



# Mawsley News & Views

September 2012

## Be part of it!

The trouble with moving to a new place is that it can be difficult, and take time, to feel part of the community you move into. You often hear people joke that they've only been there for 20 years so have not yet been accepted: that they are still 'incomers'. They find that they can't change things because 'it's always been done like that here'. When these people tell you about their village it will often be in terms of 'they' do this or that.

Well, it's not like that in Mawsley! What happens here is what 'we' do, not what 'they' do. We are all 'incomers'. Nothing has been done the same way or by the same people here for twenty years. The way it works here is that if you have a good idea for something and a bit of energy then you just get on and do it. Mawsley Fun Day turning into Mawsley Fete is a good example - over the years it has moved from May, to June to July and there have been four different organisers over the last five years. It's always been good, but never the same.

There are a few people who have been involved for a long time but none of them is wanting to do it all. They provide continuity but they need help and fresh blood and new ideas. When these people ask for help they genuinely do need help. Bob Littler cannot, singlehandedly, complete all the requirements of the bid for funding for the older children's play area. There's a lot to do in a short time to a required standard if we are to get the money. So if there's something on that list on page 3 that you could help with - be part of it.

And Martin Bentley can't run Bonfire Night on his own - our insurers would not permit it even if he was superman. Why not be part of it?

The same applies to News & Views. The 'Views' part of it is for what 'you' think. This time a few of you have responded by letter to what was published in July, so this is the first time that we possibly have more Views than News. Brilliant! More please! It was parking and maintenance that sparked that reaction. Hopefully you will find something in this issue as well to interest, amuse or annoy you. Don't keep it to yourself - please send your comments in, especially if you've never done so before.

I look forward to hearing from you. Be part of it!

Editor

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You can't have a front page without a picture - and I think this is a good one. Bob Littler and Richard Barnwell at the opening of The Centre in 2007. They have both been involved from the very beginning in getting the village off to a good start and are both still working on our behalf. A very good reason to put their picture on the front page!  
*Editor*



# Mawsley Day Nursery

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In addition to this, we provide a nature playgroup (Willows Wonderland) which allows children to climb trees, make mud pies and simply spend time running around an open field. We also have the added bonus of a sensory room which consists of dimmed lighting, projection lighting equipment, fibre optic lights, bubble tubes, disco ball, mirrors and soft cushioning. This room offers a relaxing and calm environment where children can interact, control and investigate through their sensory exploration.



The nursery is eco-friendly and we believe that the children should learn the importance of protecting their environment. We encourage children to grow their own food and help to prepare it for their yummy nursery meals and snacks. By ensuring our heartbeat awarded menus are nutritious and well-balanced and by staff leading the children by good example, we encourage all children to enjoy their food. We emphasize the importance of recycling too, mainly by encouraging children to use recycling bins and of course, the firm favourite activity, junk modelling!

The nursery curriculum adheres to the Early Years Foundation Stage where a large emphasis is based on independence through "free-choice play" which allows children to lead their experiences through personal interests. This enables children the opportunity to participate without any adult intervention allowing them to produce whatever they desire from an activity of their choice.

We believe in embedding traditional values, such as manners, respect for themselves and others and basic life skills. We are sure many of you can remember a time with no mobile phones, computers or endless hours of TV, just plain old time spent playing with pots and pans, making dens behind the sofa, climbing trees and general innocent mischief. Although we cannot turn back time, we try our best to provide a balance of old and new.

The nursery cooperates closely with the village school and together they engender strong community links between the children and staff alike. In this way, regular communication between nursery practitioners, teachers and parents enhances awareness of the needs or support a child may require. We aim to prepare every child as best possible for their adventure to school and working so closely with the school ensures our children experience a smooth transition.

Please feel free to contact us for more information!  
We look forward to hearing from you.



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## Older Children's Play Area

We need just one final push!!

Things are looking promising re the older children's play area. However there is some final work to do before we can get a commitment for all the funding.

I no longer have the time to do all this myself, so the MVA needs your help.

What do we need to do?

- get further quotes for the equipment and installation;
  - finalise a project plan, showing a timeline of installation;
  - finalise the layout of the site; determining where each piece of equipment will go;
  - design, cost out and organise landscaping;
- this all then gives rise to a schedule of claims for release of funds.



All this must be completed by the end of November; I know that sounds a long way away but it isn't!

So how can you get in touch to offer to help?

