

The Parish News

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THE PARISH OF SHENLEY BROOK END & TATTENHOE

SHENLEY BROOK END • TATTENHOE • FURZTON • SHENLEY LODGE • EMERSON VALLEY • WESTCROFT • TATTENHOE PARK • KINGSMEAD

What's in a name?

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK THE PARISH COUNCIL SHOULD BE CALLED AND YOU COULD WIN A £25 VOUCHER.

Names – or in marketing terminology 'brands' are very important things. The name of a place, organisation or product can evoke an emotional response and make you associate all sorts of things, good or bad, with it. The Parish Council is no exception. What do think of when someone says 'Parish Council' to you? Do you think of the Vicar of Dibley – with its cast of mismatched characters stumbling from one comic crisis to the next? Do you think it is somehow linked to the Church? Do you give it any thought at all?

The current name of the Council is "*Shenley Brook End and Tattenhoe Parish Council*". But as well as these areas it also covers the areas of Furzton, Shenley Lodge, Emerson Valley, Westcroft, Kingsmead and Tattenhoe Park – though you wouldn't know that from the name! In land area terms it is the largest Parish in Milton Keynes and, because of the amount of new house building, will be the largest by population within a couple of years.

Currently, the Parish Council's role is fairly limited but at a national and local level there is a desire to put more and more responsibility for local affairs and local facilities into the hands of the Parish Council – and your Parish Council is rising to that challenge. But how do we get local people to engage with and see the Parish Council as a body that they have a stake in? We don't think that the name helps!

We don't have to be called a 'Parish Council' – we could be a 'Council' or 'Town Council' or something completely different. Also how can we best describe the area of the Parish, given that so many grid squares are covered? Is there anything in the geography or the history of the area that might be more relevant?

This is where you can help. We would like your suggestions for a new name, and, if you are a little creative, we would also like to develop a new logo that will help make us more relevant to local people.

Complete the coupon at the foot of page 2 and post it to **The Clerk, Chris Gallacher, P O Box 7058, Milton Keynes, MK13 7YJ** to arrive by Friday August 6th. Photocopies will be accepted. If you have ideas for a logo draw it on an A4 page and attach it to the coupon. Remember we will want to be able to reproduce the logo in black & white as well as in colour and also print it big and small – so don't make it too detailed. As an incentive there is a prize for the winner.

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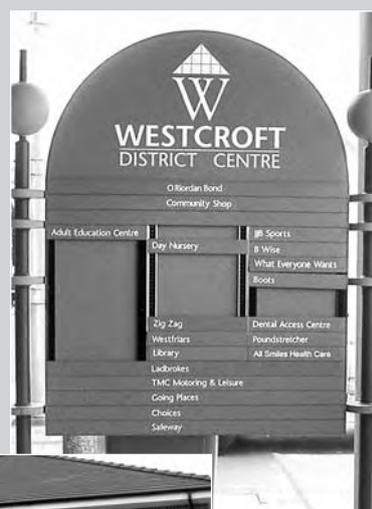
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MORE THAN JUST SAFEWAY!

Westcroft is well known as the largest shopping centre in the Parish but it is also home to a number of useful services and there is a rapidly growing residential area behind the shops. To find out more, turn to the centre pages (8-9).



Westcroft District Centre has much to offer (above) and, if you need a doctor, there's Westcroft Health Centre (left)

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SHENLEY BROOK END & TATTENHOE PARISH COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS ARE:

EMERSON VALLEY WARD (Emerson Valley, Kingsmead, Shenley Brook End, Tattenhoe, Westcroft)



Eric Cooper
VICE-CHAIR,
PARISH COUNCIL;
CHAIR, PLANNING
& ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE;
POLICY & FINANCE
COMMITTEE;
WEBMASTER



Rachel Edmonds
COMMUNITY
COMMITTEE



Joanna Hall
CHAIR,
COMMUNITY
COMMITTEE



John Napper
COMMUNITY
COMMITTEE;
EDITOR AND
DESIGNER OF
THE PARISH NEWS



Kevin Perkins
PLANNING &
ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE



David Pickard
COMMUNITY
COMMITTEE;
POLICY & FINANCE
COMMITTEE



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FURZTON WARD (Furzton, Shenley Lodge)



Paul Griffiths
CHAIR, PARISH
COUNCIL; PLANNING
& ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE;
COMMUNITY
COMMITTEE;
CHAIR, POLICY &
FINANCE COMMITTEE



Tony Ibotson
POLICY & FINANCE
COMMITTEE



Alex Swanson
PLANNING &
ENVIRONMENT
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MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL COUNCILLORS FOR THE PARISH OF SHENLEY BROOK END & TATTENHOE:

EMERSON VALLEY WARD

Stuart Burke
(LIB DEM)

Rosemary Drewett
(LIB DEM)

Martin Snell
(LIB DEM)

FURZTON WARD

Jayne Carrington
(LIB DEM)

Chris Williams
(LIB DEM)

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR MILTON KEYNES SOUTH WEST:

Dr Phyllis Starkey MP
(LABOUR)

COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRE:

Central Library Tel: **01908 254055**

Parish Council Name Competition

Name: _____ Age (if under 18) _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____

Contact phone number: _____

e-mail: _____

My suggested name for the Parish Council is: _____

I have attached a logo (Tick Box)

PLEASE NOTE: MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF SHENLEY BROOK END & TATTENHOE PARISH COUNCIL OR THEIR FAMILIES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO ENTER THIS COMPETITION.
(DATA PROTECTION NOTICE: ENTRANTS' DETAILS WILL ONLY BE USED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE COMPETITION AND WILL BE DESTROYED ONCE THE COMPETITION HAS CONCLUDED.)

Post entries to: **The Clerk, P O Box 7058, Milton Keynes, MK13 7YJ** to arrive by Friday August 6th.



Parish Councillor Profile

GET TO KNOW A LITTLE BIT ABOUT ONE OF YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

Rachel Edmonds

I was born in Bristol where I lived for my first 23 years. After I gained my degree in Electronic Engineering from Bristol, I moved to Milton Keynes in 1980. I have lived in Coffee Hall, Springfield and, for the past five years, in Emerson Valley.

