

Shenley Brook End Fete Defies the Weather

In spite of the rain and the cooler weather, there was a good turn out for this year's fête. Fresh faces on the committee meant new ideas, and the fête expanded out onto the upper field where kids' races, 'beat the goalie', circus skills and obstacle course were located, along with a variety of other stalls.

Entertainment included a fine display by the Royal Oak Morris Dancers from Eydou. New Bradwell Silver Band entertained us throughout the afternoon and a very realistic first-aid demonstration was put on by Mick and his team from the Post Office. Did you wonder why there were so many walking wounded kids? Fantastic makeup!

The bar was again popular with an expanded range of beers this year, from local brewers, including Concrete Cow, White Park and Frog Island breweries.

The evening's Picnic in the Park started with some last minute hiccups with Rumble Suite crying off due to sickness and Real Rabbitskin not bringing their drumkit! Fortunately Rabbitskin were able to go and get their kit and fill in Rumble Suite's 7.30 slot. This left a bit of a gap at five thirty which KoBold from Buckingham filled by coming on early.

The BullFrogs headlining played a solid set, if a little short.

A big 'thank you' to all the helpers, organisers and those who came to the fête, for making it happen. If you would like to get involved next year please send an email to shenleybrookend@aol.com. See centre spread for more pictures and visit www.shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk for even more.



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CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

THIS IS A NEW SECTION IN THE PARISH NEWS, INTENDED TO INFORM RESIDENTS OF ACTIVITIES RELEVANT TO THE PARISH, NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE.

As part of my responsibilities, I represent your parish council at a number of consultation events, where plans are revealed that may impact on residents. Whilst I'm sure that these are held with the best intentions, there are occasions when I come away thinking, "Was that really a genuine attempt to seek the opinions of attendees, and to act on their comments?"

However, I attended a consultation meeting in July that did indeed fulfil my expectations. It was organised by Thames Valley Police Authority, to whom Thames Valley Police (TVP) are accountable. The meeting was attended by representatives from Town and Parish Councils in the northern TVP area, and over 50 people assembled.

Interestingly, senior officers from TVP, including the Deputy Chief Constable, attended as participants, rather than organisers, and the event was facilitated by a third party professional.

The purpose of the consultation was to review police strategy and identify ways of improving effectiveness in policing. It was also an opportunity to learn about TVP's performance and operational activities. Briefly, the following statistics were revealed:

81% of the time of Police Community Support Officers is spent 'out and about', rather than behind a desk.

90% of all non-emergency telephone calls are answered within 40 seconds.

Comparing 2007/08 with 2006/07 shows a reduction of 13.3% in reported crime in Milton Keynes

In the near future, police will attend in every case where a crime is reported.

We were all assured that the police authority would listen to comments from attendees, and I believe they will.

If any resident has a comment on policing matters, please drop a line or an email to the Clerk at the address on page three.

David Livingstone
Chairman

What's On

British Thyroid Foundation Local Support Group

hold meetings every three months with informative speakers.
Saturday 8th March, 7th June, 6th September and 6th December.
10:30 am at The Pavilion, Open University, Milton Keynes.
More information from: **Brenda** on: **01908 502214**

EL Club Español – Fun Spanish Clubs for Children aged 4-10

Every Saturday morning. 10-11am & 11am-12 noon
Thursdays 5-6pm
No experience necessary Emerson Valley Community Centre
Call **Helen** on **01908 521147** or **07759 287206** for further information

Furzton Scout Group

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

Howe Park Scout Group

Beavers (age 6-8) Mondays 6-7pm
Cubs (age 8-10) Tuesdays 6.30-8pm
Scouts (age 10-14) Fridays 7.15-9.15pm
Westcroft District Centre, Wimborne Crescent
Contact **Janette** on **01908 503093**

Loughton Scout Group

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

7-a-side Football For Fun

Every Tuesday evening. 8-9pm
Anyone welcome, male or female, and any skill level, though being able to kick a ball is helpful! You must be 16 or over, but no upper limit.
£2.50 per week.

Shenley Brook End School (Astro-turf, all weather pitch)

More info from **Tim, 16 Leonards Lee. 01908 522739**

Thursday Club

Every Thursday afternoon. 2-3.30pm
If you enjoy Bingo and meeting new people. Everybody is welcome, young, old, male or female.
Shenley Brook End Village Hall

Le Club Francais – For 3-9 year-olds

Every Saturday morning. 9.30am-12.30pm
No experience necessary
Shenley Brook End Village Hall
Call **Julie** on **561349** for further information

Loughton and Shenley Over 60's Club

Every Wednesday afternoon. 2.15-5pm
Loughton Memorial Hall, Bradwell Road, Loughton
New members always welcome
Call **Mo** on **690235** or **Sylvia** on **569165** for information

Shenley Christian Fellowship

Every Sunday morning. 10.30am-12noon
Creche available
Shenley Brook End School, 6th Form Centre
Every Sunday evening. 6.30-7.30pm. Shenley Lodge Meeting Place
Call **Chris** on **504299** or **Margaret** on **231764** for information

Shenleys and Loughton Women's Institute

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

Shape Changers Square Dance Club

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

Rotaract Club of Milton Keynes

Rural Social and Community Group for 18-30 year olds
New members always welcome
1st and 3rd Monday of every month Venues vary
Contact: **Daren** on **07717 154803** or **Wendy** on **07974 821370**
Website: www10.brinkster.com/mkrotaract

Shenley Brook End Village Hall

Quiz Night Sat ~ 27th Sept 2008
£6 adult £3.50 child includes hot supper. Bring your own drinks.
Limited tickets so book early, call Geraldine on 01908 867107 or 07962 256211 (quiz tickets only)

To publicise an event in our **FREE** What's On listing, send details to:
The Clerk, Shenley Brook End & Tattenhoe Parish Council,
6 Wimborne Crescent, Westcroft District Centre, Milton Keynes MK4 4DE
or e-mail: clerk@shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk

Parish Council Meetings

Meetings of the full Parish Council and its committees are held each month on Mondays, commencing at 7.15pm. at Parish Office, 6 Wimborne Crescent, Westcroft (opposite Westfriers).

