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Chairman's Welcome

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Parish Newsletter

Unfortunately, since our last issue we are all still subject to some form of lockdown restriction and Covid-19 still impacts our residents. However, some respite is on the horizon through the vaccination programme. The Council encourages all residents to take up the vaccine when offered. Infections are still prevalent in the community as are hospital admissions and sadly deaths. Our condolences go out to all those who have lost loved ones during this crisis. Please continue to follow Government advice to beat this crisis.

The Government has lifted its embargo on Council elections, and these will progress on the 6th May this year. This is a particularly important date for the parish since we will be invited to vote in a Referendum for our Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council will be issuing documents regarding this, by letter, to every household in the parish over the next few weeks including explanatory videos on our website and zoom meetings where you can ask questions. Please keep a look out on our social media streams for dates and times. Recent changes in planning legislation make it vitally important that residents use their vote. It is not too late to register to vote.

I am pleased to report that, as many of you are no doubt aware, we successfully fought the planning hurdles and the Aldi store has opened. For those fans of The Repair Shop you may also be pleased to know that Kirsten Ramsay will be undertaking some maintenance to the mural wall before its unveiling.

On the 22 February 2021, the Prime Minister announced a cautious phased return to a 'normal' society. However we have no indication when we will be able to re-open the Parish Office.

Based on the Government's plan we have therefore reactivated the planned summer events and coach trips for residents, commencing in July. More information regarding these events is given later in the Newsletter.

After careful consideration of the needs of the community the Parish Council has voted not to increase our precept for the oncoming financial year.

We hope that the yellow parking restrictions which were due to commence a year ago will now move forward as restrictions are lifted.

We have had quite a lot of success with our Crimewave initiative with a number of referrals for prosecution for fly-tipping and other crimes. Regrettably fly-tipping and drugs remain the scourge of our parish.

I am delighted to let you know that via the Parish Council The Motorist Insurance Bureau have donated 73 reconditioned laptops to schools within our parish and are currently being delivered to the schools who requested them. Our thanks go to the MIB.

We encourage all our residents to join the Parish Council meetings on Zoom and login information can be found on the website and social media. We meet every first and third Wednesday of each month, except August and December. It remains for me to wish you all a pleasant Easter and Summer, and please Stay Safe.



Cllr Graham Davison
Chairman Stantonbury Parish Council

Forthcoming Important Parish Council Dates

SPC Meet Your Councillor By Zoom

This meeting will give you an opportunity to speak with either the full council or the individual councillor for your area, and will enable you to put any questions to the attending Parish Councillors for consideration in taking forward by the Parish Council in the coming year.

Time: April 20, 2021 18:00

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81136162140?pwd=OXdvNVhVNjRoWXlCeE14UnFEVWpkQT09>

Meeting ID: 811 3616 2140

Passcode: 713709

Annual Meeting of the Councillors By Zoom

This meeting is held before our normal main meeting in the same evening. In this meeting the position of Chair and Vice Chair of the Council are voted for along with Chairs of various other committees in the Council.

Time: May 19, 2021 18:00

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82436150321?pwd=R3pVTGJyNUE1YmRKQzl2cjZCWWlWZz09>

Meeting ID: 824 3615 0321

Passcode: 737703

Milton Keynes Council Landscape Transformation

The article below is an extract from a paper sent by MKC ahead of a zoom meeting held recently with the Parish Council to discuss the oncoming landscape transformation in the parish.

In some areas landscaping has aged and planting has become too mature, putting extra pressures on resources. Changes in landscape assets have occurred, which have not always been captured in the digital mapping system (GIS). This forms the basis of landscape management. Changes in both culture and climate have also made some of the landscape detail inappropriate. As part of this project, we will survey MKC's landscape borough wide to update GIS and make changes where needed.

Many of the maps and quantities within the landscaping contract have not been updated for twenty years or more. A sample undertaken in Great Linford in 2015 found that on average, 10% of the assets had undergone change which was not reflected in GIS.

When landscaping was designed, fast growing shrubs and trees were planted so that the 'Green Milton Keynes' could flourish quickly from a construction site to somewhere that people felt they could live. This approach will be moderated to meet the needs of today.

Surveying and transformation works have started in the north of the borough. We will be working systematically from north to south over the next 2 years.

Areas which have significantly deteriorated will be removed. This will make the area easier to manage. There will be new planting in places that may encourage a different diversity and care will be given to move vulnerable creatures such as hedgehogs before any planting is removed.

They will be replaced or enhanced elsewhere with species/assets that can meet the needs of today and the foreseeable future, factoring in:

- Climate change resilience.
- Enhancing biodiversity through an increase in the right plant in the right place using the right horticultural practices.
- Increased diversity.

Wherever possible, we will talk with the parish before survey works start, to gain feedback. After each area has been surveyed, we will engage with the parish and ward councillors on the proposed works to be completed.

MKC - Landscape Client Services Department - February 2021



Parish Councillor Vacancy - Oakridge Park



By becoming a Parish Councillor you will become someone your community looks to for help, guidance, and support.

Parish Councillors are community leaders with the power to influence decisions for the benefit of the people they serve. Seeing your community change for the better, as a result of decisions you have helped to make, is something that can give you a sense of achievement and pride.

For more information or to express an interest in becoming a Councillor for Oakridge Park, please contact the Parish office on info@stantonburyparishcouncil.org.uk.



