### Mawsley Newsletter & Advertiser

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### The Centre ... The Future

#### An Enviable Facility

The Centre at Mawsley is fantastic, unique, modern, clean and warm (under floor heating!) and the envy of many villages. The main hall is used for village groups (dance, Scouts, Guides etc.), parties, discos and wedding receptions, plus it can be transformed with the internal marquee. There are 2 meeting rooms, a comfortable lounge/bar, kitchen and sports changing facilities. The rooms are available for hire, for pretty much whatever you wish to do!



Jim Hakewill, Leader of Kettering Borough Council and one of our Ward Councillors says:

"The Centre at Mawsley is undoubtedly one of the best facilities in the Borough and massively benefits from a lot of voluntary time, energy and knowledge from residents. The Centre, the MVA and the Parish Council should feel justly proud of having created both the building and imaginative ways to oversee its running for the benefit of the Mawsley community. I am always impressed by the passion and ownership displayed by everyone involved."

However, even those of you who do use The Centre are probably not fully up to speed with its finances. In past newsletters we've pointed out it's a very expensive building to run. Let's face it; it's not a typical 'wooden hut' village hall - the total build cost for it was just under £1m!

The costs of utilities, cleaning, essential maintenance and services etc. are around £45,000 a year. Room hire revenue comes nowhere near covering this. That's before including staff costs for this large and complex business. Turnover last year was £216,000, a level of business clearly requiring professional staff; so there's a full time manager, part-time administrator, plus bar/general duties staff.

The good news is The Centre bar is profitable and the main source of income. That goes some way to offset the losses that were always anticipated would be incurred, in the early years of The Centre's operation.

The losses so far have been met by loans from the village Community Fund (money given to the village to be used for the development of social facilities); plus grants from the MVA and Parish Council. However, the portion of the Community Fund ring-fenced for The Centre is now almost exhausted. The Centre's directors therefore asked the Parish Council to help secure The Centre's financial future from the funds raised through the precept (i.e. part of Council Tax).

The Parish Council commissioned a professional, independent assessment of The Centre's business from Hawsons Chartered Accountants, to help them consider providing funding support for The Centre from village funds.

The key points from this independent report are:

- The Centre is a well-run business.
- The bar makes a significant profit (£31,000), offset by considerable losses on the fully serviced, community facilities side of the business (- £55,000), which result in large losses overall. In other words people who use the bar subsidise the rest of the 'community facility' side of the business.
- The Centre is right to be a full service facility, rather than a village hall 'lock-up'.
- There are very few opportunities to significantly reduce costs. (Indeed a great deal of time and effort has been spent over the last few years paring down costs wherever possible).
- More resources should be put into promoting The Centre outside the village as a venue for parties, wedding receptions etc.

The report recommends substantially increasing room hire rates. However, we believe that current rates are a reasonable balance between contributing to those high costs whilst not being too onerous on the village groups that use the community facilities.

Mawsley is not alone in facing the dilemma of trying to provide good village facilities, while trying to minimise the contribution from the village for them. We should remember just how comprehensively the village, as a community, uses The Centre's facilities. Victoria Perry, the other of our Ward Kettering Borough Councillors and Mawsley resident herself, puts it like this:

"We are very fortunate to have a community centre that provides such a wide range of activities and facilities. The bar funds itself so our precept money supports the groups and activities which are essential in a rural community and which are a lifeline for many people. From uniformed groups, to preschool clubs, martial art groups, dance classes and youth group to name just a few, the facility enriches the lives of many Mawsley residents"

So where do we go from here?

Clearly reducing those losses is the over-riding consideration. Now the funding issue is resolved we'll fit a bespoke, new kitchen (kindly donated by Howdens Joinery) to enable us to offer a more comprehensive range of food and meals. Work is already going ahead to promote The Centre more widely and costs continue to be monitored and managed well, as identified in Hawsons' report.

What else do you think could be done? The Centre is always open to your ideas for how things may be improved. Calling in to talk to Jane, the manager, is the easiest way to get your views across. Alternatively email the volunteers who run The Centre (the directors) directly vou can via admin@thecentreatmawsley.co.uk

As part of the funding agreement with the Parish Council, the directors of The Centre are happy for councillors to take part in their board meetings, broadening the range of potential ideas. Already, for instance, discussions have taken place over modifying the policy on under 18's access to the bar.

