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# Jubilee Family Fun Day

# THURSDAY 2nd JUNE

12noon – 5pm at Willen Pavilion



#### FREE family-friendly activities including;

Live Music & entertainment throughout the afternoon Face painting

Football skills workshops

VR gaming lorry

Reptile Roadshow

Circus skills workshops

MK Play Association with the Wikidizer,

**Bouncy Castle and games** 

Meet characters including Spiderman and Elsa

FREE Shuttle Bus transport available

see page 12 for more information

Jubilee Craft Events for local children

see page 22 for more information

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The Parish Office is open to receive phone calls and emails to our staff, however, we are limiting visits to the Office by arrangement only. Whilst there will be some things that may take longer, we will endeavour to ensure that we continue to respond where we can and continue to support our community. Our Advice Service can still be accessed via email and phone.

#### **MEETINGS**

All meetings to be held at the Oldbrook Centre, Oldbrook Boulevard, Oldbrook. Due to the fluid nature of Covid-19 restrictions, the venue for meetings may change, please see our Notice Boards, website and social media pages for update information on Council meetings.

Please note that it may be necessary to restrict the number of members of the public attending Council meetings.

See page 4 for next meeting dates

#### CPPC COMMUNITY HUB

Campbell Park Parish Council

#### The old pub building has gone!

We are pleased to report that during March and April the demolition of the old pub was completed! We now have a clear site in readiness for the construction of the new Community Hub, which we hope to start building early in 2023.

Thank you to everyone that attended our Public Consultation event on 24th March. We were very keen to provide an opportunity for residents to be involved in the development of the plans for the Community Hub

We received some really valuable input which we will incorporate into the evolving plans. We also received some lovely feedback with many residents very excited about the project.

"Provision included for a Community Fridge and Larder is VERY important"

"Springfield needs this!"

"This will improve the initial impression when you enter the estate greatly"

"Inspiring" "Impressed!"

"Excited about this – especially community café, larder & fridge"

We know that resident input will be critical in making sure that the services the new Hub will deliver best match the community needs across all of our estates.

With the Hub being the first purpose-built property of its type in Milton Keynes, we are focussed on getting it right and making sure this significant investment delivers flexible space to meet your ever-changing needs for many years to comeso thank you for being part of this process.

At our April Council meeting, Members received the latest cost projections for the project. Unfortunately, the inflationary pressures being increasingly felt by us all, have also impacted the project. With this in mind, Councillors unanimously agreed to revise the budget previously agreed and increase the scope for potential borrowing via the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) by £500,000, with the Parish Council now in agreement that a PWLB application should be made for loan value of up to a maximum of £2million.







#### END OF YEAR REPORT CHAIR OF COUNCIL

Campbell Park Parish Council

The 2021/2022 Council year has seen a further battle with Covid 19 for all councillors and staff. Social distancing, lateral flow tests, staff and councillors testing positive have all brought many issues and challenges.

Fortunately we did not see large numbers of staff off at the same time enabling Council to continue with services and normal work duties across the entire year.

Council meetings have remained mainly in the Christian Centre on Oldbrook as we felt our Community Centres did not provide enough space for us to hold socially-distanced meetings and our Committees went back to meeting online as Working Groups, to reduce the face to face contact. We will soon get back to normal meetings to ensure residents are best served.

Everyone at CPPC are extremely excited with the Parish Community Hub plans moving further towards reality. Milton Keynes Council granted the planning permission required for the demolition of the Springfield Pub and Outline Planning Consent for the site to be rebuilt. Demolition started at the end of March and was finished at the end of April. We held 3 consultation events across one day starting with our 12 Ward Councillors followed by two public events, that were well attended and provided us with valuable feedback. The design stage of the new building is now well advanced and our reserved matters planning application will be presented to MK Council soon.

I must of course mention our fantastic



Landscape team. This year has seen them excel throughout the year attending to so many issues raised by our residents and completing the winter cut across all of our estates to a really high standard. With it now being two years since we took on the devolved landscape contract, the difference across the whole Parish is clearly evident. I am sure that this time next year will, again, see a totally different aspect to all areas. I must personally thank Councillor Ray Golding for volunteering one day a week to work with the team, it has made a difference.

I am looking forward to our 2022/2023 Council year as the future looks good for the residents, councillors and staff at CPPC.

Councillor Terry Baines CHAIR OF COUNCIL



Tuesday 17th May 2022, 6:30 - 7:00pm

Discovery Suite, Milton Keynes Christian Centre, Strudwick Drive, Oldbrook

Opportunity for residents to raise issues and put questions to Council

To be followed by the Annual Meeting of Council and May Council Meeting

#### **COUNCIL** MEETINGS

17th May, 7.30pm at the MK Christian Centre (see Annual Meeting notice below) All other meetings to be held at

> 21st June, 7.30pm 19th July, 7.30pm

the Oldbrook Centre

#### **COMMITTEES &**

**WORKING GROUPS** 

PLANNING, INFRASTRUCTURE & TRANSPORT 9th May, 6.30pm

> 6th June, 6.30pm 4th July, 6.30pm 8th August, 6.30pm

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION & POLICY 3rd May, 7pm 7th June, 7pm

BUILDINGS & PROPERTY PORTFOLIO 10th May, 6.30pm 14th June, 6.30pm 12th July, 6.30pm

