



# 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.



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*The Parish Council would like to wish all of our readers  
a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2017!!*

# Shenley Brook End & Tattenhoe Parish Councillors and Officers are:

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Planning & Environment Committee

## EMERSON VALLEY NORTH



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Community Committee.  
Policy & Finance Committee.

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Policy & Finance Committee

## FURZTON NORTH



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Vice-Chairman Policy & Finance Committee

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Community Committee

## FURZTON SOUTH



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Community Committee

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Community Committee.  
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**Michele Chapman**

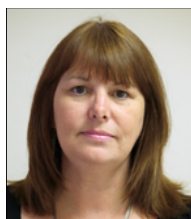
Chairman Community Committee.  
Policy & Finance Committee.

## WESTCROFT



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Parish Manager



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Allotment and Landscape/Warden



**Oliver**  
Parish Warden



**Andy Ridgway**  
Youth Leader



**Helen Austin**  
Youth Worker



**Steve Calver**  
Youth Worker



**Karl Digby**  
Youth Worker



**Alex Gowen**  
Youth Worker



**James Walsh**  
Youth Worker

# Chairman's Column



**Tony Jeffs** - At the end of November we said goodbye to Tony Jeffs who retired after working with us as a Warden for four and a half years. We wish Tony and his family all the best for the future.

**Landscaping and other Services** - In the last Newsletter I highlighted the problems we had reported to us from around the parish this summer. The main problems have been landscaping, strimming, weed spraying, and playpark maintenance. Milton Keynes Council has had to cut back on these non-statutory services in an attempt to meet their tight budgets. All areas have been badly affected by cuts, but, as the problems that have been reported to us, from around the parish, are non-statutory services, they have taken the brunt of the cuts, and will continue to do so. We have discussed this in council, and feel that if we can get the right terms from MKC, we would like to take over the running of these services. Working at local level, we feel that we can offer better value for money. Inevitably, this would mean that we would have to put up the precept, but feel that it would increase by no more than the cost of a litre of petrol per month per household to cover extra costs.

**Kingsmead South** – Guildford Road has had to be closed from the 24<sup>th</sup> October to enable building works to continue. Councillor Edith Bald and myself have been involved in several meetings with the developer, land owner, representatives from Whaddon Parish Council, MKC and AVDC. The road from Whaddon into Kingsmead will be closed rather than allow the traffic through Kingsmead North. The traffic count was 100 vehicles per hour in the rush hour in each direction which would have been impossible. The developers have been very helpful, and to enable children to get to school in Whaddon from Kingsmead, have agreed to pay for a minibus in the mornings. Footpaths and cycleways have also had to be re-assessed and in some cases diverted to allow access. These measures, it is hoped, will keep the disruption to all residents in that area to a minimum.

**Making MK 50** – Milton Keynes will be 50 years old next year and various events are being planned to celebrate this. A full list is on the front page of our website under news events and notices entitled Making MK50

Christmas is fast approaching and I would like to take this opportunity of wishing all residents season's greetings and a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous 2017.

Jean Nicholas  
Chairman Parish Council

## Parish Council Meeting Dates

Meetings of the full Parish Council and its committees are held each month on Mondays  
 (\*denotes a Tuesday) at 7:15 pm. at our  
 Parish Office, 1 Wimborne Crescent, Westcroft, Milton Keynes, MK4 4DB

### Full Parish Council

Dec 19th	Jan 30th	Feb 27th	Mar 27th
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### Community Committee

No Meeting	Jan 16th	Feb 13th	Mar 13th
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### Planning & Environment Committee

Dec 5th	Jan 9th	Feb 6th	Mar 6th
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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 Rebecca on 01908 521538 beforehand to check that there have not been any changes.

### Ward Councillors and Local MP Contact Information

#### Bletchley West Ward

Mick Legg (Labour) 07920 103239  
 Nigel Long (Labour) 01908 376141  
 Maggie Geaney (Conservative) 07986 608492

#### Shenley Brook End Ward

Hiten Ganatra (Conservative) 07974 444114  
 Peter Cannon (Lib Dem) 07966 197864  
 Chris Williams (Lib Dem) 01908 503717

#### Tattenhoe Ward

Edith Bald (Conservative) 07917 021911  
 Geetha Morla (Conservative) 07908 589209  
 Gerald Small (Conservative) 07597 909813

#### Member of Parliament for Milton Keynes South

Iain Stewart - MP's Office 01908 686830

## 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 Rebecca by email [rebecca.zimmerman@shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk](mailto:rebecca.zimmerman@shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk), telephone 01908 521538, or letter.