**There will be an informal meeting for prospective helpers at The Centre on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September, at 8:00. Please just turn up. If you can't make that then email me:**

**[boblittler@btconnect.com](mailto:boblittler@btconnect.com)**

I'm sorry to have to say this, but unless people come forward to help then the project is likely to lapse.

Bob Littler

*Following the appeal in the previous News & Views for someone to take over the MVA's Baby & Toddler Group as Sarah Hart had resigned, I am delighted to be able to say that the MVA has appointed a team of four village mums to take it on. This has been a very successful, fun and informal group and I'm sure the new team will continue its role as a great way for mums and their children to meet and relax.*

Bob Littler

### Mawsley Villagers Association

#### Annual General Meeting

will be held on **Sunday 7th October**

**at 12 noon at The Centre**

**All Welcome**

## Baby & Toddler Group

Mawsley's Thursday morning Baby & Toddler Group has a new leadership team and a new look.



A handful of village mums, all associated with and supported by Mawsley Church, will be running the popular group when it returns on September 6.

In addition to keeping popular features such as snack time, dressing up and the sing-a-long farewell, a number of new elements will be added. The group is introducing a junk modelling table, a craft table, dedicated story area and home area which will have a different activity each week. All of these will be tied together by a different theme each half term.

The baby area has been given a make-over to try to make it more comfortable for breast and bottle feeding and a high chair is now available for the use of any babies being weaned.

The group is still aimed at all pre-school children, from birth to five, and everyone who attends is invited to make suggestions about how the group should develop going forwards.

The team is keen to restock toys and are seeking donations of good quality items.

**The group will now run from 9.15am to 11am every Thursday at The Centre at Mawsley during term time.**

For more information call:

Mandy on 07716 116103, Anthea on 07596 022525,  
Rachael on 07990 942164 or Laura on 07742 108488.

## Bonfire Night Sat 3rd November Help needed

*As summer draws to a close it's time to think about November and bonfires.*

*For those of you who missed last year's Bonfire Night we had a super display together with bonfire, and it was a great night.*

*Preparations for this year are already underway, but as ever it all depends on people putting a little time in to help; be it*

- selling entry tickets,
- selling raffle tickets,
- acting as crowd marshals or
- simply helping with the preparation on the day.



*If you are willing to help please could you contact me, Martin Bentley, at*  
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*All offers of help will be very much appreciated.*

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Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September - 11am until 3pm  
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### Dates for your diary from The Centre

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2012**

**Celebrate Christmas at The Centre**

- \* Father Christmas turning the Christmas tree lights on
- \* Children's Christmas party
- \* Mulled wine & Mince Pies
- \* Christmas craft activities

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012**

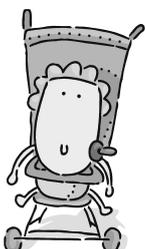
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# From Mawsley Parish Council

*Peter Thomas, Chair of Mawsley Parish Council, reports here on the informative meeting which took place last week. Fourteen residents and representatives from Kettering Borough Council also attended.*

## **What does it feel like to be adopted?**

Mawsley can't answer that question.... Yet. But following the September Parish Council meeting, we at least know a little more about where we are with many of the areas that fall within Kettering Borough Council's (KBC) responsibility.

Julia Becket, Deputy Chief Executive of KBC, kindly accepted our request to come to the meeting and update us on a number of issues we've been chasing over the months and years. There was a good turn-out of villagers too, giving us a great opportunity to have a really strong discussion on these issues, and demonstrating the level of concern residents share with us on the Parish Council at the incredibly slow pace of progress.

## **Playing Field**

There's good news, in that the playing field is close to becoming a Queen Elizabeth II Field in Trust, providing a level of protection for this valuable community open space in perpetuity, which will be great for the village. It's just a case of getting the paperwork sorted out now.

## **Public Open Spaces**

Other areas of public open space are now close to adoption by KBC, with a commuted sum being negotiated with Taylor Wimpey (TW). This sum is a figure agreed between the two parties that TW hand over with the land to cover the cost of on going maintenance, normally for a period of 10 years, preventing KBC having a sudden increase in costs. Julia did indicate that while there is no set timescale for these negotiations, the belief was we were looking at weeks or months at worst before agreement is reached.

The Parish Council have in the past, prepared a map of such areas to try to ensure none get 'missed' and we're happy at this stage with the progress now being made. It's taken a long time to get to this point, without doubt, but it at last looks like that light at the end of the tunnel isn't a bloke with a torch coming the other way!