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL WELLBEING 23rd May, 7pm 27th June, 7pm 25th July, 7pm

COMMUNICATIONS 24th May, 6.30pm 28th June, 6.30pm 26th July, 6.30pm

### SPRINGFIELD & OLDBROOK CENTRES AVAILABLE FOR HIRE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

bookings@ campbell-park.gov.uk

**OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE** 

www.campbell-park.gov.uk

# END OF YEAR REPORT BUILDINGS

#### & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Campbell Park Parish Council

The Committee has been busy in the last twelve months, even through the covid situation, ensuring day to day business continues. The main areas of work have been as follows;

- **1.** Dealing with the ongoing project of the new Community Hub (Springfield Pub site) with regular meeting with all parties involved.
- **2.** The addition of the new play area and equipment at the Pirate Park.
- **3.** Redecoration of some areas at the Springfield Centre.
- **4.** Defibrillator maintenance and the potential of providing additional units around the Parish.
- **5.** The ongoing project for the creation of more disabled parking bays at the Springfield Centre.

Councillor Ray Golding

**CHAIR OF BUILDINGS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE** 

# Do you support a 20mph speed limit on Fishermead?

At a recent meeting of residents and organisations in Fishermead a proposal to pursue a 20mph limit in Fishermead was agreed.

This proposal was put to the April meeting of the Parish Councils Planning, Infrastructure & Transport Committee – where the Committee also gave its support to the proposal.

A group of residents, as part of the Fishermead Delegates Assembly, are now liaising with MK Council to move this forward. Part of this process will be to gain the support of the majority of residents of Fishermead through the completion of a petition.

Over the coming weeks more information will be shared regarding this via social media and our website. If you are a resident of Fishermead you may be contacted to ask for your support.

# END OF YEAR REPORT COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Campbell Park Parish Council



The past couple of years have been challenging for our residents due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Campbell Park Parish Council, through its communications has however worked tirelessly to stay in touch with residents and to keep them informed about the help and support available and about the Parish Council's activities.

We have done so through our website, through our magazine which is distributed to every home in the Parish and through our social media.

We are pleased residents have generally found the information useful and know how they can reach us when required.

This year, we will continue to revive and improve our communications across all our platforms to ensure you the resident find the information we provide timely, useful and entertaining.



Additionally you are invited to visit our website regularly.

You are also encouraged to send in story ideas or news around the parish which you think would be useful to feature to our office for review and publication.

Councillor Nana Oguntola
CHAIR OF COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

#### END OF YEAR REPORT PLANNING COMMITTEE

Campbell Park Parish Council

The last 12 months have been challenging for the Planning Committee. We have had to forward objections to 20% of the applications submitted, and in half of those cases, permission to proceed was refused by Milton Keynes Council. To me, that is both staggering and disturbing.

We would like to hear from residents how the many changes put in place over the last 12 months have affected the way people rely on public transport

There is no doubt that a large proportion of the Campbell Park Parish housing area is very close to the town centre, and the design of many properties offer rental opportunities to owners who have retained their ex-council residence when moving on, or property speculators able to see conversion opportunities.

We have discovered, through diligent observation, and assistance from residents, many more Houses of Multiple Occupation than appear on the register as licensed. As a Parish we can see the need for this type of accommodation in favourable locations, and would happily support properly licensed HMO's with Planning Permission that completely meet the criteria set out by Milton Keynes Council and our Neighbourhood Plan.

There is an urgent need within our Parish for additional housing, and we are working with Milton Keynes Council to identify sites that in the past have been proposed for building, in order for the accommodation we need to be developed. This is particularly crucial within Oldbrook, Fishermead & Springfield, all areas within walking distance of large employment bases. The team on the Planning Committee cover all of the residential areas in Campbell Park with interest, and are keen to ensure all the estates offer a quality of living that everyone can

enjoy. Many of us on the committee rarely use public transport, and I for one, would like to hear from residents how the many changes put in place over the last 12 months have affected the way people that rely on this mode of transport for getting around Milton Keynes have adapted.

Last but certainly not least, many of the Campbell Park Parish residents will have been aware of the Planning Inspectorate Inquiry in regard to a development in Willen. Although this case was heard in January 2021, we have at the time of writing still not had a decision from the Planning Inspector. This is not helpful in bringing the matter to a conclusion, but in the times we have had to adapt to over the last two years, we have to show patience. Going forward this is an important case for Milton Keynes Council Planning Department, as it is for Campbell Park Parish. Planning laws, whilst constantly evolving, are there for a reason, part of which is, crucially, to provide help to those developing their homes.

Our meetings, usually the 1st Monday of the month, are now being conducted at Oldbrook Centre in person again, all residents are welcome to attend, please let our Parish Office know if you wish to come along.

Councillor Brian Greenwood CHAIR OF PLANNING



ARE YOU GOING TO

UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE

OR TAKING UP AN

#### **APPRENTICESHIP**

THIS AUTUMN?

If you live in the certain parts of central/eastern Milton Keynes you may be eligible for a grant from Chapman's Educational Foundation towards your costs.

#### **CLOSING DATE**

12th September 2022

To check eligibility or get an application form, send your name and postal address to

helenhanderson@btinternet.com or phone 01908 551440

#### **END OF YEAR REPORT COMMUNITY & SOCIAL WELLBEING**

Campbell Park Parish Council

At the end of the Council year I'd like to reflect on the support the Community & **Social Wellbeing Committee** have provided to our community over the last year.

