

Old Woughton Parish Council Newsletter

Woughton Park

Woughton-on-the-Green

Passmore



KEEPING YOU IN TOUCH!

*Welcome to the November 2017
issue of the Old Woughton
Parish Council Newsletter.*

Mike Blomley

Mike, one of the founding members of Old Woughton Parish Council, is finally calling it a day and retiring in April next year at the end of the parish year. He has been a stalwart activist for the community having been instrumental in setting up and running the Dog Bin system, installing and maintaining new notice boards and the magnificent achievement of the registration of the Passmore Village Green. He has also been very involved working with the Canal & River Trust on projects such as improving the tow path. He would like it to be known that a successor will very much enjoy working with the parish in such a rewarding and valuable role. Thank you, Mike for your long and dedicated service, we wish you the very best for the future.



Dangerous Dogs

It appears that there have been a number of very serious dog attacks (on joggers, cyclists, other dogs and sheep) over the last few months. The incidents have taken place in the Caldecotte and Walton Lake areas and the dog walker is believed to be a man in his 60s (with grey hair) and a woman (no description available). The dog/s are off their leads and out of control.

The main culprit is believed to be a black Labrador.

These attacks have been reported to the police and The Parks Trust and if you are aware of any related incidents or have any information then please contact the police urgently.

Contact the police by phoning 101 or online
<https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/contact-us/report-crime-or-incident/>

**The Parks Trust – www.theparkstrust.com
01908 233600**



Crime in Our Parish

Burglaries, assaults, illegal bikes ridden on footpaths, litter, environmental damage and drugs changing hands; all these are reported with increasing frequency in our lovely Parish. This is not how we want to live in Old Woughton, in fear of crime and vandalism and threatened with injury on the footpaths. Just a little while ago a youth was witnessed throwing what was clearly a stolen motorbike into the canal. This has been duly reported to the police and to the Canal and River Trust and has been removed.

Many of you have commented that you are disillusioned with the police and PCSO's because if you do take the trouble to report anti-social behaviour, there is no response and nothing is done. We are hoping that a PCSO will be at our next OWPC meeting on 13th. November, so please come along, hear what he has to say and voice your concerns. Meanwhile we know that the police work from crime data, so the more evidence we can collect and report to them the more likely we are to get something done. Details such as date, time and place of the incident will pin point illegal activity; photos are always useful if they can be obtained discretely and without risk of retaliation. The more accurate information we can give to the police, the more efficiently they can build up a picture of any criminal activity and the more quickly they can act to catch the culprits.

We thank all those of you who have reported these incidents to the police in the past. Please be aware that the Police advise that crime in this parish is still very low.



The Kingsbridge Educational Trust

The Kingsbridge Educational Trust (KET) is providing information on the new school provision located at Kents Hill Park. In order to ensure that all those who may have an interest in or be affected by the proposal are consulted you are invited to take part in a consultation that runs from Wednesday, 11th October 2017 to 5pm on Wednesday, 29th November 2017 inclusive. Further information about the consultation and how to submit your comments can be found via the following link: www.kentshillpark.school.

Bin Collection

From Monday 6th November the normal bin collection day for Woughton on the Green and Woughton Park will change from Tuesday to Wednesday.

Each household should have received a letter explaining the changes to them. As part of the changes to the bin collection days, some residents may notice that their rubbish is collected at a different time on their collection day. All residents should continue to put their rubbish out for collection by 7am on their "day". They can also put it out after 5pm on the day before. All this information will be available to the public on the Waste and Recycling pages of the Council's website. There will be no change to Passmore where collection day will remain as Wednesday.

Woughton Park Annual Residents BBQ

The first weekend in September is normally set aside for the holding of the "Estate BBQ" in Woughton Park, this year was no exception with Sunday 3rd being this year's date.

The location for it was on the corner of Northwich and the site was duly set up on the Saturday. The weather forecast for the weekend was fine, at least until mid-afternoon on the actual day, when the heavens would open.

Undaunted, at least 55+ residents duly arrived with their table and chairs, as well as their dessert table contributions. In fact, such were the numbers we needed to obtain additional gazebos for extra cover, just in case the rain came early.

As it happened the rain kept off, though the clouds were very threatening towards the end. In fact it was only as we were clearing everything away that it actually started to rain, so we had timed the whole event perfectly.

Thanks to Susan & Norman Pugh for hosting this year and of course, to everybody who came, making the event another success. Special thanks too must go to those who provided equipment and man-power.



Heritage Open Days

Heritage Open Days is a national, indeed a European, annual festival, organised in the UK by English Heritage over the second weekend of September. For the third successive year, Woughton Heritage participated, presenting a display in St. Mary's Church covering events in our parish over the 50 years since the designation of Milton Keynes.

Members had done a great deal of research over recent months, and had unearthed a good number of photographs, books and other items - even an architects' model showing the plan for the village dating from the 1970s. Other displays covered aspects such as the building of the various estates, local social activities, excavations in the parish and

the many changes in the landscape - even the much-loved Dial-a-Bus service. Innovative housing design was on display at 'Open House' at 1 Lucas Place.

This work was supported by funding from MK Community Foundation and we were most grateful also to St Mary's, which very kindly allowed us use of the Church - some 250 people visited the exhibition over the 3 days of opening. We will be re-showing some of the work at the Archaeology Day on 11th November, at Christ the Cornerstone Church. Details are on the website and notice boards.

A very enjoyable Quiz Night accompanied by a fish and chip supper was also held by Woughton Heritage on the 5th August. This was in aid of the new cancer centre at MK University Hospital and Woughton Heritage.



Woughton Heritage is a local history group, which was started some 3 years ago.

New members are always very welcome

Please contact: Woughtonheritage@gmail.com



Parish Council Meetings 2017/2018:

Monday 13th November 7.30pm

Monday 8th January 7.30pm

*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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