My oldest son, Stephen, was first year intake at SBE school, and has gone to Teeside University to read computing, after gaining his A levels from SBE. My middle son, Michael, is currently doing his AS year at SBE and my youngest, Anthony, sits his GCSE's this summer.

We have two dogs and dozens of fish in our new pond. Funny, we only put five in last July!

I was a school governor for four years at Springfield Middle School and have been closely involved with both EV and SBE schools.

Locally I have helped a number of my neighbours when they have experienced problems. This has brought me into contact, in a very positive way, with the Police where I am currently working with our local constables in trying to sort out various youth related problems. I also have top level contacts with Parks Trust where I help in monitoring and reporting damage or misuse.

I have now joined the Parish Council and hope that I can contribute positively to improve conditions within the local community.

Rachel Edmonds

Parish Council Meetings

MEETINGS OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL ARE HELD EACH MONTH COMMENCING AT 7PM AND ARE USUALLY HELD AT SHENLEY BROOK END VILLAGE HALL.

June 17th July 15th August 19th

Planning & Environment Committee

MEETINGS OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ARE HELD EACH MONTH COMMENCING AT 7.30PM AND ARE USUALLY HELD AT SHENLEY BROOK END VILLAGE HALL.

June 10th July 8th August 12th

Community Committee

MEETINGS OF THE YOUTH & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE ARE HELD EACH MONTH COMMENCING AT 7.30PM AND ARE USUALLY HELD AT SHENLEY BROOK END VILLAGE HALL.

June 24th July 22nd August 26th

Members of the public are welcome at any of these meetings. If you wish to attend, you can just turn up but it is a good idea to contact the clerk on **01908 521538** or sbepc@bopenworld.com beforehand to make sure that there have not been any changes to the date and/or venue since going to press.

What's on

LONG MEADOW SCHOOL SUMMER FETE

Sunday June 11th 2-4pm
Long Meadow School, Shenley Brook End
Wimbledon FC, Bouncy Castle, Tombola, Raffle, Bar, BBQ and many more fun attractions

SHENLEY BROOK END VILLAGE FETE

Saturday July 17th 2-4pm
Shenley Brook End Village Green
Stalls, Live Entertainment, Games, Teas
Call Catherine on 01908 505028

PICNIC IN THE PARK 04

Saturday July 17th 4.30-9.30pm
Shenley Brook End Village Green
Beer Tent - Real Ale, Pig Roast, Live Music
Call Catherine on 01908 505028

QUIZ NIGHT £5 per adult includes Fish & chips at half time.

Saturday September 18th 7.30pm for 8pm start
Shenley Brook End Village Hall
Call Catherine on 01908 505028

ROTARACT CLUB OF MILTON KEYNES

RURAL SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY GROUP FOR 18-30 YEAR OLDS
New members always welcome
1st and 3rd Monday of every month Venues vary
Contact: **Daren on 07717 154803** or **Wendy on 07974 821370**
Website: www10.brinkster.com/mkrotaract

To have your event included in our FREE What's on listing, just send details to: **The Clerk, Shenley Brook End & Tattenhoe Parish Council, P O Box 7058, Milton Keynes MK13 7YJ** or e-mail: theparishnews@yahoo.co.uk
All items for inclusion in the Summer issue **must** reach us by **Friday 6th August 2004.**

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

SHENLEY BROOK END GREEN

FREE entertainment throughout Summer 2004

This Summer we are once again organising 6 activity sessions open to all children aged between 4 and 14 years. Activities will consist of sports, crafts and games. The sessions are FREE - just come along and join in the fun! Parents are welcome to accompany children.

JULY 22nd
JULY 29th
AUGUST 5th
AUGUST 12th
AUGUST 19th
AUGUST 26th

ALL CHILDREN AGED 4-14 OPEN ACCESS

EVERY THURSDAY FOR 6 WEEKS

10.00am - 12.30pm



In partnership with SBE Parish Council and Milton Keynes Play Association



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Loved One's Resting Place*

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- Shenley Brook End** Community Centre - Thursday 7pm
- Emerson Valley** Community Centre,
6 Whitehorse Drive –
Tuesday 6.15pm & Wednesday 5.30pm
- Shenley Leisure Centre**, Burchard Crescent,
- Shenley Church End** – Monday 7pm
- Westcroft** Meeting Place, Wimborne Crescent –
Saturday 10am
- Newton Longville**, Longueville Hall,
Whaddon Rd – Monday 7pm
- Bletchley** Leisure Centre, Princes Way – Wed 10am
- Bletchley**, Sycamore Civic Hall, Drayton Rd – Wed 6.15pm
- West Bletchley** Community Centre, 3 Porchester Close – Tues 7pm

Plus many more meetings in the Milton Keynes area...

For details of all our meetings please call **08457 123000**
or visit our website www.weightwatchers.co.uk

Let the experts help you!



Dog Fouling & Litter

PLEASE HELP KEEP YOUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT TIDY

A new bin has been installed at the car park opposite Ancona Gardens in Shenley Brook End. We now have a total of 21 bins spread around the parish, at or near, areas used by dog walkers in Shenley Brook End, Shenley Lodge, Furzton, Emerson Valley and Tattenhoe.

The bins have proved popular with responsible dog owners, providing convenient locations to dispose of dog waste. they have also, unfortunately, become a target for vandalism and for the unsocial few who remove bins because they disagree with the chosen locations. The bin near the Sports Pavilion at Furzton has now been burned out twice and several others have disappeared during the last few months.