We have provided hundreds of **Activity Packs** for local children over the course of the year with new packs made available at the start of every school holiday. These have been created through lots of work from our council office team. The Packs have been very popular and continue to be

We have continued to provide grants to support local community groups and initiatives. The ability to support community groups/services being delivered in our Parish has been particularly valuable at a time when many groups and organisations are finding their finances stretched and many other funding streams have been reduced.

We offered support to MK Melting Pot, providing them with access to the Springfield Centre to carry out food preparation & distribution during the lockdowns and beyond.

This year we organised a busy summer programme of free activities for local children which included a fantastic



summer youth camp provided by Springfield Initiative, basketball and football sessions and launched our Kids Clean Up Crew with litter

picking sessions across the Parish. We were also pleased to host MK Play Association in Oldbrook and Fishermead for weekly sessions during August.

In October, our Community Officer and a number of Woolstone residents planted an array of daffodil bulbs on Woolstone Local Green – the results of which have been enjoyed this spring.

We were very excited to hold our Easter Tea Party event in April this year – the first event we have been able to hold since before the pandemic started. This was a wonderful afternoon with families attending and enjoying the activities on offer.

We are very busy now, making preparations towards our celebrations to mark the Queens Platinum Jubilee, so we look forward to another busy year ahead.

Councillor Karl Kavarana **CHAIR OF COMMUNITY** & SOCIAL WELLBEING COMMITTEE

at Woolstone Local Park..

#### **NEW BINS**

Wheelie bins will be rolled out by MK Council in 2023.

This is important to reduce split bags and plastic waste, but also increase recycling, whilst keeping costs down. Weekly bin collections will continue.

There will be two bins for recycling; one for paper and cardboard and another for plastics, metal and glass. These will be collected on alternate weeks, but general waste will still be collected weekly, along with green waste.



It was lovely to see the bulbs, that were planted by some Woolstone

residents and our Parish Community Officer last autumn, in bloom this spring

#### LANDSCAPE VOLUNTEER REPORT

Campbell Park Parish Council

Hi, my name is Ray I have been volunteering one day a week with the Parish landscape team since October last year.

I have really enjoyed collaborating and working with the landscape team, learning skills and finding out about the areas that the Parish Council are responsible for. Through the winter programme we have been cutting and dressing hedges and clearing overgrown pathways. It is nice when the residents pop out to talk to us and give us feedback.

Now the summer programme has started with large areas of grass cutting throughout the parish. The team are also looking at incorporating areas to encourage biodiversity to enhance the parish.

I have found volunteering with the landscaping team really rewarding. There are often projects and activities going on, so there may be opportunities for you to volunteer too.

If you are interested please give the parish office a call.





# BEFORE YOU **RECYCLE** CAN YOU **RE-USE**?



One of the best things you can do to help the planet is recycle, but re-cycling has its own environmental impact with waste processing and transporting resulting in use of energy and CO2 emissions.

Before you recycle, consider if you can reuse the item first and then think about how you could reduce its use in the future.

We all need to try and reduce and/or eliminate the amount of singleuse plastic products we buy.

Reusable coffee cups, water bottles and carrier bags are all good examples of things we can use to avoid singleuse plastics.

Why not have a go at "upcycling"

unwanted goods to create something new!



### **Fishermead**

# COMMUNITY LARDER



**Trinity Centre Community Larder** Fishermead Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK6 2LA

Mondays 10am - 12noon

#### What is a community larder?

#### A membership programme that provides:

- Access to surplus food
- Local business discounts
- Little larder club
- Access to other services and support
- Meet new people in a friendly environment

#### Who can join?

#### Where does the food come from?

food waste and save money. It is not means tested.

Anyone who wants to prevent A Didcot based charity, providing surplus food, training and opportunities to young people and organisations.

One Off £10 Joining Fee



INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP P/WEEK



An individual membership provides up to 10 items of food per week, plus a selection of fruit and vegetables. (family membership is double that)

Want free food and a bunch of other benefits?

Sign up today! www.sofea.uk.com

Registered Charity Number 1155783









We can do it together: Make the right decision to help you and your community

Where do I go if I'm not well? It is important that you are seen and supported by the right service for your Health concern. Our leaflet 'Help us help you and your family stay well' provides information on finding services in Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes. #WeCanDoltTogether More information at www.blmkccg.nhs.uk

https://www.blmkccg.nhs.uk/.../blmk-guide-to-nhs-services/



#### **GRANTS**

We recently awarded a grant of £999.31 to Willen **Hospice** to enable them to purchase resources to help support young people in their grief. We hope to share more information with you about this project in the next edition.

We recently awarded a grant of £1000 to MK **Gallacticos FC** towards the cost of them delivering a Presentation evening to recognise the efforts of their players, coaches and volunteers, the vast majority of which are residents of the Parish.

> If you're from a community group or charity, who is supporting local residents in the Campbell Park Parish, visit our website to discover more about our grant funding: https://www.campbell-park.gov.uk/ services/grants/.



In the last edition we told you about the 5
Ways to Wellbeing Toolkit that had been published by the The Milton Keynes Self Care Steering Group. Over the next few editions of Homeground, we will share with you some of the information and tips it provides to help improve your wellbeing.



