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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF WEST BLETCHLEY COUNCIL

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Chair's Welcome



Welcome to the May edition of Open Door

We find ourselves again at that busy time of year making preparations for this year's Carnival. I hope you will be able to join us on the 9th June for this year's event. Our 2018 carnival charity is the MK Community Fridge who will be using the proceeds raised at this year's event to help set up a new community fridge in West Bletchley.

This edition of Open Door also features our Annual Report which summarises our key activities and finances at the end of the council year and includes feedback from residents on how well you think we are doing. Your feedback and comments help shape our future plans so thank you to those residents who responded to this year's one in ten household survey.

Finally it is with great sadness that I report on the death of Councillor Tom Horan in March of this year. Tom had been a Member of West Bletchley Council since October 2015 serving on the Council's Community and Planning & Environment Committees. Tom will be missed by all of his friends and colleagues at West Bletchley Council.

Cllr Veronica Belcher
Chair of West Bletchley Council

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221 Whaddon Way, Bletchley,
Milton Keynes, MK3 7DZ

Or email to
clerk@westbletchleycouncil.gov.uk



Introduction by the Parish Clerk

I am delighted to introduce the latest edition of Open Door which includes information about activities taking place across the parish in the lead up to summer.

Read (at pages 6 & 7) about arrangements for "The Games", this year's major sporting event inspired Carnival on Saturday 9th June. It's still not too late to sign up and take part in our "We're a Knockout" and compete against other teams of local residents on a carnival sized water based inflatable assault course. Contact us at the Council offices for further information.

A full summary of our half term and summer holiday activities are featured at page 10. We are pleased this year to have been able to both extend our summer programme to include sessions at Bletchley Youth Centre and maintain free admission to these activities for our MK3 West Bletchley Residents.

We are featuring again (at page 18) information about our new afternoon Drop-In sessions at St John's Hall in Warwick Road. Pop by and join us on Monday and Thursdays for a cuppa, cake and chat.

Lastly, I would draw your attention to our "Neighbourhood Plan" update at page 6. And on the subject of planning then please continue to check our website for further updates on proposals for development on land adjacent to the parish.

Helen Hupton
Clerk to West Bletchley Council

March Competition Winners

Crossword

The answers to the March Crossword were:-

Across: 7 Leaseholder, 8 Neural, 9 Nap, 11 Giant, 12 Oared, 14 Ire, 16 Rattle, 18 Sorceresses.

Down: 1 Elf, 2 Camera, 3 Secretaries, 4 Foul Mouthed, 5 Aden, 6 Tripods, 10 Against, 13 Relish, 15 Ears, 17 Usk.

The winners of the March Crossword were **Bridget Rimmer** of Caithness Court and **Hermione Hilton** of Sutherland Grove who both win a £15 gift card.

Colouring Competition

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

Deadline dates for Open Door 2018

If you would like to place an article in the Open Door newsletter, the deadline dates for 2018 are as follows:-

Thursday 31st May

(distribution on Thursday 5th July)

Monday 17th September

(distribution on Thursday 18th 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.



West Bletchley Neighbourhood Plan **Final Consultation Underway**

West Bletchley Council has now produced the final version of the Neighbourhood Plan for the area. In line with legal requirements, the Plan has been sent to Milton Keynes Council which is now carrying out a final round of public consultation until **19th June 2018**.

This is your last chance to have a look at the plan and make comments on the policies it contains which will guide future development in the West Bletchley area.

After the consultation period closes, the Neighbourhood Plan will be considered by an independent planning inspector who will look at any comments made during this consultation and decide if any changes need to be made to the Plan. The Inspector will also decide if the Neighbourhood Plan can go forward to a local referendum where local residents will have the final say as to whether they want the Plan and its policies to be used to help make decisions on planning applications in the area.

You can find a copy of the Neighbourhood Plan and information about how to make comments on the Milton Keynes Council website at:

[www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/
planning-policy/west-bletchley-neighbourhood-plan](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/west-bletchley-neighbourhood-plan)

Paper copies of the Neighbourhood Plan are available at Bletchley, Westcroft and Central Milton Keynes libraries, from the Milton Keynes Council Planning Enquiries team at the Civic Offices and at West Bletchley Council's office.

Landscaping through the Winter in West Bletchley

This winter RTM Landscapes have been busy working through the parish on shrub beds and crown lifting lower tree branches. They have also worked to remove old tree stumps, thus eliminating future trip hazards as well as improving the aesthetics of the area. You will notice some of the sparser shrub beds have been infilled with more shrubs which will improve their appearance in the long term.



Preparing and Rotorvating the Soil



Yellow Dogwood being planted
(*Cornus Stolonifera Flaviramea*)



Tree Stump



Stump Grinder in Action



Soil and Seeded



Whilst cutting back vegetation, WBC's landscape contractor RTM, saw the opportunity to build a habitat this winter. Why not go and check it out for little beasties this summer...

