



STANTONBURY PARISH NEWS

September / October 2015

BANCROFT BANCROFT PARK BLUE BRIDGE BRADVILLE LINFORD WOOD OAKRIDGE PARK STANTONBURY

Football Skills in the Park - August 2015



WHO ARE
YOUR
COUNCILLORS?

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FREE TO RESIDENTS OF
STANTONBURY PARISH

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CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Hello. We have been and will be holding Neighbourhood Plan roadshows within the Parish. Bradville and Oakridge Park will be in October, the other estates having already had theirs. We will be sending out an extra magazine in October exclusively for the Neighbourhood Plan and will be looking for people to form the working group.

Resident participation in its development is very important because no part of the Parish is immune from redevelopment. Please send back the questionnaires as soon as possible.

Moving forward we have formed an Environmental Group with the remit to tackle the concerns residents have passed to us regarding parking, antisocial behaviour, unregistered houses of multiple occupancy and so on. You may have seen your local Parish Councillor taking photographs in and around our estates, identifying problems, such as offending vehicles parking on and damaging green spaces etc? The Environmental Group is charged with responsibility to robustly reduce these issues over the next year. Please continue to send in your concerns.



Finally I want to draw to your attention our web site. There will be a new professional version in the coming months and will be updated on a weekly basis. It is my intention that much of the information held by the Parish will be available to residents over the next year. We as a Council want our activities as transparent as possible. So please look and comment accordingly.

We have been advised, under the site allocation programme, that the only area for Stantonbury to be considered will be Rowle Close garages. All other areas have been retracted.

Graham Davison
Chairman, Stantonbury Parish Council

STANTONBURY PARISH NEWS

We always welcome articles and community notices for inclusion in this magazine, and items of local interest, old photographs, etc.

For submission deadlines please contact the Parish Office on 01908-227201 or email: info@stantonburyparishcouncil.org.uk.

Handwritten items can be accepted and photographs could be scanned by the Parish Office. Stantonbury Parish Council reserves the right to edit, defer or refuse articles and advertising submitted for publication.

ADVERTISE Reach every household in the Stantonbury Ward, over 5,000 households!

Full Page A4	200 X 287mm	£100	1/4 page	100 X 97mm	£30
2/3 page	200X200mm	£75	1/8 page	50X97mm	£15
1/2 page	200X144mm	£50	1/16 page	50X48mm	£10
1/3 page	200x97mm	£40			

Contact: hayley@bespokemedia.org



VJ DAY CELEBRATIONS

BRASS*on the Grass*

Following on from the success of our May event we were thrilled that our VJ Day August event happened without a hitch and that the weather was good to us once again.

First of all I would like to thank the public for attending and supporting all our events.

This is now our second year and our third event, we have seen it grow from 300-400 people to around 800 this time.

We were so pleased to see you up and dancing and have some wonderful photos of people joining in the celebrations.

Bradwell Silver Band was excellent once again, starting it off and then bringing the event to a close with a last night of the proms finale.

Junction 14 (Milton Keynes Ladies' Barbershop Chorus) sung twice for us and their tones were a delight to listen to.

For a fun element we were entertained by Daz n Chave (Chas n Dave tribute band) they had the crowd dancing and most people knew the songs and sang along. The fireworks finished off an evening of music.

Ward Councillor Alex Walker and many of our own Parish Councillors enjoyed the evening listening to the music and generally soaking up the atmosphere, two of them could even be spotted dancing the night away with other brave residents.

A special thank you to Roman Park Residents Club and all the volunteers behind the scenes who without you these events would not be possible. We have teams of people who work tirelessly all year and then work for 12 hours or more on the day.

At each event the Lions Club collect money for various charities including Willen Hospice. In May I am delighted to announce they raised £341.22 and in August a staggering £461.50 was collected, so thank you all for digging deep and contributing.



With so many residents thanking us, each asking the same thing... When will next years be?

We hope that this will become an annual event, so please keep reading the Parish News for dates of upcoming events.



ALL BRADVILLE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION AUTUMN 2015 NEWSLETTER



We intend to carry out a survey of residents views of both the Site Allocation and Regeneration programmes, and as your Residents Association will be monitoring developments on your behalf.



We are pleased to announce that Debbie Dyer, well known to most of you, has joined our committee and is giving us the benefit of her specialized knowledge of Bradville.

We are also proud that MK Borough Council have renewed our RA Gold Standard listing, for the period of 2015 to 2016.



We wish all our Bradville Residents a safe, and happy Autumn Season.

MEDIEVAL FAIR & FAMILY FUN DAY

City Discovery Centre,
Bradwell Abbey MK13 9AP

SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

11.30am – 3.30pm
FREE ADMISSION

Authentic Re-enactors, Archery,
Birds of Prey, Arts & Craft Activities,
Medieval Marketplace.
40+ Craft and Gift Stalls (under cover),
Refreshments. Children's Amusements
& Entertainment including
Children's Medieval Fancy Dress
Competition with Prizes
for Best Boy & Girl costumes

MK VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Destination Milton Keynes has now opened a new Information Centre, situated between Harvey Jones Kitchens and Artfull, which are opposite John Lewis in Silbury Arcade at entrance 13 in Centre:MK. The Centre is open Mondays to Saturdays 10 am to 6pm and Sundays, 11am to 4pm. A vast array of leaflets and brochures are available for local residents as well as tourists about things to do, attractions, accommodation, museums, culture and art etc. The Centre is run by volunteers so next time you are in the Centre:MK, pop in and meet the staff and who knows, you might want to give some time to this project yourself. It is hoped that the Centre will help boost the visitor economy which is worth more than £2 million per year to the local area.





