



Mawsley Villagers Association Newsletter

March 2004

Samantha says....

Samantha likes to keep on top of things, and reminds me to update you on a few issues.

Actually they're mainly issues we haven't talked about before. One is that the MVA Committee has decided that we will consider making grants to any group in the village that wants to do something that will benefit all the village. For example we did make a grant towards the cost of football training equipment, on the grounds that it is open to all the village's children and young people. The funds will come from the monies we have accumulated in the last couple of years from raffles and social occasions etc.. As a guideline amounts in the region of up to £150 would stand the best chance. Please contact the MVA Secretary Richard Meredith on 791539 if you are interested.

There are some mundane points too. We have been getting a number of complaints recently about people driving and parking on the cycleways. They are not short-cuts, and they are not a car park – they are for people, and that means mainly children, to cycle round the village on. It is dangerous and inconsiderate to use them for cars. So please don't.

And don't get me going on the subject of there still being piles of dog mess on the playing field. What does it take to make some people act responsibly? The dog warden will soon find out. And would the twerp(s) who keep removing the "please keep your dog off" signs kindly desist.

On a more constructive note, does the company you work for have some kind of Community programme, for example a grants scheme? Lack of facilities in Mawsley, especially for young people, might tick a few of the right boxes if they do. Please get in touch if you think there may be an opportunity.

Finally this regular Newsletter has reduced the need for village open meetings. However they are a good way for you to raise issues and get things explained in more detail. They are also social occasions, giving you a chance to meet fellow-villagers. So we're having another one – on **Wednesday 21st April**, which will be held in the Police Social Centre just off London Road in Kettering. We will start at 8:00, for about 90 minutes (the bar stays open longer than that though!). A special welcome to new villagers too.

Hope to see you there!

Bob Littler, Chair MVA

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Please contact any of the following to make suggestions, ask questions or discuss current issues

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Kettering Borough Council Outreach Sessions

As from the 27th February 2004, you have your chance as a resident to express any views or concerns you may have about the village to a representative from Kettering Borough Council.

There will be someone available for you to talk to every Friday afternoon between 3.30 – 5.00pm at the Village Surgery (no appointment needed). Come along and talk to someone if you need some advice or guidance on particular issues in the village.



The sessions will be attended by either Selwyn Poole, Economic and Community Development Officer, or Sallie Tyrer, his assistant, both of whom act as community support workers for Mawsley. Last week the numbers attending the sessions were so high that you may well find both of them there.

If the issue that concerns you is a KBC matter Selwyn or Sallie will liaise with the appropriate department on your behalf. If it is not a borough council issue they will try to point you in the right direction. In either case they will keep the MVA informed and seek their assistance where appropriate.

They look forward to seeing you!

Mawsley Allotments

Following the last newsletter 13 of you have registered your interest in having an allotment. Thank you for contacting us. We shall continue to press KBC to provide them as soon as possible.

If you would like to have your name added to the allotment list please telephone the editors at 791881 or email us at newsletter@mawsleyvillage.net.



Village Notice Boards

Sadly these have been found to be completely rotten after only two years on site. They were made of oak but then treated with an unsuitable varnish. KBC are now looking at providing replacements to last a little longer than the old ones!

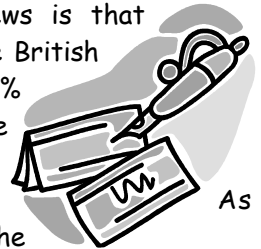
SURGERY NEWS

I am very pleased to be the bearer of good news about the defibrillator fund this month.

The events run by the surgery raised just under £1000, made up of contributions from everyone in the village, events run by surgery staff and donations from our suppliers.

George Wimpey East Midlands, the house builders, have now been extremely generous in adding £1000 to this fund. Thank you to Chris Hollingsworth and Bill Metcalf for initiating this.

My second good piece of news is that following our application to the British Heart Foundation for 50% funding of the defibrillator, we were recently notified that our application has been successful. As soon as all cheques for the 'promised donations' have been received we will be in a position to buy the defibrillator.



Fund raising will continue with the aim of buying yet another important piece of equipment - a syringe pump for administering morphine in a patients home; this is not funded for by the NHS.

As most of you are aware, the lease on our current temporary location expires in February 2006. In an effort to source our permanent location we have now employed a third party to work with us in sourcing land and doing the build for the new surgery. We were recently informed that **we have been successful in securing a site in Mawsley** very near to the location marked for light industry on the current plans for the village. I will keep you fully posted on progress over the coming months.