Residents' E-newsletter



So, if you are interested in current news and events that are happening within the Parish, and want to know what new projects we are involved in, then please sign up.

Check out our website or contact Donna Moore on donna.moore@stantonburyparishcouncil.org.uk or telephone **01908 227201**.

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The Planning Process, the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan.

A brief introduction

All planning applications to Milton Keynes Council are checked against three key documents: The National Planning Policy Framework, Plan MK and, if adopted by the oncoming referendum, our Neighbourhood Plan.

Each and every application has a period of 28 days for consultation. Normally MKC Planning (MKCP) affix a letter to one or more lamp posts nearby the site seeking planning approval and alerting residents to the application. Residents in the immediate vicinity of the application will receive a letter individually notifying them of the application. The Parish Council is also notified of all planning applications in the parish.

For most planning applications the decision to permit a development can be made by the Planning Officer under what is termed Delegated Authority. This means it will not be discussed by the Development Control Committee (DCC) and the Planning Officer's decision will be final.

If the public want a planning application discussed by the DCC a letter has to be sent to the Planning Department by at least 5 residents from different households or a Ward Councillor or the Parish Council within the 28 days consultation period with an explicit request that the application be referred to the DCC. The DCC are then obliged to consider the views expressed. Members of the public can also request the opportunity to address the DCC and a three-minute slot at a Milton Keynes Council Development Control meeting will be allocated in which to do so.

If an application is referred to the DCC all public comments are considered by the appointed Planning Officer who prepares a report for the DCC which is presented to them for a decision to approve or not to approve the application. This report should include all the comments made by the public. Any public comments must align with one or more of the requirements of the three key documents. Members of the public can ask for advice from the Planning Officer for clarification of the planning requirements.

In their deliberations the DCC will consider how many residents write in and make specific comments and the weight of public opinion. It is important to note that the Parish Council's vote to support or object to an application is counted as only one opinion, despite nine councillors making any decision for or against. So public comment is vital in determining a decision.

Locally we have captured our residents' wishes in respect of planning requirements in the Neighbourhood Plan. To ensure this is adopted by Milton Keynes Council please make sure you vote in the forthcoming Referendum. The Plan goes a long way to addressing our Planning requirements for the Planning Officer to adhere to.

MKC Development Control Committee meetings are broadcast live on YouTube.

CLlr Graham Davison

Chairman Stantonbury Parish Council

New measures to allow proxy voting in local elections for those self-isolating with coronavirus

Individuals who need to self-isolate because of coronavirus will still be able to vote in the local elections through new emergency proxy voting measures.

We recognise that those who wish to vote in person may have those intentions disrupted by the pandemic. The government is amending secondary legislation to further support proxy voting for people affected by coronavirus close to the polls.

In particular, these changes will allow those self-isolating as a result of coronavirus exposure, testing or symptoms to apply for a proxy vote in the days

leading up to polling day and until 5pm on the day itself, without having to find someone to attest their application.

This will also be available to those who test positive for the virus, on the same basis. If a person already has a proxy appointed to vote for them, but the proxy is then affected by COVID-19, there will also be the ability to make an alternative proxy arrangement. It remains vital that those who need to self-isolate continue to do so.

For more information <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/may-2021-polls-delivery-plan>



Stantonbury Parish Neighbourhood Plan REFERENDUM



Why your vote matters!

The Stantonbury Neighbourhood Plan (the Plan) covers Bancroft, Bancroft Park, Blue Bridge, Bradville, Linford Wood, Oakridge Park and Stantonbury.

For the Plan to be adopted, it must gain a majority vote at a locally held Referendum.

This is your opportunity to make sure your voice is heard, so look out for a poll card coming through your door shortly and

VOTE ON 6TH MAY 2021

- The Plan was prepared after extensive consultation* with residents and includes commitments made by Stantonbury Parish Council.
- The policies in the Plan reflect the views and opinions of residents as to how they want to see their area develop in the next 10 years.
- The Plan has to be in line with the higher level development plan for Milton Keynes, but adds another level of detail which is more specific to our area.
- The Plan has been assessed and accepted by an Independent External Planning Examiner.
- The Plan now proceeds to a **Referendum** of all residents in Stantonbury Parish on **6th May 2021** where it is your opportunity to say whether or not you accept the Plan.
- The question on the Poll card at the Referendum will be "Do you want Milton Keynes Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Stantonbury to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"
- If adopted both planners and developers will be required to take account of the Stantonbury Neighbourhood Plan when making decisions about potential future development within the area.

**two residents' surveys, more than 25,000 leaflets, 18 consultation events, 30 meetings with local groups and stakeholders and 1000 voluntary hours.*

You can view the Plan along with the Examiner's report online at:
www.stantonbury-pc.org.uk

or

www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/stantonbury-neighbourhood-plan

A hard copy of the Plan can be delivered to your home address.

Please contact the office: **01908 227201** or email: info@stantonburyparishcouncil.org.uk

To find out more about the Neighbourhood Plan you are welcome to join our Zoom meetings with Councillors and members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

For further details please contact the office or look at our website.

Vital support hasn't stop during a coronavirus pandemic

Susan has worked for the Age UK Milton Keynes Independent Living Service for just over a year and says it's the people that make the work so enjoyable. "Quite often I am the only person who has visited them that week and it is very satisfying to be able to have a chat as well as clean their kitchen and make it safe for them to use."