THEY ARE BACK!

You may have noticed that for some months the herd of concrete cows that graze near the H3 on Bancroft have been depleted or maybe you were not aware that 2 of them were taken away to be part of a festival of Architecture and Animals in Venice.

Over the years since their creation they have received a lot of publicity and in the Sculpture 100 show in 2005 were included in the list of the most influential works of open air sculpture in England.

Many of you may have walked or driven past the cows and not been aware of their history - well here are a few facts about them.

The original cows were one of a number of pieces of conceptual art created by the artist Liz Leyh in her role as Artist in Residence in the early days of Milton Keynes when she was employed to lead community art projects. They were just one of a number of pieces that were created before she moved on in 1978.

At first some of the local people and the wider media were not ready for this type of Roadside Art and failed to see the humorous side of cows made of wire and concrete in the same way as they failed to see the potential of Milton Keynes.

However with fame comes pain and because of their notoriety which included verbal and physical assaults and even the kidnapping of one of the calves which resulted in ransom notes being sent to the local newspaper. So it was decided to remove the original cows to a place of safety and they were replaced by the cows that you can see in the field now.

So where are the originals? After some years in hiding the cows were located by a local journalist who wanted them to be brought out and put on display at the Hockey Stadium as a lucky omen for the MK Dons who were playing there at the time. When the Club moved to the Stadium the concrete cows were once again relocated, this time to 'the heart of the City' at Midsummer Place which is where they can now be seen.

Thank you to the MK Discovery Centre at Bradwell Abbey for their help with the compilation of this article.

Richard Wilde
Councillor for Bancroft



Wood End First School

Redbridge, Stantonbury, Milton Keynes, MK14 6BB

01908 316424 | office@woodendsch.org.uk

www.woodend.org.uk

‘Nurturing little acorns into sturdy oaks.’

Governors Required

We are a small, friendly school and from September we are looking for new Governors from the community.

Contact the school for a chat and a tour:

01908 316424

Open Day

**Thursday 15th
October**

All welcome – members of the community, prospective parents. Please come and see our lovely school.

Tours at 9.15
and 10.30am

Ofsted: ‘This is a good school...

Pupils are enthusiastic and the school provides a broad and interesting curriculum.’

Headteacher – Mrs Jacqueline A Baron



**ST ALBANS
CHRISTMAS MARKET**
on Wednesday 9th December 2015
Available to purchase from
Tuesday 3rd November 2015
between 10.00.am to 3.00.pm



£7.50 per person




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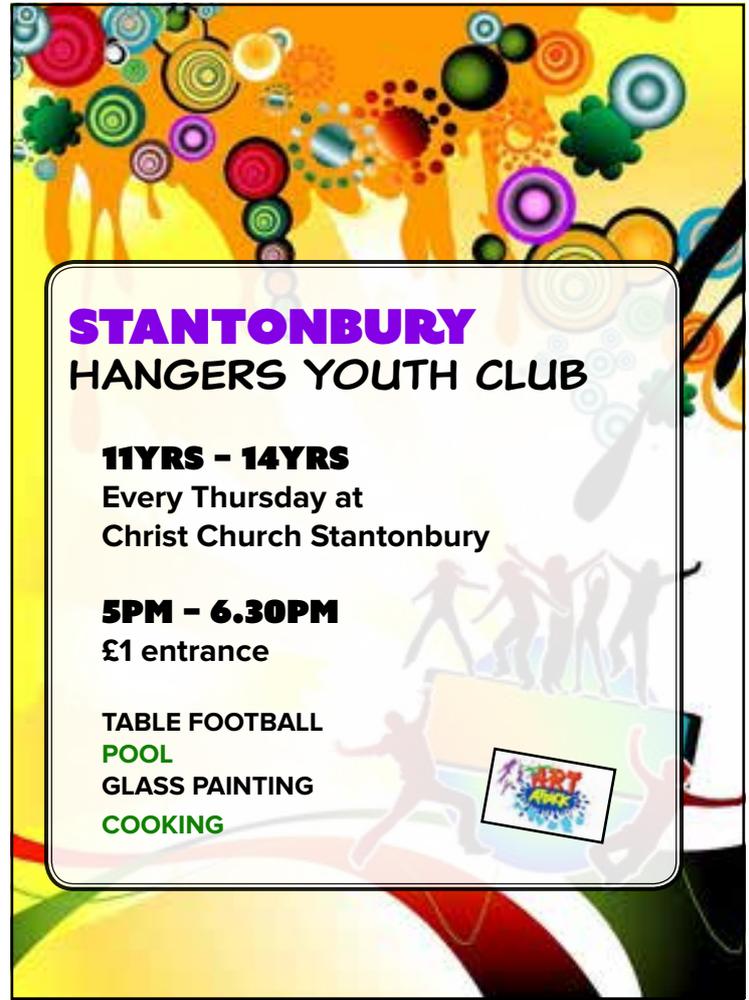
No refunds unless 7 days before the Trip
No reserving of tickets (First come / First serve basis)
Residents of the Parish only

**STANTONBURY
HANGERS YOUTH CLUB**

11YRS - 14YRS
Every Thursday at
Christ Church Stantonbury

5PM - 6.30PM
£1 entrance

TABLE FOOTBALL
POOL
GLASS PAINTING
COOKING



FOOTBALL IN THE PARK

Stantonbury Parish Council reports that FOOTBALL IN THE PARK at Cawarden, Stantonbury with our two Football Coaches has been a great success for our 2nd School Holiday Season in a row.

