



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

FENCING AROUND THE PLAY AREA

We have decided to put a simple fence around the play area. This was deferred due to cost considerations when the play area was first agreed, as something that could easily be added later if we wished. Problems with dogs "splashing" on the equipment, plus some concerns about older ones riding bikes through where very small children are playing, have lead us to this decision. However we can't afford to have it done professionally, so it's a village DIY project. Tony Bagshaw is leading on this; he needs some helpers - notably on the day to dig holes etc..

Please give him a call (0784 171 4221); it's for the benefit of your children.



PATHS

Still taking about the current play area, we have also decided to extend the paths that lead into it. Walking and pushing buggies across the grass is fine in our glorious summers, but in winter it's somewhat the same....sorry... different. This is also a village DIY project, which Sarah Hart is leading.

Again; please give her a call (07789 157 562).

EQUIPMENT FOR OLDER CHILDREN

When we talked with the children about the ideas for what has become the current play area, the main comments were that there was nothing for the older (approx. 10 - 13 year old) children.



In principle we would like to place suitable equipment parallel to the grasscrete parking area behind The Centre. However it's expensive stuff. The Borough Council have kindly agreed to take ongoing responsibility for inspecting, maintaining and insuring it, but we will have to find the money to buy it.

We are sure there are grants available, to supplement village funds, so to start the ball rolling we have asked four companies for ideas and prices. Then we'll see what help we get offered to go on from there.....

YOUTH CLUB

Finally, young people. We have really struggled to get the Youth Club established; indeed as you can see on p12, until we can get some helpers we have had to suspend it. This is a real shame, as the absence of facilities for young people is one of the biggest issues facing the village at the moment.



So, as they are your children.....

Do you see a common theme here?

Bob Littler

GET INVOLVED!

MOBILE LIBRARY



Did you know that the mobile library visits Mawsley regularly?

*Every 3 weeks in fact, on Mondays
from 3:15pm to 3:50pm.*

*It parks at the post box end of School Road.
The next two dates are 19th October and 9th
November.*

*Each mobile library carries approx 2,500 items of
stock; and they have access to the
library catalogue on board so that staff can check
the availability of titles from the huge range of
stock in other Northamptonshire libraries.*

It's free to join too.

Do you have a celebration to announce, an opinion on a village issue, a report from your group or an expertise you would like to share? Then get in touch and be a part of the MVA Newsletter.

**Contact emma.janebrown@yahoo.co.uk
The next deadline is 15th October.**

MAWSLEY SURGERY

ANNUAL FLU VACCINATION REMINDER

Patients are entitled to a free flu vaccine if they fall within the following groups: Asthmatic and are using a steroid inhaler, Chronic Heart Disease, Cancer, Liver and Kidney disease and all patients over the age of 65.

APPOINTMENT ONLY CLINICS:

Thursday 8th October - 11:00am onwards

Thursday 15th October - 11am onwards

Thursday 22nd October - 11am onwards

Thursday 30th October - 11am onwards

SATURDAY WALK IN CLINICS- NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY:

Saturday 3rd Oct from 9am to 2pm

Saturday 10th October from 9am to 12pm

This clinic will be run by our 3 nurses.

See news sheet for more information on the village emergency action plan for swine flu.

Thank you Cheryl and Lizzie!

Thank you Cheryl and Lizzie; hello and welcome to...?

Work and family life responsibilities have lead to two MVA trustees reluctantly resigning recently.

Cheryl Buckle has been involved for a long time, and in particular organised Fun Day single-handedly in both '07 and '08. She has also been a leading light in setting up the Youth Club. Thank you Cheryl; we will miss your time, expertise and commitment.

Lizzie Souter has also been involved for some while, mostly as our treasurer. Her calm and measured approach has kept our finances strictly under control. Thank you as well Lizzie; we will miss your time, expertise and commitment too.

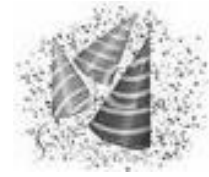
So it's hello and welcome to.....you?

The MVA needs more people to be directly involved, as trustees; we need new ideas and more input from the village. It doesn't have to be a major time commitment; indeed our regular meetings are only once a month.

