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COMMUNITY PROJECTS COMMITTEE

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Community Projects Committee Terms of Reference

Purpose: The Committee shall review, monitor and develop services provided by the Council that impact on the social, environmental and wellbeing of the Parish.

Quorum:

All Parish Councillors to be appointed annually at the Annual Council Meeting. The quoracy of the Committee shall be no less than 3 members.

Chair:

The Chair is to be elected annually by the Community Projects Committee at their first Meeting following the Annual Council Meeting.

Meetings:

At least 6 meetings a year at the Parish Council Office on a weekday on dates to be agreed by the Committee or as requested as per the Chair of the Committee.

Duties:

- To advise and make recommendations to Full Council on any matters affecting Community Projects.
- The Committee shall promote, oversee and agree (depending on it's delegated authority) the direction for Community Development, Engagement, Environment and Landscape, Wellbeing and Advice, and other services that may be developed within the council.
- The Committee will liaise with all relevant external agencies (both statutory and voluntary), work with agencies and other organisations to obtain funding and / or to work in partnership on specific projects and activities that will benefit all, or part of, the community in Stantonbury Parish.
- The Committee shall consider all aspects relating to matters concerning the Environment, transport, highways, crime and community safety, play areas, street lighting and antisocial behaviour as it relates to the Parish, and may approve projects within this remit.
- To recommend to the Parish Council appropriate budget provisions for the current and coming financial years for items within the Committee's remit.
- To work with the Community to provide a well-managed and cost-effective service.

Delegated Authority:

- a) **For decisions on behalf of the Parish Council:** Concerning the detailed operation and management of the Committee and relationship with the Community but excluding final decisions on:-
 - The budget.
 - Agreeing what projects will be undertaken if exceeding the expenditure limit.
- b) **To incur expenditure on behalf of the Parish Council:** On projects that have already been agreed by the Council up to the agreed revenue budget and excluding any items incurring capital expenditure and in accordance with Financial Regulations.
- c) **Expenditure:**
Committee is authorised to spend up to £5,000.

Membership Requirements

- a) All members of the Committee are to take relevant training.

Councillors wishing to resign from a Committee must do so by notifying the Clerk.

25th May 2023

Minutes of the Community Projects Committee Meeting
held on **Wednesday 3rd May 2023 at 10.30am**
at Community Hub, Mercers Drive, Bradville, MK137AY

minutes

100/22	Chair's Welcome and Introduction to meeting.	Actions:
101/22	<p>Present: Cllr Peter Kirkham (PK) Cllr Derek Northwood (DN) Cllr Ann Ronaldson (AR) Cllr Paul McGahan (PM) Cllr John Warren (JW) Cllr Sandra Kennedy (SK) Cllr Carol Northwood (CN) Cllr Linda Morgan (LM) – Chair Cllr Judy Kite (JK)</p> <p>D Moore (DM) – Clerk K Fane – Senior Administrator – left meeting 11:10am S Tozer – Senior Administrator – left meeting 11:10am D Outram – Parish Ranger Supervisor</p>	
102/22	<p>Apologies for Absence: Cllr Abid Anwar (AA) - Agreed by 9 votes for.</p>	
	<p>Cllr Sara Agintas (SA) – Not Present Cllr Graham Davison (GAD) – Not present</p>	
103/22	<p>Public forum for members of the public to speak: Public participation at a meeting in accordance with standing order 3(e) shall not exceed (15) minutes unless directed by the Chair of the meeting. Each member of the public shall not speak for more than (3) minutes in accordance with standing order 3(g). – N/A</p>	
104/22	<p>Chair's Remarks: Community Hub - Acoustic Panels. Clerk provided update to the council that the Acoustic panels would feature on the next Main Meeting, the office was pending more quotes as we had received information companies offer installation.</p>	DM
105/22	<p>Declarations of Interest: None.</p>	
106/22	<p>Newsletter: Committee to give suggestions of future articles they wish to be in the next Newsletter. Committee reviewed 1st Draft of Newsletter and requested items below to be added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates for SPC events. • No colouring competition but still have colouring page. 	KF

