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Chair's Welcome

Welcome to the Autumn/Winter edition of our Parish Newsletter.

Welcome to all new residents who have recently moved into the Linford Wood area. I hope you find this newsletter informative.

September has been a very sad month with the passing of our well-loved Monarch, Queen Elizabeth II. Our condolences go to her family as well as our best wishes to our new King Charles III.

Many of you may be aware that I was elected Chair of Stantonbury Parish Council in May of 2022. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Cllr Graham Davison for all his hard work over the past 7 years as Chair of the Parish Council. In that period he managed the growth of the parish and the implementation of the Neighbourhood Plan (along with the steering group). The Neighbourhood Plan directs the way forward for such areas of future planning, education, landscaping and commercial activities which are important areas for our residents and their needs.

I am pleased to announce that our staff member Donna Moore has been appointed to the role of Proper Officer

and is currently working towards her CiLCA Qualification.

In early September, after months of waiting, we completed the legal transfer of Bradville Hall to SPC from Milton Keynes City Council, now renamed as The Community Hub. We are hopeful that some of the alterations will be completed to the Hub by the end of September, and we will then be able to start activities again for the local community and the Parish. We are intending to run activities for all ages. So please keep an eye on our social media for the latest development.

As promised in our previous newsletter we will be sending out in both the parish e-newsletter and inside this newsletter a survey about what you, the residents, would like to see SPC do for the community in the year 2023/24. Your views are very important to us and will help inform the setting of the parish budget for next year, so please do respond to this survey.

We still have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor in Bradville and one in Oakridge Park. If you would like further information, please see the article on page 5 of this newsletter or contact the parish office.

We have now received the yearly update from Crimewave UK, the company who operates our CCTVs around the Parish.

I am pleased to report that numerous fixed penalty notices have now been issued by the Environmental Crime Unit at Milton Keynes City Council for littering offences within the parish and antisocial and drug related offences have been passed to Thames Valley Police.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family all the very best for Christmas and the New Year.



Cllr Linda Morgan
Chair Stantonbury Parish Council



Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

Stantonbury Parish Councillors and staff were very saddened by the sudden passing of HM The Queen on Thursday 8th September 2022.

However, we were grateful that we were all able to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee during the month of June.

We co-ordinated the Jubilee celebrations with the re-naming of The Community Hub in Mercers Drive on Saturday 4th June and although the weather wasn't too good on the day, all those who attended had a good time. There were certainly plenty of cakes, tea and games for the children to play with. Congratulations to Helen Wickens who won the re-naming competition.



Skip Amnesty

Throughout this year the Parish Council have run several skip amnesties around the Parish. This has been made possible with funds received from Milton Keynes City Council and the Ward Councillors.

It's fair to say that these amnesties have been well used and a considerable amount of rubbish was removed which we hope will reduce fly-tipping in the area.

Our thanks go to the SERCO team and our Enforcement Officer who have gone far beyond their normal duties in helping SPC on the day. Also a big thank you to all the

Councillors, Parish Rangers and Staff of SPC who also worked hard to ensure that as much rubbish could be removed as possible on the day.

Thank you also to all the residents who took the time to relay their appreciation to the Parish Council. It's always good to get positive feedback!

As these events were such a huge success, we are looking to roll out a similar programme next year!

Cllr Linda Morgan
Chair of SPC



Residents' E-newsletter

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 on our website, or contact Jess Hardy on jess.hardy@stantonburyparishcouncil.org.uk or telephone **01908 227201**.

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PARISH
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Cllr Judy Kite - my first year Bancroft Councillor

When I retired and ceased my daily commute into London, my thoughts turned to more local activities where I might usefully spend my time.

Following a lengthy walking holiday to celebrate our 'freedom', my husband and I threw ourselves into new roles, his within the education sector he had always worked in, and mine undertaking admin roles for the Citizens Advice Bureau. I followed a couple of years of this with volunteering on the reception desk at Milton Keynes Hospital, pointing people in, hopefully, the right direction down the labyrinth of corridors.

My application to join Stantonbury Parish Council was almost by chance. On a visit to the Parish Office I saw details of a vacancy for the Bancroft ward on their notice board and the thought process began.....

Having been co-opted onto the Council, my first few months were a major learning curve which I tackled by turning up to every meeting possible and listening, absorbing as much as I could. I soon realised the activities of the council were far more wide ranging than I had previously thought.

Since then I have been involved in activities as diverse as litter

picking with the Parish Rangers, the acquisition of a defibrillator requested by a Bancroft resident and soon to be sited at the Meeting Place and hugely successful skip amnesties all around the Parish as a local amenity and to discourage fly tipping. I and other Councillors and staff accompanied a very well attended (3 coaches and a double decker bus) day trip to Clacton with a further trip planned to the Houses of Parliament.

The latest big project is the refurbishment of the Community Hub on Mercers Drive (formerly Bradville Hall) which has been recently acquired as an asset transfer from Milton Keynes City Council. It's a case of 'all hands on board' to get it ready for a myriad of uses, a Community Hub for the whole community.

