



KEEPING YOU IN TOUCH!

*Welcome to the May 2014 issue
of the Old Woughton Parish
Council Newsletter.*

The Queen is Gone, Long Live the King!

Lorraine, our founder Chairman and erstwhile 'Small is Beautiful' campaign activist is moving from the parish to a new home in Aspley Guise. We will miss the light touch of her 'iron hand in the velvet glove' approach to running our meetings and the massive amount of work she does in the background. Few will know of the time and effort she put into getting our parish up and running 2 years ago, or that she set up and manages our website, has streamlined the allotments administration, sorted out the Parks Trust, been involved with prickly, arboreal and bulb plantings and, (apart from young Gene), treats OWPC as her 'baby'. We have been extremely lucky to have someone as talented, dedicated, hardworking and professional as an Old Woughton Parish Councillor.



Good luck Lorraine, John and Gene, please keep in touch!

Mobile Library

The mobile library service is due at Lucas Place, Woughton on the Green from **11:45 am to 12:15 pm** on the following Fridays:

May 2, 16, 30, June 13, 27, July 11, 25, August 8, 22, September 5, 19

Village Green Status

On March 20th an application for "Village Green" status for the Woughton Pavilion sports fields was submitted to MK council by the parish council in order to protect it from future commercial or residential development.

Councillor Andrew Humphreys, the named applicant, is acting on our behalf, supported by 71 parish residents who have completed 55 evidence based questionnaires to back the formal application. MKBC will hold a public meeting in due course with a panel of Borough Councillors to review the application and decide if the evidence given meets with the criteria to grant "Village Green" status.

Our bus: the 18

The number 18 bus now runs at hourly intervals through our Parish, a big step forward from the previous limited timetable. Lobbying by the Parish Council and Ward Councillors resulted in the service getting a sizeable subsidy from MK Council. To ensure that this service continues, we all need use it.

The route runs from Bletchley to CMK (the Point) through Fenny, Simpson, Woughton Park, Woughton on the Green and the Woolstone's calling at the Hospital on alternate journeys. Woughton on the Green to CMK takes just 11 minutes and 14 minutes to Bletchley. No parking problems or charges and free travel with the *Older Person's Bus Pass*.

Bus times appear at all bus stops and detailed timetable and route information can be accessed at:

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/streets-transport-and-parking/bus-travel/bus-timetables-and-information>.



New Trees and Spring Bulbs

Our thanks are due to Phil Nash whose hard work, research and persistence in gaining funding for new trees and bulbs in and around Baskerfield Grove has made our environment even more attractive at no cost to the Parish



Council or residents. Phil also persuaded friends and neighbours to help with, and actually enjoy, planting the trees and over a thousand bulbs. Look out for, and enjoy, the trees, tulips, daffodils and crocuses. Thank you Phil.

Right of Way re-instated

The Parish Council have worked with Milton Keynes Council and our ward councillors to get



the Parks Trust to install a new 'kissing gate' outside the Village Hall. This long standing right of way had been restricted for some

years by the need to climb over a locked gate. Residents and other members of the public can now pass freely and easily across the Green, from the end of Baskerfield Grove to the Village Hall.

War Memorial to be rejuvenated

The Parish Council have instructed a local stone mason to clean, repair and restore the WWI memorial outside St Marys Church in Woughton on the Green. All Parish Councils are responsible for the upkeep of any war memorials in their parish, so this is an important task for us to undertake. The work will be completed over the summer.



Parish Council Meetings 2014:

Monday 19th May 7.30pm (AGM) - St Mary's Church, Woughton on the Green

Please note, subject to PC approval at the meeting on 19th. May, council meetings will be held on the second Monday in the month in future:

Monday 14th July 7.30pm - St Mary's Church, Woughton on the Green

Monday 8th Sept. 7.30pm - St Mary's Church, Woughton on the Green

Monday 10th Nov. 7.30 pm 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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