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THIS NEWSLETTER, which is modestly supported by advertisers to help with the printing cost, is delivered to every household in the parish. With every issue we are having to print more to take account of the ever-growing population - we have printed 7000 copies of this November issue #4!

The newsletter is designed to contain a potpourri of news and features especially for the benefit of parishioners. Inside you will find something of the parish and MK council's work, information about local groups and centres, schools, health, gardening, fishing and cycling, not to mention the exciting and continuing story of Bletchley Park in WW2, and the latest development news for the New City Theatre and Gallery.

In a recent MK Council survey people were asked about the local area where they lived. Overall, forty five per cent were 'very satisfied', 40 per cent were fairly satisfied and four per cent were neutral, while the remaining 11 per cent were dissatisfied or didn't know. So eighty five per cent of us are at ease with that part of Milton Keynes in which we live. However there is a downside. For example when asked the specific question about 'safety in respect of crime and vandalism', people were split down the middle: half felt safe and the others were very unhappy. So there can be no room for complacency and those in positions of local responsibility must influence the decision-makers to make prudent change, where change is needed, and give help where it is in their power to do so. Indeed, the MK Council is already planning to go back to the people surveyed to get a more in-depth response so they can target ways to give a better service to the Milton Keynes community at large.

If you have a comment, wish to participate or debate any of the issues raised in this newsletter, come to our meetings - time and place shown at the bottom of page 2 - or write to our Parish Clerk at the address given on page 20.



**A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

From all the Parish Council Members
and their Clerk.

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION. See page 14.

Youth to the fore . . . the committee reports

DURING THE summer months the Parish Council's Youth Committee, chaired by David Pickard, has consulted with youth workers' leaders, local schools and Social Service personnel to assess the needs of children in the parish - and how the parish council could best help them through the means of special funding or grant aid.

While not identifying an issue or project that needs immediate attention, the Youth Committee has recommended the forging of closer links with local schools and youth workers within the parish. In future meetings parish councillors will look at how best to accommodate the committee's suggestions in order to help the children of our parish.

A New Residents Association . . .

Emerson Valley North residents are invited to become members of the new Emerson Valley North Residents Association. Interested? Please write to or telephone Mr Robert Stroud, the founder of the Association, at 36 Wenning Lane, Emerson Valley, Milton Keynes, MK4 2JF. Tel: 01908 506011 for details.

. . . and a new Community Centre.

The new Community Centre at Shenley Brook End urgently needs people to help get the facility up and running and develop its future as an important local venue. Call Amanda Davis at Leisure and Community Properties, Milton Keynes Council 253175.

Trying Times . . . or how do we end this merry-go-round farce?

The matter of garbage, spoil and rubble dumping by certain visiting traveller groups in the parish is now reaching epidemic proportions; and the sight of transient encampments surrounded by rubbish is demeaning, undignified and disgraceful, both to travellers as well as parish residents. And when they do leave a site filthy with trash the clean-up process is costly to both land-owners and to us, the Council tax-payers.

The Parish Council feels it has a role to play in finding a solution to this problem - it will explore ways and means of contributing to the debate, and influencing those who have the power and duty to do something about it.

Parish Councillors

Your Parish Councillors are:

Derek Mynard	South Furzton (Chairman Policy & Finance Committee)
Fernley Rose	Shenley Brook End (P & F Committee and Youth Committee)
David Pickard	Emerson Valley (P & F Committee and Youth Committee)
Michael Tierney	Shenley Brook End (Allotments and P & F Committee)
Keith Sherman	North Furzton
Bernadette Lake	Shenley Brook End (Planning)
Maureen Mynard	South Furzton
Anne Johnson	Shenley Lodge
David Varley	Emerson Valley
David White	Clerk Treasurer

We meet on the third Thursday every month at 7:30 pm, except August and December

January 15th	at the Ridgeway Community Centre, North Furzton.
February 19th	at the Ridgeway Community Centre, North Furzton.
March 19th	at the Ridgeway Community Centre, North Furzton.

(Venue and dates subject to change - watch notice boards in the parish).

Sunday 24 August

THE SCENE was set for our biggest and best fete ever. During the morning a host of willing hands set up the Marquee (a first for us) and the band arrived to set up their equipment (live music was also a first). We hoped previous advertising, the coloured bunting and a bouncy castle would encourage people to come and try their luck at the coconut shy, tombola, wellie throwing, spin-the-wheel, etcetera, or maybe spend a few pennies at the hot-dog and burger stalls: maybe too, they'd enjoy browsing at the White Elephant, or perhaps pick up a first edition at the book stall. We had all this on offer and much more. We also had threatening clouds - which did not release their downpour until most of the stalls were erected . . .

At 2 o'clock the fete was officially opened by Derek Mynard, our Parish Council Chairman accompanied by his wife, Maureen. Then it bucketed down again! Unfortunately this became the theme for the afternoon. However the band played on, the stallholders kept going and the people kept coming in - although the wet tended to reduce the time they spent on the village green.

Conditions made the tug-of-war exciting and difficult, but the competitors had fun and pulled through in great form. It wasn't at all clear that the teams had equal numbers, because the rain steamed up the writer's glasses!

In spite of the adverse weather the Village Hall fund benefited from the day to the tune of £900. The Committee would like to extend a very big thank you to all those who gave donations, those who helped before and on the day, the band for giving freely of their time and, of course, the intrepid public who came to support us in such enthusiastic numbers.



You don't need to be a child to want to play!

Milton Keynes Play Association is a local charity that supports playschemes and after school clubs.