Age UK Milton Keynes has had to adapt its services over the last ten months, as many activities and clubs for older people had to close last March. The clubs are still unable to re-open but the Independent Living Service never stopped, it just adapted according to the rules, continuing to provide vital support to clients whilst minimising the risk to them and staff.

The service currently supports around 35 older people in Stantonbury Parish, enabling them to live as independently as they wish and are able to. Whether someone needs help to clean the kitchen and bathroom, or essential shopping or someone to keep the garden tidy, Age UK Milton Keynes will do its best to meet people's individual need. The Footcare



Agents can visit to trim toenails and a handy person is able to supply and fit key safes, handrails, grab rails and ramps.

Charges start from £18 per hour, depending on what is needed. Please call Age UK Milton Keynes on 01908 557874 if you are no longer able to do your own shopping or perhaps have an older relative who needs support. Arrangements can be made over the telephone or by email, including organising a method of payment that suits all parties. All staff are supplied with personal protection equipment (PPE) and will follow safe practices when working during the coronavirus pandemic.

Registered charity 1079773
www.ageukmiltonkeynes.org.uk

The Peartree Centre, 1 Chadds Lane, Peartree Bridge, Milton Keynes MK6 3EB
01908 550700

Hampers

With very generous donations of food from Aldi, Bradwell Common, Stantonbury Parish Council were able to deliver 23 hampers to residents in our parish last Christmas.

Our thanks to Aldi and staff for helping us to put these together. If you know of someone in the parish who you think would deserve a Christmas hamper, please let us know and we may be able to deliver one to them next Christmas. Please contact sue.tozer@stantonburyparishcouncil.org.uk or telephone **01908 227201**.



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ABRA

ALL BRADVILLE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The past year has been difficult for everyone, including ABRA. We have not been able to run our regular meetings and have had to stop planning social events. However, the committee has carried on engaging with MK Council (MKC) in pursuit of our key aim of:

PUTTING PRIDE BACK IN BRADVILLE

Last July, our previous efforts were rewarded by MKC with Silver Accreditation and associated funding, which is highly unusual for a relaunched association in its first year.

We are also beginning to see some tangible improvements on the estate following our endeavours.

After 18 months of meetings, walkabouts and a torrent of emails, MKC landscaping department carried out decisions taken at one of our general meetings to improve parts of the estate. The number one priority was to clear the overgrown vegetation around the big slide between Kingsfold and Crispin and to replace the steps leading to it. The work was started in mid-January.



With grants from MKC councillors Hannah Minns and Martin Petchey, we have been able to buy our own landscaping tools and litter-picking equipment. They will allow more residents to get involved in these social, healthy and rewarding activities. While ABRA members have and will continue to contribute to Stantonbury Parish Council litter-picking events, we realised that we need to go out more often to get on top of the litter problem on our estate.

We have also been able to secure a supply of street cleaning sacks from MKC and passes for MKC waste disposal sites, to facilitate our work. As soon as it is safe to do so, we will arrange regular group litter-picking and landscaping events.



We will also organise our much postponed AGM. This will be an ideal opportunity to find out more about what we have done and hopefully to encourage you to get involved. The AGM is also the time when all committee positions are open for election. So, if you have your own ideas on what our residents' association should be doing and/or you want to support us, please come along and get involved. With more members, more can be accomplished!

We publicise all our events on our Facebook page (All Bradville Residents Association – ABRA) and on noticeboards. We also leaflet our main events. If you want to be sure to get advance notice of all our activities, or for more information about ABRA, just send an email to abra.information@gmail.com.

We will add you to our mailing list.

A Pothole in the Road

by Janet Warren

There is a pothole in our road
it gets bigger every day,
people stand and look into it,
then shake their heads and walk away.

It really is getting dangerous
and on Tuesday of last week,
we heard a thud and a bang
and then a high-pitched squeak.

Rushing out the neighbours found
the milkman clinging to his float,
looking very shaken and clutching
a 'no milk today' note!

Action had to be taken
so emailing to the County Council I said
we can't have our local milkman injured
whilst we are asleep in our beds.

And what about the vicar,
who almost fell of his bike,
his wheel got stuck in the hole
and it gave him an awful fright.

So you see dear Council
the situation is getting quite acute
for delivery vans, cyclists and the like
and for residents on their daily commute.

Please send some workmen urgently
to put this matter right,
as the ginger tom cat from No 2
did not return home last night!



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If you have any questions or would like to know more, please email

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If you have any questions or would like to know more, please email

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Keyless Theft of Cars

There has been an increase recently of keyless car thefts in Milton Keynes. If you do have a keyless car here are some tips and prevention advice to HELP STOP THIS happening. Please share with family and friends.

WHAT IS A KEYLESS THEFT OF CARS?

This is the process criminals use to steal a car without the keys, also known as relay theft, and is relatively simple. First, the criminals buy a relay amplifier and a relay transmitter. Next, they identify a house with a car parked outside that they intend to steal or sell this information onto contacts that they may have. They use the gadgets purchased to detect whether the car features keyless entry.

If they identify a car they want to steal, one criminal stands by the car with the transmitter, while a second waves the amplifier around the perimeter of the house. If the car key is close enough the amplifier will detect its signal and amplify it and send it to the accomplice's transmitter.

This transmitter then effectively becomes the key and tricks the car into thinking that the real key is nearby, where upon the thieves are able to open the car and literally get in it and drive the car away.

This whole process can take as little as 60 seconds and can be completed in silence, no noise at all to make you aware that this is happening.