Following this glorious summer, Councillors' thoughts are now turning ahead to the coming winter months and the needs of the residents of Stantonbury Parish.

Being a Parish Councillor is always interesting and always varied.

Cllr Judy Kite



WELCOME

Cllr Paul McGahan Stantonbury & Linford Wood Councillor

I am more commonly known as Paul Baxter around the area and joined the Parish Council on 17th August 2022.

You may have seen me litter picking around the estates with other residents. I moved to Milton Keynes 16 years ago and live on Stantonbury. I am married to Karen and have 3

grandchildren. The reason I joined The Parish Council is that I want to help people in the area. I had surgery 3 years ago and being out and about has aided my recovery. My motto is 'Love the Place You Live In'.

Cllr Paul McGahan



SPC Environmental and Enforcement Officer

Hi - My name is David Barnes and I currently work for Stantonbury Parish Council as their Environmental Enforcement Officer dealing with such issues as fly tipping, dog fouling, littering, household waste issues and abandoned vehicles.

I work closely with the Environmental Crime Unit at Milton Keynes Council to address the above issues and currently have several cases under investigation. It's been a busy few months with seventy fly tipping incidents investigated across the Parish. All of these have been cleared by Milton Keynes Council and some are being investigated further, with a view to prosecuting offenders.

I've chatted with residents regarding waste issues such as the correct day for waste collection and the correct items to go in the clear recycling sacks. Just a reminder that only household waste should be presented for collection after 5pm the day before and before 7am on the day of collection.

Please don't put bulky items out on bin day as these should be disposed of correctly either at the waste recycling centres or by a paid collection. If you are paying a private company for disposal of your waste, please ensure they are licensed waste carriers and always obtain a receipt.

I would like to thank all those residents who take the time to care for our environment making Stantonbury Parish area a great place to live with a fantastic community.

Please do call me on **07909 520 793** or email **dlenvironmental168@gmail.com** for any queries regarding waste across the Parish.



Are you passionate about your community?

Want to help make it a better place?

Got some skills to share and some time to spare?

JOIN OUR TEAM AND BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR



What is a Parish Council?

Stantonbury Parish Council is the first tier of Local Government and is closest to the community it serves. It can take decisions and spend money on matters that make a real difference to the residents.

What does Stantonbury Parish Council do?

It represents Stantonbury, Bancroft, Bancroft Park, Bluebridge, Bradville, Oakridge Park and Linford Wood and tries to improve the quality of life in the Parish. It provides services to meet local needs such as allotments, coach trips, support to reduce crime, grants to local organisations.

What are Parish Councillors?

They are democratically elected councillors who work hard to represent and engage with their local community. Stantonbury Parish Council is made up of 13 councillors who hold office for a 4 year term. The 4 year term for our current councillors will end in May 2023. To become a councillor you must meet the eligibility criteria, and follow the 7 principles of public life. You must be able to attend council meetings on the third Wednesday of the month.

Interested in becoming a Parish Councillor? If so, please

- Check out the website of the Electoral Commission which explains the Parish Council Election Process for England including the need to be nominated by two electors. The forms will need to be completed and submitted to www.electoralcommission.org.uk
- Contact the Parish Council and express a interest
- Keep an eye out for vacancies on the Parish Council website, noticeboards, newsletters, and social media

And if you aren't interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, you can still nominate and vote for councillors who considers your interests. Or what about becoming a Parish Guardian? Please see page 8 for details.

Eligible?

aged 18 years and over,
A UK, Commonwealth or EU Citizen
have lived or worked in the Parish for 12 months or more, or within 3 miles of the Parish boundary

7 Principles of Public Life

Selflessness
Integrity
Objectivity
Accountability
Openness
Honesty
Leadership

Disqualified?

Work/hold paid office for the Parish Council
Have been declared bankrupt in the past 5 years
Have been convicted of a criminal offence & sentenced to not less than 3 months imprisonment within the past 5 years

For more details please contact



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Dates for your Diaries



FREE Football Coaching for children

For all ages on Friday 26th October 2022 1.00pm – 3.30pm
at Cawarden Play Park, Stantonbury.



HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

31st October 2022

Leaving Parish Council Office @ 7am
Departing London @ 2pm

TICKETS NOW ON SALE

Stantonbury Parish Council Office
126 Kingsfold Bradville

TICKET PRICES

RESIDENTS £7.50pp NON RESIDENTS £10.00pp



A few tickets still available

Oxford Christmas Market

Thursday 8th December 2022

Coach Trip

Leaving Parish Council Office @ 9am & Departing Oxford @ 3pm

Oxford Christmas Market is a truly magical Christmas experience.
Come and join in the festivities.

