



STANTONBURY

PARISH NEWS

November / December 2015

BANCROFT BANCROFT PARK BLUE BRIDGE BRADVILLE LINFORD WOOD OAKRIDGE PARK STANTONBURY

WHO ARE YOUR
COUNCILLORS

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FREE TO RESIDENTS OF
STANTONBURY PARISH

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CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

As the year draws to a close it is time to reflect on what the Parish has been working on and what we have achieved.

We continue to support the weekly Citizens Advice Bureau outreach sessions at Kingsfold. In the first 5 months of this year 113 consultations have taken place with residents in the Parish. We continue to fund this service for the remainder of this year.

Likewise, we continue to support the ESOL (English speakers of Other Languages) service for those that strive to master English and to become fully integrated in our community.

We held elections in May and a number of new Councillors were elected to the Council alongside those re-standing for another term. I'm please to report the new Council is a vibrant and enthusiastic group fully committed to supporting the community needs.

We are proud to continue to support organised coach trips throughout the summer for our senior citizens and families and again will continue to do so for the rest of the year. The Christmas Market trip is to St Albans this year and we are providing 3 coaches to meet the anticipated demand. Our senior citizens enjoyed a day out at Stratford upon Avon and the families went to Clacton.

We had an immensely successful series of public entertainment events with the VE and VJ days held at Bancroft Park again this year and plan to hold another event in 2016.

We intend to make the Parish a more transparent, and public focused organisation and the Parish website is being completely remodelled with much more information. Over the next few months we will continue to add information about the working of the Parish, documents, accounts, planning decisions and so forth. We continue to welcome constructive comment.



As part of our ongoing work to make the Parish the best possible place in which to live, all of the Councillors have reviewed their areas and reported on parking and landscaping problems. The outcomes of the review is the commitment to initially remind residents not to park in places that damage our green spaces or in places that result in nuisance to pedestrians or mobility scooter users on footpaths. In the long term we are preparing to introduce bye-laws to enforce parking restrictions.

MK Council's short list of 7 estates for regeneration includes the north area of Bradville.

We are aware that conflicting advice is being offered by various parties. It is the Parish Council's commitment to establish the facts of the regeneration and how it impacts our parishioners. To that end we will publish impartial information on our website with links to various sources of information to keep residents up to date.

It only remains for me to wish you all, on behalf of all the Councillors and staff, our best wishes for the oncoming year and a Happy Christmas.

Graham A Davison
Chairman, Stantonbury Parish Council



photo courtesy of Mark Snelling

GRAND UNION CANAL

Our cover photo is of the Grand Union Canal north of Blue Bridge which forms the major part of the boundary of our Parish. Constructed at the end of the 18th Century to connect London with Birmingham. With its shorter distance of 137 miles and double locks it provided stiff competition to the existing route via the Oxford Canal and the Thames.

Walking the towpath from Blue Bridge through the Parish you may be lucky enough to see a kingfisher on the first stretch. Cross the aqueduct over Grafton Street – the only one to be built on our canal system in the 20th Century – and you can see the Windmill which has recently been restored to working order. Then we have the New Inn which serves both meals and real ales. The canal glides gently through Bradville and out into the countryside towards Target Turn with the new housing, Medical Centre and Country Park on Oakridge Park on your right. This is a fascinating stretch to walk with views over towards Haversham and Hanslope, mileposts set in the grass with the original canal

name (Grand Junction) still visible and a fine old bridge where you can still see the rope marks made by the horses in the days before boats had engines.

The next bridge takes us to the Black Horse – another pub worth a visit – and on to the former railway bridge over Railway Walk where Newport Nobby ran in the early part of the last century. The next stretch though not in our Parish has many interesting features. Great Linford has three ponds, an ancient manor with a church dating back to Saxon times. With a medieval tiled floor and brasses and Georgian Bells. At the next bridge you can see where the Newport Canal used to start. The duck pond on Giffard Park is the only stretch that remains today!

