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Shenley Brook End & Tattenhoe Community News

The official source of Parish Council news & information for residents of Emerson Valley, Furzton, Kingsmead, Shenley Brook End, Shenley Lodge, Tattenhoe, Tattenhoe Park & Westcroft.

Tattenhoe FC Donation to Kenya

Football kit purchased a few years ago, with a grant from the Parish Council, had been outgrown by the club members but was still in reasonable condition. John Dixon, one of the team coaches has a brother, Simon, who works at Kandara Children's Home in Kenya and not wishing to see good kit go to waste John asked Simon if he could make use of it. Simon jumped at the idea and the kit was duly parcelled up ready to be dispatched to Kenya. Once word got around, members of the Tattenhoe club found other items of sportswear which were no longer needed, sundry shirts, shorts, boots, shin pads, socks and more. All this was shipped to Kenya.



It turned out that the original strip, complete with SBEPC logos, was too big for the orphanage children. However Simon asked if he could share this with young people who attend Ithiru Youth Polytechnic where he also works.

The young people here, 15-16 year olds, are taught practical skills, such as plumbing, car repairs, hairdressing etc. so that they can hopefully get employment and contribute to the family income which can be as little as £35 per month. Although they have football teams they cannot afford kit so this generous gift is greatly appreciated.

The Tattenhoe AFC football kit was presented to İthiru Youth Polytechnic by Simon, in the presence of the Board of Governors and the Senior Chief. Manager Dorcas said "Wow this is an amazing gift from the UK. You quys are so generous and our



From left to right – Dorcas (Manager), Harrison (Board Member), Benson (PTA Rep), John (Treasurer) Michael (Chairman) and Phillip (Senior Chief)

teams look so smart!!" The Chief said "this is a special gift that will be really appreciated and help our team soar at the next tournament".

Only 6 of the girls team would put the kit on for fear that the boys would laugh at them. Even then they would only make it as far as the door for the photo.

John reports that the other kit which included premier league shirts and boots etc was handed over to Kandara Children's Home on June 1st during a local football competition that



weekend, when local dignitaries were present. We may have an update for the next issue.

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CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

The recent local elections have changed the political make up of Milton Keynes Council. The Labour Party gained seats to establish itself as the official opposition, and it remains to be seen what influence it will bring to the policies of the Council. One thing is certain; there is little scope for increased spending in areas deemed to be 'non-essential.' This is reflected in some obvious cost cutting. Have you noticed the length of the grass on the grid road and residential verges? It seems that less frequent cutting saves money, but does it improve the look of your neighbourhood? I think not.

Of course, this Parish Council could take over the maintenance of grass verges, under new powers available to us under the Localism Act. If we were to consider doing this we would need to recognise that the costs would have to be met by residents, through an increase in the Parish Precept, unless Milton Keynes Council reduced Council Tax to reflect the saving they would make. I'd be interested to hear your views on this. Contact details are shown on page 2.

One of the most pleasurable duties I perform is to represent this Parish Council at various events organised by schools in the Parish. One such occasion was held in March at Long Meadow School in Shenley Brook End. I was invited to present awards to the children who had achieved high standards, and had followed the school's Golden Rules. Being on stage, looking at several hundred young children was daunting, I can tell you! I was made most welcome, and was greatly impressed by the excellent behaviour of the children.

We have some great schools in the Parish, and we will continue to support their endeavours wherever we can.

David Livingstone
Parish Council Chairman

Parish Council Meetings

Meetings of the full Parish Council and its committees are held each month on Mondays at 7:15 pm. at Parish Office, 6 Wimborne Crescent, Westcroft (opposite Westfriers).

Full Parish Council

June 25th July 23rd August 28th (Tues) Sept 24th

Community Committee

June 18th July 9th August 13th Sept 10th

Planning & Environment Committee

June 11th July 2nd August 6th Sept 3rd

Members of the public are welcome at any of these meetings.

If you wish to attend, just turn up but you may wish to contact the Clerk on 01908 521538 beforehand to check that there have not been any changes.



Parish Council

Can We Help You?

Grants are available from the Parish Council.

Any group, society, play-group, or charitable organisation in the Parish, or

benefiting residents of the Parish, may apply for a grant from the Parish Council. If you can show us that the grant will be put to good use, we are only too pleased to help.

We will also provide space in the **Community News** to publicise the work of organisations receiving grants. We can include articles from any organisation that benefits the community, irrespective of grant applications. Shenley Brook End & Tattenhoe Parish Council is willing to publicise anything that helps local residents, so please let us know about it.

Contact the clerk by email, telephone or letter. Details at the foot of page 2.