CARNIVAL MMXVIII: THE GAMES

SATURDAY 9th JUNE | 12:00 – 17:00

LET THE GAMES BEGIN



This year's Carnival is inspired by major sporting events in 2018, such as the Winter Olympics, World Cup and Invictus Games. Expanding on the theme, we will celebrate *taking part* in 'The Games', whether that be 'We're a Knockout' or Old School Sports Day games like tug-o-war!

Utilising the community spirit of these globally renowned games, we aim to bring West Bletchley together to join in or cheer on your fellow residents and local organisations such as schools, Churches, charities and community groups who all work very hard to be a part of the event each and every year.

Whilst the event has grown in size, experiencing upwards of 8,000 visitors across the course of the day, it is important to remember that it is a home-grown community event hosted by, and delivered for, our residents. To this end we are incorporating more family-friendly entertainment, with a welcoming, festival feel. This year you can expect to see a choice of attractive, good quality, independent food and refreshment stalls all based around our popular bandstand with talented, professional artists that interact with the crowd alongside 'have-a-go' games, activities and market stalls.

We are also grateful and mindful that neighbouring properties to the Carnival site on Rickley Park are generally accommodating for the sake of the event, despite suffering some disruption on the day. As we direct the event more towards this family festival feel, we anticipate less noise disturbance and reduced set-up/take-down times. We appreciate your understanding and hope you will come and take a look for yourselves.

Anticipated Site Schedule:

Friday 8 th June	Site available to Contractors for set-up 08:00 – 21:00 Infrastructure for site, such as power, toilets and market stalls are installed. Overnight Security from 20:00 until 08:00.
Carnival Day Saturday 9 th June	Site opens for stallholders (permit only) @ 08:00. Site opens for event @ 12:00, ready to receive Parade c13:00. De-rig and site-tidy from 18:00 (estimated until approx. 21:00).
Sunday 10 th June	De-rig of market stalls from approx. midday (estimated take-down time of 1.5hrs). WBC Caretaker on-site.

Road Closures: (Signage, diversions and manned closures in place)

Melrose Ave. – from its junction with Whalley Drive to its junction with Whaddon Way (08:00 – 14:00)

Whaddon Way – from its junction with Melrose Ave. to its junction with Shenley Road (08:00-14:00)

Shenley Road – from its junction with Whaddon Way to its junction with Dover Gate (12:00-18:00)

We will deliver parking permits to selected roads approx. 2 weeks prior to the event. We would appreciate that parked cars are removed from the parade route and driving in this area is avoided during these times.

Parade Start: Melrose Avenue, MK3 6PA c12:00 **Parade End:** Rickley Park, MK3 6HF c13:00 (**Event end:** 17:00)
e: Carnival@WestBletchleyCouncil.gov.uk | t: MK 634033 | w: WestBletchleyCouncil.gov.uk/Carnival

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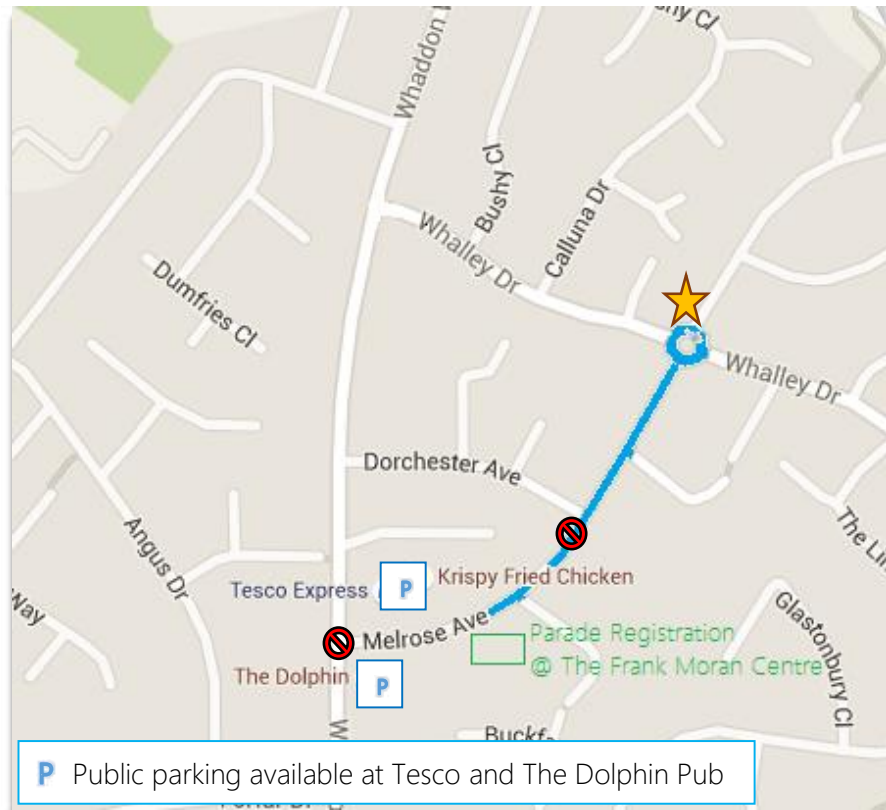
LET THE GAMES BEGIN



For friends/family that want to watch the parade, they can join us from 10am at Melrose Avenue. Please note road closures on both Whaddon Way and Melrose (up to Dorchester).