The patient list continues to grow at a steady rate and we now have a regular locum - Dr Bakinskyj who runs the Monday mornings and Wednesday surgery. Additionally, we now have a Chiropodist - Richard Pullar specialising in bio mechanics operating from the surgery once a week. Appointments for Richard can be booked by calling the main surgery number.

Angene Kane
Practice Manager

Mawsley Community Primary School



Dear Parents,

On behalf of the governors of Mawsley Community Primary School I would like to thank all parents and children who came along to the meeting at Broughton Village Hall on 29th February. We were delighted with the number of people who came along to express an interest in the school and find out more.

I enjoyed meeting and talking to many parents and children. I hope you now have more information about the school and the excellent facilities it will be able to offer.

Through discussions with parents, the governors are aware that some working parents are concerned about their before and after school child care. To help parents in this situation, we are actively looking into the possibility of letting a private company use the school premises for this purpose. We would like to offer this facility from September when the school opens. However, this venture is totally separate from the daily running of the school and there are a number of regulations which need to be explored with the LEA prior to setting this up. We look forward to helping interested parents in this way, and will keep you informed of our progress with this initiative.

School uniform colours of dark green and yellow were also discussed at the meeting. These colours had been arrived at through a working party of parent governors who considered choosing school colours that were distinctive from other local schools e.g. Broughton (blue), Loddington (red), Hall Meadow, Kettering (purple). Considerations about colours with regard to age, male or female and keeping clean were taken into account. Options of maroon, navy and dark green were looked at and discussed. It was the consensus of the group to opt for dark green with yellow. However, if any parents would like to offer other suggestions please could they e-mail Nick Owens (Chair of Governors) at ndo@maidwellhall.co.uk with any suggestions on uniform colours, which will then be discussed at the next school uniform working party meeting. We hope to make our final decisions on colours fairly soon as our supplier needs to be informed.

In addition to these concerns there were many parents who expressed their enthusiasm and pleasure at having such a modern and well equipped facility within the village. I was also delighted to speak with many parents who wanted to offer their support to the school by offering to help on a voluntary basis or to become part of a future Friends of Mawsley School group.

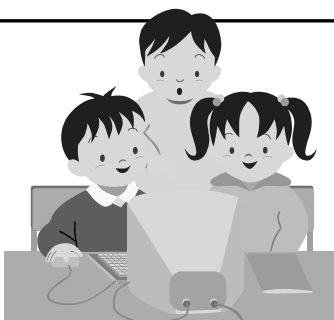
Since the meeting we have also been working on adverts for our teaching staff. We hope to appoint our four class teachers during the beginning of the Summer Term. As stated we will be opening in the first year with four classes: Reception, Year 1 and 2, Year 3 and 4, Year 5 and 6.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to the governors who are actively working to create the best possible school for the Mawsley Community.

I look forward to giving you more information on the progress of the school in the future.

Yours Sincerely

Elaine Wright
Headteacher



Tesco 'Computers for Schools' vouchers

We will be collecting these together with the vouchers off Nestle cereal packets for the community school. Can you all please save these vouchers for us and drop them off at the doctor's surgery.

Thank you.

Elaine Cawthorne

Social Committee News

Welcome to new villagers.

If you are new to the village don't think that you can get away without contributing to the Mawsley Social Scene! There is no excuse for anyone not to be involved in some way. Whether you join the social Committee, enlist as a helper for events or support by coming to events you will meet other villagers, make friends and most importantly - HAVE FUN! Everyone in the village can contribute - tell us what events you want to see, let us know what weird and wonderful talents you have and put them to good use!

The social Committee is made up of a small number of volunteers who put their time and energy into organising events to appeal to as wide an audience as possible. If you can spare a few hours a month and want to shape the Mawsley social calendar let us know.

Tony Bagshaw
Chair - MVA Social Committee
Email: mvasc@mawsleyvillage.net
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VALENTINE'S NIGHT

A coach load of village mobsters and their molls went to a Valentine's Event at Wicksteed Park with Boney M to entertain us. Not sure if Boney M turned up but we enjoyed the music anyway.

We decided to dress as gangsters and molls to add to our evening's fun. A strange looking moll joined our party and his walking in high heels was most entertaining.

The results of our friendly competition for the costumes:

- Best Gangster - Scarface Neil
- Best Moll - Miri
- Best couple - Mark and Helen

Mark's dressing habits were the talk of the event. He gave up on the high heels quite early in the evening and his lipstick got smudged.

Every one seemed to have had a good night.



Forthcoming Events

Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Bonnet Parade

12th April

Warren End

10.45am Easter Bonnet Parade

open to all ages, follow your own theme.