## **Eco Meadow**

The wild flower meadow, off School Road across the road from the school, has been inspected by the Wildlife Trust, at the Parish Council's request. They say it's performing well so far, although it will take time to establish, with the right maintenance and mowing programme being key to this process. KBC are talking to TW about how much their budget for these works will achieve and whether KBC's own team can deliver more for the same money. Either way, at long last, this area is finally showing signs of getting to a point where we want it to be.

## **Roads and pavements**

While the adoption of the roads and pavements is the responsibility of the County Council and not the Borough Council, we have an assurance from Julia she will discuss this with colleagues at County level, to make sure progress is as quick as it can be, recognising again it's been a long time getting to this stage and our patience isn't infinite. All Mawsley's roads are included in these discussions and are intended to be finished and adopted.

Unfortunately, adoption of the areas of the village that are currently owned by David Wilson Homes appears, on the face of it, to be a little less advanced. There have been some concerns recently that these areas wouldn't get adopted, or DWH were going to stop maintaining them. There was a short 'blip' in what has otherwise been excellent maintenance. Some misunderstanding of the processes involved and perhaps the messages being sent out, along with this short-lived pause in maintenance, understandably stirred these fears. At the time of our meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, KBC were awaiting a response from the DWH board to their suggestion of a suitable figure for the commuted sum to enable adoption to take place. So it looks like the situation is a lot better than some had feared. Negotiations are ongoing and at least KBC and DWH are talking to each other on this, with a clear desire from both sides to get things buttoned up.

## **Finally**

This is by no means a full and comprehensive answer to all our collective questions. We don't know dates for the various steps involved in getting the roads, pavements and open spaces adopted, for instance. Nor is it likely there will ever be fixed dates for this process. This also isn't a full list of all the discussion that took place on the night. It's more aimed at showing there is a clear commitment from KBC to recognise the improvements in communication needed to keep the village up to date with progress. Julia has demonstrated this by saying she'll get us a progress report for our next meeting on October 1<sup>st</sup>. There's also a determination the part of KBC, echoed by the drive demonstrated by Chris Leeson, Taylor Wimpey's representative who came to our July meeting, to get Mawsley finished.

Properly.  
As intended.  
As promised.  
For the benefit and hopefully to the satisfaction of all the village.

Peter Thomas  
Chair, Mawsley Parish Council

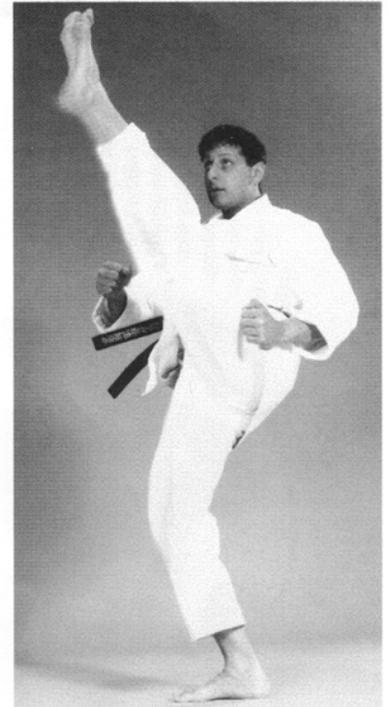
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Auditions have now taken place for MADS' 2013 pantomime, Aladdin, but we still have some parts up for grabs. There are both speaking and non-speaking parts still available. Also, we still have a few places to fill in our chorus which is ideal for younger children and will involve some short dance routines and short non-speaking parts.

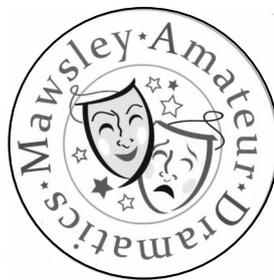


If you would like to take part, please contact Gareth by e-mail [garethn@hotmail.fr](mailto:garethn@hotmail.fr) or phone (01536) 790864 as soon as possible. Definitive casting will take place by the end of September. (Please note I won't be available during part of September, but will respond to messages as soon as I can).

The pantomime will take place in early February 2013 and rehearsals start at the end of September.

Thank you to everyone who supported us at the Village Fête day – we hope you enjoyed the jousting event!

Gareth Norris



## Christmas Tree

As everyone can see, the Christmas tree planted last year at The Centre has unfortunately died. Not really a surprise given that it had to be dug up and transplanted. With a large tree this is always a risky undertaking and, despite best efforts with watering etc., it didn't survive. Consequently, it now needs to be replaced. We are very grateful to the Parish Council and the MVA who have generously given in the past so, this time, we feel that it is up to Mawsley villagers to raise the money for a replacement tree and some lights to go on it.