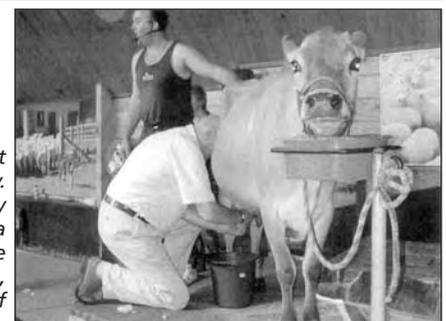
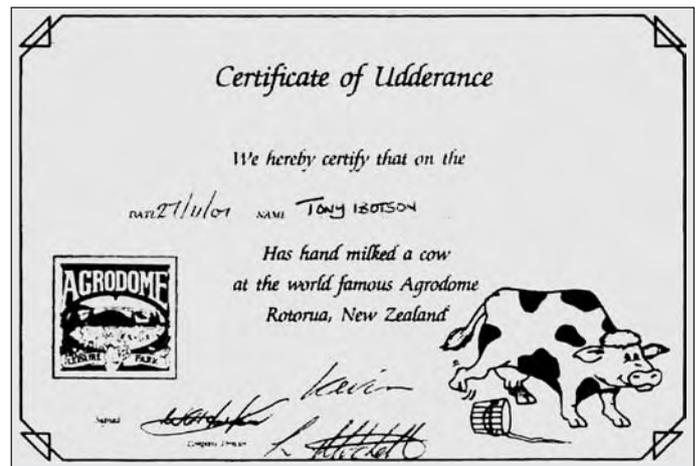
We have reluctantly decided that taxpayers cannot be expected to bear the escalating cost of replacing bins. If further bins are destroyed or removed, they will not be replaced, and a notice will advise owners of the cause. we ask responsible owners to take the waste home and dispose of this with their household rubbish. Please do not leave bags containing waste in bushes or flower beds. all dog owners should remember it is an offence not to clean up after your dog.

Litter is a continuing blight around the parish and spoils many of the open spaces which we should all be able to enjoy. Play areas especially suffer from the actions of a minority who have little regard for others and a great deal of time and cost goes towards efforts to clean up. Please take litter home with you or dispose of it in litter bins where these are available. If you see fly tipping or dumping, don't ignore it – report it to us, or to the police, or the environmental services at Milton Keynes Council (tel: **252570**), so that action can be taken to catch the culprits and clean up the rubbish.

Chris Gallacher
Clerk to the Council

Do you have a cow that needs milking?

WE HAVE THE MAN FOR THE JOB!



*You never know when it
will come in handy.
Parish Councillor Tony
Ibotson pictured milking a
cow by hand at the
Agrodome in Rotorua,
New Zealand a couple of
years ago.*



ADVANTAGE AFRICA
SUPPORTING INSPIRATIONAL PEOPLE

How 'parochial' is our parish?

DID YOU KNOW THAT A CHARITY THAT IS SUCCESSFULLY HELPING DISADVANTAGED PEOPLE IN AFRICA IS BASED IN TATTENHOE?

As well as meaning 'of a parish', 'parochial' is a word often used to describe something that has very narrow geographical interests. However, the interests and links of people in our parish extend all over the world! Tattenhoe, for example, is home to Advantage Africa, a charity that is working to transform the lives of some of Africa's most marginalised people.



Grateful pupils in the school that Advantage Africa helped the people of the Kenyan village of Mitaboni to build.

Advantage Africa supports the ideas and work of inspirational people in Africa to overcome poverty and disadvantage. It works in close partnership with determined individuals and community groups, supporting their ideas and plans so that disadvantaged people can improve their lives. This particularly includes people who, alongside poverty, face prejudice and stigma as a result of disability or HIV/AIDS.

Co-founder Andrew Betts says 'Our first project involved helping a small community group to build a school for children with learning difficulties in the village of Mitaboni, Kenya. The school has brought new opportunities for boys and girls who were often misunderstood and kept at home because of their disabilities. They are now learning to communicate, keep themselves clean and do basic tasks such as shopping and cooking. As they participate more fully in the life of their community, people in Mitaboni have learned to respect and value them like never before'.

Advantage Africa has since extended its work to two other communities affected by HIV/AIDS in Kenya; a rural village called Obambo and a slum in the town of Nakuru. These projects include providing a reliable supply of safe water, agricultural training, health education and the care of orphans.

To find out more about Advantage Africa you can visit their website www.advantageafrica.org or telephone Andrew on 01908 521267.

SHENLEY LODGE MEETING PLACE

Faraday Drive

FUN DAY

Saturday, 10th July, 2004

10:00am – 4:00pm

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Age range 4-12 years

Full and part time places available

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8.30am - 1.00pm 1.00pm - 6.00pm

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Parish Council Chair's Annual Report

PAUL GRIFFITHS REPORTS ON THE COUNCIL'S ACTIVITIES

During the past year the Parish Council has again been involved in a wide range of issues affecting residents individually and collectively. There have been many changes proposed to the physical and social infrastructure of the southwestern flanks of Milton Keynes and we have played an active role in representing the views and interests of local people. Much of this work has been done through our committees.



Parish Councillors Paul Griffiths and Chris Williams with Mr. and Mrs. Whiting of Northcroft, winners of the Riversmead Housing association Beautiful Gardens competition, which Paul and Chris judged in 2003.

Planning & Environment Committee

This committee, chaired by Eric Cooper, considers all planning applications and has the right to object to these, if they are considered inappropriate. In fact, only a small percentage of applications are subject to any objection, but a member of the committee checks each. The committee has worked with residents' groups to object to a number of major development proposals during the past year. On many of these we have been successful in having applications either refused or amended by the Local Planning Authority. The proposed road link across the linear park at Rosemullion Avenue is one example of this cooperation with local groups and ward councillors.

The most contentious application was for the proposed Community Centre at Manifold Lane, Shenley Brook End, by Milton Keynes Hindu Association. The Parish Council opposed the application on grounds relating to the size of the property and probable traffic/parking problems that this would bring. Although successful in persuading the LPA to refuse permission a second application was granted and MKHA was later successful in an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate, who gave the go-ahead to the original design. The Parish Council will work with all parties to ensure that the centre is integrated into the community and causes as little inconvenience as possible to residents.

The committee has been heavily involved in consultations of the Local Plan for the development of Milton Keynes to 2011, commenting on many proposals and attending a number of sessions of the Public Inquiry. We now await the Inspector's Report. Last year also saw the publication of Government proposals for significant growth in the region through to 2031, with initial plans for the period to 2016. Again we have submitted representations and comments on these proposals, which were subject to an Examination in Public held in April.

The committee is also working on plans for improvements to the local environment, including restoration of water flows to Shenley Brook and various ideas to improve road safety. These require working with other agencies and progress has been slower than we would like, but it is hoped to see some achievement shortly.