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back page to be something for the adults – wordsearch or cross word. • Photo competition asking residents to send in their photos to feature as the front cover. • An article on TSID. • An article on Speed watch. • Advertise our Litter pick events. • Update residents on yellow lines. • To have a section to introduce new councillors and to say a thank you to previous councillors. 	
107/22	<p>Coronation: Committee to review action plan for the Coronation Event. Committee reviewed site plan and some councillors was asked to start from 8:30am to help with set up of Gazebos. Councillors volunteered for certain jobs through out the day.</p> <p>Councillors also agreed 1 Coronation mug to be given for free to residents, 1 per family.</p>	ST
Cllr Morgan and Cllr Ronaldson left meeting 11:00am and re-joined at 11:05am. Meeting adjourned and recommenced on agenda item 107/22.		
108/22	<p>Community Hub - Multi Use Games Area (MUGA):</p> <p>a) Committee to discuss if they wish to consider allowing the hire of the MUGA to residents and organisations. Clerk made committee aware we have received interest to hire the MUGA, Clerk checked with Milton Keynes City Council and there are no restrictions. – Committee agreed 7 votes and 2 abstain.</p> <p>b) Committee to consider a price per hour. Committee agreed to defer option (b) Committee ask to review portable lights and re-painting court lines. Bradwell village has a line machine, Cllr Ronaldson to place enquire to see if we can use it. Clerk to come back to committee reference costings for portable lights.</p>	ST/AR
109/22	<p>Community Matters Fund – Green space:</p> <p>a) Committee to discuss and consider applying for funding to improve Green Spaces Clerk explained we had received email from Milton Keynes City Council to apply for a small amount of money to help improve green spaces in the parish, and do they wish to consider applying for it – All agreed 9 votes for.</p> <p>b) Committee to provide suggestions. Committee wish to do something at the Community Hub and the Allotment, look at planting fruit trees, consider creating bug trails / bug hotels.</p>	DM

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Chair's Welcome

Welcome to the Summer Edition of our Parish Newsletter. I hope you find it informative and entertaining.

On Thursday 4th May 2023, Stantonbury Parish had their Four-yearly elections, and I am pleased to confirm I have remained as Chair and Carol Northwood as Vice-Chair. There are also the following additions/changes to our other Councillors. We would like to welcome Kevin Smith, our 4th member of our Bradville Ward, and advise a change of Ward's for John Warren who goes from Bradville to Oakridge Park as a Co-Opted Councillor.

After a serving as Councillors for several years, neither Graham Davison nor Sara Agintas stood for election again. We would like to thank them for their commitment and service over the years and confirm they will both be missed. We have placed an updated 'Your Parish Councillor' guide on page 3 showing myself and all my fellow Councillors, along with their contact details should you wish to contact us.

On Sunday 7th May 2023, we held our Party at the Hub Coronation Celebrations. It was attended by many Councillors and staff who worked hard to make the event enjoyable by all our residents, and we even managed to bring out the sunshine. For full details on the event, please see page 4.

This summer, as usual is looking very busy for sports and play events. For our young football fans, we have teamed up this year with MK Dons and are providing 5 free sessions through July and August. For those younger residents who favour tennis & basketball, we have again teamed up with Martin White Football Factory both these sessions will be at the Community hub throughout in August. We are also pleased to confirm we have both MKPA and The Great Gappo joining us again around the parish for our free play sessions. So, if you have young ones looking for things to do in Stantonbury, Oakridge Park and Bradville why not pop them along? We are laying on 2 coach trips this year, one was held on 14th June in Stow-on-the-Wold and then on to

Bourton-on-the-Water, the other coming up on 10th August to Great Yarmouth. Tickets for this go on sale from 10 am 6th July 2023 so make a note in your diaries as tickets for all our trips sell out fast! For these and all other dates for your diary, please see pages 10 & 11.

We have a packed Summer Newsletter with lots of information and news on local projects which we hope you will enjoy.

Finally, we hope you all have a lovely summer!



Clr Linda Morgan
Chair of Stantonbury Parish Council

Become a Councillor



We currently have Co-opted vacancies. One each for both Bradville and Oakridge Park

By becoming a co-opted Parish Councillor, you'll 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.

If you would like to apply to become a Councillor in the above areas and represent your community, please contact the office on **01908 227201** or **info@stantonburyparishcouncil.org.uk** and we will advise you of what is involved and how to apply, or you can contact Milton Keynes Council directly.

Annual Parish Meeting Meet your Councillors

The Annual Parish Meeting of Meet Your Councillors was held on 26th April 2023. Thank you to those residents who took the time to come along and discuss what specifically they would like the Parish Council to take forward in the coming year. We will keep you updated in the coming months.