HOW TO AVOID KEYLESS THEFTS

Keyless theft sounds almost like the perfect crime, but there are steps you can take to stop this from happening to you and your car. Do not forget to take the standard security measures, ensure the car is properly locked and keeping the key fob away from doors and windows. This will minimise the chances a thief will have to be able to find and amplify the key's signal and is always in general good practice to follow.

Check your car manual or speak to your car dealer to see if the key itself can be turned off.

You can also purchase security devices such as a steering wheel lock, a driveway parking post, or a wheel clamp. So by using these even if the thieves can access the starting up of your car, these barriers should prevent them from driving it away. Many criminals will consider by-passing vehicles with these barriers already in place as being too much hassle for them to deal with.

Signal-block pouches can also be bought. Consider a Faraday Pouch to keep the key in. These pouches contain signal blocking materials that stop your key from transmitting its code, preventing the criminals from detecting the signal and amplifying it. Storing the key in such a bag which is lined with layers of metallic material, is another way of keeping your car safe. The key needs to be placed inside the bag from the moment you 'bleep' lock your car.

Another way to stop this from happening is to have a tracking device fitted to your car. This has a 96% recovery rate when stolen. This device is an excellent way to help ensure retrieval of your car should the worst happen.

If you would like more information then please email me on:
mknorthcluster@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

I am one of 4 PCSOs in your area along with the neighbourhood police team.

*Lesley Lesley,
 PCSO, Thames Valley Police*



Would you like to advertise in our Parish Newsletter?

In these uncertain times, Stantonbury Parish Council wish to support businesses in our Parish. We would like to help your business and invite you to place an advert in our next Newsletter due out in Autumn 2021, **and it won't cost you a thing!**

Spaces are limited so please email us to register your interest as soon as possible to info@stantonburyparishcouncil.org.uk.



Dementia Action Week

17 - 23 May 2021

Are you affected by dementia?

Alzheimer's Society is here to help. We offer support for everyone affected by dementia, including family members, friends and carers.

As the UK's leading dementia charity we provide expert information, training, and support services to those who need our help. And we're creating a more dementia-friendly society so people with the condition can live without fear and prejudice.

If you need support, advice and information call our Dementia Helpline on **0300 222 11 22**.

Dementia Talking Point is our online community for anyone affected by dementia. Talk to others and share experiences 24 hours a day, seven days a week. alzheimers.org.uk/talkingpoint

You can find dementia services and support groups in your area through our Dementia Directory. Find out what's available near you.

alzheimers.org.uk/getsupport

Our website has lots of useful information on dementia, including accessible resources, factsheets and legal advice. alzheimers.org.uk



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You will be asked to complete an application form and we may ask you for some proof of disability. For further information or to ask for a form to be sent out to you, **please call our customer services team on 01908 252570 or email customerservices@milton-keynes.gov.uk**



Parish Ranger Update Spring 2021

Like everyone else the Parish Rangers have been adhering to current Government guidelines and have been working from home during this latest lockdown. Therefore the parish office has remained closed to the public.

We have however, still been responding to all public enquiries, patrolling all areas of the parish where possible, and liaising with bodies such as MKC and the Parks Trust and reporting issues such as fly-tipping, potholes, and graffiti.

This period had also given us time to draw up future plans, and from this we have recently been out and about cleaning street signs on Linford Wood and Blue Bridge, with other estates to follow. We will be starting our winter pruning programme and you will see us on Stantonbury, Blue Bridge and Bancroft helping to keep pathways clear.

You might have spotted the Parish Council's new investment, a new Ranger Truck. This will help the rangers to complete more heavier tasks than the current truck we have, and is an investment for the future.

The Rangers have been working with Milton Keynes Council Landscaping Department to pinpoint problem areas of landscape that required some severe pruning, and in some cases complete transformation. Some untidy shrubs and poorly maintained beds were completely ripped out and turned back into grass areas.

Things you can do to help us in 2021

- Please put all your rubbish on the front boundary of your property and the refuse collection team will collect from there.
- Remember to put out your bins out after 5pm the day before and before 7am on the day of collection. If your bag splits please re-bag it to prevent spreading around.
- Help keep footpaths clear and open by trimming back your boundary hedges where there is a public footpath on the other side. Place the cuttings in the green wheelie bin. If you do not have a wheelie bin you can order one from MK Council's website and it will be delivered to you for free.
- Place all used glass bottles and jars into your blue boxes. Again if you do not have one you can order one from MK Council's website and it will be delivered to you for free.

There has been a marked increase in fly-tipping across Milton Keynes with an average of 500 incidents being reported to MKC each month. Fly-tipping is an offence and if caught can carry a hefty fine.

So please help keep our parish clean and green for all

If you do need to dispose of **bulky waste** such as: sofas, fridges and beds and are unable to take them to one of MK's three local recycling centres, you can contact Milton Keynes Council on **01908 252570** or alternatively go online for further information and charges: www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/bulkywaste Always use a trusted waste carrier.

SPC Environmental and Enforcement Officer

Dave Barnes



You can contact him to report:

- Litter
- Dog Fouling
- Fly Tipping
- Abandoned Vehicles

Mobile: **07909520793**

Email: **dlenvironmental168@gmail.com**

Household Waste Recycling Centres

To visit one of Milton Keynes Council's 3 tips you will need to book a slot. Sites are open for essential visits only, to dispose of harmful waste that cannot be stored at home safely.

