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Your magazine from Campbell Park Community Council

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Every Thursday 10-12**

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COMMUNITY HUB UPDATE

Campbell Park Community Council

Good news! We have now received full planning permission for the Hub and have completed the detailed design of the building. The process now moves into the tender stage, where CPCC invite interested contractors to submit their quotes for the construction work. This process is very detailed and will not be completed until January 2024, at which time the successful contractor will be appointed with a view to start works in March 2024.

In the meantime, let's look at how we are aiming to make the Hub one of the most sustainable buildings of its kind in Milton Keynes. A Hub for community and nature!

As part of the build we will ensure the conservation and protection of endangered species and their habitats through the installation of swift bricks, bat boxes and hedgehog highways. We will also look to provide opportunities for the development of community-based conservation initiatives and enhancement of public awareness and education about biodiversity

Designing and constructing a sustainable new community building requires a careful balance of environmental, social, and economic considerations. By prioritising sustainability and taking a holistic approach to design and construction, it is possible to create a building that is both functional and environmentally responsible.

There are several key factors to consider, such as the materials used, energy efficiency, and the building's overall impact on the environment. A sustainable community building should be designed to minimise its impact on the surrounding ecosystem, and to promote biodiversity and environmental health.

We will be seeking to appoint a construction partner who shares our vision and has proven credentials in their approach to sustainable working practices.



COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings held at the Oldbrook Centre

21st November, 7.30pm
12th December, 7.30pm
16th January 2024, 7.30pm

Committees

Meetings will be held at either the Oldbrook Centre or the Springfield Centre. Please see the website and noticeboards for more information.

Planning, Infrastructure & Transport

4th December, 6.30pm
8th January 2024, 6.30pm
5th February 2024, 6.30pm

Finance, Administration & Policy

5th December, 7pm

Estates

12th December, 6.30pm
9th January 2024, 7.00pm
13th February 2024, 6.30pm

Community & Communications

28th November, 6.30pm
23rd January 2024, 6.30pm

ONLINE COUNCILLOR SURGERIES

Oldbrook's three Ward councillors on Milton Keynes City Council (Moriah Priestley, Darron Kendrick and Martin Petchey) hold a surgery for all residents at Milton Keynes Library on the last Saturday of each month between 10am and 11am - next dates : 25 Nov; 30 Dec.

WOOLSTONE POND CLEARANCE

The first phase of the Woolstone Pond clearance work was successfully completed in mid-September, with roughly 15% of the rushes removed. This process will be repeated once or twice a year as necessary to achieve the aesthetic and biodiversity aims for the site. The Winter maintenance of the area will go ahead as usual, with the front hedge being reduced in height, and some of the surrounding shrubs and self-set trees being reduced or removed – completion date, April 2024.



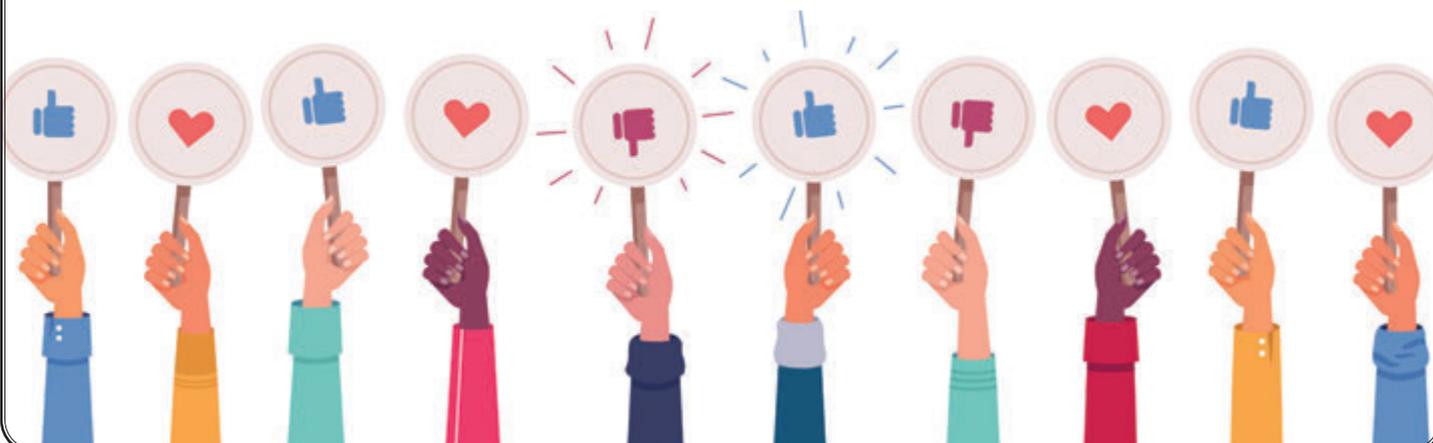
ANNUAL BUDGET & PRECEPT CONSULTATION

Each year we hope for a good response to our annual resident budget and precept consultation, and each year you deliver in your hundreds! We are very grateful for that level of feedback. We also appreciate that our services are funded through your precept payments to us, so listening to your views is vital as we plan our future budgets.