Full Parish Council

Sept 22nd Oct 27th Nov 24th Dec 15th

Community Committee

Sept 8th Oct 13th Nov 10th Dec None

Planning & Environment Committee

Sept 1st Oct 6th Nov 3rd Dec 1st

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 clerk@shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk beforehand to make sure that there have not been any changes to the date and/or venue since going to press.



Can We Help You?

Grants are available from the Parish Council

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. Contact the Clerk in the first instance.

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

Contact the Clerk by e-mail at clerk@shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk or telephone **01908 521538**. Alternatively, you can write to **The Clerk, Shenley Brook End & Tattenhoe Parish Council, 6 Wimborne Crescent, Westcroft District Centre, Milton Keynes MK4 4DE**.

For advertising details, contact the Clerk now on **01908 521538**

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BROOKFIELD RANGERS FC END OF SEASON CELEBRATION

The boys and girls from Brookfield Rangers Football Club were joined by Mowie and Donny from MK Dons when they held their end of season celebration at Tattenhoe Pavilion.

The club would like to thank parents and children for their dedication and commitment to the club, which is run entirely by parent volunteers. Thanks also to the club sponsors and funders: Shenley Brook End and Tattenhoe Parish Council, Aztech Printers, Baldy's Barbers, Michael Anthony Estate Agents, Chips Away, MKpc Ltd, Elcam Property Maintenance, Shepherds Interiors, Patios and Plants, Realistic Self Defence Academy, MK Community Foundation and Network Fund, The Football Foundation and MK Council. A special 'thank you' to Perry Akhtar for funding some of this year's trophies and gifts.

We look forward to another successful and fun season ahead.



Get Fit in the Parish!

On July 20th Iain Stewart, one of your parish councillors, took part in the NSPCC Half Marathon in Milton Keynes.

Iain was running to raise funds for Sportsaid, a charity which provides grants to young people in Milton Keynes with a promising sporting talent to help them pay for their kit and training.

By his own admission Iain is unlikely ever to trouble the Olympic selectors for Team GB but successfully completed the run in 1hr 55 mins – a personal best by 20 minutes!

Much of Iain's training for the run was done in the parish. Iain said,

"The Parish has some great places for jogging. You really can see the best of the local area while pounding the paths. My favourite route started at St Giles Church in Tattenhoe, heading down to the Linear Park, then following the brook through Emerson Valley and Furzton before doing a circuit of Furzton Lake and then retracing my steps back to Tattenhoe. It is about a five mile route.

"Some of my runs were done at dawn as I have to leave home early to commute into London. The wildlife along the route at that time of day is fascinating. While getting up at 5am to do a run is not everyone's idea of fun, it really does set you up for the day".

Iain will happily provide further details of his jogging routes. Contact him via the Parish Office.

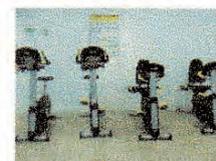
(Disclaimer; the Parish Council will not accept any responsibility for blisters, sore muscles, breathlessness or any other injury incurred by attempting this run!!!!).



SHENLEY BROOK END FITNESS SUITE —Need to get fit? Looking for a local gym? Shenley Brook End Fitness Suite can offer you:



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www.sbeschool.org.uk or telephone 01908 524898 / 524109 or email

PublicLettings@shenleybrookend.milton-keynes.sch.uk or

SiteTeam@shenleybrookend.milton-keynes.sch.uk

**Shenley Brook End School, Walbank Grove, Shenley Brook End, Milton Keynes
(opposite Westcroft shopping centre on the corner of the H7 and the V2)**

Korfstock Goes from Strength to Strength

The second annual Korfstock Festival was held at Tattenhoe Pavilion on Saturday 12th July. This year there were 350 players and a further 700 people enjoying watching and taking part in fun and games.

On the korfball pitch 25 teams took part in the senior event. Norwich Knights were the eventual winners but with Bletchley based MK



Bucks coming third and Shenley Brook End based MK City finishing 10th it was a successful day for local teams.

A beginners' tournament had 11 teams. The highest finishing MK team was Kids Club from Stantonbury who came 5th. The Shenley Brook End Sixth Form team, known as MKX, finished 7th, just ahead of both Roos and Wallabies who train at Shenley Brook End School.

There were junior matches too. Giles Brook School and Shenley Brook End School took on teams from Norwich. The more experienced Norwich teams were triumphant but as this was Giles Brooks first ever match the teams did very well.

Korfstock was not just about korfball, thanks to the Parish Council and the Milton Keynes Community Foundation. Grant awards paid for lots of activities to take place free of charge

Two giant bouncy castles, provided and supervised by the MK Play Association, were enjoyed by children and adults alike. The Play Association also brought other games and toys to play with. The University of the First Age (UFA) ran activities such as T-shirt printing, arts and crafts and parachute games. The UFA activities were led by Tracy Leicester of the Extended School Services team. Tracy is also a keen korfballer. Parish youth worker Andy Ridgway was on hand to lead circus skills sessions. There were also other sports to enjoy including touch rugby, disc golf and petanque. For those feeling a little more relaxed, live music was played through the afternoon thanks to Monkey Kettle who organised the various acts.