★ Paraders will be entering from Whalley Drive and lining up, so it is advised to avoid this area, if driving.

Security will not allow vehicle access at Melrose/Whaddon.



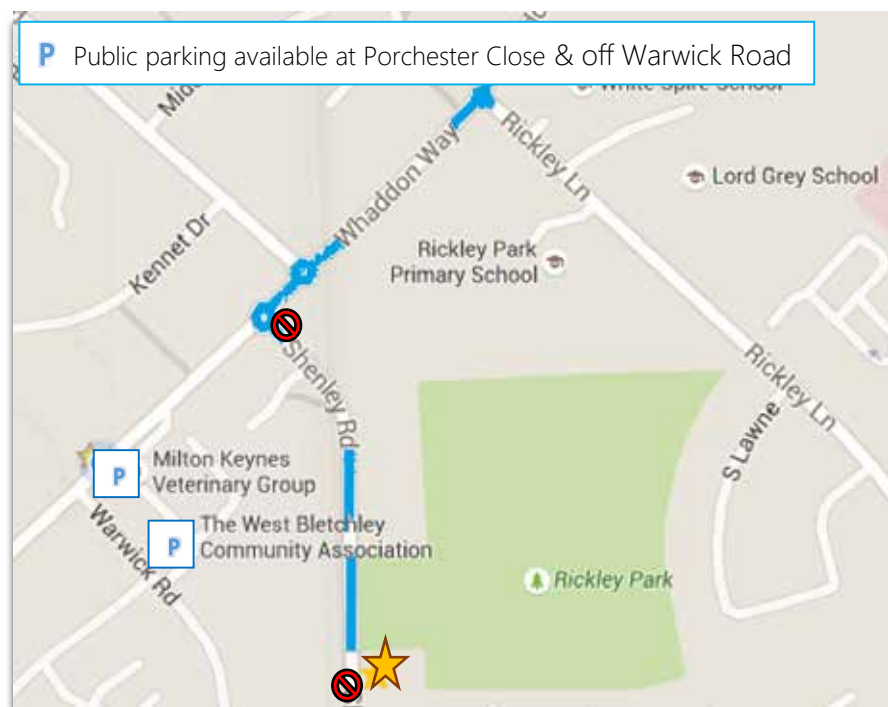
P Public parking available at Tesco and The Dolphin Pub

⊘ Shows approximate road closure points (signage displayed on road).

★ Stall Holders to line-up here (allowed on-site from 08:00).

Security Team will manage road closure and stallholders arriving, unloading and parking (permit only).

Set-up closes @11:00, ready for event start @12:00 and parade arrival @c13:00



P Public parking available at Porchester Close & off Warwick Road

This information notice is also available to view or download on our website/in noticeboards. Alternatively, please email us to request a digital copy.

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The MARC and Frank Moran Centre

Activities at the Centre...

2018 is proving to be a busy year at the FMC. We celebrated the end of term with the ever-popular themed disco, this time with an Easter theme and 50+ children took part in our Easter Egg Hunt around the Melrose shops! To add to the Easter festivities we also ran a Bonnet Making session, local children proudly paraded their creations around Melrose for everyone to see. We even had a special visit from PCSO mascot, 'Dorris'! Dorris had the very difficult job of judging our parade winners.

For details on upcoming activities...speak to Mick or Kate at the FMC for more info.



What activities would you like to see at the Centre? Tell us. Pop-in or call: 01908 370348



AGE UK Milton Keynes run a luncheon club for our older MK3 residents every Friday, 10am – 1.30pm at the Frank Moran Centre.

Members enjoy a two course meal as well as bingo and chatting with each other.

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

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

Next Session: 30th May, 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



Junior Youth Club runs EVERY Tuesday | 6 – 7.30pm

For young people aged 9 -12 years, during ***Term Time Only**. Just 50p

Contact Milton Keynes Council Youth Worker, Lisa Thompson:

Lisa.Thompson2@Milton-Keynes.gov.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).

Residents can collect pink recycling sacks and 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

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 JOB CLUB | 10-12pm

Belly Dancing | 1.30 – 2.30pm

Junior Youth Club (*TTO) | 6 – 7.30pm.