#### THIS EDITION WE ARE COVERING "BE ACTIVE"



**Regular physical activity** is associated with lower rates of depression and anxiety across all age groups.

**Exercise** is essential for slowing age-related cognitive decline and for promoting wellbeing.

But it doesn't need to be particularly intense for you to feel good - slower-paced activities, such as walking, can have the benefit of encouraging social interactions as well providing some level of exercise.

#### **HERE ARE A FEW IDEAS:**

- Take the stairs not the lift
- Go for a walk at lunchtime
- Walk into work perhaps with a colleague so you can 'connect' as well
- Get off the bus one stop earlier than usual and walk the final part of your journey to work
- Organise a work sporting activity
- Have a kick-about in a local park
- Do some 'easy exercise', like stretching, before you leave for work in the morning
- Walk to someone's desk instead of calling or emailing.



# This year the UK will celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's 70th Anniversary

as monarch with a weekend of Jubilee celebrations at the beginning of June.

12noon till 5pm

Campbell Park Parish Council and Willen Pavilion invite you to join us at our family fun day. A day dedicated to family fun, music, entertainment and food on

# THURSDAY 2nd JUNE



The event will run between 12 and 5pm and everyone is invited to join in the fun! There will be free family-friendly activities, including face painting, arts and crafts, football skills, VR gaming lorry, selfie booth, Reptile Roadshow and a circus workshop as well as live music from Funktionality.

MK Play Association will be bringing along a bouncy castle and the hugely popular Wikidizer and the kids can meet their favourite characters including Spiderman and Elsa.

Come along and enjoy the great variety of tasty treats on offer or bring a picnic to share with family and friends.

A short ceremony for the lighting of the Jubilee beacon will also take place later in the evening at 9.15pm.



We expect the minibus journey to take approximate 25 minutes each way

#### **TRANSPORT**

You can travel to and from the event on our **free minibus** which will serve all the estates in a loop throughout the day - look out for our dedicated **Platinum Jubilee bus stops** with a Jubilee logo displayed.

These will be located at Oldbrook Cricket Ground (Evans Gate), Oldbrook Boulevard (in front of Jubilee Wood School), Kellan Drive (at the junction of Vellan Avenue), Springfield Boulevard (in front of Orchard Academy School), Kenwood Gate (Springfield), The Barge Inn (Woolstone) and Marshalls Lane (Woolstone) The free transport will run between 11.45am and 5pm and seats will be given on a first come first served basis. Please note that the bus will only use designated stops.



If you are planning on coming by car, please note that parking will be limited and we ask that you be considerate of local residents when parking. If you need accessible transport to the event, please contact us at CPPC by **20th May** and we will try and arrange this for you.

Disabled Parking will be available at Willen Pavilion for those displaying a blue badge.

#### LANDSCAPING REPORT

Campbell Park Parish Council

Post-Christmas, our winter maintenance schedule moved on to Springfield, Willen and Woolstone.

#### **SPRINGFIELD**

We largely concentrated on clearance of the flats (a total of 18) which had long been neglected, also the area surrounding Turnmill Court and reducing the hedges growing on to the footpath on Kenwood Gate & various smaller jobs.

#### WILLEN

We concentrated on large hedge lines bordering various properties & footpaths across the estate, we also had a large clear up around the pond on Aldrich Drive. We have also begun reducing the hedges on the park at the top of Millington Gate as these are now at an uncontrollable height. The work on this area will be staggered as cutting back a large area in one hit will be detrimental to the habitat.

#### WOOLSTONE

A large amount of work was completed on all category hedges during the autumn with the hire of the tractor flail. We attended to the landscaping on the large stretch of redway from The Barge to Pattison Lane and various smaller jobs.





TRACTOR-FLAIL IN WOOLSTONE, WORKING THROUGH ALL THE HEDGE ROWS



Across all three estates all sightlines were cleared, footpaths and alleyways made fully accessible, and all outstanding resident enquires completed.

In February our new flail head arrived for the tractor and we set about cutting back as much of the Boulevard on Fishermead as we could before the bird nesting season began. The area of focus was around the two schools and once the nesting restrictions are lifted, we will be back to complete that work.

As we are catching up on years of neglect from before we took on the landscaping work, we have had to do (what may appear to the eye) dramatic work on the shrub beds. This is necessary for the longevity of the original shrub planted, unfortunately

a large quantity of invasive and unwanted species growing in the bed have been allowed to take over and they smother and eventually kill what is supposed to be growing. These include – bramble, ivy, wild rose, bindweed and various vine weeds and self-setting trees. The only way for us to re generate the bed is to cut it right back and apply targeted herbicide or eco plugs (a single concentrated shot straight into the wood) to stop the growth. This may take several years to bring fully under control, but this approach makes it easier for us to maintain in the long run.

Towards the end of March, we began the summer maintenance schedule. The mowers have been out and the hand mowing and strimming is being followed up in the areas not reached by the mowers.



This summer we are adopting a more sympathetic approach to the management of grounds and open spaces to further our efforts towards biodiversity.

Unfortunately, we are not able to completely eliminate herbicide. Sightlines, signage and large areas of hard standing need to be kept weed free, the process is far too time consuming to be done manually. It is also needed for treating shrub beds with invasive weeds.

