

# Old Woughton Parish Council Newsletter

Woughton Park

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## KEEPING YOU IN TOUCH!

*Welcome to the April 2016  
issue of the Old Woughton  
Parish Council Newsletter.*

### Annual Parish Meeting

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April the Annual Parish Meeting of Old Woughton Parish Council was held in St. Mary's Church. The chairman of the council gave a review of the council's first 4 years as a separate entity, ably illustrated with slides. 43 parishioners attended and many expressed their thanks for the achievements so far. The council will endeavour to continue its success in the parish on behalf of the residents and as ever we welcome your comments, suggestions and criticisms where appropriate, although, like most people, we prefer the former rather than the latter! Ward councillor John Bint spoke highly of the way OWPC had handled many of the issues it had faced during the four years, and also he commended the parishioners for turning out to the meeting, commenting that the parish as a whole set an example to the rest of Milton Keynes. The parish council would like to thank the parishioners for their faithful support over its four years in office.



Two of our councillors, Peter McDonald and Stuart Bennett are retiring at the next council meeting, so OWPC would like to express its thanks to them for their service also. We wish them all the best for the future.

### Falconhurst School Trip

Two groups of year 5 students from Falconhurst School, Eaglestone, enjoyed a field trip to the Patch Allotments on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February. The visit was hosted by the Chair and Secretary of the Patch Allotments Association (PAA), Les Burgess and John Such, and started with a "class room" session in the PAA hut. Here Les explained some of the history of allotments in his usual jocular fashion. Then he asked the children to design a layout for an allotment and identify what they would like to grow in it.



The children also had a chance to walk around the allotments and, of course, to head for the chicken run. Here they met the chickens first hand and fed them. At the same time, Les was able to field the avalanche of questions.

The visit concluded with the bee enclosure, with more questions and answers about the bee's life cycle and what is required to maintain a healthy bee population. Fortunately the weather was fine, but still much too cold for any bees to venture out.

A follow up visit in June is under discussion so that the children will be able to see the allotments in full bloom and in warmer weather.

## Canal Towpath

OWPC is acutely aware of the need for repairs to the towpath and the hedging alongside the path. We have been exerting some pressure on the Canals and Rivers Trust over this issue, but it takes time and money and progress can be rather slow. We do not give up and will continue to push for the work to be done as soon as possible. Pressure by the general public often helps, so please continue to contact C&RT at: [customer.services@canalrivertrust.org.uk](mailto:customer.services@canalrivertrust.org.uk) You can also report nuisance and overstaying boats at this address, please also tell us about any issues.

## Christmas Estate Dinner

At the end of February, some forty plus residents (including several previous residents) of Woughton Park gathered for the annual Christmas Estate Dinner. Although it was somewhat further into the New Year than is the norm, the landlord of the "Inn on the Lake" was quite prepared to dress the tables in full Christmas fashion.

This is the third year that this event has been held at this venue and dinner was served in the private room at the rear of the restaurant. However there were one or two strange looks from diners in the main restaurant when they saw some of us wearing Christmas cracker hats in the bar.

Thanks once again must go to Tim Mason, for making the necessary booking and arrangements for what turned out to be another successful evening.



Following last year's inaugural, (and very popular) exhibition, Woughton Heritage presents: **'WOUGHTON, A CHANGING LANDSCAPE'**. This will be an historical and social study of Woughton (pre New Town) set against the backcloth of a developing world. It will be held in September 2016, on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>, 10am - 5pm, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>, 2pm - 5pm and Monday 12<sup>th</sup>, 10am - 2pm. The exhibition is in association with Heritage Open Days and will be held at St. Mary's Church, Newport Road, Woughton on the Green. If you would like further information or to join Woughton Heritage then please contact the secretary at: [Woughtonheritage@gmail.com](mailto:Woughtonheritage@gmail.com)

## Parish Council Meetings 2016:

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 7.30 AGM**

1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of New Council

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September

**All held in St Mary's Church,  
Woughton on the Green**

***The first 15 minutes of each meeting is reserved for the public to address the Council with questions or issues you wish to bring to our attention.***

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OWPC has a completely new website. Within it you will find information about the parish, the council's activities and links to all manner of other useful sources of information, including the borough council. There is also an opportunity for you to make your contribution to the life of the parish. Thanks go to Councillor Phil Nash for the time and effort he has invested in this. We are constantly adding information, so please visit us at:

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