They are looking for local people who are interested in starting up playschemes and fun sessions for children age 5 - 14 years. Thanks to the Community Trust there is money available for small start up grants. The Play Association can offer free training, equipment, information, ideas and support.

Anyone is welcome to contact us from any walk of life. The only criteria is that they must be over 18 and willing to undergo suitability procedures. Local people wishing to start up a scheme in their area should contact Sarah Long at Kiln Farm.



Milton Keynes Play
Association
2 Burners Lane
Kiln Farm
Milton Keynes
MK11 3HB
Tel: (01908) 263033
Fax: (01908) 261588

LET'S GO FOR A WALK!

THE PARKS TRUST believe dog walkers are important and highly valued visitors to all the parks and open spaces in Milton Keynes. At times however their pets can cause conflict with other park users and with wildlife. In the recent survey of the environment undertaken by the Milton Keynes Council, dog foul was voted as the second most important local concern by readers of the Messenger. Unfortunately some of the less responsible dog owners are still leaving mess behind in the Shenley Brook End parish open spaces.

The Government introduced new legislation in 1996 which gave local authorities the power to designate entire areas of open space as poop-scoop zones, and to levy an on-the-spot fine of up to £1000 for infringements. This new opportunity to designate public parks and walkways does away with the laborious business of imposing specific by-laws. Everyone is keen to continue to tackle the problem, but it does need all of us to work together.

SO HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Train your pet to defecate in your own garden and dispose of it carefully. Small quantities can be wrapped and placed in rubbish bags, or alternatively flushed down the toilet. Dog foul composting bins for your garden can be purchased from pet stores. If your dog fouls in the park you are obliged to clean it up and dispose of it appropriately.

The Parks Trust has a well-publicised policy of not providing waste bins. We firmly believe that it is an individual's responsibility to take charge of their own rubbish, and this includes what their pets leave behind.

**RESPECT OTHERS!**

Many people - walking, picnicking or jogging - do not welcome your dog's friendly attentions. Always keep your dog under proper control in the parks. Wildlife can be devastated, and grazing animals terrified. You may know your pet won't hurt them - they don't. Always keep your dog on a lead in woodlands, and keep your dog on a lead in grazing areas to protect sheep. Most children are scared of dogs, and there is the danger of eye disease Toxocara being spread by dog mess. Never take your dog into a play area, even on a lead.

That's enough of the bad news! Keep enjoying the parks, the events and walks organised by the Trust. Do keep an eye on the Trust's regular feature in the weekly 'Citizen on Sunday'. Every week it carries news of the latest seasonal news and also ideas for circular walks across the Council area.

If you would like to share your ideas and complaints (!) with the Parks Trust, please do not hesitate to contact the Ranger team or their

M K Parks Trust Events in Milton Keynes

DECEMBER - Sunday 7th - PARKS, RUN AND RAMBLE - 9.30 am to 12 noon. Meet in the Peace Pagoda car park off Brickhill Street (V10). A choice of a gentle ramble around Willen North Lake, accompanied by the local Ranger, of one and a half to two hours, or a fun run of three distances: 2, 4 and 10 Km.

Sunday 14th - CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN LINFORD WOOD - 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm
Park in Breckland car park off Monks Way (H13) and follow the signs into the wood. Come and join in a Christmas sing-song among the Christmas trees at the Southern corner of Linford Wood and escape the seasonal stress of Christmas shopping. You will be accompanied by local musicians and the birds and mammals of the wood. Seasonal hot refreshments will greet you as the sun settles over the snow-capped trees. Come prepared with a lantern to light your song sheets.

FEBRUARY - Sunday 1st - A WALK through HOWE PARK WOOD - 2:30 to 4:30 pm
The walk, especially arranged for 'local' people and conducted by Colin Savage - the Area Park Ranger for the parish - will focus on the wildlife and the history of the wood. Meet in the Howe Park Wood car park off Chalfon Way (H17), opposite the Westcroft Centre (Safeways).

Milton Keynes Parks Trust, 1300 Silbury Boulevard, Campbell Park, Milton Keynes MK9 4PT or Telephone: 01908 233600.

ROSS LEAL, a Senior Planning Officer at the Milton Keynes Council, is partly responsible for planning in the West Flank of the city, a great proportion which is in the SBE parish. In this second part of 'Spotlight on Planning' Ross Leal outlines the development control process relating to planning applications, and how concerned citizens may become involved.

When dealing with a planning application, the Council will at least notify all occupiers who directly adjoin an application site by letter. A leaflet explaining how to comment on a planning application is included with the letter and this sets out the types of comments which the Council can take into account and which may influence the Council's decision. These are some examples of what can be taken into account.

- The impact of the development on the appearance of the area or character of a street.
- Road safety and parking.
- Reduction in the level of daylight and privacy. In order to justify refusal the effect needs to be significant, not just the loss of light to secondary windows or overshadowing of the garden.
- The need to safeguard the countryside from harmful development, preserve or enhance the character of Historic Buildings and Conservation Areas, and protect important trees.
- Unreasonable noise or disturbance

Any comments, whether for or against a planning application, must be in writing. Verbal comments can be misquoted or misunderstood. All letters must be available for public inspection. Letters written "in confidence" cannot be taken into account or reported to the Planning Committee.

You may also wish to contact your local Councillor who can require that an application be considered by the Development Control Committee, rather than be decided by Council officers. The name, address and telephone number of your Councillor is available from the Council's Planning Enquiry desk (Telephone No: 252358).