PLAY DATES IN THE PARK

were also well attended at the four different locations around the Parish. Oakridge Park being the most popular.



MILTON KEYNES MUSEUM

Heritage Open Days & Museum Beer Festival 10th – 13th September

Four days each year when you can sample all the delights of the museum without paying a penny! We've been participating in the National Heritage Open Days scheme for many years and love welcoming visitors to discover heritage for themselves.

While you're visiting, you might like to pop into the Angel Inn in our street of shops for a taste of one of our special collection of real ales and ciders.

Transport Day 20th September

Be transported back to a time when there was nothing to beat the joys of the open road. A wheely great day out is in prospect as MK Museum hosts its annual Transport Festival. Each year more than 250 vehicles take over the Museum site travelling from all over the country. Buses and coaches, military vehicles, motorbikes, minis and much much more are among those who will be revving engines and allowing the rest of us to relive the days when motoring was about romance and the joy of an open road.

The Festival also boasts craft stalls, model railway displays, a BBQ, plus all the Museum's other popular attractions.



Victorian Christmas

Week 1 – Fri 4th, Sat 5th, Sun 6th Dec
Week 2 – Fri 11th, Sat 12th, Sun 13th Dec
Week 3 – Fri 18th, Sat 19th, Sun 20th Dec
Fridays – 4.30 pm till 7 pm
Saturdays and Sundays – 1.30pm till 6pm

Christmas is the most magical time of year at the Museum – every weekend in December!

From carols in the Parlour to crafts in the Barn, the Victorian Christmas is the highlight of any festive season.

Come and soak up the atmosphere of Christmas past with us this season:

- Keep a look out for Queen Victoria, but don't forget to bow or curtsy
- Take the children to visit Father Christmas and his elves in the grotto
- Have our Butler serve you some warm Mulled Wine or a softer alternative
- Visit the Blacksmiths forge where you can taste hot chestnuts
- Or have a sing song around the piano by candle light
- Come through to the Chapel where we're showing old Christmas film footage
- Come into the parlour and keep warm by the fire while we entertain you with carols
- Venture into the school room where we have Christmas arts and crafts to keep you busy
- Toast yourself and a slice of bread at the kitchen range, then spread it with lashings of butter
- Stroll the Street of Shops to experience times gone by
- Enjoy the indoor Christmas Market stalls selling local arts and crafts
- Finish off in the Granary Cafe where you can enjoy homemade cakes and mince pies, hot chocolate and much, much more.

BRADVILLE

Bradville is a lovely area to live and work with many things to see and do for all ages. We have a distinctive landmark; the working windmill has been recently refurbished by Milton Keynes Council, and is open to the public on various dates throughout the year.

Mathiesen Youth Club is open to ages 10 - 18 years and meets twice a week with various activities including sports such as pool, football, basketball, badminton etc and is available to rent for other groups and organisations. [For more information please contact Mathiesen Youth Centre on 01908 315647.](#)

The big slide park has a very long slide and also other equipment for various age groups and has been in the area for over 40 years, used and loved by many generations.

Bradville Hall Community Centre is a community meeting place, where you will find many groups and activities taking place. There is something for everyone and the hall is also available for rent. [For more information please contact Bradville Hall on 01908 316938.](#)

We also have a Cricket and Football Club and Social Club just off the Bradwell Road where you can enjoy a game of cricket and a beer.

We in Bradville are fortunate to have two schools in our area – Pepper Hill at one end who provide a wide range of learning opportunities and challenges for all its children. Stanton Middle School which came 4th in the top 100 of the most improved primary schools and has won various awards.

Stantonbury Parish Council office on Bradville hosts various clubs and classes: Job Club, Citizens Advice, GD Coaches and Mentors and ESOL (English as a Second Other Language) classes. You can also call in for pink sacks and donate to the Food Bank. The Parish Council runs some very successful coach trips throughout the year for people within the Parish. It has staged three major events such as Brass On The Grass in August 2014 and Swing In The Park in May this year; with a further Brass On the Grass in August 2015. During the school summer holidays the Parish Council ran Play Dates and Football



activities for children in various locations around the Parish.

Bradville has a very pretty section of the Grand Union Canal and the old railway walk which runs 3 miles from Wolverton to Newport Pagnell which is part of the redway infrastructure. Along the route you will pass over an aquaduct on the canal and through old bridges and platforms from the old railways days as well as boat moorings and fishing spots.

On Bradville we have a few shops: on the Bradwell Road we have a small but pleasant Post Office and shop and across the road we have Nicky's Store for your everyday needs, and just next door is Halley's Comet public house where you can enjoy great food and drink. Within just a short walk we have The New Inn public house with a beautiful canalside view from the beer garden. The area is steeped in history.