If you want to see the Hawsons report, a copy can be accessed via the website <u>http://www.thecentreatmawsley.co.uk</u> ,or there's a copy available at The Centre.

*Jointly from The Centre at Mawsley, the MVA and the Parish Council* 

### The next deadline is Monday 4th April.

Delivery expected around Wednesday 13th April.

If you have an article you would like to contribute or an announcement that could be included, then please email it to <u>emma.janebrown@yahoo.co.uk</u>.

#### <u>Pub Site</u>

Thank you to all residents who submitted a written objection to Taylor Wimpey's appeal and to Jim Hakewill who has worked hard to try to secure an appeal hearing that residents could attend. The current position is that the Planning Inspectorate has decided to deal with the appeal by written representation instead. There will be no 'hearing' and the decision is not expected until the end of May.

### MAWSLEY ART GROUP



We are a mixed, friendly group of beginners, improvers and talented amateurs who meet every Thursday from 10am until 12 noon at The Centre.

We welcome new members, whether you have always wanted to try your hand or are someone who paints already.

We all learn from each other, exchanging ideas and tips. We have an occasional visit from a local artist who advises on technique, etc. and during the spring and summer we try to make at least one visit to an outside location.

If you would like further information please contact Joan on 791661 or Les on 799487.

### Mawsley Village WI



### Greener Grannies!

Mawsley Village Coffee Club and WI recently demonstrated support for their bus service and the national greener journeys campaign.



The Greener Grannies (and Grandad)

In January alone, 510 passengers used the service from the village, 146 of these were from these two groups. The importance of this service was also highlighted by the usage of other passengers which included commuters, families with children, visitors to our Medical Centre and Tresham College students.

As well as supporting the service and green campaign, the service has proved to be a vital link to the community spirit that exists within the village.

For more information visit <u>www.greenerjourneys.com</u> Tom Sanders

Well, that's winter out of the way and here comes spring.

The 1<sup>st</sup> of March always seems to feel that we are on the way; all we need is a bit of sunshine!

Our February meeting 'Recycle and Renew' was a real hit, if you weren't there you missed a treat. The things that our speaker Shirley Allen could make out of just about anything! We will all, I think, be looking at household things in a new way.

Our March meeting is on Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am and Debbie Gill of 'Tranquil Bliss' will be our speaker. Debbie is based in Mawsley, and she will be explaining all about different beauty products and giving tips on relaxation. Come along and meet her, and maybe treat yourself to a bit of 'me time'. The April meeting is 'Crazy Hats' with Glennis Hooper. She does a terrific amount of work for this great Cancer Charity.

Details of our annual coach trip are out and we are fortunate enough to be going to the famous 'Jimmy's Farm' and you never know, he may even be there! [Although of course we can't promise.] It will be a fantastic, full day with a meal included. Jimmy is currently presenting a show on Tuesday evening on BBC 2. Please see our poster displayed at The Centre for more details.

This is proving popular so book early to avoid missing out.

Any information on your WI, or if you would like a programme, please call Brenda on either 07767477519 or 799116.

### Mawsley Baby and Toddler Group

**Every Thursday from 9.30am until 11.00am at The Centre**. £1.50 for the first child and 50p per child thereafter. **We have toys, books, play dough, craft, a singing** *session and a snack.* Tea and coffee can be purchased at the bar.



Sarah Hart - 790517

### 1<sup>st</sup> Mawsley **CU** S Retain District Shield!

Special congratulations to our victorious cubs! 1<sup>st</sup> Mawsley cubs were entered into the Glendon Cub Scout District quiz for the second year and stormed to victory once again to retain the shield! They will now be entered into the Northamptonshire County Final where they hope to become County Champions. Well done to you all and good luck for the next round. Akela, Baloo and Hathi.



Thank you so much for supporting this year's Panto, Pinocchio.

We hope you enjoyed it. We have tried a new approach to our

production this year and were very pleased with the result

To all Panto goers,

- we hope you agree.