There is so much skill, expertise and experience residing in this village. You have some of it; use it for a good cause!

Just drop me an email: boblittler@btconnect.com.

Mawsley Celebrations!



Happy 6th Birthday to
Lily Shaw
on 12th September!



Love Mum, Dad
& Callum

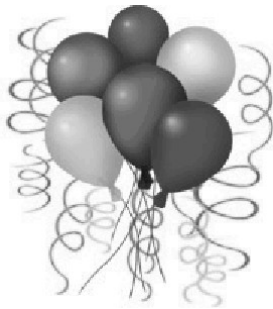


Congratulations!

Good Luck
Annabella Burlin on
your first day at
Mawsley CP School!
XXX
Maddie, William and
Phoebe

*Maddie is 5 at last!
Happy Birthday!*

*Lots of love
Mummy, Daddy,
William and
Phoebe*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY SARAH
SIMMONITE
Have a wonderful day!



All our love
Jo, Claire and Emma



Good luck
to all the children
who are starting
school at Mawsley CP
Best wishes to you all



If you have a celebration happening between the 12th September and the 15th October then let the village know!

Contact Emma Brown at emma.janebrown@yahoo.co.uk

What's On?

Next newsletter deadline is
Thursday 15th October

DIARY

Friday 11th – Sunday 13th September

Thursday 15th October

Monday 19th October

Saturday 7th November

Monday 9th November

Friday 27th November

Mawsley Beer Festival

MVA Newsletter deadline

Mobile Library

Bonfire Night

Mobile Library

WI 'Bath Christmas Market' trip

MAWSLEY BEER FESTIVAL 2009

Cheers!



COME AND
SUPPORT YOUR
LOCAL
COMMUNITY
CENTRE!

Friday 11th September from 6pm – Sunday 13th September

Tickets £10

Your ticket covers one half pint of each guest beers and a specially commissioned glass for you to keep as a reminder of the day.

**Do you remember that Guy Fawkes chap?
Used to live round here somewhere. I think.**

Will there be just fireworks again this year? No.

Will there be just a bonfire this year? No.

Will there be both fireworks and a bonfire this year? YES!

And will the fireworks be better than last year, with a bigger emphasis on aerial display? Yes.

When? **Saturday 7th November.**

Having a bonfire makes all the difference, and we will be able to put it on the playing field; all we have to do is cut and roll back the turf and then afterwards clear up and put the turf back.

Bonfire Night is a big village event, so we need people to help. There are a number of regular volunteers, but there are lots of smaller tasks we need people to pick up. Therefore there will be an open meeting at **8:00 pm; Tuesday 22nd September**, in the bar at The Centre. Just come along to offer a little help.

Bob Littler



NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

September 2009

Mawsley

The summer is traditionally seen as a quiet time in politics, and whilst there are few formal committee meetings taking place at County Hall, there is still a great deal of work been undertaken. As well as working hard with my Cabinet colleagues to ensure the improvements we have made continue and that the pressures facing Northamptonshire are recognised by central government, I also spend a great deal of time dealing with issues across my Division.

The ongoing issue regarding the adoption of roads in the village continues to progress, and I have been in contact with various people, including Philip Hollobone MP who has raised the issue with Chris Mole MP, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary at the Department for Transport. I will continue to work closely with colleagues and with developers, to try to ensure this issue is resolved quickly and in line with the wishes of residents and am optimistic that we have found a solution.

In addition to this, I have also been working with my officers on an Empowering Councillors and Communities scheme application to improve the bus stop in the village by providing funding to lay down a hard surface to make it safer during wet conditions. I have often said that this scheme helps Councillors address those small issues in villages that make a big difference, and I am sure that once this scheme is agreed, it will make using public transport a great deal better.

I am pleased to let you know that the extension to the school will be included in next year's Capital Programme which means that it will hopefully be completed by November 2010. However, the Project Team have been asked to provide most of the new accommodation in time for the start of term in September 2010.

As the recession continues to affect communities across Northamptonshire, it is important that the County Council does all it can to support and sustain local jobs and the economy. As well the extra investment we announced in the budget, the County Council has also been providing practical help to assist people deal with the effects of the economic downturn. In addition to this, we are working continuously to obtain extra government funding to help invest in the County and to create new jobs.

