

Old Woughton Parish Council Newsletter

Woughton Park

Woughton-on-the-Green

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KEEPING YOU IN TOUCH!

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

No Increase in Parish Tax

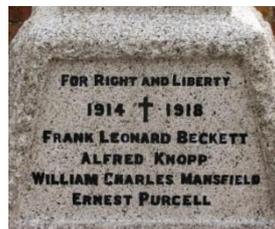
At its meeting on 10th November 2014, Old Woughton Parish Council decided that the parish precept for the year 2015-2016 should not be increased. This means that you will pay the same as you did this year (being less than a fifth of the amount of three years ago). For more information, please go to the website.

Conservation Area review.

The Parish Council has commissioned a review of an area of Woughton on the Green and will shortly be delivering a copy to houses bordering the area. If any resident wishes to receive a copy by email please contact Peter McDonald. We have invited Peter Howard (the architect who compiled the report) to attend our next meeting on January 12th 2015. Please come along to learn more and have the opportunity ask questions.

War Memorial

This has now been cleaned beautifully and the letters refurbished as necessary. The Memorial was rededicated at the Remembrance Service held in November.



Litter

A number of residents have mentioned that constantly they need to pick up litter in their area. You can help us get a better picture of this by letting us know if this is affecting your area.

Please contact our Parish Clerk

Rubbish – Parks Trust Policy

Questions have been asked about this matter and we have a response from the Parks Trust who owns the land.

Litter collection is something which they have built into their general maintenance contracts. They do have bins at car parks, picnic areas and other very popular high usage areas and they litter pick twice weekly 1st April - 30th September and once a week from 1st October - 31st March. Our parish comes into this category, normally on Mondays.

They do have volunteers who also regularly patrol local parks and they have an arrangement where they pick up any bagged litter left in the car parks on Wednesday's.

Also their Community Rangers will do localised litter picking if they come across a hot spot, and pick up volunteers bags if they find them.

Drainage on the Green

These works are to prevent the yearly flooding in two areas. The first is outside number 9 where a new drain is being laid to divert water to the main drain at the start of the footpath. The second is to examine the drain at the start of the footpath as water is not going into the drain but flooding the road. The drainage pipes which run at the side of the footpath down to the brook are also being replaced. Other works may be necessary depending on what they find. All the works have been approved by English Heritage and are being supervised by an archaeologist.

Inevitably there will be some disruption while the works are in process, but these problems have affected local residents for some considerable time, and it is a relief to know they are being dealt with.

Bus stop change at The Point

The 18 bus now stops at The Point at bus stop L3 (and not J3 as before), which is located across the road from the west side of The Point.

Grit Bins

Is the bin near you clean, does it have a proper supply of grit or has it been used as an impromptu litter bin? Cold weather will soon be upon us and we need to be well prepared. Please notify the Parish Council, or the Borough Council direct, if you have any issues regarding these bins.

Our Heritage

As a result of the discovery of a number of pieces of historical information about Woughton on the Green some residents have expressed a wish to start a Heritage group. If you are interested please email pmcdonald@oldwoughton.org.uk

The Allotments - New Shop

Two 20 foot used shipping containers were delivered on the 2nd October. One is lined, has an electrical consumer unit, windows and a side door. This will be turned into a permanent PAA shop, which will allow the existing hut to be used solely as a meeting place. The second one is to be secure storage for equipment used on the allotments by the PAA. Members have worked very hard, the inside of the shop has been painted, power run to the container and a sign placed on the outside. Shortly the outside will be painted also. Power has been run to the second container and a work bench installed.

Les Burgess, the PAA chairman, expressed his thanks to Old Woughton Parish Council, on behalf of the Association's members for investing in the future success of their allotments by purchasing these containers.



Parish Council Meetings 2015:

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

Monday 9th March 7.30pm - St Mary's Church, Woughton on the Green

Monday 13th April 7.30 pm
Annual Parish Meeting

St. Mary's Church, Woughton on the Green

Monday 11th May 7.30pm (AGM) - St Mary's Church, Woughton on the Green

Monday 13th July 7.30pm - 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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**All good wishes for a happy
and peaceful Christmas and a
prosperous
New Year from Old
Woughton Parish Council.**