Members of the Tattenhoe Community Group were also present, telling people about all their exciting plans for the year ahead.

Finally, the Pavilion and their staff were very capable hosts and the barbeque, bar and café proved very popular.

The organisers of Korfstock, MK City, MK Roos and MK Bucks Korfball Clubs are very grateful to all supporters for their help. More than 1,000 people enjoyed Korfstock this year. Hopefully next year will be bigger and better with the aim of having a full youth tournament.

If you fancy trying a new sport then korfball may be for you. Korfball uses some of the skills of basketball, netball and handball but is definitely its own sport (it even has a World Championship). It is played by mixed teams of men and women and in the parish, MK Roos train at Shenley Brook End School on Wednesday evenings from 8pm. There will also be new out-of-school sessions for U11, U13 and U16 players from October onwards at Shenley Brook End School, details are just being finalised.

Call Darren on 07949411502 or go to www.korfballinmk.co.uk for more information.

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Dive Horizons

Shenley Brook End, Milton Keynes
We're on the web, visit us at
www.divehorizons.co.uk

Milton Keynes West Flank Interagency Group Community Information

& Family Fun Day

Find Out Information

Arts and Craft



fun for the kids



Find out what is going on



Free Refreshments

Bouncy Castle

KORFBALL

Meet More people
from your area

Free Prize Draw

10am - 2pm

Thursday 30th October

Shenley Brook End School

Shenley Brook End

Supported and organised by



Community Committee Report

Help our People Build a Community to be Proud of.

The Community Committee covers a wide range of activities that benefit the parish and its residents. Grants have been made to a number of good causes that are designed to improve youth activities, such as a new scout group in Emerson Valley, who were in desperate need of new equipment and funding to grow the group.

The Community Committee also has responsibility for the Parish Warden and the Youth Team. These two teams do a great deal of work on behalf of our residents. Mark, the Parish Warden, has a Problem Log that this year alone has dealt with some 600 plus items. Now only 8 remain outstanding. The problems range from graffiti, broken playground furniture and dumped newspapers.

Andy's team do a lot of work with the youth across all areas of the Parish, organising a wide variety of events and sports, from the new and fashionable korfbal to the old traditional soccer, both indoors and outdoors.

Both units support each other in their activities, maintaining the Parish as a pleasant environment, and organising events, teams and sports for youth of all ages.

The Community Committee meet on the second Monday of every month at the Parish Office in Westcroft. If you know of a good cause and have any ideas you would like to put to us, come along and tell us.

Neil Warden

Chairman, Community Committee

You can Change Emerson Valley for the Better

It is now four months since the Emerson Valley Neighbourhood Action Group came into being. We have had four meetings and the first three key issues we decided to tackle as priorities were underage drinking, graffiti and litter. Using an established technique to assess the problem of underage drinking in particular, a number of actions were agreed upon and undertaken.

We were indeed fortunate in securing the help of the Manager of the Co-operative Supermarket in Winfold Lane. Our own Parish Youth Team, the Parish Warden as well as the team members of the Safer Neighbourhood Group from MKC, the Thames Valley Police and a number of residents, were involved.

The actions started with an environmental audit. Two groups set out to cover the area on foot to identify the areas where offences were taking place. These were discussed at a subsequent meeting and a plan put in place. This has led to Operation Drystone, supported in the area by Thames Valley Police. A letter was sent to the pupils of five schools in the parish before the start of the summer holidays regarding the dangers of alcohol. Strong support from all the staff and Management at the Co-operative Supermarket will be sustained across the area together with a poster campaign informing of the penalties of buying and supplying alcohol to underage drinkers. Fines of up to £5,000 may be levied for buying alcohol on behalf of underage drinkers.

The Emerson Valley and Shenley Brook End Neighbourhood Action Group would love to have stronger input from residents of all ages and invite you to join us at the Parish Office in Westcroft at 7.15pm every 3rd Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is Tuesday 16th September, put the date in your diary and help us tackle the next challenge of litter. Come and have your say to change Emerson Valley.

Neil Warden

Chairman Emerson Valley & Shenley Brook End NAG

Planning & Environment Committee Report

In the summer issue I reported successful opposition to the planning application for the proposed development of Phase 1 of Kingsmead South, largely on the grounds of incompatibility with the character of the existing area.

To everyone's surprise, particularly in the present economic climate, Lagan Homes submitted a new application. On 22nd July a well attended and lively public consultation was held at the parish office with the plans on display and representatives of MKP, the developers and the architect on hand to hear the views of the residents.

The new proposals did little to allay the concerns of residents. Although the original flat roofed houses had been replaced with pitched roofs and some brick facings had been added, the bland nature and lack of architectural detail which add character to a development had not changed. Equally, the concerns regarding the proximity of two large 3-story blocks of flats adjacent to the existing housing on Kingsmead North had been ignored. Other issues such as the concentration of social housing in one small area and the ever present parking problems were also raised. Following detailed discussion it was agreed that the parish council would again support residents in their objection to this application in its present form.

Then, just as everyone was getting ready for a new battle, we were advised that the developer had withdrawn the application again. What is certain is that sooner or later the site will be developed but when and in what style remains to be seen.

In August we were pleased to be able to report that Wimborne Crescent allotments finally came on stream and several enthusiastic allotment holders are already making inroads into the heavy ground and rampant weeds, although at the time of writing, water has yet to be plumbed in. Progress is also being made on the Stoneleigh Court site.