When the summer ends, my Cabinet Colleagues and I will start working on putting together the County Council's budget for next year. This will be a long and complex task, but as ever, I will be pleased to help with any individual problems or issues you may have with County Council services.

JIM HARKER

County Councillor, Kettering Rural

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SureStart

Mawsley Health Centre Storytime (bookable) from 16 September 10.45 -11.30

The Centre @ Mawsley Wiggle & Jiggle (drop in) from 15th Sep 1.30-2.30

**Baby & Toddler Group + arts & crafts 1st Thursday of month
from 10th Sep 9.30-11.00**



Contact Children's Centre for further details on 01536 710025

Group News

Let us know about your group and the activities you do.
Contact emma.janebrown@yahoo.co.uk

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 1ST CHILD IN THE FAMILY AND 50P PER CHILD THEREAFTER. THERE ARE TOYS, CRAFT ACTIVITIES AND A SNACK FOR THE CHILDREN. WE FINISH EACH WEEK WITH A SINGING SESSION.



Update

We have met every Thursday during the summer holidays and it has been an opportunity for the group members to show their older brothers and sisters what they get up to on a Thursday morning.

Thursday 3rd September saw our party for those leaving to go to School. Mr Crumble entertained the children and those leaving for school received a present. We took the opportunity to say a big thank you to committee members who are leaving as their children go to school.

A big thank you to Liz for organising the summer holiday play dates. Children spent Tuesday mornings having great fun at parks around Northamptonshire.

The play schemes organised by Tim Bellamy at KBC were very good. The children enjoyed bouncy castles, a panto and magic shows.

Forthcoming events

Sure Start are running an arts and crafts session within the group on the 1st Thursday of each month.

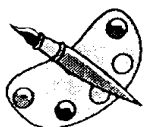
Monday 14th September at 8pm at The Centre - NEW Committee meeting. Please come along and join us for a drink if you would like to get involved. Can you help with snack, craft, setting up/clearing away? Do you have any ideas you would like to share? Everyone is very welcome.

For more information please contact me.
Sarah Hart
790517

Mawsley watercolour painting group

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

Phone Joan on 791661 for more details.



Mawsley Amateur Dramatics



- Or MAD
to their friends!

We held a club meeting at the beginning of August and, although membership was a bit thin on the ground due to the holiday season, we did have a chance to talk over our next project.

The consensus of opinion seems to be that we put on a 'Variety Night' sometime in November (aiming to miss any other events in the village i.e. Bonfire Night etc). Dependant upon the acts we are able to offer, it could take the form of an Old Time Music Hall (complete with Master of Ceremonies) or perhaps a Cabaret style performance. Or we could mix the two.

Either way, I would ask you to put your thinking caps on for ideas of acts to stage - singers, musicians, dancers, comedians etc. If people tell us what they are good at, or enjoy doing, the possibilities are endless. Let's see what we can come up with.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 21st September at 7.30pm @ The Centre and anyone interested in joining us will be very welcome.

Would you all please attend with your 'best thinking heads on' and any ideas, so that we can aim to put on a good show for the village to enjoy in November.

That's all for now. Hope to see you in September.
Vic Cope

Walgrave and Mawsley Amber FC Update

Amber Welcome New Sponsor

We are pleased to announce and welcome Mawsley Dental Clinic as the new first team kit sponsor for the forthcoming season. Many of our players and members are patients at the clinic and we are looking forward to a mutually beneficial relationship over the next year.

We are especially grateful to Alison, Caroline and Heather at the surgery for their generous backing. Please support the Mawsley Dental Clinic and the Amber FC, two great local teams!

And remember, "A confident smile warms hearts and open doors".

Amber Sparkle in Pre-Season

The Amber's season has got off to a flying start with a successful pre-season campaign to date with all but one of the games being against teams from higher divisions.