Prizes will be given as follows:

- * For the best traditional Easter bonnet
- * For the best 'Whacky' bonnet
- * For the best child's bonnet (12 years and under)



11.15 am to 12-ish

Easter Egg Hunt open to children.

Entry 50p per child for MVA funds

Come and meet the Easter Bunny

The social committee would like to

29th May - Fun Day



See opposite page for details ↗

10th July - Barn Dance

Grab your partners and get ready for a knees up! Our mid-summer event now has a new location (or an old location depending which way you look at it!). Unfortunately it looks as though we will lose the playing field for a period during the summer while the build gets underway for the new Community Centre. This means that this year's barn dance will be held in the same location as last year - Broughton Village Hall.

This year's dance promises to be a sell out so be ready when the tickets go on sale!

4th September - Family Picnic and Games

We don't know where we will be holding it, but at least we know when. Somewhere in the village we'll be having a village get together to have fun and socialise.



23rd October - Harvest Ball at Highgate House

Last year we all had a fantastic night so we hope this year will be even better. Tickets will go on sale from May, so plan early to avoid disappointment. Get tickets from Karen on 790085 and also from the May Fun Day. £45 each. Good value for a night out with transport and some booze. Coaches from 3 points in the village to assist with the stagger home!

See you there!!!

Fun Day

Saturday 29th May (all day!)

Make sure you have this date in your diary. It will be a fun day for all the family.

The day will follow its now traditional format with Fun Runs and Bouncy Castle in the morning, bar opening at lunch time, stalls, games, sideshows, fun races, tug o war and penalty shootout in the afternoon with a barbeque and music to round it all off in the evening.

Planning for fun day is now well underway but we still need lots of helpers:

- * to set things up on the day
- * to run stalls
- * to help run stalls
- * to join the early birds who will clear away on Sunday morning after
- * to provide raffle and other prizes

If you can help please contact:

Mark Jones on 790604 or Tony Bagshaw on 791837
or mvasc@mawsleyvillage.net

Someone knocking at your door? Somebody ringing the bell?

...are not just lyrics from an old Paul McCartney and Wings song but are part of a new initiative from the Mawsley Villagers Association to improve communication with local residents.

Each member of the Management Committee of the MVA has been allocated an area of the village and will be responsible for visiting households in that area once every three months. The Committee Member who visits you will be your point of contact with the MVA Committee for village issues you may wish to raise and which you believe may need a wider discussion forum.

Initial visits will be taking place over the next few weeks so, if you can spare a few moments, we will be happy to introduce ourselves and to listen to what you have to say about your village.

LOCAL CELEBRITY!!

Liam Tuite, one of the youngsters of the village, has been doing radio training at the William Knibb centre on Wednesday nights for about two months now and finally he has his own show - every Wednesday from 6 - 7pm. You can listen to it on www.youthsownradio.com.



If you want a request the email and text number will be given out on the show.

NOTICEBOARD

Mums and Tots

Mondays 10.30am at Kids Kingdom, KLV.
Fridays 10.30 am at Barney Berzerk, Moulton Park.
Contact Sue Owens on 791514



Mobile Library

By Post Box. Fortnightly 3.40 - 4.10pm.
Next visits 22nd March,
5th & 19th April



Gardening Club

Last Wednesday in the month.
Next meeting on 31st March, 8pm at 31
Main Street.
Contact Marisa on 790748



Youth group

Wednesday evening at The Zone
(Knibb Centre) Kettering
Contact Aidan Piper on 790419