**For further details please see our website.
By Cllr Sara Agintas**

WHO ARE YOUR COUNCILLORS ?

A TWO PART SPECIAL



Sara Agintas

Bradville Ward Management, Community Projects & Allotment Committees

"I have lived within Stantonbury Parish for around 30 years, and have 6 children who have all grown up here. I've been a Parish Councillor for Bradville for nearly 5 years, and can often be seen flying around the Parish on my mobility scooter or litter picking the Bradville area. I have also run a few very successful coach trips for the Parish. I enjoy meeting people and helping when and where I can. I like giving information and advice to those who need it within our community."

Stantonbury & Linford Wood Ward – Chairman of the Council Allotment, Community Project and HR Committees

"I've been a long term resident in the Parish (43 years) and became a Parish Councillor to make sure we, as residents, are fairly represented. I'm married, live and represent Stantonbury and Linford Wood on the Parish Council, with a son at Stantonbury Campus. My interests are ballroom dancing, magic, reading, keeping fit. Shortly to retire I intend to follow my other interest of fishing. The most important aspect of work within the Parish Council for the next 4 years will be Regeneration and the adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan."



Graham Davison



Peter Kirkham

Bradville Ward Community Projects Committee

"I have lived and worked in Bradville for over 30 years and have seen many changes. Since the May elections, I have attended council meetings and found them to be a real eye opener as to what goes on in the Parish and I look forward to getting more involved with the community and move forward with the Neighbourhood Plan."

Stantonbury & Linford Wood Ward Community Projects Committee

"Born in Liverpool, and a retired teacher, I have lived in the 'white houses' on Stantonbury for over thirty years and have been a Parish Councillor for eleven years. I have two sons and two grandchildren, all grown up. I have been a Governor at Wood End School for nineteen years and am also involved in the Pre School and Children's Centre. I am a committed Christian and one of the Leadership Team at Christ Church. I belong to RAFS (both the current Association and the original 90s version) and have roles in the Community Play Project, Age UK Friendship Centre and ABRA. When not working for the community I like to relax by exploring the narrow locked parts of the canal system on my small narrowboat Starlight."



Sandra Kennedy



Bob Lark

Oakridge Park – Vice Chairman Allotment, Community Projects and Management Committees

"After I retired my wife and I moved to Oakridge Park in September 2010 after having lived in Milton Keynes area for 11 years previously. In the early part of 2011 I was asked to Chair a newly formed Residents Association and I continued in this role until November last year when I was co-opted to the Parish Council. I was officially elected to the Council in May this year and have since been elected Vice Chairman.

My business background is one of sales and marketing mostly at Director level. I have experience in running businesses with over 350 employees and it is this experience that I can bring to the Parish Council."

GP Appointments at Oakridge Park Medical Centre

During June and July there were 700 missed appointments at the surgery. This means that 700 patients made an appointment to see either a GP or Nurse and never turned up for that appointment, neither did they call in to cancel.

We monitor this figure at every PPG meeting and although it is higher than usual the average every month is far too high. The surgery has therefore decided that more positive action must be taken.

When an appointment is missed the patient will receive a letter and further appointments will be monitored. If one patient misses three appointments they may be advised that they will be removed from the patient list and will have to look for another practice.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR APPOINTMENT OR CANCEL PRIOR TO THE APPOINTED TIME.

Thank you

Bob Lark

Chair Patient Participation Group

On behalf of Oakridge Park Medical Centre

THE RECYCLED TEENAGERS TO THE RESCUE

Members of the Recycled Teenagers who meet at Bradville Hall Community Centre every Monday from 2.00pm to 4.00pm have spent this year clicking their knitting needles. They have been on a mission to help the "Fish & Chips Babies". These are babies that have been born in some of the poorest Countries in the world. With nothing to wear so they are wrapped in paper just like our Fish & Chips. Beryl and Peggy along with many others have been knitting little jumpers and hats that are then shipped out to where they are needed. All their hard work has been recognised by Irene Alford from Rushden who writes in a letter.

"I would like to thank you on behalf of all the babies that are born throughout the world. This could be in any part of the world, Africa, India, Eastern Ukraine being just a few of the countries. The last batch went to Nepal after their earthquakes. Words cannot express the comfort that your knitting the Fish & Chips sets



gives the babies. Once again, thank you for the lovely knitting".

So if anyone would like to help them on this very special mission please donate some Double Knitting wool. Or if you are sitting at home with nothing to do on a Monday afternoon why not pop in for a "cuppa & cake".



Backed by HM Government



I've heard that the new pension reforms mean that I will have full access to my pension pot when I turn 55. How do I work out what I should do with my pension savings?

The pension reforms that came in this April give people the freedom to access their defined contribution pension how and when they want. You can buy an annuity, or take your pension out in one go, or withdraw it bit by bit and leave some it invested. Planning for your retirement can be complicated so it's important to get guidance on your options.

The good news is that the Government has introduced Pension Wise, a new free service offering guidance online, over the phone with The Pensions Advisory Service, or face to face with Citizens Advice. The appointments are pre-booked 45 minute sessions tailored to your individual circumstances. Guidance is impartial, meaning that it will not recommend products or services, but they will describe your options and help you consider their impact.

