



**KEEPING YOU IN TOUCH!**

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

**Woughton on the Green - Village  
Green Application**

Did you know that only part of the pasture bounded by The Green, Newport Road and Bellis Grove is designated as a Village Green, leaving the Northern end of this pasture open to development?

The public orchard in Woughton on the Green, which runs from Newport Road to the canal, is not currently designated as a village green also.

Old Woughton Parish Council has an initiative to protect all the green spaces within its boundary, including these areas. If you have lived in this parish for at least twenty years and would like to help, please email

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and we will bring you the appropriate forms to fill in. We will collect these forms and submit them to MKC with the application to have both these portions of land registered as Village Greens.

**Woughton Playing Fields - Village  
Green Application**

If you are one of the residents that completed the questionnaire and agreed to come along to the public enquiry to give oral evidence please note this is currently scheduled for October 27<sup>th</sup>., possibly extending to 28<sup>th</sup>. Please reserve this date in your diary. It will not be necessary to be there for the whole time.

**Recycling**

Milton Keynes residents can now sign up to receive free notifications via text or email on waste and recycling related issues such as

changes to collection days following a bank holiday, events etc. To find out more visit [www.miltonkeynes.gov.uk/wastealerts](http://www.miltonkeynes.gov.uk/wastealerts)

**G4S Newsletter Report**

Working in conjunction with Milton Keynes Youth Offending Team, G4S Care and Justice Services deliver the Reparation service which enables young people from the ages of 12-18 to participate in community projects.

For many months they have contributed to improvements and enhancements at The Patch Allotments in Woughton on the Green. So far, more than 10 Young People have participated in tasks including painting the container for the Patch Allotment Shop, cutting back and planting around the borders, increasing the security of the Allotment and laying a path to improve the mobility of vehicles and people around the site.

This enables the young people to complete worthwhile tasks and develop various skills while they are giving something back and enhancing their local communities.

The young people are grateful for the kindness, encouragement and praise that has been given to them from local people using the allotments and seeing the change their good work has made.

The PAA say they are impressed with the way Linzi and Sarah have managed the young people on the community projects work. These young people work hard under the direction of their leaders and are friendly and conscientious and the PAA really appreciate the effort each one has contributed.

**Open Day at the Patch**

The birds were singing! The bees were buzzing! The hens were clucking! The urn was steaming! The brollies went up ... and came down: the sun hardly shone. The guide map £50 voucher winner, Tony Gridley, was elated and is looking forward to a great family meal at The Olde Swan. It was all part of another successful Open Day on Saturday 20 June as the Patch Allotments Association goes from strength to strength.

Well over one hundred visitors, including lots of little helpers and several of our Parish Councillors, attended; there were many spontaneous comments about the impressive progress around The Patch since last year's event. An essential ingredient for event success is high awareness, but even having achieved that, for outdoor events it's fine weather on the day that delivers the best result. Amongst all the visitors who were undeterred by an indifferent weather forecast there were at least ten enquirers asking about vacant plot availability. Complimentary light refreshments were on tap throughout the day. Uncountable THANK-YOU's go to the numerous members and friends whose generosity created an irresistibly naughty-but-nice festive spread, with hot-dogs & burgers. It all culminated in the draw for the PAA's legendary never-ending selection of donated prizes - a cheque for £126 will shortly go off to the Royal National Institute for the Blind.

"Well done!" and "Congratulations" to Shirley Darrah!" whose plot 016 won the "Best Allotment" prize.

Another amazing OPEN DAY at the allotments! ...

## Woughton Heritage

Earlier this year a group of residents got together with the aim of researching and telling the story of the Woughton-on-the-Green village and parish over the centuries. The group, now Woughton Heritage is a member of the MK Heritage Association and will be running its first 'taster' exhibition from 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at St Mary's Church, Woughton on the Green:  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September: 10-12.30 and 2-5pm  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September: 2-5pm  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September: 2-5pm

Admission is free and refreshments will be available

'Heritage Hunter' Quiz and Prize!

On show will be displays of photos and information on a number of significant buildings, aspects of local life, people and landscapes that have been the study focus of members in this first instance. We do hope that you will come along

and join us and share in the fascinating history of this very special and unique area.



## Parish Council Meetings 2015/2016:

### Council Meetings

14 September 2015

9 November 2015

11 January 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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