their 'Trees for all' programme, donated thirty trees. These were planted around the edge of our new school pond creating a copse. Bluebells donated by Mrs. Williams were planted under some of the trees and we hope, that with further donations, we will have a blanket of bluebells under the trees each spring.

This year the woodland area will be completed with the addition of 15 colourful willow trees.

The Garden Club will be planting those this month. The Cordes family, from 'Willows Nursery', is donating the trees. This will be added to the amazing willow structures that they have planted over the past couple of years, which the children have enjoyed playing in.



### ***Wildlife pond***

Adjacent to the trees is our school pond. Although built for the past year, it has done a great job at collecting rainwater - but that's it! This year the Bedford Pilgrims Housing Association (BPHA) has stepped in with some fantastic funding.

The ECO Club will be laying rocks around the edge and planting bulbs that the ISE Garden Centre have donated to the school. By the end of March our pond plants will arrive and we can start creating a habitat that will encourage some of our wildlife to move in and give the children a great environment in which to study.



### ***Garden club***

We have a raised garden already built which will be transformed this spring. We are creating a 'B' garden, which means Birds, Bees and Butterflies! After class 6 became a mad bunch of twitchers during the RSBP bird watch, we decided to create a garden that would encourage the birds to visit and bring in butterflies and bees as well. The club will be creating lavender plants from cuttings and they will be growing seeds for cornflowers and sunflowers along with many other exciting experiments.

The BPHA are also funding the building of other raised gardens for theme based growing and a shed for us to use to store our equipment and use as a space for learning. We collected enough vouchers from Morrisons for some more equipment including propagators and cold frames.



We would like to thank the following people and companies for their generous support of our gardens. Mrs Williams, Willows Nursery, Ise Garden Centre, the Woodland Trust, Rebecca and James Russell (compost bin) and the Bedford Pilgrims Housing Association. We are always on the lookout for any extra help or support. If you have an old wheelbarrow you are getting rid of, large rocks, bulbs, birdhouses, soil, plants or anything else garden related, please think of us.

**We hope that by this time next year the school will not only be buzzing with the sound of children but also with plenty of wildlife as well!**



**Mrs Christie, Mawsley CP School**

## **JOB VACANCY - PARISH CLERK**

*The present Parish Clerk is leaving the village so we need to appoint a replacement. This is a key role as the Parish Clerk is not just there to take minutes of Parish Council meetings. The role is to implement the decisions of the Parish Council and to guide the Council in ensuring that its activities and decisions are within the law.*

*Accordingly it is a paid post, at a current rate of £3,432 p.a. plus expenses, for 20 hours /per month. Full training will be paid for.*

*If you would like to be considered, or just to talk about it, please contact*

**Bob Littler (791447)**

**or Elaine Cawthorne (791277/07799881727)**

*Closing date - 21<sup>st</sup> March*

4th JULY 2009

Put the date in your diary

# Mawsley Village **FUN DAY**

## WE'RE PUTTING **FUN** INTO FUN DAY

Plans are already well underway for the annual Mawsley Fun Day which this year will take place on the afternoon of **Saturday 4th July 2009** on the playing fields at TCAM.

We have a new team working on the event this year and our aim is to provide a fantastic family day out with plenty of attractions and as much fun as possible!

The format for the day will be different to previous years. This year all the major attractions will take place in a main arena and we have plans for a Falconry Display from Icarus Falcons, 'It's a Knock Out' tournament, Police Dog Demonstration and much more.

We are hoping that lots of you will also join in with the more competitive events such as entering a team into the Tug of War, having a go at Wellie Wanging, and Beat the Goalie. If not you, how about your family dog? We will also be holding a family Dog Show with rounds including Obedience, Tricks, Fancy Dress and Waggiest Tail. Rosettes will be awarded in all categories as well as for best behaved in show. Entry forms for all the competitions will be available from TCAM nearer the event.

Around the arena will be over 30 stalls offering a great range of fun things to do for very little cost. From 'hook a duck' to a chocolate and bottle tombola, 'Spat the Rat' to soaking someone in the stocks, Coconut shy to remote controlled golf cart racing. There should be something for everyone!

We are also hoping that local interest groups will get involved and you will all be hearing from us soon. A big thank you to Amber, the 101 Dog Club and the Gardening Club who have already pledged support.

For the younger members of our community Sir Nit Wit will be on hand with his fantastic magic show and balloon modelling and, as its Independence Day, we will be running an American themed treasure hunt around the grounds.

There will be plenty of refreshments available on the day. TCAM are providing an outside bar, BBQ and Hog Roast and we are also looking to get an ice cream van on site...let's hope it's a sunny day!