To get the most out of Pension Wise guidance, preparation is key. First, work out the value of your pension pots. Look at your most recent statement, or contact your provider. Check if there are any restrictions attached. Next, get a state pension forecast, and gather the details of any benefits you receive.

The next step is to work out your likely expenditure. Include the cost of essentials like housing or utilities, and leisure activities. This should give you a rough budget.

Bring the information to your Pension Wise appointment. Your guider will help you think through your circumstances, and present the options available to you.

MESSAGE FROM RICHARD TO THE STANTONBURY PARISH RESIDENTS

I am a serving Police Community Support Officer for the Stantonbury Parish Area. I have worked alongside the Parish for eight years and over this time I have built a working relationship with the Community. I have also worked closely with Stantonbury Campus and the other schools in the local area.

I enjoy my job; I enjoy engaging with the Community alongside my immediate Neighbourhood Police Team. I work closely with Stantonbury Parish and together we identify the needs of the Community and find the best possible solution to address these needs.

I look forward to continue supporting the Community that I serve.

Richard Bolt



HEALTHWATCH 2015



Our annual health event will be held on Tuesday 3rd November at Middleton Hall, Central Milton Keynes 10am – 6pm.

There will be over 100 health-related, social care and wellbeing stalls from charities, the voluntary sector, statutory (eg NHS services) and private companies.

Make a note of the date in your diary now and come along to benefit from the wealth of information available all in one place.

There will be a stage with a programme of events throughout the day and the show will remain open until 6pm this year in order to give more people the opportunity to attend. The event is well established in central Milton Keynes - this will be the eleventh consecutive year.

If you are part of an organisation who would like

to have a stand at the event then please contact the office to register your interest.

Healthwatch Milton Keynes is the consumer champion for health and social care – we are here to make sure that local people can influence the design and delivery of local services; we do this by our outreach work, meetings and by people contacting us to feed back their experiences. This information is in turn fed back to the Care Quality Commission and service providers. We offer information, advice and signposting. Membership is free and members receive regular health and social care updates via e-mail or post with the opportunity to take part in surveys or become more involved if so desired.

To find out more call
01908 266696 or visit our web-site:
www.healthwatchmiltonkeynes.co.uk

AUTUMN 2015 NEWSLETTER

The Neighbourhood Action Group covering the following areas:

BANCROFT BANCROFT PARK BLUE BRIDGE BRADVILLE
LINFORD WOOD OAKRIDGE PARK STANTONBURY



We have been very active during the summer months trying to tackle some of the problems in our communities. Our volunteers have been out and about attending a variety of Community Events with our “Doggy Road Show” highlighting some of the issues that are effecting us and our dog’s well being. By the end of the Summer we would have held 6 events. We had also been asked to inform dog owners of the importance of having their dog’s micro chipped and keeping the information up to date. Often people move home or replace phones and forget to make the changes to the micro chip. We would like to thank all our doggy friends who have attended our events and provided us with information. As a result we will be asking the Parish Council for a few more Poo bins in locations where they are needed.

We now have an official flyer from MKC to help draw people’s attention to the problems of inconsiderate parking. Now is your chance to

help us. If you think there is an area where the parking is causing a problem then please let us know and we will take it from there. You will be kept anonymous so please do not worry.

Our Annual Review Meeting will be held on Thursday 8th October 2015 in Bradville Hall Community Centre at 7.00pm. Please pop along for some light refreshments and the opportunity to see what we have achieved during our first year.

Action 4 Our Communities meetings are on the second Thursday of the month and are open to anyone who lives, works or has an interest in the area.

You can contact us for further information or on any other matters.

Email: action-4@outlook.com
Telephone: 01908 316938.

CLACTON ON SEA FAMILY COACH TRIP 2015

This year's family coach trip run by Stantonbury Parish Council on 12th August was to Clacton on Sea. We ran 4 coaches from the Parish leaving at around 8.30am arriving at Clacton on Sea around 11.30am. The weather was overcast with spots of rain which soon cleared up and was bright and warm for the rest of the day. There were lots of things to see and do with nice sandy beaches and a promenade to walk along and also the pier which housed a variety of amusement arcades, rides, an aquarium and many restaurants along the way. Many families could be seen to be enjoying the sea and sand with buckets and spades; children were giggling and parents looked relaxed.

A great day was had by all with no problems arising and we all left safely at 4.30pm for our journey home arriving back in Milton Keynes around 7.30pm.

There were many familiar faces which I hope to see again on the next coach trip at Christmas.

Cllr Sara Agintas



MILTON KEYNES CANINE FOSTER PROJECT & BRADVILLE BAKERS

invite you to a
“Doggy Fun Day”

ADOPT

IF YOU CAN ADOPT

FOSTER

IF YOU CAN FOSTER

SPONSOR

IF YOU CAN SPONSOR

VOLUNTEER

IF YOU CAN VOLUNTEER

DONATE

IF YOU CAN DONATE

EDUCATE



**Bradville Community Hall, Mercers Drive,
Bradville MK13 7AY**

**SUNDAY 27TH
SEPTEMBER
2015**

From Noon - 4pm

With Stalls

Doggy Olympics

Novelty Dog Show

**Everyone welcome
with or without a dog**

**COMMUNITY
ACTION: MK**



THE END OF COMMUNITY MOBILISERS?