We are currently compiling the information from your responses for inclusion in a report. The report will then be considered by Council ahead of setting the budget and the required level of precept. The report will be

published on our website as part of the process, and you are of course welcome to attend the meetings where those decisions will be made.

As high as your response level is currently, we would like to hear from more of you in the future, so we are going to look at how we might achieve this. One option would be an electronic solution, but we are mindful of doing away with our existing successful format, so it could be that we use a blend of both. We will update you in future editions of the magazine to let you know what we come up with.





Got 5?

Register **online** to vote

gov.uk/register-to-vote

**YOUR VOTE MATTERS
DON'T LOSE IT**



The
Electoral
Commission

COME & CONNECT

First Tuesday of each Month

Social Prescribing Drop-in Coffee mornings

This service is available to MK residents, 18+, who are registered with a GP

Social prescribing is a non-medical, person centred, approach focussing on what matters to you. We can support with signposting and accessing organisations and services that could benefit your current situation.

The Peartree Centre

1 Chadds lane, Peartree Bridge, Milton Keynes, MK6 3EB

1st Tuesday of each month

10:00am until Midday

Come & Re-Connect

FREE Refreshments.

Come & meet new people!

Information & support can be provided on, but not limited to:

- Loneliness & isolation
- Low level mental health
- Community services
- Debt management
- Housing



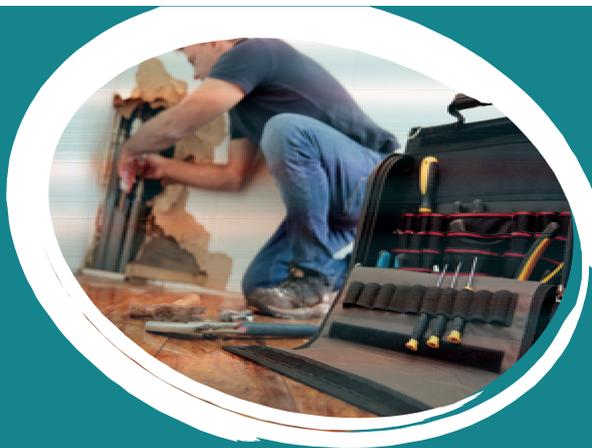
For further information contact Lucy Hurd on: 07523 512 645

MULTI-SENSORY WORSHIP

for people living with dementia and their carers

First Thursday of each month - 11am
At Milton Keynes House of Prayer
Manor Farm Cottage, 2 Linford Lane, Woolstone
MK15 0AG

Led by Ian Pearce and Charmaine Howard
Free of charge. A warm welcome awaits you.
Contact: 07719968356 ipearce@live.com



Private Sector Housing

Enforcing standards in private rented accommodation

MKCC's Private Sector Housing Team enforces health, safety and amenity standards in private rented accommodation in Milton Keynes.

- Is your landlord refusing to carry out repairs?
- Is your rented accommodation unsafe, damp or overcrowded?
- Are you living in an unlicensed House in Multiple Occupancy (HMO)?

We offer free advice and assistance to all private tenants who rent properties in Milton Keynes. Contact us today!

Tel: 01908 252664

Email: privatesectorhousing@milton-keynes.gov.uk



WOOLSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Why not book this outstanding venue for your next event.

This community centre/church can accommodate functions ranging from birthday and anniversary parties to wedding receptions and evening functions.

The perfect setting for your event photos.

Facilities include seating for approximately 70 people, car park, fully equipped kitchen, free wi-fi, a beautiful maple floor, disabled access and toilet with wheelchair access.

To hire the building please visit:

www.woolstonecommunitycentre.co.uk



Please help to recycle unwanted walking aids

We've been asked by our partners at Milton Keynes University Hospital to pass on details of a new scheme to reuse, refurbish or recycle unwanted walking aids such as elbow crutches, metal walking sticks and other items. As well as being better for the environment, by reusing a hospital walking aid you are helping to save the NHS an estimated £46,000 per year.

