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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF WEST BLETCHLEY COUNCIL

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LOOKING FORWARD TO SUMMER in West Bletchley

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Chair's Welcome

It was such a great shame that we had to cancel the carnival this year – the first time in the many years it has been running. So a big sorry to all those who worked so hard before the event and were looking forward to taking part in the parade or on stalls and to all those who were looking forward to a day out. However, on Saturday 6th July at Bletchley Youth Centre, we are going to show off all the wonderful costumes and creations made for the Carnival. Do join us if you can.

I have just come back from representing West Bletchley Council at Armed Forces Day at the Civic Offices. It's a national annual event now and Milton Keynes plays its part in saying thank you to the armed services both past and present. West Bletchley is proud to have signed the Armed Forces Covenant showing our support for the armed forces.

I was also pleased to be present recently at the Milton Keynes Council Education Award event at the MK Don stadium and to see so many Bletchley schools recognised for the wonderful work they do. Well done to them all.

A final sad note: you may have seen in the local press that Milton Keynes lost a great champion of the parish council sector recently when Alderman Kevin Wilson died. Kevin was the main protagonist for ensuring every part of Milton Keynes has a parish council (very few other towns are completely parished) and it makes us a strong voice locally. He gave years of effective public service and will be greatly missed.

Have an enjoyable summer

Cllr Veronica Belcher
Chair of West Bletchley Council



Introduction by the Parish Clerk

I am delighted to introduce this edition of Open Door featuring both local news items and details of activities taking place across the parish this summer.

It is with much regret that we had to cancel this year's annual carnival. Many of you will already be aware that this was due to adverse weather forecasts with predicted wind speeds exceeding the safety tolerance for this event. We appreciate how disappointing this will have been but hope you understand that the safety of the public must be our first priority. We are now concentrating our efforts on organising our summer and autumn events. Please continue to check our website for further information.

We continue to dedicate time and resources to keeping abreast and advising you of any new plans for development within the parish and on land adjacent to it. You will see (at page 5) information regarding proposals that are coming forward for development at the Windmill Hill Golf Course. Further information and updates regarding this and other proposed developments, including Salden Chase, will be posted on our website as received.

Helen Hupton
Clerk to West Bletchley Council

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West Bletchley Council
221 Whaddon Way, Bletchley,
Milton Keynes, MK3 7DZ
Or email to

clerk@westbletchleycouncil.gov.uk

May Competition Winners

Crossword

The answers to the May Crossword were:-

Across: 6 Southerner, 7 Visa, 8 Remind, 9 Ale, 10 Act, 11 Any, 13 Attila, 14 Dell, 15 Courageous.

Down: 1 Oscillation, 2 Suva, 3 Short change, 4 Aroma, 5 Meaningless, 12 Litre, 14 Door.

The winners of the May Crossword were **Mrs Tess Price** of Roxburgh Way and **Abigail Cooling** of Middlesex Drive who both win a £15 gift card.

Colouring Competition

Again the standard of entries to the colouring competition was excellent. The winners of the May Colouring Competition were (1st prize) **Bornini Das** of Colossus Way who wins a £10 gift card and (2nd prize) **Stephen Flanagan** of Whaddon Way who wins a £5 gift card.

Deadline Dates for Open Door 2019

If you would like to place an article in the Open Door newsletter, the deadline dates for 2019 are as follows:

Monday 16th September
(distribution on Thursday 17th October)

NB:- The Open Door newsletter is published on a quarterly basis to provide information to residents about the Council, its services and amenities or other local service providers, and community groups. Any advertisements for commercial businesses will not be considered.

Frank Moran Lunch Club



**Come to our friendly lunch club for older
West Bletchley residents!**

**Every Friday
10am – 1.30pm**

Our Cook prepares a freshly-cooked main course and pudding, tea or coffee and biscuits. Club members can join in activities and make and meet friends.

**The Frank Moran Centre
Melrose Avenue
Bletchley
MK3 6PA**

**£7 lunch
£14 lunch and transport**

For more information please call

01908 550700

email **info@ageukmiltonkeynes.org.uk**

or visit **www.ageukmiltonkeynes.org.uk**

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Proposals for Development at Windmill Golf Course

Milton Keynes Council has been approached by developer Evolve who have a proposal to develop the Windmill Hill Golf Course into a major Sports Hub of regional and national significance. The Sports Hub would in particular cater for racket sports and golf at grass roots, national and international competition levels along with other sports provision.

A major component of the Sports Hub would be the Lawn Tennis Association who are keen to have a presence on the site as a significant regional tennis venue. Other sports provision would be included and the initial proposals include a national facility for table tennis and a learn to swim pool as well as 5/6/7 a-side pitches. A new golf course would be part of the proposal built to international competition standards however it would still cater for grass roots level golf.

Part of the site would offer publicly assessable open space for all without having to use any of the sports facilities.

The development would produce its own traffic flows and the idea would be to deal with this and improve traffic flows locally by constructing a new roundabout on the A421 to serve the Sports Hub. The roundabout would take the Sports Hub traffic rather than local roads.