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 Information and Advice Session | 10am -1pm

AGE UK Milton Keynes Lunch Club | 10am – 1.30pm

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.



The MARC and Frank Moran Centre:

Melrose Avenue, MK3 6PB | 01908 370348.



MAY & SUMMER ACTIVITIES

IN MK3

Stick on
the fridge

Reminder:
Put these dates in
my diary

Playscheme
is FREE!
No need to
book.

May Half Term @
The Frank Moran Centre,
Melrose Avenue, MK3 6PA

Friday 25th May
Children's Disco | 5 - 7pm
For 3 - 12 year olds
(u6 yrs must be
accompanied)

Tuesday 29th May
Rock Painting | 1.30pm
The new rock painting
craze has reached MK and
we are going to get
involved! Bring your
imagination and help us
decorate some rocks. You
will then be able to hide
these rocks around West
Bletchley for others to find.
A fun family activity.

Thursday 31st May
Garden Games | 1.30pm
Join us as we get excited for
Carnival 2018 and start **The
Games** early with some
of old favourites such as Hook a
Duck, Giant Connect 4 and Splat
The Rat. We'll be playing, come rain
or shine. Whether the weather's
playing ball or not!

For more info. on any of the above:
The MARC - 01908 370348

Summer Holiday Playscheme
(Aimed at 4 - 14 year olds) **Delivered in Partnership:**
West Bletchley Council & MK Play Association
Delivered 4 days a week | 24th July - 31st August 2018
For live updates and reminders, find us on facebook:
@WBCProudtobeMK3 @MKPAplay

Tuesdays @ The Frank Moran Centre, MK3 6PA
Indoor and Outdoor Activities | 2 - 4pm
This will be based mostly inside, suiting younger families.
Outside space is limited but we do make the most of the grassy
areas next to the building, often with games and inflatables.

Wednesdays @ Rickley Park, MK3 6HF
All Outdoor Activities | 2 - 4.30pm
Based on Rickley park, just look for the MKPA van and BIG
inflatable. This large open space allows for all sorts of activities!
Obstacle courses, water slides, zip lining, zorbs...bring a picnic!

Thursdays @ Bletchley Youth Centre, MK3 7BE
Best of Both! | 2 - 4.30pm
Based on Derwent Drive, this venue offers generous indoor and
outdoor options allowing us to provide a good range of activities
and games. Great for older children, also right next to a skate
park, whilst younger ones can be inside, in the hall, if needs be.

Fridays @ Chepstow Park, MK3 5NB
All Outdoor Activities | 2 - 4.30pm
Based off Chepstow Drive, this Green Flag park offers various
environments - woods, a lake, pitches and a play park. We make
the most of this with activities such as den building and using
nature for arts and crafts. Great for full family participation!

Sessions usually include an inflatable whenever weather conditions
allow (4+ years old), sports and games. Arts and crafts remain popular
as we encourage children to work together to make collages, paintings
and murals as well as making their own items to take home. We actively
encourage adult involvement - this is about playing together!
Please wear/bring appropriate clothing. Activities subject to change.



WEST BLETCHLEY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT MAY 2018

Introduction

I am delighted to introduce our 2018 annual report which details West Bletchley Council's main activities and achievements during 2017/18 and summarises the Council's financial position at the close of the year.

During the past year we have continued to invest in and improve those local assets that you have told us are important to the local community. This has included providing capital resources to help fund the refurbishment of Bletchley Library and support the continued provision of local library services.

We have also continued to work on your behalf in representing your views on local planning matters. This has included our work in developing a "West Bletchley Neighbourhood Plan" which will help us shape and guide development for the next 10 years across our area.

Last year we committed to continue to seek to address residents' concerns regarding

littering and dog fouling. We have during the last year funded additional litter picking and implemented new initiatives to reduce dog fouling within the parish. We will continue to monitor this as well as consider new ways of addressing these problems.

Councillor Veronica Belcher
Chair of West Bletchley Council

Summary of Activities and Achievements

West Bletchley Council has continued to deliver services and facilities, locally, in accordance with objectives and priorities included within its published Business Plan.

The Council regularly consults with parish residents either formally by survey or informally, whether at events or when residents visit the Council offices, in order to determine priorities and/or concerns that the Council should address. The Business Plan 2016/19 was compiled with the benefit of this regular engagement and we have continued to review performance through these means as well as

through postal surveys with a random sample of residents.

Residents' surveys completed during the last twelve months, continue to show good satisfaction levels. Of those who responded to 2018 postal surveys:

- **93%** indicated that the way in which the Council communicated with residents had improved or stayed the same over the last 12 months
- **91%**, indicated that the level of information provided by the Council had either got better or stayed the same.
- **93%** agreed that facilities within the parish had either got better or stayed the same.