If you have an item to drop off, you can do so at any of these designated collection points:

New Bradwell Recycling Centre Newport Road, MK13 0AH

Open: Monday to Sunday (April to September 7am -7pm. October to March 8am - 5pm)

Age UK MK - The Peartree Centre 1 Chadds Lane, Peartree, MK6 3EB

Open: Monday to Thursday 9am - 4pm

Age UK MK - Home & Furniture Store 6 Burners Lane, Kiln Farm, MK11 3HA

Open: Monday to Saturday 9am - 5pm, Sunday 11am - 4pm

Free parking is available at each point, and there will be signage showing where to leave items.

If you have a piece of equipment provided by Millbrook that you no longer use, please find out how to return it at:

www.millbrookhealthcare.co.uk/pages/equipment-return

Thank you on behalf of Milton Keynes University Hospital.



*Want to get more involved
in your community?*

Join our Local Advisory Board as a governor

If you are looking for a rewarding opportunity to become involved in your local community and want to make a difference to the lives of children, then we would love to hear from you.

Full training provided

Find out more by emailing governance@emat.uk

White Ribbon Vigil

Come and join the vigil
to mark White Ribbon Day and
the International Day for the Elimination of
Violence Against Women at
Milton Keynes Rose, Campbell Park



Saturday 25th November
4pm meet at MK Gallery to
hear inspiring local voices
5.45pm walk to Milton Keynes Rose
for short vigil at 6pm



Everyone welcome
Please bring a torch or battery tealight
[#endviolenceagainstwomen](#)



COMMUNITY SUMMER COACH TRIP TO GREAT YARMOUTH



In July 2022, Action Speaks organised their first community trip to Littlehampton which was attended by 16 residents. The success of this trip resulted in a request by participants for another trip the following year. This is how we got to Great Yarmouth in 2023.

On 29th July, a coach picked up a total of 79 passengers from the Trinity Centre for a day out in Great Yarmouth, a trip made possible by Milton Keynes Community Foundation and Central Milton Keynes Town Council. Weather forecast on the week leading to the trip was not looking good. Participants who had booked were frantically checking the weather update hoping to see a positive change to the forecast, whilst most were happy to proceed, the thought of being at the seaside when it's raining got the better of others and they cancelled their trip just days before take off. Anyone who has organised a trip would understand how stressful this is for an organiser, especially as the trip was subsidised. It all turned out fine, as in no time at all we were again oversubscribed for the trip.

We set off at about 7.45am for our 3 hour long journey, you could hear the excited chatter from adults and children alike.

As we journeyed on, raffle tickets were distributed for two sets of adult and child tickets to Merrivale Model Village. During the trip, some adults were offered bottled water, whilst the children got sweets / drink and an activity pack which was provided by Campbell Park Community Council. We had comfort breaks along the way, and some passengers indulged in McDonald's.

On arrival at Great Yarmouth, all participants made their way to the seaside or attraction of their choice. Most spent the day on the beach laying on the sand, resting their weary heads. Some people enjoyed playing in the sea, swimming or paddling. We listened to music, ate and danced to a variety of music from African to Asian.

In general, the trip was enjoyable – watch this space for more trips next summer.





Be Extraordinary ...

become a local councillor

Would you
like to

Ordinary people
doing amazing
things

- **Make a difference to local people's lives?**
- **Give something back to your community?**
- **Help shape change for the benefit of your area?**

Local elections take place on **4 May 2024** – you could be a candidate

The last date for nominations is **4pm** on **4 April 2024**

Nominations are published by **4pm** on **5 April 2024**

To learn more contact:

 01908 608559
 admin@campbell-park.gov.uk

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CPCC GRANTS

Campbell Park Community Council

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/>

We recently awarded a grant of £770 to RSPCA Milton Keynes & North Bucks Branch towards "Interventions" - trapping, rehabilitating, rehoming stray cats and the neutering and welfare of cats & kitten within the area.

We also awarded a grant to Action Speaks CIC for £1000 towards the Community Café, community engagement and social activities in Fishermead.

MK Gallacticos FC have successfully applied for a grant of £1000 towards goal posts and a line marker for use at Fishermead Sports Ground.

If you have any questions please contact the Community Officer at the Council office on **01908 608559**



We have multiple preschools located around Milton Keynes, with our closest ones conveniently based inside the Oldbrook Centre (MK6 2HX) and the Springfield Centre (MK6 3JH)

CONTACT US TODAY!