<u>Opposition:</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>League</u>
Thorplands	A	1-3	Northampton Town League (Cup Champs)
The Romany	H	5-1	Northampton Town Premier League
Wilby	A	4-2	Combination Div 3
Wellingborough O.G.	A	1-1	Combination Div 3 Champions
Kettering Park Rovers	H	6-4	
Finedon Volta	A	2-0	Combination Div 2 Champions
Crick Athletic	A	2-1	Combination Div 2

Not only have the results been against higher division opposition, nearly all the games have been played away from Mawsley. The defensive weaknesses of last season have been addressed and our sights are now firmly set on promotion and winning the division cup.

Upcoming Fixtures

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Opposition:</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>	
September 3	Wellingborough Exiles	A	Pre-Season
12	Long Buckby Ravens	H	Combination Div 4
19	West Haddon	H	Combination Div 4
26	F.C. Higham	A	Combination Div 4
October 3	Kettering Park Rovers	H	Combination Div 4
10	Bective Wanderers Res.	A	Northants FA Area Cup
24	Yardley United	A	Combination Div 4
31	Catworth S.V.	H	Combination Div 4

Training and Reserves

Training sessions continue to be held on Thursdays (pre-season friendlies notwithstanding) at Mawsley Playing Field. From September these will start at 6:30 pm, and we are hoping to have improved the mobile floodlights by the time the dark nights set in. As an added bonus, you can get to meet the Ladies' Rounders team for a drink in the bar afterwards! All newcomers of all standards are welcome; as the squad expands we are looking to introduce a reserve team this season and will arrange friendly matches with other reserve team as numbers demand. We are looking for a **reserve team manager** and we would like to hear from anyone with some experience and the interest to develop a reserve team.

Social Events

The Amber's next major social event is scheduled for late October/early November. Subject to final confirmation this is likely to be a cabaret evening comprising some 9-10 professional cabaret acts. Further details will be posted on the Mawsley website and in the Centre in the near future.





Mawsley Village WI



Autumn is nearly here again!! And we are back in action, although it hasn't been a quiet summer. Unfortunately, there has been a hold up with our new home and we are having to decamp to Loddington Village hall for our next 2 meetings. Hopefully by our November meeting we will be settled in at the Nursery.

Our next meeting is on Monday 14th September at 7.30pm at Loddington and will be 'An Introduction to Antiques and Collectables' - it should be a very informative evening. Guests are always welcome and hopefully we might see a few Loddington ladies.

October will be our AGM when we vote in a new Committee and our members will enjoy a social evening.

IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN JOINING THE WI OR WANT ANY INFORMATION, DO COME ALONG - ESPECIALLY THE NEW LADIES TO THE VILLAGE AS IT'S A GOOD WAY TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS.

Please call 07767477519 or 799116.

Bath 'Christmas Market' Friday 27th November £19.75



Set in the centre of Bath, alongside the stunning architecture of the famous Roman Baths and the impressive Bath Abbey, the market consists of over 120 individual wooden chalet style stalls - each one offering quality products and brilliant gift ideas from handmade crafts, unique jewellery pieces and decorations, to locally produced food and drink, not forgetting the local shops and restaurants.

The coach will be departing from Mawsley at 8am with a comfort stop on the way. We will depart from Bath at 5.30pm.

Book early to avoid disappointment as seats may be limited.

Contact details Denise. Tel: 01536 791186

Trip run by Mawsley Residents.

Mawsley church

As the summer gives way to autumn and school starts again there is often a looking ahead. There has been change in Mawsley Church this summer and now Revd. Richard Priestley and his wife Mandy (also a minister) look ahead to life in Mawsley. Others at the church are helping them to know what happens. As usual church meets on the 2nd & 4th Sundays at The Centre, 11am. On the 1st Sunday there is Cransley Praise for all ages at 10:30 and 3rd Sunday is Communion at 9:30 both at St. Andrews Church, Cransley.

If you would like to talk about weddings or baptisms (or anything else actually) then call Richard on 790140.

This is your local church

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|-------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------|
| • Sept 13 th | Family celebration @The Centre | 11:00am |
| • Sept 20 th | Holy Communion @ St. Andrews, Cransley | 9:30am |
| • Sept 27 th | Celebration with Communion @The Centre | 11:00am |
| • Oct 4 th | Cransley Harvest Praise, St. Andrews | 10:30am |
| • Oct 11 th | Family celebration @The Centre | 11:00am |
| • Oct 18 th | Holy Communion @ St. Andrews, Cransley | 9:30am |
| • Oct 25 th | Celebration with Communion @The Centre | 11:00am |
| • Nov 1 st | Cransley Praise, St. Andrews | 10:30am |

Everyone is welcome.