Book a slot online:

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/waste-recycling/community-recycling-centres-tips>

If you do not have access to the internet, you can book by phone on **tel. 01908 252811**
You will not be allowed on site without your confirmation email.

MK Council Offices are open from
09:00 - 17:15 Monday to Friday
Telephone: 01908 691691

Out of hours emergency telephone: 01908 226699
E-mail: customerservices@milton-keynes.gov.uk



Save the Date

At the time of this Newsletter going to print we can confirm that, providing all COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted by the Government, the Parish Council are pleased to announce the following events/ trips this year:



Tuesday 20th July 2021

Afternoon Tea for over 65's
at Christ Church, Stantonbury



Thursday 22nd July 2021

Afternoon Tea for over 65's
at Roman Park Residents Club, Bancroft Park



Thursday 29th July 2021

Mead Open Farm Coach Trip



Thursday 12th August 2021

Wicksteed Park Coach Trip



Saturday 21st August 2021

Party in the Park 5-9pm
at Roman Park Residents Club, Bancroft Park



Tuesday 30th November & Thursday 9th December 2021

Over 65's Christmas Dinner
at Roman Park Residents Club, Bancroft Park



Thursday 2nd December & Tuesday 7th December

Over 65's Christmas Dinner
at Christ Church, Stantonbury



December 2021

Christmas Market Coach Trip – TBC



FOOTBALL

Friday 30th July 2021 - 1pm - 3.30 pm
at Cawarden Play Park in Stantonbury.

Friday 6th August 2021 - 1pm-3.30 pm
at Cawarden Play Park in Stantonbury.

Friday 13th August 2021 - 1pm-3.30pm
at Cawarden Play Park in Stantonbury.

Friday 20th August 2021 - 1pm-3.30pm
at Cawarden Play Park in Stantonbury.



Dates to be confirmed for:

Basketball, Circus Skills and MKPA

For exact times, prices and when tickets will be going on sale, please keep a look out on all our social media, noticeboards and flyers.

Christchurch Stantonbury

Sensory Café, Under Fives, Coffee and Cake

Dear friends,

It is a long time since we last met.

We remember you all and pray for you.

I hope you are well and safe, and coping in this very difficult time. There seems to be no end in sight as yet, but I want to reassure you, as soon as we are able and it is safe to do so, we will again hold our

Sensory Café, Under Fives and Coffee and Cake.

You can follow us on Facebook, you don't have to be a member. We stream our 10.30 am service on Sundays. (be online at 10.25) Use this link. <https://www.facebook.com/christchurch/>

Warm regards

Patricia Collins

Mission Co-ordinator

Update from Crimewave CCTV Cameras Located Around SPC Parish

(Exact locations of the cameras are not shared in this article as this may hinder reporting)



CAMERA 1

- A camera was deployed to this location following local reports and complaints from residents of several drug related incidents and fly-tipping.
- The Parish Council engaged with the local police and the Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) team along with other stakeholders to organise a detailed CCTV review.
- We completed an in-depth CCTV review to highlight possible suspicious person/s and vehicle movements to and from this area.
- A full report of those findings was sent to the police and is now being reviewed as part of ongoing investigations with links to other similar issues in the parish, and the wider Milton Keynes area. We also identified a male who is now believed to be far more involved in these issues than originally thought.
- When this camera was installed two residents commented on how pleased they were to see it going up.

CAMERA 2

- We deployed a camera to a dilapidated garage area and nearby play area in the parish which was being used as an extensive area for fly-tipping.
- We identified a fly-tip being carried out by a driver of a van. A full evidence pack including CCTV footage was compiled and sent to the Council Environmental Crime Team (CECT).

CAMERA 3

- After engaging with the ASB team a camera was located to film potential drug dealing and fly-tipping in the area.
- Residents reported a drop in issues particularly fly-tipping once the camera was installed.
- On our reviews we linked a possible suspect's vehicle and occupants from another area to this location. This information confirmed some intelligence that had already been received by the ASB team.

CAMERA 1 (2ND POSITION)

- We deployed a camera to an area which was experiencing fly-tipping.
- A person believed to be a nearby resident was filmed on camera fly-tipping a sofa. A full evidence pack including CCTV footage was compiled and sent to the CECT.
- Two people have been identified dumping a large fridge freezer. They have also been linked to a vehicle which will assist

the investigation. A full evidence pack including CCTV footage was compiled and sent to the CECT.

- A camera was deployed to this location due to reports of ASB and drug activity in the area.

CAMERA 2 (2ND POSITION)

- Very shortly after the deployment of a camera here we entered the last national lockdown and schools closed which we believe may have effected activity in this area.
- We carried out regular reviews of activity in this area and there has been no suspicious activity or people congregating in this area during the lockdown period.
- The camera could be relocated back to this location when schools re-open and restrictions are eased.

CAMERA 3 (2ND POSITION)

- We deployed a camera to this location due to reports of fly-tipping.
- The team identified a mattress being left here. A full evidence pack including CCTV footage was compiled and sent to the CECT.
- The team have also found furniture being dumped here. The footage has been supplied to the CECT.
- We have identified a large amount of packaging and other household items being fly-tipped in this area. We have linked this to a nearby vehicle and supplied all evidence to the CECT.
- A male has been identified fly-tipping several household items here. We have linked the male to a nearby vehicle. All information has been supplied to the CECT.

CAMERA 2 (3RD POSITION)

- We have recently deployed a camera to this area due to reports of vehicles (possibly taxis) parking up and littering.
- We have identified an offence straight away and are putting the evidence pack together to forward to ASB and CECT.