If the application is major or controversial you might also consider using the Council's deputation procedure. This allows a representative of a group of objectors to address the Planning Committee before a decision is

made. To submit a deputation you can must obtain a special form and information about the procedure from the Committee Section of the Council's Central Services directorate (Telephone No: 252235). You will need to collect the signatures of 20 people whose names appear on the Council's Electoral Register.

If you comment, please make sure you receive your letter by the deadline given as it will not usually be possible to consider objections received after this date. We will not normally write to you again, unless the scheme is changed significantly, until after the decision has been made, to inform you of the decision. If you wish your letter to be acknowledged, please include a stamped addressed envelope. Your letter will be placed on the Council's file and must be available for anyone (including the applicant) to see. If the application is considered by the Planning Committee the contents of your letter will be summarised in the Committee report.

The sites of all planning application are visited by a Planning Officer. Decisions on minor applications can be made by the Council's officers. The Development Control Committee, made up of elected Councillors, decide the major and controversial planning applications after considering a written report and recommendation. The report contains a summary of any objections and will always try to be fair to both the applicant and any objectors.

Development Control Committee meetings are open to the public and are normally held once every four weeks on a Wednesday evening. Copies of the Agenda, which includes the reports on all the applications to be considered, can be seen at the Council offices three days before the meeting. Only Councillors and Council officers can speak at the Committee meetings, except in the case of deputations.

The Council is required to deal with an application within eight weeks unless the applicant agrees to a longer period. Applicants sometimes discuss proposals with the Council's Planning Officers. This can result in proposals being changed to make them more acceptable. Unacceptable proposals are often not pursued because of pre-application advice. About 90 per cent of the planning applications submitted to the Council are approved.

When the Council approves an application, neighbours who have objected do not have a right

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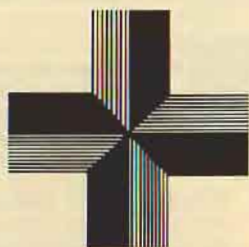
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CHILDREN LIVING IN A WORLD WITH A.I.D.S.

(World A.I.D.S. Day - 1st December)

On the 1st December people around the world will focus on World A.I.D.S. day and think particularly of children and young people living in a world with A.I.D.S. Some people will wear a red ribbon - an international symbol which raises awareness of H.I.V. and A.I.D.S., a reality which some children and young people are living with.

Children may be affected if they are caring for sick relatives or facing several bereavements. They may be infected and having medication themselves. They will be living in a highly stressful environment.

Children may become infected with the virus, from their mother if she is infected. Young people as adults are at risk from H.I.V. if they have unprotected sex.

Wearing a red ribbon offers symbolic support for those living with H.I.V., for the continuing education for those not infected, for maximum efforts to find effective treatments, cures or vaccines, and for those who have lost friends, family members and loved ones to A.I.D.S. Red ribbons are available free from Milton Keynes Health Promotion Department, based at Milton Keynes Hospital, and on 1st December from a number of places such as - The Civic Centre, Saxon Court, Leisure Centres, Library, Brook Advisory Service, Railway Station and 'Black Thunder' which will be touring around Milton Keynes.

However there is no official red ribbon - you can do it yourself: Cut a strip of red ribbon into 6" lengths then fold at the top into an inverted 'V' shape. Use a safety pin to attach to clothing.

Notes: H.I.V. is Human Immuno-deficiency Virus
A.I.D.S. is Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

For more information contact:

Pam Reynolds, Health Promotion Specialist - Media & Campaigns.
Buckinghamshire Health Authority, 5/6 The Courtyard, Merlin Centre, Gatehouse Close, Aylesbury, Bucks. Tel: 01296 398565, Fax: 01296 398587.

For information about H.I.V. and A.I.D.S. contact Maria Oakley - Health Promotion Specialist - Sexual Health 01908 243466

CALL Gabriella Smith on 252434 at the Civic Offices for information on plots, prices and locations. Our Washfield allotment in North Furzton, bordering Furzton linear park, is fully operational and equipped with water points and troughs, ridges and marked out plots: of which there are 23.

Plots are also available at:

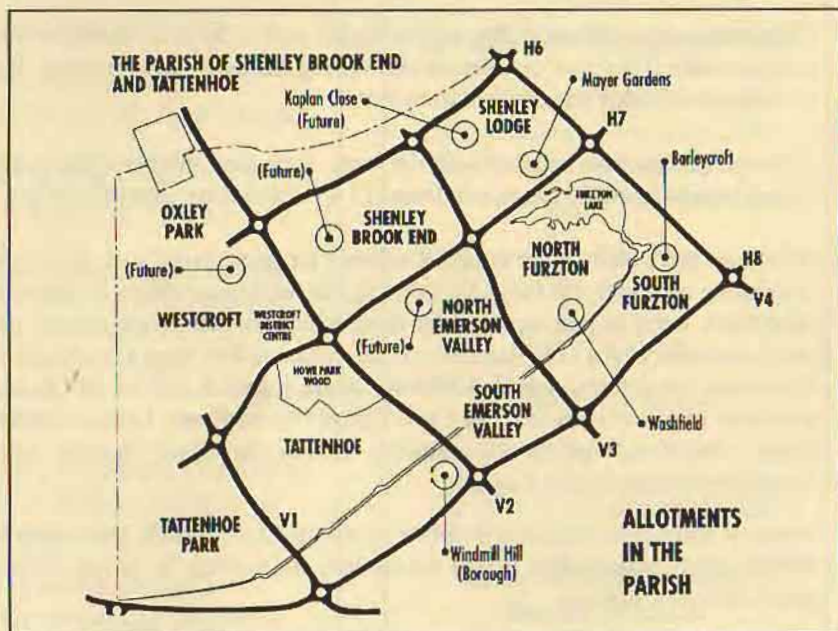
Mayer Gardens - Shenley Lodge. Rate: £1.60 per pole per annum

Barleycroft - South Furzton. Rate: £1.60 per pole per annum

Washfield - North Furzton. Rate: £1.60 per pole per annum

Size of the plots vary from 3.25 to 6.00 pole.