Youth & Community Committee

Much of the committee's efforts this year were devoted to youth problems in the Parish. Lack of facilities is a major concern and has

led to youths congregating in areas not intended for their use. In combination with alcohol consumption this has resulted in numerous complaints of rowdy and anti-social behaviour in varying degrees. In part, the response to this has been closer working with the police. We are now considering introducing a second alcohol designation area in Emerson Valley District Park, similar to the scheme operating in Furzton Local Park.

More positively we have funded youth activity at the Coldharbour Centre, which has attracted youngsters from the southern parts of Furzton and Emerson Valley. Funding support for a mobile music project to operate in two venues in the Parish has been less successful. Only one venue has been regularly manned and, despite improving attendance here, it has been decided not to continue funding this project when the contract with Milton Keynes Council expires in July. We also supported the summer play scheme for younger children, operated by Milton Keynes Play Association and will fund the scheme again this year.

The committee has been working to establish a youth forum, able to represent the views of youngsters in the Parish and advise on future projects and activities. A nucleus of youngsters has joined the forum but more members are being sought.

This committee also considers grant applications from organisations working in the Parish. Awards made last year included £1,500 to Courtenays Lodge towards the cost of a community bus, £1,000 towards a pilot project for tennis coaching in local schools, £500 to Furzton Scouts and £400 to MK Community Mediation Service. Grants of £2,743 to Shenley Brook End Village Hall for central heating and £700 to Long Meadow School for an art project both attracted match funding from Milton Keynes Council.



Parish Councillor Joanna Hall with Courtenays Lodge resident warden Val Freeman and a resident in front of the minibuss funded by the Parish Council.

Policy & Finance Committee

This committee is mainly concerned with guiding the work of the Parish Council and its meetings this year have been concerned with procedures and internal arrangements, including detailed consideration of the budget prior to deliberation at the full Council.

Parish Council

The Council acts as an overseeing body for the committees and many committee recommendations have to be referred to the full Council for approval. All financial matters, including the annual budget and payment of grants, are decided by the Council.

Meetings

All meetings of the Parish Council and its Committees are open to the public, who are given the opportunity to address meetings on matters of interest or concern to them. Details of future meeting dates and the work of the Council are published in **The Parish News** and on our website www.shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk.

Accounts

An unaudited summary of the accounts for financial year 2003/04 accompanies this report. The annual external audit will begin on 30 June. Electors have the right to inspect the accounts and comment or object to these. Anyone wishing to inspect the accounts should contact the clerk at the parish office for an appointment.

Paul Griffiths

SHENLEY BROOK END & TATTENHOE PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

Financial Year 2003/04

Revenue Account

Receipts

Precept	114,388.00
Bank interest	148.05
Newsletter advertising	1,200.00
Miscellaneous	292.04
External funding	3443.00
VAT refund	2017.28

Total 121,488.37

Payments

Salaries & allowances	18,290.46
Inland Revenue	8,326.18
Professional fees	1051.00
Associations	11,89.59
Section 137 grants	2,944.00
Grants & projects	18,532.00
Allotments	1,990.50
Newsletter	4,926.82
Rooms	631.50
Administration	8,671.07
Office	3,135.86
Petty cash	301.72
Transfers to reserves (net)	54,001.55
VAT	1,368.55

Total 125,361.33

Capital account

1/4/03

Opening balance	35,178.08
Transfers from revenue	82,017.28
Transfers to revenue	-28,016.00
Interest	2,475.83

Total 91,655.19

PARISH COUNCILLOR

A casual vacancy exists for a Parish Councillor in the Parish of Shenley Brook End & Tattenhoe

Persons interested please contact:
**The Parish Clerk, P O Box 7058,
 Milton Keynes, MK13 7YJ**
 or e-mail: [sbepc@btopenworld.com](mailto:sbecp@btopenworld.com)

New bus route to Westcroft

USE IT OR LOSE IT!

You have probably seen the debate in the local papers about the new private bus company, Transit group, which has been operating an ex-London Transport Routemaster bus on its T1 route.

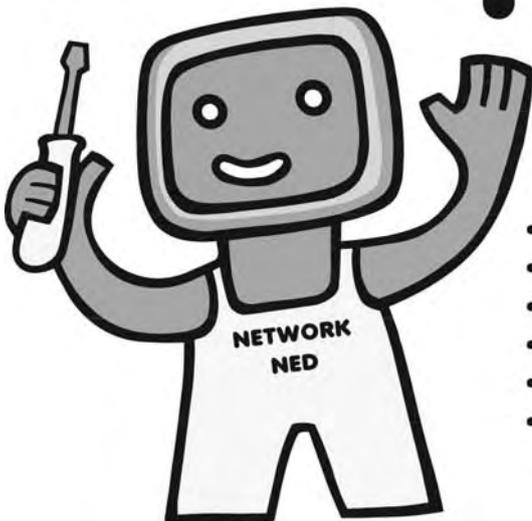
Whether or not you think this bus suitable for such a service, you have to admit it has been good publicity. Meanwhile, they have added route T2 using a modern single decker between Westcroft and Bletchley Bus Station. It runs at half-hourly intervals from 7am for twelve hours a day.

Bear in mind that this is a private operation with no Council funding. If it isn't profitable, it will not last.



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Spotlight on: Westcroft

YOU COULD SAY THAT WESTCROFT SUMS UP MILTON KEYNES IN THAT IT FEATURES A COMPREHENSIVE SHOPPING CENTRE AND NEW HOUSING PROJECTS ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

Of course, everybody in the area knows the Safeway Mega Store and the other large stores lining the main car park but how many of us have taken the time to look further into Westcroft?

Just in case there is anybody reading this who has never been to Safeway, it is worth noting that as well as the usual supermarket merchandise, the Mega Store incorporates a café, a dry-cleaners, a photographic processing service and a branch of the Abbey bank (not just a hole-in-the-wall).

The other large stores are Boots, Jolly's petfoods, Instore, B Wise, and JJB Sports.

Next to Safeway are Ladbrokes betting shop, TMC car accessories, Going Places travel agents, Choices video rental shop and Hearth & Home fireplace shop. On the corner, next to Boots is O'Riordan Bond estate agents, near The Mall.