You will see from the enclosed leaflet that we really need your help to make the day a success. There are so many areas you can get involved in. If you would be able to offer your time we are planning to hold a volunteers meeting on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April at TCAM from 7.30pm. If you can't make it but have time to offer, just give Helen Jones or myself a call on the numbers below.

Many thanks  
Ruth Connolly

*Helen Jones 07721 694237 or [house2home@keme.co.uk](mailto:house2home@keme.co.uk)*

*Ruth Connolly 07500 682882 [ru.ru@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ru.ru@hotmail.co.uk)*

## Fundraising at IDOLZ

**David and his team at IDOLZ hairdressers in Barnwell Court have launched a fund raising effort to benefit Cancer Research and Macmillan Nurses.**

**They are raffling the chance to have free hairdos for life and all proceeds will go to the charities.**



**More details from the salon.**

## BUMPS AND BUGGIES

Come to the family room at The Centre, 9.30am - 11am on Monday mornings, meet other parents in Mawsley and enjoy a tea or coffee and a chat. Everyone is welcome, whether you have a bump, newborn or toddler (or all three!)

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

More info from Holly on 790956

**Don't forget that the deadline for our next issue is Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April - get involved!**

# 1st Mawsley Scout Group



## CUB SCOUT PACK UPDATE

This term has been very busy so far... The Pack has been working on their Sports Enthusiast badge and we have been sharing our collections with each other to gain another badge. In our sixes we had a mini-pioneering competition to see who could make the tallest tower. Prizes were Cadburys cream eggs - that was the best part! We have had a quiz night, made paper aeroplanes for a District competition and learnt about maps and compasses. On Shrove Tuesday we made mini pancakes and local top Chef Jack Den-Drijver came along and made us big pancakes too. Last week the Pack celebrated its 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday so we ate butterfly cakes and all sang HAPPY BIRTHDAY to ourselves. A big thank you goes to our parents who continue to support us each and every week. We also welcome our new members who have just swum up from the Beaver colony and will soon be making their Cub promise.

Sarah Allan (Baloo)

## WAITING LISTS - PLEA TO PARENTS!

We are currently re-visiting the Beaver colony waiting list and would like to make sure that we have not missed anyone off the list over time. If you have previously placed your child's name on a waiting list it would be helpful if you could let us know so that we have the correct contact details etc. This is also your opportunity to add your child (any age) to our list so that we can offer you a place ASAP. Beavers are 6 years to 8 years and meet Thursdays 6pm to 7pm. There are currently places in the Cub Pack (8 years to 10.5 years), which meets Tuesdays 6.15pm to 7.30pm and the Scout Troop (10.5 years to 14 years), which meets Tuesdays 7.30pm to 9.00pm.

### Please contact:

Shaun Thompstone - Group Scout Leader - 791567 or

shaun\_thompstone@hotmail.com or

Lesley West - Assistant Beaver Scout Leader - 790217

## UNIFORM SWAP SHOP

Have you got any unwanted Beaver, Cub or Scout uniform items at home?

Would you be willing to donate them if you don't want them?

You can hand any items to any of the Leaders or drop them in to one of our meetings in the Main Hall at The Centre anytime Tuesday 6pm to 9pm or Thursdays 7pm to 9pm. Alternatively, we can collect from you...

### 1<sup>ST</sup> MAWSLEY SCOUT GROUP 'SWAP SHOP' OPENING TIMES:

Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup> - 6.30pm to 7.00pm

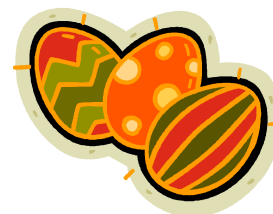
Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup> - 7.15pm to 7.45pm

For Beavers, Cubs & Scouts - in the main hall

For further information please contact:

Shaun Thompstone - Group Scout Leader on 01536 791567

Naomi Reed - Swap Shop organiser on 01536 791752



## Messy Eggstravaganza!

Monday 13 April

Mawsley School

Give your kids a **cracking** Easter Monday with all the fun of the ever-popular Messy Church and annual Easter Egg Hunt.

### 11am - 1pm Messy Church

A huge range of messy art and craft activities for children, plus songs celebrating Easter. Includes snacks.

**FREE! Places limited, please book in advance**

### 1pm - 2pm Easter Eggstravaganza

Chocolate tombola and loads of other games  
Easter bonnet competition  
Easter Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny (£1 per child)

Refreshments including bacon rolls, hot dogs, hot cross buns and drinks available to buy for both adults and children during both events.

