

Old Woughton Parish Council Newsletter

Woughton Park

Woughton-on-the-Green

Passmore



KEEPING YOU IN TOUCH!

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

Allotment Open Day – Sat. 16th July

From 10am until 4pm, catch up with the latest developments at The Patch. Pick up ideas for your own garden, from the best of conventional to the plain quirky but effective. The bees are now comfortably settled into their apiary, being busily engaged in pollinating this year's crops. The hens range freely and supply a steady flow of fresh eggs. The Shop is fully stocked with the essentials for dedicated plot holders. Refreshments - FREE until THREE! will be served - hot & cold drinks, nibbles, cakes, biscuits, salad, barbequed sausages and burgers, all while stocks last. Enjoy an alfresco lunch PAA style - with a glass of your own wine, at your discretion. New this year, the PAA will be offering guided tours spread throughout the day, when visitors can savour the stories behind the events on the allotments in your community – see you on Saturday 16 July? & COMING SOON 6 August - VEGETABLE Show-off's 2016. Your chance to enjoy the "Best of the season so far".

Changing Councillors

This May two of our long-standing councillors retired and were replaced by new volunteers. Our sincere thanks are due to Stuart Bennett (WP south) and Peter McDonald (WoTG north) who have served since OWPC was established 4 years ago. Both have devoted considerable time and effort to helping build the parish and putting us firmly on the borough 'map'. We welcome the arrival of Charlotte Hall (WoTG south) and Richard Freeman (WP) and bid them many happy years in their turn. Charlotte is Vice Chair of the Patch Allotments and founder of "Woughton Heritage". Richard has been a long-standing member of Simpson and Ashland PC and is often to be found prowling our parish spotting issues with the Grand Union Canal and the environment. As part of this changeover it must also be noted that Rob Grindley now represents WoTG north.

It is really gratifying to see that our residents are keen to put themselves forward to represent the community in preserving our values and ensuring that we play our part in the evolution of Milton Keynes.

Towpath Repairs

OWPC have been working with the Canal and River Trust to progress repairs to the towpath, specifically the area near the "Iron Bridge" between Passmore and Woughton Park. We hope to affect these in July and continue to seek volunteers to help. If anyone is able to offer the use of a toilet within a 10 minute walk of this area, it would be most helpful. The necessary tasks can be suited to your strength and ability, so please come and join us. We will publish the date when we have it, as this has to be co-ordinated with C&RT.

Business at Home

Over the years many residents within our parish have undertaken to run their own businesses from home. It has come to our attention that MKC is keen to enforce specific planning regulations regarding this, so we felt it would be helpful to publish an overview of these. This way any resident who already runs a business from home, or anyone planning to start such a business, is kept informed of the planning permissions necessary, which generally concern issues of change of use.

The following is taken from the MKC Planning section of their website:

If the answer to any of the following questions is 'yes', then permission will probably be needed:

- *Will your home no longer be used mainly as a private residence?*
- *Will your business result in a marked rise in traffic or people calling?*
- *Will your business involve any activities unusual in a residential area?*
- *Will your business disturb your neighbours at unreasonable hours or create other forms of nuisance such as noise or smells?*

For further information, see:

www.planningportal.co.uk/info/200130/common_projects/56/working_from_home

The Queens 90th Birthday Party

Close to 50 residents attended the Woughton Park "Street Party" for the Queen's birthday celebrations on the 12th June, at the top end of Foxton. All residents contributed to the finger food and deserts, which presented a feast to anybody's eyes.

The weather had been promising rain from early on and duly arrived, but miraculously had cleared up by the opening time of 3pm, although marquees had been erected.

During the event, song sheets were provided and, accompanied by our resident pianist, along with the Woughton Warblers, (not to mention the arrival of the forecast rain), "Wartime" favourites were duly performed, ending with everybody standing to sing "Land of Hope and Glory". The now extremely heavy rain was pouring down, complete with thunder and lightning, adding some dramatic sound effects.

Leaks appeared where the marquees joined, much to the excitement of the children, though it has to be said, this did not dampen the proceedings in any way.

Congratulations must go to all those who organised the event, and everybody who braved the storm to the very end.



WOUGHTON HERITAGE PRESENTS:

'WOUGHTON, A CHANGING LANDSCAPE'

Saturday 10th September 2016: 10 - 5pm

Sunday 11th September 2016: 2 - 5pm

Monday 12th September 2016: 10 - 2pm

Free Entry

Refreshments Available

This Exhibition is in Association with Heritage Open Days

Location: St Mary's Church – Woughton on the Green

Rats and more Rats!

Thank you to some of the kind people of Old Woughton who discard their food leftovers out of their car windows, on foot or by bicycle. Sometimes it makes it more difficult for us as it is still in pizza boxes or fast food containers but you are really helping our population to thrive. We cannot think why you like turning a beautiful part of our city into a great environment for us, but thank you and we hope we don't give you too many germs in return. By the way we are not really interested in the bags of dog poo which hang from bushes or are just tossed on the ground. Cans, chocolate and crisp wrappers and cigarette packets are not on our menu either.

Mrs Rat

Parish Council Meetings 2016:

Monday 11th July

Monday 12th September

Monday 14 November

**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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