*For contributions to the Community News, contact Rebecca on **01908 521538** or write to **Shenley Brook End & Tattenhoe Parish Council, 1 Wimborne Crescent, Westcroft District Centre, Milton Keynes, MK4 4DB***

*You can also email us at:- [rebecca.zimmerman@shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk](mailto:rebecca.zimmerman@shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk) or visit our website at:- [www.shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk](http://www.shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk)*

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THE  
DIAMOND  
CLUB



The Diamond Club meets at the Parish Office every  
Wednesday from 2pm to 4pm  
1 Wimborne Crescent, Westcroft, Milton Keynes,  
MK4 4DB

Our Autumn session began with a visit to Buckingham Palace, a highlight of which was an exhibition of the Queen's wardrobe, including her wedding dress and Coronation robes. We saw many of the coats, hats and dresses familiar to all of us from pictures on TV of her official engagements and royal visits to many parts of the world over the last sixty years.

Some of us managed to pay a quick visit to the royal mews where various royal cars and coaches, including the Coronation coach were on display.

Club members joined Parish Councillors and staff on September 17<sup>th</sup> in welcoming residents at an open day and Macmillan coffee morning, marking the official opening of the new Parish Office. The array of cakes, many of which had been produced by club members, was mouth watering and contributed to a grand total of £273.65 for the charity.

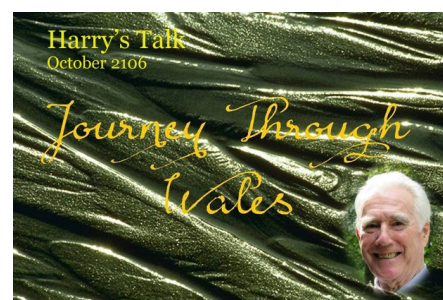
Various members continue to ensure that the 'grey matter' is exercised by subjecting us to quizzes of varying degrees of complexity and are glad to welcome Lynda to the list of inquisitors!

We would like to thank Karen for 'looking after us' during Pat's absence and are glad to report that Pat has made a full recovery and will soon be back with us.

In October Harry entertained us with a talk and slide presentation on 'A Journey through Wales'

In Early November we enjoyed a fun afternoon and a trip down memory lane at MK Theatre to see a performance of 'The Commitments'

Finally we soaked up some seasonal atmosphere with a visit to the Birmingham Christmas Market.



*We are a group of like-minded senior residents of the Parish who get together to enjoy a varied programme of activities chosen by members and organised by Pat Morris, our Diamond Club Co-ordinator.*

*We are currently holding a waiting list for the club. Please contact Rebecca at the Parish Council Office for more information on 01908 521538*

*Email: [rebecca.zimmerman@shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk](mailto:rebecca.zimmerman@shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk)*

## Shenley Brook End School Festival of Quilts 2016

During the last school year 120 students from year 7 took part in a quilt making project in order to enter quilts into the "Festival of Quilts 2016", which is held at the NEC in Birmingham every August.

The festival is an internationally renowned event with artists and quilt makers from all over the globe exhibiting.

The students worked hard producing their pieces of work and we entered four quilts into the competition. The feedback from the judges was very positive for all of our quilts and "Lobster Pots" just managed to pip the others to win first prize.

Congratulations go to all students that took part.



Quilts exhibited in school



Winning Quilt

## The Oak Tree Centre....A great new place to meet and eat

A new Café and Community Centre in Shenley Brook End has been open for business since 12<sup>th</sup> September and we would like to invite you to come along and see it for yourself.

The Oak Tree Café is a great place to meet friends for a chat and offers quality coffee, tea, selection of delicious cakes, other drinks and a wide range of food. You can delight in a jacket potato, a mini pizza with your favourite toppings, a Panini or a salad – all finished off with a wonderful dessert. The café is open from 8.30am to 3.30pm, Monday to Friday.

The Oak Tree Café is part of the new Oak Tree Centre in Wallinger Drive which offers several rooms of varying sizes, which can be hired by community or business organisations or individuals. Free wi-fi is available throughout the building.

The Oak Tree Centre also provides a home for Shenley Christian Fellowship (SCF), a local church whose congregation have raised about £1.8m to finance the project from a mixture of donations, fund raising events, grants and loans.

SCF members needed a building for their weekday church run activities and for Sundays but they also sought a building that would serve the needs of the local community. SCF activities which will take place at the Oak Tree Centre include parent and toddler groups, a children's club and a weekly Drop In session as well as Sunday Services and other activities for children of all age groups and youth events.

The Café and Community centre are the first stage of a two-phase project. Work will begin shortly to raise a further £1.65m plus VAT to finance the second phase, which will add facilities for young people and a space that can be adapted to provide either an indoor sports facility or a 400 seat auditorium.

For information about booking rooms **at the Oak Tree Centre**, please see: <http://www.scf-mk.org.uk/oak-tree-centre/room-hire/>



**Tattenhoe FC** was formed in 2006 with just one squad playing at U11's. The club has since grown and now has 27 teams from U7's right through to adults. There is also a Saturday Morning Colts session that caters for those children in foundation and Year 1.

We were awarded the FA Charter Standard Club status in Jan 2009. Furthermore, in Oct 2010 we were awarded the FA Charter Standard Development Club award. Only a handful of clubs in MK have achieved this.

