

WOUGHTON GAZETTE

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Neighbourhood Plan UPDATE**

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WOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

	Annual Meeting of Council	Annual Meeting of the Parish	Full Council	Policy & Resources	Services	Scrutiny
May 2015	Monday 11th 6pm	Tuesday 26th 6pm				
June 2015			Monday 1st 6pm		Thursday 25th 6pm (Grants only)	
July 2015				Monday 6th 6pm	Thursday 23rd 6pm	Thursday 16th 6pm
August 2015		N O	MEETINGS		H E L D	
September 2015			Monday 7th 6pm		Thursday 24th 6pm (Grants only)	
October 2015				Monday 5th 6pm		Thursday 1st 6pm
November 2015			Monday 2nd 6pm		Thursday 12th 6pm	Thursday 5th 6pm
December 2015			*Tuesday 15th 2pm *Thursday 17th 6pm	Monday 7th 6pm		
January 2016			Monday 11th 6pm			Thursday 7th 6pm
February 2016				Monday 1st 6pm	Thursday 25th 6pm (Grants only)	Thursday 4th 6pm
March 2016			Monday 7th 6pm			Thursday 3rd 6pm
April 2016		Thursday 14th 6pm				
May 2016	Monday 16th 6pm					Thursday 5th 6pm

*budget consultation

All residents are warmly welcome to attend any Council Meeting and have the opportunity to ask questions at an allotted time.

For descriptions of each committee see our website:

www.woughtoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk



FACILITY HIRE

Woughton Community Council manages
**Netherfield Meeting Place on Farmborough, Tinkers Bridge
 Meeting Place on Marshworth, Coffee Hall Community Centre on
 Garraways & Eaglestone Centre on Harrier Court.**

Please contact Woughton Community Council Offices if you wish to book one of the halls.

RING (01908) 395681
FOR FURTHER DETAILS
 Bookings can now be paid by card

LETTER FROM THE LEADER

WOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A Community Council responding to your needs
In January your Community Council approved its budget and tax precept for 2016/17 starting in April. We have been able to maintain all of our services and improve in two important areas.

Firstly we will be employing another community worker, who can work with local people supporting local estate and parish initiatives and making a real difference to the lives of hundreds of people young and old.

Secondly we will be increasing our grant aid budget from £11,000 to £15,000 with 60% of this rather than 50% of the smaller amount reserved to local estates on a formula basis, based partly on population size and partly on a poverty index. This will provide additional support to local Resident Group and Associations enabling them in turn to support local people better.

These are just two examples of how your Community Council is meeting your needs. We continue with all our other services, including the ever improving Woughton Advice Service, youth provision, Neighbourhood Plan and landscape maintenance. Our highly acclaimed Carnival looks like it will be bigger and better next year. We now manage and hire out 4 meeting places, provide dog and litter bins, respond to environmental concerns and fund a range of community projects.

Cllr Kevin Wilson

Leader Woughton Community Council



LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

WOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Happy New Year to all Woughton Residents. We've had a busy 12 months with the launch of our Woughton Community Neighbourhood Plan, which has just finished its first round of consultations; annual events such as the Woughton Carnival and Woughton Walk; and new events including the Woughton Community Get Active Day and Apple Day.

Looking forward to the New Year ahead we have two Commonwealth events taking place. On 15th March we have our Commonwealth Day and on Saturday 19th March we have our Commonwealth Olympic Games in aid of Sport Relief at Woughton Leisure Centre. To get involved with either or these events call our office at 01908 395681.

As well as these events we have our annual Woughton Walk and Apple Day during the year, and of course the Woughton Carnival will be happening on Saturday 18th June. In keeping with our previous events, this year's theme is Commonwealth, so all community groups and schools get thinking what stalls or costumes you want to make in preparation for it!

As always our staff are always available to speak to you, so please feel free to pop into either of our offices.

As with all our events and services please check our website www.woughtoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk and facebook page for all up to date news. May I wish you all a happy 2016.