The Mall is home to Westfriers, ZigZag hairdressers, the Community Shop, the Police office, the public library, the Adult Education Centre, the Day Nursery, All Smiles Health Care, ClearSight Opticians and the NHS Dental Access Centre.



At the end of The Mall is the Westcroft Meeting Place. A short walk from here, on the other side of Savill Lane (the road that leads via the bridge over V2 into Shenley Brook End), you will find the Westcroft Health Centre.

If you want refreshments, you are spoilt for choice at Westcroft with KFC, McDonald's, Pizza Hut and Westfriers traditional fish & chip shop as well as the Nut and Squirrel public house with its pleasant garden.

A brand new car showroom to sell Skoda and Mazda cars is currently under construction on the right as you drive into the shopping centre.

Elsewhere a large number of houses are already occupied and many more are in the process of being built.

The redways are all in place and the former Whaddon Road joining the Westcroft District Centre with Kingsmead has now been closed to motorised traffic and redesignated a redway. It takes you past the site that will soon be playing fields.

There is also provision for two children's playgrounds and the southern corner of Westcroft, by Kingsmead roundabout, is being landscaped as a local park.

Half way between this roundabout and the Whitney roundabout you will come across the revolutionary bridge taking V1 over the road linking Westcroft to Kingsmead. Although it looks quite ordinary (but not unattractive), this bridge was constructed using virtually silent hydraulic rams, much to the relief of local residents, the first bridge in the world to be built this way.

Westcroft District Centre now has excellent bus links to Central Milton Keynes, Wolverton, Kingston and Bletchley (see page 7 for the latest update).



The Safeway Mega Store that dominates Westcroft District Centre (2).



Fast food outlets (6)



Buses are no longer a rare site in Westcroft (14)

Some of the shops next to Safeway



The far end of The Mall (3)

The Mall (3)



ClearSight Opticians and All Smiles Health Care (3)

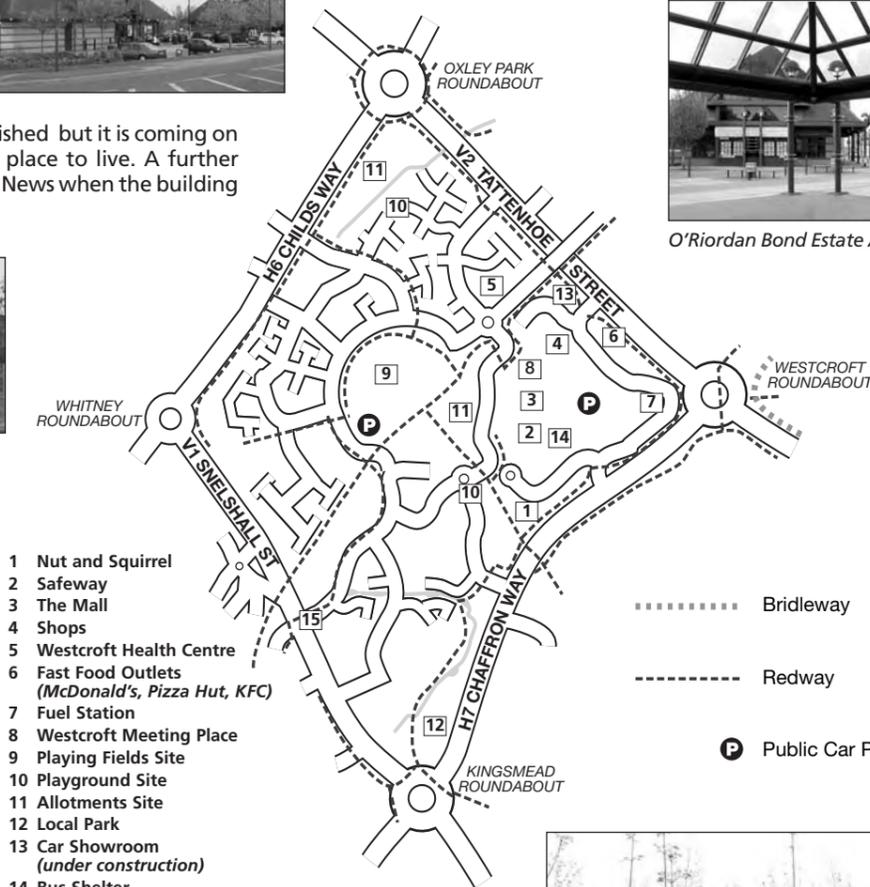
As we have said, Westcroft is far from finished but it is coming on rapidly and should be a very attractive place to live. A further updated review will appear in The Parish News when the building and landscaping are completed.

Westcroft Health Centre
Tel: 01908 520545

Westcroft Health Centre is the place to go if you need a GP (5)



The Nut and Squirrel public house (0)



- 1 Nut and Squirrel
- 2 Safeway
- 3 The Mall
- 4 Shops
- 5 Westcroft Health Centre
- 6 Fast Food Outlets (McDonald's, Pizza Hut, KFC)
- 7 Fuel Station
- 8 Westcroft Meeting Place
- 9 Playing Fields Site
- 10 Playground Site
- 11 Allotments Site
- 12 Local Park
- 13 Car Showroom (under construction)
- 14 Bus Shelter
- 15 V1 Bridge

- Bridleway
- Redway
- P Public Car Park

It's a Skoda showroom, honest!



A plantation of saplings near the V1.



ZigZag Beauty Salon and the NHS Dental service (3)



The Adult Training Centre (3)



A pretty roundabout in Westcroft, not far from the district centre



Some of the attractive houses in Westcroft



New houses under construction



The V1 Bridge over the link to Kingsmead (15)



The local park under construction (13).



Allotments site (12)



Hedging alongside the old Whaddon Road that is now a redway, next to a playground site.



Farewell to Shenley Brook End and Tattenhoe parish

FORMER PARISH COUNCILLOR GEORGE BOSTON SAYS
GOODBYE AFTER 2 DECADES IN FURZTON

After living in Furzton for over 20 years, my wife's increasing problems coping with the stairs in our house because of arthritis was the catalyst for us to make a major review of our life. After some discussion, we made the first decision: we would not install a stair lift but downsize a bit and move to a bungalow. This led on to the next decision: where?