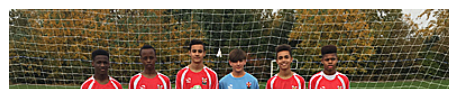
We are very proud to announce that in May 2016 Tattenhoe FC were awarded **FA Charter Standard Club of the year by Berks/Bucks FA**. Ten years of hard work recognised which we are all very proud of.

The club aims to provide an environment that will allow all players the opportunity to develop and express themselves whilst playing a game that they love! It is also an ideal place for the players to develop social skills and fitness levels and of course have fun! We pride ourselves on being a family orientated club, with plenty of day trips to the Dons, fun days, parents Christmas party and of course the pitch side excitement!

Our home ground and training facilities are at Tattenhoe Pavilion MK4 3EQ. We also play some matches at Westcroft Pavillion, Cranbourne Avenue, MK4 4DB.

All our coaches and committee members are CRB/DBS checked and have received relevant safeguarding and first aid training. All coaches are FA qualified to a variety of coaching levels.

Tattenhoe FC are currently recruiting for our girls teams, we are looking for girls of all abilities in school years 4 to 7 who would like to play football, if anyone is interested please contact Trudy West [dntwest@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:dntwest@tiscali.co.uk) phone 07871 828882



**Citizens Advice Milton Keynes** is a local charity that has been providing advice, support and assistance to communities across the city since 1972.

The organisation advises people on important issues affecting their daily lives; such as debt, welfare benefits, and housing. They can also help you if you're having problems at work or you're going through a relationship breakdown and can refer you to a range of other organisations even if your problem is something they can't deal with. For many people they are the first 'port of call' in resolving a range of problems that may be worrying them.

Citizens Advice Milton Keynes has a large network of community based outreaches across the city where people can access advice without always having to attend the main office in Midsummer Boulevard. From September 2016 the bureau is pleased to be offering a new, fortnightly outreach service from **Westcroft Library** funded by **Shenley Brook End & Tattenhoe Parish Council**.

This service is available to anyone living in

- **Shenley Brook End**
- **Tattenhoe & Tattenhoe Park**
- **Westcroft**
- **Emerson Valley**
- **Kingsmead**
- **Shenley Lodge**
- **Furzton**



All the advice services are free, confidential and impartial. To help the adviser resolve your enquiry more quickly, it's always a good idea to bring any paperwork with you to the appointment that relates to your enquiry, for example – if you are having problems with your landlord or the property you rent, bring your tenancy agreement and rent statement with you.

Ben Thomas, Director of the charity; says he hopes the service will be well used by residents

*'We're looking forward to working with the local Parish Council to launch the new service – last year over 700 people from the parish used Citizens Advice when they had a problem. There's no doubt that talking things through with someone is the first step in moving forward. Last year 4 in every 5 people who used our services told us that our help improved their quality of life.'*

Appointments can be arranged by contacting Citizens Advice directly on **01908 604475** or emailing [advice@mkcab.org.uk](mailto:advice@mkcab.org.uk).

Appointments are held **fortnightly on Thursdays** at – **Westcroft Library, 10 Barnsdale Drive, Westcroft, Milton Keynes, MK4 4DD**

# Youth Team Activities





**MONDAY** 5-6pm - Tattenhoe Pavilion, Astroturf  
Come and Play football  
Free and fun drop in Astroturf session where everyone is welcome to come along and have some fun.

**TUESDAY** 4.30-6.30pm - Furzton Youth Club  
 Furzton Sports Pavilion, by the lake  
Drop In Youth Session- 11-18 years  
Games, sports, crafts, chat, a place to chill, meet new friends, have fun and lots more.

**WEDNESDAY** 5-7pm - Westcroft Youth Club  
 Westcroft Sports Pavilion  
Drop In Youth Session- 11-18 years  
Sports, games consoles, projects, chat, and a lots more. A place to chill out with new friends and old

**Thursday** 5-6pm - Tattenhoe Pavilion, Astroturf  
Come and Play football  
Free and fun drop in Astroturf session.

**Thursday** 5-7pm - Westcroft Youth Club  
 Westcroft Sports Pavilion  
Drop In Youth Session- 11-18 years  
Sports, games consoles, projects, chat, and a lots more.



For more information contact your Youth Team Leader Andy Ridgway, email - [youthleader@shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk](mailto:youthleader@shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk),  
 Phone - 01908 521538 / 07970 902570, or pop along to one of our sessions



# Youth Activities

## Summer Residential

At the end of August the Parish Youth Team took a group of young people away on a summer residential to the Quarries Campsite in Cosgrove. The weekend activity gave the group of young people a chance to get away from the comforts of home and to share a lodge for the weekend helping to prepare their food and taking part in lots of activities.

On the Friday evening we had a treasure hunt around the site with clues leading the groups to special alien visitors. On the Saturday after breakfast we played some team building games before going on a 4 Kilometre scavenger hunt collecting answers to a list of questions set to them. Artificial caving was the activity for the afternoon and with some surprisingly tight tunnels it was more of a challenge than lots of us expected. Unfortunately rain caused us to call off the fire we had planned for the Saturday evening but the group had fun playing games and enjoying each other's company.