Cllr Pete Orme

Chair Woughton Community Council



ADVICE SERVICE

REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO SPEAK WITH from

- MK Council
- Money Matters
- MK Money Lifeline
- Community Action MK
- the private rental sector
- Mitie
- DWP
- Job centre plus
- Affordable warmth
- Places for people
- Stonewater housing ass
- NEP for help finding work and more

DISCUSS ISSUES SUCH AS:

- Benefit advice and support
- Getting involved in your local community
- Welfare reform
- Home Swapper
- Property downsizing
- General money advice
- Debt advice
- Homes in multi occupancy
- Help finding work

No appointment necessary

**Woughton Community Council
Farthing Grove, Netherfield First
Tuesday of every month
11am - 1pm**



**Drop In
Advice Sessions**

All this can be done in one place - call into an advice session and get help from different agencies in one location, no appointment necessary!

What people have said

"I found it very helpful and was able to get so much information from the 3 agencies"

"I am very grateful, I have many debts, money advice are helping me to sort them out, this is something I would not have been able to do myself."

"It is easier to access services on the same day under one roof without having to wait too long."



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**Woughton Advice Service, Netherfield.
Every Wednesday, 2pm till 4pm**

**WOUGHTON ADVICE
SERVICE WALK IN**
12pm - 3pm
Every Week Day

JOB CLUB
Every Monday
1pm - 3pm

NEW WOUGHTON ADVICE SERVICE TEAM

Hello everybody, my name is Jackie and I am the new coordinator of the Woughton Advice Service (WAS) and we also have 2 new advice workers Joanne and Laura and together we hope to expand the service, reach more people and offer you more choices.

We are very excited at the prospect of working with you all to help us shape WAS to meet the needs of all the residents, and for that we really do need your help!

You can come along to our open access session, which will be open every day between 12.00pm and 3.00pm at the Netherfield office, 33-37 Farthing Grove, if you would like to chat about anything: housing, benefits, work problems, debt, money, and family or relationship problems, or anything else you can think of, and if we can't help we will try and find you someone who can.

POLICE REPORT

Hello again, I am writing this article in early September with the leaves still on the trees and a bright sunny day outside. By the time you get to read this the nights will have drawn in, the weather may have changed and autumn will be well and truly upon us. The Campbell Park South and Woughton Neighbourhood Policing Team have been out and about across the estates over the summer and will continue to do so come rain or shine, the team particularly enjoyed being out and about on Carnival day and are already looking forward to next year's event.

There has been much talk recently about austerity and cuts to funding for public organisations. The police are not immune to those cuts but there has been no reduction in staff numbers on your policing team serving Woughton Community Council. One of our team, PCSO Alex Barker who many of the younger readers will recognise is based at the Academy, is leaving the team to join up as a police officer but he will be replaced by PCSO Ethan Griffiths who is already working alongside Alex to make sure the change is as seamless as possible. PC Marc Walters has joined our team working at the Hospital on Eaglestone much of the time. The Hospital regularly features as one of the top 10 locations across Milton Keynes for reported incidents and Marc is working hard with other partner agencies to try and reduce this.

Let us know if we can come along to any of your meetings or activities to introduce ourselves and you can give us your suggestions and tell us how we can serve you best, or please pop in to our **Chatter and Natter sessions on Thursday mornings at 10.30 here at WAS**, where we can get to know each other and have a coffee (and toast).

One of us will also be at Hedgerows children centre café on Monday mornings between 9.30 and 11.30 and at the foodbank in Moorlands between 2.30pm and 3.30pm on a Tuesday. We will also be attending the Christ the Vine Community Church Coffee Morning in Coffee Hall on Wednesdays between 10am and 12pm, and we'll be looking to start Chatter & Natter in Tinkers Bridge in the future. Watch this space and our Facebook page for more news on that or any other news.



