



KEEPING YOU IN TOUCH!

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

Bird Hide at Walton Lake

(Produced by Thames Valley Alert)

The Parks Trust is sad to report that the bird hide at Walton Lake was destroyed in a suspected arson attack on Thursday 25 April. The bird hide was discovered ablaze by The Parks Trust's Community Rangers who were inspecting the site following reports of graffiti and fence damage the previous day.

Martin Kincaid, Biodiversity Officer at The Parks Trust, said: "Walton Lake is one of the richest spots in Milton Keynes to enjoy wildlife and over the years our volunteers and contractors have worked really hard to preserve this precious habitat. It's very upsetting for us all as this is the second bird hide that has been destroyed at this location."

The Trust is appealing for anyone with information to call Thames Valley Police on 101 quoting the crime reference number DF4242921/13.

Bus Route 18

Further to our article in the February Newsletter, 'Use it or lose it! Why we want to keep bus route 18', we have been advised that further developments have resulted in a reduced



frequency for our area which will take effect from 2nd June 2013. ****Be aware, this service will be reduced from this date.**** You can find a link to the timetable on our Website: www.oldwoughton.org.uk/oldwoughton/environment

Or alternatively visit the Bus Travel webpage on the Milton Keynes Council Website where the revised timetable is available to view or download.

Potholes

Potholes seem to be increasing in number both on the grid roads and within our own Parish. Once formed, potholes enlarge very quickly so rapid remedial action can save money in the long run. Also, if a pothole has been reported to MK Council and your car, bicycle or yourself suffers damage, you have a legitimate claim against MK Council (see <http://potholes.co.uk/>).

Old Woughton Parish Council would like to keep the Parish as free of potholes as possible and, to this end, we should like you to report any potholes in the Parish to us so that we can monitor repairs and chase up problems.

Please send pothole details (description and location, with photo if possible) to: clerk@oldwoughton.org.uk as well as reporting the problem to MK Council through their Website.

Keep Old Woughton Tidy

At the recent Annual Parish Meeting there were a few points raised about keeping our parish looking lovely, so we thought we would share them with you; vehicles taking short cuts and ploughing up grass verges. This is a common problem particularly at the north end of the parish and many neighbours are taking action by locating rocks, sticks and even toy traffic cones on corners which are regularly damaged. We can report damage to MK Council for them to repair but it is low on their priority list and anything you can do to help prevent it will keep our parish looking lovely all summer.

If you do see any litter when out and about walking then if you can, please pick it up and dispose of it at home. If it is a large pile of rubbish on Parks Trust land or road sides then please report it or let us know so that we can.

If you have a spring clean and have some big items of furniture to get rid of then MK Council will collect them at a charge of just £10 for up to 5 items. Just get in touch with Environmental Services at MK Council.

Advertising

Would you like to advertise in this newsletter? We welcome adverts from local businesses who want to offer goods or services to our residents. If you are interested please contact the clerk (contact details above).



Cowslips

Out and About

Beautiful Cowslips growing in the Park. It's lovely to see these wild flowers growing locally again.

Parish Council Meetings:

Monday 20th May 7.30pm - AGM - St Mary's Church, Woughton-on-the-Green

Monday 15th July 7.30pm – St Mary's Church, Woughton-on-the-Green

Monday 16th September 7.30pm – St Mary's Church, Woughton-on-the-Green

Monday 18th November 7.30pm – St Mary's Church, Woughton-on-the-Green

Please Note - the meetings will now be every other month and not monthly.

The first 15 minutes of the meeting is reserved for the public to address the Council with questions or issues you wish to bring to our attention.

How to contact us:

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