The towpath is in good repair for walking or if you are feeling adventurous you can hire a boat from Peartree Marina and spend a day exploring. The canal is lockfree from Cosgrove to Fenny Stratford and there to be enjoyed by everyone!

Cllr Sandra Kennedy

COUNCILLORS MEETING ATTENDANCE

FULL COUNCIL

ALL COUNCILLORS

Total No of Meetings May-Sept	8
Cllr G A Davison - Chairman	7
Cllr B Lark - Vice Chairman	7
Cllr S Agintas *	6
Cllr S Kennedy	6
Cllr P Kirkham	6
Cllr L Morgan	7
Cllr D Outram * - Elected in July	2
Cllr G Parker	8
Cllr R Wilde *	7
Cllr D Wright	6

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

ALL COUNCILLORS ARE MEMBERS

Total No of Meetings May-Sept	2
Cllr L Morgan - Chairman	2
Cllr S Agintas	1
Cllr G A Davison	0
Cllr S Kennedy	2
Cllr P Kirkham	1
Cllr B Lark	2
Cllr D Outram	1
Cllr G Parker	0
Cllr R Wilde	2
Cllr D Wright	2

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

4 COUNCILLORS

Total No of Meetings May-Sept	4
Cllr R Wilde - Chairman	4
Cllr S Agintas	2
Cllr B Lark	4
Cllr G Parker	4
Cllr P Kirkham - Non voting Cllr joined Committee 30.9.15	1

ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE

5 COUNCILLORS

Total No of Meetings May-Sept	1
Cllr G A Davison - Chairman	1
Cllr B Lark	1
Cllr S Agintas	0
Cllr S Kennedy	0
Cllr G Parker	1

* Attended Councillor Training on 16.9.15

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

Contact: hayley@bespokemedia.org



MK STRAY DOG SUPPORT GROUP & BRADVILLE BARKERS

Sunday 27th September 2015 saw the first ever Doggy Fun Day at Bradville Hall Community Centre.

The purpose of the event was to raise funds to help Milton Keynes stray dogs receive the medical help needed to make sure they can find a rescue place which could lead to them being Fostered or Adopted.

With more and more dogs being left on the streets or in secluded places, dumped and unloved the rescue centres are finding it increasingly difficult to find the funds needed.

With the help and support from too many people to mention the day was a "HOWLING" success. With well over 600 people attending as well as dogs of all kinds and sizes.

The Best In Show winner (photo attached) is proof of what the funds raised can do.

This little dog was found dumped along with 5 others all of whom had been severely burnt, but with a bit of medical attention and a lot of TLC is



now physically on the mend. But the trauma of the horrific ordeal will remain forever.

So a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who came along and gave so generously we will have raised a whopping £1,000.00.

I'll Wait by Janet Brown

I think I will sit on this park bench
till spring,
the weather will not harm me.
Wrapped in a cocoon of memories
of the summer days
I will amuse myself.

People will come and go, they will not
notice me,
I will listen and observe,
words will flow into my head
so I must remember them,
come spring they will be useful.

The icy wind may blow, snow may fall,
then melt
but I will not feel the cold.
The days will get shorter,
then begin to lengthen
and still I will sit and wait.

And when spring finally arrives, I will
welcome it,
reflecting on the winter past.
I will marvel at the way
the seasons change
and the landscape too.

I will stretch, and finally vacate
my seat
feeling refreshed and contented.
With spring and summer
to look forward to
how else would I feel?

BURGLARY ALERT

There have recently been a number of burglaries in the area where homes have been entered for the purpose of stealing car keys and other valuable items such as hand bags, computers, house keys, mobile phones etc.

Entry to homes has been made in a number of ways but, the most common involves the offender gaining access via doors which have not been locked properly. Most of the offences have taken place overnight

- It is imperative that residents ensure that they check, shut and lock all doors and windows before going out and when any room is unoccupied. This includes key locking doors with handle operated locking systems, just pulling the handle up is not enough to prevent entry. The key must be used to actually deadlock the door.



