

OLD WUGHTON

News

The Newsletter of Old Woughton Parish Council



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The Borough of Milton Keynes is divided into larger wards, OWPC is part of the Campbell Park and Old Woughton Ward. Your ward councillors are:



Our Next Parish Council
Meetings Are On Monday:

12th September 2022
14th November 2022

7.30pm

VENUE: St. Mary's Church

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Editorial

OLD WOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Send Her victorious, Happy and glorious, Long to reign o'er us...

...and what a magnificent innings it has been! Already serving over six years longer than her own great, great grandmother Queen Victoria, Elizabeth II is now the second longest-serving monarch in history (Louis XIV of France, since you ask, but he ascended aged just four!).

So, we are very proud to give over our centrefold this issue to a record of the Old Woughton community coming together in large numbers in a unique celebration. Of course, the weather was quixotic, but it was June in the UK, where it has been known to snow (honestly, I am that old Ed.) and whilst the Jubilee forecasts were none too exciting a downpour held off and so many neighbours came along to mark the occasion in the hotel grounds that, momentarily, we ran out of milk! If you have not provided feedback on the event please do contact the Comms. Team: communications@oldwoughton.org.uk. All responses will be anonymised before being shared amongst the nine parish councillors.

In a closely related development, page 7 records the parish's participation in the Queen's Green Canopy scheme. All a bit rushed in the end, OWPC was the recipient of 10 assorted trees, but not until early May, which is problematic both for planting out of season in dry ground and for maintaining watering arrangements through the summer period. Do find your nearest new planting and join the watering rota! Also in May it was announced that, as part of the Platinum Jubilee Civic Honours, Milton Keynes would be granted city status by Letters Patent - hip, hip hooray!

In other announcements (on page 8), we have updates on the Woughton Playing Fields, as well as Conservation Area Review progress and, finally, an item on the MK East high voltage cable laying through the village.

That's it for now, enjoy your summer - we're off to make marmalade sandwiches!

THE COMMS TEAM - Charlotte, Phil & Vanessa

The Chair

OLD WOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

90 percent chance of precipitation....1000 percent aspiration.....!

After spending many, many days and weeks trying to determine the weather in advance of our Jubilee celebration event ... the day arrived and we craned our heads to the skies and said "just go for it....!"

And so we waited at the Hotel gates – holding our breath.... 'would anyone come on this rather damp day?'.... but of course our community came - together... walking with cakes in hand to share – barrows and car boots full of picnics – trifles – and more...and what an afternoon we had!

It was the first time for many years that we had the opportunity to gather from across the whole parish and so it was so very nice to meet neighbours and indeed make new acquaintances.

It is evident that we have a huge resource of talent and experience within our community and something that we should find ways to harness for projects, events, campaigning and other community championing activities. Indeed, this is something that I will take forward as Chair.

There are many people and partners and friends that we need to thank and so we do this on page 6 – and do see what other events are going on too on page 8.

A personal HUGE Thank you to the 'Jubilee Team' – and let's look forward to opportunities to come together again soon as a community - to share some time together.

Now Where did I put that marmalade sandwich?

Cllr. Charlotte Hall, Chair OWPC



- 5G MAST APPEAL -

The appeal by CK Hutchison Networks Ltd., against the refusal of their planning application for the erection of a 5G mast at the junction of Newport Road and Baskerfield Grove, has been dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate. You can find the Inspector's report and more detail in the post on the News & Events page of our website here, <https://oldwoughton.org.uk/news-and-events/>. In arriving at his judgement, the Inspector made a site visit, and reflected many of the points made by both local residents, OWPC and a number of partners, in written representations to the Planning Inspectorate.

OWPC continues to be vigilant about alternative proposals.

PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022

It was wonderful to see so many people turn out for the Old Woughton Jubilee Afternoon tea on Sunday 5th June at an event that chimed with the national mood around the Platinum Jubilee. More people came than we had planned for and we are grateful to St Mary's church who kept our supply lines of water and paper cups and plates open.

The sense of celebration and fun was started with the MK Swing Dancers, dressed in 1950s fashion, who danced all afternoon. The Bullfrogs then took over with their uplifting folk music that was just the ticket for the occasion. Together they provided the perfect backdrop to all the conversations between friends, families and neighbours. Other activities included archery, and a flag and knot display. Many thanks to 1st Middleton Scouts for also lending us the shelters and canopies.