The specific items that you requested are:

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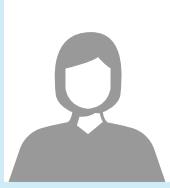
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Your Parish Councillors

Oakridge Park



John Warren
Co-opted Councillor
Oakridge Park Ward



Co-optee Vacancy
Councillor
Oakridge Park Ward

Stantonbury & Linford Wood



Carol Northwood
Vice Chair
Stantonbury & Linford Wood Ward



Sandra Kennedy
Councillor
Stantonbury & Linford Wood Ward



Paul Baxter
Councillor
Stantonbury & Linford Wood Ward



Derek Northwood
Councillor
Stantonbury & Linford Wood Ward

Blue Bridge & Bancroft Park

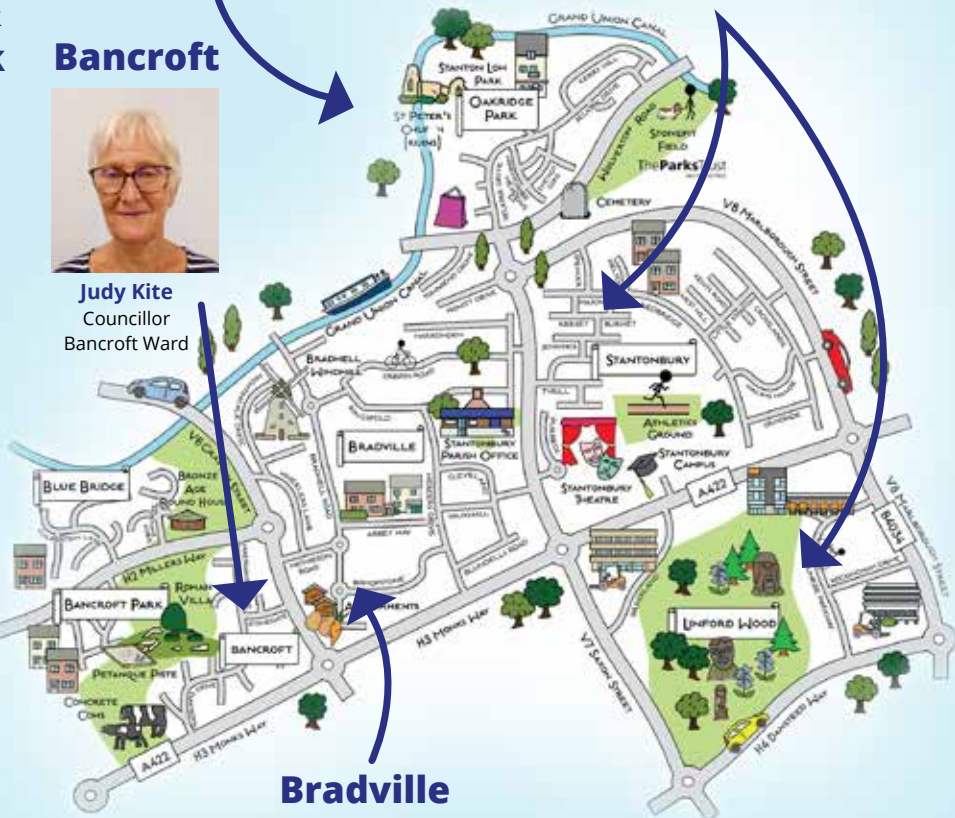


Linda Morgan
Chair
Blue Bridge & Bancroft Park Ward

Bancroft



Judy Kite
Councillor
Bancroft Ward



Bradville



Ann Ronaldson
Councillor
Bradville Ward



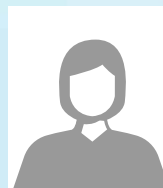
Abid Anwar
Councillor
Bradville Ward



Peter Kirkham
Councillor
Bradville Ward



Kevin Smith
Councillor
Bradville Ward



Co-optee Vacancy
Councillor
Bradville Ward

If you have any concerns you can contact the Councillor for your area by email, or alternatively contact the parish office and we'll forward your email onto the appropriate Councillor.

All email addresses are as follows:

c[firstname]s[lastname]@stantonburyparishcouncil.org.uk

John Warren

Co-Opted Councillor, Oakridge Park

I have been living in Stantonbury for five years and visiting my family here for over forty years. When I first arrived to live here I noticed quite a lot of litter so I decided to start regular litter picking. I started a Facebook group about litter and spoke on local radio about it. I am also a MK Eco champion looking at how we can live more sustainably in this area.

I will listen to local people and make sure that their views are heard. I would like to be able to influence decisions in the Parish Council for the benefit of the people I serve.