Senior citizens, registered disabled, persons unemployed and single parent families are entitled to 50% reduction of the rent per pole.



The Windmill Hill Allotment Association (which is not connected with the SBE Parish Council) is seeking new members and committee members. Applicants do not need to hold an allotment plot in order to join the Association: a subscription, a keen interest in vegetable or leisure gardening, and a willingness to help out occasionally at the trading Hut at the allotment is all that is required.

Persons wishing to join should go to the Trading Hut (see map) at the allotment during the times listed below. Benefits of membership include the ability to purchase seeds, fertilizers, etc., at very attractive prices.

Hut opening times: 5 October - 14 December: 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon.

The hut will be closed from noon 14 December, 1997 and will reopen at 10:00 am on Sunday 4 January, 1998.

LENGTHENING SHADOWS and regular frosts tell us the season is over and a new one is about to commence. I trust this year every garden has produced a combination of failure, reasonable results and a specimen or two which we felt compelled to weigh, measure, photograph and 'accidentally' display for the benefit of our friends and neighbours!

I must claim a house point for recommending the cool box (I must play the stock market next year) as it was the most used piece of equipment in '97. Next year why not take the family (and the barbecue) to the allotment? Give the children a patch where they can grow attractive vegetables like radish, carrots, parsnips, turnips and a row or two of flowers for Mum: Sweet Williams, Cornflower and Larkspur all grow like weeds and need very little attention.

A point I failed to mention last autumn was the importance of turning the top soil only; try to avoid bringing clay sub-soil to the top. A good example to follow is the amount of soil the farmer turns with the plough.

Planning: To achieve reasonable results next year we must make good use of the time available to us now; before we use the really bad weather as an excuse to go back to dreaming. If your plot is clay, suitable for making house-bricks, try leaving it in ridges; otherwise just turn it over in nice big pieces, leaving it to lay fallow so that the winter frost can get to work on it. When spring arrives, all that is required is a light forking while introducing a good fertilizer.

Do not use a rotovator or break the soil down at this time of year, because it will become waterlogged and create a headache for the future. Clear all dying and decaying rubbish off the land, especially around standing crops. This can go on the compost heap or in the base of a trench where next year's runner beans will be grown.

In the days of ample amounts of sweet-smelling, well-rotted, farmyard manure gardening was considerably easier and made cultivation a pleasure. Nowadays, we have to make use of any sort of material that will rot and form compost, including paper. But do not use diseased material and vegetation that has been contaminated. For example, weed-treated lawn mowings, etc. These materials should be burnt.

Winter Programme:

November - Sowing broad beans and salad onions in well-drained soil in the open.

December - If you missed the November sowing of broad beans, sow them now in pots under glass and plant out about the third week in March. Continue cultivation when the land is frost free. Take a break and enjoy the season's festivities.

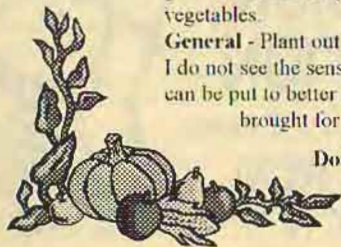
January - Make a plan, start a diary. Sow lettuce under the cold frame or under polythene tunnels. For large onions, sow seed in boxes - heat will be necessary.

February - Early peas and turnips can be sown towards the end of the month if the weather and soil are suitable.

March - Providing the soil is warm and workable, lightly fork and rake to prepare good seed beds. Top dress with fertiliser a few days before sowing early varieties of vegetables.

General - Plant out in showery weather. Keep off the soil if it sticks to your boots. I do not see the sense in sowing seeds of brassicas, tomatoes, etc. The space saved can be put to better use, and excellent plants for all crops for transplanting can be brought for a modest amount.

Don't forget the cool box! Keep it handy for liquid refreshments.



The Parish Gardener.



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We will look forward to meeting all the participants on June 21st where
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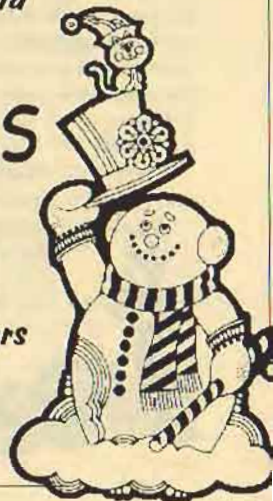
Get painting and drawing and we'll see you soon.

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CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN COMPETITION

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It is upon the Navy, under the good providence of God, that the wealth, safety and strength of this Kingdom do chiefly depend.

SO SAY the Articles of War. The Battle of the Atlantic was the one place where we could actually have lost the war.

The Kriegsmarine, the German Navy, was most professional in its cypher use and rarely gave much away. The German Naval Enigma machines were difficult to decypher and it was essential to secure more German material, so cutting-out expeditions were mounted to capture German weather ships, the weather reports being a useful way into cyphers. By 1941 German naval cyphers were being partially broken and the first fruits of this came in the dramatic chase of the *Bismark*.