On the Sunday we had more games including some DJ workshops, minefield, and another treasure hunt around the site before all having some lunch tidying up the site and the lodge and returning home to the Parish.

The whole adventure was great fun and I am sure that we all learned a lot from the experience. We would like to thank all of the young people and Youth Workers who were involved in the weekend and hope to follow it up with something bigger and better next year.



## Youth Clubs



With the nights now drawing in why not come along to one of our brilliant youth sessions. On a Tuesday we have the Furzton Youth Club which runs from Furzton Sports Pavilion from 4.30-6.30pm every week. On Wednesday and Thursday we run the Westcroft Youth Club from 5-6pm from the Westcroft Sports Pavilion all year long. And if you like football then why not come along to our Fun play sessions at Tattenhoe Pavilion Astroturf every Monday and Thursday evening 5-6pm.

All of our youth sessions are free to attend and we are always looking for new members with new ideas so we can improve them and making them more appealing to others, so why not come a long.

## MK is 50

As part of the Milton Keynes turning 50 celebrations your Local youth workers are planning to deliver an inspiring project for both younger and older generations in the community. We want to bring people together, share skills and create something interesting, thought provoking, and fun

We are planning on organising a number of events around the Parish to give everyone young and old a chance to share their experiences and explain why they live in Milton Keynes and what makes it great.

We are hoping to recruit young people to take ownership of the project and plan around their designs, so if you are aged 13-19 years please get in touch with us and register your interest. We are looking for all types of young people to help if you have interests in films, video, photography, local history, meeting people or just want to try something new.

For more information on the activities that the Youth Team provide contact Andy Ridgway on 07970 902570, [youthleader@shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk](mailto:youthleader@shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk) or 01908 521538



## Gardening with Ginnie

### Beauty Berry

Two years ago I told you about a new addition to my shrubs the common name for which is Beauty berry. Its proper Latin name is *Callicarpa bodinieri* the variety is *giraldii* 'Profusion'.

I purchased two small bushes on the internet in Autumn of 2014 as it is a wonderful shrub for year-round interest, culminating in a grand finale of violet-purple berries and rosy pink foliage in autumn. The purple-tinted spring foliage is followed by small pink flowers in mid-summer, which are highly attractive to bees and other pollinating insects. Exotic-looking yet hardy, this eye-catching deciduous shrub is perfect for borders and patio pots.

Mine have been a great success as you can see from my photo taken at the end of October this year and over winter the foliage will turn a lovely colour only losing its leaves in February.



### Flanders Poppies

In the same article in December 2014 I told of my attempt at planting Flanders poppy seed in memory of my granddad who fought at the Somme. We were marking 100 years since the outbreak of The Great War in 1914. I thought that they had not germinated as nothing came up in 2015. The soil was correct except that it was cultivated and poppy seed will lie dormant in that soil. It is known that the poppies flourished in the field of Flanders the year after the battle in the footprints of the soldiers where none had been before. This year I walked on the soil but planted nothing and they came up a year late! I have left them to seed and hopefully they will self-cultivate next year.

### Polyanthus, Primroses and Primulas

For colour in Winter this group of plants are the most reliable. It does however get confusing as to which is which not that it makes any difference to their resilience in the winter.

**Polyanthus** are simple to identify the word poly means many and anthus means flower so polyanthus have many flower heads all carried on one stem.

**Primroses** are part of the same genus as Primulas single flower head per stem, low growing plants, yellow in the wild and usually pale colours when cultivated.

**Primulas** are very colourful and these can be purchased on line or on the internet in many colours from light pink to dark scarlet, shades of purple, deep yellow, orange and even black.

I grew Primulas last winter in pots in my front garden which faces north east and they were very colourful as you can see from my photo. Some have survived the summer in my garden and I have replanted these into a trough on my patio for extra colour this winter.

Enjoy your colourful winter garden.



Ginnie



## ALLOTMENTS AVAILABLE

The Parish Council currently has plots available for rent at a number of sites around the parish.

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

**Karen on 01908 521538 or email: [karen.wheeler@shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk](mailto:karen.wheeler@shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk)**

## The Macmillan Cancer Support "Big Coffee Morning"

This event held in September was a great success, raising over £273 for the charity. Councillors, Officers and members of the Diamond Club welcomed the Mayor and Mayoress and members of the public, who enjoyed the vast array of cakes that had been kindly donated. The new purpose built offices of the Parish Council were officially opened in September by Iain Stewart MP. The offices will now be more accessible to residents of the Parish.



**Emerson Valley School** has been awarded 'good' in every category by Ofsted. Since being appointed headteacher in September 2015, Soheila Mathison and her staff have worked hard to turn the school around and this has been reflected in the latest Ofsted inspection visit which took place at the beginning of September 2016. They state that 'pupils are keen to learn, are proud of their school and what they achieve.' SATs results due to be published later this year show significant improvement from previous years.

