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SATURDAY 9TH JUNE | 12:00 - 17:00

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Chair's Welcome

Welcome to the Spring edition of Open Door and all the updates and news from around West Bletchley.

After much deliberation, West Bletchley Council members decided to increase our part of the Council Tax by 5% meaning that on average residents will pay around £135 per house per year. This will enable us to continue to do all things that residents want us to do and you will find more details on this in the magazine.

If you have any questions to put to the Council on any aspect of what we do, then you have a formal chance to do that on 8th May at our Annual Parish Meeting which will be held at 7.30pm in the Council offices. It's an opportunity for residents to raise issues with the Council – although of course we are always pleased to hear from residents at any time.

I am delighted to see the refurbishment that is going on at Bletchley Library which will soon be open for business again. West Bletchley Council made a financial contribution towards the purchase of new internal furniture and fittings. The library is hoping to establish a Friends' Group and is looking for volunteers to join them so do get in touch if you are interested. We are lucky in Milton Keynes in that Milton Keynes Council is not planning to close our libraries.

With best wishes

Cllr Veronica Belcher
Chair of West Bletchley Council

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

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Introduction by the Parish Clerk

I am pleased to introduce the first of this year's editions of Open Door. We are looking forward to a busy year in West Bletchley with many new events and initiatives due to take place within the parish. Read about some of these in this edition and continue to visit our website or follow us on facebook for ongoing MK3 news.

We are also delighted to be working in partnership with Bletchley Library to help maintain and develop library services for our residents. West Bletchley Council has contributed, on your behalf, to help fund the current Library Refurbishment programme. Join us on 12th March for the Bletchley Library Relaunch. Further details regarding this are featured at pages 12 & 13.

By the time you receive this edition of the newsletter the West Bletchley Neighbourhood Plan should be ready to proceed to Independent Examination (see p.4). Our sincere thanks goes to those of you who have participated in the neighbourhood planning process. The Plan will, when adopted, help us shape and guide development across our parish for the next 10 years.

Lastly, I would like to take the opportunity of reminding you that West Bletchley's 17th Annual Carnival will take place on Saturday 9th June 2018. Make a note in your diary and continue to check our website for updates on this year's pre Carnival events.

Helen Hupton
Clerk to West Bletchley Council

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF WEST BLETCHLEY ELECTORS

TUESDAY 8TH MAY 2018

7.30PM

**221 WHADDON WAY,
BLETCHLEY**

This meeting is an opportunity for all electors of the Parish of West Bletchley to ask questions of the Council and raise any issues relating to the Parish.

**This meeting will be followed by
West Bletchley Council's AGM.**

October Competition Winners

Crossword

The answers to the October Crossword were:-

Across: 1 Stir, 4 Assume, 7 Planetarium, 8 Opus, 10 Odette, 11 Domino, 12 Trio, 13 Lionhearted, 15 Athens, 16 Burr.

Down: 2 Telephonist, 3 Run, 4 Astronomers, 5 Serpent, 6 Mountaineer, 9 Science, 14 Rob.

The winners of the October Crossword were **Jackie John-Charles of Nene Drive** and **Paul Stewart of Whalley Drive** who both win a £15 gift card.

Colouring Competition

The standard of entries to the colouring competition was excellent. The winners of the October Colouring Competition were (1st prize) Liam Flanagan of Whaddon Way who wins a £10 gift card and (2nd prize) Kyan Hopkins of Dumfries Close who wins a £5 gift card.

PARKING UPDATE

In 2017 we informed you that a fund had been secured for helping with parking and our initial focus was on the Saints estate.

Three areas within the Saints estate have now been identified that may be suitable for additional parking and we have now formally asked Milton Keynes Council to assess these areas for suitability.

One area is in St Clements Drive close to the Chestnuts School entrance just off the Buckingham Rd and the other two areas are on both sides in St Patricks Way as you turn from St Georges Rd.

We have been made aware of a number of other areas across the Parish that we are investigating for future schemes but if you have any ideas you wish to be considered please contact us on **01908 648257** or email at **admin@westbletchleycouncil.gov.uk**

A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR WEST BLETCHLEY

In the May 2017 edition of Open Door we gave our last update on the progress that had been made in developing a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish.

We advised, at that time, that open consultation had been undertaken on our Draft Plan and that local residents, landowners and other stakeholders had, along with a number of statutory consultees, responded to our consultation and commented on the Plan.