Kevin Smith

Councillor, Bradville Ward

I grew up in the North East of England but I have lived in Bradville since 1991. I have worked almost all my life in IT from back in the days when they were big enough to be housed in a special room, until now when they can fit in your pocket. For my shame, I only really started to take an interest in my local community, when I attended a meeting of the All Bradville Residents Association, at the request of a friend and left it as the Treasurer. ABRA have achieved a fair few things since 2019, despite Covid and I am very proud to be the current Chair. It seemed a natural path to stand for the Parish Council, as it hopefully will offer further opportunities to help residents in Bradville and the wider parish.

Party at the Hub 2023-Coronation Celebrations!

This year on Sunday 7th June 2023, Stantonbury Parish Council decided to combine our Party at the Hub with King Charles III Coronation celebration.

The hall was decorated in coronation colours with balloons, bunting and Union Flag tablecloths. We had coronation-themed mugs and deeley boppers as give aways which you can spot in more than a few of our photos. The kitchen we filled with cupcakes, tea, coffee and squash for all to enjoy.

On the front lawn there were inflatables, soft play, archery and tug-o-war from MKPA. Circus skills by The Great Gappo, facepainting by Crazy Faces by Jo, for the creative ones there were also items to create your own crowns ready, and for the hungry ones a food van all set up and ready for the fun to begin at 11am.

The weather started a little overcast but eventually the sun shone, the residents came, and a fabulous time was had by all!



We would like to extend a huge thank you to all the staff, Councillors, suppliers, and volunteers who all helped to make our Coronation celebration such a memorable day.

The Collaboration Choir

Parish Ranger Report - Keep Britain tidy

Every year the Parish takes part in the Keep Britain Tidy campaign. This March we litter-picked the whole Parish with help from the Councillors and Parish Guardians. We collected a total of 28 bags of litter totalling 160KG. Thank you to everyone that took part.



Supermarket trolleys

So far this year a total of 44 supermarket trolleys have been returned to the relevant stores. These are not only from the local supermarket, but from supermarkets across Milton Keynes. Please return your trolleys.



Fly tipping

Fly tipping is still a big issue throughout the Parish, and we are working with our enforcement team and Milton Keynes City Council to combat this issue together.



If you need household waste or bulky items removing, then please contact Milton Keynes City Council on 01908 252570 or email recycling@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Or alternately take it to the tip. You will need to book this before going but you are able to book on the day.

New Bradwell:

Newport Road, New Bradwell MK13 0AH.

Newport Pagnell:

North Crawley Road, Newport Pagnell MK16 9HG

Household waste

Please make sure that all household waste is put out after 5pm the day before collection. Or on the day before 7am. Any boxes must be broken down and placed into a clear recycling bag.

Rainbows Childrens Centre

Rainbows Children's Centre Bradville asked the Parish Council for help tidying their outside space. Councillor Judy Kite and I along with staff and other volunteers spent the day cleaning play equipment and sheds, and jet washing decking, play areas and fences.



Milton Keynes (Stony Stratford) Lions Club

Serves all the areas of North Milton Keynes

In 1925, Lions Clubs International promised Helen Keller to become 'Knights of the Blind'. This has led to the international adoption of the white stick as a symbol of the user's skills and talents, mobility and independence. It also allows the sighted person to recognize that the user is visually impaired. Today, across the world Lions are working towards the day when no one should suffer unnecessarily from vision problems. Through eye centres and hospitals, medicines and surgeries, eye glasses and eye banks, Lions are working to end preventable blindness and aid the visually impaired.

How can YOU help?

Have you any spectacles you no longer use?

In 1967 Chichester Lions Club began collecting old glasses for recycling. The initiative really took off in 1980 with a delivery of 700 sorted specs to the Missionary Optical Society (MOS) in Devon for use in their clinics in Kenya and India. Gradually other Lions Clubs started feeding their recycled spectacles through Chichester. So in 1985, a link was established with Le Havre Lions and Medico France. Over the following five years some 100,000 specs, 43,000 lenses, and 10,000 frames were sent to Medico France while still delivering to MOS in Devon as many pairs of sorted specs as needed.

In the first half of 1990, a national campaign with Boots the

www.stonylions.org.uk



Chemist and Help The Aged produced 460,000 pairs of specs in six months. Once sorted they went to places such as Cameroon, Senegal, Ivory Coast, Sri Lanka, India, Zanzibar, Jamaica, Bolivia, and Brazil.

Spectacle donations arrive in Chichester in boxes and bags of all shapes and sizes. They are expertly sorted by Lions members and volunteers. Those sent onto Medico France are then cleaned and graded for use in eye camps in Africa, India, and Eastern Europe.

Every year over 300,000 pairs of spectacles are sent to Medico France. Indeed, donations by UK Lions Clubs, recycled through Chichester, account for more than half of the total number of spectacles processed by Medico France.