We have enjoyed living and working in Milton Keynes. It is a vibrant city that has many plus points. In addition, our son lives in Conniburrow with his family. On the other hand, our daughter lives in Lancashire with hers. We do not have any other ties with the Milton Keynes area. Both of us were brought up in London and had lived for fifteen years in Rochdale before moving to Milton Keynes in 1983.

So, where? Neither of us drives and, up to now, we have used bicycles for short journeys and public transport for longer ones. We decided that we would look for a town on the main West Coast rail line about half way between the children.

In June last year, we took a day trip to Tamworth and fell in love with the town. We have bought a bungalow at the top of a hill about three miles south of Tamworth centre. We have a pleasant view westwards over the Tame Valley. Drayton Manor Theme Park is visible among the trees in the valley bottom. About five miles due west, on the other side of the valley, is the BBC Sutton Coldfield transmitter and the ITV transmitter at Lichfield is about three miles to the north west. It makes a pleasant change not to be in a fringe area.

The public transport services are good with a bus into Tamworth every twenty minutes during the day and a bus stop right outside our house. In addition to the rail north-south services, there is also an excellent rail link to Birmingham, Bristol and Cardiff to the west and Derby, Nottingham and York to the east from Tamworth station.

Tamworth is about a quarter the size of Milton Keynes and has managed to avoid losing all of its historic heart to development. The centre of the town is dominated by the castle which dates back to the early days of the Norman Conquest. The Lords were the Marmion family: hereditary Champions of England. They lived in the castle until relatively recently when the Town Council bought it for the town.

The Market Hall, which was built in 1701 by Thomas Guy (who also founded Guy's Hospital in London), sits in the middle of the high street. In front of it is a statue to another local notable - Robert Peel. He was the MP for the town for many years and is famous for creating the Metropolitan Police when Home Secretary. Around the Market Hall is a busy high street lined with, what I call, proper shops. Although there is a large edge-of-town retail centre a few hundred yards away, there is no sense of decay in the town as you get in places like Bletchley Queensway.

For the big weekly shopping, there is a wide choice. In addition to all the specialist shops in the town centre, there are two competing co-op societies - one in the town centre and the other about a mile from our house - an ASDA and Sainsbury's in the edge-of-town retail centre and a Morrison's about a mile away.

Having moved to Tamworth we have found that there are many similarities with Milton Keynes. We used to live in Furzton about 3/4 mile to the west of Watling Street with the A5D a bit further to the east. In the distance we could see an indoor ski slope in the centre of the town. The main north-south canal and the west coast main line railway run through the town. The area has associations with the Enigma machines and the code breaking exploits of WWII. There are many cycle paths and cycle stands around the town centre

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We will miss the many friends that we made in Milton Keynes and in Shenley Brook End Parish in particular. Once settled into the new house, I intend to continue with some of the activities, such as acting as a Custody Visitor at the Police Station, that I did in Milton Keynes. Being a Parish Councillor is, however, one thing that I will not be able to do. Tamworth does not have Parish Councils.

Having spent some five years as a Parish Councillor for Shenley Brook End and Tattenhoe, I would like to end with a note about the future of the Parish. The Parish is going to be facing many challenges in the coming years as pressure grows from government and developers to concrete over more and more of the area. You will face a constant fight to maintain Shenley Brook End and Tattenhoe as a green and pleasant place to live. The Parish Council cannot work effectively to represent you without your support. If you can afford a few hours a month, consider joining the Parish Council. You will find it very worthwhile and fulfilling. It may be small scale things to decide but they are the things that make a huge difference to the quality of life of the community. When I first joined, I was surprised at the way people from different political backgrounds come together to work for the parish and not party. At the risk of being accused of chauvinism, it is an excellent example of the best of the British character.

George Boston

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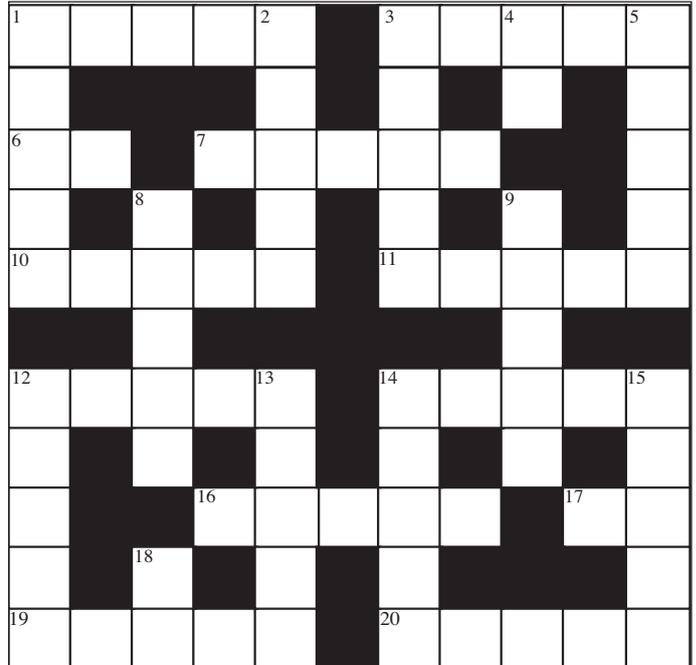
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- 1. Spirit (5)
- 3. Titles (5)
- 6. Old Testament Town [Joshua. 9] (3)
- 7. Trample (5)
- 10. Post (5)
- 11. Male Duck (5)
- 12. Wild Oxen (5)
- 14. Reptile (5)
- 16. Snow House (5)
- 17. Pronoun (2)
- 19. Boat (5)
- 20. Fish (5)

DOWN:

- 1. Tumbler (5)
- 2. Tax (5)
- 3. Wanderer (5)
- 4. Belong (2)
- 5. Lotion (5)
- 8. Error (5)
- 9. Deadly (5)
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- 13. Darkness (5)
- 14. Muzzle (5)
- 15. Vote (5)
- 18. Alternating Current [abbr.] (1,1)



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At Milton Keynes Parks Trust we feel that it is vitally important to give every one who wishes to, the chance to get involved in our work. Therefore I would like to take this chance to bring you up to date on a few things that people can get involved with in your area.