Ward Councillors

Emerson Valley Ward Stuart Burke (Lib Dem) Edith Bald (Conservative) Gerald Small (Conservative)

Furzton Ward

Jenni Ferrans (Lib Dem) Chris Williams (Lib Dem)

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New Parish Warden Tony Jeffs

Having my origins in South Africa and now living in the UK for the past 12 years. I'm a happily married family man for over 27 years with one daughter, two small dogs, a cat who thinks he is a dog



and a soon-to-be returning home Rottweiler.

My working career started in Architecture work for various Architects and property developers before moving to another City and joining their local Council as a Building Inspector. We as a family decided to move to the UK to start a fresh life and started working in the Telecommunication industry doing Computer Aided Draughting for various mobile networks. I ended up working for local government again as a Warden for Milton Keynes Council before joining Shenley Brook End & Tattenhoe Parish Council.

I consider myself to be an outdoor person especially in the job and after hours playing golf, spending time with the family and animals and going for walks or bicycle rides.

As a Parish Warden I'm looking forward to meeting as many residents either out in the Parish or in the office.

Meet Your New Councillor

My name is Mark Mitchell-Doyle and I have recently joined the Parish Council representing Emerson Valley North.

I have lived in the Parish with my wife and daughter for 3 years and 37 years in Bletchley.

As a Parish Councillor, my aim is to provide a link between the community and the Parish Council to raise any issues that may arise and take care of the safety and welfare of the residents as well as our environment.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss anything.

Community Committee Report

The Community Committee deals with all community issues, youth services, support for voluntary organisations and grant funding so it seems appropriate at the end of our current financial year to look at what we have done over the last 12 months.

Our Youth Team led by Andy Ridgway continues to provide a wide range of opportunities for the young people of our Parish. Activities range from football at Tattenhoe Pavilion and general outdoor fun & games when the weather permits on the playing fields at Westcroft to Youth Clubs for the 11-16 year olds at Furzton Pavilion on Tuesdays and the Parish Office on Thursdays.

In the last year some 20 organisations working within the Parish have received grants from the Parish Council, totalling over £14,000. Elsewhere in this issue you will find more detail of how some of these grants have benefited our local community. If you are charity or local group within the Parish, and would like to apply for a grant, please contact our Clerk, Carole McMillan, who will be delighted to guide you through the application process.

Earlier this year we were pleased to support and get involved in two joint 'Clean Up' events involving local residents and organisations together with Milton Keynes Council officers and Parish Wardens, the first at Westcroft District Centre, the second at the ponds at Shenley Lodge. More details on both of these events are reported in this issue and you can also see us in action on youtube by going to our website www.shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk and clicking on the link. Future events are being planned so check the website for details.

The Committee also felt that the Parish should mark the Queen's diamond Jubilee in some way. Various ideas were considered but it was eventually decided to install a number of benches around the Parish, each with a plaque commemorating the occasion. One bench will be located in each grid square. Unfortunately, due to the extremely wet weather over recent weeks, the installation of the benches has been delayed but it is hoped that they will be in place before the summer for residents to enjoy. To mark the event the first person to provide photographs of all the benches, hard copy or jpeg, with sufficient background to establish the locations will receive a bottle of bubbly and the pictures will appear in the September issue of Community News.

Hello from all at Hungerford House

We are delighted with our new lawn mower that you provided for us.

Now we will be able to keep on top of grass cuttings. Tenants will have the choice to interact & contribute to the Scheme.

As we had our lovely garden shed given to us also last year we can now look after all our garden equipment.

Tenants of Hungerford House & Eastbury Court take great pride in their homes & surroundings. Tending the communal gardens enables & encourages more independence within the Scheme, the gardens promote activity, fresh air & wellbeing.

We are now planning ahead for garden parties, Bar-B-Qs etc but most of all just sitting out & chatting at any opportunity.

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HARRY'S SPORTING DREAM

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twenty five Milton Keynes schools and community
centres, performing Harry's Sporting Dream,
delivered by musicians playing Flute, Violin,
Bassoon and Percussion, lead by a Narrator. The
Parish Council provided the necessary funding to
enable this charming work to be enjoyed by pupils
from Merebrook Infant School, Howe Park School
and Priory Rise School in our Parish.



The music and narration for this entertaining piece was provided by local Composer Ian Tipping and it follows the character Harry, a small boy who dreams of doing the sporty things his big brothers and sisters can do. He grabs his wishing star which takes him across the world to meet animals teaching him how to jump like a Kangaroo, run like a Cheetah and swing like a Monkey. Children join in through singing, actions and playing hand percussion instruments.

Parish Council Chairman, David Livingstone commented, "I visited two of the performances, and it was very obvious that the children enjoyed the experience immensely. This is the kind of event we are happy to support."

FAREWELL TO BILL DAWSON

Bill Dawson, Clerk to the Council since 2010 has decided to retire. Bill, has guided us through many changes in Local Government, caused by the new Localism Act.



We wish him a happy retirement and thank him for his valuable contribution.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CLERK

We are very pleased that Carole McMillan has accepted the position of Clerk to Council, following Bill Dawson's retirement.