This is at the proposals and ideas stage and now is the time to ask for local opinion and comments on the proposals. With this in mind the developer will be holding a public exhibition on the proposals in a local venue around late July onwards. Details of the exhibition, when available, will be published on West Bletchley Council's website. In the meantime should you require further information the contact at Milton Keynes Council is Ed Palmieri who can be contacted by email on **Ed.Palmieri@milton-keynes.gov.uk**.



SSAFA, the Armed Forces charity, has been providing lifelong support to our Forces and their families since 1885. We support the person behind the uniform; any time they need us, in any way they need us, for as long as they need us. Every year, SSAFA helps more than 73,000 people from the Forces family get back on their feet; those currently serving, reserves, veterans and their families. No one's service is ever forgotten. We give hope, help and personal support for as long as it takes to get that person's life back to where they want it to be.

HOW WE HELP

Through our UK-wide branch network, we have more than 3,000 trained volunteer caseworkers who provide personalised, face-to-face support to those in their local area. Our volunteers work with each person to find out exactly what they need. Once we've assessed what is required, we'll help the individual or family access the required assistance. They may just need someone to listen. More often than not, we put them in touch with the support services they need to help them get their lives back on track. Whether it's financial, practical or emotional, we provide the right kind of support – ensuring independence and dignity are protected at all times.

For more information or advice please contact SSAFA Milton Keynes.

Tel: 01908 217181

Email: miltonkeynes.division@ssaafa.org.uk

Website www.ssaafa.org.uk

St Andrews Baptist Church

My name is Matt and I am the Children and Family Worker for St Andrews Baptist church in Bletchley. In October 2018 I asked for a grant from the council to help us start up a project for Children based at our church. **We were very kindly given £5000 to buy new equipment that would engage with the children in the local community.** So far we have bought new games consoles, some outdoor equipment, crafts and board games.

Since we opened the club, named BUGZ (Building Up Gods Zone), we have had a regular attendance of 15 - 20 children aged between 6 and 11. The same children come back every week and thoroughly enjoy using the brand new games and crafts that we have for them. Our aim is to build the club up to around 30 children and some of our money is going into new leaflets to advertise in local schools.

BUGZ aims to provide a safe and fun environment based in the welcoming building of St Andrews Baptist Church. Our club is run by a very kind and friendly team of volunteers and myself as the children and family worker. We all love to see the children having fun and it's very encouraging to see new faces walk through the door after their friends have told them about what we do at BUGZ.

Some of the children we are working with at BUGZ have a real interest in public speaking. It has been great to see these children take the chance to stand up in front of others at BUGZ and share some really positive and useful ideas of how to behave in and out of school. We are very open to suggestions from our group and encourage them to direct us in what they want from the club.

I'm looking forward to spending more of our grant money in the next few weeks and months. I hope to see lots of outdoor activity taking place on our field space to encourage children to learn new sports and live an active lifestyle.

Thank you West Bletchley Council, once again, for all your support with our project.

Matt Jarvis, Children and Family Worker - St Andrews Baptist Church



Like so many others at this time of year are you perhaps considering having a BBQ?
Then here are some helpful tips taken directly from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents web site that will help to keep you safe.



- Choose a strong and sturdy BBQ and place it on a flat level site, away from overhanging trees, shrubs, sheds and fences.
- If you haven't used your BBQ for some time check it's in good order and isn't damaged, if you are in any doubt (and can replace it) do so.
- Prepare the BBQ early to ensure it's at the right temperature by the time you want to cook.
- Never pour petrol, white spirit or any other accelerants onto a BBQ. Some of the most serious BBQ related accidents happen when people do this and the BBQ explodes in their face.
- Remember that the metal parts of a BBQ can become hot, don't try to move it until it has cooled down and never leave it unattended.
- Make sure the BBQ is fully extinguished before you leave it and take care when getting rid of a disposable BBQ or BBQ coals – ensure they have cooled down before placing them in a bin.
- Consider pre-cooking your food in a conventional oven first and then finish off on the BBQ because charred food doesn't always mean cooked food.

Explore the Play Areas in West Bletchley this summer....

Did you know West Bletchley has over 20 play areas offering different types of fun from swings, slides and roundabouts to fitness equipment.

List of Play Areas

- Chepstow Drive Local Park (Wetherby Gardens)
- The Leys Park (Westminster Drive End)
- Tattenhoe Lane
- The Leys Park (Shaftesbury Crescent end)
- Derwent Drive
- Buckfast Avenue Local Park
- The Leys Park (Whalley Drive End)
- Avon Grove Local Park
- Hunstanton Way
- Barleyhurst Park (Trafalgar Avenue)
- Chepstow Drive Local Park (Blaydon Close)
- Recreation Ground, Church Green Road,
- Downing Close
- St Clements Drive
- Chester Close
- Whaddon Way shops
- The Leys Park (Middle of field)
- Eight Belles, Buckingham Road Local Park
- Dunbar Close
- Whiteley Crescent Recreation Ground
- Chepstow Drive Local Park (St Johns Road)
- Wellington Place (8 Bells)
- Yorkshire Close



The Reading Agency and Libraries Present



Summer Reading Challenge 2019

Space Chase is this year's Summer Reading Challenge and Milton Keynes libraries are inviting children of all ages to take part.