 **07476 079904**

 **www.ducklingspreschool.co.uk**

5 SMALL ACTS WITH BIG IMPACTS TO SAVE OUR EARTH

1 Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Cut down on what you throw away. Follow The Three Rs to conserve natural resources and landfill space.



2



Shop Wisely

Buy less plastics and bring reusable shopping bags.

3 Conserve Water

The less water you use, the less runoff and wastewater that eventually end up in the ocean.

3



4



Plant More Trees

Trees provide food and oxygen. They help save energy, clean the air, and help combat climate change.

5 Don't Throw Chemicals Into Waterways

Choose non-toxic chemicals in the home and office. Use biodegradable chemicals for daily needs.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH WORKING IN WOOLSTONE



For over 40 years, Neighbourhood Watch has been encouraging safer and stronger communities. For many of us, this is reflected in our own instincts to be good neighbours and look out for each other.

As individuals or families we value living in a safe and secure home and this is greatly helped by living in safe and secure environments and communities. To this aim, Neighbourhood Watch links with the Police and other authorities, helping bring a strong emphasis on crime awareness and crime prevention, as well as encouraging reporting to the Police our suspicions or concerns.

Our volunteers will be out and about in Woolstone with three simple messages:

1. Join Neighbourhood Watch at **ourwatch.org.uk** By doing this you will receive the all-important local Police Alert messages.



2. Once signed-up please also join your local Watch scheme using the postcode search.
3. If that scheme is not near you, please apply to start your own scheme.



For information on Neighbourhood Watch in Woolstone, email: **enquiries@mknhwa.org.uk**. Look out for our future work in Fishermead and Willen, coming soon.

The Milton Keynes Neighbourhood Watch Association would like to thank the Campbell Park Community Council for their funding support for this initiative.



CRIME PREVENTION **BURGLARY**

Want to protect your home? Think WIDE(N) - Windows, Interior, Doors, Exterior, Neighbours - to have the best possible protection against burglary.

Research shows that a set combination of security actions provides up to 50 times more protection for your home versus no security. A combination of WIDE actions is the most effective solution and is recommended by police throughout the country. Additionally, at Neighbourhood Watch we believe that neighbours seeing an eye out for each other is also key to preventing burglary.

- **WINDOWS:** lock your windows
- **INTERIOR:** Put your interior lights on a timer
- **DOORS:** Double or deadlock your doors
- **EXTERIOR:** Put your exterior lights on a sensor
- **NEIGHBOURS:** Keep an eye out for neighbours

Taking simple measures can significantly reduce your chances of being burgled. Opportunity plays a big role in enabling crimes to be committed, particularly burglaries. Most domestic burglaries are committed by opportunists.

Criminals will look for homes that:

- Seem unoccupied
- Have little or no apparent security
- Have doors or windows left open, or
- Enable them to remain unseen when burgling.

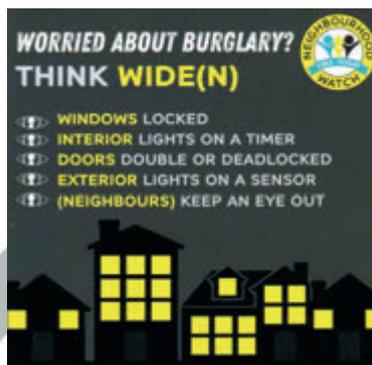
A home's overall impression will influence whether a burglar targets it. As a general rule, if it looks like there is someone inside, the burglar is likely to go elsewhere.

A home in a dilapidated state will seem easier to break into, so a simple deterrent might be tidying up a garden or repainting doors and window frames. One crime often produces the opportunity to commit another. For example, a burglar may return after a break-in because they know when the owners are likely to be out. They can also expect the property to be full of new replacement items.

Before upgrading your home security, think about what part of your home seems more vulnerable. Remember, wherever possible, to always ensure that security products you purchase are Secured by Design or Sold Secure - these are good quality, independently tested products.

It's free to join Neighbourhood Watch:

1. Go to **ourwatch.org.uk** and join.
2. Postcode search on the website to see and join your local scheme.
3. If no scheme, apply to start one. We will help you all the way.



ELECTRA NEWS

the Beautiful South



AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

2023 - 2024

FINALIST

Electra shortlisted for tourism award

We submitted an entry into the 'New Tourism Business of the Year' category of the Beautiful South Tourism Awards earlier this year. Following shortlisting, an assessor joined the boat on Sunday 17th September for a 4pm one-way cruise from Great Linford to Campbell Wharf.