On the 26th of May we will be building and deploying loafing rafts into Furzton Lake. These are wooden platforms topped with sand or gravel that float and provide secure mini-island habitat for nesting birds or just those that fancy a rest. This task is open to anyone over the age of 16 (under 16s can come if supervised by a responsible adult), meet in the Lynmouth Crescent car park on the south shore of the lake. The task runs 9am – 1pm but you are welcome to come along later or leave earlier if you wish.

We also have a water vole survey about to kick off which will take in the entire Tattenhoe valley between Furzton and Bottledump. If you like the idea of trying to help our furry friends make a come back then please get in touch, you could say that this is a vole-entering opportunity.

These are just two of a massive range of opportunities available with MKPT so if you would like to know more about what we do, and how you can help please contact Volunteers coordinator, **Pete Blyth**, on **01908 233600** or by email on **pblyth@mkparks.co.uk**

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- 1) increase the awareness of the "Friends of Willen Hospice" throughout Milton Keynes
- 2) try and increase our source of volunteers
- 3) try and increase our membership.

We are a band of volunteers, from all walks of life, who undertake to raise enough money each year to pay for the cost of running a bed at the Hospice. This costs approx. £60,000 a year at the moment.

We raise this money in various ways coffee mornings to jumble sales; raffles to fashion shows and garden shows; door to door and street collections to donations and subscriptions.

If you feel that you would like to help please and could offer a few hours to help man a stall occasionally or perhaps doing a street collection then please telephone Joyce on 01908 312991 or Maureen on 01908 582571 they would love to hear from you.

If you would like to become a member of the Friends of Willen Hospice ask for a copy of the membership form (*you can e-mail theparishnews@yahoo.co.uk for a copy*) and send to Jill Moore at the address on the form. Remember if you are a tax payer then you can increase your contribution by 28p in every pound by signing the Gift Aid part of the form.

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Vicki Rowland

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SOUND ADVICE FROM THAMES VALLEY POLICE

Increasing numbers of criminals are specialising in 'distraction burglaries', mainly against older people. Many of these go unreported to the police and so it is difficult to stop them or to know the true extent of the problem.

Below are some of the numerous methods used by criminals to get people to let them into their homes, or hand over money.

1 Distraction burglary – the offender goes to the door and keeps the home owner talking at the door whilst an accomplice goes into the house through the back door or window and takes any money or valuables they find. Sometimes the offender will go to the door saying that he/she needs help or has been involved in an accident and needs a glass of water or to use the toilet. When they are let in and while the home owner is in the kitchen, the offender searches the bedrooms or handbags and takes any valuables. More frequently now, women and children are becoming involved. Sometimes the story can be that their kitten is in the back garden, or their ball has gone over the wall.

2 Bogus callers – these situations occur when people at the door claim to be from any agency, but often Water, Gas or Electricity Board and need to come in and read the meter, or that there is some emergency down the road and they need to test the taps etc. Whilst they are doing this they do a search of the house and take whatever they want. They can be in clothing that looks like a uniform to give the impression that they are from one company. They nearly all have ID cards that can look very realistic. There are also people claiming to be from the DHSS, Home Care, Home Help – virtually any organisation you can think of. Occasionally they even claim to be police officers. Lately there have been incidents of children asking for money for Sponsorship and keeping the money themselves.

3 Bogus property repairs – people who carry out poor, shoddy work (particularly in the garden) and charge extortionate prices. They often do the work before any agreement has been made and whilst the householder is out of the house. A recent spate of complaints has been that offenders have dug up driveways whilst people are out of the house and then demanded several thousand pounds to repair the driveway. This is often accompanied by intimidating behaviour and threats. In these cases it may be difficult to determine whether a crime has been committed and criminals are exploiting this situation, knowing that the victims have little prospect of achieving a civil remedy and are frequently terrified of taking any action.

4 Intimidating/Deceptive selling – this can take many forms. The most recent reported cases have been doorstep sellers selling items from suitcases, pieces of carpet, changing utility companies, etc. and demanding extortionate prices particularly from the elderly. On some occasions they have followed the elderly person into the house and taken all the money they could find. Another scam is to phone an elderly person to say that they have won a prize which will be delivered the next day. The next day, the salesman or woman turns up and tries to persuade the elderly person that she is at great risk and needs to buy an expensive alarm system. 'Hard selling' tactics are used and the elderly person is confused and frightened. The 'prize' turns out to be a holiday voucher which they are given but have to send in some money to receive any more details.

How can I protect myself?

Here are some measures that we can all take to protect ourselves against this type of crime:-

- Make sure your front and back doors have strong locks, bolts top and bottom, and a chain or security bar. Put locks on your windows and keep them locked when you are not in the room especially at night. Whenever someone comes to your front door, lock your back door and windows first and put the chain on the front door before you open it.
- If you have a spyhole – check who is at the door. Many people are now using an inexpensive intercom system so that they can talk to someone at the door without opening it.

- If you can't see who is at the door, do not be embarrassed about asking who is there.
- **Do not take the chain off the door if you do not know the person**
- If someone asks for help, do not let them in however tragic the story sounds. They can always phone for help or ask someone to phone the police for them.
- Make sure that you have the telephone numbers of your Utility companies right beside your telephone. Phone the companies and ask them what number you should phone to check identity.
- If someone at your door says they are from a company or organisation ask for the ID card. **Please note that companies are not called 'Water Board', 'Gas Board' or 'Electricity Board'.** They all have a name eg Anglian Water.
- Keep the door closed or keep the chain/bar on while you phone the company and check the identity of the caller. If you cannot get a definite answer, refuse to let the caller in. If he/she is genuine he/she will understand and the company concerned can contact you by telephone to confirm the ID. On the rare occasion when there is a **real** emergency, the company concerned can contact the police for assistance.
- If you believe the caller is genuine and you let them in, **stay with them at all times.** Do **not** allow anyone to use your toilet at any time. There is no reason for a stranger to ever use your toilet. Do not leave them while you go into another room. Do not let them send you into another room to get a drink, flush the toilet etc.
- If you do not feel happy letting anyone into your house when you are alone, ask the caller to wait until you have contacted a neighbour or relative, or ask them to come back another time when you will not be alone.
- **Do not buy anything from anyone who comes to your door.** We can supply stickers which state this, but you must ensure that you cannot be persuaded to change your mind.
- Do not agree to anyone doing any work for you on your house, unless you feel confident that the trader is genuine and you have a written agreement from him/her before the work commences. If this is refused, do not go ahead with any further discussion – **Say No!**
- If you are intimidated into handing over money or the work is obviously substandard, contact your bank immediately and see if they can assist in getting your cheque stopped.
- **Do not keep money in your house unless it is essential.** If you do need a small amount of money, keep it out of sight and hidden away somewhere that no-one would think of looking.