We want as many children as possible to read or have help reading any 6 library books of their choosing during the summer holidays. Along the way they receive stickers to put on their Space Chase card, there are six to collect. Stage one gets the Rockets mission ready, stage 2 helps the Rockets locate missing books on an alien space ship and stage 3 sees them return the books to the Moon Library. Children will receive a medal and certificate upon completion of the challenge (while stocks last).

It is free to join the library and participate in the Summer Reading Challenge.

Last year we had nearly 3000 children participate and with Space Chase we would love to see even more children join in this year.

It is FREE to take part and children can start signing up from **Friday 19th July** and have until **Saturday 7th September 2019** to complete it.

Parents/carers can find out more here*: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/parents-carers>

And children can find lots of extras here: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

With thousands of great books to read at the local library there is no excuse for boredom during the long summer break.

*In Milton Keynes we start the challenge the Friday most schools break up for the holidays (this year 19th July) and keep running it until they've been back at school for a week, many other authorities choose to start and finish on different dates.



HOUSING DROP-IN SURGERY AT WEST BLETCHLEY COUNCIL OFFICES

The dates for 2019 are:

**2nd July, 16th July, 30th July, 13th Aug, 27th Aug, 10th Sept, 24th
Sept, 8th Oct, 22nd Oct, 5th Nov, 19th Nov, 3rd Dec, 17th Dec.**

**BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9AM TO 12.30PM MEET WITH A LOCAL
HOUSING OFFICER OF MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL.**

**IF YOU WISH TO DISCUSS HOUSING/TENANCY/ESTATE ISSUES
OR SIGNPOSTING TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS, PLEASE FEEL FREE
TO DROP IN, NO APPOINTMENT NEED.**



SUMMER PLAY IN MK3

Tuesdays - Fridays
30TH JULY-30TH AUGUST

Tuesdays @ The Frank Moran Centre
MELROSE AVENUE, MK3 6PA | 2 - 4PM
30TH JULY, 6TH, 13TH, 20TH & 27TH AUGUST



Wednesdays @ Rickley Park
SHENLEY ROAD, MK3 6HF | 2 - 4.30PM
31ST JULY, 7TH, 14TH, 21ST, 28TH AUGUST

Thursdays @ Bletchley Youth Centre
DERWENT DRIVE, MK3 7BE | 2 - 4.30PM
1ST, 8TH, 15TH, 22ND & 29TH AUGUST

Fridays @ Chepstow Park
CHEPSTOW DRIVE, MK3 5NJ | 2 - 4.30PM
2ND, 9TH, 16TH, 23RD & 30TH AUGUST



**NO NEED
TO BOOK**

**OPEN ACCESS PLAY (AIMED AT 4-11YRS) -
GAMES, SPORTS, CRAFT, INFLATABLES**

NO CHARGE

**THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS
ACROSS WEST BLETCHLEY**



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in front of a screen..."

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TO MK3 YOUNG
PEOPLE (14 - 17YRS)**



FOOD COLLECTION POINT!

Drop off your donation to the West Bletchley Council offices at
221 Whaddon Way and at The MARC, Frank Moran Centre, Melrose Avenue

The FOOD BANK Shopping List

Please choose an item from this list to buy and donate to The FOOD BANK

Breakfast Cereal (500g)
Biscuits
Sugar (500g)
Milk (Long Life) *
Spaghetti (Tinned) *
Meat (Tinned)
Vegetables (Tinned) *

Tuna (Tinned) *
Fruit (Tinned) *
Rice Pudding (Tinned) *
Soup (Tinned)
Fruit Juice (Long Life) *
Baked Beans (Tinned)
Tomatoes (Tinned)

Dried rice (500g)
Dried Pasta (500g)
Pasta Sauce
Cup-A-Soups
Jam
Tea Bags / Coffee

*Most urgent items

Thank you for your support!



**West
Bletchley
Council**

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TO EXHIBIT (FREE) CALL: 01908 634033

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STORM MIGUEL AND CARNIVAL 2019



Having received notification from Emergency Planning at Milton Keynes Council via the Met Office Advisor for this area, late on Thursday (6th June), all contractors were put on notice that the West Bletchley Carnival due to be held on Saturday 8th June may be cancelled due to 'Storm Miguel', described by the MET Office as, *"an area of low pressure...bringing unseasonably strong, west to south-westerly winds...during the second half of the [Friday] night and through Saturday. We could see gusts of 35 - 45mph during Saturday morning..."* We assessed again, on guidance from our own H&S Advisors, on Friday (7th June) morning. The predictions had worsened to that of thunderstorm warnings and local winds in the higher bracket. This meant that nearly all structures on-site would have been unsafe to use and unable to tolerate the level of strong winds. Based on this WBC management made the decision, with public safety and comfort as our priority, to **cancel the West Bletchley Carnival for 2019.**