Community Mobilisers, or CMs, who have been working in the communities of Milton Keynes for the past 12 years, are due to be removed from many of their current communities from September 2015, due to cessation of MK Council funding.

Community Mobilisers, a service offered by Community Action: MK (CA:MK), are unique to this area, with no role such as this found in any other place in the UK. Milton Keynes was pioneering in terms of the approach and CA:MK have been delivering this approach for the last 12 years. "We are able to provide support for communities in a flexible and unique way. By enabling individuals and groups to access services, develop their skills and grow in confidence, we've encouraged local people to take action in their community and to solve local issues." said Tim Marren, CEO at CA:MK. Since 2003, CMs have been active in 16 communities many of which are considered the most deprived areas of the city. In these areas thousands of people and organisations have been supported to reach their potential, start up new local groups and contribute to their community.

An Open University article published in 2013 described CMs as "integral to promoting community cohesion between community members". The paper also noted that residents, parents and community stakeholders described CMs as "the glue that brings communities together".

One resident told CA:MK "the CM programme is an invaluable service that brings people together and acts as a kingpin of the community".

A recent report by Bruce Fenning, an expert in

social return on investment, estimated that the CM service brings a return of at least £8.15 for every £1 invested. This means that the gain from MK Council's investment has been worth £2.5 million per year to Milton Keynes.

With their unique model of community development, Community Mobilisers have enabled hundreds of residents' voices to be heard. Since 2012 a unique mobile app has been used to log, report and analyse conversations with residents. Around 20,000 issues, interests, ideas and positive stories have been captured, the effect of this has been wide-reaching and influential in MK, changing local service provision, affecting local decisions and starting up community led projects.

The future is unclear for this vital provision. Many options are being explored to maintain the Community Mobiliser service, and although this may look different in times to come Community Action: MK hope to be able to retain the frontline role which has so successfully promoted community-led development across the city in the past.

Sheila Thornton, Chair of Trustees for CA:MK says "For over 12 years communities have been energised and empowered by the wonderful Community Mobiliser service. CA:MK is so proud of all that communities have achieved with the CMs. We are actively working with partners and agencies across Milton Keynes to ensure new and older communities alike continue to be strengthened through building on such a solid foundation. We have the proof that this is a hugely effective and economic success story which is just too good to lose."

FREE ESOL CLASSES

ENGLISH for SPEAKERS of other LANGUAGES

Do you or someone you know need help with Learning or improving your English?

EVERY TUESDAY 10.30 - 12.30

at the Parish Office
at 126 Kingsfold, Bradville

COMMENCING TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2015

Please contact Lynne for further information
Tel: 07780628067
or email lynnebadr@aol.com

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Neighbourhood Employment Programme

Job Club

Every Thursday
12:30pm - 2:30pm

-  Free advice
-  CV support
-  Interview tips

-  Job searching
-  Training & courses
-  Vacancies

at the Stantonbury Parish Offices,
126 Kingsfold, Bradville

www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/regeneration



www.safetycentre.co.uk

Registered Charity No.1019093

WOULD YOU LIKE AN EXCITING & REWARDING EXPERIENCE!

Come and join us at the Safety Centre as a
volunteer guide.

As a guide you will have fun taking small groups
of primary aged children (6-12 years) around an
interactive centre which looks like a mini film set.

We will train you and provide your travel
expenses.

Excellent to put on your CV.

Why not contact Val Williams 01908 263009
or email info@safetycentre.co.uk to arrange a
visit or just a chat.

ASDA COMING TO OAKRIDGE PARK

At long last the plans for a supermarket on Oakridge Park have been finalised. ASDA will be building a 23,000 sq ft store on the site near the Medical Centre which is due for completion in Spring 2016. After the building is completed internal fitting will take another 2 to 3 months.