- Do not leave your keys in the door or anywhere nearby where they could possibly be hooked out by an arm or implement through the letter box or cat flap, but keep them in a safe place ready for use in case of an emergency to exit the house.
- Keep your car keys in a hidden location within the house or at least out of sight of doors and windows. Ensure that all garden tools are securely locked away.
- If you have a security alarm system which can be zone set to the ground floor, use this when you go to bed.
- Also ensure that you lock your vehicles and remove any valuable items. Leave the glove box and centre console open to show there is nothing inside.



Join the Thames Valley Police Alert service to receive free crime alerts and information about where you live.

Go to register at www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk

Now is the time to act to safeguard your home and property.

Further information and advice can be obtained from the Thames Valley Police website at **www.thamesvalley.police.uk** and by selecting the Crime Reduction Section.

If you have information about burglaries or other criminal activity, Thames Valley Police can be contacted on the non emergency number 101.

If you wish to remain anonymous, but still provide information you can contact the Crimestoppers charity without providing your personal details on 0800 555 111.



WINTER 2015 NEWSLETTER

The Neighbourhood Action Group covering the following areas:

**BANCROFT BANCROFT PARK BLUE BRIDGE BRADVILLE
LINFORD WOOD OAKRIDGE PARK STANTONBURY**



Action 4 Our Communities has had a very busy and successful first year.

After consultation with residents from all of our areas we managed to identify 3 priorities that you had asked us to help with.

We began our year with our Junior Action Groups washing the road names and planting daffodils just to cheer us all up. The Spring brought them all out and it did certainly cheer us up.

The Spring also saw us begin our Dog Fouling Campaign to draw people's attention to the problems of dog poo.

We took our "Doggy Road Show" out and about in all our communities; in all a total of six where held.

Many residents have contacted us with a variety of issues that they needed our help with.

These included:-

Rubbish sacks being ripped open by animals and birds.

ASB of neighbours.

Problems with delivery of local newspapers.

Landscape and Environmental issues.

With the darker nights coming along we were requested to help make our redways a bit safer and to paint the yellow bollards.

This has been actioned. Stantonbury and Bancroft Park had already been done. Bancroft has now been done by our volunteer members and we managed to arrange the NCS youths to come and help us with Bradville. Blue Bridge and Stantonbury Fields will be done next year.

Parking is now our top priority and will be being actioned over the Winter months.



STANTONFIELDS PRE-SCHOOL

“Children enjoy a wide range of good quality educational experiences both inside and outside in a stimulating environment” Ofsted June 2013.”

We are a friendly and caring community Pre-school catering for 2-5 year olds and have been established for more than 35 years.

2, 3 and 4 year old funding available.
Morning, Lunch Club and Afternoon sessions.

We are situated at Wood End First School
on Redbridge in Stantonbury.

Please contact us either
by telephone number on
01908 222304 or email us at
**stantonfieldspreschool@
googlemail.com**
to arrange an appointment
to come and meet our
friendly team.



Ofsted Registration No: 141805
Charity Registration No: 1028014

MILTON KEYNES IS 50 YEARS OLD IN 2017

Stantonbury Parish Council would like to get involved and get you involved in the celebrations.

If you are part of a local group, have some ideas or would like to be involved please contact us as below, one of the ideas may be a 50 years of music event.

info@stantonburyparishcouncil.org.uk / drop in / call on 01908 227201

Some of the things that Milton Keynes Council will be doing are listed on their website.

<http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/leisure-tourism-and-culture/arts-and-heritage/mk50>

When is Milton Keynes' 50th Anniversary?

2017, the official designation date was 23rd January 1967. This is a great opportunity for a city-wide celebration that showcases Milton Keynes' uniqueness and its success.

What is the main aim of MK 50?

To celebrate locally, and share with the world that Milton Keynes is an amazing place to live, work and visit and is recognised internationally for its distinctive arts, heritage and culture.



What is MK Council doing for MK 50?