OUT OF THIS WORLD | SATURDAY 6TH JULY | 11AM - 2PM

We were so disappointed for our local young people, who work so hard to be a part of Carnival and didn't have the opportunity to show off their wonderful carnival creations so **WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US** at Bletchley Youth Centre on Derwent Drive (MK3 7BE). We will showcase the costumes and creations and celebrate the spirit of Carnival! Our mobile planetarium, will be offering **FREE** shows between 11am - 2pm. A real **OUT OF THIS WORLD** experience, allowing you to see for yourself what the moon landings would have looked like! Join us in your fancy dress, bring your friends and family. We'll see you there (come rain, wind or shine!) **THANK YOU TO EVERYONE INVOLVED IN CARNIVAL** it wouldn't be the same without you!



FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED- 11:00 - 14:00



The MARC and Frank Moran Centre

What's been happening at the Centre?

We had a packed schedule of events at The Frank Moran Centre over half term. We kicked things off with our end of term **disco**, this was one of our busiest to date with lots of new faces attending. We also organised a **rock painting** and **cross head making** session which proved to be very popular. Keep an eye out for **#loverocks** painted rocks hidden around MK3.

Later in the week we were blessed with lovely weather for our **garden games session**. We had **face painting** and all the classic fairground games including **splat the rat**, **hook a duck** and **jumbo buzzer**.

We also hosted our 3rd **Fish & Chip quiz night**, this is always a very popular evening so keep an eye out for our next one!



Speak to Mick or Kate at the FMC for more information. Or why not let us know what activities you would like to see at the centre? Tell us, pop-in or call: 01908 370348.

Keep an eye out for the release of our summer activity schedule.

Come along to the Memory Club by the Alzheimer's Society.

Next Session: 18th July, 1.30 – 3.30pm

and then fortnightly (Wednesdays) at The Frank Moran Centre

A Memory Club is a social place for anyone suffering with memory loss, mild cognitive impairment, early Alzheimer's, or other dementia and their family and friends.

Our Memory Club meets fortnightly, in a relaxed environment to visit, share common interests, and enjoy refreshments.

t: 01908 232162 e: miltonkeynes@alzheimers.org.uk



The MARC and Frank Moran Centre

The MARC and Frank Moran Centre are open for all MK3 West Bletchley residents to access Monday to Friday 10am - 4pm (5pm Thursdays).

The MARC

Monday to Friday residents can join up to **UK Online** to learn computer skills.
MK Community Bank information is available at The MARC, forms can be downloaded.

Weds MK Money Life Line are here for money advice | 10am – 12pm.

Thurs Family Arts and Crafts | 3.00pm – 4.30pm

Sat Meet your Councillors from 9am.

The FRANK MORAN CENTRE

Mon AGE UK Milton Keynes Information and Advice sessions | 10am-1pm
Franks 55+ drop in.
The MARC Crafters meet 1-4 pm. This is a craft session for adults.

Tues Belly Dancing (Term Time Only) 1.30 – 2.30pm

Weds Food Bank | 10.30 – 11.30 am
Memory Club | (Fortnightly) 1.30 – 3.30pm

Thurs AGE UK Milton Keynes Information and Advice Session | 10am - 1pm
Franks 55+ drop-in | 10am-12.30pm

Fri AGE UK Milton Keynes Lunch Club | 10am – 1.30pm Transport is available, if needed. There is a criteria and cost for attending.
For more info. on how to join and costs involved call AGE UK MK: 01908 557873
Workshop session for knitting/crochet with The MARC Crafters.
Alternate Fridays between 1-3pm.

We are a Food Bank collection point.

Food Bank vouchers can be collected from **The MARC** during open hours.

MK3 residents can collect dog waste bags and access free use of the internet on our PCs. You are always welcome to drop-in for tea or coffee, meet friends or make new ones! Friendly staff are on hand for support throughout the week, we can also help signpost to other organisations for further support and advice.



The MARC and Frank Moran Centre:

Melrose Avenue, MK3 6PA | 01908 370348.





School Report



Summer at Abbeys

As we start to look forward to the end of the academic year and a well-earned break, we can reflect on an enjoyable summer term at Abbeys. Our 50th birthday year will finish with a picnic party and the burial of a time capsule to be opened in 2068. A commemorative plaque will mark the burial spot, as the 1968 capsule has proved rather elusive so far, despite our efforts to find it!



Our Key Stage 1 children had an action-packed start to their Jungle topic last month, with a hook day. This included a very popular I'm a Celebrity-style challenge, where mystery items hidden in boxes with a slot for little hands were felt and identified by some brave volunteers! The picture shows the children creating part of their jungle environment to support some practical work on the different habitats of jungle creatures.



Our Year 5&6 residential visit to Bromham Activity Centre provided the children with three days of outdoor adventure activities which they thoroughly enjoyed. The

trip involved working together as a team, taking part in a range of challenges the children may not have faced before - such as tackling a giant inflatable assault course and a day of water-based activities. I'm glad to report that everyone had a great time.