*Organised by Mawsley Church  
& Friends of Mawsley School*

Please return your completed form to the office at Mawsley School, or email the details below to [friendsofmawsleyschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:friendsofmawsleyschool@hotmail.co.uk)

Please reserve \_\_\_ free places for Messy Church (advance booking essential)

Please reserve \_\_\_ places for the Easter Egg Hunt (£1 per child payable on the day)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Tel \_\_\_\_\_

*Please respond by Friday 10 April*

## Mawsley Ladies' Rounders

First session on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2.30 - 4.30pm**

Contact Sarah on 07970610336 for more details.

Update to follow in the April issue.

### Razzle Dazzle!

Well done to everyone who took part in the Dance Factory Show. A fantastic achievement for all involved.

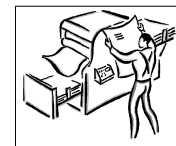
### MVA accounts - January and February 2009

Income	Jan/Feb £	Year to date 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec 08-28 <sup>th</sup> Feb 09
Donation from Yellow Moon	10.40	10.40
Profit from Quiz Nights	417.00	417.00
Profit from Mawsley Advertiser	960.00	1,950.71
Recipe Book sales	6.00	6.00
Final firework income	-	250.00
<b>Total income</b>	<b>1,393.40</b>	<b>2,634.11</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Admin (Accountancy, legal, room hire)	647.00	647.00
Youth Group (youth workers, room hire etc)	1,298.49	1,665.99
Donations (to pantomime & Unicef concert)	275.00	532.91
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>2,766.21</b>	<b>2845.90</b>
Loss for period	-821.81	-211.79
Cash and bank in hand at 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2009		13,896.16

### Thanks to Howard Smith Paper Ltd

The MVA would like to thank Howard Smith Paper Ltd for its donation of a year's supply of printing paper for the Mawsley Advertiser.

This will reduce our printing costs and increase the profit, which goes into village funds. And 'thank you' to Andy Buxton for organising this for us.



### BE VIGILANT!

The police have informed us about some groups of pedlars in the area. Groups of people have been selling various household items from door-to-door. Often they use fake ID. It may be possible that they are sizing up a property for a burglary at a later date or distracting the owner while an accomplice steals property. Residents are asked to be vigilant and always ask to see a pedlar's license. Please note that the license should be orange; the green small papers are not valid.

Anyone seen acting suspiciously should be reported to the police. You can ring the non-emergency number 08453 700700 or email

[sctruralwest@northants.police.co.uk](mailto:sctruralwest@northants.police.co.uk)

Emails will be sent directly to the PCSO's on duty.

## Cricket Club News

Preparations are now in full flow as the new cricket season hurtles towards us. There are several important events to note in the diary before the start of the season, which commences in earnest during April.

March 14th is the date for the re-scheduled Race night. TCAM is the venue with entry to the event just £2.50 first race at 7.30 p.m. The club is aiming to raise £7000 to provide an artificial wicket on the square at Mawsley. This will enhance and improve the facilities on offer and enable more youth participation at the ground.

March 23rd is Club registration night where all members will have the opportunity to sign on for the club, purchase from the latest clothing range, join the '100 club' and most importantly bring along their annual subscription. Subscriptions have been pegged at 2008 rates and members of the '100 club' can claim a healthy discount. Registration night is at Bishops Stortford School Sports Hall, The Headlands, Kettering and coincides with the evenings net practice which commences at 7.00 p.m.

April 4th Cricket Force Day, a chance to blow off the cobwebs with some physical labour as Cricket Force comes to Mawsley. Tasks to be undertaken this year include litter and stone picking of the outfield, wicket preparation, painting/repairing the sight screens and various other cricket orientated jobs. Volunteers required to help with the above tasks please contact coordinator Iain Holliday tel. 07759308943. There will be a lavish barbeque provided after the work is done dependant on the weather of course and a free T-shirt courtesy of sponsors Nat West.

Les Cottington has taken on the groundsman's duties at Mawsley and we are extremely pleased to have him on board. Les has already been working on the wicket and is very keen to improve the playing surface.

Finally the newly formed 4<sup>th</sup>XI based at Mawsley are in need of an umpire for the season. The side are a very sociable bunch of people and there is also a small remuneration that goes with the position, enough to buy a few beers post match. If you are able to assist and willing to travel to a variety of County outposts please contact skipper Nathan Coombs 07990 777199 for details.