MK Council is drawing together a programme for the anniversary and working with partners to develop ideas and projects that celebrate this important milestone. We are developing three strands of activity: Civic, Cultural and Community. We aim to launch a highlight programme with one year to go on 23rd January 2016.

GRANTS

Grants issued this financial year, if you would like a grant for a local group please look at our website for more details or call the office on 01908 227201.

Organisation

Roman Park Over 50's
Roman Park Residents Club
Wood End First School
The Wednesday People
Christ Church
Bradville Hall community groups
MK Mediation
Oakridge Park Medical Centre
MK Food Bank

Reason

Christmas Dinner
Fireworks November
Climbing Wall
Lunch Club
Kitchen Refurb
Theatre Tickets
Mediation support
Age Concern drop in
Support within Parish

Amount

£400
£1000
£510
£500
£1000
£308
£1000
£500
£1000

WHO ARE YOUR COUNCILLORS ?

A TWO PART SPECIAL - part 2

Bancroft Park and Blue Bridge Community Projects and HR Committee

"I am a new Parish Councillor elected this year for Blue Bridge and Bancroft Park. Over the past year I have worked with the Parish Council on various joint events with Roman Park Residents Club for whom I am Chair of The Trustees. I am originally a Geordie but moved to Milton Keynes in 1978. I have lived in the Bancroft/Blue Bridge area for over 40 years."



Linda Morgan

Bradville Ward – Community Projects and HR Committee

"I am new to the Parish Council having been elected in July. I have lived in Milton Keynes for 22 years and have lived on Bradville for just over 3 years with my civil partner. I have two grown up daughters, my youngest who is 18 still lives at home with us. We have had an allotment plot on Bradwell Road for 2 years. I love the rewards of growing our own veg. I currently work for Sainsbury's where I am the store trainer. The role is very rewarding not only training new colleagues with health and safety, but some HR responsibilities as well. My partner and I are very excited that we have just become foster carers, helping others is very important to us and we relish the chance to do this."



David Outram

Stantonbury and Linford Wood Ward Allotments, Management, Community Projects

"I have lived in Stantonbury since 1991 and have 7 children, 14 grandchildren and have been a Parish Councillor for over 7 years working for the benefit of all in Stantonbury. I am a member of RAFS (Residents Association for Stantonbury), and volunteer for the Green Gym, Bradwell Abbey, Old Hanson Centre, and various others. For over 14 years I have worked on the Railway Walk clearing and maintaining the walk for everyone to enjoy. I have also been volunteering at the Food Bank for 5 years."



Geoff Parker



Richard Wilde

Bancroft Ward – Management, Community Projects

"My name is Richard Wilde and I am the new Parish Councillor for Bancroft. I have lived in Milton Keynes for over forty years and there have been links with the area for several generations. My family and I have been in Bancroft since it was first developed and my children have grown up here and attended the local schools. I am an engineer by trade having worked in a variety of industries and am now semi-retired. I look forward to my new role in the community and hope that I can represent you efficiently and sensitively."

Bradville Ward – Community Projects and HR Committees

"I moved to Milton Keynes in 1974 and worked at the Railway Works at Wolverton for many years, and after all this time I still work in the railway industry. I have been involved with Bradville Hall since it was re-invented from the Primrose Sports and Social Club into a community hall in 1999. As a volunteer I built the front fence to stop children running into the road from the green for safety. I can be regularly found cutting the grass on the sit-on lawn mower. I believe that Milton Keynes is a good place to live and raise a family and it is worthwhile putting back into the community to make it an even better place. This is why I have been a Parish Councillor since 2013."