Bismark had sailed on 19 May 1941. Fortunately the Luftwaffe was incredibly careless with their cyphers and German Airforce decrypts showed reconnaissance from Norway west to Greenland. The British laid their plans accordingly, and Hood with *Prince of Wales* engaged *Bismark* in the Denmark Strait. Hood was hit and blew up with the loss of 1400 men. *Prince of Wales* scored two hits on the foredeck of *Bismark*, in the North Atlantic, four feet down on the bow. Although the injury was not especially serious, she needed a dock. The only docks available to her were those at Wilhelmshafen and at the Chantiers Penho't at St Nazaire. At an appropriate moment she changed her control wavelength from Wilhelmshafen control to Paris control: this was picked up at Bletchley Park and the information was rapidly passed to the Admiralty, enabling the search to be made for her. Shortly afterwards the Luftwaffe commander in Athens asked where the *Bismark* was going and was told in Airforce Enigma - which we could read - that she was going to Western France. Why he asked this we don't know; perhaps he had a young relation on board. If so, he may well have brought about the lad's death, as when the *Bismark* was sunk, of some 2200 aboard, only 114 were saved. German sources tell us that 200 of these were cadets who had never been to sea before.

One aspect of Bletchley's operation was that nothing must be done to allow one's enemy to suspect his signals were being prejudiced. An aircraft had to find the *Bismark* and allow itself to be seen. A Catalina flying boat duly found the *Bismark* but whether it was one belonging to RAF Coastal Command with an American pilot or one from the US Coast Guard is disputed. Both US and UK Governments denied it was a US plane, but it is a problem for governments that nobody believes their denials, and that which is denied by two governments is twice as likely to be believed.

Enigma decrypts enabled us to mop up the dozen or so tankers, supply ships and auxiliary vessels which had been sent out as part of the *Bismark* operation. The other effects were more psychological, especially in America. "You know", said an American commentator to a British Naval attache in Washington, "if you hadn't sunk that ship, we'd have given you up for a bunch of no-hopers".

After the loss of the *Bismark*, the battlecruisers *Scharnhorst* and *Gneisenau* were trapped in harbour at Brest, in Western France. When the Germans invaded Russia, Mr Churchill quoted the dictum that "my enemy's enemy is my friend" and also that "were Hitler to invade Hell the Devil might count on one favourable reference on the floor of the House of Commons". Britain began convoys of supplies to the Arctic ports of Russia. The Germans withdrew their battlecruisers from Brest through the English Channel in February 1942, and the day before they came the RAF stood down the force of 300 bombers which had been arranged to bomb them en route. The disgrace to those involved on the British side was considerable, but in fact matters were not so bad as seemed at the time. Bletchley had picked up reports from German minesweepers giving the position of a swept passage into Wilhelmshafen. A hundred bombers dropped magnetic mines into the newly cleared channel: the *Scharnhorst* was mined twice and was out of action for a year. *Gneisenau* was mined once: she was then heavily bombed in dock at Kiel and was never any use again. We learned about their injuries from Enigma messages but could say nothing as this would be to give the show away.

Scharnhorst next put on an appearance in 1943 in North Norway, lurking with the intention to attack our Arctic convoys to Russia. In Bletchley Park was C Block, the Index, where every person, place or thing mentioned in any of these decrypts was recorded. We have many of these cards in our archives now, and many more were recorded on Hollerith punch cards: at one stage, we are told, *two million punch cards were used in a week (sic)*.

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ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A CHURCH? WE ARE YOUR LOCAL CHURCHES

The Church of the Servant King - Dulverton Drive, North Furzton
Serving Furzton (North and South), Emerson Valley (North and South) and Tattenhoe.

Sunday Service at 10.30am

An informal style of service for all ages with a warm welcome to all visitors and newcomers. Creche facilities are available and there is a Junior Church for children during school term-time. The service includes Holy Communion twice each month (usually on the 2nd and last Sundays) and there is the opportunity to meet others over coffee after each service.

For more information call MK 502871.



St. Mary's Church - Shenley Road, Shenley Church End
Serving Shenley Lodge and Shenley Brook End.

Sunday Services

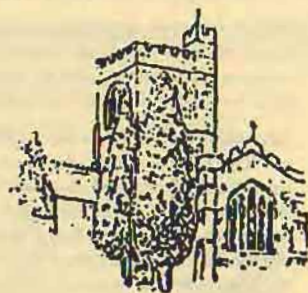
9.30am - Holy Communion

This service is fairly formal and lasts about an hour. There are hymns and a sermon and coffee is served afterwards.

11.00am - Family Service

This service is informal and lasts about 50 minutes. During the service there is a 'Sunday Club' for children of infant and junior school age, and also a creche for children under school age.

For more information call MK 505812.



We are part of the Watling Valley Ecumenical Parish, a local partnership between the Church of England, the United Reformed Church, the Baptist Union and the Methodist Church.

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A BIG THANK YOU to all of the parents, Friends of Shenley Brook End School, staff and pupils who helped to make the Open Evening held on Tuesday 4th November the most successful yet. The Open Evening was held for parents of prospective pupils for September 1998 intake to find out more about the school, and was attended by over 500 people.



Those of you that have visited the Westcroft District Centre recently will have seen the considerable progress that has been made on the construction of our new school: the roof is almost on, nearly all of the suspended ceilings have been fitted and the island units in the science labs and food technology rooms have been plumbed in. Most of the computer network trunking is installed, as are the pupil bridges across the street, and the disabled lift is now working. Outside, all of the car parking area has been asphalted and the tennis courts are about to be laid. Once the building has been handed over to the school - sometime in January - parents and pupils will be able to visit the site.