### **Bumps and Buggies**

#### **Every Monday from 9am** in the family room at The Centre.

Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat whilst the children play.

Sarah Hart - 790517





The winning team – Maria, Rebecca, Callum, Sam, Joel and Jacob



### MAWSLEY AMATEUR DRAMATICS

Despite some changes in roles because people had to pull out i.e. Pat D, Steve and Jane, we also had to write new roles in for extra people who wanted to join in. This shows what M.A.D. is all about, helping each other because the *"show must go on"*. Therefore we would like to thank Broughton Players for helping out and lending us their lights (the show would not have been the same without them), our vicar Richard for stepping in and being a good villain, Rob for the new age scenery and Russ and Josh for working the lights.

Of course thank you to all of the cast and everybody who worked very hard in the background.

So what do we do next? Well we will meet at The Centre on Friday 18th March at 7pm for anyone wishing to join us, either on stage or back stage. Please come and introduce yourself to us and meet the rest of the M.A.D. people of Mawsley and help plan the many events we are going to do next.

We look forward to seeing you in March. Vic Cope

### Mawsley Cherokees Walking Club

### We have some excellent walks planned!



- March 20th Circ. Cransley Reservoir 4 -5 mls
- April 17th Harlstone Firs 4 mls
- There are four evening walks this year May Aug starting at 7pm. Meet at Broughton Rd Layby.
- A special watch out for Richard Priestley's June 15th walk to HIS very own Nature Camp where he MAY cook supper???

Steve Draycott, 791681

### Mawsley Community Primary School

### Pam's Craft Club

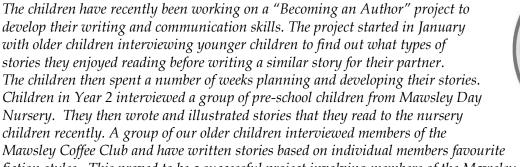
Next three dates!

9<sup>th</sup> March 30th March 20th April



We meet at The Centre in the 'meeting room' at 7pm.

Hope to see you there! Pamela Draycott, 791681





fiction styles. This proved to be a successful project involving members of the Mawsley community.

#### Eco Club News

Children in the school Eco Club would like to let Mawsley residents know that they have recently organised two recycling projects in school to help the environment.

*Textile recycling*: If you have any unwanted clothes or shoes please put them in our school textile recycling bin which is situated in the school car park near the main gates.

*Mobile phone recycling*: If you have an old mobile phone please recycle it by putting it in the box in our school office. Thank you for your help. Both of these recycling schemes will help raise funds for our school.

#### Sporting News

- A number of Key Stage 2 children were successful in a recent Cheerleading competition with other local schools.
- *Our Key Stage 2 Gymnastics team were overall winners at a local competition for schools.*
- A group of Key Stage 2 children enjoyed representing the school in a recent indoor athletics competition at KLV.

### Mystery at Mawsley School!

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February, Mawsley School pupils were confronted with a puzzling scene. Police tape, crime scene experts, puddles of green goo and strange, floury footprints lead to some weird and wonderful non-fiction writing!

Logan in Year 2 wrote that Mr Sellars had seen some "goop" and "called the police"! A Year 3 pupil observed that "3 people had called to see if school was open because of an unexplained light in the sky" the previous evening. Year 5 student Jamie commented that the children were "shocked at the incident".

Well done to the staff who masterminded the ingenious hoax to fuel the pupils' imaginations and produce some outstanding pieces of non-fiction writing.

## Announcements

### A Very Special Thank You from Steve Draycott

I would personally like to thank all of you who offered their kindest of messages and get wells to me after my very minor operation at Kettering General. I was so mentally distressed as to miss you all at the Panto where I should have been flunking my lines again ... but hey there's always next time!! A shame, because I had made extra efforts this year and even knew some of my words ... but I think they belonged to Dick Whittington!

### Happy Anniversary

March 2011 onwards marks 10 years since people first began moving into Mawsley.

Best wishes to all the residents of Mawsley.

Also a very SPECIAL thank to all the staff at Kettering Hospital who were FANTASTIC. So much so that I have become a friend of the hospital and will be using my untapped talents as a special visitor.