The Patch allotments provided further reassuring shelter (not that we needed it in the end) with their large marquee full of locally grown plants to take home. The local artists tent, with a wide range of ceramics and paintings, was a delight. As was the display of the historic photograph from the 1887 Golden Jubilee, held on the very same spot 135 years ago. We are also grateful to Woughton House Hotel who allowed us to take over the grounds for the day and provided all the tables and chairs. The hotel residents were especially helpful in setting up and packing down, doing much of the heavy lifting for which I (and my back) are very grateful.

Although the Jubilee is a national celebration it was great to see people from all over the world joining in, one personal highlight was seeing a local resident explaining how to prepare a cream scone to a hotel resident, who was having their first experience of a British cream tea. So many pulled together to put on the event, a wonderful expression of teamwork on so many levels and St. Mary's brought proceedings to a fitting end with a Quarter Peel of bell-ringing written especially for the Jubilee.

Finally special thanks to Vicky Gladstone of Adams Court, who first raised the question at an Old Woughton Parish Council meeting, 'What are we planning to do for the Jubilee?'. This triggered a whole sequence of events that culminated in a memorable and historic day.

So, a big thank you to everyone who came and helped, and joined in the preparations.

Cllr. Robert Grindley



"The Jubilee event was a success and all the efforts are to be warmly congratulated."



"What an amazing day we had. It was a triumph of teamwork and an absolute pleasure to work with such a brilliant bunch. Thanks everyone - it has been immense fun."

"It was clear that huge efforts had been put into all sorts of aspects of the event by a team of people from across the parish to make it a very memorable event."



"It was good to see the range of contributors including the entertainment which was great with the swing dancers and band."

- OLD WOUGHTON JUBILEE STATS -

People attending across the 3-hour event	250 approx.
Cups of tea provided	250
Home-made cream scones provided	165
Bell-ringing – Quarter Peal	41 minutes
Home-made cakes brought and shared	dozens!
Union waving flags issued	20
Lamppost roundels	10
Promotional banners	4
Entrance markers	2

as a **huge**
organisers
gratulated."



"It was a great opportunity to catch up with others in parish particularly after the pandemic."

"I enjoyed the entertainment, but mostly meeting and greeting my neighbours who we haven't seen for many long days."



Now I think it's a case of
"follow that!"

"Wow! What a great celebration yesterday at the hotel."

"I wish the **happiness** could be **bottled up** and taken out and enjoyed again."

Here we say thank you to our partners and friends who made our jubilee celebrations happen!

CELEBRATORY BELL RINGING

Oxford Diocesan Guild

On Sunday, 5 June 2022 in 41m

Woughton on the Green, Buckinghamshire
St Mary



1260 Grandsire Doubles

- 1 Brian M Baldwin
- 2 Christina Tribble
- 3 Martin Petchey
- 4 Paul Crombleholme
- 5 Simon J O Head (C)
- 6 Peter Tribble

Rung to Celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II



Simon Linford
President
The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers



Thanks go to the **WOUGHTON HOUSE HOTEL AND RESIDENTS** for allowing us to use their grounds and providing tables and chairs.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH and the 'Tower Team' who rang out a special peal for the platinum jubilee, which closed our historic afternoon.

The fabulous **SWING DANCE TROUPE** from Swing Dance MK. They have a Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/SwingDanceMK> and if you are interested in learning how to swing dance there is a Swing Union Dance school, <https://www.facebook.com/theswingunion>.



A wonderful set was provided by the **BULL FROGS** playing, what they describe as "Original Outlaw Country, Southern Rock, Cajun and Tex-Mex". They're regulars on the local music scene. Their Facebook page is here, <https://www.facebook.com/TheBullfrogs>.



It was also pleasing to see that we have a talented group of **LOCAL ARTISTS**.

The 1st Middleton **SCOUT GROUP** provided the portable gazebos and the archery.

We must also thank resident Roger Bradbury, aka "**THE NORTH BUCKS WANDERER**", for taking the group photo at the end. He has a blog here, <https://www.north-buckswanderer.com/>.

A sincere thank you too to our local **PCSO TRACEY JONES** for attending our event.