Carole joined the Parish Council in 2008, and has been our Deputy Clerk for two years, during which time she achieved the CiLCA Certificate as a fully qualified Clerk. We wish her success in her role as senior officer of the Parish Council.

Korfstock 2012

Korfstock, the huge family fun day wrapped around the UK's largest korfball tournament is back at Emerson Valley Sports Pavilion and is FREE to all.

This year the date is set for Saturday 14th July from 1pm to 6pm.

50 teams from around the UK will be competing in korfball, the great mixed-sex sport that is very popular in Milton Keynes, especially in our parish. Shenley Brook End based club MK Roos will be leading the local challenge having recently won the South Midlands Korfball Association Cup Final against Walton Rogues.

Korfstock includes bouncy castles, arts and craft activities, alternative sports, music and much more, with all activities free.

At 5pm there will be a celebrity korfball match raising funds through donations for the Milton Keynes Neonatal Baby Unit.

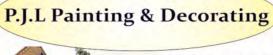
There will be a barbecue and the Pavilion bar is open all day.

So pop along for a great afternoon of fun.

If you want to display your club or activity or want to know more, please contact Darren Gray on 07949411502.

Also, why not pop along to Emerson Valley Sports Pavilion any Wednesday evening in the summer to join Roos and learn this great game.





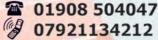


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Brownies Celebrate their First Year

1st Oxley Park Brownies celebrated their first birthday by completing a number of adventurous activities including: quad biking, trapeze, abseiling, assault course,





Jacobs ladder, problem solving, team building, zip wire as well as the traditional campfire and singing. The girls had a wonderful time, many facing personal challenges and feeling such a sense of achievement by

participating in all the activities on offer.

The Brownies really benefitted from attending this special residential event and it will certainly be a birthday they will remember for years to come. They have not only developed individually, but as a team and made great lasting friendships. Many thanks to Shenley Brook End & Tattenhoe Parish Council for the generous grant support.





CLEAN-UP AT THE OLD BEAMS PONDS

The attractive ponds close to The Old Beams public

house in Shenley Lodge have been successfully given a spring clean!

Residents, supported by Parish and Ward Councillors, turned up on a dull Sunday in April to set about a deep-clean of this important local asset. Our two Parish Wardens added extra muscle,

and we were supervised by Milton Keynes Council Countryside Officer, Chris Coppock, who made sure we didn't get over enthusiastic!

Some thirty bin bags of rubbish were filled, and a considerable quantity of rotten timber removed from the site. Overgrown greenery was pruned and the

resulting effect has greatly improved the whole area.

After two hours the clean up crew met up at The Old Beams, where refreshments were generously provided free of charge.

This is part of a new initiative called 'PRIDE IN WHERE YOU LIVE', and will be followed by other such activities throughout the Parish in

future months.

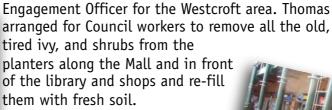
If you live in an area that could do with a 'clean-up', and can spare an hour or so to help, we'll support you all the way. Just get in touch through the Parish Office. Contact details are on page 2.





With the help of the weather which turned out fine for once there was something of a party atmosphere when local school groups, residents of Westcroft, Milton Keynes Council workers, Parish Council staff and Councillors all turned out to give the area a face lift.

The event was masterminded by Thomas Brockway, Milton Keynes Council's Neighbourhood



Morrison's kindly donated a large number of boxes of bedding plants which were used to give a fresh look to the planters.

Meanwhile , with litter pickers provided by the Parish Council, children from Long Meadow School scurried around collecting litter while Parish Councillors supplied refreshments.

Councillor Delphine Wolfe was on hand with face painting for the younger ones and local shops and organisations exhibited their wares.

As if that wasn't enough,
Westfriers Fish & Chip Shop generously
provided workers with free lunches. The
event was hailed as a great success by
shoppers and helpers. All that we can

hope now is that those who use the area will appreciate the efforts of the volunteers and keep it looking tidy!

Meanwhile a big thank you to all those involved. Other events are being

planned so keep an eye on our website for information.

Jubilee Bench

One of eleven to be placed around the Parish





Gardening - March 2012

When I first started planning this article in early April the weather was unseasonably hot and a hosepipe ban came into force on 5th April, following two very dry winters. The brook in the linear park was down to a trickle. Now in early May tidying

up my article ready for publication, the brook has broken its banks in several places and the water is gushing through Tattenhoe & Emerson Valley into Furzton Lake in a torrent of water. However we are told this will not top-up the water table sufficiently and the hosepipe ban will remain in force for the foreseeable future



This means that we should still plan for a shortage of water for our gardens by storing as much rainwater as we can in butts fixed to downpipes from our roofs and planting those plants that are used to dry conditions. This will give us a good show without using too much water.



