

OLD WUGHTON

Autumn 2019

News



Cricket at Woughton Pavillion

Who's Who in the Parish

OLD WOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish of Old Woughton is divided into 4 small wards.
Details of your local Councillors are listed below.

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**Our Next Parish Council
Meetings Are On Monday:**

**11th November 2019
13th January 2020**

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

TIMES OF MEETINGS : 7.30pm

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Old Woughton PC*

Editorial

OLD WOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Well, where did that year go? We can't believe that this is already the 5th of OWPC's Newsletters and we have learnt a lot from your feedback - as you follow us down your drive as we deliver the latest edition, or through more formal contact with the Editorial Team - it's your responses that keep the publication's feel lively and relevant. Thank you! So, as it's our 'birthday', we thought we'd reflect on some of the improvements that you've helped us introduce:

- A photo 'competition' to continue to replenish the PC's archive, more please!
- A centre piece article by a partner organisation to raise understanding and share contact information for future use;
- A Residents' Survey;
- A tear off back page for Recycling changes and, latterly, local Events;
- 'A Reader Writes' piece, to underscore that we are a listening Parish Council;
- A Notification Service for parish residents, so that more urgent items like road closures can be flagged quickly (e-mail communications@oldwoughton.org.uk see article page 7); and
- QR codes (view through your mobile phone camera) for key articles quickly.

In this edition, we're talking to Joe Hudson, who became the latest Manager of Ye Olde Swan earlier in the year, to find out what it's like to be responsible for managing an important heritage asset in a modern marketplace - how can the behaviours of visitor and local add value to each other to help maintain a thriving community asset? We also look at waterside etiquette, as one 'Reader Writes' about only fishing from the towpath side and another about cyclists wrongly assuming priority.

Then we take a moment to look ahead - could you spare a few minutes to complete this year's satisfaction survey about how the OWPC communicates with you, its parishioners? We've slimmed down the number of questions and left more space for you to write about any idea you think will improve the way information moves around Old Woughton.

Finally, we specifically seek your views on the suggestion of producing our own calendar (See article page 7) - a copy for you to proudly display, obviously, but what about producing some extra copies as gifts for friends and family as That season approaches. Goodness, we nearly said Christmas! But first, enjoy the Autumn, we look particularly majestic at this time of year, don't we?

THE COMMS. TEAM

CHARLOTTE, PHIL AND VANESSA

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Stop press: Next litter picking dates

October 12th 2019 - Passmore

November 16th 2019 - Woughton on the Green

[See Calendar - back page]

We endeavour to work closely with our partners and their own timetables to co-ordinate when we collect litter - so as to get the best from all of our work.



The Chairman

OLD WOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Not for the first time, an MKC councillor bounded up to me after our Annual Meeting saying they wished they knew the secret of our success so that it could be more widely shared. This set me thinking and I realised it says a lot about the OWPC team. We are a bunch of seasoned campaigners who think and work together effectively. Of course, we don't all have the same views - far from it - but we negotiate to arrive at the best solution that incorporates all our experience and ideas, bearing in mind the feedback you give us.

Many of you raise the problem of littering in our parish and I have not long returned from a holiday on the Danube. I did not see one piece of litter in the countryside, towns or along the river, so why is it that in the UK people have lost their appreciation of our environment in this otherwise green and pleasant land? Your Parish Council continues to 'wage a war' against litter. We promptly report fly-tipping to MKC, the Parks Trust and to the Canal & River Trust, who respond at best speed. I also realise there are residents who have regular litter-picking beats, plus we have some dates for your diary where we are organising short, intensive sessions and will provide the appropriate equipment. Please join us if you can.

At the end of the day we all need to be more vigilant with our cameras and be prepared to report any instances of littering, failing to pick up dog poo, graffiti, fly posting and fly tipping to the Milton Keynes Council Anti-social Behaviour Team. Telephone: 01908 252937 (option 4) or Email: asb@milton-keynes.gov.uk.

It is an offence to drop litter in any public place. If someone is caught by a police officer, PCSO or council warden dropping litter they may be given an on the spot fine of £150.

ANDREW HUMPHRIES

Chair, Old Woughton Parish Council

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THE SWAN INN

As it was likely first known, is a 17th century building, originally L-shaped with a central chimney, with later additions and alterations. There is a 18th century corner cupboard in the front parlour and large oak beams and open fire place remind us of its heritage. Outbuildings once stood in the car park areas and as with many Inns, farming and other trades often took place from the same site. Mr William Pinkard, licensee in 1769 was also a butcher, for example.