As well as being hosted by Jane Wolfson, our former Chair, Huw Jarvis also met Denise & Christian Taylor, our current Chair and Training Leads as, coincidentally, they were the crew that day.

We have just learnt that we have been selected as one of the finalists. We will find out whether we will receive a gold, silver or bronze award at the ceremony in Brighton's Grand Hotel on Tuesday 12th December.

Volunteers for the new Welcome Centre

As work continues fitting-out the new Electra Welcome Centre, plans are also progressing to recruit volunteers to staff it. They will handle enquiries from guests and local people, regarding Electra's cruise details and availabilities, as well as providing information about BMKWT, The Parks Trust, the Canal & River Trust, and other local organisations active on and around the canal. The Centre will be open between 12:00 and 15:00 on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturday and Sundays, from Spring next year through until mid-December. Further details, including an Expression of Interest form, can be found at Volunteering with Electra.

Cruising information

Our public Christmas Cruises offer has just been launched. From November 14th, they will run on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings. The 2½ hour cruises will depart from Campbell Wharf at 11:00. A mug of delicious mulled wine for each guest will be accompanied by a scrumptious pie, filled with vegetarian mincemeat and frangipane baked by Camphill Café, served with a generous helping of clotted cream.



Credit: Gill Prince Photography



Season's Greetings Charters are also available late mornings on Fridays and Sundays, with the option to add Mulled Wine & Mince Pies, or savoury Nibbles Trays, or own catering – and a bit of sparkle with bottles of Prosecco.

Meanwhile, our ever-popular Friday Fish & Chip Lunchtime Cruise will continue right through to mid-December.

Widening access

We're delighted that, having started with one school booking in 2022, we have had three school bookings this season – and we have two bookings and four enquiries already for 2024. Schools are choosing trips on Electra as way of introducing pupils to a very special part of their local environment, finding out about local history, and discovering how battery technology can work on a boat.

We're also pleased that continuing sponsorship by Ward Councillors has allowed us recently to provide free cruises for stroke survivors and for people with dementia. In addition, two of the Town Councils we work closely with have each given £500 this year, to fund cruises for designated resident groups. We hope to build on these successful approaches next year, so that access to cruises on Electra continues to widen across Milton Keynes.

In addition, the Electra volunteer team has chosen to run a free cruise each year in memory of the late Graham Mabbutt, who kick-started the Electra project (as well as being a key player in the Trust and the John Bunyan). We are providing this to residents of the Camphill community in Milton Keynes in November.

This season we have starting collecting donations specifically towards developing our Family Specials Programme, to enable people who wouldn't otherwise be able to experience being on the water to come on an Electra cruise. Guests have already generously donated over £1,100 and, once we know the final total, we will translate this into a number of cruises to be offered in spring 2024.

The numbers

From late June to the end of September, Electra has run 149 cruises in 128 separate crewing sessions, taking 1,489 guests on board. October bookings are good, and we were also delighted to welcome members of the Trust's Board on board Electra on 8th October, followed by a visit to the Electra Welcome Centre, to view progress of the fit-out work. After the clocks go back, until mid-December, we will make the most of the weather in the middle of the day and run a single cruise most days.

Of course, none of this could happen without our terrific team of forty volunteers on the boat and on the shore! We have planned to meet in November, to review 2023 and talk about plans and wishes for 2024 – and then have a party to wind up the season in December.



Hello from everyone at Shepherdswell Academy

We have had a great start to the new academic year

To celebrate European day of Languages and our school's diverse community, we invited all the children to come to school wearing their national costume or in clothes that represented the colours of their flag. The children all learnt some French and Spanish including greetings, numbers, colours, and animals. The children also learnt about Spain including how to locate Spain on the atlas and we learnt about the climate and weather.



We have just been awarded our Green Flag for being an Eco School.

Our Eco Council have worked hard to save energy and teach everyone how to take care of the environment.



Our new Hedgehog class have started in EYFS and they are settling in brilliantly. They have already started learning sounds in phonics and are getting used to the routines of school.



Year 1 have been learning all about the story Ruby's Worry, they have been learning about emotions and writing letters of advice. In computing they have been learning how to

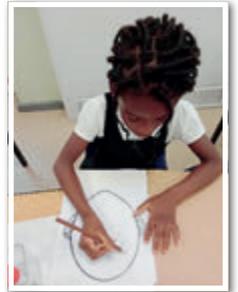
program. Giving Beebots codes and directions to create shapes and travel around the classroom.