Clematis (Hagley Hybrid)

My favourites in this category are geraniums and clematis (see photo) and my perennials such as lupins, delphiniums and hollyhocks. I propagate from seed so not only are they good in dry weather but also cheap to grow. Any plant that comes from a warm climate will take less water. I love my

hibiscus (see photo) but look around especially if you holiday in the Mediterranean countries and see what flourishes there. Use water from the kitchen where possible; obviously not if it contains food residue as this could bring bacteria into your garden but it is amazing how much clean water we throw down

the sink. Do not worry if it has some washing up liquid in it as this is good for getting rid of greenfly. Do not water any garden perennials with the 'little and often approach' this will encourage the roots, especially on shrubs and small trees, to come to the surface



Hibiscus

causing damage and sometimes killing the plant. Soaking well once per week will be much more beneficial. This can't work on hanging baskets and small patio pots where the use of special crystals in the soil to aid water retention will help. These pots will need watering much more often, depending on their size and position.

This year is a milestone for me in gardening. My first experience of growing from seed was as a young child helping my father sow blue lobelia, white alyssum and red antirrhinum in his greenhouse for the Queens Coronation. We pricked out dozens of boxes of the plants and sold them at cost price to our neighbours, so all the gardens in our road were decked out in red, white and blue for the coronation celebrations. This year I am repeating the colour scheme in my hanging baskets with red petunias and blue and white trailing lobelia.

Unfortunately my father is no longer with us but I hope to have a show to do him proud and will take photographs for a future article.

From this you can see my involvement in gardening started a long time ago, although before that, I had helped (or maybe hindered) my grandfather on his allotment as soon as I could walk. My interest grew steadily through my teens but once married with my own garden, I completed various college courses to add to my knowledge. There is still one question that I get asked over and over again that is -

"Why are my daffodils blind?"

The most usual reason they are blind is that they are not planted deep enough to keep them moist during the summer. If the daffodil bulb dries out during July the new flower bud fails to form deep inside the bulb and you will not have a bloom next year. Bulb growers keep the new bulbs in a moist atmosphere before putting them on sale in the autumn. Your problem could be caused simply by not planting deep enough or in some cases, where you have large drifts, as the bulbs grow they force each other towards the surface simply trying to shoulder each other out of the way. If your daffodils were blind this year you can remedy this if you act fast NOW and dig them up and replant deeper.

To keep most annual flowers looking good for as long as possible dead head them daily. If a plant thinks it has done its duty and produced seeds it will start to fade but by dead heading it keeps on producing flowers.

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Ginnie



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Tattenhoe Community Group A group of residents formed The



Tattenhoe Community Group (TCG) in 2008, with the intention of making a positive impact on their neighbourhood. TCG has produced newsletters and developed a website to promote groups and the special interests of residents and businesses on their estate.

The group has also supported the formation of community groups such as the befriending service, and Facebook groups such as 'Tatty mummies'. TCG has run a number of popular family events and business network meetings.

The group is very grateful for the support of the Parish Council, the St Giles Church, Giles Brook Primary School, and individual Ward Councilors with their support teams.

TCG will continue to run a few events each year but realize there are many talented and enthusiastic people on the estate capable of running other excellent activities and events. TCG can promote these through its newsletter 'Tattenhoe News' and the TCG website.

Further events for 2012 include a picnic on June 23rd, from 11 am - 3 pm, in conjunction with the Parks Trust opening of a new Eco Friendly home at the site of the Howe Park Woods Cottage, alongside the lane.

More details about events and business advertising can be found at: Tattenhoecommunitygroup.co.uk.

The next deadline for copy into the Tattenhoe News is September 21st 2012. Residents can email the group at Tattenhoe@live.co.uk with their news.

Residents are invited to join the group for refreshments at their informal Annual & General Meeting at the Tattenhoe Sports Pavilion on Friday June 15th at 8pm. Like minded residents interested in community wellbeing are now invited to join the group for its exciting fifth year of progress.

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- Establish regular cutting regime (weekly if possible) to a finished height of no less than 2cm.
- Trim around grass edges and borders to define the grass area.
- Carry out turf repairs or re-seeding to any struggling areas.
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Challacombe Play Area Refurbishment

I have lived opposite the park for over 15 years, one of the reasons I stood for election 5 or so years ago to SBE Council was because I was interested in the local environment and the park in particular.

One of the reasons I chose the location was that my children, then still toddlers, loved the park.

The park was once very popular and well used by all ages and groups of residents, though sadly over a number of years it had become neglected, empty of both people and equipment.



The tall Poplar trees were not really suitable, making the park dark and damp and full of leaf litter, the play equipment fell in to disrepair, and was gradually removed. One eyesore in particular was the little play hut.

I raised the issue with the Parish Council a while ago and with the support of all the members & officers past and present I am pleased to say that work has begun on the refurbishment.