The pub has had various names over the years - early photos and records show it variously as The Swan, The Swan Inn, The Old Swan and now, of course, Ye Olde Swan. It has yet to be established when the building was first used as an Inn. Traditionally Inns (Taverns usually sold wine as well as beer and ale), were found at 15mile intervals providing shelter and a rest stop for the traveller. It is ideally placed on what was a significant route off Watling Street - 'The Great Turnpike Road'.

It is said that a gloomy, unlit room in the pub was once known as the 'Prison Room', where prisoners travelling in custody were kept overnight. Of course, we have our own scoundrel in Richard (Dick) Turpin (d 1739), who is reputed to have used The Swan as a base - a quiet place to plan the next ambush and criminal deed. It is also said that his horse Bess had her shoes turned the other way so as to avoid the authorities. There were certainly plenty of blacksmiths close by within the village and maybe Mr Thomas Gray obliged, who was a local farrier at this time?

Significantly, there is evidence to suggest that at one time the village supported three public houses, with another known as the 'George' and a third as the 'Rose and Crown'. The hunt is on even now to establish the location of these Inns!

The building was Grade II listed in 1952 and is in part within the Conservation Area, which is currently under an MKC-led review and so, whilst this is a vibrant and thriving business and modern community asset, it is also a very important heritage building and is part of a collection of buildings and landscapes that makeup the key characteristics of the village of Woughton on the Green.



We have had many publicans over the decades, most notably, John Davies Rose, for whom Church House was built, and who played the organ in St Mary's for over 60 years. Rose was also Chair of the Parish Council; an Ambulance driver in WW1; and driver of the first car in the village in the early 1900s. Whilst in a nod to the permanency of cricket through the life of the village (viz featured front cover), he was an opening batsman at that extraordinary cricket match of July 1932, where Mr R J Clarke hit 21 x 6s batting for Woughton and Woolstones Cricket Club in its first innings against Woburn.

Woburn		CRICKET CLUB V Woughton & Woolstones		C. CLUB	
INNINGS OF Woughton & Woolstones PLAYED AT Woburn Park on 2-7-1932					
BATSMAN	RUNS SCORED	HOW OUT	BOWLER	TOTAL	
1. C. Lee	11	Caught	Gamer	J. Gilks	24
2. J. B. Rose	11	Caught	Gamer	B. Pratt	5
3. C. Lee	11	Bowled	J. Gilks	17	
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MAIN MENU

Starters

At the beginning of the year, **Joe Hudson** arrived as the new manager of Ye Olde Swan. Many of you may now have met Joe personally, but for those of you who haven't, here he shares with Old Woughton News about how he came to be the latest custodian of this much-loved community hub.

Pub Classics

Ye Olde Swan is one of the 2,700 hotels, pubs and restaurants owned by Greene King and Joe, starting out from Leeds, is a company man advancing through further appointments at Nottingham; Derby; Doncaster and Burton-on-Trent giving him a ready insight into the range of the company's brands. Now 33 years old, Joe had already discovered Woughton through other friends in the business, before applying for the Manager vacancy; he particularly likes the locality, not least because his first love was horticulture and, needless to say, he has already secured an allotment down at The Patch with many plans to come.

Something to Share

Ye Olde Swan sits within the Chef & Brewer brand, which means that as well as having a successful restaurant, it must also be a successful pub, with particular attention to the needs of locals. For example, there are always four beers on tap, with one a guest beer, which is influenced by the tastes of the regulars. **Why not try your hand at influencing the latest choice?**

Sides

86 people can eat at any one time
250 people dine on an average Sunday
2,000-2,500 covers are served every week
4,132 menu items sold + 3,767 drinks in the week to the August Bank Holiday
Over 40,000 beers have been sold this year to the end of August of which two thirds is lager
Carling is the most popular lager and Greene King IPA the most popular real ale
24 people work in its bars, kitchens & management, many full time vacancies are advertised on the premises and social media
Over £100 per month is raised for MacMillan Cancer Care by customers using the 'pennies' donations scheme when settling their bills

And to finish

So how do Joe and his team measure their success? As well as fulfilling the 'hallmark' standards for a Chef & Brewer premises and meeting its financial performance targets, key indicators are:

Customer feedback at the tables and bars
Repeat business
Local reputation (e.g. on Trip Advisor)
The physical upkeep of the old inn (supported by regional planning team)

So, keep a watchful eye for the programme of events at Ye Olde Swan, which will appear on the back page of the Newsletter as announced.

Cheers!



- COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID -

In 2015, Old Woughton Parish Council successfully registered Ye Olde Swan Pub (ground floor and gardens), on the MKC 'Register of Assets of Community Value'. As part of the process of nomination, an engagement exercise is carried out with all stakeholders including the freeholder and the application was not contested.