Your local Lions Club send over 500 pairs of spectacles every month which they collect from local opticians including Stony Optical in Cofferridge Close, Stony Stratford.

We are hoping to have a collecting box in the Community Hub, soon.



Knit, Natter, Arts & Crafts every Tuesday

**Come along to The Community Hub,
Mercers Drive, Bradville, MK13 7AY.
between 11am & 2pm**



THIS IS A FREE SESSION & EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

If you have any questions please drop us a message via Facebook or email

info@stantonburyparishcouncil.org.uk

FREE Tea & Coffee will be provided
as part of our Warm Space initiative.



Back in January of 2023 Stantonbury Parish Council, like many other parishes chose to provide warm spaces to be open to all to have hot food and drink in a warm and welcoming setting.

Discussions began as to how and where we were going to hold our them and we chose here at the Parish Office, as well as in conjunction with Hanover Court in Bradville and of course at the Community Hub.

After a few weeks one of our Councillors mentioned she was quite handy with a pair of knitting needles and a crochet hook, and soon after the warm space at the Hub developed into the Knit & Natter group held every Tuesday between 11am and 2pm.

It has proved to be a great success with new faces attending every week and those who came to improve their skills also helping those who are completely new to the craft. Due to its popularity, the group will continue through to at least the end of June and possibly even beyond. Keep an eye out on our social media for updates.

A special thank you goes out to Councillor Carol Northwood without whose skills and commitment, this group wouldn't have become the success it is today.

FRAUD



Becoming a victim of fraud can be both frightening and overwhelming. It can leave you with worries about money and also the feeling of loss of identity. Not knowing which way to turn to ask for help.

Please remember it is never your fault if you have been a victim of fraud. You are not to blame and there is no shame.

There is support from Victims First and Action Fraud all details and more information please go to www.thamesvalley.police.uk.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Criminals will try to get hold of personal information as this makes it possible for them to take out financial products like loans and credit cards.

- Treat personal information like your house or car keys. NEVER hand it over to strangers.
- Always be mindful about what personal information you share online.
- Only give out personal information after careful consideration.

SAFEGUARD YOUR FINANCES

Criminals will try different tactics to get to your finances. Warning signs include:

- Asking you to withdraw money or transfer to different accounts.
- Asking for your password or PIN. NEVER give this out.
- Asking you to purchase expensive items such as jewellery etc
- Asking for cash to check fingerprints.

CRIMINALS WILL USE THE TELEPHONE

- Threatening to have you arrested if you do not do something such as withdraw cash or transfer money.
- Recorded Message stating you have won a prize.
- Family member in trouble e.g., lost their phone when abroad.

CONTACT VIA EMAIL AND WEBSITES

This means that an email address can be made to look like it's from a genuine organisation. Just because it looks genuine does not mean that it is.

- Check that there is a closed padlock icon in the browsers address bar when paying online for items.
- Always take extra steps to be certain before proceeding and never provide copies of photographs or documents to a stranger online to a response to a request out of the blue.

CONTACT VIA DOORSTEP AT HOME ADDRESS

You may get doorstep callers offering services or products for sale. This can include people posing as bank officials or couriers.

- You are asked or pressured into handing over money at the door.
- You are asked or pressured to hand over bank cards or taken to a bank to withdraw money.
- Asked to let them have your PIN no.

These are just a few of the ways that criminals will try to get your money. They are becoming more and more clever in the way that they will try to make you hand over your money. If you feel something is wrong and does not feel right then STOP and say NO. Research that company or person before handing over money.

Information from your Neighbourhood PCSO C7039
Lesley Rogers.