Kindest regards to all.

Wake up Dogsbody... it's your 37th birthday! Have a great day from Your Ladyship & Hathi!



### Thank You Friends

We would like to thank their friends in the village, and especially members of Mawsley Coffee Club, who have supported us since the first week of this year, when David was very poorly and was admitted to hospital. Early in January, David had arranged to pioneer the introduction of a new type of kidney dialysis machine into the region covered by Leicester General Hospital, and despite his health complications, he was determined to undertake this. The new 'transportable' machine can be used daily at home, with a trained carer on hand, instead of in a hospital renal unit.

We are pleased to say that David is making a steady recovery. However, during the past few weeks, there has been little spare time or energy for day-to-day chores, and we have been grateful for kind and thoughtful friends who have rallied round and offered to walk our dogs, prepared nutritious meals and cakes for us, supported us in prayer, as well as sending cards, flowers, emails, text and phone messages.

Hospital and medical staff have been most impressed to hear of the caring community we live in . . . . and so are we. Thank you.

David and Jean Wilson

### Support Chris to Raise Funds for Kidney Research

I will be running the half marathon at the Silverstone Circuit on Sunday March 6th to raise awareness and money for Kidney Research UK. I have lived healthily for many years with only one kidney and it makes me realise how lucky I have been. Others have not been so fortunate.

The half marathon at Silverstone is a personal challenge, one I never thought I would undertake. To run more than a couple of miles seemed so far out of reach when I first started training. Now I am determined to complete the event.

This is the first of many events I want to participate in and it is fitting that the date of the event – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2011 is near the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of when I had to have a kidney removed following a car accident.

Please help me raise vital funds for Kidney Research UK safely and securely by sponsoring me online at <u>http://www.kidneyresearchukevents.org/chriscope</u>. Alternatively, please contact me directly 07715991084. If you feel you cannot donate but know someone who could, please pass on the details.

I thank you in anticipation of your support with this fundraising. **Chris Cope** 



In Memoriam

Paul Gunton

Taken too soon on 12th February 2011 aged 54. Beloved husband, father and grandfather. Much loved and never forgotten.

> R.I.P my darling Beverley

### Community Tree Planting



The WI has recently been allocated 100 trees, free of charge, from the Woodland Trust.

As a joint community project the Gardening Club have teamed up with WI and will assist with the planting.

The trees will be used primarily to replace those that have been damaged or died off and the group are in the process of carrying out a survey across the entire village.

During the survey, it may be possible to offer trees to individual residents for planting preferably in front gardens or privately owned frontage.

We will of course advise residents of this offer during the survey and will be seeking additional help with the planting which is anticipated at the end of March.

### Mawsley Open Gardens

with Scarecrows and Table Tops Sunday 12th June 2011 2pm until 5pm

WI Cream teas at The Centre Ride a Segway at The Centre Garden Art Exhibition Hanging baskets on sale

Would you be willing to open your garden, make and display a scarecrow or sell items on a table top outside your house? The scarecrow can be any character of your choice. The table tops can be business or personal items.

To take part or for more information please contact Sarah on 790517.

Do you need space? Want to get rid of your stuff? Why don't you bring it along to The Centre?

### **Mawsley Flea Market**

Bric-a-Brac, Nearly New and Collectables

### Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup>

Doors open from 12.00 until 3.00pm Sellers from 11.00am Entrance fee – 50p per person (children free!)

Hire a table for £10.00 – Hurry! Tables going fast! Let the kids enjoy some face painting, hot dogs, cakes and toy tombola Donate anything and we will sell it – proceeds to WI

> For more info and to book a table, please call Brenda – 799116 John - 791691

### **Could It Be Magic at The Centre?!**

All the Take That 2011 UK tour venues are sold out.....

but we still have tickets for the TAKE THAT TRIBUTE BAND on 26th March.

Only £10 and selling fast.

It's amazing! It's here! Have the GREATEST DAY and leave the KIDZ at home!

And there's more.....

The Centre is hosting a Wedding Fayre on 6th March from 2pm to 6pm. Free Entry. There will be 22 trade stands, so get your wedding details sorted once and for all.