We're very grateful to the **PATCH ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION (PAA)** for putting up their marquee (our backstop if things really did get wet!) Through their raffle of the giant bear they raised £47, which was donated to Willen Hospice.

PAA are having an open day with BBQ on the 23rd July. If you would like to know more about becoming an allotment tenant visit their website here, <https://www.patchallotments.com/> or the page on our own website here, <https://oldwoughton.org.uk/parish-council/allotments/>.

This work has been supported by funding from **MK Community Foundation**



A big thank you to the **MK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION** for their grant support and also to other donors and donations.

and finally and of course well done to our '**JUBILEE STEERING GROUP**' of residents and Councillors across the Parish... so what is the next event team?

Queen's Green Canopy Trees

As part of the Queen's Green Canopy project for the Jubilee, all parishes in Milton Keynes were offered ten trees to plant by Milton Keynes Council. OWPC took up this generous offer and requested our allocation. There was some delay in the trees being delivered and they didn't finally arrive until May, well after the end of the usual tree planting season. In fact the trees were already in leaf and blossom. They were also more mature than expected and rather large.

The net result of all this was a rush to get the trees planted and watered. There were some comical scenes as various means of transport were used to move the trees to their allotted planting locations from the two delivery locations, including the passenger seat of a convertible car! With the fantastic help of groups of volunteers, as you can see in the photos, the trees have been planted in all four wards of the parish. The locations are identified on the map. You may have noticed them with their double posts and watering bags. If you are able, please top up the watering bags which provide slow release watering of the trees, essential for the first year, especially as they were planted so late.

This is the key to which trees have been planted at each location :-

1. Baskerfield Grove/Adams Court – 2 x Hornbeams, 1 x White Willow & 1 x Lime
2. Opposite the Swan – 1 x Lime & 1 x Flowering Cherry
3. Patch Allotments – 1 x Crab Apple & 1 x Flowering Cherry 'Kanzan'
4. Passmore by the memorial rose bed – 1 x Hawthorn 'Paul's Scarlet'
5. The southern entrance to Woughton Park – 1 x Silver Birch



All of these trees will be identified on the map on the Queen's Green Canopy website when it re-opens for new notifications again in October.

HELP US WATER TREES

We've planted new trees here. Help us to water them so that they can survive.

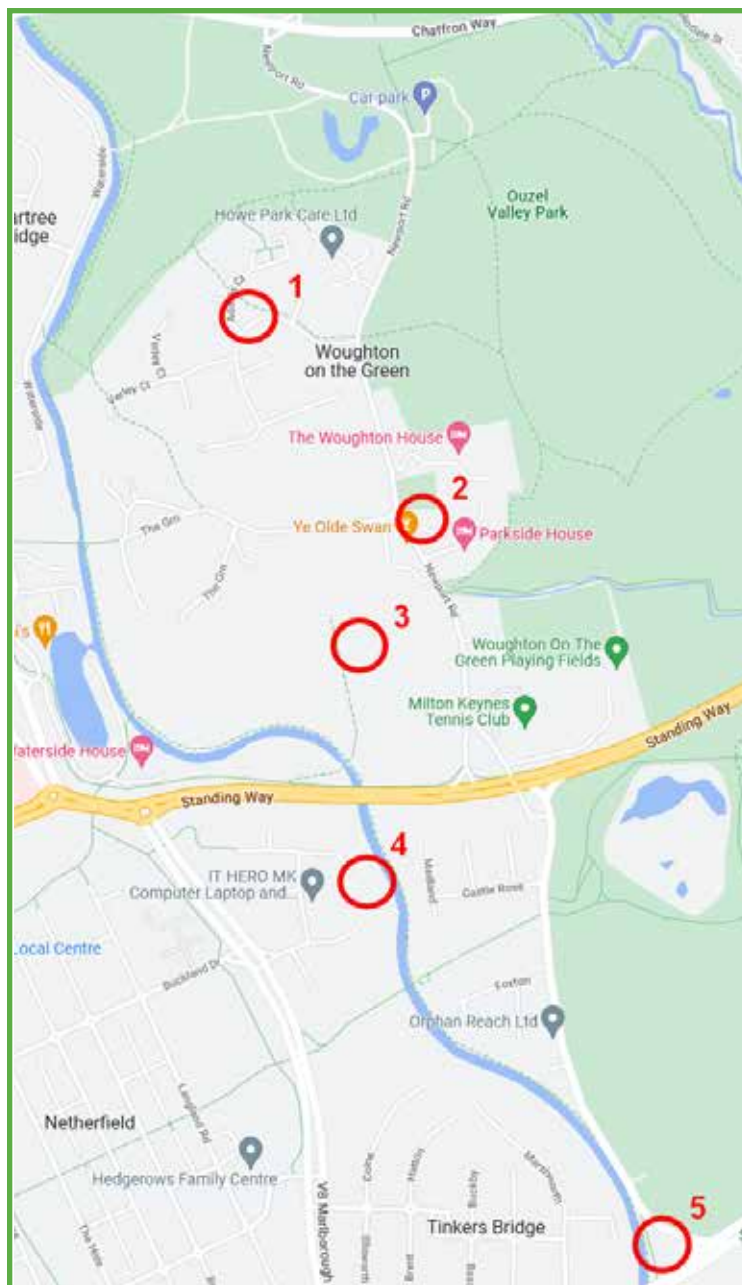
If you can, take a watering can, a washing up bowl or something that can be carried easily to water the tree.

