

OLD WOUGHTON

News



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*Wishing you and yours
the most peaceful of seasons*



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OUR NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE ON MONDAY :

14 January 2019, 11 March 2019
8 April 2019 - Annual Meeting

VENUE : St Mary's Church,
Newport Road MK6 3BS

TIMES OF MEETINGS : 7.30pm

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Welcome one and all!

We'd like to start this issue by straight away thanking everyone who responded to last quarter's survey and provided feedback on our changed Newsletter format. The single sheets have fulfilled an important and cost-effective role for the OWPC through its formative years, but now we all have a better idea of what we are doing (chortle, chortle), neighbours have been asking for more in-depth information about the issues facing our area. OWPC has therefore built into its draft budget proposals a sum to support four Newsletters of approx. eight pages in length. We will review how this is meeting our needs in a year's time, but do keep in touch if important points strike you in the meantime.

This being the season of goodwill, this edition is going to cover the issues of:

The Chair takes us into budget season again. Tight management means OWPC continues to maintain precept levels without increase. We also explore the idea for allocating fixed budgets to each of the four parish wards.

This issue's centrefold is given over to an appreciation of the Ancient Scheduled Monument and the core of the current Conservation Area in the village itself. We know from the superb attendance at Julian Hunt's lecture that many of you are keen to add knowledge and this will stand us in good stead when MK Council issues new proposals early in 2019;

Our back cover is given over to the tricky issue of Christmas recycling. We generate so much extra material at this time of year, do please tear off the handy guide and keep it by your many bins to help with sorting – and note those changed collection dates.

Your feedback on any or all these issues is most welcome.

The highlight of this edition, however, is to launch the idea of a photography competition for the Old Woughton News cover page. Do you have a budding snapper in your household or an already accomplished photographer like Wayne Harden who has donated this cover's image? We know the skills are out there in our talented community! The visual appearance of the parish is one of its strongest features and perhaps there is interest in assembling an archive of shots for future Christmas or post cards or even calendars – let us know what you think! *Entries for the Spring edition by end of half-term holiday please: 17th February 2019.*

2018 has been another year of solid progress in parish governance here in Old Woughton and none of us can know what challenges the new year will present, but on behalf of all your councillors may we usher in 2019 by wishing you and yours the most peaceful of seasons.

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The Swan 2007



The Chairman

OLD WUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

This is getting repetitive! For yet another year I am pleased to report that OWPC continues to control its costs and live within its means, such that there is no need to raise the precept for next year. This probably places us in a minority across Milton Keynes. In this parish we have always had a minimalist approach to – in small letters 'local government'. I hope that you continue to approve.

We still have the bulk of the reserves from our formation in 2012 and we have taken some time to formulate our proposals for their investment – these quarterly Newsletters, for example, are an illustration of OWPC becoming more active on the ground and engaging with the parish about the issues which are most important in this special locality. We hope you will notice the difference.

Our proposed budget and the list of Capital projects are on the website and notice boards for your comments. We will finalise them at the January 14th meeting, so please let us know what you think.

It is, sadly time, to say thank you and goodbye to Judith Howson on her retirement from OWPC. One of its longest serving members, she was part of our founding 'Small is Beautiful' campaign and a veritable dynamo for her ward residents in Passmore. Along with Mike Blomley, Judith founded and managed our system of dog and litter bins, whilst editing all the excellent news sheets.

OWPC's relationship with the Canal & River Trust is such that we have a willing band of volunteers who have already re-surfaced the tow path in Woughton Park and are working their way into south Woughton on The Green. In 2016 we won C&RT's National Volunteers Trophy and we are proud that it was Judith who collected it on our behalf.

For this stalwart service we owe Judith an enormous debt of gratitude, she was super efficient, a great colleague and a friend. We wish her well for the future.

