



KEEPING YOU IN TOUCH!

*Welcome to the October 2015
issue of the Old Woughton Parish
Council Newsletter.*

Public Enquiry - Woughton Playing Fields - Village Green Application

Our application to designate the Playing Fields as a Village Green and thus protect the land for posterity is to be the subject of an inquiry by an independent inspector. This is scheduled to take place on **27th October at 10.00 am** in the **MKC Council Chamber**. The **28th October** has also been reserved in the unlikely event of overrun. All members of the public are welcome to attend the hearing. It would greatly aid our cause if as many OWP residents as possible could come along and support us. For more information, contact Andrew Humphries or any member of the Parish Council.

Facebook Friends Group

OWPC is sponsoring a 'Friends of Old Woughton' Group on Facebook for residents to chat about local issues and take note of upcoming events. The idea is that OWPC broadens the way we communicate with our residents and other parishes. The contributors (Friends) make the page work whilst the PC simply monitor activity. If you're on Facebook already please find us at <https://www.facebook.com/friendsowpc/timeline>

Woughton Heritage Exhibition



In early September Woughton Heritage (the group of local enthusiasts who, earlier this year, began to research the history of the

village) staged their first exhibition at St Mary's Church. They were delighted with the interest shown and the number of people who visited. For

this taster exhibition the topics included the Church, The Old Swan, the Levi family at Woughton House, Apple Tree Cottage and the canal. They also looked at what the archaeological and aerial surveys can tell us about the mediaeval village. The Mayor of Milton Keynes visited the exhibition and enjoyed trying his hand at bell ringing. The group would like to thank St Mary's Church for hosting the exhibition and ensuring that tea, coffee and biscuits were available to all the visitors. Phil Wareham kindly provided the display boards. All the hard work, time and resources that the members put into their sections was much appreciated.

Many visitors offered information about their houses and the local area. The group can scan any photographs that could be added to the archive of the village that they are setting up. Please get in touch if you would like to know more or can offer any information, whether it's a photograph or your memories of life in the village. The group will be meeting soon to plan their future programme and hope to include talks of local interest as well as another exhibition. If you want to get in touch, please

E-mail us on semha222@gmail.com .

Patch Allotments Supper

On Saturday 15 August diners arrived, tummies rumbled. Mr Law was on his way; bringing 58 freshly prepared piping hot meals for grown up supper guests accompanied by a motley assortment of children and dogs. The allotment cat, Patch, well known as a timid night security guard, had sought alternative arrangements, regardless of the lure of tasty morsels of fish. Any expectations amongst the hens of a tasty chip supper were dashed the moment they were securely locked away for the night.

PAA chairman, Les Burgess welcomed his guests, carefully filling the tables with a blend of old and new acquaintances and failing to find a volunteer eager to sing for his supper. Preparations had been made earlier in the day with association members and friends erecting marquees, setting tables, getting the urn steaming and buttering

bread. The head waiter sounded the gong for a punctual start.

Complimentary spring rolls were provided and the children ate free. Diners unanimously acclaimed the PAA's Fish and Chip Supper another gastronomic success and, in recognition of his services, Mr Law was duly appointed **Official Purveyor of Occasional Piping Hot Suppers** to the PAA.

Working together

One Friday morning, at 08.30am., a six yard skip arrived at the Patch Allotments, arranged by OWPC. A number of Parish councillors duly arrived along with several PAA members. Gloves and old clothes were put on and work began. Glass, old carpet, plastic, metal and old bricks were packed into the skip assisted by a councillor stomping down the load from above. All finished by 1.00 pm. The skip was collected that day, a job well done.



Vegetable show

On Saturday 5 September a vegetable show was organised by John Such and John Kincaide on the Patch Allotments. The judging was carried out by Sue Dixon, a local resident and supporter. The overall winner was Paul Rake. Although this was a small event, many lessons were learnt and much information provided for next year's event, which will be open to all plot holders.



Milton Keynes is 50!

In 2017 Milton Keynes will be 50! The question is posed, "Should we celebrate as a Parish?" If the answer is yes, then how should we celebrate? If you have any suggestions for a community event, please let us know through our website: www.oldwoughton.org.uk

Parish Council Meetings 2015/2016:

Council Meetings

9 November 2015

11 January 2016

14 March 2016

**All held in St Mary's Church,
Woughton on the Green at 7.30 pm.**

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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