The report highlights how: 'Teachers ensure lessons are engaging and challenging so pupils enjoy learning and want to succeed. Ofsted says pupil behaviour is good and that 'pupils feel that staff support them well and relationships across the school are very strong'.

Pupils at Emerson Valley School have a wide range of opportunities to participate in arts, science and sports activities, including skiing and snowboarding, this brings learning to life and enables children to develop new skills and aspirations.

Ms Mathison said: "We have fantastic children, hardworking staff, a committed governing body, interested parents and a very supportive local authority - all the ingredients of a successful school. We will use this result as a stepping stone towards our goal of becoming an Outstanding school."

Councillor Zoe Nolan, cabinet member for children and families, said: "This is fabulous news for Emerson Valley. It is so important that children receive a high quality education at a good local school. They have come so far in a short space of time and I congratulate everyone involved in this success."



## Vacancy

We currently have a full time vacancy, for a Parish Warden.

The role is mainly working outdoors and duties include light maintenance and landscaping.

A full driving license will be required.

If you are interested in working within the community

Please contact Sharon at the parish office on 01908 521538 or email [sharon.kerr@shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk](mailto:sharon.kerr@shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk).

# DON'T FEED THE ANIMALS



**LOVE YOUR GREEN BIN!**

**Food waste in rubbish sacks attracts wildlife who rip sacks to get at the food leaving a mess**

Using your caddy and green wheelie bin to recycle  
ALL food waste prevents animals from helping themselves.  
For more information on recycling food waste visit [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk)



## Pink Sacks

Please note that we have resumed stocking pink sacks which are now available for collection at the Parish Office between 9am and 5pm Monday to Thursday and between 9am and 4.30pm on a Friday.



## Community Committee Report

The Community Committee meet at 7.15pm on the second Monday of every month in the Parish offices at Westcroft. All residents are welcome to attend, to raise any concerns, give ideas or to just observe.

Our Parish Youth Team continues to work with and help the younger residents of our parish. As part of their role, they run 2 Youth Clubs and also football sessions two evenings at Tattenhoe Pavilion every week.

The Diamond Club for the over 60's is also doing well.

We will continue to support local organisations with funding for activities or services that will benefit local residents. We have given grants in August and September to Tattenhoe Football Club and Tattenhoe Youth Football Club and once again, I would like to remind you all that we are very willing to hear from any groups or organisations who would like financial help with their activities that support the residents of this parish in any way. Please contact our Parish Office for more information and they will be happy to give advice.

As you will all be aware we are celebrating the city's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2017. The actual birthday is on January 23 but over the Birthday Weekend on 20 - 23 January, arts, heritage and sporting venues will open their doors and hold celebratory events for all to enjoy.

Preparation is taking place across Milton Keynes for exciting events of all shapes and sizes to celebrate the event.

The MK50 Project Board is coordinating an exciting programme of headline events, tours and trails, arts and heritage activity and community events to celebrate the past, present and future of our amazing MK.

The full programme of MK50 events and activities will be promoted at [www.MK50.co.uk](http://www.MK50.co.uk), [www.facebook.com/culturemk](https://www.facebook.com/culturemk) and [www.twitter.com/culturemk](https://www.twitter.com/culturemk)

As part of our plans to celebrate MK50 in our Parish, we have applied to the Parish Partnership Investment Fund for partial funding towards providing 4 additional park benches throughout the parish for use by our residents. These will have plaques on them showing that they were provided as part of the MK50 celebrations.

If you have any ideas or thoughts about other ways the Parish Council could help to celebrate the MK50 anniversary please contact us to give us your views.

Michele Chapman

Chairman Community Committee

## Planning & Environment Committee

Since the last issue of the Community news the Planning & Environment committee has researched and discussed over 40 planning applications which have been sent to us from the Planning department of Milton Keynes Council for our committee to comment upon, they have included applications for Fences, Walls, Extension to Homes and Schools. Residents in and around Kingsmead will have noticed that work has started on the Kingsmead South Development.

As all Allotment Tenants will know this has been an extremely busy time for them all, harvesting crops and tidying up their plots in readiness for winter. Currently we have a few vacant plots, so if you wish to grow your own fruit and vegetables contact our Allotment Officer Karen Wheeler via the Parish Council Office.

At last the new allotment noticeboards have arrived and should be in place shortly on all our allotment sites.

Karen our Allotments and Landscape Officer has been very busy over the last few months helping to tidy up our allotments before winter sets in, caring for Parish owned land landscaping needs as well as monitoring the work done by Milton Keynes Council landscaping team around our Parish. During the course of her work Karen has also reported over 20 abandoned shopping trolleys in the last couple of months, this continues to be a big problem around the whole of Milton Keynes.

Our friends the Green Genies from MacIntyre have been helping Karen to clean up areas of Emerson Valley, we are really grateful for the continued help from this team of remarkable people.

Our Warden team with help from Karen have started a project to clean the street signs on the estate roads around the Parish, starting with south Furzton and Emerson Valley.

Residents of Shenley Lodge may have noticed that the railings around the play area on Edison Square have received a new coat of paint from Karen and her team, plus a little help from Ringway employees who usually are found looking after the road maintenance for Milton Keynes Council.

