



KEEPING YOU IN TOUCH!

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

Patch Allotments Open Day

This was a popular local venue on Saturday 23rd August and, with the weather being so kind, over a hundred people turned up on the day. It was a relaxed affair with time to chat and discover how the allotments feature as a valued asset for residents of the Parish as well as for some in our neighbouring local communities.

The event was organised by the Patch Allotment Association with some much-appreciated support from the Parish Council towards the cost of refreshments, and with several councillors joining for the occasion.

Hamburgers, hot dogs and bacon rolls were served by the dozen, some with succulent side salads; tea was brewed by the gallon, copious coffees poured and scores of soft drinks. Uncountable numbers of allotment holders' freshly baked homemade cakes were seen to disappear.

Willen Hospice, the Association's chosen charity for the year, has been donated a cheque for £127.00 which was raised in a raffle of an almost never-ending supply of prizes.

The Peter Hall Cup for the best allotment of the day was won by Christine Vose on plot 29; the cup, which was donated by Peter Hall, lately the Patch Allotment Association's president, will be presented at the Association's AGM next Spring. A special "Thank you" goes to the two invited judges for the occasion from allotment neighbours at Windmill Hill.

Planning for the future of Milton Keynes

Milton Keynes Council is at the first stage of preparing a new Local Plan for the Borough called **Plan:MK** and wants your views. It is currently consulting on a number of topic papers, covering a

broad range of subjects and including questions to help it understand your thoughts on planning for the future of Milton Keynes. The consultation is running until Wednesday 3rd December 2014, so, to have your say, go to www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/PlanMK and look at the Topic Papers. Alternatively, pass your views onto the Clerk or a Parish Councillor.

Canal Towpath

In conjunction with Simpson and Ashland PC we are looking at the condition of the canal towpath. In some places it is looking rather care-worn. The intention is to have discussions with the Canals and Rivers Trust to see what can be done. We are interested in hearing OWPC residents' views. Please get in touch with the Clerk or any of the councillors to let us know.

Passmore Residents Association BBQ

The annual Passmore BBQ was held on July 12th, as usual in front of our Rose Garden, adjacent to the canal. It was attended by 66 residents including some newcomers to the estate and a few guests. Weather conditions were almost perfect, warm dry and sunny with a light cooling breeze. On offer, included in the ticket price, were a chicken drumstick, a hotdog, a jacket potato, salad and a drink of your choice, such as wine, beer, cider or a soft drink. This event has been held for over 30 years and is always a very friendly social occasion.



Woughton Park BBQ

For 30 years, maybe more, residents in Woughton Park have organised an annual summer barbeque. People gather together armed with barbeques and fuel, tables and chairs, desserts for the communal table, appropriate beverages and perhaps even a gazebo or two. This year's barbeque took place in Foxton on Sunday 31st August. We were blessed with some good late-summer weather and, as always, it was an excellent opportunity to circulate and chat to neighbours and ex-neighbours whom we may not see regularly. We also welcomed people new to Woughton Park and around 50 people joined in this year.



New Notice Board

On the August 28th the newly commissioned Parish notice board was installed, situated in Baskerfield Grove close to the Royal Mail post box and near to the junction with Newport Road. With this new addition for Woughton on the Green (north) all 4 parish wards have their own notice board. Thanks to the contractors themselves who did a very efficient, neat and tidy job. The board is now populated!



Drain Repair

The rapidly sinking drain on Newport road near the H7 has been repaired.



Contributions to the Newsletter

If any residents in the Parish have an interesting item they would like to see published in the newsletter, please get in touch with Judy Howson.

Parish Council Meetings 2014/2015:

Monday 10th Nov. 7.30 pm St. Mary's Church, Woughton on the Green

Monday 12th Jan. 7.30 pm - St Mary's Church, Woughton on the Green

Monday 9th Mar. 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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