We have now considered all of this feedback and have made amendments to the Plan in response to the comments received.

The submission version of the Plan, was at the time of writing this article, due to be formally considered by West Bletchley Council at its Full Council meeting on 27th February 2018.

Once approved the Plan will proceed to Independent Examination.

Please continue to check the Council's website at:
www.westbletchleycouncil.gov.uk for further updates.

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:-

Monday 16th April
(distribution on
Thursday 17th May)

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.



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2018

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Landscaping in your Parish | WBC and RTM Landscapes

Local residents and The Conservation Volunteers were busy carrying out coppicing works in Chepstow woodlands. *Coppicing* is a traditional method of woodland management which involves cutting down trees, leaving a stump, allowing new shoots to grow. This extends the life of the coppiced trees indefinitely and can also increase biodiversity in the woodland due to the beneficial effects of varying light levels reaching the woodland floor.



Two-thousand bluebells were planted in Barleyhurst and Chepstow Park by The Conservation Volunteers and residents, look out for the bluebells from mid-April next year!



WBC contractors, RTM Landscapes, have been busy outside the Dorchester flats, as can be seen in the photos below:



Landscape Shrub Maintenance

Shrub maintenance differs greatly from garden maintenance.

Landscape shrub maintenance focuses on vigorous shrubs that recover quickly from damage, in what can be the hostile environment of open space, as opposed to the sheltered one of a garden. Pruning is carried out on a much larger scale, not only for containment and aesthetic reasons as in a garden situation, but also for prolonging the life and maintaining diversity of plants.

Recent Coppice



Year 2 Growth



Year 3 Growth



Above is an example of various coppiced shrubs in Hunstanton Way, to demonstrate how quickly shrubs can grow back when managed. This is the type of maintenance that contractors, RTM, carry out between November - March each year.

Students and Staff from White Spire School | Woodland Work



Students from White Spire School worked hard to lay chippings on the woodland path in Barleyhurst woods.

Chippings create attractive pathways and help to suppress weeds. WBC Contractors, RTM Landscapes, produce bark chippings whilst carrying out winter bed work which are then used within the Parish woodlands and at our allotment sites.



EASTER EGG HUNT

ALL DAY IN AND AROUND THE MELROSE SHOPS

Big kids of all ages are welcome to join in!

Pop-in to The MARC on 28th March, anytime between
9.30am - 3.30pm to collect your clues and prizes!

Easter Arts and Crafts will be running all month up to Easter - call the Centre for more info.

The MARC & Frank Moran Centre, Melrose Avenue, MK3 6PA | 01908 370348



Christmas @ Melrose is fast becoming a local tradition, kicking off the festive season on the first Saturday of December. The event is delivered in partnership between **West Bletchley Council** and local Churches, St Marys and Whaddon Way, as a *gift to MK3*. All activities, refreshments, the ever popular hog roast, games and entertainment are free to our residents. We believe that everyone should be able to join in the festivities and, with over 170 visiting Santa's grotto, it seems you do too!

Coffee, Cake & Chat

EVERY MONDAY & THURSDAY 2 - 3PM

Starting from 19th February

St Johns Hall, Warwick Road | MK3 6AN

COFFEE, CAKE AND CHAT IS A NEW INITIATIVE FOR ANYONE WHO WANTS TO DROP IN FOR A **CHAT, CAKE** AND A **COFFEE** (OR TEA!) IN A RELAXED AND FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE.

WE CAN HELP OUT WITH EVERY DAY ADVICE, SUPPORT WITH FORM FILLING, LOCAL INFORMATION AND KEEP YOU UP TO DATE WITH NEWS AND EVENTS...
OR JUST POP IN FOR A CHAT AND A CUPPA!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME, WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR IDEAS!



For more info contact The MARC, Melrose Ave., MK3 6PA
01908 370348

WEST BLETCHLEY COUNCIL – COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT 2018/19

What is the Council Tax Requirement?

Parish and Town Councils are funded principally from local council tax. In 2013, Central Government introduced the Local Council Tax Support Scheme which changed the way in which local council tax is calculated and passed on to parish councils. A proportion of parish council income now comes in the form of a central government grant, which has reduced year on year, and is likely to continue to do so. For 2018/19 the grant being passed to West Bletchley Council will reduce by approx. 7.7% from that allocated and received for 2017/18, to £59,516

West Bletchley Council is intent on protecting and providing facilities and services for local people, taking over ownership and responsibility from Milton Keynes Council for these where necessary. To continue to meet this commitment West Bletchley Council has resolved, for 2018/19 to increase the Council Tax, paid by the average household, by 5%.

