

Old Woughton Parish Council Newsletter

Woughton Park

Woughton-on-the-Green

Passmore



KEEPING YOU IN TOUCH!

*Welcome to the February 2016
issue of the Old Woughton
Parish Council Newsletter.*

Parish Precept 2016 - 2017

- At its meeting on 11th January 2016, Old Woughton Parish Council decided that there would be no increase in the Parish precept for the 2016-17 year. This means that you will pay the same as you did for this financial year and the previous one. In the 4 years of its life, the size of the Old Woughton precept has been reduced 7 fold from the £167 per band D property we inherited when we were founded. Our capital investment programme in The Patch Allotments to overcome previous years of neglect is tailing-off. Furthermore, improved financial and management arrangements offer the clear possibility of the Patch's budget going into surplus for the first time in the forthcoming financial year. You can be assured that we will only raise taxes from our residents that are strictly necessary and we will continue to focus on keeping our costs and spending under rigorous review.

Canal Towpath

The project to repair some of the canal towpath is now awaiting the Canal and River Trust's budget approval. It is currently proposed to start with a small pilot stretch by Bridge 90B in Woughton Park between Castle Rose and Foxton.

We are looking for a few volunteers to help with this exciting community project.

If you can spare some time please let Peter McDonald know so he can add you to our list and get in touch with you nearer the time.

You can contact Peter at
pmcdonald@oldwoughton.org.uk



Police Community Support Officers

At the Parish Council Meeting on January 11th we listened to two PCSO's explaining their role to us.

The area office for our parish is in Woburn Sands, operated by a sergeant and 2 constables.

Our local office is based at Fishermead and our regular PCSO is Colin Cooper – you may have spotted him around the area on his bicycle. He is



the point of contact for our community and we are assured that he or one of his colleagues will turn out for just about anything, even if only to reassure. They will also offer crime reduction advice and assess homes for vulnerability. They suggested that a call to the 101 service when residents were going away on holiday was helpful to them as well as reassuring to homeowners – they will keep an eye on the home whilst out on patrol.

As a rule of thumb, if you see a crime in progress, dial 999, if you need to report a crime that has already taken place, dial 101

Defibrillator



Just a reminder to all:

There is a defibrillator in the Pavilion at the Sports Ground.

Christmas Eve Carols

Upwards of 50 residents of Woughton Park gathered for the annual Christmas Eve carols, which this year took place outside the residence of Tim and Linda Mason, in Foxton.

Mulled wine was flowing as is the norm, and there were plenty of mince pies and sausage rolls to go round, which helped to keep the cockles of our hearts warm. There was even the celebrating of a birthday for one of the younger members of our community, complete with the traditional birthday cake.

Many of the old favourites were sung, and for the third year, we were treated to a rendition of a couple of specials, (some might say quirky), from the "Singing4fun" group.

Of course, the session ended with a rip roaring chorus of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas".

Thanks go to Tim, Linda and family for supplying the venue, and for keeping the voices well and truly lubricated. Thanks also go to Geoff Long for playing the organ for us.



Passmore Winter Supper

This is a traditional Passmore event, hosted by one of the residents, and was held on 23rd January this year. It is an opportunity for a post-Christmas get together, to enjoy fine wine and party food. It is a popular event and this year was oversubscribed so a few residents were disappointed.



The Passmore Association is 40 years old this year and continues to keep a watching brief on the well-being of the estate as well as organising three social events annually – the winter supper, a summer barbecue and a meal in a local pub in the late Autumn.

Parish Council Meetings 2016:

Monday 14th March 7.30pm

Final Public Meeting of Existing Council

Monday 11th April 7.30 pm

Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 9th May 7.30 AGM

1st Meeting of New Council

**All held in 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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