Recently, pupils of Shenley Brook End School went to see a production of 'Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat' at the Dergate Theatre, Northampton. Pupils thought the singing and acting 'brilliant', 'fantastic', 'impressive' and 'memorable'. It will be long remembered, as it was the first ever Shenley Brook End School trip.

Mrs Vanessa Ray - Headteacher

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COMING YOUR WAY - THE NEW CITY THEATRE

Switch off the goggle-box. The new Milton Keynes theatre and gallery are on their way. Almost everywhere in the parish of Shenley Brook End now has a view of the two tower cranes working on the auditorium walls of the new city theatre, rising on the city centre skyline. Who is the theatre being built for, and what can our families contribute to its success?

This will be a family theatre; it will only work if it presents an attractive and varied programme that brings ordinary families back, month after month. The core of the complex will be a 1,290-seat theatre that will be as welcoming as possible: easy access for coach parties or those coming by bus or redway, plus a high-quality secure car park for those coming by car in the evenings. A typical year might include eight weeks of panto, six weeks of touring musicals, four weeks of touring drama and a choice of classical ballet and drama too. For prom concerts and rock and folk - another five weeks - up to 1600 visitors can sit or stand.

The other attraction will be a new contemporary visual arts and crafts gallery, that will offer touring exhibitions, some of them special enough for entry charges. Already 48% of people visit a gallery, exhibition or museum every year, so the demand is certainly here. Young visitors will be well catered for, with dedicated education facilities in the new gallery, and in the theatre there will probably be at least two weeks of children's shows a year.

Outside, a landscaped theatre square is where the beautiful waveform roof links the theatre and gallery. Portico columns give a dramatic frame to the theatre entrance. This will be a major civic space animated by performances and events, with licensed busking and cafes spilling out into it. A survey has found that 66% of people say that arts create a sense of local pride, and keep city centres lively and attractive places to visit. The square will have a quality restaurant overlooking Campbell Park with views to Willen Lake. Outreach facilities will include new offices for the Milton Keynes City Orchestra, and the theatre is likely to have two weeks a year of community use, as well as a week for amateur productions.

The aim is to catch up with similar Europe cities, which take for granted that a vibrant cultural life is vital to community life. The aim is to make the new theatre the most highly-regarded arts centre within a one-hour drive - 25% of all tourism is directly attributable to the arts.

Construction is on target for completion in on 3rd May 1999, with a grand opening that September. The total budget is just over £30m. Most of this is a £19.6m lottery grant from the Arts Council of England, supported by an £8m contribution by the Commission for New Towns.

That leaves £2m to be raised by you and me. The MK Theatre and Gallery Board is leading the fund-raising efforts. There are likely to be opportunities to buy-a-seat, or become a friend of the theatre. Once the roof is on next year, the public may be invited to tour the site - and bring along a ballpoint pen to sign up for family sponsorship or even just drop a tenner in the bucket. Commercial sponsorship will also help to meet the £2m target.

The running costs will be met by ticket sales - Britain spends £2m a day on ticket sales, possible Southern Arts funding, and a CNT endowment to aid the gallery. Milton Keynes Council has also taken over commitments from the old Borough and the County Council to contribute £300,000 a year for the first 10 years.

What about our neighbours? It is vital that the Stables in Wavendon and the Derngate in Northampton continue to attract audiences from Milton Keynes. The theatre management company is being encouraged to consider joint ticket-sales with those two venues.

The new theatre and gallery will add to other entertainment and arts employment in Milton Keynes: three radio stations, Marshall amps, Yamaha-Kemble pianos and music electronics, and Polygram CD distribution. There was a 34% increase in professional careers in arts and culture in decade up to 1991, and for every five jobs in the arts, two more are supported in other industries. Those skyline cranes are yours.

Councillor Paul Stanyer, Chair, Theatre and Gallery Development Panel, Milton Keynes Council

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WHAT A CATCH!

FURZTON LAKE produced some exciting catches this summer, one of which included more than 35 carp for a total weight in excess of 400 lbs - a fifth of a tonne! It was shared by two anglers who weighed and released each fish as it was caught. Their largest scaled 14 lbs and most went around the 10 lb mark.

The biggest catch of the season - the largest reported from Furzton since its creation - weighed 23 lb 2 ounces (around 10 kilo for younger readers).

This summer also saw several catches of bream and roach topping the 70 lb mark. Big tench and rudd haven't been a feature this year, but could easily regain prominence next season, and we're confidently expecting some big perch to show during the winter.

Across the V4 the three 'Teardrop' lakes open for angling have produced bumper sport with carp to 16 lbs and tench to a superb six and a quarter pounds. At least one angler had more than 40 lbs of roach at a sitting.

Youngsters and beginners have found the 'Drops' especially rewarding because of the frequency of bites from small fish.

SUMMER SADNESS

THIS SUMMER saw anglers' cars (among others) in the car park off the V4 subject to a plague of thefts and damage. Makes sense really . . .

It must be obvious to any mentally warped towarz - whose activities would tempt even a Quaker to call for the return of the rope - that a car, left by someone who heads off loaded with fishing kit, is going to be unattended for some hours . . .

Perhaps planting bushes - which provide a superb screen for thieves and vandals to work undisturbed behind - around so many car parks wasn't such a good idea.