Christians in Mawsley

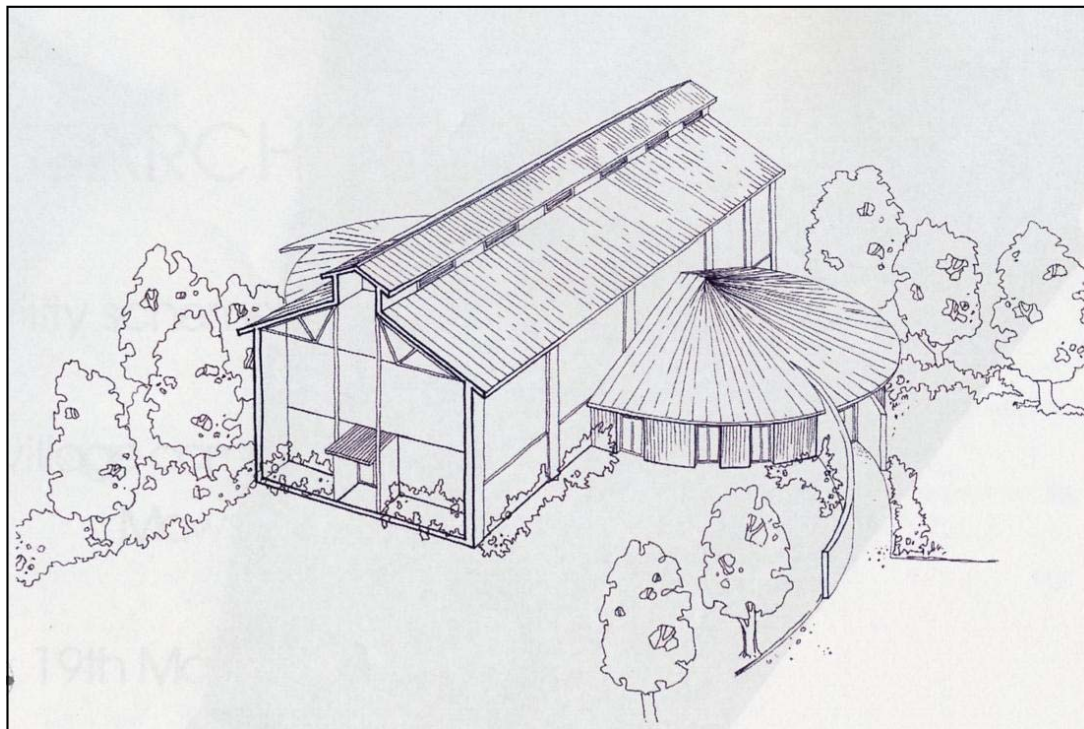
1st Thursday in the month.
Informal interdenominational evening meeting.
Contact Gerald or Mildred Peacock for venue on
791496



Saturday Morning Football Club

10 - 11am on the playing field for aged 6 upwards.
Contact Simon Wren on 791973

Mawsley Community Centre -- Progress Report



Artist's impression of the new Community Centre on which work is expected to begin very soon

Our thanks go out to Gail Randle who has agreed to project manage and help guide the progress of the Community Centre Steering Group. Gail is our link between GSS (Architects) and our group.

We understand the centre will not be built by Wimpey although they are providing the funds to build it. So GSS who have now completed most of the drawings are about ready to send them out to tender.

The steering group has been split into separate groups to focus on those issues we will have responsibility for such as understanding the levels of fit out, fixtures and fittings we will need to fund, bar and meeting room needs, religious group needs, playing field requirements, a business plan showing how we plan to run it and a clear indication as to what additional funds we need to raise to pay for it all.

Non-Christian Faiths

I am compiling a report for the Community Centre Steering Group on potential use by religious groups from the village. Whilst I have easy access to Christian groups, I need help from any villagers belonging to non-Christian faiths who would like to use the new community centre for worship. I would appreciate it if you could contact me and let me know if this facility will be helpful.
Thanks.

Gerald Peacock
Tel: 791496

MVA Charitable Status and Fund Raising

Following on from the issues of fund raising the MVA has for some time been discussing the possibility of becoming a Charity. A number of papers have been written and the plan is to combine these papers so they can be distributed to the members of the MVA (and anyone else who would be interested and may have a view) This would cover the issues of:

- *Why do we want to become a charity?*
- *Do we qualify to register and why?*
- *How should it be structured?*
- *What do we need to do next?*

The MVA will be voting on this subject at its next meeting during April. Do you have an opinion?

Chris Winter - Community Centre Steering Group

Book Club.....

Would anyone like to join a book club?

I enjoy reading and I would be interested to discuss books with other people. I have never attended a book club before so would welcome anyone's ideas as to how they would wish it to work. I just see it as an opportunity for a glass of wine and a chat about a good book.



If anyone is interested please call me or email.

Elaine Cawthorne
Tel: 791277
Cawthorne@Tesco.net

Anyone for golf?

Bob Darling of Padman's Close is setting up the Mawsley Amateur Golf Society (MAGS) to hold regular events on local courses.

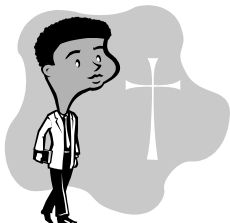
See separate flyer and contact him on 791266 or 07967 450961



Christians in Mawsley

Watch out for news about an event for the whole village, to mark the birth of the church at Pentecost.

Don't forget there is an open invitation for any interested villagers to join in the informal group we have meeting on the first Thursday of each month.



Ring Gerald for details on 791496

Mawsley Gardening Club

Spring is coming, the soil is getting warmer and the garden is coming to life. Now is the time for all gardeners to get active.