At the Heart of Your Community

Yet more..... Steve O'Conner will be singing in the bar. Saturday 12th March, 9 till 12 **Free Entry** Steve is back by popular request. He's a cracker. He's also very funny.

And yet even more, but later..... Apologies, but the Fashion Show has been postponed. It will now be on 30th April, £3.50 entry.

And Quiz Night continues every month.....

...on the last Thursday at 8:00pm. We will be looking at ways to refresh the format shortly, but in the meantime the prize for the winning team has been increased to £30 of bar vouchers. It's a very relaxed, fun evening so try it !

And .....

Watch the Royal Wedding on the big screen and enjoy a celebratory BBQ!

The Centre, 799528

### Maintenance and Adoption Work

For some reason unknown, the planned adoption work along Main Street did not commence and we are making representations on this matter to the MD of Taylor Wimpey, Mr Steve Farmer.

It has also been necessary to inform Taylor Wimpey of delays in the rectification to street lighting despite several residents referring problems to their Head Office and the lack of direct contact with their site managers. In the meantime, residents should continue to report lighting problems that are TW's responsibility to their office on 0116 2816445

Problems with heavy construction vehicles using the Broughton Road route instead of Loddington Way, plus a build up of mud on Hawthorn Avenue at the Farm View building site, has been brought to the attention of Lodge Park Builders and we expect that they will keep the road clear of mud and instruct their contractors of the correct construction traffic route.

#### **Bus Shelter**

Estimates for the cost of the hard standing have been presented to Parish Council and the final decision is subject to the availability of funding assistance from KBC, NCC and dedication of the land from Taylor Wimpey.

#### Litter Control

Because of windy conditions at the last recycling collection, a considerable amount of litter was blown out of the overfilled boxes without secure lids. The collection point opposite Link Lane/Loddington Way at The Old Gorse Way perimeter and The Green opposite The Centre are almost always affected. Because of the problem opposite Link Lane, a voluntary litter pick had to be done in this area and around the pond. Borough Council are unable to offer full street cleaning until adoption, but can offer additional boxes with secure lids, free of charge that may alleviate these problems...by calling 01536 410333

Tom Sanders

#### Mawsley Parish Council Elections – 5 May 2011 Would you like to stand for election?

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Please note that you must apply by using the required application form (available from the Clerk), not simply by writing an application letter.

For more information as to the requirements and duties please visit <u>www.stand-and-deliver.com</u> or contact Diana MacCarthy (Clerk to Mawsley Parish Council) on 01536 790573

### Mawsley Church

As Christmas slips into history and we all look hopefully toward the summer, we find ourselves facing Easter and an extra bank

holiday. Is it all too much, what does it all mean? As we move forward we have a time in the church called Lent when we reflect on life and how we live it.

Mawsley church is a group of people who are on a journey together, trying to find the way. We meet in small groups and also at The Centre.

SPACE on Sunday continues on the first Sunday of each month. Come along for a bacon roll and cup of coffee, let the children enjoy the Children's SPACE and take a few minutes timeout yourself in the Quiet SPACE. Reflect on your life and consider the things you rarely have time to consider, the purpose of everything, the reason for being.

In February we enjoyed having the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides renew their Promise at our service in The Centre. Our service in March (20th) will be a communion celebration and there will be a special activity for the children to enjoy.

Several people have been in touch about getting married recently and if you are thinking about it then make contact to talk about getting married in church and what difference it makes. We will be at the Wedding Fayre on March 6th in The Centre so come and have a chat.