Feedback from our residents is an essential way of ensuring that the Council's priorities are in line with the views of our residents and that our policies and the actions we take continue to have a positive effect on the lives of those who live within the parish.

In the Community

- The Frank Moran Centre continues to be popular with all members of our community. As well as being a drop in venue for local residents of all ages to meet up and socialise, including easy access to computers and information, the centre also facilitates regular meetings of age or interest related social groups in the main hall. Groups include the lively Franks 55+ drop-in that meets twice weekly, Arts and Crafts, belly

dancing, a Junior Youth Club provided by MKC and a weekly lunch club run by Age UK MK. It also provides discreet access to support and advice from agencies including Money Lifeline, Food Bank and Age UK MK.

- A "Coffee, Cake & Chat" Drop in Session has recently been introduced at St Johns Hall. This is designed to be a sociable, friendly and welcoming space for anyone who would like to drop-in for a cuppa and a listening ear.
- The Council continues to support projects which aim to address social isolation, whether of individuals or groups. Living in the Moment sessions



run twice monthly at the Council offices in Whaddon Way. The Men in Sheds project, based in Rickley Park, has become well established, meeting several times a week and providing a range of activities and crafts, with an emphasis on woodworking, to a core group of local older male residents.

- The annual West Bletchley carnival, managed and supported by the Council, remains the high profile event within the parish attracting all ages to both participate and watch.

- In conjunction with Milton Keynes Play Association, we ran play and activity sessions for children during school holiday periods at local parks and community centres, which will continue during the coming year. We are also exploring the possibility of additional locations for the coming year.
- The Council's partnership with West Bletchley Wellbeing and Counselling service continues to provide a valuable resource for our residents, enabling them to access timely and free counselling support, when it is needed.



- The Council continues to fund the scheme at Bletchley Leisure Centre, which enables many West Bletchley residents, within those qualifying categories and age groups, to swim for free.
- The Council's quarterly magazine, Open Door, delivered free to every household in the parish, provides information and updates on the wide range of activities on offer.
- The Council sets aside an annual budget which is used as grant funding for local groups who need support for specific projects or purchases.

Environment

- The Council continues to work closely with its appointed contractor to ensure sustainability of parks and other areas of public open space.
- For the fourth year running the



prestigious Green Flag status has been awarded to Chepstow Park.

- The Council continues to develop new strategies to address parking issues within the parish.
- West Bletchley Council remains one of few parish councils across Milton Keynes to provide free dog waste bags to residents.
- The Council recognises there is still work to be done regarding dog fouling & litter and will continue with its on-going education and awareness campaigns.

Planning

- The Council has now produced the final version of the Neighbourhood Plan for West Bletchley. The Plan will, during the coming year, undergo a final round of formal consultation and independent examination.

- West Bletchley Council's planning committee comments on all planning applications submitted to Milton Keynes Council that relate to land or property situated within West Bletchley, taking account of this Council's planning policy as well as the views expressed by local residents.
- The prospect of large scale housing development on land within Aylesbury Vale, but adjacent to the parish boundary, remains. The Council remains alert to any proposals from developers, keeping residents informed and supporting their objections to planning approval.

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Council Finance

The following figures have been extracted from the draft accounts for the Council, for the year ended 31st March 2018, subject to audit.

DRAFT SUBJECT TO AUDIT

Local Councils in England

**Annual return for the year ended
31 March 2018**

WEST BLETCHLEY COUNCIL

The statement of accounts

	Year ending	
	31 March 2017 £	31 March 2018 £
1 Balances brought Forward	1,631,570	1,826,755
2 (+) Annual Precept	821,017	869,529
3 (+) Total other Receipts	313,673	274,841
4 (-) Staff costs	364,409	375,693
5 (-) Loan interest/ capital repayments	34,377	33,746
6 (-) Total other payments	540,718	512,941
7 (=) Balances carried forward	1,826,755	2,048,746
8 Total cash & investments	1,809,877	2,029,647
9 Total fixed assets and long term assets	917,364	912,271
10 Total borrowings	358,621	331,035

Which Bag, Bin or Box?



Get Sorted MK | www.getsortedmk.co.uk

We buy and throwaway things every single day. What we do with what we throwaway makes a big difference! Whether it's a newspaper, can of drink or food wrapper, by putting the right stuff in the right bin we are all playing a big part in making sure what can be recycled, **is recycled!**

In Milton Keynes, we are recycling over **54%** but together we can do better!



Yes: paper & cardboard, envelopes, aerosols, food & drink cans, plastic trays, plastic bottle, foil trays (clean)

No: textiles*, disposable nappies, food waste, foil covered paper or cards, crisp/sweets/biscuit wrappers



Yes: leaves, twigs, small branches (less than 15cm diameter), real Christmas trees, grass cuttings, dead flowers, food waste

No: treated wood e.g. painted or stained, pet poo, large branches over 15cm diameter



Yes: glass bottles, glass jars (without lids!)