Once the offenders are taken to court, we hope to be able to update you of the fines and criminal convictions that are imposed. If you have an area you would like to be monitored in the parish, please contact the Parish Council.

Cllr L Morgan
February 2021



Why Not Become a Parish Guardian?

- We carry out regular litter picking groups a couple of hours a month around the parish and are always looking for an extra pair of hands. We can supply litter pickers and bags.
- Inform the Rangers of any problems in the area you live. We will do our best to see if we can help and escalate your concerns.
- Contact us about graffiti, fly tipping, drugs anti-social behaviour, abandoned vehicles.

**Please contact the Stantonbury Parish Office on 01908 227201
We want to work for you and with you to improve the areas where you live.**

Recipe Corner

Fruit Cake

by Jane Kirkham

This is my Gran's recipe fruit cake, it's very easy to make and yummy to eat!



- Fan oven 150 degrees
- Large tin 75minutes depending on your oven

Method

Rub the margarine and flour together. You can use a machine to do this. Then tip into a large bowl. Add eggs, granulated sugar, mixed fruit and milk.

Stir well. It will be a very wet mixture. Pour into either one large cake tin (8ins) lined. Or 2 x 1lb loaf tins. Again line the tins. Sprinkle with Demerara sugar before you cook for a crunchy top if desired.

If using loaf tins check after an hour. Test it with a skewer it should come out clean. This cakes tends to rise in the middle giving a homemade look. Cook until done!

INGREDIENTS

- 225g block margarine
- 450g self-raising flour
- 2 eggs
- 225g granulated sugar
- 450g mixed fruit
- 275ml milk

Baked Veg Pakoras

by Chins Kitchens

The recipe that I am sharing with you is a healthy version of Veg Pakoras. Traditionally pakoras are fried, but we are going to oven bake them.



- Heat the oven at gas mark 6 / 180° C degrees
- Cooking time: 20 - 25 mins
- Makes 10-15 pakoras

Method

Mix all the ingredients in a medium-sized bowl, except salt.

The salt goes in just before you put them on the baking tray

The mixture needs to be firm consistency not runny or hard (like coleslaw).

Spray the baking tray with fry light.

Spoon out the mixture and put it on the tray.

Repeat until all the mixture is used up.

Spray the pakoras with fry light.

Pop them into the oven for 10 mins, turn them over and leave for another 10 mins until cooked through.

Serve immediately with Mint yogurt.

These can be cooked beforehand and reheated.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 Medium sized Onion sliced
- 1 Medium sized Potato chopped
- 1 Chilli chopped
- Handful of fresh chopped Coriander
- Handful of Chilli flakes
- 1 tsp Turmeric powder
- 5 - 7 heaped tablespoons of Gram Flour - (gluten free as made from chickpea and yellow split pea)
- 50 - 100ml Water - you may not need all of it - use a little bit at a time.
- Salt to taste

If you have a favourite recipe you would like to share with other residents, then please send to **Sue Tozer** (sue.tozer@stantonburyparishcouncil.org.uk) hand written recipes can also be accepted.



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www.nationalDAhelpline.org.uk

Local Support

Mind BLMK – phone and email support 0300 330 0645 www.mind-blmk.org.uk or ha@mind-blmk.org.uk

Mind Crisis Café- Urgent mental health crisis support via telephone on 01582-722225 Seven days a week 5pm – 11pm

Samaritans – Telephone 116 123 or email jo@samaritans.org

MKC Wellbeing Hub <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing-hub>

Lid on or lid off? And other recycling conundrums

We all try to do our bit to get recycling right, but some items can be a bit problematic. Check out the list below to find the answers

- **Animal waste, including cat litter, dog poo, hamster/gerbil bedding, etc.** ➡ black bin bag or home compost. Do not put in the garden waste bin as unsuitable for our composting processing



- **Biscuit wrappers /crisp packets / sweet wrappers** ➡ black bin bag or see *Terracycle info below

- **Black plastic** ➡ clear recycling sack. Here in MK we accept black plastic in the clear recycling sack

- **Broken wine glass** ➡ black bin bag, wrapped for safety. This type of glass cannot be recycled



- **Kitchen towel** ➡ black bin bag (see Tissues for explanation)

- **Nappies** ➡ used or unused, disposable nappies always go in the black

- **Old clothes** ➡ take to local charity shop, do not place in clear sack

- **Pet food pouches** ➡ black bin bag or see *Terracycle info below

- **Pill packets** ➡ take to your local pharmacy

- **Plastic bottles with triggers or pumps** ➡ clear recycling sack. They are shredded when recycled so the different plastic types and metals can be separated

- **Plastic bottle lids** ➡ Wash, squash and lid back on. This way they take up less space in your clear sack. It is helpful to re attach the lid, but not essential and are also accepted loose

- **Plastic carrier bags, bread bags** ➡ at the supermarket, not in clear sack

- **Shredded paper** ➡ clear recycling sack. Only shred the security part of the letter, as the fibres are cut reducing the number of times paper can be recycled

- **Tissues** ➡ black bin bag. Paper can be recycled up to 5 or 6 times. Its last life is as tissue

Window envelopes ➡ clear recycling sack. Over the last few years envelope manufacturers have changed to cellulose windows which are recyclable

* Terracycle is a business that accepts unusual items for recycling that councils are unable to process. They work with charities, community groups and schools who fundraise by being drop off points. See www.terracycle.co.uk for a list of items and local drop off points.