Over the past few weeks there has been an increase in theft of push bikes on Coffee Hall. The team visit each victim of crime and carry out an investigation but often the bikes are not located and the offenders not caught. If anyone has any information that could assist us in the investigations then please contact the team on **101, e-mail SouthMKCluster@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or if you prefer to remain anonymous then via Crime Stoppers on 0800 555111**. Whilst I am talking about crimes please take a few minutes to check your home security arrangements. Have a check that doors and windows lock securely. Do not leave ladders and tools around to make it easier to gain entry to places. When you see any of the police team out and about ask them for advice and they will be pleased to assist you where possible. By doing these simple tasks you will be helping yourselves to reduce the risk of crime.

That's about it from me for this time around. I hope to see some of you when I am out and about across the neighbourhood and in particular on Remembrance Sunday when some of the team will be at the memorial on Coffee Hall.

Thanks you for reading. Richard Colson

Sergeant, South Neighbourhoods, Milton Keynes, Thames Valley Police

WOUGHTON COMMUNITY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

PART ONE UPDATE

Led by the Woughton Community Council, your Neighbourhood Plan will be a legal document establishing land use planning policies (i.e. where developments can and cannot be built) in the Woughton Parish area. This is an important project because it will be used to inform Regeneration:MK and Milton Keynes Council as a whole of how YOU want to see this area grow & develop.

The Neighbourhood Plan is guided by community priorities. Therefore before any policies can be written we need to know what you like, don't like, or want to see changed. **Public participation is essential to establish a strong community vision of the Woughton area.**

Since our last publication, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has been hard at work gathering the opinions of how local residents and businesses see their community. **For our first of many rounds of consultation, so far we have:**

Launched Household & Online Surveys. A comment period lasting from July to November is an opportunity to tell us what you like, don't like, and want to see changed in Woughton.

Held Drop-In Sessions in locations across the Parish. These are not formal meetings, but rather an opportunity for people to ask questions about the Surveys. Find the schedule on our website: www.woughtoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk/Core/Woughton-CC/Pages/wcnp_drop_in_sessions-20510.aspx

Hosted workshops in September for people to participate in exercises that enabled critical thinking about the future of Woughton. While these workshops were very productive for the residents who turned out, we need the involvement of **EVERY** resident to make this Neighbourhood Plan truly reflective of our community.

NEXT:

We are currently planning other consultation methods to bring in the most possible views about

the Woughton area. More details to come. These comments & issues will feed into our Draft Visions and Aim document, aimed to be ready for around Christmas time. Another workshop will be scheduled around January for residents to examine this document and will kick start our second round of consultations.

There is still time left to make your opinions heard! Comments are due by 30 November 2015.



Pick up your copy of the Household Survey at the Woughton Community Council Offices in Netherfield or any Drop-In Session or fill in the Household Survey attached to the middle of the Gazette.

Leave your comments online at <http://woughton.commonplace.is>

Attend any of our Parish wide fortnightly or monthly Drop-In Sessions

Keep listening for updates on ways to be involved and progress of the Neighbourhood Plan on our website, notice boards, facebook page or leaflets through your door.

For more information please visit our website. If you have any questions or wish to be contacted with updates please contact:

Victoria Binko, Project Officer
Victoria.Binko@woughtoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk
Tel. 01908 609146

Please remove the middle section of the Gazette to complete and return the Household Survey

ATTENTION:

How do you want to see your neighbourhood grow & develop over the next 15 years?

Tell us in the Woughton Community Neighbourhood Plan (WCNP) Part 1 Household Survey

Woughton Community Council has created a Steering Group made up of Parish Councillors, residential representatives and other community stakeholders to lead the development of a Neighbourhood Plan, a legal document establishing land use planning policies (i.e. where things can and cannot be built) that reflects local priorities. The Neighbourhood Plan is not the same as the Regeneration Programme led by Milton Keynes Council. **Instead this document is crucial in giving the Woughton community a real legal voice in the planning process and will be used to inform Milton Keynes Council of how YOU want to see this area grow and develop.**

