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Summer 2019

News

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Who's Who in the Parish

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The Parish of Old Woughton is divided into 4 small wards.
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Our Next Parish Council Meetings Are On Monday:

8th July 2019,
9th September 2019 & 11th November 2019

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

TIMES OF MEETINGS : 7.30pm

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Editorial

OLD WUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Welcome to the Summer edition of your parish newsletter. Our articles this month all celebrate the warmer days and lighter nights here in Old Woughton with pieces on: this year's marathons; a new litter-picking programme; further progress with the towpath repairs; and, centre stage, a wide range of outdoor activities at the playing fields by our neighbours the MK Dons Sport & Education Trust (SET). Notice their invitation to provide tailored packages for small groups of parishioners – just the antidote for too many burger buns!

There are business items too with an update from TVP's Tracy Jones, the local PCSO, and news of a formal scheme of Recognition for those who unstintingly give of their time for the parish's wellbeing. Do let us have your ideas.

One idea that is already taking off is the OWPC residents mailing list first trailed in last September's Residents Survey. This allows OWPC to send out brief notifications received by the PC from other public bodies for issues like road closures or street works in the surrounding areas. Given the seemingly growing number of these currently, can you afford not to be signed up? If you would like to be kept informed in this way, please contact the Comms. team on communications@oldwoughton.org.uk

Our innovation this month, is 'A Reader Writes,' where one neighbour is urging us all to be more thoughtful with our parking etiquette, especially as so many of our footpaths are very narrow and yet especially popular at this time of year. If you have issues that need airing locally, then do let us have your correspondence for future editions – we cannot guarantee to publish as space is often tight, but we'll certainly do our best, so get in touch at the usual address below and, meanwhile, happy barbecuing!

Stop press:

As this Newsletter was going to press, the country was marking the 75th anniversary of the D. Day landings and we hope you enjoy our photograph here of Woughton showing its respect at the Remembrance Service last November published now as our own heartfelt 'thank you.'

THE COMMS. TEAM
CHARLOTTE, PHIL AND VANESSA

EMAIL: Communications@oldwoughton.org.uk



The Chairman

OLD WUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Since our last newsletter we have passed another annual milestone in our comparatively short existence - our 8th AGM. If you wish to view a roundup of our achievements last year and our plans for next, you can see the slides I presented at the April Parish Meeting on our website. Suffice to say that we have achieved good progress against our plans and our operations continue to mature and become more efficient and - more effective. This newsletter is but one shining example.

We have always wished to encourage greater interest and participation in parish developments. The canal towpath restoration and the parish gardeners' schemes have been resounding successes. Recently residents participated in the first of our quarterly litter-picks and there has been much activity looking at ward landscaping projects. As we move forward into this 'new year,' we welcome ideas and suggestions that we could all adopt and jointly take part in. We have recently taken temporary possession of a set of MKC Speed Watch equipment so, if any of you fancy putting on a yellow gilet and pointing a speed-check radar at those who race along our roads and streets, please let us know!

Finally, at the AGM we welcomed Jeremy Morrison as the new Parish Councillor for Passmore to serve alongside Mary Major in Judith Howson's old seat. Jeremy is retiring as a highly qualified Human Resources professional and has been a local resident for over 30 years. So now we have a full team once again and residents can be assured that we will not rest whilst there are things we can do to improve local services and our beautiful environment.

ANDREW HUMPHRIES
Chair, Old Woughton Parish Council

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Get SET for summer

The team that brought the football club to Milton Keynes always intended to develop a robust, innovative and sustainable community legacy, and its **SET (Sports & Education Trust)** organises the delivery of that work in five main streams: Health, Education, Social Inclusion, Participation and Football Development. This gives the SET a breadth of operation that allows it to be an influential partner in many aspects of the local community. Each year over 50,000 adults and children benefit from activities such as the Premier League Primary Stars, disability sessions, health and employability programmes, team coaching, mini soccer and multi sports programmes, as well as football development.

These are delivered in partnership with a range of bodies including Milton Keynes Council, NHS: MK, schools, and junior football clubs. In 2018, the SET raised £1.4m



Woughton Playing Fields

Woughton on the Green is the training ground for MK Dons FC and the Sports & Education Trust with most evening and weekend programmes being delivered out of this site. In the last calendar year 1600 young people & adults accessed the dome to take part in physical activity across our wide variety of programmes.