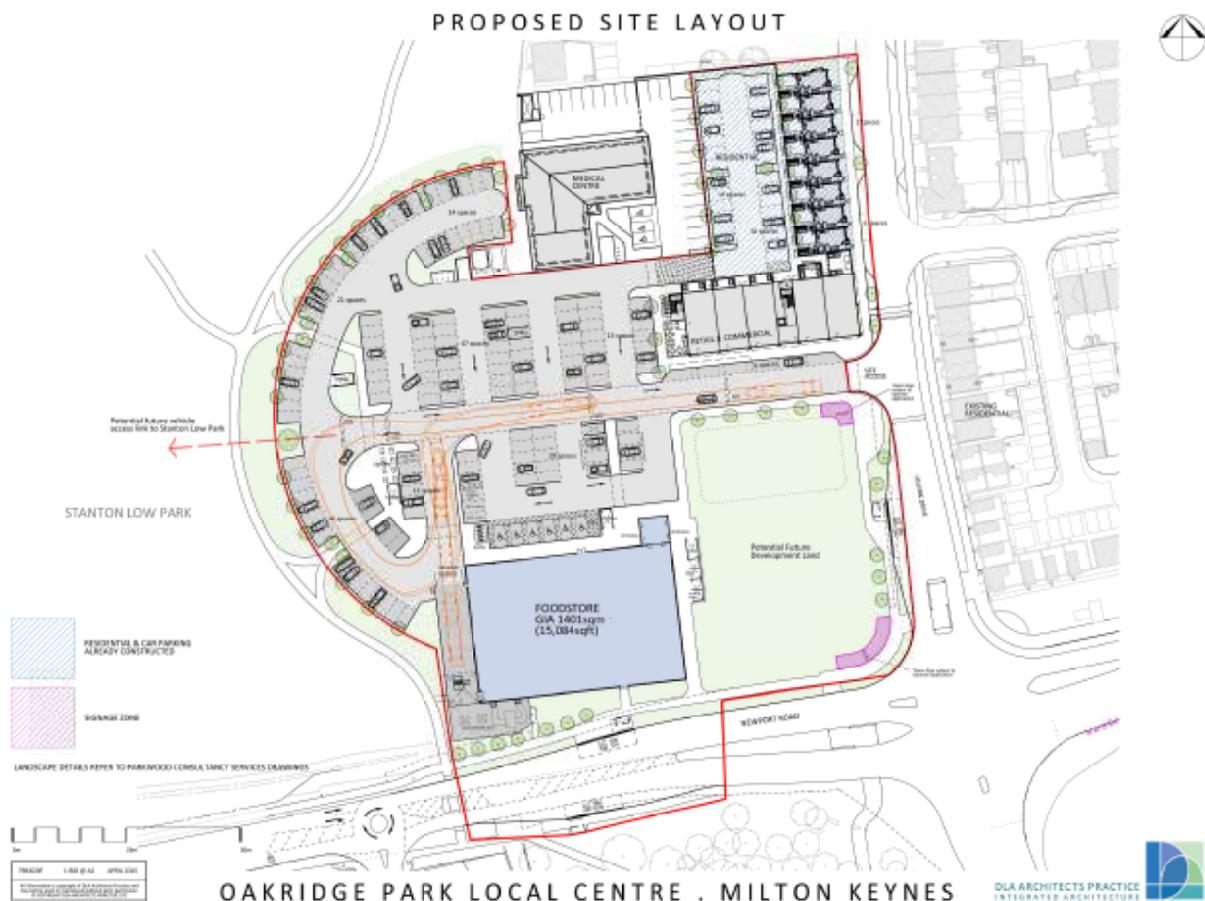
At the start of this project the plans were completely different to those now being delivered. Persimmon's perception of the site included commercial units, a pub and several retail units. It has been impossible to deliver those plans due to the changing retail environment and lack of interest from pub operators so the developer was forced to go back to the drawing board. Earlier in the process both ASDA and Morrisons were in discussion for much larger units but, due to shopping habits changing, both decided that this was not the way forward. Morrisons put a stop on further development but ASDA came back with an offer of a smaller store which has now been agreed. Needless to say there were a number of planning changes that had to be agreed but the developer has finally got the scheme over the line. In addition to ASDA there will be five further retail units as

shown in the plan below. One of these will be occupied by Jardines Pharmacy who will also operate a Postal Service. The other four units have yet to be confirmed but one should be a Coffee Shop and no doubt there will be some form of fast food outlet.

As you will see from the plan there are plenty of car park spaces and a one way system will be introduced for visitors to the Medical Centre. The plan currently shows a potential access to the parking for Stanton Low Park. This has been changed as the Council are creating a Car Park within the Park Area but outside the local centre boundary with a separate entrance off Newport Rd.