Do you want to protect green and open spaces that the community values? Do you want to see more or better or bigger local shops that cater to everyone's needs? Do you want to see a more walkable neighbourhood with better links to public transport? Do you want to see homes in our community that best suit the needs of the people living in them now? **Then let us know how YOU want this neighbourhood to look for this and the next generation.**

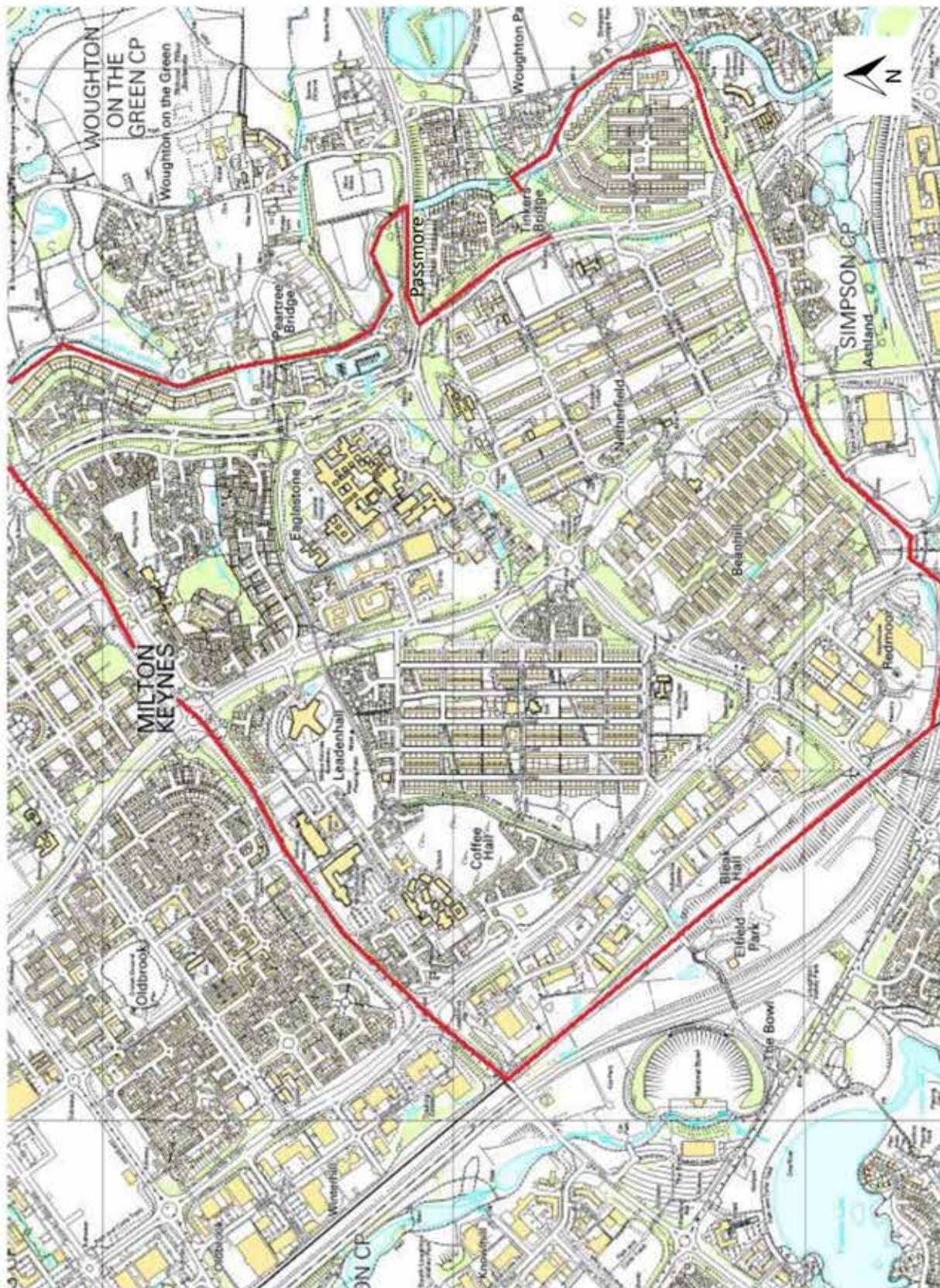
As this process is community driven, we are currently in the first of at least four stages of consultation. We want to gather your input on what you like, don't like, and want to see changed in our neighbourhood. By completing this survey you are actively participating in planning the future of your neighbourhood – policies cannot be made until we know what local residents want for this area. All comments will be entered & can be viewed online at <http://woughton.commonplace.is>. For more details please visit our website www.woughtoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk.