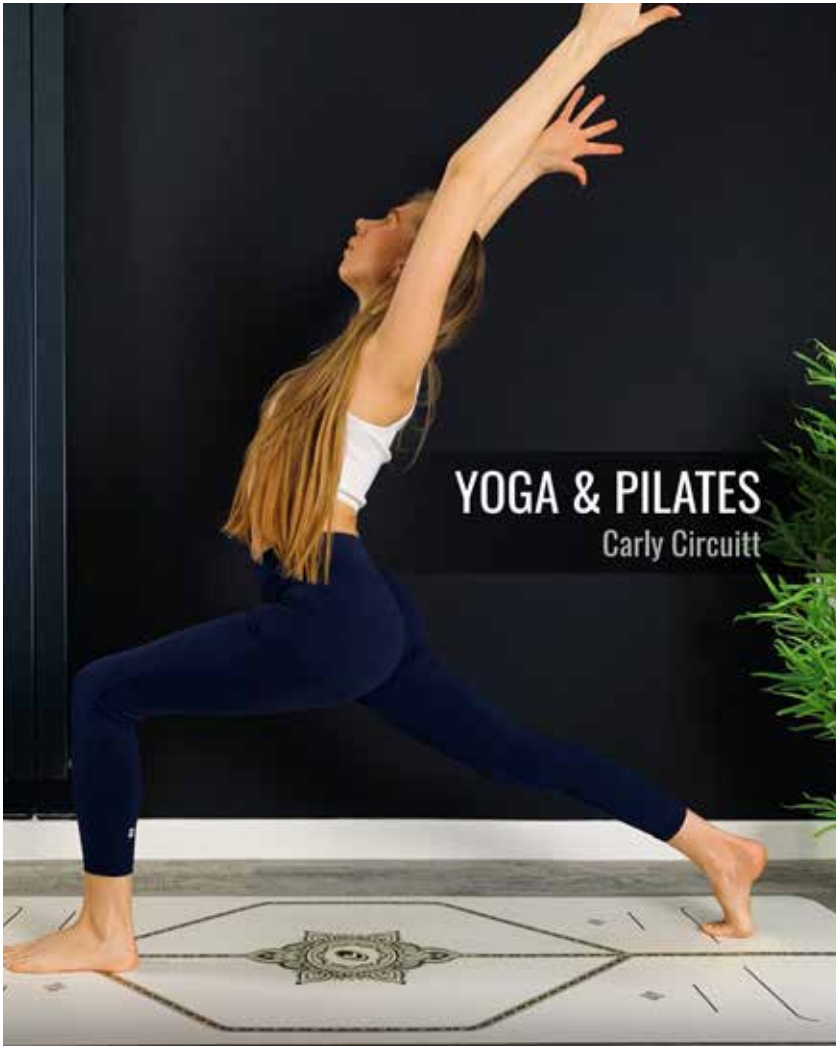
THE COMMUNITY HUB
MERCERS DRIVE, BRADVILLE, MK13 7AY

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Two Guinea Pigs

Janet Warren



I love the solar light,
said one guinea pig to the other,
it is lovely and bright
so we can see one another.

We spend so much time together,
I am glad that we get on,
I like it when you purr
then burst into song.

The accommodation is great,
I just love the spacious cage,
other guinea pigs would be jealous,
apparently they are all the rage.

I think our owners are very kind,
they'll soon be here with food,
they know lots of nourishment
keep us in a good mood.

I've heard them mention a cat
but it must be locked away,
although I thought I heard it
shrieking downstairs the other day.

Is good to have a a cuddle
when they come to clean us out,
maybe one day they will
let us go on a walkabout.

So all in all life is good
Don't you agree?
oh..... you have gone to sleep,
I thought you were listening to me!





SUMMER EVENTS 2023

Football with MK Dons

Dates	Time	Sport
Friday 28th July 2023	10am-12.00pm	Football
Friday 4th August 2023	10am-12.00pm	Football
Friday 11th August 2023	10am-12.00pm	Football
Friday 18th August 2023	10am-12.00pm	Football
Friday 25th August 2023	10am-12.00pm	Football

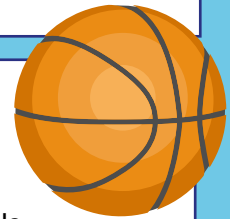
Location The Community Hub, Mercers Drive, Bradville



Tennis & Basketball

Dates	Time	Sport
Tuesday 15th August 2023	1pm-3pm	Tennis & Basketball Skills
Tuesday 29th August 2023	1pm-3pm	Tennis & Basketball Skill

Location The Community Hub, Mercers Drive, Bradville



Milton Keynes Play Association

Bouncy Castle, Zorbs and Wikidizer

Session times	Dates	Location
10am - 12.30pm	Mon 24th July	Cawarden Play Park, Stantonbury
10am - 12.30pm	Mon 7th Aug	Winchcombe Meadows, Oakridge Park
10am - 12.30pm	Mon 14th Aug	The Community Hub, Mercers Drive, Bradville



Circus Skills The Great Gappo

Session times	Dates	Location
10am - 12pm	Mon 24th July	Cawarden Play Park, Stantonbury
10am - 12pm	Mon 7th Aug	Winchcombe Meadows, Oakridge Park
10am - 12pm	Mon 14th Aug	The Community Hub, Mercers Drive, Bradville





SUMMER COACH TRIP

GREAT YARMOUTH

Thursday 10th August 2023

Coaches Depart From: The Parish Office, 126 Kingsfold, Bradville, MK13 7DX - 7:45am

Coaches To Leave: Great Yarmouth - 4:30pm

Tickets go **ON SALE** on Tuesday 6th July from 10am at the Parish Office

TICKET PRICES

£7.50 per adult } Parish Residents
£5.00 per child }

£15.00 per adult } Non Residents
£10 per child }



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MacMillan Coffee & Cake Morning

**on Friday 29th
September 2023**

Between 11am and 1pm

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Bradville, Milton Keynes, MK13 7AY.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Please either email us on
info@stantonburyparishcouncil.org.uk or
call us on **01908 227201**.