A Rubbish Quiz

Test your knowledge in our interesting quiz about waste and recycling in history



Questions

1. When were the first recorded dustmen in history?
2. How did Ancient Egyptians recycle old papyrus scrolls and manuscripts?
3. What did the Ancient Chinese Han Dynasty recycle animal waste, straw, plant ash into?
4. What did the Victorians introduce in 1842 that revolutionised how rubbish was collected?
5. In World War 2 families were encouraged to save their meat bones. What were they recycled into?
6. What year did Milton Keynes launch kerbside collections of recycling?
7. Where was the first purpose-built recycling factory in the UK?
8. What happens to the black bin bag rubbish in Milton Keynes today?

Answers

1. 200 AD The first dustmen in history are found in Romans times. Teams of two men walked along the streets picking up rubbish and throwing it in a wagon. There is also evidence that early Romans recycled broken pottery into flooring and melted down bronze coins into statues that could be sold at a higher monetary value than the original coins.
2. There is evidence in Ancient Egypt that letters and legal documents were repurposed as mummy wrappings.
3. In China early records from the Han Dynasty suggest that composting was a part of life early as 2000 BC, recording 'fertilizer recipes' listing human & animal waste, straw, plant ash.
4. Victorians brought in regular refuse collections in 1842. Council standard galvanised dust bins and weekly collections were introduced to much public objection. It was found people put bins out on the wrong day and misused the bins. In Victorian times lots of people moved from the countryside to the towns and cities to find jobs. This created a lot of rubbish in the streets, which polluted the water and made people ill.
5. Old meat bones were boiled up to be turned into glue for aircraft, glycerine for explosives and Fertilizer. Recycling became very important during the Second World War because of attacks on cargo ships. Adults and children had to be careful not to waste anything. In 1939 the National Salvage Campaign was launched to teach people to recycle 'useless' objects and turn them into 'useful' weapons to help the war effort.
6. In June 1990, the TV celebrity Bill Oddie helped MK Council launch its recycling pilot scheme in Great Linford area covering 5,600 homes. There were red and blue recycling boxes for alternate weekly collections. Recycling was collected by MCS lorries and taken to industrial units in Kiln Farm to be hand-sorted.
7. The first purpose-built recycling factory began operations on 15 November 1993 in Old Wolverton, Milton Keynes. The MK Recycling Factory continues to process the recycling from clear sacks and blue boxes to this day.
8. Milton Keynes residents' black bin bag rubbish is taken to the Waste Recovery Park in Old Wolverton. Here recyclable items which have been placed in the black bin bag in error are retrieved. Then food and garden waste are collected to be composted into a low-grade soil. The remaining non-recyclable items then go to the advanced thermal treatment which turns them into a fuel suitable to generate steam. This then drives a turbine which creates electricity that is fed into the National Grid.

*Support for Stantonbury Parish Residents *

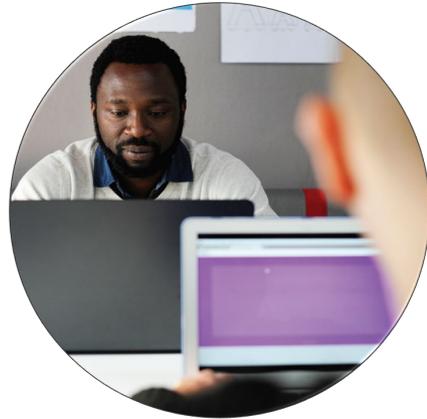
Help for Unemployed Universal Credit Claimants

Unfortunately, more people are losing their jobs or being made redundant. As a result, more people are required to go on UC. As Job Centres are not fully open it will be difficult for new claimants to find support.

We can help during this time.

What we can provide for clients:

- Reviewing CVs
- Providing resource packets
- Over the phone interviews with feedback
- Weekly phone calls/emailing
- Help with job search
- Training opportunities free of charge
- Including: Forklift; SIA; CSCS; Food Hygiene and more



If you need help, then get in touch on the number below.

We will need: Your **birth certificate or valid passport** or **Residence Permit** and your **UC claim**. Talk to us to see how you can provide this evidence

Milton Keynes:

Sue. Sapwell@ageukmiltonkeynes.org.uk

Milton Keynes: Programme Manager

Sue.quinn@ageukmiltonkeynes.org.uk

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The Bancroft Park Petanque Club

The Bancroft Park Petanque Club would like to wish all our neighbours in the parish well, and hope that you are all keeping safe.

Since this time last year we have all been very restricted in what we can and were able to do.

During the Spring/summer when locked restrictions were eased many people walking through the North Loughton Valley Park may have seen the club members exercising by playing Petanque (Boules) on the piste, just below the Roman Park Residents Club.

We were grateful to the Parks Trust for their permission to use the piste following

the Club's submission of their Covid Secure Playing Guidelines plan. This had to be prepared alongside the Government and Petanque England guidelines, not to mention strict social distancing.

Many members who are not shielding were able to take the opportunity to play our normal social play days. We were pleased to welcome guests who had seen us playing and asked to join in, several of whom eventually became new members of the club. All those taking part expressed their thanks to the Club Committee for providing them with the opportunity for albeit limited socialisation, but also for the chance two or three times a week to feel less isolated.