No: broken drink glasses, mirrors or vases etc., Pyrex, broken china



Yes: disposable nappies, fruit nets, plastic bags, plastic film, broken glass or china – wrapped up, polystyrene packaging

No: sharp items – wrapped in newspaper, batteries – use yellow bag, garden waste, food waste



Yes: meat, fish & bones, dairy e.g. cheese, vegetables & fruit, bread & pastries, coffee grounds and tea bags

No: pet poo, dirty nappies, garden waste - put directly into Green Wheelie Bin

www.GetSortedMK.co.uk is a website commissioned by MK Council to advise and inform residents about recycling in MK. For queries, complaints or comments about the bin collection service please go to: www.milton-keynes.gov.uk.



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LAST MINUTE PLACES AVAILABLE FOR
PARADERS AND 'IT'S-A-KNOCKOUT' TEAMS
CALL: 01908 634033

OR DOWNLOAD YOUR FORMS TODAY:
WWW.WESTBLETCHLEYCOUNCIL.GOV.UK/CARNIVAL.ASPX



School Report



Abbeys' Golden Jubilee



In September 1968, Abbeys Primary School first opened its doors to the new generation of children growing up in the heart of West Bletchley. Are you, or was someone you know, an ex-pupil of Abbeys from

decades past?

This September, we will be celebrating Abbeys' Golden Jubilee, and we are interested in hearing your memories, or seeing any photos you may have, of Abbeys over the last 50 years. Who was your favourite teacher? What is your best memory? Do you know exactly where the 1968 time capsule was buried?

We want to involve the community in our project, which will form part of the social history of the development of Milton Keynes. If you are happy to share your memories and/or photos, please use our main school email address: office@abbeyprimary.org or call the school on 01908 375230. We look forward to hearing from you!

Buttons @ Abbeys are OUTSTANDING



Buttons@Abbeys are proud to announce that following our Ofsted Inspection on 19 March 2018 we are now rated as OUTSTANDING.

Buttons opened its doors within Abbeys School in April 2016, Pauline, Jade and the whole team have worked tirelessly to ensure that our children are polite, kind and well prepared for school, the classroom and outside space provide a real opportunity for children to learn and develop, the environment is calm and well presented and we offer lots of new and innovative ideas for the children. All sessions utilise the outside areas fully offering free flow play for all children.

All our staff are highly qualified and motivated and we undertake specialist training such as Autism awareness, challenging behaviour and forest school.

Some of the quotes used by the inspector are "Children make Outstanding progress", "Children show a real fascination for learning", "children delight in exploring" "Childrens behaviour is exemplary" Buttons offers a fully inclusive learning environment for your child.

Buttons accept children from age 2, we offer the government 15 and 30 hour spaces as well as "Time for Twos", private sessions are also available. We are now taking registrations for September 2018. We also have spaces at our Buttons@Chepstow setting. For more details please see our website www.buttonspreschools.co.uk or call for further information.

Sport Relief, the Chestnuts Way



Chestnuts took the opportunity to raise money during our Sport Relief week, 17th-23rd March, through a range of sporting and baking activities.

The snow may have caused us to postpone our 5K fun run but we managed to complete it, complete with fancy dress on a fine sunny day later the same week. The resilience and determination shown by all pupils from Reception to Year 6 was phenomenal with the vast majority of pupils completing the challenge.

Alongside the fun run, a range of sporting competitions took place including hoola hoop challenges, kick up competitions and penalty shootouts. Children enjoyed the opportunity to both practise and demonstrate their skills whilst raising money for a valuable cause and getting to wear their favourite sports top.

Year 3 and 4 also held their annual enterprise week, researching, planning, shopping and baking a selection



School Report



of sweet treats which helped us finish off with a bumper cake sale which was superbly supported by the families of the school. All in all a really successful week of fund raising, having fun and increasing sporting opportunities was had with £608.77 being raised for sport relief.

Sporting choices at Holne Chase



If you pay a visit to Holne Chase on any day of the week, you will find us engaging in sport of some type. We are keen to ensure that all children partake in physical activity at school and we try to introduce a range of sports so that

everyone will find something that interests them.

Sport not only helps encourage children to adapt a healthy lifestyle, but it also enforces a strong team spirit and a sense of belonging.

We try to engage in as many different sports as possible so that children have a choice (not everyone loves football!) So far this year our children have taken part in, rugby, tennis, cricket, gymnastics, handball, cross-country running, netball and swimming and of course football! The school regularly participates in competitions with other schools helping to raise our sporting profile around the community.