The project is being funded through the Parishes Partnership Fund. Residents near the park were consulted and plans approved. Work began just after Easter but has been delayed by the recent very wet weather.

The Poplars have been pollard and the tree trunks used to make a feature. I have spoken to a few neighbours and they seem pleased with the work so far, I certainly am. The tree surgeon contractors did a good job and the park is now light and airy.

One of the Poplars on the perimeter houses a crow's nest and was left intact which is not only compliant with environmental law but good for wildlife too.

New play equipment is to be installed and, when completed, the newly landscaped & refurbished park should have a new lease of life! I hope the park becomes popular again and that residents enjoy it.

Councillor Charlie Osler

Report from Down Under!

G'day!, we have been in Sydney now for nearly 3 months and love living here. It is so different from the way of life we were used to in Milton Keynes and the weather is better which means we are out a lot more than we used to be in the UK. There are lots of green spaces and parks here which is exciting for us as a family as we can go out exploring to see what we can find.

We have found some really good water parks for our 17 month old boy to play in the water, it's a really fun and safe environment for him. They are also free which is great especially when you are on a budget.

It's a great place for families here and especially if you love sports. On a Sunday the public transport is brilliant if you have children as you get a train ticket for the day for \$2.50 (about £1.50) per adult and you can travel on all trains, buses, ferries and light railway.

We are currently living in an apartment building which has a swimming pool, spa, sauna, gym, tennis court and BBQ's all on the roof and it also has fabulous views of Sydney. So we are living a life of luxury (well for 6 months anyway until we find a house to live in).

It seems there are the usual issues here that I used to try and deal with in the Parish and my main issue here at the moment is dog fouling!! Bags are provided free at all the open spaces so there is no excuse but I have still walked through dog poo a few times and it's not nice in flip flops!!!!

I am currently looking for a job and I am sure I will find one soon but I am also having too much fun looking after our son whilst my wife is at work.

Anyway, enough from me for now, but if you ever have a chance to visit Australia make sure you come over as it is a fabulous country and I am sure you won't regret visiting.

Mark Webber

AWARD FOR CHAIRMAN

Parish Council Chairman David Livingstone has been awarded a Commendation by Thames Valley Police Area Commander, Superintendent Nikki Ross.



The Commendation was for 'Services to Shenley Lodge & Furzton Neighbourhood Action Group, and the Parish Council.'

Commenting, David said, "This came as a complete surprise. I'm obviously very flattered, but I take the view that this award reflects the hard work and commitment of Members of both the NAG and the Parish Council, without whose efforts this award would never have been made."

Planning & Environment Committee Report

In the last issue I reported that things were quiet on the planning front. Spring has obviously stirred people into action and last month alone we had nineteen applications to review. While most of these were relatively routine we were faced with a number of major issues which have implications for Tattenhoe residents.

McMullen's Brewery has put in an application to build a pub in Tattenhoe on a site which has long been designated for this purpose. Whilst the pub itself has been generally welcomed, there is considerable concern with regard access, which as things stand will be via Portishead Drive, a notorious bottleneck.

Residents were invited to see the plans at the Parish Office in late April and meet with a representative of the brewery. The meeting was well attended and informed our response to Milton Keynes Planning Department. At the time of going to press we are still hoping to arrange a meeting with MKC to review the access issue and see if any alternative solution can be found. The matter of licensing hours has also been discussed and agreement has been reached that, assuming the planning application goes through, the licensing hours will be in line with other licensed premises in the Parish.

A planning application has also been submitted for an electricity substation on Chaffron Way, again on a site designated for this purpose. Residents have expressed concerns with regard to noise, privacy and also the potential effects of electromagnetic radiation. We have had meetings with the energy company and Milton Keynes Council and have been reassured with regard to the radiation and privacy issues but we and MKC still need more information on the noise question. This is being pursued by MKC Environmental Health Department. This substation is essential to ensure security of supply for the area which regularly suffers power cuts. However, approval will be subject to assurances regarding noise.

Plans have also been received for Phase one of Tattenhoe Park which will consist of around 160 dwellings. Subject to planning approval work is likely to begin on this development later this year.

Keith Thomas
Planning & Environment Committee Chairman

Youth Team Report

Although we have not seen much sign it of so far, the Youth Team are looking forward to the sunshine of the summer finally reaching our Parish. We have made some little tweaks to our programme to ensure that we are getting the most out the buildings in the Parish and also providing more space for young people.

Our Wednesday Youth club that runs from Westcroft has seen brilliant attendance numbers over the past year and many times we have felt a little bit restricted by the size of the Parish Chambers, where the club is held. Moving this session over to the Westcroft Pavilion will give us a bit more flexibility. With the access to the playing fields

our activities can be more sports based without the need for a computer! This session will now take more of an 'in the park' type feel to it in addition to the Furzton Youth Club on a Tuesday.