DON'T GET NEEDLED!

WE HAVE to clear everyone's rubbish to try to protect our own image, and this summer MKAA volunteers have carted off more than 200 plastic sackfuls from Furzton!

That there should be so much is bad enough, but a truly frightening development has been the big increase this summer in hypodermic needles - presumably dropped by drug abusers.

Groups of 'partying' youngsters were not an infrequent late night sight around the park in the warm weather this year, and it's natural - though perhaps wrong - to suspect some of them as the source.

Our advice to all using the lake is to keep yourselves, your dogs and children OUT of the lakeside margins for their own safety. That's where the majority of needles seem to end up . . . posing a real threat to the unwary hand, foot or paw.





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Saturday 13th	Dance to the 60's Sound of Footloose
Thursday 18th	Theatre - A Christmas Carol
Monday 29th	Panto - Aladdin
Tuesday 30th	Panto - Aladdin
Wednesday 31st	New Year's Eve Party - Flairz



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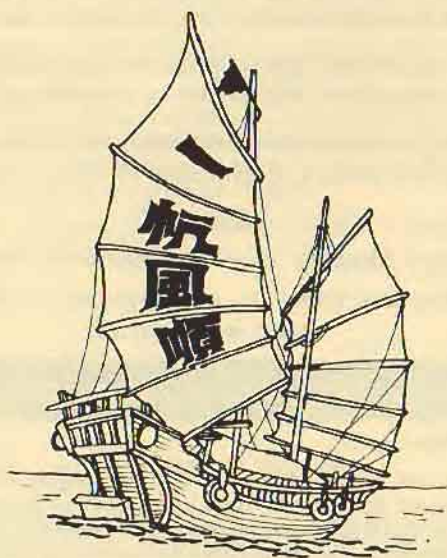
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of appeal. If you think the Council did not consider your comments fairly you should write to the Head of Planning and Architecture or contact your local Councillor who will look into your complaint. If you are still dissatisfied you can consider complaining to the independent Local Government Ombudsman. The Ombudsman cannot question the Council's decision because someone does not agree with the Council. There must be a complaint that something went wrong, causing injustice to the person who has complained. A leaflet giving more information about the Ombudsman is available at the Planning Enquiry desk.

If the Council refuses an application, the applicant has the right to appeal to the Department of the Environment. If an appeal is lodged we will notify you again.

Copies of the submitted applications can be seen at the Civic Officers, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes (near the Library opposite the Shopping Building) between 9.00am and 5.15pm, Mondays to Fridays. Please go to the Planning Enquiry desk on the first floor. If you require further advice ask the staff on duty at the desk (telephone number 252358). Alternatively you can telephone the planning officer dealing with the application. Their name and telephone number are given at the top of the Council's neighbour notification letter.

Subject to certain limitations, planning permission is not required for many small house extensions and other minor developments. Details can be obtained from the Planning Department. In considering any planning application the Council will always take into account what could be built without planning permission.

Ross Leal, Senior Planning Officer, Milton Keynes Council

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In C Block was a Wren, a young lady who had charge of the box of cards about the Scharnhorst. She spotted what it was doing from the pattern of messages it sent, so she told Admiral Fraser who, with the battleship Duke of York, intercepted the Scharnhorst in the Arctic Ocean and sank it by radar in the dark on Boxing Day 1943. Of the crew of 1850 men, only 34 survived in the chill of the Arctic. Fraser came to call on the Wrens of Bletchley Park - his signature is in the visitors' book.

The losses in the Battle of the Atlantic were dreadful. Some 30,000 British civilian sailors were killed in the war, many of them the result of action by U-boats against the Atlantic convoys, a struggle which reached its peak in 1942-3. The German naval decyphering service, *Beobachter-dienst*, broke the convoy code we shared with the Americans and Canadians. Admiral Dönitz was thus to send all the available U-boats to deal with the convoys. The effects were appalling - we were losing half a million tons of shipping a month. Fortunately, as a result of a mistake by the Germans, Bletchley was able to break the U-boat supply codes to discover the routes and rendezvous of the German tanker submarines supplying the U-boats with water, food, diesel oil and torpedoes. In a few months ten of the twelve U-boats supply tankers were attacked and sunk. The fighting U-boats could not be supplied and had to be withdrawn. Of 40,000 men who went to sea in U-boats, 28,000 were killed. Whichever side you are on, losses such as this were frightful.

The US armies were then able to sail across the 'pond' to their memorable Occupation of Britain in 1943. And as day follows night, the invasion of Europe took place the next year.

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(to be continued)

Bletchley Park Events

YOU'VE READ THE STORY - NOW EXPERIENCE THE GLORY...

Bletchley Park is open to the public on alternate weekends, and you can enjoy a guided tour of the site, taking in all the important experiences, including the re-built Colossus, the world's first computer, and see work in progress rebuilding the 'Turing Bombe'.

Gates open at 10.30 a.m., with last admissions at 3.30 p.m. The site closes at 5 p.m. Catering and bar facilities are available. The entrance is at the end of Wilton Avenue, which is off Church Green Road, Bletchley. Admission is £3.50 for adults, with concessions at £2.50. Children under eight come in free.

Maybe you would like to become a Bletchley Park volunteer? All sorts of help is needed, ranging from collecting money at the gate to helping with the catering. If you would like to help, call Margaret Sale on 640404 for an application form.

Many people from all over the world have become "Friends of Bletchley Park", and receive a regular Newsletter about Trust activity. Annual subs are Single Adult £7, Single Concessions £5, and Family Membership £13. Again, please call Margaret Sale for a form.