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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Free Drop In Session

Free Digital "Drop In" session for
over 55's from
Age UK Milton Keynes to help
you use a
smartphone, tablet/ iPad
or laptop computer.

Sessions from 2-3.30pm at The Community Hub,
Mercers Drive, Bradville, MK13 7AY.

Tuesday 6th June 2023

Tuesday 13th June 2023

Tuesday 20th June 2023

Tuesday 27th June 2023

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FUNDRAISING EVENTS 2023



Saturday
1st July

TANDEM SKYDIVE

Feeling brave and want to tick skydiving off your bucket list? Jump for Harry's Rainbow and freefall through the clouds.

"That was the most amazing experience"

LONDON TO BRIGHTON BIKE RIDE

Take to two wheels, and cycle this iconic and scenic route.

Sunday
10th sept



Saturday
16th sept



ABSEIL CHALLENGE

Descend the tallest permanent abseil in the world! A fantastic day out for a group of friends or colleagues.

Got any questions? ✉ emma@harrysrainbow.co.uk | ☎ 01908 061676

For more information on each event and how you can get involved visit:

www.harrysrainbow.co.uk/events



Exploring the parks on your doorstep: Linford Wood

Linford Wood is a great place to escape and unwind all year round. Carpeted with bluebells, wood anemones and primroses in Spring, by Summer the trees are in leaf and you can fully appreciate the beauty of the ancient woodland. Autumn is the best time for colour and to spot fungi, and Winter is great for crunching through frozen leaves and is easiest for spotting woodland birds in the bare trees.

There are a series of surfaced footpaths so the wood is accessible throughout the year and The Parks Trust cuts the vegetation above the paths so the light makes these routes feel more open.

In terms of activities, there are a few spots with picnic benches and you could challenge children (or adults!) to identify the remnants of the old sculpture trail, including animals carved into tree stumps. Most of the original sculptures have rotted and disappeared over the years, but The Parks Trust is in discussions to try and bring some back in the future. If you fancy a bit of forest bathing, Love Exploring have created a forest bathing walk on their free

App. The Parks Trust also has lots of resources online for you to explore, including a Tree ID guide and activities for youngsters. We also run guided walks around the wood. Just visit www.theparkstrust.com to find out more.

Deer, badgers and foxes are among the creatures you may catch sight of if you visit at a quiet time of day, but Linford Wood is especially noteworthy for its bird and insect life in the open rides. Look out for the Green Woodpecker, Greater Spotted Woodpecker, Tree Creeper, Willow Warbler and the Sparrowhawk and Tawny Owl. Come out early on a Spring morning to hear the fantastic dawn chorus.

As you explore the wood, please stick to the main paths. Linford Wood has been woodland for at least 700 years and is one of our rare habitats, providing homes for a huge range of wildlife. Sadly, ancient woodlands only make up 2.5% of the UK and it is therefore vital that we help protect these fragile ecosystems.

Please can we remind all dog walkers to keep their pets on leads in the woods during breeding season (March to September).

Chaucer and his pilgrims visit Bradwell Abbey for Maundy Thursday!



With help from Stantonbury Parish Council, Bradwell Abbey was paid a timeslip visit by Geoffrey Chaucer and his Canterbury Pilgrims on Thursday 6th April!

Celebrating their re-imagined Pilgrim Trail, City Discovery Centre at Bradwell Abbey opened their fourteenth-century pilgrimage chapel and welcomed their medieval visitors alongside many modern Milton Keynesians!

Starting with a guided tour of the newly-conserved chapel, the modern and medieval pilgrims walked side by side, sharing tales and trails over to St Lawrence's Church in

Bradwell, currently celebrating its 800th anniversary.

Elsewhere on site, eager Easter bunnies hunted for eggs on the Annual Bradwell Abbey Easter Hunt, while their families enjoyed snacks from the Good Time Café, and busied themselves making Easter crafts. There were some excellent Easter bonnets on display!