At the June meeting the possibility of redressing the balance between 'Planning' and 'Environment' in our discussions and members of the committee were asked to give thought to projects and initiatives which might, in a broad sense, improve the general environment within the parish. For example, clearing up untidy areas, perhaps planting spring bulbs or shrubs to add interest and liven up neglected corners.

This theme will, hopefully, be developed over the next few months but already it has been noted that there are areas around the parish where cable and other service companies have not reinstated verges etc following installation work, leaving an unsightly mess. Efforts will be made to ensure that these utility companies are pressed to fulfill their obligations in this respect.

The question of 'delinquent' parking was an issue which we took up with MKC and on page 15 of this issue there is a useful summary of the current situation regarding parking in general – what is legal and what is not.

An ongoing concern is the proposed development at 9a Whaddon Road, Shenley Brook End. This will be watched closely to ensure that unauthorised development does not take place.

Keith Thomas

Chairman Planning & Environment Committee

Correct email address for the Parish News

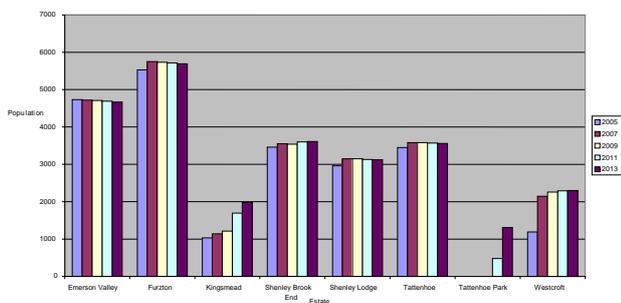
Please note that the old email address for matters relating to the Parish News (theparishnews@yahoo.co.uk) has been closed and anything sent to this address will disappear into cyberspace, never to be seen again. Any communications intended for the Parish News should be sent to The Clerk at 6 Wimborne Crescent, Westcroft District Centre MK4 4DE or emailed to: clerk@shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk

Update on Population, Housing and Social Indicators in the Parish

Population : The population in the parish is estimated to be 24,030 as at June 2007, 10.5% of the Milton Keynes total. This is projected to increase by 7% to 25,720 by 2013.

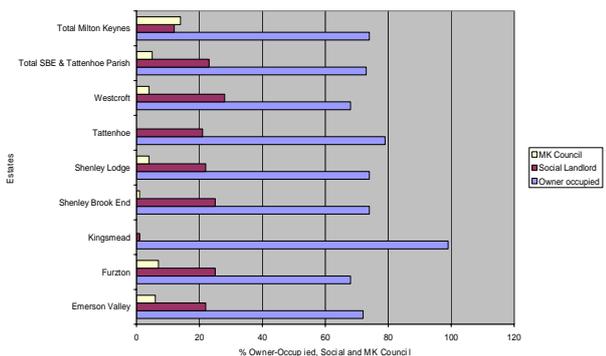
Shenley Lodge, Furzton, Emerson Valley, Shenley Brook End and Tattenhoe are established settlements and the majority of population growth during the next five years will be in Kingsmead, Tattenhoe Park and Westcroft.

Estate population growth in Shenley Brook End and T attenhoe Parish



Housing Tenure: 73% of dwellings in the parish are owner occupied, 23% owned by a social landlord e.g. housing association, and 4% owned by Milton Keynes Council. The proportion of social housing is higher than the Milton Keynes average, but the proportion owned by Milton Keynes Council is much lower.

Housing Tenure in Shenley Brook End and Tattenhoe Parish



SOCIAL INDICATORS: The 2006/2007 Milton Keynes Social Atlas published in September 2007, covers a wide range of social and economic indicators that provide a quantitative description of estates across Milton Keynes. These are income, children & education, older people, community factors, health & disability. It is useful to review the profiles in the estates, so as to highlight the extent of social exclusion in the parish. None of the estates in the parish is on the list of those with the most difficulties.

Income: On average 186 out of 1,000 population in Milton Keynes get housing or council tax benefit, a means tested benefit. The rates in our estates are:

Estate	Housing/Council Tax Benefit March 2007:Value per 1,000
Emerson Valley	126.4
Furzton	160.9
Kingsmead	21.6
Shenley Brook End	131.0
Shenley Lodge	206.4
Tattenhoe	95.7
Westcroft	139.8
Milton Keynes average	186.2

Children : There are four indicators in this category covering a diverse range of topics affecting children. They include family referrals to Children's Social Care where the average across Milton Keynes is 18 per 1,000 of population, with Shenley Brook End the highest in the parish at 28.7. The numbers of children getting free school meals is a traditional indicator of disadvantage, and in the parish there are no estates above the Milton Keynes average of 11%. Another indicator of disadvantage includes 3 and 4 year olds who are not in funded nursery places, with above average figures in Kingsmead, Shenley Brook End, Shenley Lodge and Tattenhoe. The final indicator in relation to children covers those with statements of special educational needs. The Milton Keynes average is 33.2 and none of the estates in the parish are above this figure.