WINTER LECTURES...

A series of lectures are being presented during the winter months at Bletchley Park. Start 7.30 pm. Admission is £4.00 and includes drinks afterwards.

- December 11th** 'Life on the Park' by Tony Sale
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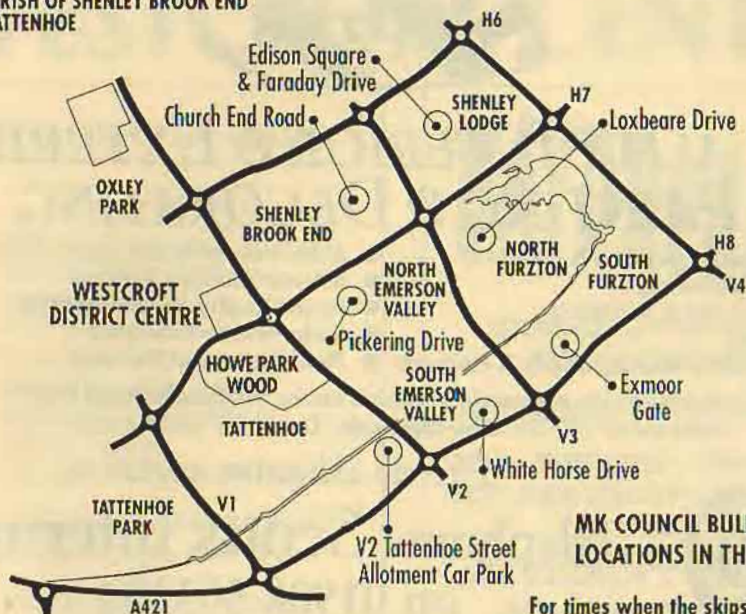
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Today I invite you to explore with me a beautiful route from Furzton Lake to the Bottledump Roundabout:

Start at the Viewing Point overlooking **Furzton Lake**. There is a convenient car park here which is accessed from the Watling Street (between Favell Drive and the National Bowl). Cycle along the Leisure Route heading south-west, skirting the edge of the lower lake, until you come to a boardwalk at its southern end. This is a good spot for observing wildfowl or feeding the ducks.

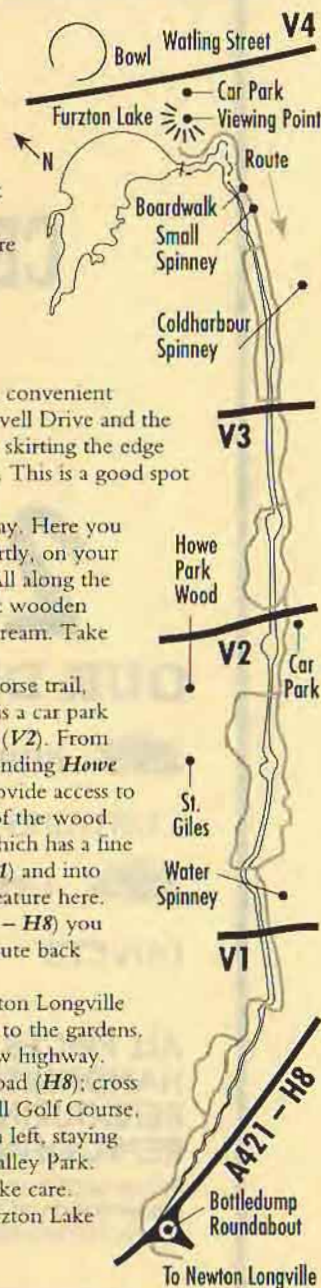
After passing by a small but delightful spinney you cross a Redway. Here you can choose which side of **Loughton Brook** you want to travel on. Shortly, on your left, you will pass **Coldharbour Spinney**, an old patch of woodland. All along the route are small ponds, lakes and water rapids. There are also frequent wooden bridges – should you decide to see what is on the other side of the stream. Take care when crossing these bridges as they can be slippery in the wet.

After passing under Fulmer Street (**V3**) the route is joined by a horse trail, and care should be taken if you find you are near any horses. There is a car park next to the allotments at Rosemullion Avenue, off Tattenhoe Street (**V2**). From here the winding route has a stretch of farmland to the north, surrounding **Howe Park Wood**. Much of this is to be developed as parkland and will provide access to the 16th century church of **St. Giles**, Tattenhoe, to the south west of the wood.

Continuing on, cycle through **Water Spinney**, a quiet retreat, which has a fine display of bluebells in the Springtime, then under Snelshall Street (**V1**) and into the final stretch of our route. Small ponds and idillic intervals are a feature here. Arriving at the old city boundary and **Bottledump roundabout (A421 – H8)** you are faced with choosing to retrace your steps – to follow the same route back – or take an alternative route.

For the alternative route, pass under Buckingham Road to Newton Longville Road into a small area of ponds and gardens; there is a car park next to the gardens. This is the old Buckingham Road before it was by-passed by the new highway. Follow this eastwards until you come to the present Buckingham Road (**H8**); cross over, with care, and join the Redway running past the Windmill Hill Golf Course. Continue to the T-Junction at the South Furzton Local Centre, turn left, staying on the Redway through the houses, until you exit into Loughton Valley Park. This section has many blind corners and junctions and you should take care. Turn right along either Leisure Route that will lead you back to Furzton Lake and the Viewing Point.

Happy cycling. George Boston, Milton Keynes Cycle Users Group.





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