Our other sessions continue to run as usual. If you would like any further information then please contact Andy on 07970 902570 or youthleader@shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk

Community Events

Following on from the successful Community Clean-Up Event Westcroft, two further events are being planned for the summer. These are planned to improve our estates for residents, advertise what is happening in your area, provide fun activities, and offer opportunities for comment on any further improvements you feel is needed in our Parish.

The First Event is to be held at Tattenhoe Pavilion on Saturday 7th July 2012 between 12am and 4pm, which will be followed by a similar event in Emerson Valley Community Centre later in the summer. Similar to the Fun and Information days that the West Flank Interagency group have previously organised at Tattenhoe Pavilion. These Community and Environment days will provide a good mixture of fun, information and ways to improve the community for everyone.

We are always looking for volunteers to support these events, if anyone is interested in volunteering then please contact our Youth Leader Andy on youthleader@shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk or 07970 902570

Andy Ridgway



Community Centre Information

SHENLEY BROOK END

Shenley Brook End Community Centre

Egerton Gate, Shenley Brook End.

Telephone for bookings: Call 01908 649434

Regular Users of the Centre

- ◆ Children's Dance Classes
- ◆ Christian Fellowship (Thursday mornings)
- ◆ Fusion after school club ◆ Karate for Children
 - ◆ Weightwatchers ◆ Sugar Guild
 - ◆ Shenley Stitchers (Cross-stitch)

Shenley Brook End Village Hall

Church End Road, Shenley Brook End

Telephone for bookings:

Call Margaret on 01908 521530 Regular Users of the Centre

- ◆ 'Drop In' Meetings Mondays from 2pm 4pm
- ◆ **Pilates with April** 01908 550270 Monday 7.30pm -8.30pm
- ◆ Yoga with Katie 6-7pm beginners, 7:30-9:00 others
 - ◆Musical Monkeys Wednesday 10am 11am
- ◆ Little Acorns (07834417777) Tuesday 9.30 - 11.00 in term time
- ◆ Baby Acorns
 Tues. 11.15-12.30 in term time
- ◆ Acorns Toddler Group 9:30-11:30 Thursday in term time
- ◆ Bingo 2:00pm 3.30pm Thursdays

◆Urban Scouts Wednesday 5:00pm - 8:00pm

◆Mini Strikers Wed. 12:30 - 2pm Fri. 3pm - 5pm

◆ Thistle Scottish Dance Club Wednesday 8pm-10pm

NORTH FURZION

Ridgeway Community Centre Dulverton Drive, North Furzton

For Mon to Fri bookings call Bill Swindon on 07415 614409 or for Saturday bookings Sam Seaton on 07920 884944 Regular Users of the Centre

- ◆ Beavers & Cubs ◆ Geological Society
 - ◆ Maths & English Clubs
 - ◆ Naiken System
 - ◆ Over 60s Keep Fit & Line Dancing
 - ◆ Rosemary Conley Fitness & Diet
 - ◆ Square Dancing ◆ Scottish Dance
 - ◆ Taekwondo
 - ◆ Furzton Tots Pre-school

SOUTH FURZTON

Community Centre Blackmoor Gate, Furzton.

Telephone for bookings:
Call Jo Fasolo on 07739 800840
Regular Users of the Centre

- ◆ Brownies ◆ Dance Group
- ◆ Fitness & Self-defence
 - ◆ Healing Group
- ◆Mums & Tots ◆ Nifty 60s
 - ◆ Red Dragon Karate

EMERSON VALLEY SOUTH

River Valley Centre Whitehorse Drive, Emerson Valley

> Telephone for bookings: Call Lyn on 01908 367329 Regular Users of the Centre

- ◆ Playgroup (Pre-School)
- ◆ Rainbows ◆ Brownies ◆ Guides
 - ◆ Parent and Toddler
- Weightwatchers ◆ Slimming World
- ◆Mini-Strikers ◆ Little Ninjas/Taekwondo
 - ◆Sunday Mornings Church Meeting

EMERSON VALLEY NORTH

Emerson Valley
Community Centre
Roeburn Crescent, Emerson Valley

Telephone for bookings: Call Lyn on 01908 367329 Regular Users of the Centre

- ◆ Howe Park Scout Group
 - ◆ Ducklings Pre-school
 - ◆Line Dancing
- ◆ Spanish & French Lessons
- ◆ Mini Strikers ◆ Martial Arts
 - ♦ Weightwatchers ◆ Yoga

SHENLEY LODGE

Shenley Lodge Meeting Place

Faraday Drive, Shenley Lodge

Telephone For bookings:
Call Wendy on 07505 900686
Regular Users of the Centre

- ♦ Bosom Pals
- ◆ Slimdance
- ◆ Shenley Lodge Pre-School
- ◆ Shenley Christian Fellowship
- ◆ Reflection Meditation Group