In 2018/19, each household will be asked to pay an average of £134.98(per annum), as part of the Council Tax, to fund activities undertaken by West Bletchley Council.

How will West Bletchley Council use the money?

The Council has, in response to what residents have told us, determined a set of objectives for each of its committees to achieve over the coming year and each committee is allocated a budget for use in achieving these objectives.

Community Committee is tasked to:

- **Develop initiatives which support the social and economic development of West Bletchley.** For example, The Frank Moran Centre has increased its programme of events for local children. As well as more play sessions in 2017, the Centre hosted various Halloween and Christmas events targeted at younger residents.
- **Contribute towards initiatives which reduce crime and antisocial behaviour.** For example, as well as continuing to support the successful parish wide Neighbourhood Watch Schemes, we also support initiatives indirectly that seek to reduce verge parking, dog fouling and litter which can be considered anti-social.
- **Consider any matters relating to the education, health and wellbeing of the community.** For example, the Council has allocated funds, in the coming year's budget, to continue the free swimming initiative for qualifying MK3 residents. We also work in partnership with West Bletchley Wellbeing Counselling Service to offer free counselling for MK3 residents.
- **Oversee the management of an annual programme of community events.** For example, the annual West Bletchley Carnival continues to provide opportunities for local residents and groups to become involved on many levels. In addition, we also held a very successful "Christmas at Melrose" event. The event was free for MK3 residents and their families.



Planning and Environment Committee is tasked to:

- **Determine the Council's view in respect of all planning applications relating to property and/or land within the parish, taking note of residents' views as appropriate.**
- **Oversee development and publication of a Neighbourhood Plan.** Work is well underway with the neighbourhood plan and it is due to be published in 2018.
- **Work in partnership with other Councils, agencies and groups to secure improvements in the physical environment.** The Council are responsible for Landscape Maintenance within the parish. This enables us to continually enhance the quality of our local parks with regular maintenance and planting events.
- **Manage and maintain those outdoor leisure facilities in which the Council has a designated interest, including allotments, public gardens, parks and open space.** We have close links with local schools and their students have taken part in wildflower planting at several green spaces throughout the parish.
- **Manage and maintain approved levels of the Council's street furniture including litter and dog bins, seats and Ascot Rail.**



Finance and General Purposes Committee is tasked to:

- **Oversee the management of the Council's finances.**
- **Oversee the Council's Corporate Governance arrangements, risk management procedures and insurance arrangements.**
- **Oversee all matters relating to the employment and management of the Council's staff.**
- **Oversee the management of the Council's premises.**

In addition to the above, the Council sets aside funds which will be used to undertake an approved **Capital Programme**, e.g. improvements to local parks and community facilities.

Estimate of net expenditure for 2018/19

Committee	Budget £
Community	145,054
Planning and Environment	141,317
Finance and General Purposes	605,247
Capital Programme	100,000
Total	991,618
Funded by	
Amount required from Council Tax	914,670
Local Authority Grant Allocation	59,516
Reserves	17,432
Total	991,618

If you have any questions regarding the precept, please address these to:

The Clerk
West Bletchley Council
221 Whaddon Way
Bletchley
MK3 7DZ
Tel. 01908 648257
e-mail clerk@westbletchleycouncil.gov.uk

Bletchley Library Launch | 12th March | 10am – 1pm



Refurbishment work is moving along at Bletchley Library. January saw the roof completed, the scaffolding removed and the floor prepared.

By late January cabins and building equipment were removed and external works under way. The building was then handed back to the Library Service in February.

Now the premises are handed back, fixtures, fittings are being installed and IT services fitted...

Ready for the launch!

Children's area

Fiction

Teen Area

IT & Study Area

Come and take a look around on **Monday 12th March**, when the Mayor will officially (re)open the brand new, redesigned, bright and modern space to the public. **Refreshments and celebrations from 10am.**

West Bletchley Council are proud partners with **Bletchley Library**. We are busy working together to engage MK3 residents. Many of you have already met Library staff, Velvet and Laurel, at Christmas @ Melrose who delivered a Story and Rhyme Time session in Santa's grotto. We will now look to extend more taster sessions such as Children's Hour, Easter holiday activities, visits to local schools, community centres, pre-school and nurseries.