If you have not yet, please provide us with your contact preferences if you wish to be kept informed on the project (leave blank if you wish to remain anonymous):

Name (optional)	
Phone	
Email	

Map of Woughton Neighbourhood Area

Please circle the location(s) of interest where you would like to comment about that is within the Neighbourhood area (the red border).



Q1. Describe the location in the Woughton Neighbourhood Area (in the red border) that you wish to comment about (i.e. a park, local shops, car park area etc.). If commenting about multiple areas, please label them A, B, C.

Q2. On a scale of 1 (negative or bad feelings) to 10 (positive or good feelings) how does this place make you feel? (i.e. I mainly like this park, so overall I would rate it an 8)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Negative					Positive				

Q3. Why do you feel this way about this place? (Select all that apply)

(i.e. I like this park because it is quiet , friendly , and promotes a strong sense of community but it can get polluted & there is low parking available)

Quiet	Noisy	Clean	Polluted	Empty	Cluttered
Friendly	Unsafe	Grey	Green	Low Traffic	High Traffic
Low Parking Available	High Parking Available	Good Facilities	Lack of Facilities	Expensive	Affordable
Open Space	Lack of Open Space	Affordable Housing	No Affordable Housing	Local Businesses	Local Meeting Place
Easy to Walk Around	Hard to Walk Around	Dangerous for cyclists / pedestrians	Safe for cyclists / pedestrians	Strong Sense of Community	Weak Sense of Community
Other					

Q4. What do you like about this place? What do you want keep? (i.e. I like this park because it is a safe place for my children to play and acts as a meeting place for people)

Q5. What don't you like about this place? What would you like to see changed or improved? (i.e. the play equipment needs to be better maintained or replaced, and there should be more parking available close to the park)

Q6. What makes this neighbourhood (an estate or Woughton as a whole) good to live in? (i.e. strong Resident Associations, lots of open spaces, pedestrian friendly etc.)

Once completed, please return to the Woughton Community Council offices at the address below or through the letter box of any Meeting Pace by **30 November 2015**:

**33-37 Farthing Grove
Netherfield
Milton Keynes
MK6 4JH**

If you have any questions, please contact:

Victoria Binko, Project Officer
Woughton Community Council
Victoria.Binko@woughtoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk
01908 609146

GRANT AID

Woughton Community Council funding is open to any group or association as long as the event or project benefits the residents of Woughton Parish. This includes the estates of Tinkers Bridge, Netherfield, Beanhill, Coffee Hall, Leadenhall, Eaglestone and Peartree Bridge. The group or association must meet the criteria specified below and provide all of the supporting documentation.

YOU CAN APPLY IF:

- you are a voluntary or community organisation, school or health body
- you have a bank account that requires at least two people to sign each cheque to make a withdrawal or know an established organisation that is willing to hold any award made to you
- you have a committee with at least three unrelated members

Woughton Community Council can fund a wide range of projects, although **we will not fund the following**

- the running costs of your organisation (for example, rent, gas & electricity) *Residents Associations are exempt from this rule
- items which only benefit individuals
- salaries for permanent or fixed term contract jobs
- activities promoting religious beliefs
- political activities
- activities which a statutory body is responsible for
- loans or interest payments
- projects that take place or start before you receive our award letter

- costs incurred or expenditure committed (including deposits) before you receive our award letter
Every application for funding is different and we examine each one accordingly, they will also have to meet **at least one of the three focus strands for the Poverty priority** set out by Woughton Community Council.