David Wright

Christmas & New Year waste Collections Dates 2015- 2016

Normal Collection Day

Friday	25/12/2015
Monday	28/12/2015
Tuesday	29/12/2015
Wednesday	30/12/2015
Thursday	31/12/2015
Friday	01/01/2016
Monday	04/01/2016
Tuesday	05/01/2016
Wednesday	06/01/2016
Thursday	07/01/2016
Friday	08/01/2016
Monday	11/01/2016
Tuesday	12/01/2016
Wednesday	13/01/2016
Thursday	14/01/2016
Friday	15/01/2016

Revised Collection Day

Tuesday	29/12/2015
Wednesday	30/12/2015
Thursday	31/12/2015
Saturday	02/01/2016
Monday	04/01/2016
Tuesday	05/01/2016
Wednesday	06/01/2016
Thursday	07/01/2016
Friday	08/01/2016
Saturday	09/01/2016
Monday	11/01/2016
Tuesday	12/01/2016
Wednesday	13/01/2016
Thursday	14/01/2016
Friday	15/01/2016
Saturday	16/01/2016

**Normal Service
Resumes Monday
18/01/2016**

STREET MIX

We are a local group catering for those who love to dance.

We meet **EVERY WEDNESDAY** at **BRADVILLE HALL COMMUNITY CENTRE**, Mercers Drive Bradville MK13 7AY.

We have 3 age groups:-

5 years to 8 years

meet at 5.00pm to 5.30pm weekly fee is £1.50

8 years to 12 years

meet at 5.45pm to 6.45pm weekly fee is £3.00

12 years +

meet at 6.45pm to 7.45pm weekly fee is £3.00



We work on a pay as you go system. So if you have to miss a week there is no charge.

Chloe and Steph our leaders are waiting to welcome you so boys and girls pop along and join in the fun.



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

Community Learning MK
and CLMK YOUTH





Christmas Fair

WITH ANGELS AT THE ABBEY

Sunday
6th
December
2015

City Discovery Centre,
Bradwell Abbey, MK13 9AP

11.00am – 4.00pm
Free Admission

Over 50 Craft & Gift Stalls, festive refreshments, children's activities
and Fun Fair Amusements.
Tombola in aid of Dogs Trust where you can win a Child's Balance Bike
amongst various other prizes.
Santa's Grotto, Tours of St Mary's Chapel together with Carolling
throughout the day by local school children.

DO YOU REMEMBER.....THE DIAL A BUS?

As we approach the anniversary of 50 years of Milton Keynes a few thoughts come to mind of some of the things that were happening here all those years ago.

One of these was the Dial a Bus scheme which was considered by some as one of the development corporations ‘finest moments’ ... but was it? In those early days when Milton Keynes was just a series of small estates separated by grid roads a conventional bus service seemed impractical when there were so few passengers. So they came up with a solution and this was to adopt a system like the American Dial and Ride. This was where potential passengers could phone a central office and have a nearby bus dispatched to their door (or close by).

In 1975 the Milton Keynes Dial a Bus scheme was launched, initially in Woughton and MK residents were able to make use of the opportunity of their own ‘shared taxi’ by ringing 678811.

Unfortunately like all good things it did not last for long! Although popular, especially with young people with plenty of time to spend riding around



their new surroundings on a bus, it was found to be a little too extreme when passengers who wanted to travel just a short distance had to be prepared for a diversion through various estates and isolated villages in the area.

It probably wasn't too popular either with the bus drivers who had to follow convoluted and scenic routes to pick up and drop off their customers.

Cllr Richard Wilde

CALLING ALL GIRLS AGED 7 - 10!

1ST BANCROFT BROWNIES ARE RECRUITING NOW!

Make new friends

Learn new hobbies

Try new things

Play fun games

Work towards interest badges

Get adventurous outdoors

MEET EVERY TERM-TIME MONDAY 6 - 7.30 PM

BANCROFT MEETING PLACE
29 HADRIANS DRIVE
MK13 0QB

£2 A SESSION
FIRST VISIT FREE
DBS CHECKED VOLUNTEERS

PACT - BECOMING A VOLUNTEER MENTOR

Aim: Our service is designed to provide support to offenders through mentoring to encourage full integration and to promote the social inclusion.

Volunteering of any description is so important. We all have different skills, interests and passions and to have the chance to share some of those skills is a privilege !