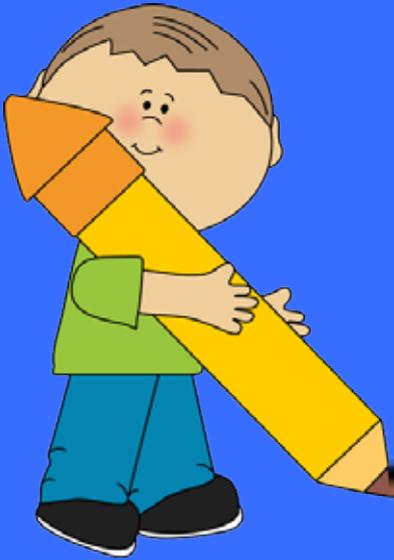
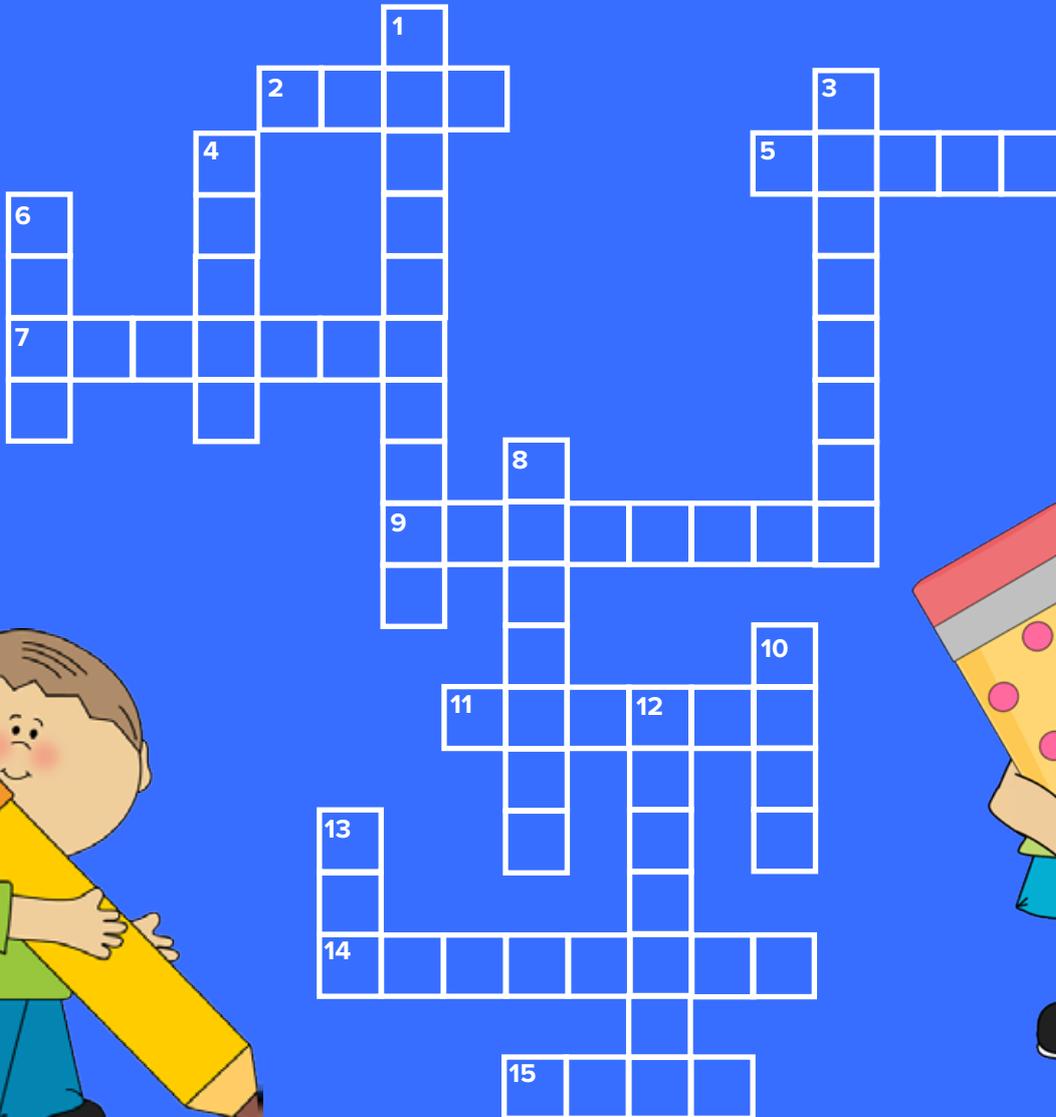
The bus stop on the development land will be relocated to a pull-in on Selkirk Drive. In addition two new stops will be created on Newport Road, one in each direction. The location of these bus stops are shown on the plan.

Further details of the green area marked "potential future development land" will be advised in due course.



CHILDREN'S PAGE

Back to School



ACROSS:

2. When the rings, it's time for class to start.
5. We will read many this year.
7. Our helps us learn new things.
9. We write our assignments in a
11. Did you remember to sharpen your?
14. We use to cut paper.
15. Sometimes, we sit at our and work quietly.

DOWN:

1. We play in the during recess.
3. After school, we do our
4. We eat with our friends.
6. We learn how to add and subtract during class.
8. Are you a good?
10. This sticky stuff comes in a bottle or a stick.
12. We use to draw and colour.
13. Some students ride the to school.

Save St. Peter's Church Milton Keynes Heritage Open Days

**Thursday 10th, Friday 11th, Saturday 12th, Sunday 13th
September 2015**

**Come and see the conservation work on St. Peter's Church,
Stanton Low**

**Two walks planned for Thursday 10th September—details on
www.mkheritage.org.uk/hodmk/**

**Family Fun Afternoon with drinks, cakes, games.....
Sunday 13th September from noon onwards**

**Walking parades leave from Oakridge Park Winchcombe
Meadows Play Park @ 11.30am or Black Horse Pub @ 11.30am
Bring a picnic & help us celebrate the renewal of the church
ruins!**

ST PETER'S CHURCH GETS A MAKE-OVER!

Visitors to the church at Stanton Low during July will have noticed a flurry of activity by a team of specialist conservation builders, working on behalf of Milton Keynes Council, to prepare the church for its new role as an attraction in the new Stanton Low Park.

The concrete capping has been removed from the walls and replaced with environmentally friendly turf. The medieval squint has been rebuilt and the existing stonework has been cleared of damaging vegetation, repaired and re-pointed. In addition, two skip-loads of rubbish have been taken away.

Most noticeable is the clearing away of all the old brambles and weeds from the perimeter, exposing the gravestones and showing the brick wall, which was part of the 17th century Manor House. Two large stones will mark the entrance to the church to deter vehicles and the



protective fence will be removed.

Two walks to the church are planned for 10th Sept., morning and evening and the Church will be hosting a Heritage Open Day on Sunday 13th Sept. so do come along and see how the church has been transformed.

More information can be found on
www.savestpeterschurch.com and
<http://www.mkheritage.org.uk/hodmk/>