Bradwell Abbey will be holding a small summer pilgrim trail on 01 June. For further information please email:

director@mkcdc.org.uk



Medieval and modern pilgrims meet at Bradwell Abbey



Geoffrey Chaucer and the Wife of Bath on their way to Bradwell Abbey from Canterbury.

The Good City Project: What Makes Milton Keynes

Join us in talking about your City - we'd love to hear your views!

Milton Keynes City Discovery Centre (MKCDC) have been awarded funding by The National Lottery Heritage Fund to embark on an exciting project animating The Plan for Milton Keynes, the original masterplan produced in 1970 that outlined the design and development of the new city.

Through a series of supper club sessions, workshops, activity days and exhibitions, MKCDC will animate the masterplan with local community groups. There will be opportunities for discovery and inspiration, as well as consideration of the future of the city. Conversations will be sparked between communities, and hopes and desires expressed in innovative and artistic ways.

To get involved or for more information please contact Dr. Noël James, Director, or Catherine McIntyre, Archivist, on 01908 227 229 or via director@mkcdc.org.uk / library@mkcdc.org.uk



Macular Society

Beating Macular Disease



Do you or anyone you know have a macular condition such as age-related macular degeneration? If so do you know that there is a friendly and accessible support group that meets in Central Milton Keynes? New members are always welcome, just come along.

We offer practical and emotional support to anyone with central vision loss from any macular condition, as well as to their family and friends. We have a programme with a variety of speakers, as well as social meetings and there is always time to share your experiences and problems with others who understand this hidden disability. We meet on:

Second Tuesday of each month from 2.00 to – 4.00pm

at Centrecom Meeting Place, 602 North Row (Behind MK Library), Secklow Gate West, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3BJ.

We also have a drop-in coffee morning on the **First Tuesday of the month from 10.00am to 12.00 pm** in the John Lewis restaurant as well as lunches out and other events during the year.

For further information please phone Maggie on: **01908 319 292** or e-mail: **mkmacsoc@gmail.com**

We are proud to work with Milton Keynes (Stony Stratford) Lions Club – they cover all of North Milton Keynes - in being able to provide Message in a Bottle.



Message In a Bottle



What is it?

A little plastic bottle containing a form showing all of your personal details and medications that may be needed by emergency services if you are unable to tell them.

Where do I keep it?

At home, in the fridge. Why? The fridge is easy to find – It's in the kitchen and the contents of most fridges are protected from Fire.

How will the ambulance crew know I have one?

Each bottle comes with a sticker to go inside your front door. It's inside so we don't reveal to the world that a vulnerable person lives here.

Where can I get one?

Bottles are distributed **FREE OF CHARGE** across the country by Lions Clubs International through your local Lions Club. Forms which will fit into a wallet are also available. Please contact the **Parish Office** if you would like one for a friend or a vulnerable person you know.

www.stonylions.org.uk



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We encourage local groups and businesses within the parish to
advertise in this newsletter free of charge

CIF 2024-25 TIMELINE



Application packs for CIF 24/25 produced and sent out to all parish, town and community councils (PTCC).
Each PTCC will have a Highways Liaison Officer allocated to them as their contact should they need any assistance or have any questions about how or what they can apply for.



Deadline for applications to CIF 24/25. The completed application including any supporting information must be received by the Highways Liaison Team by this date.



Feasibility reports will be carried out by the Highways Liaison Officers. This will include checking quotes, landownership, scope of works and other items. They will also speak to other council services if required.



CIF Panel meets to shortlist all the applications and score each project against the criteria on the matrix. Scoring matrix is used to score each application out of 16. Projects with highest scores added to shortlist for Delegated Decision (Annex B)



Delegated decision papers are prepared and submitted as part of the Council's internal governance. Details of the scheduled Delegated Decision are circulated to all PTCC and are published in Councillors' News. The list of projects to be offered CIF will be included in these papers as Annex B.



Delegated Decision taken by Cabinet Member. The decision is made to confirm the spend of the CIF amount from the MKCC budget.

Meet your Councillors feedback suggestions.

Stantonbury residents

- Giving each resident an allocated car park space – Consider using green space to make more car park spaces.
- To improve the back court pocket parks.
- General state of estate - install bins.

Anonymous

- Priorities use of Community hub for Parish activities.
- Look at way of advertising events as widely as possible throughout the Parish.

Anonymous

- Trim trees along Hadrian's Drive particularly above redways.
- Community Food bank priority for residents.
- More patrolling by Parish Rangers to help give a safer environment.