The provisions of the Localism Act of 2011 and Assets of Community Regulations 2012 give local groups a right to nominate a building or other land for listing by the local authority as an asset of community value. It can be listed if a principal ('non-ancillary') use of the asset furthers (or has recently furthered) their community's social well-being or social interest (which includes cultural, sporting and recreational interests) and is likely to do so in the future. When a listed asset is to be sold, local community groups will have a fairer and better chance to make a bid to buy it in an open market and the possible opportunity of maintaining community value.

OWPC is currently resubmitting this nomination as the original registration expires in January 2020.

A Reader Writes

ANGLING FOR SOME FACTS?

Cllr. Morrison replies to Readers' queries:



Imagine the scene, the canal towpath in the early morning with the mist swirling around above the water or hovering in the undergrowth. A vixen appears with her cubs on the opposite bank, sniffs the air and looks straight at you, decides you are no threat and watches her cubs play fight each other. Or it might

be late evening and as the sun sinks in the western sky you see movement in the fading light - a bat has started his evening patrol for supper. Then again at mid-day, a Coot (small, black, aquatic bird with a white face flash) or a Moorhen (small, black, aquatic bird with a red face flash) paddles their fussy swim across the canal with her two chicks. She knows anglers have bread and maggots and a few tit bits would help her young brood through the day. She approaches hesitantly and as you throw a few kernels of sweetcorn she gets bolder and gradually she is joined by her brood as they munch their way through your waterfowl menu. I have seen all of these things just by sitting quietly with a rod, watching for the float's almost imperceptible movement across the water against the wind or around in a circle - only occasionally does it plunge below the surface. Then the excitement as your quarry begins to resist your attempts to get them into your landing net.

So, how and where to go Angling?

There are two popular places to fish in the parish: The Grand Union Canal and the River Ouzel as it runs through the Ouzel Valley Park. Here are some helpful hints and tips

I) ROD LICENCES

For river fishing

An Environment Agency Rod Licence must be purchased at £6.00 per day, or £12.00 for 8 days, or £30.00 per annum for an adult (£20.00 if you're 65+ or you have a disability). Children under 13 do not need a licence; those aged 13-16 need a junior licence, which is free: <https://get-fishing-licence.service.gov.uk/buy/licence-length>. You will also need **MK Angling Association's Season or Day ticket** (see below).

There is a fine of up to £2,500 for not having a valid licence at any water.

For canal fishing

Again, you will need both a **Rod Licence** and a **MK Angling Association permit** (see contact below). Prices for the permit are £20.00 per year for an adult, £10.00 per year if you are

65+ or an MKAA member (see also below). It is £5.00 if you are under 16.

There is no free fishing on any Canal & River Trust waterway

II) MK ANGLING ASSOCIATION

Want to know even more about Angling in this area? There's a wealth of information at: http://www.mkaa.co.uk/300_venues.asp

III) SAFETY

- Both the canal and river are deep in places as with any stretch of water, underwater obstructions cannot be seen so do not go swimming!
- If you do fall in, do not swim against the current (swim with it) and make your way as quickly as you can to the bank.
- Do not forget the basic rule about river bank safety: banks along the river can be deceptive, they can look solid, but if you put your weight on it the vegetation can give way, because you are basically standing on a tuft of grass not solid ground
- If there is a heavy rain storm watch the level of the river as it can start to rise very quickly. You should always take care and watch the water level as heavy rain much further up the valley can lead to a surge of water passing down the river.

- Only fish from the Towpath side of the canal
 - Whilst the Grand Union can be fished all year round, the
 - River Ouzel has an annual closed season: 15th March to 15th June
 - Always use barbless hooks
 - Use mesh landing nets and keep nets
 - Never discard fishing tackle; always take broken lines and tackle home to be disposed of safely. Discarded tackle such as line and hooks will injure wild life and damage the environment
 - Be considerate and courteous to other waterway users
- Observe the Country Code (shut gates, do not disturb grazing stock)

V) WHICH FISH CAN BE CAUGHT LOCALLY

Bream (Hybrids)	Loach	Perch	Ruff
Common Carp	Pike	Roach	Tench

Return all native British species to the water alive at the end of a fishing session

North American Signal Crayfish Zander (Pike Perch)

Do not return non-natives to the water they damage the eco system and are voracious predators of native species.