While most of the children were away in Year 5&6, there were some great activities organised for those who stayed at school, including some environmental work on the school pond. This photo shows one of the pond's resident newts, who must be feeling much happier now that the excess algae and vegetation in the pond has been cleared.

For more information about life at Abbeys, please visit our website,

www.abbeysprimary.org

Lord Grey School



In February Year 7 and Year 8 English students were tasked with writing an exciting and original 500 word story to potentially enter into the BBC 500 Word Writing Competition. An amazing seventy seven entries were submitted which has been our highest so far. The English Faculty were delighted to see how many students decided to take on the challenge.



School Report



Over the Easter holidays I received a wonderful email to say that Alana - Year 7, E06 had made it through to the final 2,500 for her age group with her story 'The Piano'. Alana stated; "My story was inspired by my love of playing music, I thought it would be great to write about and I am delighted that my story made it to the final round. I can't wait to hear the overall results!"

This was not the first time Alana has gained commendation for her writing skills. In November we hosted the Bletchley Poetry Buzz where Alana was also crowned the winner. We have recently received a beautiful award from visiting poet Paul Delaney and this was presented to Alana by Mr Parker our Principal.

As well as the national competition we also held an internal one for the other 500 word stories with Mr Parker and Ms Turvey choosing the final three.

The results were:

- 1st Aidan (L15)**
- 2nd Nardos (C05)**
- 3rd Carmen (E09).**

All students received a certificate, a W H Smiths voucher and a printed copy of their poem.

Rickley Park School

On Wednesday 13th June, Milton Keynes Council held their annual award evening to celebrate the work of its schools over the last year.

Rickley Park are delighted to have received two awards from the evening – one for the work they have done in working with parents and the



second for an 'unsung hero' award for its site manager.

Headteacher Allison Collis said 'Good relationships with parents are essential and I am delighted to have collected this award on behalf of my dedicated team and my wonderful Rickley Park parents for all the hard work and determination shown in working together.'

Parents now work in the library, oversee the car park, attend coffee mornings and have even created a working group for the carnival entry this year – the collaborative work is amazing. Rickley Park also has a newly established Parent Council.

Sue Rae, the school site manager also won a highly commended award as an 'unsung hero'. Sue works way beyond her contracted hours to ensure the school is safe and ready for learning. Rickley Park are now looking for a community Governor. Please contact the school if you are interested in working with the school.



Come and meet your neighbourhood policing team
Tell us about the issues that matter most to you

TYPE: West Bletchley Community Forum

DATE: Thursday 15th August 2019

TIME: 7.00pm – 8.00pm

VENUE: Frank Moran Centre, Melrose Avenue, Bletchley, MK3 6PA

CONTACT: MKBletchleyCluster@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Working in partnership to make your community safer



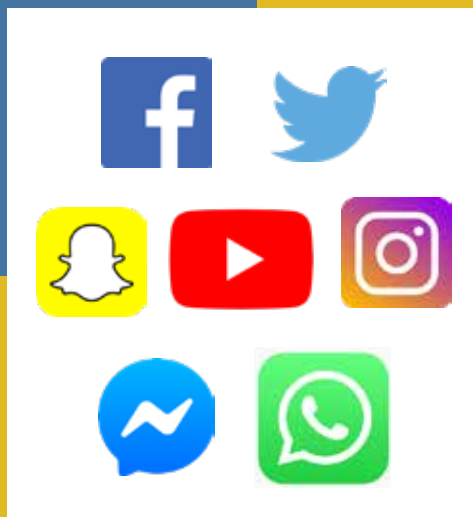
DOG FOULING



- Our dogs can't clean it up themselves, so WE need to by using the free bags from the West Bletchley Council Office or the Frank Moran Centre (West Bletchley residents only)
- Placing it in one of the 76 Dog Waste bins or once bagged it can even be placed in the litter bins.
- Most of our dog walkers are doing the right thing and they are disappointed by those that don't.
- Not picking up can result in a fine, so come on what's your excuse?

KEEPING YOUR FAMILY SAFE

SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY SEMINAR



SATURDAY 27TH JULY
9AM - 11AM

AT ST ANDREWS BAPTIST CHURCH

St Andrews Road, Bletchley, MK3 5DR

NO FEE LIMITED SPACE

Sign Up by Thursday 25th July

Call 01908 415192

Email: office@standrewsbletchley.org.uk



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W: www.standrewsbletchley.org.uk

Men in Sheds West Bletchley

It's been a while since the last update not that nothing has been happening, as we have been quietly beaver away making various items for sale which raise funds to help defray the Shed's running costs. We have welcomed two new members, Colin and Dave, both of whom have now become regulars, so a warm welcome is extended to them. It would also be nice if some of the enquiries that I receive from West Bletchley residents were to turn into actual people coming through the door; membership has considerable positive impact on mental health through **undertaking something worthwhile and making new friends**. It doesn't matter if you have had no previous woodworking experience as we will show you how.