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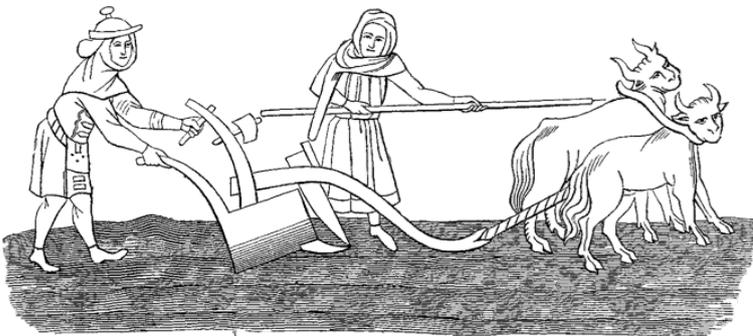
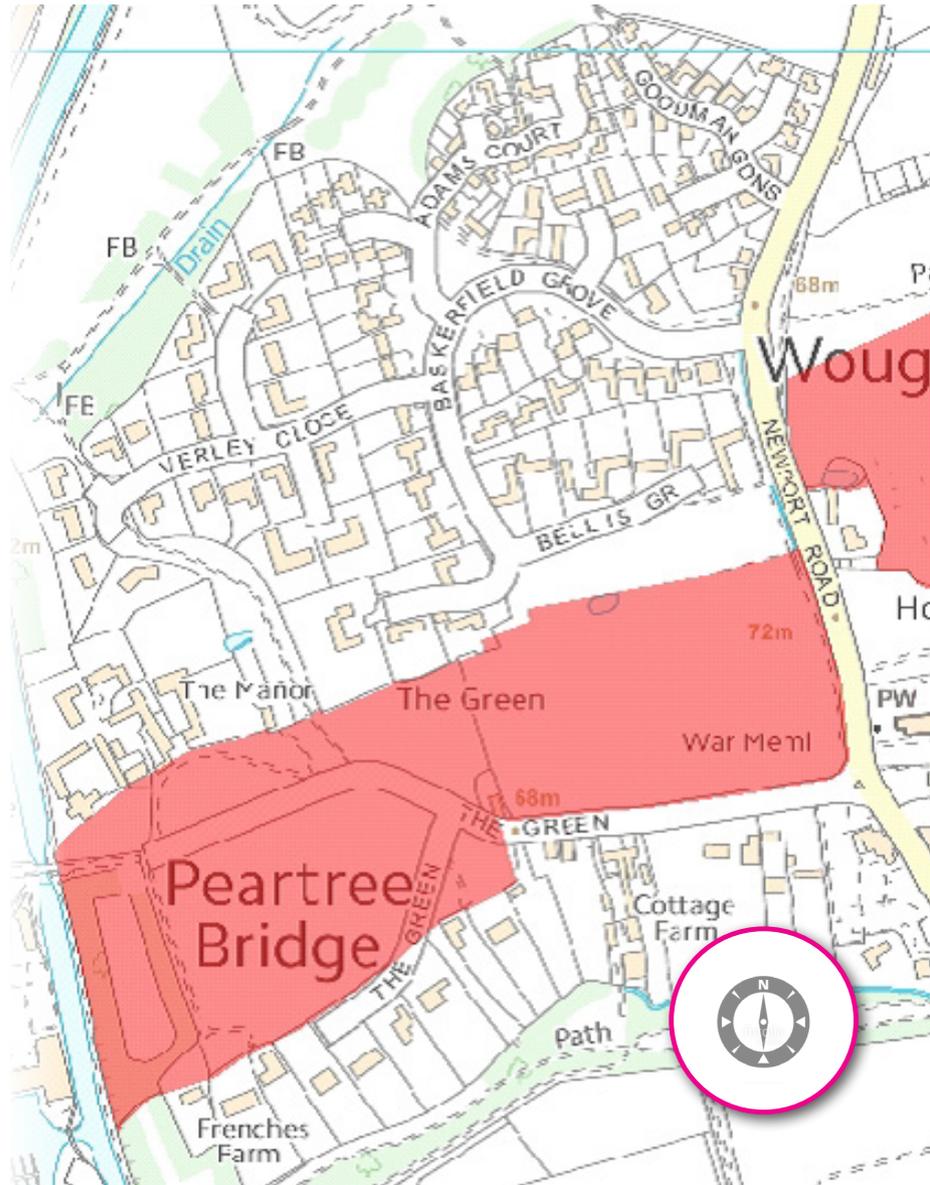
Shrunken Medieval Village - Woughton on the Green Scheduled Ancient Monument