Don't forget, residents of the Parish are always welcome at our meetings, the dates and times of all meetings can be found on the Shenley Brook End & Tattenhoe Parish Council website, in the Community News and on the Parish noticeboards.

Kevin Geaney

Chairman Planning & Environment Committee

## Caroline Haslett Primary School

The first term of the new academic year has been busy as usual at Caroline Haslett School. We said a fond farewell to our Year 6 children in July and a warm welcome to our new children in Foundation in September.

We had great fun celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the birth of Roald Dahl with a Storytelling day for all the children. That was followed by a Roald Dahl dress up day; everyone dressed up as their favourite character from a Roald Dahl book and children and teachers alike shared their most loved stories.

The most exciting news of the term is that we now have a school minibus. We would like to say a huge thank you to the Friends of Caroline Haslett. They fund raise tirelessly throughout the year and their donation made the purchase of the minibus possible.

We have numerous events planned over the next couple of months, details of which will be on our website, and are looking forward to a busy and exciting time in the run up to Christmas.

Website: [www.haslett.org.uk](http://www.haslett.org.uk)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/carolinehaslettprimary](http://www.facebook.com/carolinehaslettprimary)

Twitter: @CHPSMK5



## Tattenhoe Youth U16's would like to thank Shenley Brook End & Tattenhoe Parish Council for

kindly sponsoring their kit. They will wear their new bespoke kit for the next two seasons. Tattenhoe Youth are a chartered standard club with the U16's being their eldest age group. The team have been going since U7's and now have a strong squad of 18 young men. The U16's are in their fifth season of the MK Border Counties league, and are looking forward to pushing themselves to get into the top division after a strong start in their first three league games.



## Energy World

Cllr Chris Williams was one of many who enjoyed a recent sight-seeing tour of 'Energy World' in Shenley Lodge. Almost 60 people took the tour, ably led by Tim Skelton from MK Forum. "Tim was an excellent and very knowledgeable guide and the tour gave a fascinating insight into energy conservation. On a personal note, I want to thank all those residents who allowed us into their homes and gardens" commented Cllr Chris Williams. A very good time was had by all!



# 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**

- ◆ Life Lite Educational Saturday School
- ◆ House On The Rock
- ◆ Slimming World
- ◆ Sugar Guild
- ◆ Little Stars Nursery

## SHENLEY BROOK END

**Shenley Brook End  
Village Hall**  
Church End Road, Shenley Brook End

Telephone for bookings:

Call Margaret on 01908 521530

**Regular Users of the Centre**

- ◆ Pilates with Carolyn  
Monday 7.30pm-8.30pm
- ◆ Yoga with Katie Tuesday -6.30-8.00pm  
and 8.15-9.15pm with Jo
- ◆ Cha-Cha Chimps Wednesday 10am-11am  
and every other Sunday
- ◆ Thistle Scottish Dance Club Wednesday  
8pm-10pm
- ◆ Brownies Wednesday 6-7.30pm
- ◆ Ragdolly Annas Monday  
10.30am-11.30am
- ◆ AA Group Saturday 6.30-8.30pm
- ◆ Yoga with Jo Thursday 6.15-7.15pm
- ◆ Greater Love Church Sunday
- ◆ Rainbows Tuesday 5-6.15pm

## NORTH FURZTON

**Ridgeway Community Centre**  
Dulverton Drive, North Furzton

For Mon to Fri bookings call Lynne on  
07810310716 or for Saturday bookings  
Sam Seaton on 07920 884944

**Regular Users of the Centre**

- ◆ Beavers & Cubs
- ◆ Geological Society (1st Tues month)
- ◆ Maths & English Clubs
- ◆ Naiken System
- ◆ Zumba Gold
- ◆ Glow Fitness
- ◆ Square Dancing
- ◆ Taekwondo
- ◆ Furzton Tots Pre-school
- ◆ Church of the Servant King
- ◆ Brownies

## SOUTH FURZTON

**Community Centre**  
Blackmoor Gate, Furzton.

Telephone for bookings:

Call Jo Fasolo on 07739 800840

**Regular Users of the Centre**

- ◆ Wing Chun ◆ Tai Chi
- ◆ Fitness & Self-defence
- ◆ Mums & Tots ◆ Nifty 60s
- ◆ Red Dragon Karate
- ◆ Pilates ◆ Soccer Tots
- ◆ Bridge Club

## EMERSON VALLEY SOUTH

**River Valley Centre**  
Whitehorse Drive, Emerson Valley

Telephone for bookings:

Call Nikki on 07854 402864

**Regular Users of the Centre**

- ◆ The Wendy House (Pre-School)
- ◆ Rainbows ◆ Brownies ◆ Guides
- ◆ Weightwatchers
- ◆ Slimming World
- ◆ Sunday Mornings Church Meeting
- ◆ Windmill Hill Allotment Society

## EMERSON VALLEY NORTH

**Emerson Valley  
Community Centre**  
Roeburn Crescent, Emerson Valley

Telephone for bookings:

Call Sally on 07527 179712

**Regular Users of the Centre**

- ◆ Howe Park Scout Group
- ◆ Ducklings Pre-school
- ◆ Line Dancing ◆ Zumba
- ◆ W.U.M.A Martial Arts
- ◆ Weightwatchers ◆ Sadies Dance

## SHENLEY LODGE

**Shenley Lodge Meeting Place**  
Faraday Drive, Shenley Lodge

Telephone For bookings:

Call Steve on 07505 900686

**Regular Users of the Centre**

- ◆ Servants of God Ministry
- ◆ Shenley Lodge Pre-School
- ◆ Shenley Christian Fellowship
- ◆ Reflection - Meditation Group
- ◆ Kathak - Classical Indian Dance
- ◆ Karate

## OAK TREE CENTRE

Wallinger Drive, Shenley Brook End

Telephone for bookings

01908 410840

- ◆ BUGZ after school club (ages 7-11)  
Monday 5.30-6.45pm
- ◆ 'Drop In' meetings Monday 2-4pm
- ◆ Little Acorns (0-2 years) Tuesday  
10-11.30am Term Time
- ◆ Acorns (2-4yrs) Thursday 10-11.30am  
Term Time

## OXLEY PARK

**Oxley Park Community Centre**  
Redgrave Drive, Oxley Park

Telephone for bookings:

Call 01908 524482

**Regular Users of the Centre**

- ◆ Little Owls Children's Centre
- ◆ Kingsmead Pre-school & Oxley Park  
Toddler Group
- ◆ Belly Dancing
- ◆ Cub Scouts Rainbows & Brownies
- ◆ Ragdolly Annas
- ◆ Disco Babies
- ◆ Parent & Toddler Group
- ◆ Yoga incl. Anti-natal Yoga
- ◆ Insanity Fitness
- ◆ Embroiderer's Guild (MK Branch)
- ◆ Line Dancing
- ◆ Pilates
- ◆ Mini Strikers
- ◆ Arabic Classes ◆ Kick Start Fat Loss

## TATTENHOE

**Tattenhoe Pavilion**  
Holborn Crescent, Tattenhoe.

Telephone for bookings:

Call 01908 749038

**Regular Users of the Centre**

- ◆ Ahmadmus Muslim Association
- ◆ EJP Football League
- ◆ MK Seishin Aikido Club
- ◆ Tattenhoe FC
- ◆ MK College
- ◆ Zumba with Yasmin

## WESTCROFT

**Westcroft Meeting Place**  
Wimborne Crescent,  
Westcroft.

Telephone for bookings:

Call Danielle on 01908 377251

**Regular Users of the Centre**

- ◆ Ducklings Pre-school
- ◆ First Class Learning
- ◆ Weightwatchers
- ◆ Scouts
- ◆ Rainbows
- ◆ Brownies

# 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

## 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

## Active MK Fitness

Fitness classes for mums and babies. Outdoor classes with your buggy. Tuesdays 10am Furzton Lake - Meet outside Merebrook Infant School. To book or find out more, contact **Ana** at

[pushtonemk@yahoo.com](mailto:pushtonemk@yahoo.com) [www.activemkfitness.com/push-n-tone.html](http://www.activemkfitness.com/push-n-tone.html) and [www.pushntonemk.weebly.com](http://www.pushntonemk.weebly.com)

## Shenley Christian Fellowship

All activities at the Oak Tree Centre, Wallinger Drive/Manifold Lane, Shenley Brook End:  
 Every Sunday morning 10.30-12 noon, creche available and every Sunday evening 6.30-7.30pm  
 BUGZ after school club (ages 7-11) Monday 5.30-6.45.  
 Little Acorns Tuesday 10-11.30am (Bumps-2yrs), Acorns Thursday 10-11.30 (2-4yrs) term time only. Call Ross on 01908 410840 or Carrie on 07714705933.  
 'Drop In': Call in for a 'cuppa', chat & relax, or join in with one of our activities. Every Monday, 2pm to 4pm. No charge.

## 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 **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**

## 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 Saturday morning 10.15 - 11.15 at Oxley Park School Contact **Yasmin** on **07966488727** or email [yasmin@zumba.uk.com](mailto: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](mailto:dee.cope@alzheimers.org.uk)

## 1st Oxley Park Rainbows and Brownies

Wednesdays, Rainbows 4.30 - 5.30, Brownies 6.00 - 7.30pm

Girls aged 5-7 Rainbows - 7-10 Brownies  
 Oxley Park Community Centre, Redgrave Drive, Oxley Park

Contact **Cat** on **01908 522308** or **07713 238899** or email [cat.oxlepkrainbows@live.co.uk](mailto:cat.oxlepkrainbows@live.co.uk)

## Milton Keynes Retirement Club (MKRC)

We are a sequence/ballroom dance club for the over 55s. we meet each Wednesday afternoon at Wilton Hall 1.30 - 4.00pm (£3.50 per session) and every Friday afternoon at Coronation Hall, Stoke Road, Bletchley 1.45 - 4.00pm (£3 per session). All welcome to either meeting or indeed both. Contact: **Neil** on **01908 526255** or just come along.