Estate	Value per 1,000			
	Family referrals 2007	Nursery place non-uptake 2006	Free school meals March 2007	Special Educational Needs March 2007
Emerson Valley	9.2	363.1	51.2	19.8
Furzton	13.8	310.2	70.4	23.8
Kingsmead	4.3	601.3	33.5	12.6
Shenley Brook End	28.7	466.5	53.4	20.9
Shenley Lodge	17.5	385.4	93.2	16.1
Tattenhoe	10.3	394.1	30.1	26.0
Westcroft	18.1	126.7	49.2	21.9
Milton Keynes average	17.7	369.4	111.2	33.2

Educational Attainment: Educational attainment has a strong association with future disadvantage, and the next three indicators focus on this. The proportion of 18-24 year olds not getting student awards was used to estimate the proportion of young people not going into higher education. The average across Milton Keynes is 859.1 per 1,000 18-24 year olds and all the estates in the parish are below this figure. The next indicator looks at educational attainment in schools. Firstly, the proportion of eligible pupils attaining below Key Stage 2 L4+ in English in 2006, where the Milton Keynes average is 244.2 per 1,000 pupils, with Westcroft and Kingsmead estates in the parish above this figure. The other indicator looks at the proportion of pupils gaining fewer than 5+GCSE's at grades A*-C per 1,000. The Milton Keynes average is 499.4, and none of the estates in the parish are above this figure, although Furzton and Shenley Lodge have high levels.

Estate	Value per 1,000		
	Below Key Stage 2 L4+ English 2006	Below 5+ A*-C GCSE's 2006	18-25 without student awards Sept.2006
Emerson Valley	119.4	166.7	799.1
Furzton	161.8	359.4	827.2
Kingsmead	285.7	0.0	727.5
Shenley Brook End	223.9	127.3	785.6
Shenley Lodge	111.1	451.6	814.4
Tattenhoe	183.7	257.1	806.2
Westcroft	255.8	166.7	848.6
Milton Keynes average	244.2	499.4	859.1

Sources: - Milton Keynes Population Bulletin 2007/08, Milton Keynes Council - Social Atlas for Milton Keynes 2006/07 Milton Keynes Council and Primary Care Trust.

Christine De.Myers-Robinson

Sunshine and Showers at the Shenley Brook End Village Fete



Milton Keynes Branch Autumn Programme 2008



September 17th – November 29th

INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY OF CHINA

Philip Morris. The Children's Centre, Stony Stratford

September 18th – October 16th

INTRODUCTION TO HERBAL MEDICINE

David Hammond Rectory Cottages, Bletchley

October 7th – December 9th

EXPANDING HORIZONS – GIOTTO TO PIERO DELLA FRANCESCA

Kate Phillips Rectory Cottages, Bletchley

October 11th

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTABLES

Peter Edwards The Children's Centre, Stony Stratford

October 18th

POSITIVE FUTURES? POPULATION AND ENERGY

Speakers from the Open University plus a general debate, as part of the Milton Keynes Science Festival

Berrill Theatre and foyer, Open University

November 6th – December 4th

POETRY FOR PLEASURE

Jackie Green Rectory Cottages, Bletchley

Here are the titles for Spring 2009, in case you need them so as to plan the year. We will send you a new brochure and newsletter in December.

Jan 13th – March 17th 2009

A SENSE OF PLACE

Ann Severn Rectory Cottages, Bletchley

Jan 15th – March 19th 2009

LONDON AND THE GUILDS

John Oliver Rectory Cottages, Bletchley

Jan 21st – March 18th 2009

MUSIC AND POETRY

Andrew Mikolajski The Children's Centre, Stony Stratford

April 20th – May 18th 2009

MANAGING YOUR FINANCES – IT'S YOUR MONEY!

Adrian Arnold-Smith. The Children's Centre, Stony Stratford.

This course will be in evening sessions.

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Allotments

The article in our Summer issue certainly sparked some interest and we have received a large number of applications for plots. Unfortunately, we don't have enough to go around and our waiting lists are getting longer but we are always happy to receive new applicants.

We are hoping that the small site at Stoneleigh Court will be available within a matter of weeks so the residents can finally start work there after a very long wait. We are also discussing additional sites with English Partnerships for more provision in the coming years, but it will take a long time to bring these on stream and patience will be the watchword.

Litter, a Major Issue Around the Parish

As you can see from the comments by Inspector Richard Nicholls on page 11, the issue of litter comes high on the list of concerns for residents in all the neighbourhoods around

It seems that, although we all regard it as a problem, we expect others



to solve it for us. For better or worse we live in a 'disposable' society. Just about everything we buy is packaged in some form or other and sadly a growing number of us often dispose of this packaging in a thoughtless manner. You have only to look at the area around most shops to see examples.

Empty drink containers,

sandwich packaging, empty crisp packets and even carrier bags and till receipts litter the area. Add to these the discarded chewing gum (quite the most disgusting habit!) and abandoned supermarket trollies and the general environment is one of a society which doesn't care. You will even see discarded litter on people's doorsteps!

It's not a shortage of litter bins that gives rise to the problem; just look around and you will find empty plastic containers and fast food

wrappers within feet of a rubbish

bin. Nor is it an excuse to say

that they are not emptied often

enough, the budget for dealing

with the parish litter and dog

bins for this year is around

£8,000, almost as much as we

budget for grants to local

organizations. Cleaning up after

us costs millions of pounds a year.

This is our money which comes from

our taxes, both central and local.

The problem is that a little litter breeds more and before you know

where you are a whole area is affected. If we could all keep our own

little patch clear of rubbish everyone would benefit.

There is little hope of 'Saving the Planet' if we can't even take pride in

our own surroundings!



Shelter

The Shelter Housing Aid Centre

in Central Milton Keynes is

encouraging people who are

struggling to pay their rent or

mortgage to seek advice sooner rather than later.

The charity, which provides free specialist housing advice, has seen an

increase in those facing repossession. But stresses that there is a lot

that can be done to help prevent the house being repossessed.