Tickets On Sale from 10AM Tuesday 8th November
at Stantonbury Parish Council 126 Kingsfold, Bradville MK13 7DX
Tel: 01908 227201



Ticket Prices: Resident: £7.50 / Non Resident: £10.00 / Children: £5.00



OVER 65'S FREE CHRISTMAS LUNCH

THE COMMUNITY HUB, MERCERS DRIVE,
BRADVILLE, MK13 7AY

TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER

&

THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER

12.00PM to 2.30PM

BUFFET, RAFFLE & CAROL SINGING

Transport can be provided on the day of the lunch (Subject to availability)

FREE TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM
10.00AM TUESDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2022

Limited numbers, first come first served
@Stantonbury Parish Council Office



Christmas Hampers

It's coming to the time of year when we start to think about Christmas. Each year we ask you for nominations of residents who are a worthy cause to receive a Christmas Hamper. If you know of someone who is elderly or vulnerable please let the Parish Council have your **nominations for the Christmas Hampers by Friday 25th November 2022** either by telephoning the office on 01908 227201 or email info@stantonburyparishcouncil.org.uk.



Monthly Surgeries

Ward Councillor Naseem Khan will be holding monthly Surgeries at the Parish Office. The next one will be on 15th November 2022 from 10.00am until 12.00noon. There is no need to book an appointment.



Stantonbury Parish Council Christmas 2022 opening times

The Parish Office will be closed from **Friday 23rd December** and will re-open on **Tuesday 3rd January 2023**.

PARISH RANGER REPORT

Let's put the pride back into our streets!

Household waste, please make sure that your rubbish bags are put out at the correct time and please clean up any spillages.

- Put your rubbish on the front boundary of your property and the refuse collection team will collect from there.
- Remember to put your rubbish out after 5pm the day before and 7am the day of collection.
- If your bag splits, please re-bag it to prevent rubbish spreading around the street.
- All cardboard boxes should be broken down and placed into recycling sacks.



- Place all used glass bottles and jars into your blue boxes. If you do not have one you can order from MK Councils' website and it will be delivered to you for free:
- <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling> or by telephone 01908 252570
- Email: recycling@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Fly tipping is an issue throughout the Parish and we have located CCTV cameras in hot spot areas where fly tipping is taking place. The evidence gained by these CCTVs is then sent to the Enforcement Team at MKC. Fines are then issued to the offenders.



Household Waste Recycling Centres

You can book a slot in advance or on the day. Do this online at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk or by phone 01908 252 811

Footpaths in the Parish

Below are just a few examples of the many footpaths where we have cleared and cut back the bushes to make the pathways more accessible.



Nitrous Oxide Canisters

We have noticed an increase in the parish of discarded cannisters.

There is no safe level of drug use.

Effects of nitrous oxide and long-term effects

- incontinence
- numbness in the hands or feet
- limb spasms
- potential birth defects (if consumed during pregnancy)
- weakened immune system
- disruption to reproductive systems
- depression
- psychological dependence
- psychosis
- vitamin B12 depletion (long-term depletion causes brain and nerve damage)
- ringing or buzzing in the ears



Would you like to become a Parish Guardian?

- The Parish Rangers carry out a litter picking group a couple of hours a month around the Parish.
- Contact the Rangers and let us know about the area you live in and we will do our best to see if we can help and pass on your concerns.
- Contact us about graffiti, fly tipping, drugs, anti

social behaviour, abandoned vehicles.

We can supply litter pickers and bags so please contact the Parish Office to arrange on 01908 227201.

We want to work for you and with you to improve the areas where you live.







WEAR A RAINBOW

for Children's Grief Awareness Week

17TH - 23RD NOVEMBER

Our vision is to provide bereaved children with the support they need **today** for a brighter **tomorrow**

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

-  Dress in Rainbow colours during the campaign
-  Post on social media and tag us in
-  Anyone can join in; individuals, schools, and businesses
-  Create your own event and encourage donations to our campaign



**SCAN THE ABOVE QR CODE
OR CALL US FOR MORE
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Supporting people with sight loss

People lose their sight for a wide variety of reasons, but at BucksVision we believe that losing your sight should not mean losing your independence, struggling alone, or losing contact with people.

We support people through all the stages of sight loss offering advice and information, social activities, equipment and technology support and befriending services. If you or someone you know could benefit from our services please get in touch with us today.

Within the Milton Keynes area our local activities are delivered by a fantastic network of volunteers and include social clubs, befriending services, a pub lunch club, a reading group, an arts & crafts group, Tai Chi, walking groups, a tandem group, and a Resource Centre.

Volunteers are a crucial part of our work, we rely on them to help our members access all our services. We are particularly looking for **Volunteer Drivers** who pick up our members from their home and drive them to their local activity or social club, where they can continue to enjoy their hobbies and interests. When you drive for us, you provide the reassurance that a person with sight loss can get safely from A to B, which is a right not a privilege, ensuring that people are able to participate in leisure and social life.

You don't need any experience to volunteer with us, to be a driver you just need your own car, a clean driving licence, and enthusiasm to get involved! We have a range of training opportunities, including your Induction where you'll learn the practical parts of your role and how to confidently guide blind and partially sighted people.

If you are interested in finding out more about BucksVision services or about volunteering with us please do get in touch.

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