

Old Woughton Parish Council Newsletter

Woughton Park

Woughton-on-the-Green

Passmore



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

A Busy Day At The Canal

A huge thank you from OWPC goes to all those who took part in the first ever community canal work day. The weather was kind to us, the hard core was delivered in plenty of time and Sonny King from the Canal and River Trust arrived with his "comfort van!" (Mobile refreshments and toilet). Just over a dozen residents turned out, armed with trowels, spades, shovels and wheelbarrows. In less than 2 hours about 50 yards of towpath was repaired, amidst much camaraderie and exchanging of news. All of us went home with a real sense of achievement and talking cheerfully of the next opportunity. Around 15 of you have committed to the next event, which is scheduled for the 8th. October, so this looks set to be a productive morning also.



This cheerful labourer is Phil Wareham, who died suddenly 10 days later. He had such a big heart and a real sense of community.

Falconhurst School At The Patch

There was a second visit of year 5 students from Falconhurst School in Eaglestone, on July 14th, a follow up to February when the allotments were still

largely dormant. On this occasion the children were able to see the gardens in full bloom with evidence of the tenants' hard work. The children were challenged to identify the different crops growing on the plots. Some of the answers were surprising!

Of course, for the children, high on the list of things to do was a visit to feed the chickens. This allowed them a close up view of the ever inquisitive birds and a chance to pet them. Taking advantage of the sunny summer weather, the children brought picnic lunches. The visit was again hosted by the Chair and the Secretary of the Patch Allotments Association (PAA), Les Burgess and John Such and will be used to provide material for classroom projects.



Ridings Party At The Allotments

Friday 12th August was a blustery day and one particularly aggressive gust of wind carried off the marquee assembled by members of the Patch Allotment Association in readiness for one of its "Fish n' Chips" evening suppers. Undaunted, the team rose to the challenge of a truly al fresco event, and so the P.A.A's first ever Ridings Party took shape – like a "Street Party" but using a handy section of the network of access tracks called "Ridings" – all without needing a special permit from the council!

By 6.30pm the wind had abated and the sun was heading to its westerly horizon, silhouetted by nearby trees. Tables were set and guests were served with their choice of a bargain meal, pre-booked with Mr. Law's for piping hot delivery. Tea and choice of bread were on offer, while some guests came with bottles of their favourite wines.

Chattering guests lingered well beyond sunset, as dusk fell – “Thank you, organizers”, that’s PAA Chairman, Les Burgess, and his team.



Woughton Park Annual Barbeque

The recent Bank Holiday Weekend saw around 30 residents of Woughton Park gathered at “The Old Simpson School” in Newport Road, for their annual BBQ.

The venue was chosen because Mike and Maggie, the current owners of the school, wanted to celebrate the fact that it is 140 years since the school first opened its doors to the children of Simpson Village. An appropriately decorated cake took centre stage, alongside the various desserts that had been brought by the revellers.

The function was duly opened with the ringing of the School Bell, the original bell that had been removed when the school was de-commissioned, around 1979, and been found at the current Simpson School. Following its restoration, in November 2009, the bell was re-instated in its rightful place, and rung again with the ceremony it deserved.

The heavens opened eventually for a while, though most of the eating had finished by then, and everybody was protected by the adequate marquee. A big thank you must go to Mike and Maggie for their hospitality, as well as to all those who made the afternoon the success it was.



Passmore Barbeque

On the warm sunny evening of July 9th, the residents of Passmore met at their usual spot down by the canal for the annual BBQ. 56 adults and 4 children assembled together for the best attended social event of the year. As usual, a raffle was held, tickets being drawn by various residents. Food was plentiful, small groups of tables and chairs were laid out and there was much chatter and laughter – a great time for a good gossip! Our thanks go to Brian and Norma Baldwin for their hard work clearing the bushes so that we could enjoy a view of the boats going past on the canal.



Parish Council Meetings 2016/2017:

Monday 14th November 2016

Monday 09th January 2017

Monday 13th March 2017

**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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