Here's how you can help...

- If a newly planted tree is supported by a stake, please give it a good drink of water once or twice a week.
- A newly planted tree needs around 8-10 litres of water. Only carry water that you can manage.
- Any water is fine to use, including rainwater, straight from the tap or even used dishwater. Make sure there's nothing stronger than washing up liquid in the mix. Give any bottles a good rinse before using them.
- Share your efforts with us and post pictures of the trees you 'adopt' on Facebook and Twitter. Be sure to tag us so we can share them. Use the hashtag #mktrees

Thank you

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MK Marathon 2022

The weather was kind again this year for the runners, neither raining nor being too hot. Consequently a fast time was set by the winner of this year's marathon, winning in a course record in under 2 hours 29 minutes and 36 seconds. As usual there was much

noise and excitement as the runners left The Green and turned into Newport Road through the inflatable archway by the Swan.



The annual MK event is consistently ranked in the top 10 UK marathons. It is an AIMS (Association of International Marathons and distance races) certified race and has BARR (British Association of Road Races) Gold accreditation for outstanding race management.

Runners can use it as a qualifying event for London and Boston marathons as well as an Abbott World Marathon Majors Wanda Age Group World Championships qualifier.

It is also an England Masters qualifying race.

Summer Cream Tea Afternoon

At St Mary's Church

In aid of St Mary's Audio Fund

*On Saturday 30th July
from 2pm to 4:30pm*

Bumper Raffle

1st Prize £100 M&S Voucher

2nd prize Meal for two at Olde Swan

3rd Prize Prosecco & Chocolates

& much More....

Cake Stall

Flower Displays

Tombola

All Welcome.....

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

CONSERVATION AREA REVIEW

After too many frustrating months (years!), a Delegated Decision has been taken by the Leader of MKC for a revised boundary to the Woughton on the Green Conservation area.

The necessary lodging of the decision with other statutory bodies and individual householders now brought within the boundary will follow.

We hope to bring you the new map in the Autumn edition of Old News, together with what this means for the parish.

WOUGHTON PLAYING FIELDS

In recent years, the fields have been managed for MKC by 1Life, but that arrangement has now come to end and was re-tendered in the spring. An announcement about the new contract is expected imminently.

OWPC will report on opportunities for local involvement.

HIGH VOLTAGE CABLING WORKS

MKC continues to install high voltage cabling along Newport Road for a new Primary Substation as part of the Eastern expansion at J14 on the M1. OWPC was made aware of this planned work and we strongly advocated a route using the grid roads, but our objections were turned down on technical grounds.

The Project Manager for these works and first point of call is: Tom Shanahan Office number - 01604 781107. Should you have any concerns or questions prior to or during the works please do not hesitate to contact him.

EVENTS

Allotments – Come and see your Allotments :

OPEN DAY 23RD JULY 2022: 11-3PM

St Mary's Church – Woughton on the Green :

'CREAM TEA AFTERNOON' – 30TH JULY : 2-4.30PM

LITTER-PICKS!

Saturday 20th August 2022: 10am – meet at paddocks car park

Saturday 17th September 2022: 10am – meet in Passmore (notice board)

Saturday 15th October 2022 10am: 10am – Walton Lake Car Park

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