MAWSLEY COFFEE CLUB



Mawsley Coffee Club members, family and friends, recently enjoyed a tasty pub lunch at Foxton Locks, near Market Harborough on one of the sunny Saturdays in August. Afterwards, they embarked on a gentle narrow boat ride on the Grand Union canal.



The Coffee club is for Mawsley folk who have retired or are approaching retirement age. We meet for coffee in each other's homes once every four or five weeks. Our next coffee morning is at Ann B's on Thursday, 17th September, when we will be asking for suggestions for outings for our autumn programme.

We are very grateful to Pat Ellis, who has efficiently organised our coffee mornings and many pleasant outings and activities throughout the past five years; during which time the club membership has grown enormously. Pat is now handing over the organisation of the Coffee Club to Molly Shortt, with assistance from Jean Wilson.

Phone Molly on 790 781 or Jean on 799 490 if you'd like more details.

THE VILLAGE EXPERT!

Mawsley Money - A Growing Family

Do you have expertise that you would like to share with Mawsley?
Please submit an article to emma.janebrown@yahoo.co.uk and enlighten us all!

It is with great excitement and anticipation that we are expecting our second child. In the 19 months since our first child was born, the Financial Services Authority have started issuing advice and information folders to all parents to be to help them plan financially for the arrival of their family - a fantastic idea and one I truly endorse. However, as someone who coaches new parents through the personal finance side of this exciting time, the people I see, like the majority in this country, understand things better by sitting down and going through them than just by reading. So let us go through some of the things.

Having children leads to all sorts of choices and what parents need to do is to maximise the choices available to them. A poll recently published by NatCen says that 33% of working mothers would like to quit their jobs in order to care for their children; another 60% would like to reduce their hours for the same reason and 66% say they cannot afford to give up work. Too often as a coach I hear things like, "I have to go back to work" and "I can't afford a holiday this year" when sometimes the underlying reason is "I haven't adjusted my day to day spending priorities and as a result I have reduced the choices available to me".

So how do we make choices available?

Firstly, we look at how you want to balance your career and your childcare. Second time parents tend to know the balance they want but many first time parents give a "not sure" response or find they change their mind once baby arrives. This "not sure" response is fine as there are often mixed feelings about being a full time parent, and about wanting to spend some time at work. In this case you need to examine both scenarios.

Secondly, we look at your current financial position and the preparation for baby that has been done. Then we look at what needs to be done to give you the maximum amount of choices. At this point review your income, current and future, including benefits and allowances you may be entitled to, review your spending, again current and future, and see what choices this brings to you. I always discuss compromises and sacrifices that the parents to be are prepared to make at this point. These compromises and sacrifices often dictate whether a parent can either be the stay at home parent they want to be or have the career that they want to have.

I have a friend who works full time and sees that my wife has a balance between work and carer that my friend wants. She is someone who says "I have to go back to work". She has a daughter, and last Christmas when her daughter was nine months old my friend and her husband bought a brand new plasma flat screen television with high definition, sky plus and the latest x box. Their previous television was three years old and they already had sky. Could this be a reason why she "had to go back to work"? An example of the compromises she did not want to make which have resulted in her having to work full time when she says she does not want to. This is why it is so important to understand what compromises and sacrifices you are prepared to make.

My coaching tips for preparing for baby are:

- Decide whether you want to be a career parent or a stay at home parent and work out how much money you think you will need to be that parent.
- Work out what your income will be after baby comes along including benefits and tax credits (don't forget about the £190 maternity allowance and the nursery vouchers tax break from employers)
- Discuss with your partner what compromises and sacrifices you are willing to make such as technology, cars, holidays and meals out.
- Budget to make sure that your expected income meets your anticipated outgoings
- If your budget does not balance seek advice and help

Congratulations to those who tried on line shopping.