- Youth
- Food
- Advice

Without the following supporting documents your application will not be processed, and will not be considered by the Services Committee

- Fully completed application form
- Evidence of the cost outlined within the application (this can be in the form of official quotes/ emails/ website page prints/ catalogues)
- Audited accounts if your group is more than one year old or project/activity budget if group is less than one year old
- Signed copy of constitution or rules
- Equal Opportunities Policy or statement
- Child Protection Policy – if your group works with children and young people under the age of 18
- A copy of current / latest bank statement
- A copy of the groups minutes agreeing to the grant aid submission.

For any further information please contact

Julia on 01908 609 146 / 07983 590 551
or **Jodie** 01908 609 146 / 07525 594 204



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR COMMUNITY TO DELIVER QUALITY SERVICES

We already have many great youth provisions:

Monday: Netherfield Juniors & Seniors · Tuesday: Eaglestone Seniors · Wednesday: Tinkers Bridge Juniors · Wednesday: Beanhill Seniors · Thursday: Eaglestone Junior · Friday Night Music Awards Project · Teen Parents Group · Youth Advice Service · Child protection & Safeguarding support ·

Safe spaces & fun places to chill with friends, access support, play games and do projects, craft & cookery.
All Youth Clubs are staffed by local, experienced, trusted, friendly youth workers.

See website for times and age ranges

We want to provide even more!

but ...



If you are keen,
community centred, youth focused
and interested in making a difference.
You could gain a recognised qualification
volunteering regularly or occasionally
Please contact Tash.

And ... we want to hear from young people & parents about
what YOU want?

**You can speak to, email, call, & write to the Youth Manager
or drop into the office to fill out a comments/ suggestions slip**

Help create the Youth service you really want!

Please contact; Tash Darling t: 01908 395681/ 07853 590546
e: tash.darling@woughtoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk

We are delighted to introduce another new targeted service:

MKDONS
are at our
Monday night,
Netherfield
Youth Clubs!!!



Under 18s Only!
JOIN OUR NEW
FACEBOOK PAGE



Learning, Love and Laughter

Do you want your child to attend an outstanding Reception setting?

Ofsted September 2014 "Children make excellent progress in the Reception classes and are very well prepared to move in to Year 1. More-able children achieve highly and exceed the expected good level of development in nearly all areas of learning. The behaviour of the children is extremely good. They learn classroom routines very quickly and follow the rules and the high expectations of the teachers. They are happy in class and show great interest in what they are doing".

Parents wishing to visit New Chapter Primary School and see the children in action are always welcome. To make an appointment to visit speak to Miss Hopkins (admissions) on 01908 679809.

At New Chapter Primary School, we aim to enhance and enrich the lives of our children by enabling them to make the most of outstanding learning opportunities within and beyond the curriculum. We instil an appreciation that there are no limits to what they can achieve and develop the attributes needed to successfully shape and respond to the future. We pride ourselves in providing a caring and happy atmosphere where each child feels valued. We aim to provide not only the right academic atmosphere,

but also an education that fosters the intellectual, social, physical and emotional development of each child, which equips them with the skills for lifelong learning and personal growth. We achieve this by involving pupils in purposeful, relevant and challenging activities and providing them with a wide range of balanced learning experiences and opportunities. In this way we feel our children can learn to make choices, solve problems and become independent learners and responsible people.



EAGLESTONE RESIDENTS

Eaglestone currently does not have a Residents Association
Would you like to get involved in your Community?
Are you interested in being involved in a Residents Association?
If so, then come along to the Eaglestone Centre, Harrier Court

on MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER
7.00pm - 8.00pm

For more information please contact Julie or Jodie on 01908 609 146

AFTERNOON TEA AT MK ACADEMY

MILTON KEYNES ACADEMY IN CONJUNCTION WITH LEADENHALL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Students at MK Academy have been working on a Weaving Trust campaign to bring the community together and build bridges between the generations. After the success of the first Afternoon Tea at MK Academy on Friday 17th April, more dates have been added throughout the new school year.