## St. John Badgers

Boys and Girls aged 5-10 years, Mondays 6.30 - 7.30pm. Held at St. John Ambulance Headquarters, Blackmoor Gate, Furzton. Contact **Linda Firth** on **01908 561328** for more information

## Thistle Scottish Dance Club

Scottish Country Dancing for all abilities in a small, friendly & fun group. Wednesdays 8-10pm at Shenley Brook End Village Hall - £3 per session. email [jangeverybusy@me.com](mailto:jangeverybusy@me.com) or just come along

## Kick Start Fat Loss With Jenny

Thursday 9.30am at Oxley Park Community Centre [kickstartfatlossmiltonkeynes.net](http://kickstartfatlossmiltonkeynes.net)

## North Furzton Brownies

Girls aged 7-10 Tuesday term time only 6-7.30pm  
 Ridgeway Centre Dulverton Drive. Contact **Beverley** **01908 505338**

## St. Giles Church (off Portishead Drive, Tattenhoe)

Sunday morning worship each week 9.30am. Childrens Church 2nd Sunday of the month at 11am. Evensong twice a month at 6.30pm. Contact

[www.watlingvalley.org.uk](http://www.watlingvalley.org.uk) or phone **Steve** on **01908 520090**

**Weight Watchers** Shenley Brook End Community Hall Thursdays 7pm

## Hertsmere Leisure-After School Sports Programme

(8-11 year olds) at Bletchley Leisure Centre  
 Football Mondays 4-5pm. Indoor Cricket Tuesdays 4-5pm. Smash Up Badminton, Basketball & Dodgeball Wed 4-5pm. Street Golf & Indoor Tennis Thurs 4.30-5.30pm. Contact **Chris** on **07818513744** [chris.bryden@miltonkeynesleisure.co.uk](mailto:chris.bryden@miltonkeynesleisure.co.uk) for info.

To publicise an event in our **FREE** 'What's On' listing, send details to the address on page 4,

or e-mail:

[rebecca.zimmerman@shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk](mailto:rebecca.zimmerman@shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk)

Don't forget that the Trades Directory is still available on the Parish website along with much more news and information at: [www.shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk](http://www.shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk).

## Youth Faculty



**Youth Advice & Guidance** is a free and confidential service for young people in Milton Keynes aged 16-19 (up to 25 for those with learning difficulties or disabilities) who are not in employment, education or training. Our skilled and experienced Personal Advisers are here to help you make decisions and take action. We offer:

- Information and advice on applying for jobs, apprenticeships, traineeships or education
- Practical support with applications and CVs
- Free use of our IT facilities at the library for job search
- A matching service for jobs and apprenticeships
- A drop in service at the Central Milton Keynes Library and Job Centre
  - Phone - 01908 254410.
  - Email – [youth@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:youth@milton-keynes.gov.uk)
  - Website - [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/youth-faculty](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/youth-faculty)
  - Or drop in to see us Monday – Friday 1:00-4:00pm at the Flexible Learning Centre attached to CMK library.

**Youth and Community Work** offers a varied curriculum, providing opportunities to develop young people’s social and emotional capabilities. It is young person-centred, enabling them to use their voice, skills and influence to reach their full potential.

We do this by:

- Working in communities throughout the year to develop provision for young people in their leisure time
- Targeted programmes for vulnerable young people to address their needs
- Empowering young people’s Voice to ensure they are involved in the design, delivery and governance of services.

For further information please contact:

- Phone – 01908 253210
- Email – [youth@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:youth@milton-keynes.gov.uk)



**Age UK Milton Keynes** is a local charity that enables some of the most vulnerable older people in our community to carry on living independently in their own homes.



The charity also works to reduce the loneliness and isolation felt by older people who live alone or who have no family living nearby. At any given time, an average of 448 older people are being visited on a regular basis by someone from Age UK Milton Keynes. Over 400 people in Milton Keynes attend a lunch club each week, meeting friends and enjoying the opportunity to socialise.

People living in the Shenley Brook End and Tattenhoe parish attend lunch clubs at the Frank Moran Centre and Hinton Lodge Sheltered Housing scheme in Bletchley. They also go to Radcote Sheltered Housing scheme in Two Mile Ash, where they can enjoy a two-course hot lunch freshly cooked on the premises.

But it’s not just the hot meal that people enjoy – it’s the chance to meet up with friends and make new friends. The opportunity to socialise every week can be a boost to a persons confidence, encouraging them to get dressed and leave the house. The average age of our lunch club members is 92, confirming that the number of older people in Milton Keynes is growing every year.



We are grateful to Shenley Brook End and Tattenhoe Parish Council for their support - together we can work locally to change lives for the better. Find out more about our work by visiting our website: [www.ageukmiltonkeynes.org.uk](http://www.ageukmiltonkeynes.org.uk)



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