Prison Advice and Care Trust provides support to offenders, those who have served their sentence and their families . One of the many services PACT provide is Volunteer Mentoring. The support our Volunteer Mentors offer varies and could involve both visiting at the prison or within the community and is such an important and vital support to those who want to move forward with their life. We are looking for people who can build up and encourage others, have a reliable and dependable attitude and have great communication skills!

As a volunteer mentor you would have opportunities such as visiting within the prison, accompanying your mentee to appointments and meetings, researching and developing links with the mentee and local services in their community. Also you may have the opportunity to meet offenders in custody before release and at the gate on the day of release, where appropriate. As a mentor it could be as simple as encouraging someone to join a group , or support with searching for a job or just listening and allowing them to have space and time to connect with someone! Many offenders do not have visitors in prison and this makes a huge difference to motivation, self-esteem and choices in life, as they re-enter society.

We provide full and ongoing training and all our volunteers have regular support and opportunities to further their skills and knowledge.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact the Volunteer Co ordinator, Mim McConachie on: 07791548511 or email: miriam.mcconachie@prisonadvice.org.uk

You can take a look at our website too, for a full range of services and to find out more.

Visit us at www.prisonadvice.org.uk

Your role would vary, as you would be led by your mentee but includes the following:

- To build up a relationship
- To establish and maintain appropriate boundaries to the mentoring relationship
- To acknowledge positive qualities and skills
- To spend time with/share activities with service users
- To be consistent, reliable and dependable
- To work within a spirit of non-discrimination
- To respect confidentiality according to Pact policies
- To keep in touch with your co-ordinator
- To carry out admin tasks (Volunteer Agreement, Contact Records and Expense Forms)
- To attend volunteer support meetings



Desired Skills:

Anyone who applies without the following skills or experience will still be considered, as we provide training and support which will help you work towards acquiring these skills.

Skills and Experience Desired**Personal Qualities**

Non-judgemental/non -discriminatory
Approachable and friendly manner
Flexibility
Reliable and punctual
Organised and able to use own initiative

Skills and Abilities

Good communication and interpersonal skills
Ability to respect confidentiality
Ability to work as part of a team
Understanding the importance of professional boundaries

Previous Experience

Experience of working with vulnerable people is an asset

Important Information:

Time Commitment: 3 hours per week for 6 months (minimum time)

Training: An initial two day foundation training is provided by Pact and ongoing relevant/refresher training will be provided during support meetings.

Expenses: Travel costs (on public transport) or mileage will be reimbursed, including travel to attend training sessions. Lunch, is provided at training events. If you meet your mentee at a coffee shop we would reimburse you.

Other: This post is subject to security clearances and enhanced DBS. This post is for those who are 18 years and over.



Christ Church Stantonbury Campus

Thursday December 24
5.00pm **CAROLS ROUND THE TREE**
followed by party nibbles and drinks

11.30pm **MIDNIGHT COMMUNION**

Friday December 25
10.30am **FAMILY SERVICE**

everyone welcome!

VICTORIAN FAMILY CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a magical time at the Museum.
Enjoy a glass of mulled wine, sing carols in
The Parlour, make crafts in The Old Schoolroom,
cook some toast in The Kitchen, and sample
seasonal treats in the Teashop.

Whatever else don't forget to visit Father Christmas
in his Christmas Cottage.

Make our Victorian Christmas the highlight
of your festive season.

FAMILY (2A+4C) £22

ADULT £7.50

CONC £6.00

(FATHER CHRISTMAS £6.00 EXTRA)

Fri 4th Dec - Sun 6th Dec

Fri 11th Dec - Sun 13th Dec

Fri 18th Dec - Sun 20th Dec

Fridays 4.30pm – 7pm

Sats & Suns 1.30pm – 6pm

**FATHER
CHRISTMAS
ARRIVES AT
1.45PM ON 5TH
DECEMBER**



MILTON KEYNES
MUSEUM

**McConnell Drive
Milton Keynes MK12 5EL
mkmuseum.org.uk**



Recycle and Reward MK

Play our online recycling game and we'll reward local charities

Here's how:

Step 1

Logon to:
www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/recycleandreward



Step 2

Show us how you recycle with our quick sorting game. We'll put you right on anything you're not sure about.