Everyone at the Club asks that you keep safe and well, looking forward to soon seeing once again a lowering of restrictions to enable all to resume more exercise, and the playing of organised sports.

January 2021

Home Style Cooked Food Delivered Door to Door



What we offer

- Our typical meals consist of a starter, main course, dessert, piece of fruit, drink & a treat
- Great value price of £5.50
- Runs twice a week
- Meals can be booked for short periods or long term
- Our trained & vetted volunteers will deliver dinner for people to enjoy in their own home. They will also stop for a chat and do a welfare check.

Who is this for?

This service is ideal for older people that :

- Live alone or caring for a spouse or relative
- Are unwell or recovering from illness
- Aren't looking after themselves properly
- Housebound
- Lonely & isolated
- Struggle to cook for themselves
- Unable to access online delivery services
- Don't bother to cook for themselves regularly

Benefits of the service

- Direct positive impact on people's health and wellbeing
- Promotes healthy eating
- Three course dinner can be turned into multiple meals
- Can be booked & paid for over the telephone at short notice
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- Value for money
- Home style cooked meals

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Our Christmas competition winners!

We received 16 entries and thank you to all of you who took the time to colour in and send into our office.

Jazmin, 7



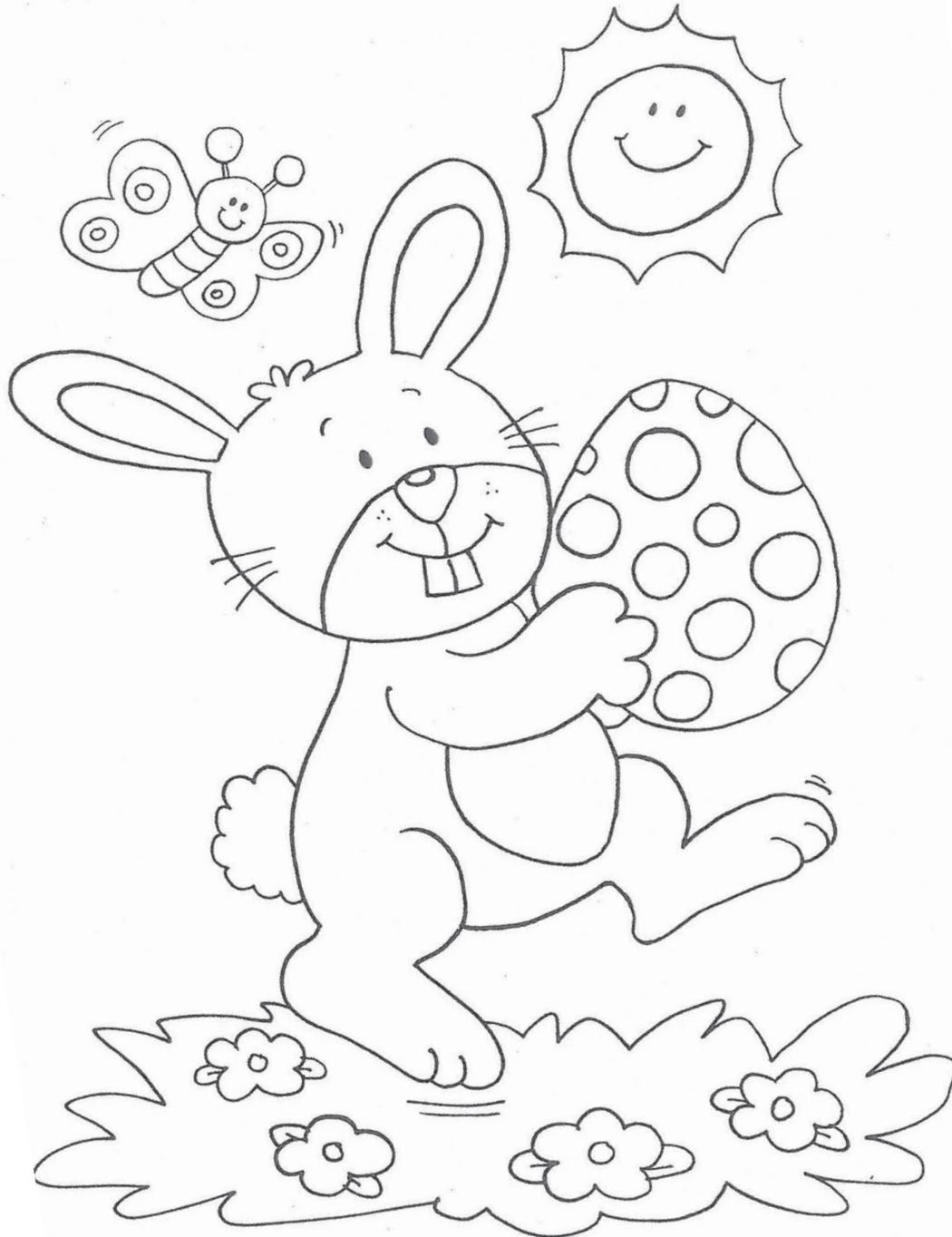
George, 2 ½



Emily, 8



WISHING ALL OUR READERS A VERY



COMPETITION

Stantonbury Parish Council would like to invite all young people of the Parish to enter a Easter colouring competition. Winners of each age category will receive a £10 voucher. Age ranges are : Under 5's, 5-8 and 9-11

Entries should be on an A4 size piece of paper, with **your name, age and contact number**.
Submit your entry by 9th April 2021. Winners will be notified after 16th April 2021.