MAD are pushing the appeal forward and we would ask any other village groups (or individuals) if they could possibly make a contribution – any amount would be very welcome. We already have £80 donated from Open Gardens day.

If you feel you can help, please contact Vic Cope on 799643 and let us know how much you feel able to give. We will then be able to get the ball rolling as soon as ever possible and, hopefully, we will have a replacement tree in time for the village Christmas festivities.

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**Fireworks at 6.30pm**

**Outside Bar**

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The other stuff:

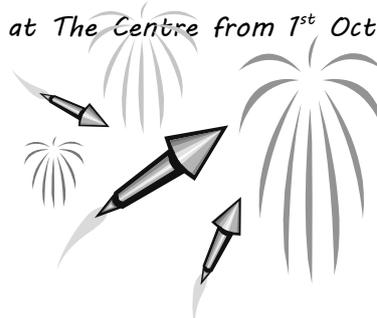
- No sparklers please; this is an insurance requirement.
- There will be no room for parking.
- The site will be lit but you may find bringing a torch is helpful.

Yes, we know it's only September but you wouldn't want to miss it!

### **Ticket promotion**

Buy your ticket in advance and get a £1 voucher to be spent on any drink at The Centre on the night.

We will try to call at every house to sell tickets but they will also be on sale at The Centre from 1<sup>st</sup> October.



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# Letters to the Editor

In answer to the comments in the last newsletter from a Mawsley resident complaining that they don't have convenient spaces to park their cars (and Taylor Wimpey don't help with the replacement of a nicely bricked layby on School Road with a pile of mud and weeds for no apparent sensible reason, thereby removing up to 3 parking spaces ) all I would ask is that if you have a parking area allocated to your property or garage, please use it. If you however do not have either of these, and have to park in the streets, then please park considerately.

**For instance the Highway Code states -**

**DO NOT stop or park - opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space**

For further information, the Highway Code can be found at - [http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/TravelAndTransport/Highwaycode/DG\\_069860](http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/TravelAndTransport/Highwaycode/DG_069860)

So please don't park opposite residential streets opening on to a T junction, near any junction or any particularly narrow areas of road thereby allowing vehicles wider than a bicycle to get past. (All of these areas are even more difficult to navigate in the winter when there is snow and ice on the road). In particular there is always the worry of emergency vehicles being restricted in access when one of our villagers are at their most vulnerable and in need of help. Remember one day it might be you! *(Name & address supplied)*

Dear Editor

I feel that something will have to be done about the inconsiderate drivers in the village. If the Parish Council can't do anything then perhaps the Police can.

In the past few days I have come across vehicles parked in front of the post box, with no room to park in front to post my mail, as the gap was right on top of the junction. I parked behind only to block the alleyway from the road, which caused one driver to wait and block the road until I moved away. Yesterday whilst using the bus we had another comedian parking on The Green roundabout opposite the Centre but not in the bay, causing the bus driver to stop and juggle the bus past the obstruction by going onto the verge opposite and today some other comedian has parked by the drop kerb blocking the way to the surgery.

Also we still have the problem of the white arrows needing painting in Barnwell Court because there'll be an accident with drivers not using the right way to exit.

Mick Podd

Dear Editor,

I feel that it needs to be pointed out very clearly that Mawsley Village has a 20mph speed limit throughout the **whole** village. However, it would seem that quite a number of drivers think this does not apply to them. We've all heard all the old excuses:- it's a building site, I was late for work, I have a delivery schedule to keep up etc. etc. Yes, this may be your reasoning but it cannot alter the fact that **the 20mph limit is law and applies to everybody!**

You may ask yourself why a 20mph zone? Mawsley has a very high proportion of young families living here which, by the law of averages, gives rise to a very large number of children. The Government slogan is **"Kill your speed not a child"** so the reason is blatantly obvious.

Vast numbers of children catch the school buses in the morning and arrive home in the same numbers late afternoon. The clocks will soon go back making the mornings darker and so necessitating extra care from both pedestrians and motorists alike.

Mawsley is a great place to live in - please, please adhere to the speed limit and keep it as safe as it possibly can be.

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Madam

I note the comments re parking made in the previous News & Views. I have also noted, for over 10 years, that many drivers speed in the village .

One answer is to park on the roads; it slows traffic down – to the benefit of all of us.

Alarm cries re this being a cause of accidents are nonsense; there haven't been any in 10 years and if there were they would be at low speed so no real damage.