With the construction of Milton Keynes much was done to try to ensure that there was an archaeological assessment and record of as many areas as possible, taken in by the New Town. An Archaeological Unit was set up by the Development Corporation and the work that was carried out gives an incredible glimpse into the historic heritage landscape of MK.

One such site was Woughton on the Green and in 1981 the area shown (in pink) was Scheduled as an Ancient Monument and in doing so recognising its quality and significance in this category (there are 200 Categories) of monument.

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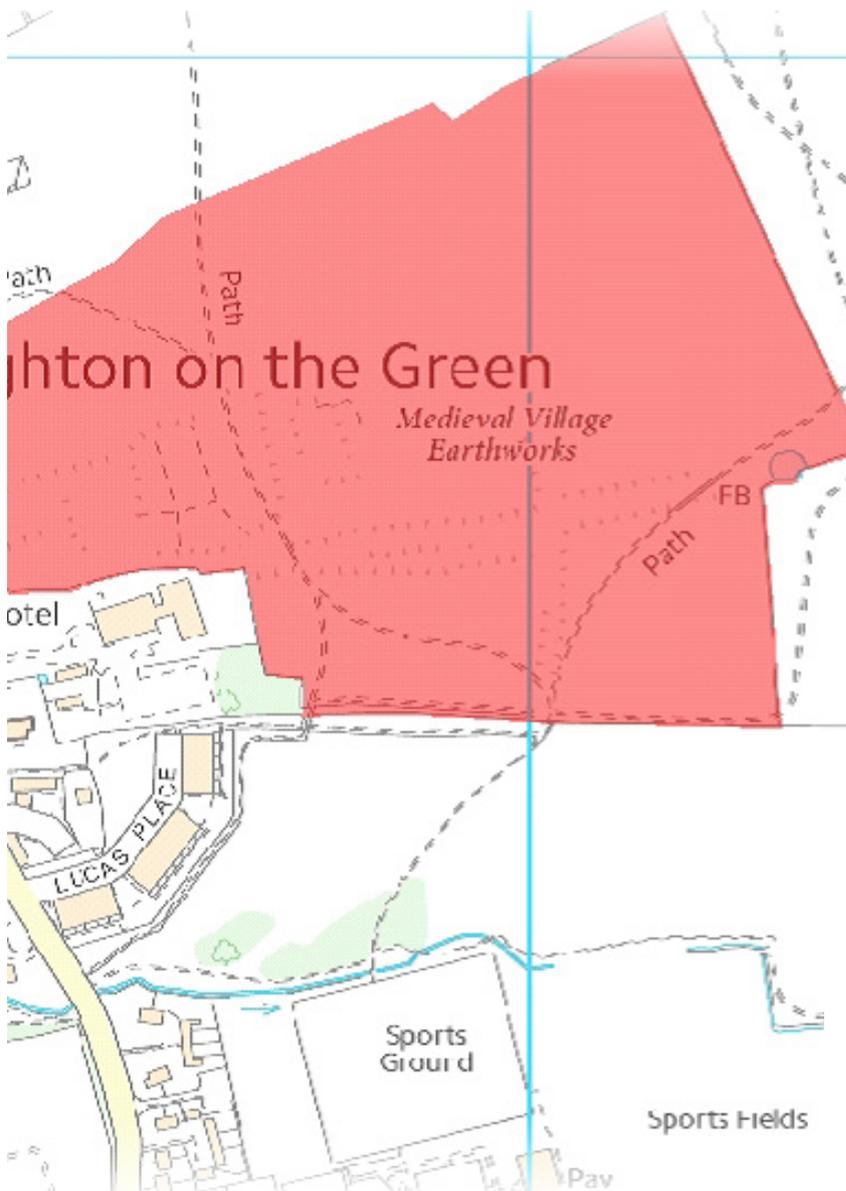
The Monument includes two areas representing the earthwork remains of a once extensive village stretching from the canal (West) to the River Ouzel (East) for a distance of 800m. The main elements include a substantial hollow (8m wide and 1.3m deep – situated in the park behind the hotel) representing the site of the former 'Meadows Lane', the main village street. This continues into The Green. Either side of the main street are rectangular enclosures, platforms and shallow ditches which represent small garden crofts, house platforms and back alleys. These survive in the eastern area within a well-defined medieval open field system with exceptionally fine examples of ridge and furrow.