The feedback I have had all said they saved and on average saved around £20 per weekly shop. Those people have achieved an annual saving of over £1000!

Sam Mudd

smudd@tiscali.co.uk



Maintenance Issues and Adoption Process

- Taylor Wimpey was unable to arrange a site meeting for July and August due to administration problems and holidays.
- We still have major problems with defective traffic signage and street lighting.
- There are trip hazards on pavement surfaces in some locations.
- Pedestrian routes are still limited [infant push chairs and disability wheelchairs] due to lack of pavement 'drop crossings'.
- There is no progress to report on implementing the revised bus route, salt/gritting responsibility and road surface finishing.
- [a full report on these items will be made available for Parish Council meeting 7th Sept]
- Because of this situation, I have joined the petition claiming council tax reduction based on the problems with unadopted developments and to highlight our concerns at... Number10.gov.uk/UnadoptedRoadTax

I have also involved the Chairman of Taylor Wimpey, Mr Norman Askew and Phillip Hollobone MP, who in turn has referred the case to the Housing Minister, Mr John Healey MP

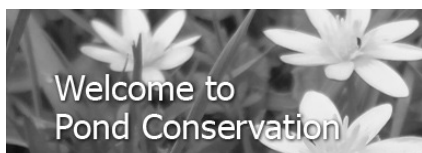
We have also had the observations of the NHBC and a letter published in the Northampton Chronicle and the Evening Telegraph.

The next meeting with Taylor Wimpey is scheduled for mid September and we will continue to seek action on the maintenance issues.

The problem with the adoption process has now been referred back from Central Government to Taylor Wimpey and the local council and I have requested that a meeting is arranged with Steve Farmer, MD of Taylor Wimpey, Jim Harker, NCC and all the interested parties via our Parish Council.

Tom Sanders 07836 254252 t.sanders01@btinternet.com

See Jim Harker's article on page 5 for his update on some of these issues.



I have recently contacted The Pond Conservation and Water Habitats Trust and they are very interested in what we have achieved with our village pond. I have also joined as a Founding Supporter and recommend that the many interested volunteers and their children, also become involved.

Extract from website...

Pond Conservation is the national charity dedicated to creating and protecting ponds and the wildlife they support.

We carry out research, surveys and practical conservation, working in partnership with others.

We also work to protect the wildlife of other freshwaters.

You can contact us on info@pondconservation.org.uk or 01865 483249.

Take part in our national garden and school pond survey



Tom Sanders

Job Opportunities in Mawsley

Mawsley Community Primary School

Job Vacancy - Lunchtime Supervisor

We require Lunchtime Supervisors to join our staff team. This is a very important part of our school day and requires caring, enthusiastic and committed people to help our children enjoy their lunchtime break, while eating and at play. You would be required to supervise and assist the children ensuring their safety, welfare and good conduct as part of a dedicated and hard working team.



If you are interested and could commit to working during the lunchtime break from 1 to 5 days a week (term time only) and have:

- A caring attitude
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Enthusiasm and a positive approach
- Initiative
- Good inter-personal skills then come and talk to us!

For further information please contact Mrs Helen Smith (Bursar) at the school office on **01536 799182** or e-mail bursar@mawsley.northants-ecl.gov.uk

Successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced CRB disclosure.

*Saturday Receptionist Required *maternity leave cover**

*Working within the village in a local business
you will become part of a small friendly team of
professionals.*

*We require a confident, honest and friendly
person with excellent interpersonal and IT skills.*

*For more information please:
email your CV to
enquiries@previewultrasound.co.uk
or call Claire on 01536 790389*



The Centre at Mawsley has vacancies for
bar team members.

Competitive rates of pay.
No experience necessary – full training given.

Daytime; evenings; weekends; functions shifts
available.

Just call Penny or Debbie on 799528

Mawsley Youth Club *Urgent Help Needed*

At present we are **unable** to re-open Youth club on Wednesday nights (6:30pm to 9 pm) unless volunteers can be found to help supervise.

The post of a Youth Leader is also being advertised, but urgent help will be needed to support this post, both now and in the future.

If you are able to help, please contact Allan Macdonald.
07765 831539
Allan24mac@hotmail.com