Yours  
Bob Littler

Dear Editor

Please may I have a pair of the rose coloured glasses that some residents in the village have when they look through them at the grass cutting and maintenance around the village, as every where I look the only maintenance I can see is what the residents themselves have done.

Bring back T C Landscapers! At least they cut all the grass not just bits; they trimmed all the hedges and weed killed where necessary, unlike the fellows that do it now. I have lived in this village for almost 12years and I've never seen it look so tatty and unkempt.

Beverley Gunton

*The reference in the last News & Views to the maintenance looking good was in an article supplied by Taylor Wimpey.*

#### Mawsley Baby and Toddler Group

We finished the term with our leaver's party. The children enjoyed playing with all the equipment provided by Aardvark soft play. The children going to school received a book and certificate and everyone was given a bag of gold chocolate coins.

With Sienna starting school in September this was my last session. I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone for the cards and presents. Thursday morning will seem very strange after 5 and a half years of Baby and Toddler Group!!

Sarah Hart.

Dear Editor

### **Unadopted...why all the fuss?**

Many village residents are aware of the problems of living on our unadopted development for 12 years and the following are just some of the negatives.

1. We have had problems with defective street lighting, foot path, road maintenance, landscaping and street cleaning.
2. The value of a property can be negatively affected if a house is situated on a site that is not adopted.
3. Legal complications and increased associated solicitors' costs can be experienced when dealing with the sale of a property on an unadopted site.
4. Complications can be caused when looking at mortgage approvals.
5. Unmaintained sewers can cause bad smells and hygiene issues.
6. If the developer doesn't get the site adopted the Local Authority in the future can serve notice on the residents of a scheme who are accountable and required to pay for any required works.
7. Car insurance claims can sometimes be questioned if an accident has occurred on a private road (i.e. not adopted)
8. We are not receiving any reduction in council tax or sewer discharge / water rates even though our roads and sewers are not adopted or being maintained by the council!!!!

Unfortunately, the progress by the developers has been less than satisfactory, with just 2 Phases completed in the last 3 years with several interruptions in the work, resulting in even greater deterioration in some locations.

As a result of recent problems with maintenance and landscaping services on the David Wilson (DWH) development, I and several other residents contacted senior personnel at DWH, Kettering Borough Council (KBC) and Northants County Council (NCC) and they have all listed financial restraints and negotiation issues on the adoption settlement and that 20% of the Mawsley site is not on the Phased Adoption Plan.

I also raised this issue at the August 13<sup>th</sup> Mawsley Parish Council meeting with a request that they seek detailed information from KBC and NCC on the problems affecting the adoption process and that all residents are informed and can make a balanced judgement on the next course of action, such as referral to central government or independent advice.

Tom Sanders

*See the report (on page 7) of the Parish Council meeting at which these issues were discussed and information was supplied, and Taylor Wimpey's report of progress (page 15).*

*On behalf of the MVA, and indeed of the village's Under 5s (some of whom are now over 9), I would like to thank Sarah for all the effort she put to make the Baby & Toddler group such a success. This went way beyond Sarah's leading of the singing and actions of "the wheels on the bus". Rarely have I seen this done so enthusiastically; and even more rarely the calls for a third encore coming from the lead singer.*

*Thank you Sarah.*  
Bob Littler

Dear Friends in Mawsley

I just wanted to say a special thank you to my many friends in Mawsley. During the last 8 years I have met some really special friends and had excellent neighbours and I do thank you all for your kindnesses to me, especially when I broke my arm at the end of 2010, when meals were delivered and many helping hands and lifts were always available.

I am now quite settled here in Rushden and enjoying life but will always remember my time in Mawsley, particularly in the early days when street lights were few and far between and we joined together in groups with torches in order to get to one of the village organisations! There was no Community Centre in those days and we made our own fun, and it was great.

I will keep in touch and hope to see many of you from time to time. very best wishes and thanks again.

Pat Ellis

..and (Not the) letters to the Editor

Ma'am,

Having watched in horror the daily combination of speeding traffic and congested traffic on Main Street, I feel that it is now time for me to propose the only solution to the daily traffic chaos we have to endure..... the creation of Mawsley's first Dual Carriageway!

My logic is simple:

1 – Straighten the road from the first entrance to the village through to the T-Junction by the Doctors Surgery.

2- Make this a Dual Carriageway and, at the same time, declare it an "Urban Freeway".