Step 3

Select a local charity to receive a £1 donation from Milton Keynes Council.



Step 4

Keep recycling - Each charity can get up to another £3 in bonuses if quality recycling goes up and rubbish goes down.

For terms and conditions apply see
www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/recycleandreward

**One entry
per property in
Milton Keynes**

Don't have a computer?

You can do this over the phone by calling 0300 003 0028
from 10am to 3pm Monday to Friday

MK COMMUNITY BANK

Credit Unions are locally based 'not-for-profit' financial cooperatives owned and run by their members. We offer savings and loans at affordable rates to help our members save and manage their money responsibly.

Joining is easy – there is no charge and you can join either by post or online at **www.mkcommunitybank.org.uk**. And when you have been given your Member Number you can then register to access your account online 24/7 – to check your transactions, withdraw your savings and even apply for a loan.

Savings

You can save any amount regularly by standing order or with cash using our PayPoint card. Your savings may even earn you extra cash! This year the Credit Union is paying its savers a dividend of 1% of their average savings balance during the year.

Loans

We have a range of loans available to suit your particular circumstances. When you have been a member and saving regularly for three months you can apply for a loan of up to three times the amount of your savings. And if you are a parent you can apply for an immediate loan by arranging to pay your Child Benefit directly into your credit union account.

Why Should You Borrow With Us?

- Affordable interest rates – our standard rate is only 2% per month (26.8% APR)
- You only pay interest on what you owe
- Loans are available for any purpose

- No arrangement fees or hidden charges
- No penalty for early repayment

Our decisions are made quickly, based on your individual needs by a person, not a computer scorecard

You can apply online, by post or at our service point. **We have a hotline for loan advice – 03030 300 147**

We help you to save for your future alongside repaying your loan

We provide free loan protection insurance

You can get loan advice, or any information on weekdays on our hotline number: 03030 300147 (local rates apply)

For more information about our loans and all our services go to our website:
www.mkcommunitybank.org.uk.

Our local service point is open every week at Foundation house, The Square, Wolverton on Tuesday and Friday from 10 to 12.am.

Or you can email:
enquiries@mkcommunitybank.org.uk.



Inner Wheel Club of Wolverton

Inner Wheel is an International organisation of women whose main aim is to promote friendship. At a local level we work in our community in various ways. A new venture this year was to organise an art competition for pupils in first and second schools. This was very successful and ended with an exhibition of the winning art works to which parents were invited.

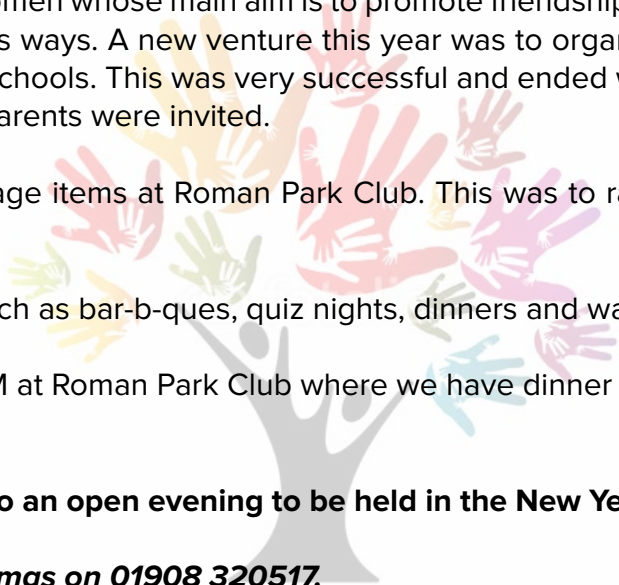
A recent project was a sale of clothing and vintage items at Roman Park Club. This was to raise funds for various charities which we support.