Year 2 have been learning their 2x, 5 and 10x tables. They have been using resources to investigate the number patterns. In History they have been researching the events of the Great Fire of London and comparing London in 2023 to London in 1666.



We are extremely excited to announce the opening of our school nursery. We officially opened on

Monday 30th October for over 3-year-olds. We have 15 hour and 30 hours spaces available. If you would like to find out more about our amazing community school, then please contact the school office 01908 735865 or visit www.shepherdswell.emat.uk for further information.



IS YOUR CHILD DUE TO START SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2024?

Shepherdswell Academy will be opening its doors to prospective new families for tours on the following:

Tuesday 7th November 10am, 1:30pm and 5pm

Contact the School office to book your space on 01908 735865 or office@shepherdswell.emat.uk

*We look forward to seeing you then
Together we learn and grow*

Respect

Responsibility

Teamwork

Kindness

Friendship

Honesty

This Autumn we welcomed our new Reception and Nursery children into our school family to start the next phase in their learning journey. They have been fantastic and are enjoying the wonderful range of learning experiences on offer in our well-resourced learning spaces, both inside and out. They have been learning about the theme of belonging and the importance of our first school value, Friendship.

The school was visited by Ofsted in July 2023 and confirmed that our school and nursery continues to be 'Good'. We are extremely pleased with the outcome of the inspection which very much reflects a school and nursery that we are proud of. The report identifies the many strengths of the school. The inspector commented on how the school's vision, Together we make the difference 'comes to life through its inclusive and welcoming culture. Pupils feel special, valued and safe'.

The pupils throughout the inspection demonstrated how well they behave in school, their positive approaches to learning and how 'they work hard, play fairly and show kindness towards each other'. We are all extremely proud of them.

Our amazing staff team continue to work hard to provide the very best education and care. It was acknowledged how they have 'consistently high expectations for pupils' learning and behaviour' and 'prioritise giving pupils a varied and exciting educational experience that lays firm foundations for lifelong learning'. The inspector highlighted how 'leaders successfully combine their high academic aspirations for every child with strength of care, nurture and love' and 'know every pupil well'.

We are always looking to make links with local businesses to support our pupils' learning and understanding of the world or work around us. This could be through coming into school to talk to our children about your job role or allowing the children to visit a place of work. Please do make contact if you or somebody you know could offer this great opportunity to our children.

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2024 or requires a nursery place and would like to find out more about our amazing community school, then please contact the school office to arrange a school tour. Your child's first educational experiences can set the tone for their future academic career and happiness. Our nurturing school will enable your child to reach their full potential in a happy and caring learning environment.

Mr Hopkins
Headteacher

Together we make the difference

Oldbrook
First School & Nursery

Do you have a child who is due to start school in September 2024?

School Tours Available on
Monday 6th November at 9.00am and 4.00pm
Monday 4th December at 9.15am and 2.30pm

Please contact us to arrange a tour.
01908 604689 | office@oldbrookschool.co.uk
www.oldbrookschool.co.uk

Apply for a school place using the following web address:
www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schools-and-lifelong-learning/school-admissions/

Together we make the difference



ACORN

Community Bank

WHO AND WHAT ARE WE?

Acorn Community Bank is a “not-for-profit” financial cooperative, owned and run by its members. We offer savings and loans at affordable rates, to help our members save and manage their money ethically and responsibly. We can offer a safe place for you to save as all savings are protected by the Government Financial Services Compensation Scheme. Our loans are available at competitive rates and are often well below to those offered by high street and internet based consumer loan companies. All those who live or work in Milton Keynes can join*. There is a £2 joining fee and just £1 minimum savings.

Joining is easy - you can do it online at www.acorncommunitybank.co.uk. You can then complete the membership form online. Once you are a member you can download our smart phone app, manage your account online, check your balance, withdraw savings and apply for a loan. You can save any amount** regularly by standing order or by bank transfer.

We are also in partnership with an organisation called ENGAGE, offering pre-paid debit cards. These can be used for spending or ATM withdrawals just like any other Visa card, but cannot become overdrawn and thus incur high interest charges.

For more information about joining and all our services go to our website. You can get also get advice or any information weekdays by telephoning: 03030 300147 (national rates apply) or by sending an e-mail to office@acorncb.co.uk.

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** Up to £60,000.

CURRENT LOAN PRODUCTS

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All loans are subject to status and lending criteria; loans are usually repaid over 12 months but can be up to 60 months. Terms and conditions apply.