Woughton on the Green plays a huge role in the SET being able to offer the community of Milton Keynes opportunities to progress through our player pathway. Last year 27 young people progressed from Community programmes into our advanced Centre. It also acts as our base for 18 disability football teams.



Milton Keynes Dons Sport and Education Trust (SET) is a Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee (number 1123762)



Summer 2019 Programmes

How to join in!

'Over the summer MK Dons SET will be hosting our annual summer holiday programmes. Last year over the 6 weeks over 500 children were given the opportunity to play football in a fun, safe and engaging environment.

This year our programme will start on the 22nd July and finish on the 30th August. We hope to engage with similar numbers and continue to give young people of Milton Keynes opportunities to take part in physical activity across the school holidays.

To book on a young person onto the programme please visit this link <https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/mkdons/>

Contacts:
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Opportunities to take part

At MK Dons SET we are always looking for volunteers to support the daily running of the Trust. Opportunities range from practical support to office based help. As a charity volunteers are the heartbeat of the organisation and allow us to continue to support the community of Milton Keynes.

Keep an eye out for the spring edition newsletter for information regarding how you can support our academy by hosting a player.

For more information on how to get involved with the Sports & Education Trust please email, info@mkdonsset.com

Future ideas – *what is the SET planning next?*

It is no secret that MK Dons FC are working away at developing a new training ground for the club to continue to develop its own players and provide a world class facility to drive the first team up the leagues however in some capacity Woughton on The Green will remain as a venue the SET uses for its community programmes. We recognise the need to be able to provide services to Milton Keynes with Woughton very much remaining in our plans for the future.



Memo from your PCSO

My name is Tracey Jones. I am a Police Community Support Officer for Thames Valley Police and I have the pleasure of serving you within your community. The role of a PCSO is to provide a visual presence on the street, to engage with people, groups and organisations. To sort problems, but also pass on skills so that others may do the same, enabling community resilience.



I started my training in May 2018 and was allocated Old Woughton as one of my areas in the August. I work a varying shift pattern, covering days, evenings and weekends. Whilst on patrol either in a vehicle, on foot or, more recently, on a bicycle I check on the allotments; play areas; the Pavilion; underpasses; really anywhere and everywhere! I challenge people using the car parks, especially late at night, I investigate suspicious vehicles/activity, I check on the vulnerable, as well as dealing with minor crime and assisting Police Officers with their enquiries. I also plan and run events, examples being; bike marking; burglary and car crime advice.

I have met some wonderful people already and know how hard you and your Parish Councillors work to maintain and improve your environment. A testament to this is that in the last 90 days there has only been 11 reported crimes.

However, should you have any concerns, events you would like to see or are aware of any, I will happily attend. Feel free to email me or even better, stop and speak when you see me around. Please remember to call either 999 or 101 before emailing crime related matters as I may not be on shift or readily available. Thank you for allowing me to introduce myself and my role. I look forward to seeing you out and about soon.

TRACEY JONES PCSO C9812

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A Reader Writes

Re: Parish Parking

Dear Residents,

I am blind and a long cane user living in Old Woughton Parish.

Moving around safely on pavements is essential for me. I need to use pavements without worrying about obstacles that might be blocking the way.

Parked vehicles can cause a hazard and restrict my freedom to navigate the routes that I have learned to take safely.

I may collide with vehicles parked on pavements potentially causing me injury. If the vehicle does not leave enough space, or there are other obstacles, I may have to walk out into the road to be able to get past. This obviously means I will be at risk of being hit by other traffic.

Please consider the needs of wheelchair, pushchair and blind pedestrians when parking your vehicle.

**My message is simple:
"Please do not park on the pavement"**

It is not just cars that cause obstructions to pavements. As summer progresses and the hedges at the front of all our gardens become overgrown, these can restrict free passage along public paths.

This can be compounded by trailing bramble growing through the hedges, which can be very dangerous for the blind and partially sighted. It is incumbent on all of us to ensure our hedges are trimmed and well maintained.



Canal Work Day 8th June 2019

A huge thank you to the Canal Workday Team and Laura from CaRT. On a very wet Saturday morning a further 3 tonnes of aggregate was laid on the canal tow path at the rear of Verley Close, filling ruts and improving worn areas of path.

We must thank The Parks Trust for helping us by moving the aggregate to our work location. Without access to a boat, this is the challenging part of our project getting resources to the canal-side.