Also each class walks around the playing field one or two times a day. When we first introduced this walking initiative, some children were physically struggling to walk even halfway around the field, now they race around it and never complain about feeling tired. Getting outdoors also helps focus the mind and refresh the brain, ready for learning!

Mr Scott who heads up sporting activities in the school is also looking at using some of our schools sport funding to install some exercise equipment in the playground to give children that added boost to their fitness and agility during break and lunchtimes.

We will continue to encourage and enable children to take part in a wide range of sports during their time at Holne Chase. We hope that by the time they move on to secondary education their fitness levels have increased and they will have had a good introduction to various sports on offer, leading them naturally into choosing a healthy lifestyle for the future.

LORD GREY

Follow us at @lgartdept

We have some fantastic artwork being produced by students. This is a piece by Megan McConnell and it is far beyond the level of skill that she started with. You will see more excellent artwork on Instagram and this platform is really inspiring our younger learners. Visit our galleries page on www.lordgrey.org.uk celebrating the success of our students.



World Earth Day

From littering our beaches and landscapes to clogging our streams and landfills, the exponential growth of plastics is now threatening the survival of our planet, and the children of Rickley Park Primary School want to do something about it.



As part of World Earth Day, children will be working with schools across Europe, throughout April and May, to spread awareness of waste, the impact this has on the environment and how we can make a difference. The School Council are already collecting used batteries and they are about to launch a project on reducing single use plastic in school. Several classes will also be litter picking over the coming weeks and looking at the amount of plastic which is thrown away.

We are encouraging our parents and staff to consider the removal of single use plastics in lunch boxes, and also reduce how much plastic we use in school. The School Council are writing to the catering company which provides our school lunches to request that they use less plastic when delivering the food.

Find out more as we continue our waste reducing journey throughout the summer.

Rickley Park Primary School new website is now live.

Find us at our new address of: <http://rickleypark.milton-keynes.sch.uk/>

BLETCHLEY LIBRARY - THE SILVER LINING

Despite the drizzle and clouds in Bletchley on a bleak Monday in March, the re-opening of a newly refurbished Bletchley Library brightened up the day.

At 1pm on Saturday, 27th May 2017 the doors were closed to the public and Bletchley Library began the transformation. The building was modernised, reconfigured and decorated to emerge at 10am on Monday, 12th March 2018 as a lively new Library and community space.

The Mayor of Milton Keynes was joined by several key representatives, including the Clerk and Chair of West Bletchley Council and representatives from Milton Keynes Council, a crowd of Bletchley residents and well-wishers as the ceremonial ribbon was cut and the doors thrown open.



Before the closure, Bletchley Library was the second busiest library in Milton Keynes with over 81,000 visitors and issuing around 90,000 books each year. Expectations for the new-look Library are high!

It's free to join the library but you don't need to be a member to enjoy some of the benefits - like free WiFi, computers, scanners and printers for public use, access to online resources for research and homework help or events and activities.

It might be worth a trip to Westfield Road in Bletchley to take a look.

You can learn all about the nine Milton Keynes Libraries on the website:

www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/libraries.



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Colour in our May 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 22nd June 2018.

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Age

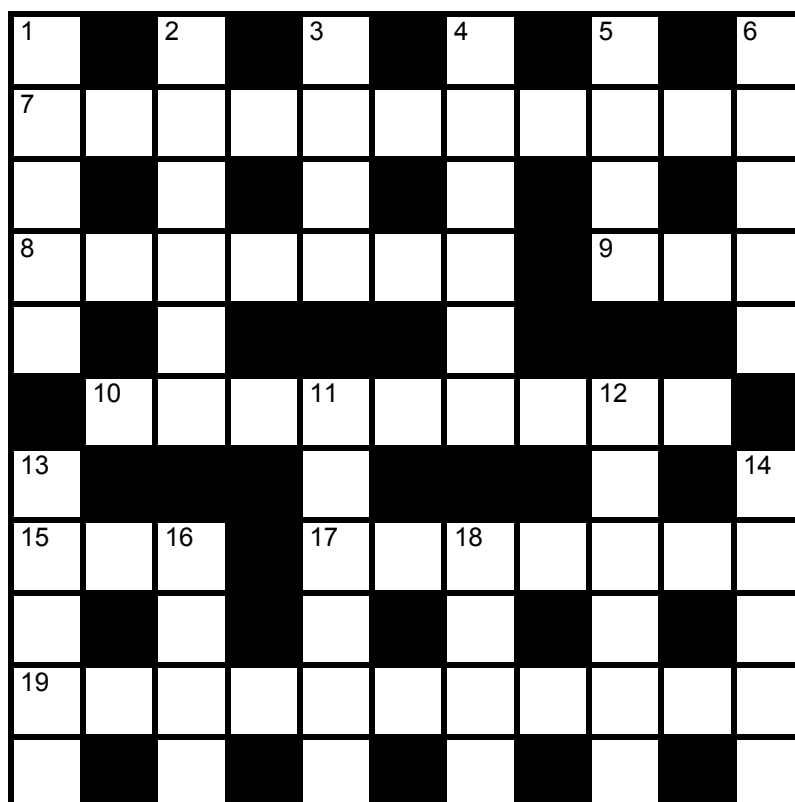
Address.....