We have however largely reduced its usage and swapped to a different system. We are now using a dropletcontrolled method, this delivers an uniformed droplet size & spray which penetrates straight into the leaf significantly reducing run-off and virtually eliminating drift with no breathable droplets, making it safer for all involved. It also requires less applications than the previous spray. Further to conserving biodiversity we have reduced our grass cutting to encourage areas of wildflowers and longer grass, enriching the flora and fauna in these areas. You will see these areas developing over the coming weeks.

CAMPBELL PARK PARISH - WILD FLOWER AREA LIST	
SPRINGFIELD	
AREA AROUND SPRINGFIELD PLAY PARK H6 SIDE.	
CANAL FRONT - VARIOUS	
AREA OF PARK BEHIND TURNMILL AV	
OLDBROOK	
GREEN SPACE BEHIND THE OVAL	
BOYCOTT PARK - UNDER THE TREE CANOPY	
OLDBROOK GREEN - 1/4 OF THE GREEN	
WOOLSTONE	
WOOLSTONE GREEN 1/4	
WOOLSTONE PARK - WILD MAZE	s¥e
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TREE CANOPY - VARIOUS	<b>78</b>
AREA IN FRONT OF PATTISON LANE/BUTTERFIELD CLOSE PARK	
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TREE CANOPIES - VARIOUS	$\wedge \wedge \wedge$
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AREA OF ROUNDABOUT - PORTLAND DRIVE	
ISLANDS ON MILTON ROAD	$\checkmark$
FISHERMEAD	
PARK BEHIND TINTANGLE - BANKS	
LARGE GREEN AREA BEHIND MULLION	
FISHERMEAD SPORTS GROUND - OUTSIDE EDGE	

#### Other steps we have taken for biodiversity are:

- chipping back onto the beds its good for the soil, insects and creates a natural weed barrier.
- We will not be mowing/ strimming or spraying along hedgerows, this is to protect the wildlife inhabiting at this time of year.
- We will be scattering wild seeds in numerous locations to encourage a vibrant, diverse area for our pollinators.

- you may notice larger piles of wood/ dead wood/logs piled up rather than chipped to create wild habitat areas.

Once the grass has slowed in growth and as soon as we are able to, we will allow time to attend to reports. Sightlines/footpaths and hazards will be our top priority and then anything not affected by the bird nesting laws. If there is something that you feel needs attention then please send us an email to:

landscape@campbell-park.gov.uk



Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue carry out Fire and Wellness Visits. This is a service for people assessed as being at greatest risk or who are deemed as more vulnerable from a number of other societal or health and wellbeing risks.

#### A Fire and Wellness Visit may be appropriate if:

- there is anything which places your home at increased risk of fire. This could include hoarded materials, clutter from overcrowded living arrangements, multiple electrical devices plugged into extension leads, burn marks or signs of previous minor fires.
- there are no working smoke alarms on any level of your home and you are not able to replace the alarms yourself
- you are not sure if the smoke alarms you have are working correctly and you are not able to replace the alarms yourself
- you cannot respond to a smoke alarm quickly because you are affected by a long-term disability, other health need, medication, drugs, alcohol, mobility or frailty

How to access the service

To be screened for a free Fire and

Wellness Visit email your name,
address, phone number and concern to

centraladmin@bucksfire.gov.uk

or phone 01296 744477

If you are enquiring on behalf of an elderly relative or neighbour, it is important that we have their contact details so that we can confirm the booking. It is also important that you have told them you are making this request on their behalf and you have their consent.





#### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME**

## WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN HAVING A **NEIGHBOURHOOD**WATCH SCHEME WHERE YOU LIVE?

There is a lot of help available to get one going in your area. The schemes are run by the residents in the area that is covered. The size of each Watch is dependent on what is required by the people of the local area. It could be a few houses up to a few streets - although a big area can be harder to co-ordinate – so sometimes best to start small and increase the area if you want to!

You, the residents, decide on the area you want to include in your Neighbourhood Watch. It does need someone to take the lead in setting up the Watch area, plus someone to assist. Once it is set up it would need someone to be the administrator and someone to assist. There isn't much to do once up and running. It is a great way to bring neighbours together to get to know each other and build a sense of 'community' to look out for each other.

Milton Keynes Neighbourhood Watch Association (MKNHWA) has an information pack for potential Co-ordinators. They can be contacted via their website **www.mknhwa.org.uk** 

Or contact the parish office for support at admin@campbell-park.gov.uk

#### ARE YOU A STUDENT, AGED 16 OR OVER?

#### DO YOU NEED FINANCIAL HELP TO PURSUE YOUR STUDIES OR APPRENTICESHIP?

#### DO YOU LIVE IN THE PARISH OF CAMPBELL PARK?

Closing date for applications is Friday 26 August, 2022.

Applications received after this date will not be considered

#### If you can answer YES to all three questions then this could be for you.

The Geoff Taylor Educational Trust was founded in 1994 to assist in the advancement of education for residents of Campbell Park Parish Council. If you need financial assistance with such things as tuition fees, travel expenses, or other incidental expenses the Trust could assist you.

Grants are awarded up to a maximum of £500 – request for amounts over this limit will not be considered.