Although this is easier to achieve in the early stages of the problem

arising, Shelter has been successful even at the final stages as they

run a County Court Advice Desk at Milton Keynes County Court.

Shelter also gives advice on other housing problems such as:

Relationship Breakdown

Disrepair

Landlord/Tenant disputes

Housing Benefit

To name but a few.

The service is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at their

office in the Food Centre in Central Milton Keynes. (Above Iceland).

Appointments are issued daily at 9.30am on a first come first served

basis.

To discuss how Shelter can help you, phone 0844 515 1876.

Police Report from Inspector Richard Nicholls

I would like to begin by thanking everyone involved with the roll-out of Safer Neighbourhoods across the Parish. In addition to the long-standing Neighbourhood Action Group covering Furzton & Shenley Lodge, there are 2 new Groups (NAGs) covering the rest of the Parish between them, these being for Tattenhoe & Emerson Valley.

At the preliminary meetings the residents decided to focus on litter, under age drinking and vandalism/graffiti in Emerson Valley, whilst the Tattenhoe Group is focusing on rubbish/broken glass, parking and vandalism. The NAGs are working to collect evidence on these issues and to try to find solutions to the issues. I would like to stress that it is the residents who play an absolutely vital part in this as the NAG needs information which you may be able to provide. We need your help and feedback in order to let us know of any incidents occurring or indeed where you have seen an improvement so that we can always have an accurate picture. By the same token we are aware that the key to improving public confidence is ensuring we keep our communities up-to-date with the work we are undertaking in the NAGs to address the priorities in their areas.

I have been extremely lucky to have a new Neighbourhood Specialist Officer join the team, PC Simon Batchelor. Simon joined us from the Roads Policing Department having spent 9 years there, but has been with Thames Valley Police for 17 years and brings with him a wealth of experience. He will now focus his attention on Tattenhoe and Emerson Valley and is relishing the role already!

We are now looking to strengthen our Neighbourhood Policing Team by working closely with the Roads Policing Department. I have been extremely lucky in that my predecessor, Bob Jarrett, now leads the Milton Keynes Roads Policing Department. With his previous years in a Neighbourhood role, he has been keen to assign Officers to the neighbourhood in order to enhance the response given to the local community and to achieve better results. It also allows our Neighbourhood Teams the chance to discuss any potential issues in the Neighbourhoods with Roads Policing Officers who have an excellent knowledge of their local area.

Richard Nicholls

POLICE SURGERY

PCSO Gray and PCSO Dean would like to invite you to our Police surgery on Saturday 6th September 2008.

This will be held at the Parish Council offices in Westcroft (opposite the Chip Shop) next to the police station between 10am and 12pm.

Parish Warden Mark Webber will be joining us and you will be able to discuss any concerns you have about the neighbourhood.

We hope to see you there.



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Building on the last three years events this should not be missed, there will also be many stage events held throughout the day to inspire you.

For further details please contact: Carol Duffy, Team Manager

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Youth Team Report

Our summer activities have gone very well this year with a wide range of new faces making contact with the Youth Team and others continuing to enjoy the activities we provide.

Over the summer we have provided Fun and Play activities delivered by the Milton Keynes Play Association four times a week every week of the holidays. These sessions attracted a wide range of people from around the Parish and provided a fun place to meet and enjoy the nice weather. These sessions will return during the Easter holidays so look out for the dates.



As well as delivering some fun circus skills at the Shenley Brook End Fete and Tattenhoe's Korfstock, we also saw the return of Games in the Park on Shenley Brook End this summer. Alex and I started this session two years ago and we have seen it go from strength to strength each year, introducing new sports and meeting new groups. Although we just use the cricket square in Shenley Brook End utilizing our range of equipment and skills of staff, we provide a fun outdoor youth club where members can come and hang out, with the security of knowing staff members and also enjoying being out-doors. We have found this session particularly popular with the Year Six students who are making the transitional move from primary to secondary school and starting to experience new freedoms and opportunities.



We have also had a summer basketball project running for five weeks of the holidays giving young people aged 6 – 16 the chance to gain access to some free coaching provided by the MK Lions. These sessions were split across two age groups and ended with the chance to compete in the Milton Keynes-wide 3 on 3 completion which took place in CMK. This had great attendance throughout and many of the group played in the final competition.

We have also continued our fun football sessions all of the way through the summer and had a great response. These sessions once again provide a safe environment for groups to come along and play

some small-sided football matches with the freedom of not being involved in a club, but with the support and guidance of the Youth Team to ensure safe play and facilitate their learning.

The Youth Team have also been involved in the West Flank Family Fun Days that took place this time at Christ the Sower School. (For more detail turn to page 16)

Keep an eye out for information on the Milton Keynes Street Football tournament which will be coming to the parish during October half term. This tournament has been running out of Woughton on the Green for three years now, but the organising committee are now looking at moving it forward and bringing it around MK.

October sees it make its first visit to Tattenhoe and it is expected to be a big party. It is planned that it will not just provide a football tournament but also a carnival atmosphere for all that attend, with DJ workshops, arts projects, dancing and loads of other fun and information available. If you are aged between 8 – 19 look out for the posters so you can pre register your teams, and come along on Friday 31st October to enjoy the day.

The Youth Team are now working hard on getting their winter activities up and running, so look out for the adverts and keep an eye out for the team, as we are trying to start new projects this winter on both Furzton and Emerson Valley. These should provide a fun alternative to hanging around on the streets and getting involved in mischief. As usual if you do see us come and say hello and ask us what activities we can offer you.

Andy Ridgway

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Parish Warden's Report

Something a bit Different

My job as Parish warden is quite varied at times but one job I was not prepared for was when 3 big Huskys ran out in front of the van while I was driving through Westcroft.