**QR for Milton Keynes
Angling Association Venues**



September 2019 Parish Survey

As we start the second year of our new format newsletter, we'd like to retest your views about the way OWPC communicates with your household. We would greatly appreciate it if you can spare 5 minutes to complete the survey by **31st October 2019**. Please go to the OWPC website **oldwoughton.org.uk/survey** and complete the survey online. Alternatively fill in the paper survey, tear off the page; then either deliver to your nearest councillor or ring the Parish telephone no. **(01908 465811)** and arrange with the clerk for it to be collected

	Yes	No
Do you ever attend Parish Council meetings?		
Do you know who your local Parish Councillors are?		
Would you consider standing yourself?		
Do you use the Noticeboards?		
Do you use the website?		
Do you think the Newsletter is useful?		
Is quarterly the right frequency?		
Have you used the new QR codes in the Newsletter?		
Are you aware of the Parish Recognition Scheme?		
Do you like the idea of an Old Woughton Parish calendar?		
Would you submit a potential photo for the calendar?		
Do you know about the local ward initiatives?		
Has OWPC info specifically helped you?		
Do you know that OWPC is a Canals & Rivers Trust partner?		
Would you join a Towpath Work Party?		
Would you join an OWPC Litter Pick?		

Please use this space to expand on any of your answers above or raise new points:

If you would like us to respond to your comments please fill in the contact details below.

The Parish Notification Service

The Parish Council routinely receives notifications of local events, road closures, alterations to MK Council services or events within the Parish. If you would like to receive these communications, please provide your name, postal and email addresses below and tick the "Join the Parish Notification Service" box.

Name

Email address

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Postcode

To join the Parish Notification Service, tick here.

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For details of the Old Woughton Parish Data Protection Policy please go to:

<http://oldwoughton.org.uk/parish-council/policies/>

Time for a date?

Feedback on 'Old Woughton News' continues to be flattering and, in particular, comments about its visual appearance and striking cover shots. A suggestion has now arisen about capturing those images in an annual calendar with a complimentary copy for each of our 450 households and maybe additional copies available for purchase as stocking-fillers etc.

A guide price has been obtained at about £1 per copy (where 600 are ordered), for a wall-hanging version like the example here. What are your views – do you like the idea itself? What about the format – wall-hanging or desk? A4 size like the newsletter itself or A5 images and with date boxes big enough to write in or a simple listing?

To enable production in good time for Christmas, OWPC would need to take a final decision at its November 11th meeting, so feedback asap please, folks: **communications@oldwoughton.org.uk**



Logos Explained

We are all trying to do our bit when it comes to recycling, but sometimes the logos can be very confusing.

Use our handy guide below to understand the logos better.



The Recycling Swoosh

This is the new recycling symbol. Known as On-Pack Recycling Labels (OPRL), these symbols explain whether the product can be recycled or not. They have been specifically designed to be as informative and as clear as possible.



The Mobius Loop

The Mobius Loop indicates that the item can be recycled. This is the old recycling symbol and has now been replaced by the Recycling Swoosh (as shown above).



The Chasing Arrows

These Chasing Arrows triangle with a number in the centre does not indicate that the item can necessarily be recycled. It simply identifies the type of plastic used to make the item.



The Dot

The Green Dot symbol probably confuses people the most. It does not mean that the packaging is recyclable, will be recycled, or has been recycled. The dot simply signifies that the producer has made a financial contribution towards the recovery and recycling of packaging.



Report it Sort it!

Autumn is always the perfect time for tidying away before the longer nights and colder days.

So, if you've spotted something that doesn't look right, do report it. OWPC's partners have good feedback systems, but mostly it will be MK Council that you'll need to contact due to the sheer range of services for which it is responsible: highways; footpaths; refuse collection; street lighting; landscaping, bus stops, environmental health and planning to list but a few.

The easiest way to do this is via MKC's own website:

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/pay-report-apply/report-it>

E-mail:

customerservices@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Tel: (01908) 691 691

(Mon-Weds & Fri 9-5.15pm;
Thurs only 10-5.15pm)

EVENT CALENDAR

Sept
28

MacMillan Coffee Morning
10am - noon
St. Mary's Church

For further details
Parish Notice Board

October
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Towpath Work Party
9.30 - 11am
Rear of Verley Close

For further details
clerk@oldwoughton.org.uk

October
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Canal Clean-up (Day 1)
9.30am onwards
Fenny Lock - Giffard Park

IWA:
pat.durham@waterways.org.uk

Oct
12

Litter Pick
10.00 - 11.30am
Passmore
(meet by noticeboard)

For further details
clerk@oldwoughton.org.uk

Oct
26

Dine & Disco - Soul & Motown Classics
7.30pm onwards
Ye Olde Swan

Book ahead with venue.
£25.99 per person

Nov
10

Remembrance Service
10.45 - 11.15am
War Memorial

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Parish Notice Board

Nov
16

Litter pick
10.00 - 11.30am
Woughton-on-the-Green
(meet opposite pub)

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Nov
30

Christmas Bazaar
2.00 - 4.00pm
St. Mary's Church

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Dec
08

MK Winter Half Marathon
10.00 - Noon approx
The Green & Canal



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