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What is an Earthwork?

In archaeology, earthworks are artificial changes in the land level, typically made from piles of artificially placed rocks or soil. There are two kinds, negative (ditches, pits, furrows, depressions etc) and positive (mounds, banks, ridges etc). Earthworks can themselves be archaeological features or they can show features beneath the surface.



RIDGE AND FURROW

What does Scheduled Ancient Monument Listing mean?

'Scheduling' is the selection and listing of nationally important archaeological sites and is the oldest form of heritage protection. It derives its authority from the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act of 1979 (and earlier Acts).

All 'works' (including gardening, ploughing, excavation, banging in pegs / posts etc) to a scheduled monument requires consent from the Secretary of State for Digital, Cultural, Media and Sport unless exempt under Class 1 consent. Carrying out work without permissions is a criminal offence.

For further information see:

<https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/scheduled-monuments-guide-for-owners-and-occupiers/>

There is the presumption underpinning the listing that the monument will be maintained for future generations without change. There are currently in the region of 20,000 monuments listed in England.



MEADOWS LANE

ARMISTICE 11th November 2018

In this Centenary year of the end of the First World War over 140 people gathered around the Woughton Memorial for the civic remembrance of all those Woughton villagers who lost their lives, who went to war and the men, women, children and communities who kept the 'home-fires' burning. It was also a time to remember all our serving men and women.

Wreaths and flowers were laid by descendants of those remembered on the Memorial and lych gate as well as by the Parish Council, St Mary's Church and Councillor Terry Baines as 'Forces Champion' for Milton Keynes. Many others also paid their own personal respects to family and friends and serving regiments and personnel. Refreshments were then enjoyed in the church with the opportunity to gather as a community and view a pop-up display of Woughton Heritage work looking at the lives of some of those remembered.

At 12.30 the St Mary's Church Tower Team began to ring a quarter peal, the 'Armistice Double', with half muffled bells. This coincided with other bells being rung across the country. You can hear a few minutes of this most beautiful peal by going to <http://oldwoughton.org.uk/2018/12/04/armistice-100-year-remembrance-2018/> on the OWPC website. The Mayor, Councillor Martin Petchey rang as part of the team. An historic moment in the making....



The Tower Team 11th November 2018

Did you know? The Woughton Memorial and over 2,600 other Memorials received Grade 2 Listing this year from Historic England. The Woughton Memorial was unveiled in 1921. Here is the excerpt from the entry in the Bucks Standard 23 July 1921 : (note that the Memorial is made from Granite.....!)

WAR MEMORIAL.—A handsome marble cross to the memory of the men of Woughton-on-the-Green who fell in the war has been erected on a site outside the churchyard and facing the main road. The inscription on the monument reads:—"For right and liberty, 1914—1918. Frank Leonard Beckett, Alfred Knopp, William Charles Mansfield, Ernest Purcell." The memorial was unveiled by Colonel Bowles who gave an appropriate address. Practically every resident in the village was present to join in the solemn service, the dedicatory prayers being offered by the Rev. Canon Whittaker. After the ceremony several floral tributes were placed round the memorial.