Family Loans from £200 to £1,000: Parents can initially apply for a loan of up to £500, with the limit rising to £1,000 after two years. Your Child Benefit payments are paid into your Credit Union account and are used to repay the loan and for an agreed regular savings. The remainder can be saved or withdrawn. Interest rates are 2.75% to 3.0% per month (38.5%, 42.6% APR).

Personal Loans from £500 to £5,000: For new and existing members, who have not previously saved with us. Interest rates are 1.9% to 3.0% per month (25.3%, 42.6% APR).

Loyalty Savers Loans from £500 to £15,000: For members who have built up savings with us, and who wish to use their savings as security for a larger loan. Interest rates from 0.5% to 2.0% per month (6.1% , 26.8% APR).

Payroll Loans from £500 to £7,500: If you work for an employer who has a partnership agreement with us, then you can save and borrow via deductions from your salary. Interest rates for loans are from 0.5% to 2.0% per month (6.1%, 26.8% APR).

Please be aware that all our loans require either existing savings or an agreed amount of regular savings which cannot then be withdrawn until the loan has been repaid. Credit Reference checks may be required.

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SUMMER FUN IN FISHERMEAD!

We were pleased to host Milton Keynes Play Association at the Pirate Park in Fishermead this summer.

Campbell Park Community Council funded the play sessions, which included an array of activities - arts and crafts, a bouncy castle and a selection of giant games.

There were 3 sessions, held during August and the lovely weather encouraged lots of kids to take part.



STREET LIGHTING

Reporting an issue to MKCC

Please include as much information as possible to help our engineers identify the problem and make the right repairs.



'Dayburner'

The street light is on during the day and doesn't switch off. Use the lamppost column reference number to report this to us. Street lights use sensors so they come on at sunset and go off at sunrise. If the light is on during the day this would suggest an issue with the sensor.

Series of lights out

More than one light in a row is out. This could mean an issue with the electricity supply to the lights and needs to be investigated. Report an issue like this to us using the street name and one of the column reference numbers.



Lamppost door

If a door is missing, damaged or broken this needs to be reported to us straight away. The cables inside the street light column are live so it is a safety hazard. Report this to us using the lamppost reference number or if you can provide a location and street name.

Lamppost column

Sometimes the lampposts are hit by vehicles, or can be affected by tree roots pushing at their base. The lamppost column may be leaning which needs reporting to us so we can check what the issue is. If necessary we will replace or repair any dangerous columns.



Traffic Lights

If there are any issues with traffic light signals they need to be reported to us straight away so we can investigate and make repairs. This may include the lights not working at all or some of the 3 lights being out.

Feeder pillars

If a feeder pillar is damaged it could affect a large number of lights so we need to assess this urgently. Report this using a location giving a street name if possible or the nearest lamppost column reference number.



Report any highways issues using the Report It tab on the website
www.milton-keynes.gov.uk or call 01908 252353

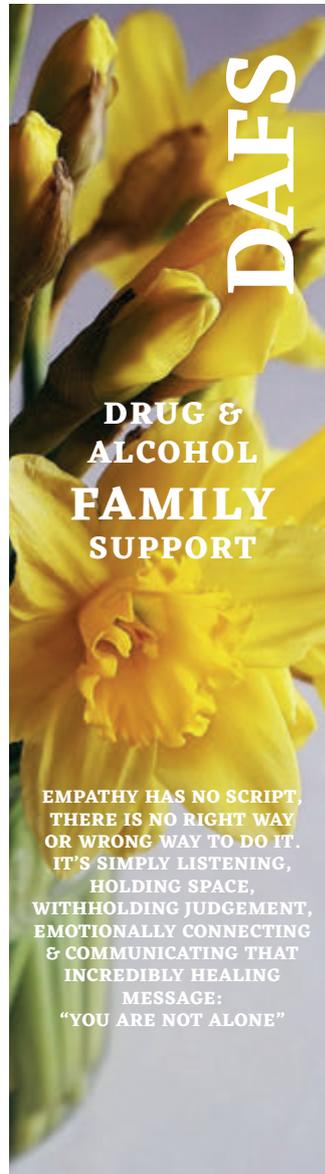
FREE ACTIVITY PACKS FOR CHILDREN

Activity packs will be available for the **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS** (while stocks last)

LOOK OUT ON THE CPMC WEBSITE, FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM FOR COLLECTION DATES

The packs will contain a variety of paper based 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 stocks last. 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 Council Office in Fishermead: **1 Pencarrow Place (behind the Trinity Centre) MK6 2AS** – Monday to Friday 9am – 4pm. If you have any queries, please contact admin@campbell-park.gov.uk or **01908 608559**



Who are DAFS?