Speaking of mental health, **Mental Health Awareness Week** has been at the forefront of the national consciousness at the time of writing (end May), and it is often not understood that men often do not share their troubles and as a result can sink into depression. The Shed environment provides a safe and non-confrontational place where blokes (and women too as it is often not known that women can be members of a Shed) can talk about things and feel the better for it. If the Duke of Cambridge and the England football manager can talk about issues, so can we. It is not a shameful thing to become depressed as most people experience it at some time during their lives.

Paul Egerton
Shed Secretary

FANCY A CHALLENGE?

Why not take up a new hobby or interest. West Bletchley Community Centre at 3 Porchester Close, MK3 6BH, offer a wide range of activities.

There is **Short Mat Bowls** on Monday afternoon from 1.30 or Wednesday morning at 10. Great fun and exercise and even if you never tried it before you can have a go.



Or try your hand at some craft and visit the **Marquetry Group** who meet each Thursday from 10 until midday. Again beginners welcome and you are shown what to do.

If interested in painting then there is the **Art Group** who are at the Community Centre each Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock. A great way to meet others who are interested in painting.

Tuesday at 2pm the Centre run a **Bingo Group** and on alternate Wednesdays at 2pm, the women get together for the **Ladies of Leisure Group**.

Most groups only charge £2, including refreshments, so take up the challenge and try something new.

Visit the Centre, phone 01908 374122 or e mail wbc@btconnect.com for more information. Looking forward to seeing you soon.



West Bletchley Community Centre has a Large and Small Hall available for hire by regular groups. Concessions may be available to start up activities. Enquiries to office Telephone 019080374122, e mail wbc@btconnect.com or visit Centre's office, Monday to Thursday 9am until midday.

Ballroom Dancing Classes



Want to learn a new skill and start a new hobby? The why not try ballroom dancing!



We are seeking people, both visually impaired and sighted, to join us for some fun while also getting some exercise.

BucksVision has an experienced teacher who can teach dances suitable for both visually impaired and sighted individuals.

Second Wednesday and last Thursday of every month

10am-12pm

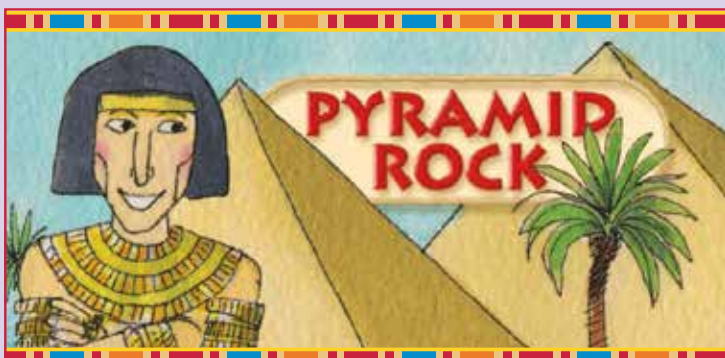
Trinity Centre
Fishermead Blvd
Fishermead
Milton Keynes
MK6 2LA

Cost: £5

Transport can be arranged

BOOKING ESSENTIAL please call 01296 487 556 or e-mail reception@bucksvision.co.uk

Or call Padma on 07456 202 707x



HOLIDAY CLUB!

Monday 5th - Friday 9th August

9:30am - 12:00 noon

At St Andrews Baptist Church

Early Bird Rate: £15.00 for the week

After 19th July: £20.00 for the week

We can't wait to see you there!

Booking closes on Friday 26th July.

Limited space, in advance only. Priority given to those in attendance for the whole week.





Ages 4-11 years




St Andrews Baptist Church

St Andrews Road, Bletchley, Milton Keynes MK3 5DR
T: 01908 415192 • E: office@standrewsbletchley.org.uk



 In Search of Sponsors



Scot FC U10 season 2019/20

Scot FC U10 football team from Bletchley are seeking sponsors for the forthcoming season 2019/2020

An FA chartered club, we follow the RESPECT guidelines and proud to support the BBFA pledge project. Promoting disability football throughout Berkshire and Buckinghamshire.

With teams ranging from u7 to u13 playing in the Milton Keynes & District Development League and u14 to u16 in the Milton Keynes and Border Counties Youth Football Saturday & Sunday League, we are looking for a main shirt sponsor for the u10 age.


Hoody, raincoat and other sponsorship opportunities also available with or without company logo.


Your company featured as our sponsor on websites, newspaper and social media to help your organization gain exposure.

Would you like to join our family?

Please contact **Scott** on **07549 412099**

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.





Scot Sports & Social Club,
Selbourne Ave,
Bletchley,
Milton Keynes,
MK3 5BX.