OXLEY PARK

Oxley Park Community Centre Redgrave Drive, Oxley Park

Telephone for bookings:
Call 01908 524482
Regular Users of the Centre

- ◆ Little Owls Sure Start Centre
 - ◆ Kingsmead Pre-school
 - & Oxley Park Toddler Group
- ◆ Ziggy After School Group
- ◆ Cub Scouts & Brownies
 - ◆Ragdolly Annas
- ◆ Al Muminaat (Arabic Classes)
- ◆ Tatty Bumpkins & Baby Bumpkins
 - ◆Beginners Yoga
- ◆ Phoenix Tactical UK (Kick Boxing)
- ◆ Embroiderer's Guild (MK Branch)
 - ◆ Beginners Line Dancing
 - ◆Slim Dance Latin Dancing
- ◆ Various Faith Groups (Ask for details)
- ◆Families Need Fathers Support Group

TATTENHOE

Tattenhoe Pavilion
Holborn Crescent, Tattenhoe.

Telephone for bookings: Call 01908 749038 Regular Users of the Centre

- ◆ Ahmadmus Muslim Association
 - ◆ Cheeky Monkeys Kids Club
 - ◆ Ducklings Pre-school
 - ◆ EJP Football League
 - ◆MK Seishin Aikido Club◆ Wendy's Aerobics
- ◆ Kathy's Kiddies Musical Melodies
- ◆ Tairyoku Shotokan Karate Club
 - ◆ Tattenhoe Parents & Toddlers
 - ◆ Tumble Tots
 - ♦ Weightwatchers
 - ◆ Zumba Fitness Classes

WESTCROFT

Westcroft Meeting Place
Wimborne Crescent,
Westcroft.

Telephone for bookings: Call 01908 253154 or 01908 253334

Regular Users of the Centre

- ◆ After School Club (SWASP)
 - ◆ Ducklings Pre-school
 - ◆ Ismalis Group
- ◆ Jesus Fellowship Church
 - ◆ MK Pipe Band
- ◆ MK Society of Artists
- ♦ Weightwatchers

Alzheimer's Society Support Group

What's On?

Furzton Scout Group

Beavers (age 6-8) Mondays 6-7pm Cubs (age 8-10) Wednesdays 6.30-8pm Scouts (age 10-14) Wednesdays 7-9pm Ridgeway Community Centre, Dulverton Drive, North Furzton Contact Ray on 01908 526463

Howe Park Scout Group

Beavers (age 6-8) Mondays 6-7pm
Cubs (age 8-10) Tuesdays 6.30-8pm
Westcroft District Centre, Wimborne Crescent
Scouts (age 10-14) Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:30pm
Emerson Valley Meeting Place (North), Roeburn Crescent
Contact Janette on 01908 503093 or visit our website:
http://howeparkscouts.org.uk

Loughton Scout Group

Beavers (age 6-8) Thursdays 5.45-7pm Cubs (age 8-10) Wednesdays 6.30-8pm Scouts (age 10-14) Thursdays 7-9pm Loughton Memorial Hall, Bradwell Road, Loughton Contact **Ray** on **01908 526463**

Football For Fun (6 or 10 a-side, depending on numbers)

Tuesday evenings. 8-9pm. Anyone welcome, male or female, and any skill level, though being able to kick a ball is helpful! You must be 16 or over, but no upper limit! Currently £2.00 per session. Shenley Brook End School (Astroturf, all weather pitch) More info from Chris (07773 451678) or Matt (07804 098446) Part of the activities organised by Shenley Christian Fellowship.

Parkside Community Sports & Football Club

Indoor bowls for males & females from 9 upwards on Tuesday evenings 7.00 to 9.00pm

Fun Football for: for boys and girls from 5 years old and upwards on Wednesday evenings 5:30pm - 7pm. We also run wheelchair football. Contact Chris on 01908 501658 for details of all activities.

Thursday Club

Every Thursday afternoon. Shenley Brook End Village Hall 2-3.30pm

If you enjoy Bingo and meeting new people everybody is welcome, young, old, male or female.

Fun Language Clubs for 3-9 year old children Fun Spanish Clubs with El Club Español

Every Saturday. 11:15-12:15 in Emerson Valley

Fun French Clubs with Le Club Français

Every Saturday in Emerson Valley 10-11

Contact **Helen** by email on: <u>helenjones2005@yahoo.co.uk</u> or phone **07759287206** for further information and book your child's free trial. Website: <u>www.lcfclubs.com/helenjones</u>

Loughton and Shenley Over 60's Club

Every Wednesday afternoon. 2:15-5:00pm Loughton Memorial Hall, Bradwell Road, Loughton New members always welcome. Call **Sylvia** on **01908 569165** for information

Shenley Christian Fellowship

Every Sunday morning. - 10.30am-12noon Creche available
Shenley Brook End School, 6th Form Centre
Every Sunday evening 6.30 -7.30pm. - Shenley Lodge Meeting Place
Call Chris on 504299 or Lynn on 524742 for information.
Term Time Toddler & Carer Groups- SBE Village Hall (No charge + free
hot drinks). Little Acorns (Walkers -2 yrs) Tues 9.30am - 11.00am
Baby Acorns (Pre Walkers) Tues 11.15am -12.3-pm
Acorns Group (2yrs - 5yrs) Thurs 9.30am - 11.30am.
contact Helen on 07834417777.