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Post Code

Telephone

Complete our May Crossword to win a £15 Gift Card



Across

- 7 Large self-service store (11)
- 8 Blocking of light (7)
- 9 Immerse (3)
- 10 Medley (3-6)
- 15 Exploit (3)
- 17 Jewish German dialect (7)
- 19 Flock minder (11)

Down

- 1 Trembling poplar (5)
- 2 Ancient Greek god (6)
- 3 Harvest (4)
- 4 Capital of Lesotho (6)
- 5 Slip (4)
- 6 Halts (5)
- 11 Mind (6)
- 12 Showered (6)
- 13 Lathery (5)
- 14 Elected (5)
- 16 All time (4)
- 18 Flit about (4)

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 22nd June 2018.

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Ready for the snow!

At the February West Bletchley Council meeting it was decided to increase the salt bin locations in priority areas where older residents reside, and to store a small quantity of loose salt to support what's already in the Parish.

Priority areas particularly where clusters of older residents live have been identified and will have grit bins positioned in the area from this winter.

The Parish will also store grit and during prolonged periods of severe ice and/or snow our team and the Landscape contractor would offer extra support by topping up the salt bins and dispensing salt around the shops and OAP homes/areas etc. This would be on top of the gritting carried out by Milton Keynes Council.



HELPING ADULTS LEARN TO READ

Do you know an adult who finds reading difficult and learning to read didn't quite work for them the first time.

Read Easy is a scheme which will provide that person with a volunteer to help them on a one-to-one basis, in a quiet venue, learn to read at their own pace free of charge.

We are currently looking for volunteer reading coach's, for further details please contact:

Sue Warden
07422 523 858

Children's Hour

Bletchley Library



Thursdays 10-11am

£2 per baby/child

Join us for staff led stories and songs, crafts and fun educational toys

The library will be closed to the general public until 11am and available exclusively for families attending Children's Hour (Term time only)

www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/libraries

Tel: 01908 372797

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The Mobile Library



Will stop at BLETCHLEY

Frank Moran Centre, Melrose Avenue – 11:00am – 12:30pm
On the following Thursdays

Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept
19	17,31	14,28	12,26	9	6,20

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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



BLETCHLEY ROTARY CLUB

**WE ARE LOOKING TO
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
(BOTH GENTLEMEN AND LADIES)**

If you enjoy convivial company, listening to a wide variety of subjects by well-informed speakers, and perhaps have some spare time to help and support local charities, do give us a call.

To express your interest please call either:
Ken Howells – Tel: 01908 270916
Email: ken.howells@hotmail.com
Derek Mynard – Tel: 01908 502587
Email: derek.g.mynard@outlook.com

We meet Monday lunchtimes at the Woughton House Hotel, Woughton on the Green, MK6 3LR. 12:15 to 2pm. (except for Bank Holidays and special occasions). A buffet lunch is offered for a moderate cost.

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 March 2018

Monday 21st May	Community
Monday 4th June	Finance & General Purposes
Tuesday 26th June	Full Council
Monday 9th July	Planning & Environment

West Bletchley Community Centre
3 Porchester Close, by Whaddon Way shops. Tel. 01908 374122



Every Tuesday at 2pm
Entrance fee £1 including refreshments

West Bletchley Council Statement

West Bletchley Council's acceptance of any advertisement within 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

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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



Bletchley West Ward

An **advice surgery** is held every Saturday from 9am at The Frank Moran Centre, Melrose Avenue, Bletchley.



Bletchley Park Ward

Advice surgeries are held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from 6pm at the West Bletchley Community Centre, Whaddon Way Shops.

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Gladstone McKenzie
01908 648915

Finance & General Purpose
Planning & Environment

no picture
available

John Phillips
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Planning & Environment



Sue Long
01908 376141

Community



Derek Hircock
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Planning & Environment

vacant
seat



Shadul Rahman
07825 651802

Fairways Ward

Abbeys Ward

no picture
available

David Gibb
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Finance & General Purpose
Planning & Environment



Geraldine Helder
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Planning & Environment



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Pete Lindop
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Community
Finance & General Purpose

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Community



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Finance & General Purpose



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General Purpose



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Community

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Finance & General Purpose



Nigel Long
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Rivers Ward



Veronica Belcher
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Chair of Council



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Community
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Sally Crockett
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Ernie Thomas
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Vice Chair of Council

Saints Ward