The Trust also aims to help students in the Parish by assisting them to continue their further education in skilled trades industries, or employment by means of apprenticeships or training at college or university.

Application forms are now available for consideration in September These may be obtained from the Secretary of the Trust by email david.pafford@campbell-park.gov.uk

Or can be downloaded on the Parish website at www.campbell-park.gov.uk/services/education-support/geoff-taylor-educational-trust/

Geoff Taylor Educational Trust. 1 Pencarrow Place, Fishermead, Milton Keynes MK6 2AS



#### **EASTER PARTY** 2022

As we have been unable to hold the Easter Tea Party for the last 2 years, it was really lovely to be able to host an afternoon of fun for local children again - we all had a such a wonderful time.

The children were able to interact with the creatures from the reptile roadshow and we had our lovely face painter creating lots of fantastic Easter Bunny designs.

We also had entertainment from Uncle Bob's Magic show. Uncle Bob made lots of model balloons for the children and also gave us a fantastic magic show.

We also had lots of craft activities, dancing, free refreshments and the children were excited to each receive a chocolate Easter Egg.



#### **UNDER 5'S PLAY AREA PROJECT - NOW OPEN!**

Campbell Park Parish Council

In March and April we were really pleased to have contractors on site creating our new Play Area in Fishermead specifically for the Under 5's age group.

The project which cost nearly £70,000, was funded by Campbell Park Parish Council and supported by a grant of £20,000 from Milton Keynes Council.

Since Campbell Park Parish Council took on the ownership of the Play Area at Kernow Crescent in Fishermead from Milton Keynes Council, we have been focused on making improvements for everyone to enjoy.

This project has re-generated a previously unused, overgrown and untidy space, into a valuable asset for the local community and a wonderful addition to the play offer in this location.



WATCH THIS SPACE FOR FURTHER UPDATES AS THE WE MOVE ON TO THE NEXT PHASES OF THE PIRATE PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

#### **GRANT AWARDED TO UPGRADE PLAY AREA**

On Pattison Lane (between Butterfield Close and Wilford Close) in Woolstone

We are pleased to report that Campbell Park Parish Council has been successful in securing a £10k grant from MK Council's Community Infrastructure Fund to match fund a Parish Council budget of £10k to upgrade this play

This MK Council owned play area is currently quite run down, with only a couple of swings and slide remaining, with other play items being removed over the last few years when their condition deteriorated and could no longer be safely used.

Campbell Park Parish Council will be working with MK Council over the coming months to carry out some improvements to this play area.

We are keen to get the input of local residents on what our priorities for spending on the improvements should be.

We are very aware that play area improvements are quite expensive, and our £20k budget will limit the scope of the project, however, we aim to ensure that the area becomes an inviting play offer once again.



How do you think we should prioritise our spending to improve this play area?

Replace the missing / broken play equipment?

Add in a new / different item of play equipment to what was there before?

If so, what new equipment would you like to see here?

Install a new bench and/or picnic table?

Repaint the existing site infrastructure (swing frames etc)?

#### Please send your comments and ideas

to Campbell Park Parish Council, 1 Pencarrow Place, Fishermead, MK6 2AS

Or Email Admin@campbell-park.gov.uk by Friday 10th June



#### Junior Filmmakers Knife crime project is going to MK Schools

Milton Keynes is heralded as a leading business destination and a safe and beautiful place to live and have a family.

Underneath this image is a growing problem around poverty which is leading to a rise in gangs, drugs and knife crime.

Milton Keynes is now being likened to a smaller copy of London.

When our Parish Councillor Nana Oguntola, who is also a filmmaker and social entrepreneur heard about the murder of two young boys, aged only 17 in November of 2019, she realised that as a mother and a member of the community she had to do something about knife crime.

She had to consider what she as a lay person could bring to the table to fight the menace which was destroying the lives of young people in Milton Keynes.

She decided that the best thing to do was to work through Junior Filmmakers where she could combine filmmaking and young people to create a knife crime project to highlight the problem and hopefully bring about change with young people.

This has resulted in a digital education pack being created and distributed to schools in Milton Keynes.

More information about this project can be found at <a href="http://www.juniorfilmmakers.co.uk">http://www.juniorfilmmakers.co.uk</a>







#### Shepherdswell Academy



#### Oldbrook First School & Nursery

#### Hello, from everyone at Shepherdswell Academy.

In EYFS we have been learning all about animals and how they grow. We were lucky enough to have a visit from the farm. The children got to see, stroke, and learn about pigs, sheep, goats, rabbits, donkeys, and dogs. They also learnt some interesting facts.

Did you know pigs roll in mud as a way of cooling their bodies down and when the mud dries it acts like sun cream for the pigs?





Did you know you can tell the difference between donkeys and horses because donkeys have longer ears?

During the second half term Year 1 have been exploring the story 'Clean up' by Nathan Bryon. This story is about a girl called Rocket, who goes on a mission to reduce water pollution by teaching others about the issues.



In Science, we learnt about how to reduce pollution to keep our planet safe. These are 5 ways you can help:

- Recycle plastic, card, paper and food waste.
- Turn off the tap when you are brushing your teeth to save water.
- Do not litter.
- Using your car less and walk more. You could even get an electric car!
- Plant md



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#### **School and Nursery Update**

It has been another busy term in school with lots of fun and exciting learning opportunities for our children to explore. The children started the new year focusing on a whole school unit of work based around the fairy tales. The children and staff walked to Milton Keynes Theatre to watch the pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk. They were thrilled to see the dance troupe Diversity performing and enjoyed joining in with the pantomime punchlines ... oh no they didn't ... oh yes they did!