Contact Rev'd Richard Priestley on 790140 or look at the website <u>www.mawsleychurch.net</u>

Services

March 13th 9:30am March 20th 8:00am 10:30am March 27th 10:30am Communion @ Cransley Parish Church Communion @ Cransley Parish church Communion Celebration @ The Centre Cransley Family Praise

Don't forget SWISH - March 25th - contact Denise 07704 100082



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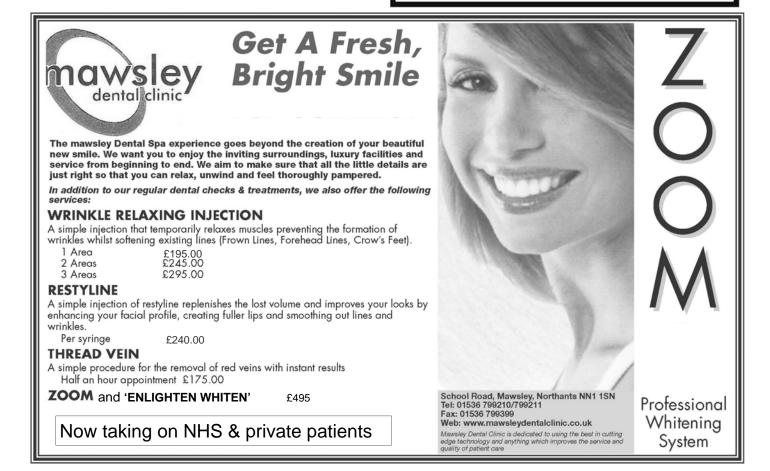


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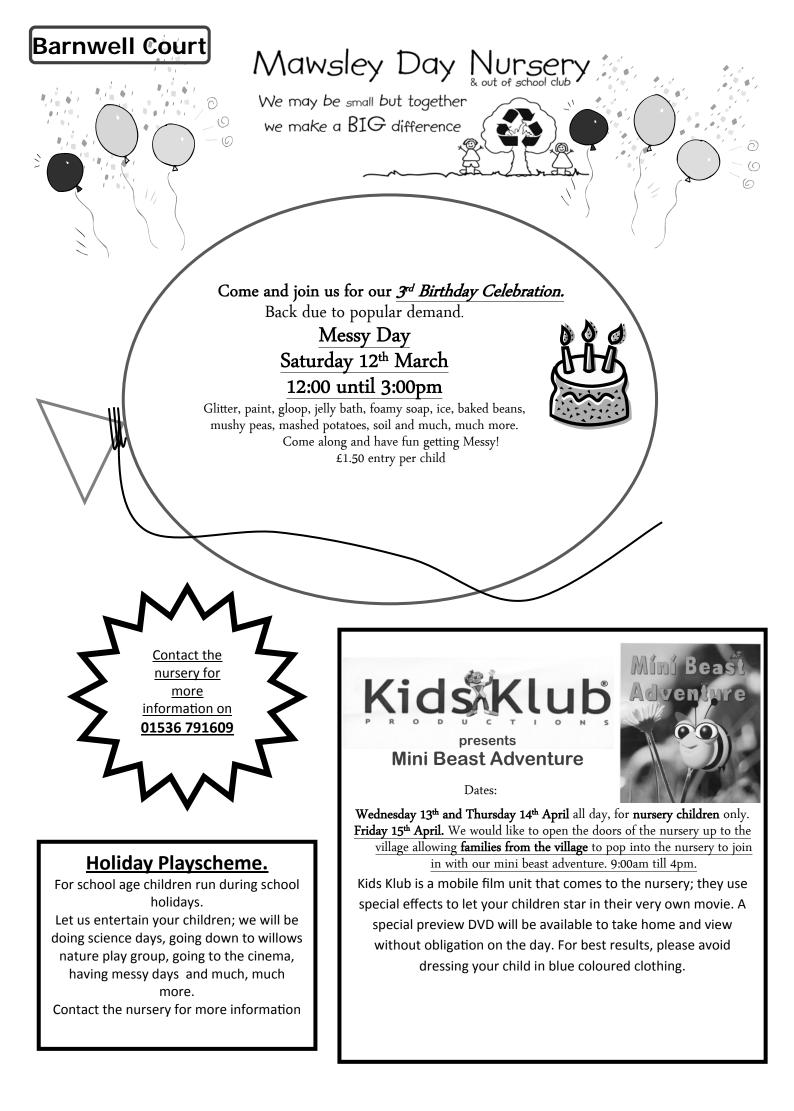


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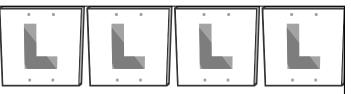
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