Simultaneously this will ensure the average speed of drivers on Main Street will be reduced to the national speed limit for dual carriageways of 70 mph AND ensure that cars cannot be parked on the carriageway thereby causing congestion.

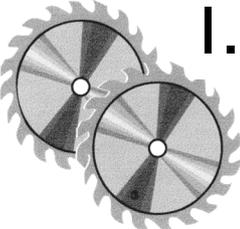
This may result in the foreshortening of several front gardens along Main Street and the removal of the Village Pond but, ultimately, I am sure that the improved traffic flow will be of great benefit to the underlying economic infrastructure.

Alfred McAlpine.

Ma'am

**Mi Casa Es Su Casa?** Not if you don't have a key or have not been invited.

Mrs G Grump.



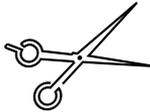
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## Taylor Wimpey's report on progress in the village.

### Programmed works drive forward

Taylor Wimpey's Regional Engineering Manager Chris Leeson is pleased to report that the road surfacing works in Phases 2 (Main Street & The Green), 4 (School Road) and 6 (Cransley Rise & Symonds Way) are nearing completion. The works will soon be ready to advance to the formal maintenance period with Northamptonshire County Council following the completion of the retrospective legal agreements.

Tenders will be sought for the completion of the roads in Phase 3 (Loddington Way) during the first week of September, with work anticipated to commence in October.

Drainage infrastructure inspections will take place as work progresses on Phase 3, while the two foul water pumping stations will be advanced to an adoptable standard in preparation for their handover to Anglian Water.

Legal agreements with Anglian Water have also been formed for the drainage infrastructure for all of the Phase 2 sewers, and will soon be signed.

The open spaces and verges in Mawsley are also being maintained on a regular basis.

### Positive feedback

A successful consultation period saw Mawsley residents provide plenty of positive feedback on a series of proposed revisions to line markings and junction arrangements in the village, with only very minor revisions made to the scheme.

The work commenced during the final week of August and it was anticipated the new line marking schemes would be completed in time for the new school term, weather permitting.

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## MAWSLEY CHILDREN PLAY SHORT MAT BOWLS

As you know, the village organisations were asked to let our local children join in various Olympic Sports events. The school's plan was to enable 160 children to try Short Mat Bowls over a period of six weeks. Needless to say, our club was very willing to assist although we did wonder how things would turn out bearing in mind that most of us are over 60 and the children ranged between 5 and 7.

Well, what a pleasant surprise when they all arrived at different times over the six week period. The children were well behaved, well mannered and cheerful. They paid attention to any advice given (*although left and right did pose problems at times*) and tackled the game with gusto. They may have been small in stature but their enthusiasm was huge. They understood that the

point of the game was to get as near to the jack as possible and when someone scored a hit we needed new eardrums because the cheering shook the walls! They all did their best and the results were outstanding and much enjoyed by all who took part.

It only remains to say well done to all children, teachers and helpers who took part and to thank you all for the wonderful party you gave for all the organisations at the end of the series.



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Our summer is over, the little we had, and 1<sup>st</sup> Mawsley Brownies are raring to go with the new term.

This autumn term will see us working towards our cycling badge, so if you need to be reminded about the Highway Code or need a puncture fixed – find a BROWNIE!

We have also been very lucky to be given a free night of Segway riding at the Willows Nursery – we are looking forward to this and can't wait to see who has the best and worst co-ordination / balance!

The other fun things we will be getting up to this term are celebrating Halloween and Bonfire Night and having outings to the Gang Show, Christmas Panto, making muffins in a cup and fashion outfit from rubbish so.....

If you think your daughter would like to join Brownies (we are full at the moment but operate a waiting list) please contact us!

**Urgent need of another helper** (to keep us within our child/adult ratios – so if you have some spare time (one hour from 18:45 to 19:45 on a Monday evening) to join in with the fun and help out with the unit please contact us: Sarah Blackman – 01536 799684 or [Sarah.blackman@cmu.nhs.uk](mailto:Sarah.blackman@cmu.nhs.uk)

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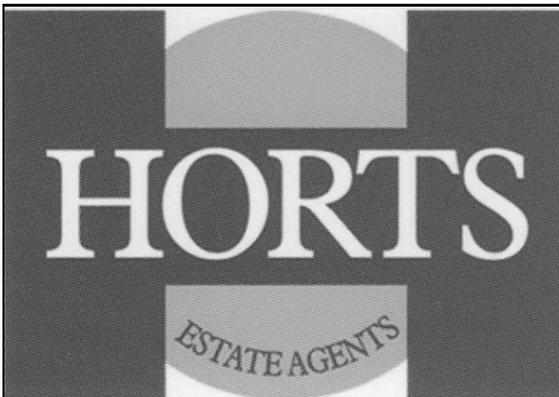
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The traditional method and most common way houses are sold in England is by an estate agent placing an 'asking price' on a property and then trying to achieve an offer as close as possible to this figure. Although most homes are sold in this way it can be time consuming and stressful for the vendors. If you reside at the property, you may have to entertain quite a number of viewings at times that may often be inconvenient until an acceptable offer is achieved. Once a sale is agreed, subject to contract, it will normally take another eight weeks until exchange.