Our new school library was opened this year and is an amazing space where children and members of the school community can read and share a range of fun and exciting books as well as borrow to share with family and friends at home. During World Book Day the children and staff enjoyed coming to school in their pyjamas as part of our 'bedtime stories' day.





If you have a child who is due to start Nursery in September 2022 and would like to find out more about our amazing community school then please contact the school office for further information. Our nurturing school and nursery will enable your child to reach their full potential in a happy and caring learning environment.

Mr Hopkins Headteacher



#### The Willows First School and EYC

School is a really busy place as always and recently the staff at The Willows took part in training during a school day which helps shows our children we are all always learning too.

Our Early Years children have really enjoyed getting outside more as the weather is starting to improve, even though they all love jumping in puddles too! There has been a focus on planting and growing and the children have been developing their art and creative skills when producing their own pictures of real flowers.



There has also been some work on feelings and emotions throughout the school and especially in the light of what is happening in the World. The children have been learning about strategies that they can use when they hear or read upsetting news.



The children in KS1 have been learning all about Australia and have started to look at the human impact on both the



rainforests and The Great Barrier reef. They have created some very artistic dioramas.



Recently the staff and children enjoyed dressing for world book day. Our winners enjoyed a new book to take home and continue their love of reading.

The children are all looking forward to



opportunity to show their talents to each other in an exciting assembly and to see how much money the school can raise for charitable causes.



#### Willen School

At Willen we are always on the look out for ways to make our curriculum rich and exciting Including enrichment opportunities makes learning engaging and fun for the children



but also gives teachers a chance to get creative in the classroom, bring learning to life and inspire the children. We work hard to enhance the curriculum with opportunities, trips and visitors, some of our recent adventures include:

Early Years - baking the gingerbread man and making pancakes to enrich the topic of 'Tell Me a Story'.

Year 1 - had an immersive medieval day learning about castles, banqueting and making goblets.

Year 2 - have enjoyed a local geography walk, learning about features of Willen and the local area. They are also excited for a theatre group to visit for their topic on the Great Fire of London.

Year 3 - loved swimming lessons at a local secondary school. This is brilliant PE learning but also helps the children with vital life skills.

Year 4 - invited a Roman visitor into school and have enjoyed a verulamium trip.

Year 5 - enriched their viking topic with a viking visitor at school.

Year 6 - enhanced their topic on Victorians by hosting a victorian day. This included role play of crimes and punishment and a mock trial.

Our learning mentor has arranged for a therapy dog and his lovely owner to have sessions with some of our children outside of an academic setting.

We're already planning a whole school extravaganza to celebrate the Queen's platinum jubilee, but we don't want to ruin the surprise so you'll have to read our school report next time to hear about it!

Find out more here: https://youtube.com/channel/ UCAR\_sKX8CtZnbKPiddnnlzw







## Jubilee Wood Primary School

At Jubilee Wood we have a had very busy spring term! We were visited by Ofsted in February and once again the inspectors described our school as 'good' but this time with pupils' Personal Development being 'outstanding'. We were delighted that the team



of inspectors agreed with us about our assessment of the school. Our motto is 'Caring, Developing and Learning Together' and Ofsted agreed that Jubilee Wood continues to provide the very best for its children and the local community.

The inspectors were particularly impressed with the 'outstanding' Personal Development pupils receive at Jubilee Wood, describing it as 'first class' and praising the school for creating 'notable experiences' which were 'woven into curriculum', leading pupils to 'express themselves confidently and respect different perspectives to their own'.



In the two days of inspection, the three Ofsted inspectors all agreed that at Jubilee Wood children 'feel safe and happy'; they 'chat happily with their friends as they explore the stimulating environment that leaders have created'; and they 'take their responsibilities seriously, such as being members of the school council,

playtime buddies, library monitors and house captains.'

School leaders at Jubilee Wood were described as having 'high expectations of behaviour' and designing 'an ambitious and well-planned curriculum…so that pupils' learning builds from the early years'.

The inspectors also noted that 'the curriculum is enriched with opportunities which bring pupils' learning to life: for example, pupils visit farms, museums, art galleries and places of historical significance'. Visits to local places of interest are taken frequently at Jubilee Wood, and one recent trip to 'Hazard Alley', where children learnt about various dangers in the local environment that they need to be mindful of, was particularly successful - Campbell Park Parish Council funded 180 of our Y5 and Y6 children to visit the MK Safety Centre where the event took place and they had a wonderful time. Meanwhile, 90 of our junior children visited Campbell Park recently to learn some outdoor survival skills alongside the brilliant Campbell Park rangers – a picture of this is included. All of these types of activities are conducted regularly at Jubilee Wood so that learning is fun and really does come to life!

# FREE ACTIVITY PACKS FOR CHILDREN

The next Activity Packs will be for the May Half Term holiday and will be available for collection from Tuesday 24th May.

The craft activities within the packs will be themed around the **Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations** as well as containing all the usual activities and colouring sheets.

To ensure as many families as possible can benefit from this, please only take one pack per child. The packs will be limited in number and only available while stock lasts.