Good conversations were had over delicious cream teas and scrumptious cakes. The event provided an excellent opportunity for the students to appreciate the residents' perspective and understand some of their concerns regarding the school and the local community. It also gave students and residents a chance to swap stories about their lives and experiences.

If you would like your views to be heard and meet new people, please join us.

All at 3:30pm in the Enterprise Hub, MK Academy, Leadenhall.

Friday 4th December 2015

Friday 5th February 2016

Friday 11th March 2016

Wednesday 20th May 2016

Friday 24th June 2016

If you would like more information please contact:

Deborah Gockelen

dcockelen@miltonkeynesacademy.co.uk

Yvonne Tomlinson

at the Leadenhall Residents Association

yvonnedavid1@hotmail.com

FAMILIES WELCOME!



Do you love to sing?

Are you between 8 and 108 years of age?
Do you live or work in the Woughton Parish?

**Come & join our
Community Choir**

First meeting Thursday 29th October 2015
@ The Eaglestone Centre. 7-8pm



Experienced & Friendly Local Choir Master

Autumn Half Term Holiday Activities



If you're stuck for something to do over the Autumn Half Term, there are various events and activities going on for children, teenagers and adults provided by services such as the *Woughton Youth Provision, Moorlands Community Centre and Woughton Leisure Centre*.

For a list of Activities and Events going on in your area over the Autumn Half Term please visit:

www.woughtoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk

COFFEE HALL COMMUNITY CENTRE: AN ADDITIONAL LOCAL OFFICE

As of October, some of the team have moved into the office at Coffee Hall Community Centre, next to the One Stop and other local shops. If you need to contact Julia Bandy, Lorraine Essam, Victoria Binko or Jodie Denton our new contact details are below.

We strive to integrate ourselves as much as possible into the community while delivering the best possible services to residents. With the expanding WAS service offering even more valuable advice to our community members, we have created an additional local office to better serve the needs of the community.

The Coffee Hall office will be open to the public to pick up pink sacks, dog waste bags, or just come in for a chat! We are open:

Mondays & Wednesdays 10:00am – 12:00pm
Thursdays & Fridays 1:00pm – 3:00pm

We also run **Craft Club on Thursday afternoons between 2:00pm - 4:00pm**, which is open for anyone to come along, have a cuppa and get creative.

As always the Hall remains available to rent for community events. If you wish to book the Community Centre for your next event, please contact the Netherfield local office for more information about availabilities and pricing.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Coffee Hall Community Centre
60 Garraways
Coffee Hall
MK6 5EG

Telephone: 01908 609146



**Are you ready for Christmas?
Need a little extra financial help?**

**Contact Milton Keynes Community Bank:
we're here to help you!**

Milton Keynes Community Bank is branch of Swan Credit Union, which spans Aylesbury, Milton Keynes, Thame and Didcot. We are different to high-street banks as we're a not-for-profit cooperative -owned and run by its members.

Our aim is to help people save and borrow at affordable rates.

Apply for our NEW Child Benefit Loan today

Borrow between £250 and £500 - pay less than £12 per week *

- Complete your application and send in.
- Once your Child Benefit is being paid into the Credit Union you'll receive your loan within a few days.

See our website for further details:

www.miltonkeynescommunitybank.org.uk

T: 03030 300147 Email: enquiries@swancreditunion.org

**Safe Savings and affordable loans
from your local community bank**

FUNDING IN WOUGHTON

Woughton Community Council runs a Grant Aid Scheme, which any group or association in Woughton can apply for, to support the delivery of projects that benefit the residents of Woughton.

To find out more please come along and see Julia and Jodie on **Tuesday 27th October** **7:00pm - 8:00pm** **at Coffee Hall Community Centre, Garraways**

There will also be an opportunity to find out about and get assistance on the wider funding that is available.

For more information call 01908 609146