100 Club winner for January - Stuart Coles who won £100.

**Stuart Coles, Loddington and Mawsley Cricket Club Press Officer**



## Villager Profile

I've been involved with the MVA since 2004. I've organised fun day for the last two years and I've planted daffodil bulbs using a sledgehammer! I've worked with other MVA Directors to re-start the youth group and I wrote the quiz questions for over a year for the monthly quiz night at The Centre. I'm Cheryl Buckle!

Cheryl Buckle

Job/Profession **Head Teacher of Oakway Infant School and Children's Centre in Wellingborough**

Family **I live with my husband, Steve and our two daughters, Isabel aged 4 and Lola who is 2.**

Which adjective describes you best? **Creative**

How long have you lived in Mawsley? **Steve and I moved to Mawsley in November 2003. Since then we have had 2 children and moved once.**

What were your first impressions of Mawsley? **I thought it was a very odd place in the middle of nowhere - Steve persuaded me to move here after a few visits.**

Hobbies/pastimes **I enjoy reading trashy novels, watching a good game of rugby, cooking for friends and trying to grow veg in our new garden.**

What did you want to be when you grew up? **I wanted to be a midwife until I found out where they had to put their fingers!**

Greatest achievement **Becoming a Head Teacher for the first time at 28 years old.**

Biggest regret **I think regret is a waste of energy and you can achieve nothing by it.**

What luxury item would you take with you on a desert island? **Sun cream - if I didn't I would be mistaken for a lobster!**

Who is the person you most admire in the world? **Bruce Parry for the amazing way he approaches people from different countries and thoroughly immerses himself in their way of life.**

Who is the person you most admire in Mawsley? **Richard Hoy for his amazing ability to convince villagers to part with over 200 bottles of booze for fun day last year.**

TV favourite **Come Dine with Me**

Favourite tippie **A cold bottle of Pinot Grigio** Favourite food **I adore cheese.**

Ideal holiday destination **New Zealand - the most amazing scenery I have ever seen.**

Thing that makes you cross **Ignorance** Most happy when **Relaxing with friends.**

What do you want for Mawsley in the future? **For the community spirit to continue to grow and for the open spaces around the village to be completed.**

*Big thanks to Cheryl for being the 'star' of our first Villager Profile! If you would like to nominate yourself or another Mawsley resident, then please contact Emma Brown at [emma.janebrown@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:emma.janebrown@yahoo.co.uk)*

After the success of last year's Barn Dance we will be holding another this year!

To the music of Och 'n' Dough (live music and humorous caller)

Saturday May 9th

Time and price TBC (watch out for flyer and posters)

There is a lot of interest for tickets already and we have a limit.

For more information ring Mary Findlay 791228



Mawsley has been in the majority unaffected by the credit crunch with regards to its crime levels. We have seen increases in some parts of the Kettering area but Mawsley is doing well. Only 1 crime recorded for the month of February. Bearing in mind the size that Mawsley is growing at this is encouraging and I would ask that residents keep us informed of incidents of note or something that they are concerned about.



Please remember that I have got a section on the Mawsley village forum should you wish to start or open a line of communication with me and my team. If not we try to get to the Mawsley parish council meeting or of course pick up the phone and have a conversation with us. We have been asked to attend some of the beaver and brownies groups that are held in Mawsley. If you are part of a group that would like to have the Police come along, then email me [tony.hopkins@northants.police.uk](mailto:tony.hopkins@northants.police.uk)



We will continue to come to the school and interact with who we can there, again come and speak to one of the team if you have an issue you wish us to have a look at. A lot of issues are being raised over parking and I am trying to get a position statement on where we are with the parking issues for the next edition. Please do be considerate to neighbours who will need access to the various parking areas. Looking forward to hearing from you soon, keep those suspicious circumstances coming in so we can keep Mawsley a safe and enjoyable place to live.  
Kind regards, Tony HOPKINS

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>
Saturday March 14 <sup>th</sup> - Cricket Club Race Night Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March - Bumps and Buggies Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March - Play Area Competition Deadline 27 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup> March - Dick Whittington Sunday March 29 <sup>th</sup> - Dog Club Meeting	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> April - Farmers' Market (every Saturday until Oct) Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April - Messy Eggstravaganza Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April - Fun Day Volunteers meeting at TCAM Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April - Newsletter Deadline Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April - WI Ferret Racing 24 <sup>th</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> April - Wine Festival Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April - Litter Pick
<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May - Four Spires Music Festival Cransley&Mawsley Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> May - Four Spires Music Festival Broughton Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> May - Barn Dance Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May - Four Spires Music Festival Loddington Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> May - Four Spires Music Festival Thorpe Malsor	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June - WI Windsor Coach Trip 13 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> June - Mawsley Village Open Gardens
	<b>July</b>
	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> July -Mawsley Village Fun Day

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