In some cases, a better way of gaining interest in a property which also often results in achieving a higher sale price may be by 'informal tender'. This method means the agent sets a 'guide price' only and then encourages potential purchasers to place an offer, in writing, by a pre-set 'closing date'. Viewings can be done in 'open house' style, which means that at set times multiple buyers will look around with an estate agent. This method of sale has many advantages, as it encourages more offers. All buyers need to verify

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So, next time you ask an estate agent out to value a property ensure they have access to all means necessary in order to achieve the best possible price for you.

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# Mawsley Fete

**The weather that weekend was atrocious.** The big event at Kelmarsh Hall was cancelled, and fetes and galas across the country were washed out but, probably because we were used to wet events by then, Mawsley Fete and Cider festival went ahead almost as planned.

Understandably the Ice Cream van didn't arrive, the Bouncy Castle man decided that soaking wet bouncy castles wouldn't be any fun for anyone and the straw bales were too wet to sit on but apart from that it was business as usual.. As the shadows on the photograph prove the sun actually came out that afternoon.

The arena events moved from the field to the patio so that Overload Street Dance, Zumba, Day Nursery children and Line Dancers had a dry surface to dance on in front of an appreciative crowd both inside and outside the bar. The stalls in the Main Hall were kept busy all afternoon, Cider and Pimms flowed and the Rodeo Bull was bucking all afternoon. The Mayor and Mayoress spent several hours with us on what turned out to be a very good day for the village and for The Centre.

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Our next meetings are:

- ❖ September 12<sup>th</sup> 'Northamptonshire and the Gunpowder Plot' with Malcolm Deacon. A topical and interesting subject.
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## Flu Vaccines

A reminder that we are fast approaching the Flu vaccination period in the surgery. We are expecting vaccine supplies from the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September so please visit our web site [www.mawsleymedical.co.uk](http://www.mawsleymedical.co.uk) for information about flu clinics which will have the latest information from the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September onwards.

If you suffer with asthma, chronic heart disease, Renal failure, COPD and Bronchitis, Cancer or if you are 65 years and over then you are entitled to receive a flu vaccine. If you are unsure about whether you are entitled to a free flu vaccine then please contact the surgery and we will be able confirm this for you and offer you an appointment. Due to the Department of Health strict guidance on a patient's entitlement to a flu vaccine, we cannot offer them to patients not meeting the above criteria. Please check with Boots or Tesco Pharmacy who may be able to help.

Please be aware that we will not be sending out reminder letters this year due to the high cost of postage, instead we will redirect the funds to provide clinics on a couple of Saturday mornings and one late evening.

Angene Kane, Practice Manager.

## The Coffee Club has

continued with its regular meetings and outings. We have enjoyed coffee at The Centre at Mawsley followed by a delicious lunch also at The Centre. The food was very good and much enjoyed by everyone. I am sure we will want to do this again in the near future. We have also had our annual Garden Party which raised £65.80 for the National Association for the Blind. The rain held off and it was good to be outside for one of our annual events.



Seventeen of our members went on a coach trip to Buckingham Palace in August. We all had a great time and fortunately we did not have to endure the three thunderstorms that you had in Mawsley on that day. We arrived just in time for the changing of the guard; some even had time to take a taxi for some retail therapy in Harrods. Our tour of the Palace commenced at 1.30p.m. What a place! We were fortunate to see the latest exhibition of some of the royal diamonds, tiaras and the small crown that Queen Victoria and others wore and all followed by tea in the Garden Restaurant - very nice even though the scones were £4.75 each!!!

On Saturday September 1st, thirteen of our members went off to the Portobello Road Antiques market.

If any of you are interested in knowing just what the Coffee Club is then please telephone Molly 790781 or Jean 799490.