'Drop In': Call in for a 'cuppa', chat & relax, or join in with one of our activities. Every Monday, 2pm to 4pm at SBE Village Hall No charge.

Website: www.scf-mk.orq.uk email: lynn.mepham@scf-mk.orq.uk

Shenleys and Loughton Women's Institute

2nd. Tuesday afternoon of every month except August - 2.30pm Loughton Memorial Hall, Bradwell Road, Loughton New members always welcome. For more information: Call **Rosemary** on **01908 521725** or **Barbara** on **01908 503885**

Shape Changers Square Dance Club

We are a new club formed to take beginners through the basic steps of square dancing. We meet on Thursday evenings 8 - 10pm at Ridgeway Community Centre, Furzton.
All are welcome £4 per session
Contact Susie on 01280 816940

Rotaract Club of Milton Keynes

Rural Social and Community Group for 18-30 year olds New members always welcome

1st and 3rd Monday of every month. Venues vary

Contact: Daren on 07717 154803 or Wendy on 07974 821370 Website: www.10.brinkster.com/mkrotaract

Zumba Fitness Classes

Every Tuesday evening 7:30 - 8:30 at Tattenhoe Pavilion.
Every Thursday evening 7:20 - 8:10 & 8.15 - 9.10 Oxley Park School.
Every Saturday morning 10.15 - 11.15 at Oxley Park Primary School
Contact Yasmin on 07966488727 or email yasmin@zumba.uk.com
for more information.

Alzheimer's Society Support Group

Information support & advice for anyone affected by dementia - Westcroft Health Centre every other Tuesday 14:00 = 15:30 Contact **Dee Cope 01908 261750** for information or email dee.cope@alzheimers.org.uk

To publicise an event in our **FREE** 'What's On' listing, send details to the address on page 2, or e-mail: **clerk@shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk**



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Point of Contact for Allotment Matters

If you would like to apply for an allotment or if you have any queries or ideas regarding your allotment please contact:

carole.mcmillan@shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk

Pink Sacks

A Reminder that pink sacks are available for collection at the Parish Office for anyone who wants them. It's a good idea to call 521538 first to make sure staff are available.





Milton Keynes First PassivHaus

You may have seen the new house taking shape on the edge of Howe Park Wood in Hengistbury lane, Tattenhoe. It is being built by the Parks Trust to replace a burnt-out 1930's farm house, and will be available soon for rent. This is however, no ordinary house.

Although the occupants will live in it like an ordinary house, they will have vastly reduced energy bills. The home is built to the European PassivHaus standard, meaning it is comfortable throughout the year. People who live in a PassivHaus (there are thousands on the continent), say it just works, and why would you do anything else. The house works by utilising high levels of insulation, high performance triple glazed windows which optimise the solar gain from the sun in winter, and careful detailing.



There are virtually no draughts in this house as it has been designed so that it will be probably the most airtight house in the country. Ventilation is provided by a highly efficient Mechanical Ventilation Heat Recovery Unit (MVHR), keeping 90% of the heat in the house. This unit takes fresh air from outside, heats it from exhaust air from the kitchen and bathrooms and delivers it to the bedrooms and living spaces. There is also the option of opening the windows, though this will incur a small penalty on winter fuel bills.

Using standard National Home Energy Rating (NHER) figures it is calculated that the house will cost only £74 a year to heat (with expensive electricity), plus £70 for hot water, £96 for cooking and an estimated £725 for

appliances. Photovoltaic solar panels on the roof are expected to generate £282 of electricity so this brings the estimated fuel cost to just £683 per year.

Other eco features in the home include a drying and washing room on the first floor, using the MVHR system to dry clothes, an A+++ fridge freezer, low flush toilets and solar hot water. The home has been decorated throughout with natural healthy paints, except for the feature wall on the staircase which uses recycled paint (made from left over half pots of paint and reformulated and blended to any colour of choice!)

The house will be open to view on Saturday 23rd of June, as part of The Parks Trust Little Green Fair, which will include tours of the house, and a

talk by the architects Eco Design Consultants on the PassivHaus and what you can do to improve the performance of your existing home.

The house was designed by Architects Eco Design Consultants, who also provided the PassivHaus consultancy. The main contractor was Parkway Construction, the timber frame was supplied and erected by Touchwood Homes Ltd. and Jackson Coles provided the project Management.





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