First job is to get the garden into shape following winter's mischief. Shrubs, perennials and roses need to be rejuvenated with a spring prune. March is the time to tackle Buddleia, Hydrangea, the herb garden, roses etc. Also, why not start composting all that organic waste, there's no time like the present.

Marisa will discuss pruning techniques and composting at the next Mawsley Gardening Club meeting on Wednesday, 31 March starting at 8 o'clock at 31 Main Street. Plans will also be discussed for visits to various shows and gardens including the Gardener's World Show at the NEC.

Last month's plant of the month, Corylopsis (Winter Hazel) is just coming into flower, its yellow flowers brightening the garden. Come and find out what to plant this month.

Watch the notice board for more information or telephone Marisa on 790748.

Remember, although Johnny Wilkinson can do nothing wrong we don't want a 'rugby garden' - a garden that, in spite of repeated tries and many attempted conversions, shows no real improvement.

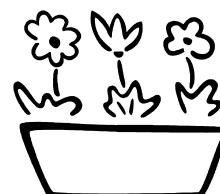


Plant Sale

The gardening club will be running a plant stall at the Fun Day on 29th May. Come and see us there for a chat and to buy some cheap plants.

If you have surplus plants in late May we would be delighted to have them. So if you have planted more seeds than you can cope with or if you have too many bedding plants let us sell the extras for village funds.

Contact Marisa on 790748 or the editors on 791881 or newsletter@mawsleyvillage.net



Vandalism

The MVA committee is becoming increasingly concerned about the amount of vandalism occurring in the village and is taking steps to eliminate it. We live in attractive surroundings and are not prepared for this to be spoiled by an irresponsible few.

Residents who witness any incident of vandalism, such as damage being caused to fences, signs, playing equipment or trees, are requested to **report it to the police on 01536 400400 and to obtain an incident number** so that it can be properly followed up.

Polite Request

Would the Mayfair smoker who drops their empty packets in the same bush at the David Wilson end of the village please put them in the bin instead.

Thanks

Elaine

How does your village grow?

The number of occupied houses is now, approximately, as follows

Barratt Homes	14
Bryant Homes	32
David Wilson	102
J Barrett	3
Laing Homes	43
Wimpey East Midlands	95
Wimpey South Midlands	68
Total	357

From the editors...

As the village grows communication between the various committees and other residents becomes more difficult and takes some effort.

If you have read this far then this newsletter is doing its job of keeping you informed about developments and concerns in the village. There are opportunities for you to comment on these at the new KBC Outreach Sessions, at the open MVA meeting fixed for 21st April, with an MVA committee member who will call on you soon and through the columns of this newsletter. Speak up. Let us know what you think.

To have your say in the next newsletter please get your comments, articles, letters and announcements etc to us **by 23rd April**. The newsletter will be distributed on 30th April.

Contact us on newsletter@mawsleyvillage.net or 791881.

...Pat and Pat

Wildlife Watch

Spring is on our doorstep and we should now see more activity on the wildlife front.

A new visitor has joined us. Seen on two occasions in February, sitting in the hedgerow and in the trees just past the farm buildings and the turning to Old was a Buzzard. Also now visiting our gardens are the sparrows and blackbirds plus chaffinches, pied wagtails, wrens and greenfinches and there is one report of long tailed tits in a garden off Main Street. Are the little owls and spotted woodpecker still with us? What wildlife have you seen?

Remember, now is the time of year that birds start breeding and building their nests. Please report your sightings and any information you wish to collect and share with the rest of the village to Keith Powell on 01536 790439 or email to williamsjea@aol.com and it will be reported in the newsletter.

Found

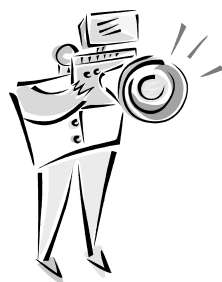
1. A scooter was left on the cycleway by Old Gorse Way for a few days. It has been rescued. The owner should contact Bob Littler on 719447 to retrieve it.
2. A silver bracelet watch was found in Main Street on Monday 15th March. Enquiries to Karen Redgrave on 790085.

A Christingle Mystery

It was a little disappointing that photos taken during the Christingle Celebrations didn't make the Telegraph.

However there was a report and two photographs published in *Kids Alive*, the children's newspaper published by The Salvation Army. (You may have known it as *The Young Soldier!*)

Five photographs were given to us by Wimpey's photographer which are now on the village website.



We have been able to pass original prints on to three of the children but one picture is of two young ladies that we would like to identify. If you can let me know who you are and where you live I'll arrange for a print to be given to you.

Gerald Peacock 791496