During the year we hold several social events such as bar-b-ques, quiz nights, dinners and walks.

WE MEET EVERY SECOND MONDAY AT 6.30 PM at Roman Park Club where we have dinner and usually an interesting speaker.

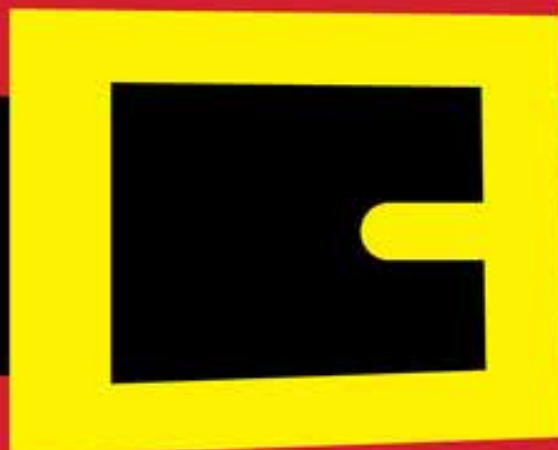
We would like to invite any interested women to an open evening to be held in the New Year.

For further information please contact Pat Thomas on 01908 320517.



Christmas Quiz

- 1) Which man delivers presents across the world on Christmas Eve?**
a) Jesus b) Santa c) Scrooge
- 2) What do you pull on Christmas Day?**
a) A balloon b) A muscle c) A cracker
- 3) What two items do people usually place on top of their Christmas Tree?**
a) A flower b) A star c) A present d) An angel
- 4) Which reindeer had a very shiny red nose?**
a) Rudolph b) Dasher c) Prancer
- 5) In the song "Jingle Bells," what was it fun to ride in?**
a) A car b) A sleigh c) A van
- 6) Which vegetable do people leave by the fireplace on Christmas Eve for Santa's Reindeer?**
a) Carrot b) Beetroot c) Onion
- 7) What was the name of Jesus's father?**
a) James b) Peter c) Joseph
- 8) In the story of "A Christmas Carol," what is Scrooge's first name?**
a) Charles b) Ebenezer c) John
- 9) What type of pie do people traditionally eat at Christmas time?**
a) Cherry pie b) Apple pie c) Mince pie
- 10) In the "Twelve Days of Christmas" song, what did the true love send on the first day?**
a) A turtle dove b) A partridge in a Pear tree c) A French Hen
- 11) Where was Jesus born?**
a) Bethlehem b) Lourdes c) Washington
- 12) What meat is traditionally eaten on Christmas Day?**
a) Turkey b) Gammon c) Chicken



Answers: 1b, 2c, 3b &
d, 4a, 5b, 6a, 7c, 8b, 9c,
10b, 11a, 12a

ST PETER'S CHURCH – SOLDIERS, SINGING & CHRISTMAS TREES!

The weather defied the forecast, being warm and sunny, and the church looked spic and span for the annual Heritage Open Day in September. The group was delighted to welcome visitors to see the spruced up church and we were able to learn more about the village and community that the church served in the middle of the 20th century. Not sure how the Battle of Waterloo soldier fitted into our history but he made a colourful addition!



Several visitors enquired about the Norman Arch, which is now preserved in the Church of St James in New Bradwell after it was moved in the 1960s.

Regular Saturday coffee mornings are held there between 10am

and 12 noon, when those keen to see the spectacular Romanesque carving would be made very welcome. In addition, St James is planning to hold its colourful Christmas Tree Festival during the weekend of 5th/6th December when visitors can see the arch and ledgerstones from the church at Stanton Low as well as the altar table used in the church.

St Peter's Church Group will have their annual Mince Pie, Mulled Wine and Carol singing at the Church on Sunday 6th December at 3pm. Last year was a great success – no singing skills required but wrap up warm!! Further details can be found on our website

www.savestpeterschurch.com