We would also love to see any photos of the children enjoying the packs or the completed activities that we can share. Most of all – we hope that the children enjoy them.

The activity packs can be collected from the Parish Office in Fishermead:

Parish Office, 1 Pencarrow Place (behind the Trinity Centre) MK6 2AS - Monday to Friday 9am – 4pm

## Jubilee Craft Events for local children

Come along and make crowns, bunting and flags (amongst other activities) and get ready for the Jubilee celebrations!

Sessions are free to attend

Monday 30th May 10:00 - 11:30am – Springfield Centre 1pm - 2:30pm - Willen Pavilion

Tuesday 31st May 10:00am - 11:30am – Fishermead Trinity Centre 1pm - 2.30pm – Oldbrook Centre

**Wednesday 1st June** 10:00 - 11:30am – Woolstone Community Centre

Sessions are being hosted by **MK Play Association** on behalf of **Campbell Park Parish Council** 

# KID'S CORNER

#### Hello Children,

How you all doing? I hope you are well and happy.

Saturday 9th April we had our Easter Tea Party at the Oldbrook Centre. We had over a 100 children at the party. It was lots and lots of fun. We all had a smashing time with lots of yummy things to eat. Everyone left with an Easter Egg to take home. We had the Reptile Man with his creatures, Uncle Bob the Magician, Councillor Brian the Disco King. It was FUN FUN!!

If you did not manage to come to the party, maybe you could come to the Halloween Tea Party on the 29th October 2022 at the Springfield Centre.

I will keep you informed on Social Media and the Homeground Magazine so that you don't forget.

#### **Road Safety:**

Remember your Green Tick Code.

#### Send in a Poem:

If you send in a poem, if it goes into the next Homeground you will win a prize.

#### Jokes:

Do you have any jokes? If so, send them in and you could also win a prize if we put it into the magazine.

#### **Activity Packs:**

I hope some of you managed to collect one of our Activity Packs to do in the Easter Holidays, if the weather was too bad to go out and play. They are slightly different this time, can you please let us know if you enjoyed them. If you have any pictures of the finished activity you could send one in to us.

**P.S:** If you send anything into Kid's Corner we need to know your name, address, your age, and what school you go to, or we cannot send you your prize.

The address is: 1 Pencarrow Place, Fishermead, Milton Keynes, MK6 2AS.

Remember Stranger Danger. Until next time, Cllr Peny





Sophie was having a scatty run-around at the treetops at Buttermilk Farm. She is looking for a few yummy things to eat for her breakfast, when Mrs Perri Kitty Kat saw her leap from the old oak tree over to a young nut tree "Now then Sophie" said Mrs Perri Kitty Kat, "Just look what you are up to, you have bent that branch right over with your weight" "Tut Tut" she said. "You should know better what with you being magic and all" Well Sophie did look a bit dazed as she scratched her head. "Sorry!!! Perri Kitty Kat" "Its Mrs Perri Kitty Kat to you young Sophie" "Oopps!!" "Sorry she said, Im looking for breakfast" said Sophie." Well, you had better come back with me to the farm cottage, I am expecting Mrs Cilla Comfy Cat anytime now. She is bringing her baby kittens over to sit with my kittens for a bite to eat. You can sit with them while Cilla and I go on rodent watch down on the farmyard while Farmer Grumpy Stone brings out his cows. "Ok" said Sophie. Sophie knows she will be in for a good feed if she helps out Cilla Comfy Cat and Mrs Perri Kitty Kat.

Mrs Perri Kitty Kat always has a full table of food when the girls get together, Both cats have had kittens this Spring on the same day, so they are both very busy bringing up so many kittens. "Its hard work you know" Mrs Perri Kitty Kat said. She has had 4 boys called Bobby, Bertie, Bruce and Benji. Cilla Comfy Cat has had 5 girls. Poppy, Penny, Pippa, Pru and Pingle.

As soon as Mrs Perri Kitty Kat got into the farmhouse kitchen, the 4 boys shot up from the cat basket and started to play with Sophie, jumping over her an pulling her fluffy tail. Bobby gave Sophie a ball with a small bell inside. Sophie was a bit overwhelmed. Kittens are scary altogether, overwhelmed. Just then everyone could hear Cilla Comfy Cat, she was calling her girls. Cilla said "Pippa, Poppy, if you dont stop trying to catch that butterfly, I will come over and ring your ears. The girls started to laugh out loud. "OOOOh, Mummy, you cant ring our ears. We are not bells are we? HAHAHAHAHAHAHAH!" "Just you wait and see young Pippa".

Mrs Perri said come on in, the boys are waiting for you. "Oh, where are the boys? She looked in the kitty basket, they had gone! Mrs Perri Kitty Kat was frantic, however, Sophie just might know where they may be!!

Until next time......

Q: What do you get if you cross a fish with an elephant?
A: Swimming trunks!!

Jokes from Fatima of Oldbrook

## CAMPBELL PARK ADVICE SERVICE

#### **FREE SERVICE**

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Pop along and speak to our
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**Discretionary Housing Payment** 

- Benefits (advice or form filling)
  - Rent or Council Tax arrears
- Family or domestic difficulties
- Any other concerns you would like to discuss

To find out more, please pop into the Parish Office, or contact us on the details below

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