Colour in our July Picture to win a Gift Card

1st Prize = £10, 2nd Prize = £5

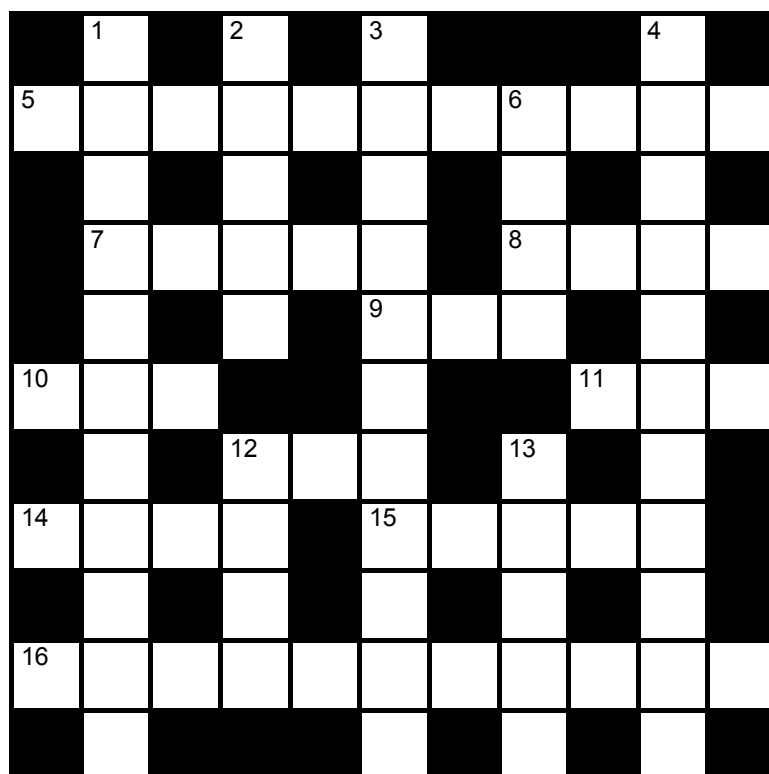


This competition is open to all children under the age of 10 living in West Bletchley. To enter just colour in the picture, fill in the entry form then cut it out and send it to us at West Bletchley Council, 221 Whaddon Way, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK3 7DZ. The closing date for entries is Friday 9th August 2019. (Winners names will be published in the next edition)

Name Age
 Address.....

 Post Code
 Telephone

Complete our July Crossword to win a £15 Gift Card



Across

- 5** Dinghy, perhaps (7,4)
- 7** Strong thread (5)
- 8** Disfigure (4)
- 9** Chafe (3)
- 10** Drunkard (3)
- 11** Consumed (3)
- 12** For each (3)
- 14** Indifferent (2-2)
- 15** Tanker (5)
- 16** Possessing four right angles (11)

Down

- 1** Patron saint of tanners (11)
- 2** Natural talent (5)
- 3** Subterranean (11)
- 4** Born in early December, for example (11)
- 6** Explosive weapon (4)
- 12** Bard (4)
- 13** Not under one's breath (5)

This competition is open to all residents of West Bletchley. When you have completed the crossword, fill in the entry form then cut it out and send it to us at West Bletchley Council, 221 Whaddon Way, Bletchley, Milton Keynes MK3 7DZ. All correct entries will be put into a hat and winners drawn out. The closing date for entries is Friday 9th August 2019. (Winners names will be published in the next edition)

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WHAT'S ON IN WB?

Bletchley Youth Centre and St Mary's Church

Summer 2019

Bletchley Youth Centre Derwent Drive, MK3 7BE



JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB | 7- 12 years
THURSDAYS 5 - 6.30PM

SENIOR YOUTH CLUB | 12+
THURSDAYS 7- 9PM

(Term-Time Only)

JUST
50p per
session

St Mary's Church Church Green Road, MK3 6BJ

OASIS - an opportunity to get out and meet new people

St Mary's
Bletchley

2nd & 4th Thursday of the month | 10.30am -1pm (See schedule below)

11 JULY | THE WORK OF WILLEN HOSPICE Talk and charity sale
25 JULY | OASIS EXTRA (10am - 3.30pm) A day of seaside fun

10.30am

08 AUGUST | COFFEE MORNING

11.30am (FREE but please sign up)

22 AUGUST | SUMMER LUNCH

OASIS CRAFT CLUB meets the third Thursday of each month in the church hall from 10am - midday. A range of simple crafts to try with refreshments.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE ABOVE CONTACT ST MARYS CHURCH OFFICE ON 01908 365531.

Bletchley Youth Centre and Community Meeting Place has been serving the West Bletchley Community for over 50 years!

Whether you want to visit the youth clubs, attend a class, book a space, run a club, help out or just pop in to say,

"Hello!" ...we would love to meet you!

Call: 01908 375648

Web:

www.bletchleyyouthcentre.co.uk

Facebook:

BYC – Bletchley Youth Centre



MK Play Association are running play-schemes throughout the holidays (see page 9)

Don't Forget:

- **Out of this World**
@ Bletchley Youth Centre (see page 11)
- Sessions running at **Frank Moran Centre** (see page 12 & 13)
- **The Mountain Rangers** coming to WB (see page 9)

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CHEPSTOW DRIVE MEETING PLACE

Chepstow Drive

Hiring for small parties, wedding
receptions, meetings, etc
Prices on demand

Contact Ted Andrews on:
07540604130



Future Meetings

West Bletchley Council is a very busy organisation. It holds committee meetings and all councillors meet together bi-monthly.