Learn to say No and mean it

Suspicious?

If you have been the victim of a distraction burglary or bogus caller, or have suspicions that a caller was not genuine – **Let someone know immediately.** Contact the police or a relative as soon as possible and let us know.

Don't feel embarrassed because you have been tricked. It could happen to anyone and it can only be stopped by reporting it to the police. Dial 999 or 0845 8 505505.

Talk to friends, neighbours, shops etc. Let everyone know that these people are in the area and are criminals.

Look at the security in your own home. Use the best security equipment that you can afford – you can always ask for some new locks and bolts for Christmas or birthday presents.

If you are elderly or particularly vulnerable, Age Concern have a handyman service which you can use and are always willing to give advice about any work that you need doing in your home or garden.

If you would like some extra advice, or leaflets and stickers, contact the Crime Reduction Unit at the Police Station in Milton Keynes.

Don't let these criminals stop you leading your normal life – just stop them getting into your home!

Say 'No' and mean it!

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- DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL
- AFTER SCHOOL CLUB (SWASP)
- MK PIPE BAND
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- MUMS & BABIES GROUP
- UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE SPANISH CLASS
- CHINESE SCHOOL & COMMUNITY CENTRE

Community Spot

An opportunity for a local organisation to introduce themselves

Puddles gets the thumbs-up from OFSTED

GOOD NEWS FOR THE POPULAR PRE-SCHOOL



Puddles has had a busy year so far. Since January the pre-school has had a new Play Leader, a new Deputy, new Play Assistants, loads more new sessions and most recently, their OFSTED inspection.

OFSTED recognised the challenging role Jane Read has faced since taking on the role of Pre-school Leader in January and she was given credit for the style of leadership and sense of direction she has brought to Puddles. All the Puddles staff were praised for their teamwork and performance and the Committee also received recognition for their good management of the pre-school and the level of communication with parents. OFSTED were so satisfied with what they observed that they won't be returning to Puddles for three to four years. In short, Puddles received a big thumbs up!

Puddles would like to acknowledge the support of the Parish Council prior to the inspection. Fundraising efforts allowed the pre-school to purchase indoor equipment to the sum of £1000 but more cash was needed to replace the existing outdoor equipment which was in poor condition. The Parish Council responded quickly to Puddles request for help and donated £350. As a result the pre-school was able to impress OFSTED with 10 new bikes, trikes and scooters. So a big thank you goes out to the Parish Council for their help. However, not everyone's happy with all the new equipment; one little girl complained to a committee member that "The boys keep hogging the new, pink Barbie bike!" Oh well, you can't please everyone!

If you would like to book a place for your child or visit the pre-school, call Louise on: 01908 505154.

Ruth Goodridge

DO YOU WANT TO PUBLICISE AN ORGANISATION THAT MEETS IN THE PARISH? WHY NOT SUBMIT AN ARTICLE TO The Parish News FOR INCLUSION IN THE COMMUNITY SPOT? SEE PAGE 2 FOR CONTACT DETAILS.

Out of this World

A REVIEW OF SHENLEY BROOK END SCHOOL'S LATEST THEATRICAL PRODUCTION

What a fantastic evening – Shenley Brook End School's production of 'Return to the Forbidden Planet'. If your recollections of a school play are a couple of hours of buttock aching misery on seats designed for infants – then this can be the only reason you missed out.

A team of over 50 pupils and staff kept the whole audience enthralled with three hours of spellbinding entertainment. It would be wrong here to pick out any individual for special praise, but what was especially pleasing was the way in which so many children of differing abilities had been welded together to perform as professionals

Running over four evening performances from 30th March to 2nd April the futuristic scene provided a stunning back drop to the excellent music one has come to expect from this school. The songs that had been arranged from some of the more memorable over the last half century were presented to an exceptionally high standard at a cracking toe tapping pace.

Well done the whole team. If you went along to see this show I'm sure you will agree it was a fantastic fun evening. But unlike the 'Last train to San Fernando' – if you missed this one – then sometime there'll be another one – don't miss it.

Tony Ibotson

Can the Parish Council help?

GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP LOCAL ORGANISATIONS – JUST TELL US WHAT YOU WANT AND WHY AND WE WILL SEE IF WE CAN HELP.

Any group, society, playgroup, or charitable organisation in the Parish, or benefiting residents of the parish, can 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 happy to help. Obviously you stand a better chance of having your application accepted if it is for a relatively small sum. However, if a large amount of money needs to be raised we would probably be prepared to make a contribution. You never know what you might get if you don't ask.

We will also provide space in The Parish News to publicise the work of organisations that receive grants. We can include an article for any organisation that benefits the community irrespective of grant applications. The Parish Council is willing to publicise anything that helps local residents, so let us know about it.

Contact the Clerk on on 01908 521538 or sbepc@bopenworld.com or write to him at P O Box 7058, Milton Keynes, MK13 7YJ

Answers to Crossword No.5

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Directory of tradespeople within the Parish of Shenley Brook End & Tattenhoe

The firms and individuals listed are those appearing in 'Thomson' within your parish, the Parish Council do not endorse or recommend any or all those shown. We will be pleased to add to these listings all other trades people based within the parish who do not appear in 'Thomson'. For inclusion, deletion or amendment call the Parish Office on 01908 521538 or email: sbecp@btopenworld.com

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