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# Space



Mawsley church

What a summer it's been! We've had some memorable times at church and as a community. During the summer we had several informal semi-spontaneous gatherings, Stanwick Lakes for a picnic, someone's home for supper, another for lunch and a group walked to the pub for a meal. As people went on holiday others stepped in to help with services. Some went to a festival together and just managed to survive the raining. And now we look forward to the autumn and new groups starting.

In the coming weeks we will continue to meet on Sundays at 10:30am. There is a service each week apart from the first Sunday in the month when we have bacon rolls and a relaxed time to meet together. There is always a quiet space for individuals to reflect and pray and something organised to do with the children.

There are organised children's groups on Sunday mornings twice a month and the other week is an all-age service. We have also started our weekly groups up again after the summer. These are times to meet up and share life together. It's a great way to explore more about life and faith with others who are doing the same thing. So if you would like to know more about how to get involved or find a place to belong then come along on a Sunday or call Richard or Mandy (790140)

For more traditional services you can go to Cransley or Broughton Churches. Again ask for details.

#### Services in Mawsley all at 10:30am

1st Sunday	SPACE on Sunday - a cafe with bacon rolls and tea or coffee.
2nd Sunday	Worship with children's groups
3rd Sunday	All-age worship followed by shared lunch
4th Sunday	Communion with children's groups
5th Sunday	Parish service in Cransley

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## Crime on the increase

It was good to have PCSO Margaret Lawson and PC Martin Penhallow at last week's Parish Council meeting to provide the latest crime figures and discuss them with Councillors and residents. The news wasn't good.

There were 16 crimes in Mawsley last month including burglaries, theft from vehicles and of vehicles. Old Gorse Way appears to have been a particular target at the end of August.

The message from the officers was that in this warmer weather residents are more likely to be careless about leaving doors and windows open and opportunists will take advantage of any insecurity. We were told of thefts from open garages and homes while residents were at home mowing the back lawn or upstairs in the house.

Even locked up and over garage doors are relatively easy to open. The officers advised that padlocked bolts through the frame are the best way of making them secure. They also told us that everyone under suspicion of theft is scanned at the police station for SmartWater, so this is still a useful way of protecting your property.

## Message from PC Penhallow

My message this month is about making sure that people leave their vehicles, home and garages secure.

We have had a spate of burglaries/thefts in Mawsley and all but 2 were insecure.

This also includes not leaving valuables on display in your home and vehicle and making sure you are vigilant at all times with security, even when you're out washing your car or mowing the grass. Please don't leave unattended vehicles, homes, businesses and garages insecure. It only takes a minute for someone to walk in and take a laptop or mobile phone etc. **Remember you may not be insured if you leave property insecure.**

The police have increased patrols in the area and are investigating all the crimes, but please don't make easy for them. Always think SECURITY.

PC 1243 Martin Penhallow  
Telephone 03000 111 222,  
101 or 999 in an emergency  
Email: martin.penhallow@northants.pnn.police.uk



## Have your say

On the 15<sup>th</sup> November a Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Northamptonshire will be elected and will replace Northamptonshire Police Authority.

The Police and Crime Commissioner will be accountable for how crime is tackled across the County, and it is their role to represent the views of the public in relation to policing. A key area of their work will be around how they involve the public in their decision making.

Therefore Northamptonshire Police and Police Authority are asking you to **have your say** on policing and community safety.

You can do this by:

Taking part on our online survey by going onto [www.northants.police.uk](http://www.northants.police.uk)

Requesting a postal version of the survey, for copies of the survey please contact Jane Follows on 01604 888113

Or if you would prefer to respond collectively with friends or family, or as part of a group, you can request a "have your say" pack from Jane Follows on 01604 888113

Alternatively you can post your comments on the Police Facebook page [www.facebook.com/northantspolice](http://www.facebook.com/northantspolice)

The feedback from this consultation will help inform the PCC when setting their priorities for crime and policing for 2013/14. In addition the feedback will also help inform the work of the 6 Community Safety Partnerships across the County (Community Safety Partnerships consist of, in addition to the Police and Police Authority, representatives from local councils, NHS, Probations and others).

**The deadline date for taking part in this consultation is the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2012.**



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## Mobile Library

Despite the reduction in the county's mobile library service it continues to visit Mawsley regularly.

The library parks on School Road, near the top of Cowslip Hill, and comes on the second Sunday of the month from 2.15 - 3.15pm.

The next visit will be on 14th October.

Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit and DWP Drop in Surgery in the bar/lounge of

**The Centre at Mawsley on:**

**11th October**

11.30 am to 12.30 pm

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