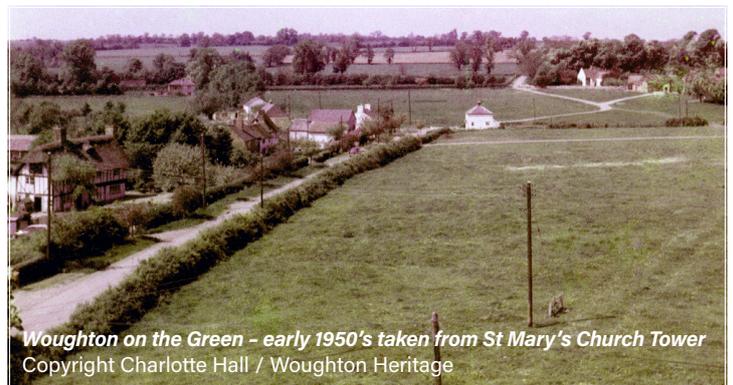
'How Woughton kept its Green'- Lecture

An excellent talk was delivered by historian and researcher Julian Hunt on the 19th November to an audience of over 65 people.

Woughton's Green is thought to be the largest in the country and Julian explored the reasons why this may have arisen on the backdrop of various stages of history from the Domesday Book, to pre and post Inclosures and the impact these had on the people, landscape and how the land was used.

The Scheduled Ancient Monument protects this Green on top of which Village Green Designations applied in the early 1960's, 80's and more recently adds a further layer of recognition.

After the talk there was time for questions and debate. Whilst the Monument, as we have already seen, recognises landscape features and evidence to suggest a more densely populated early village, there have been no archaeological investigations (except at the periphery / Marina site) to date and corroborate this hypothesis. Maybe it is time for that archaeological dig? Watch this space.....!

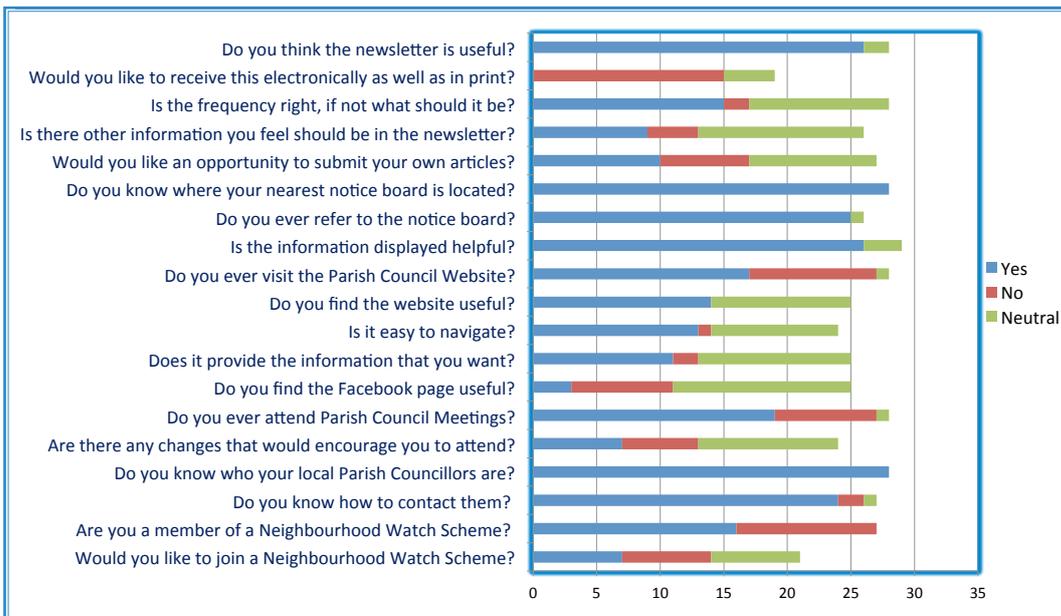


Woughton on the Green - early 1950's taken from St Mary's Church Tower
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Woughton Heritage would like to thank the
MK Community
Foundation who
supported both of these events with funding.