What do you do when you see 3 big huskys run across the road? Well I stopped the van, got out and hoped that they were friendly. I was a bit nervous when they came running towards me but, fortunately they were playful and were just having fun whilst on the run. I rang the Milton



Keynes dog warden on 01908 252187 and they said they would send someone out but it might be a little while.

I decided I had better follow the dogs as they were now heading towards Kingsmead after taking a plunge in the ponds (and shaking near me). I wasn't too sure what to do as the dogs didn't have any collars on.



I couldn't take them home or hold on to them so I rang Andy Ridgway (Youth Worker) at the office and asked him to come and give a hand and bring some rope. A few minutes later Andy arrived with 3 skipping ropes. This is when the fun really began; trying to catch 3 dogs and get a rope around them when all they want to do is play is no mean task!. Andy had another great idea. He had a tennis ball with him which we used to trick the dogs into thinking we were playing. This gave us time to get the skipping ropes on to them.

Andy and I were happy as we thought we had out-smarted the dogs but they kept escaping from the temporary leads by shaking their heads. Fortunately, after about 5 or 6 attempts at securing them a lady came along who owned the dogs and was really grateful that we had caught them. They had escaped from the garden and she had been really worried about them. We eventually got their proper leads on and said goodbye to our new playful friends.

Mark Webber

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Community Centres in the Parish of Shenley Brook End & Tattenhoe

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Shenley Brook End Community Centre

Egerton Gate,
Shenley Brook End
Telephone for bookings:
Call 01908 649434

Regular Users of the Centre

- Children's Dance Classes
- Christian Fellowship (Thursday mornings)
- Fusion After School Club • Karate for Children
- Puddles Pre-School • Sugar Guild
- Shenley Stitches (Cross-stitch)
- Weightwatchers

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

- Busy Bees Mums & Tots (9.30 - 11.30am Tuesdays)
- Acorns Mums & Tots (9.45am - 12.15pm Thursdays)
- Kathy's Kiddies Musical Melodies (9.30 - 11.30am Wednesdays)
- Hatha Yoga Stress Relief (7.30 - 9.00am Thursdays)
- Ladies Dance Exercise Classes (7.30 - 8.30pm Fridays)
- Aerobics/Pilates (6.30 - 8.30pm Wednesdays)
- Bingo (2 - 3.30pm Thursdays)
- Le Club Francais (9.30am - 12.30pm Saturdays)
- Impact After School Club (3 - 6pm Monday - Friday)

NORTH FURZTON

Ridgeway Community Centre

Dulverton Drive, North Furzton
Telephone for bookings:
Call Mrs Luxon on 01908 503974

Regular Users of the Centre

- Beavers & Cubs • Geological Society
- Keyne Crafters • Maths & English Clubs
- Naiken System
- Over 60s Keep Fit & Line Dancing
- Rosemary Conley Fitness & Diet
- Square Dancing • Scottish Dance
- Taekwondo • Tutti-Frutti Pre-school

SOUTH FURZTON

South Furzton Community Centre

Blackmoor Gate, Furzton
Telephone for bookings:
Call Jo Fasolo on 07739 800840

Regular Users of the Centre

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

EMERSON VALLEY SOUTH

River Valley Centre

Whitehorse Drive, Emerson Valley
Telephone for bookings:
Call Lyn on 01908 367329

Regular Users of the Centre

- Playgroup (Pre-School)
- Rainbows • Brownies • Guides
- Parent and Toddler • WeighTwatchers
- Mini-Strikers • Little Ninjas/Taekwondo
- Slimming World

EMERSON VALLEY NORTH

Emerson Valley Community Centre

Roeburn Crescent, Emerson Valley
Telephone for bookings:
Call Lyn on 01908 367329

Regular Users of the Centre

- Chinese Community Groups
- Church Group • Ducklings Pre-school
- Kick-Boxing • Mothers & Toddlers
- Spanish & French Lessons
- SWASP After Schools Holiday Club
- Weightwatchers • Yoga

TATTENHOE

Tattenhoe Pavilion

Holborn Crescent, Tattenhoe.
Telephone for bookings:
Call 01908 749038

Regular Users of the Centre

- Ahmadmus Muslim Association
- Cheeky Monkeys Kids Club
- Ducklings Pre-school • EJP Football League
- MK Seishin Aikido Club • Wendy's Aerobics
- Kathy's Kiddies Musical Melodies
- Taiyoku Shotokan Karate Club
- Tattenhoe Parents & Toddlers • Tumble Tots

KINGSMEAD

Kingsmead Community House

37 Picton Street,
Kingsmead.
Telephone for bookings:
Call Naveed Ahmed
on 01908 330251

Regular Users of the Centre

- Musical Melodies
- Kingsmead Pre-school
- Parent & Toddler Group (Tuesdays)
- New groups would be welcome
- Available for private hire

WESTCROFT

Westcroft Meeting Place

Wimborne Crescent,
Westcroft.
Telephone for bookings:
Call 01908 253154
or 01908 253334

Regular Users of the Centre

- After School Club (SWASP)
- Ducklings Pre-school
- Ismalis Group
- Jesus Fellowship Church
- MK Pipe Band
- MK Embroiderers' Guild
- MK Society of Artists
- weightwatchers

SHENLEY LODGE

Shenley Lodge Meeting Place

Faraday Drive,
Shenley Lodge
For bookings
contact:
Wendy
on 07505 900686

Regular Users of the Centre

- Bosom Pals
- NCT Baby Club
- Shenley Lodge Pre-School
- Shenley Christian Fellowship
- Reflection/Meditation Group

Parking Issues

A meeting was held in June to discuss the possibility of our funding enforcement officers (traffic wardens) to patrol the parish and deal with delinquent parking issues. I took along a few photographs from a recent NAG Environmental Visual Audit (EVA) to demonstrate the type of parking that is causing concern.