All meetings of the council are open to the public. We welcome residents coming along and try and involve residents where legally able and practically possible to do so.

*Committee meetings are held at
221 Whaddon Way, Bletchley.*

*Meetings usually start at 7.30 pm except for the
Planning & Environment Committee
which starts at 7 pm.*

Committee Meeting dates from July 2019

Monday 8th July - Planning & Environment

Monday 15th July - Community

Monday 5th August - Finance & General Purposes

Tuesday 20th August - Full Council

Monday 9th September - Planning & Environment

Monday 16th September - Community

Monday 7th October - Finance & General Purposes

Tuesday 22nd October - Full Council

West Bletchley Community Centre

3 Porchester Close MK3 6BH
01908 374122

Coach Trips 2019

Windsor - 9th September



£23

no one under 5 years old
Booking with £5 non-refundable deposit

West Bletchley Council Statement

*West Bletchley Council's acceptance of any
advertisement with the Open Door newsletter
shall under no circumstances be considered an
endorsement of the products and/or services
advertised.*

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OPEN HOURS

West Bletchley Council

Office opening hours:

Monday to Friday 9.30 am to 4 pm

E-mail: Clerk@westbletchleycouncil.gov.uk

Main Office, The Clerk, 221 Whaddon Way
Bletchley, Milton Keynes MK3 7DZ

Telephone: 01908 648257

www.westbletchleycouncil.gov.uk

MP'S SURGERY



MP's Surgery

Our local MP, Iain Stewart would like to hear from you.

He holds regular surgeries by appointment across the constituency
To book a surgery appointment:

Please call: 01908 686830

Please email:

iain.stewart.mp@parliament.uk

Please write to: Suite 102
Milton Keynes Business Centre
Foxhunter Drive
Linford Wood
MK14 6GD

MILTON KEYNES COUNCILLORS

Councillors Legg, Townsend & Long Bletchley West Ward



We will be holding an advice surgery every Saturday from 9am at
The Frank Moran Centre,
Melrose Avenue, Bletchley

Councillor Wales Bletchley Park Ward



will be holding an advice surgery 1st Thursday of each month from 6pm at the West Bletchley Community Centre, Whaddon Way Shops.

Also Saturday mornings at Bletchley Library, Westfield Road, by appointment only, please email:-

elaine.wales@milton-keynes.gov.uk.

Councillors Rankine & Nazir Bletchley Park Ward



will be holding an advice surgery on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10am at Bletchley Library, Westfield Rd, Bletchley, Milton Keynes MK2 2RA

WEST BLETCHLEY COUNCILLORS

If you need help you can contact any one of the councillors listed below or you can contact the West Bletchley Council Office

Castles Ward



Gladstone McKenzie
01908 648915

Finance & General Purposes and
Planning & Environment

vacant
seat



Sue Long
01908 376141

Community

Fairways Ward



Derek Hircock
cllr.derek.hircock@
westbletchleycouncil.gov.uk



Matthew Burn
contact through office

Community, Planning
& Environment

vacant
seat

Abbeys Ward

no picture
available

David Gibb
07895 064862

Finance & General Purpose
Planning & Environment



Geraldine Helder
contact through office

Planning & Environment



Kit Power
07747 098767



Pete Lindop
07803 083720

Community
Finance & General Purpose



Ian Revell

cllr.ian.revell@
westbletchleycouncil.gov.uk
Finance & General Purpose



Paul Moore
contact through office

Community
Finance & General Purpose

Scots Ward



Barbara Moore
07872 624412

Finance & General Purpose



Felicity Cockbaine

cllr.felicity.cockbaine@
westbletchleycouncil.gov.uk

Community, Finance
& General Purpose



Iain Layden

cllr.iain.layden
@westbletchleycouncil.gov.uk

Community

Church Green Ward



Nabeel Nazir
contact through office

Community
Finance & General Purpose



Jim Kearon

cllr.jim.kearon@
westbletchleycouncil.gov.uk

Finance & General Purpose
Planning & Environment



Sajna Rahman
contact through office

Counties Ward



Paul Harvey
contact through office

Planning & Environment



Mick Legg
07920 103239

Planning & Environment



Nigel Long
01908 376141

Finance & General Purpose

Racecourses Ward



Elaine Wales
cllr.elaine.wales@
westbletchleycouncil.gov.uk
Finance & General Purpose



James Butson
contact through office

Planning & Environment

Rivers Ward



Veronica Belcher
01908 371802

Chair of Council



Naomi Sinclair
contact through office

Community
Planning & Environment



Shery Delfani
07979 794010

Community,
Planning & Environment
Finance & General Purpose

Saints Ward



Sally Crockett
cllr.sally.crockett@
westbletchleycouncil.gov.uk

Planning & Environment



Ernie Thomas
01908 379748

Vice Chair of Council