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Parish Survey DEADLINE EXTENDED TO JANUARY 20TH



Were you one of the first survey responders? Then a big thank you from the Communications Team, you have already given us development ideas to consider going forward, as well as things you clearly don't rate as highly. Most importantly, perhaps, all the contributions have been helpful – polite but firm, just the way we like them!

We have plotted the current responses to the binary questions in the graphic below, but would really appreciate hearing from more of you before starting on the analysis of the individual comments. So, catch up with the Queen's Speech on iPlayer and gather family and friends around the survey questions and you have an Old Woughton parlour game right there!

Final, final deadline 20th January please. Go to <http://oldwoughton.org.uk/survey/>, or contact any of the Comms. Team (Charlotte, Phil & Vanessa) for paper copies, if you prefer.

'Tis the season to be snap happy!

We had some good feedback about September's Newsletter, with many of you complementing its feel and visual appearance. Therefore, we thought it would be a good idea to run a **photographic competition** and invite all readers to submit photographs taken of Old Woughton parish so that we could feature them on the cover of future editions of the newsletter and also on our website. The cover photograph of this edition is one submitted previously by one of our parishioners.

Ideally, we would like seasonal photographs, so in the first instance we will be looking for a cover photograph for our **Spring edition**. To that end could we ask those who wish to enter to submit their photographs by email to communications@oldwoughton.org.uk by the **17th February 2019**.

Please include your name and address and contact telephone number in your email. OWPC will not share your data outside with any other third parties without your permission. you will find details of our Data Protection Policy on our website.

By entering the competition you will be deemed to have given OWPC permission to use the photographs only in our newsletters and on our website. Happy snapping!

CaRT Link - It's Official



In a somewhat daunting move for Vanessa, she has agreed to take on OWPC's link role for the frankly impressive work started by her late husband, Richard, and continued with such enthusiasm by Judith above, as volunteer partner with the Canal and River Trust.

A team of seasoned neighbours meets through the year deterred only by a shortage of materials - or last month C&RT's crane boat! - but rest assured you will see us back in action early in the New Year, as we progress north along the towpath from Woughton Park ward into Woughton-on-the-Green South.

Perhaps there are more of you who would like to join us there? We work for approximately two hours on six Saturday mornings, so we could be the New Year's resolution you've been searching for?! You don't have to attend every time, of course, as there's usually a group of a dozen who turn out in response to each session.

Interested? Then why not make contact and get yourself on my distribution list: vgwynn@oldwoughton.org.uk. I'd love to hear from you!

How to recycle in MK at Christmas...



Clear recycling sack

Wrapping paper without bows or ribbon
Cardboard packaging
Christmas cards & envelopes
Biscuit and food tins
Fizzy drinks bottles and cans
Juice cartons
Plastic food tubs



Black rubbish sack

Foil or glittery wrapping paper
Sweet wrappers
Decorations
Crackers
Napkins
Crisp packets



Green wheelie bin

Food leftovers
Real Christmas trees (without decorations)



Blue box

Glass bottles & jars only
NO lids or other glass items



Yellow Battery Bag

For all sizes and types of battery



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Bank Holiday Recycling and Waste Collections

Christmas Week

Normal Date
Wed 26th Dec

Revised Date
Fri 28th Dec

New Year's Week

Normal Date
Wed 2nd Jan

Revised Date
Fri 4th Jan

1st Week of January

Normal Date
Wed 9th Jan

Revised Date
Thurs 10th Jan

Normal collections resume
Monday 14th January



Our three Household Waste Recycling Centres are located at:

Bleak Hall, Chesney Wold MK6 1NE
New Bradwell, Newport Road MK13 0AH
Newport Pagnell, North Crawley MK16 9HG

The centres are open 7 days a week from:

8am to 8pm from 1st April to 30th September

8am to 5pm from 1st October to 31st March

Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

Centres will close at 1pm on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Please ensure you arrive at the sites at least 10 minutes before they close to ensure you have time to tip.



Walton Lake