DAFS (Drug & Alcohol Family Support) are a grass roots not-for-profit voluntary service who focus on supporting and empowering families of addicted loved ones, without judgement or exclusion.

We offer:

- a SAFE SPACE to come together & share our lived experiences
- a fully confidential service
- compassion & understanding

We also aim to raise awareness of addiction in our communities & work to reduce stigma.

WE SUPPORT STRUGGLING FAMILIES

We motivate families to start to live their lives again & to practise self-care. We encourage them to laugh & to have HOPE for the future, no matter what choices their loved ones make.

To find out more please contact Lynn or Val:

Tel: 07598346244 OR 07874849659

Email: lynn.fox@dafsmk.co.uk OR valerie.forsey@dafsmk.co.uk

Join us on our private Facebook page!
www.facebook.com/groups/MKFamilysupportgroup

Instagram: [dafs.mk](https://www.instagram.com/dafs.mk)

FISHERMEAD COMMUNITY ACTION SPEAKS C.L.C

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S EVE

Saturday 16th Dec 2023
Trinity Centre, Fishermead Boulevard,
Fishermead, MK6 2LA

Sunday 31st December 2023
Seeing the year in as a community!

All are welcome, because no one should feel alone or isolated - bring the children, bring the family, come along with comfy blankets, sleeping bags, pillows etc

drinks Watch out for more details on
music Trinity Centre noticeboard or
 Contact Ophelia on
 07447 499285 food
 Games

FOOD PROGRAMME IN FISHERMEAD

MON Breakfast Club
10am - 1.00pm
TRINITY CENTRE, FISHERMEAD

TUE Lunch Club
12noon - 3.00pm
TRINITY CENTRE, FISHERMEAD

WED Breakfast Club
10am - 1.00pm
TRINITY CENTRE, FISHERMEAD

THUR Dinner (free)
7pm - 8pm
SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH, FISHERMEAD

FRI Community Café
10.30pm - 3pm
TRINITY CENTRE, FISHERMEAD



For information, updates or to find out about other community events scan the QR code or send a WhatsApp message or text to Ophelia on 07447 499285



Kid's Corner



Hello Children,

How was your Summer Holidays?

The weather was a bit odd, one day very wet and the next day very sunny!!!! Couldn't make its mind up....but I did see a lot of our play areas were very busy, especially at tea time.

The dark nights are coming, so please remember to keep looking out for the traffic. Electric cars don't make much noise, so you have to be very aware of crossing the road safely. Remember your "Green Tick Code".

Here are the Tolcarne Avenue Twins. They play on the back field behind their home. On this day, back in the Summer, the boys were helping me to find Murtles' kittens. Murtle had decided to move them from their box in my conservatory. We had to look very hard to try and find them. It got dark, so we had to give up for the day!! We were all upset thinking they may die, but, to our surprise the very next morning Murtle had returned the kittens herself! Hurray, hurray!!!! All present and correct....



First is Pets Club.... Do you remember Dawid from Poland? With Shandy his kitten that was 5 weeks old!! He is now 7 months old. He has had his first booster injection, he is now micro-chipped, and he has also been neutered (meaning he will be more of a house cat).

Also, I look after 2 stray cats. One of which, Murtle, and Big Ginge, a ginger Tom cat. (photos for you to see).



Murtle & Big Ginge



Here is Archie. He wanted to come shopping with me!!!

If you have any pet photos or a story about a pet, why not send it in to Pets Club to share with everyone?

So, all the usual things to remember:

Stranger Danger. Green Tick Code.



Water Beware:



Nature Watch

There are still a lot of conkers around and about.

Collect as many as you can and make a hole in the middle, thread with some string and knock conkers together with your friend to see whose falls off first.

Good Luck!!!!

Word Search – Find the missing word

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Firework, Bonfire, Halloween, Conker, Chestnuts, Ghost, Skeleton, Apples, Pumpkin, Fancy dress

Send in a Poem:

If you send in a poem and 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 them into the magazine.

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.

Until next time. Have fun!!!!

Cllr Penny.

on behalf of Campbell Park Community Council

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR



Christmas party



SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER

2-4PM

SPRINGFIELD CENTRE, SPRINGFIELD
BOULEVARD, SPRINGFIELD

for more details call 01908 608559

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