There will be further workdays arranged – why not come and join us!



Thinking about Thanking' Milton Keynes Marathon

At its last meeting in May, the parish council agreed to produce a Recognition Scheme to acknowledge formally those who give unstintingly to the wellbeing of Old Woughton without payment and often with little personal gain. Our current thinking is that there probably needs to be three levels of recognition and we are currently drafting some broad categories to help guide future nominations, which will be open to all.

If you have opinions about the principle of introducing such a scheme or about the emerging levels of award – Letter of Thanks; Certificate of Thanks; Lifetime Award – then please view the current draft at:

www.oldwoughton.org.uk/parish-council/policies/

This proposal will be reconsidered by OWPC at its meeting on 8th July, so do please get in touch before then.

[e: communications@oldwoughton.org.uk](mailto:communications@oldwoughton.org.uk)



**QR for
Draft Recognition
Scheme Document**



There was cloud cover and it was a little cool for this year's MK Marathon. Not so good for the hundreds of spectators who watched as the three concurrent races made their way through the parish, but perfect for all the thousands of competitors.

The time it took the runners to complete the Old Woughton leg of the races was exactly on schedule. There seemed to be less fancy dress this year, but still plenty of colour and noise as the competitors were roared on as they made the turn past Ye Olde Swan into Newport Road. As in previous year's the first changeover point for the Marathon Relay was just before the route exits the Green.



Fact Box

- **There were 10,000 plus runners from all over the UK and beyond including Australia, USA & Canada**
- **700 volunteers**
- **Estimated crowds of 20,000**
- **Marathon fastest man 2:32:46**
- **Marathon Fastest Woman 2:54:51**

DID YOU KNOW?

Milton Keynes Reader Service

First established in 1988, is an independent local charity offering:

- a confidential and reliable reading and writing service in your own home;
- a shop & see service;
- a facilitation service to support participation in educational and cultural activity;
- an individual, tailor-made transcription service.

Services are free to anyone living in MK finding reading or writing difficult due to visual or physical disability. Volunteers are DBS-checked and assist on a one-to-one basis. There are over 100 service users. For further details of volunteering opportunities with the Milton Keynes Reader Service contact Trachey Harrold, Service Co-ordinator on : **01908 231 123**

<http://www.miltonkeynesreaderservice.org.uk>

DBS (Disclosures and Barring Service)



The MKRS quiz team at St. Mary's, Woughton

Picture of 'Best Plot 2018'

Picture of winners of 'Best Produce at Vegetable Show 2018 and Best Plot winner 2018 awarded at the Patch Allotment AGM in April 2019.



EVENT CALENDAR

<p>June 29 Strawberry Fayre Noon - 4pm St. Mary's Church</p>	<p>July 13 Patch Allotments Open Day 10 - 3pm Patch Allotments</p>	<p>July 13 Scarecrow building Ye Olde Swan Contact Manager</p>	<p>August 3 Woughton Heritage Quiz 7 - 10pm St. Mary's Church</p> <p>Places available via: Woughtonheritage@gmail.com</p>
<p>August 3 Gin MasterClass 1 - 4pm Ye Olde Swan</p> <p>Contact Manager to book. Limited places.</p>	<p>August 7 Litter Pick 10 - 11.30am Woughton-on-the-Green North</p> <p>Meet in car park opposite paddocks clerk@oldwoughton.org.uk</p>	<p>Sept 7 Towpath Work Party 9.30 - 11am Rear of Community Orchard</p> <p>TBC</p>	<p>Sept 15 Heritage Open Days Sun 1-5pm Mon 10-5pm St. Mary's Church</p> <p>Woughtonheritage@gmail.com</p>

WASTE RE-CYCLING
Bank Holiday Recycling arrangements

August Bank Holiday revised dates :
From Wednesday 28th to Thursday 29th August 2019

The household waste site at Bleak Hall is open from 8am to 8pm from the 1st April to 30th September.

For further information
<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/waste-recycling/>

St. Mary's Church
Woughton on the Green
Saturday 29th June
Noon-4 pm

STRAWBERRY FAYRE

Strawberry Cream Teas,
Coffee and Cake,
Lunchtime snacks,
Plants, Crafts, Bric a Brac,
Homemade Preserves and Cakes
Tombola, Raffle,
Face Painting

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