There is nothing that the NCP enforcement officers can do in relation to most of these problems, because there are no specific restrictions in force. Much of the signage currently seen on our streets is advisory only - including the current zigzag lines outside schools and the white line marking on some road junctions and driveways.

Where there are no restrictions in place, drivers can park on the highway, on grass verges and on footpaths provided they do not cause an obstruction. If they do so, TVP has powers to remove or ticket vehicles and the FPN for obstructing the highway is currently £30.



(There is a theoretical option to charge motorist for criminal damage from parking on verges, which are private property, but the chances of a successful prosecution are low since it would be difficult to prove that any particular vehicle caused the damage).

Restrictions can only be imposed under a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). MKC has issued Orders in respect of about 25 schools across the borough and hope to introduce a further 25 in this financial year, with all schools being covered by end of the 2008/09 financial year. Each school must be surveyed and zigzag lines or other road marking put down (or corrected in some cases). The results for the first batch of schools over the first 3 months of the scheme are now being collated to gauge the effect of the TROs

Ascot rails have been used in West Bletchley and other places with some success in discouraging parking on verges. Some of these, however, are now being replaced by bollards due to high levels of



vandalism. Provision of layby parking, often through the Parish Parking Partnership has also helped in some areas, but there can be difficulties with locating these.

The best answer appears to be education through newsletters and local press and also by direct messages to inconsiderate drivers. Safer Neighbourhoods has produced a Toolkit for NAGs which explains the parking regulations and action that can be taken, and also covers specific parking problems such as parking across drives and lorry parking (vehicles over 3.5 tonnes).

A number of site-specific warning letters are included, covering areas such as schools, verges etc, and include warning of further action against errant motorists. Event parking such as the Bowl concerts is a separate issue which is being addressed and parishes which suffer from this will be contacted for consultation.

There is a partial benefit in that vehicles parked on the road often provide informal traffic calming, but it is arguable that this does not outweigh the difficulties, especially in newer estates with narrow roads and stringent limits on parking provision for properties. MKC is reviewing the parking standards for new development and a consultation on this will be forthcoming.

There is an extant consultation on the lorry strategy and, although heavy vehicles may not be a major problem in the parish, we should look at this.

Maintenance Work on Whitney Roundabout Underpass

Work has begun to complete the underpass connections at the Whitney roundabout.

Contractors will be doing the groundworks first and then complete the surfacing when it is most efficient to do so.

The whole job is expected to take until the end of September to complete.

There will inevitably be disruption to normal pedestrian and cycle traffic during this time.

TRADES DIRECTORY

Due to space considerations, the trades directory has been transferred from the Parish News to the parish website:

www.shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk

Both sections of the directory appear on the site and are updated on a regular basis instead of simply once a quarter.

We will also be taking the opportunity to check that all the subscribers are currently active so that the directory will be as up to date as possible when it is launched.

If you do not want your details posted on the website please let the clerk know as soon as possible by phoning him on 01908 521538.

We hope you will find this new venture useful.

Community Spot

An opportunity for local organisations to introduce themselves

West Flank Family Fun Day.

The Parish Youth Team have again been involved in the West Flank Family Fun Day

The latest one took place at Christ the Sower School at Grange Farm. These sessions are all about providing fun activities for children, and learning experiences for parents, all in one place, surrounded by staff and helpers who just want you to have fun. Those who attended were able to involve in a range of activities, including modelling, cooking, mod roc casting, painting, multi sports, visits from the emergency services, and much, much more.



The next event, on an even larger scale will be held at Shenley Brook End School during the October half term, on Thursday 30th October 2008 and will include an information day so that parents and other visitors can find out more about their area. The day will be completely free of

charge so please come along and enjoy the fun.

For more details see the flyer on page 5.



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 3 for contact details.

SHENLEYS & LOUGHTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



During the last twelve months the local WI has been delighted to welcome new members and many visitors to its monthly meetings.

A varied programme of speakers and demonstrations are arranged throughout the year. They have recently included Holidays Abroad, Collectables, Roald Dahl's War, Well Dressings and Belly Dancing. Twice a year we meet as a Group with four other WI's from the city. In 2007 outings were arranged to the Theatre, Coventry and Shakespeare Country, Bath, Moggerhanger and the Tutunkhamum Exhibition in London, to name but a few.

There is also the Women's Institute Denman College in Oxfordshire, offering day and residential courses. Although for WI members, some vacancies can be taken up by non-members.

The Shenleys and Loughton WI meet on the **second Tuesday afternoon** of every month (except August) at **The Memorial Hall, Bradwell Road, Loughton**. Meetings start at **2.30pm**. You are invited to come along and see for yourself. You do not have to live in the villages. All we ask is a 50p contribution for tea and cake which we enjoy at the end of the meeting. If, after your second visit, you decide to continue coming we will be happy to welcome you into membership. This entails an annual subscription and you will receive the new WI Life magazine by post. During September, October and November building works will be progressing at The Memorial Hall. As a result, our meetings for these months only will be held at Cavendish House in Paynes Drive, Loughton.

Please do not hesitate to contact our **President** on MK 521725 or the **Secretary** on MK 662272 for further information on the WI or directions to Cavendish House and parking arrangements.