Get Involved: Bletchley Library are extending an open invitation to all *local schools, community groups and organisations* to take a look around the library and its rentable spaces. An ideal additional or alternative venue for your future meetings.

Looking for a local volunteer opportunity? The Home Library Service involves collecting and delivering books and befriending those who may not be able to get out to the Library. MK3 residents are also being sought to form part of a Friends group to help make the Library a community resource for all.

All MK Libraries offer FREE services:

- Borrow up to 15 books at once
- Access to online eLibrary services
- Free WiFi
- eBooks, eMagazines and Audiobooks to download
- Events, activities and clubs

Bletchley Library also offers:

- Storytime and Children's hour
- Knit and Natter group
- Free use of computers, printing and IT services
- Home Library Service
- Room Hire




Talking Books

Non-fiction

The MARC and Frank Moran Centre

New Activities at the Centre...

2017 was a busy year at the FMC. We listened to your ideas and developed them into real activities that you loved, attended and supported! So far we have delivered three children's discos, all themed for that time of year; Halloween, Christmas and Valentines. 

We are also the proud host of the popular 'Saturday Afternoon Take-Away'.

These sessions are delivered in partnership with local Church, St Marys and provides a great opportunity to get together and discuss issues, share ideas and socialise. All whilst learning a new skill and meeting new people.

We have had sessions on soup making, screen printing, sewing and candle making.



Further details and dates to follow...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: 7th March, 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.





School Report



CHESTNUTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

It's been a busy term here at Chestnuts Primary School. The children have already had so many opportunities, from a whole school Pantomime, trips to London and an evening of 'Horrible History.'

Our Year 5's and 6's showed their dedication to learning by coming back to school on a Friday night to step back into the past and experience History – being placed in the stocks and being mummified!

Year 6 travelled by train to London to experience a whole range of possible occupations first hand at Kidzania; they got to try out being an airline pilot, a F1 Mechanic, a paramedic and many more. A fantastic opportunity for all and we were extremely proud to receive praise and commendation from the public on the children's behaviour whilst on their journey and at the centre.

Our sports star continue to make us proud. They qualified for the finals of the English Football League Cup Tournament, finally being knocked out on penalties, however their positive attitude, team spirit and good sportsmanship were a shining example of what makes Chestnuts children fantastic!

LORD GREY SCHOOL OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Lord Grey School has again supported Operation Christmas Child and has surpassed the number of filled shoe boxes with a record 67 boxes. This is an absolutely brilliant result. A big, big thank you to everyone who got involved.



ACTIVE FESTIVAL

Lord Grey PE (G)irls (L)eadership (A)nd (M)arketing team known as the GLAM Squad were selected to participate in the Girls Active Festival recently at Stoke Mandeville Stadium. They took part in numerous practical workshops throughout the day including Zumba, HIIT, Kettlecise,



Team Building, Rugby, Taekwondo and Boxercise sessions.

HOLNE CHASE PRIMARY SCHOOL

At Holne Chase Primary School, we hold regular All Change Days, where children work together in their House Teams for the day and we invite parents to join in the activities.

Each All Change day concentrates on a different theme and our most recent one was wellbeing. We got involved in lots of different activities, such as yoga, mindfulness, expressing feelings through art, poetry and British Sign Language, singing and dancing.

Our Head Teacher Ms Klimek was pleased at the excellent attendance from parents; over eighty joined us on the day and took part in the various sessions. Ms Klimek said we even had a tiny baby take part in the yoga session!



Wellbeing is a thread that runs through all of our school values and all the activities and daily interactions we have with the children, forming a major part of our support and guidance.

A child's wellbeing is as important to us as their education. We want to give each child a sense of belonging and connection to school and achievement, by being active, feeling safe and secure, and feeling included.

RICKLEY PARK SCHOOL

RICKLEY GOES COLOUR CRAZY

Children from Nursery to Y6 have recently been involved in a whole school art project, based on the wonderful artist, Steven Brown.



Each year group chose a piece of his work and were inspired to create their own. Some year groups took to weaving, others to clay and some created work on canvas. 'The school is now an amazing wash of colour and the children are so proud of their work - visitors are constantly commenting on the wonderful learning environment - you can't help but smile as you walk around' said Allison Collis, Rickley Park's recently appointed Headteacher.

In addition to art, we also have performing arts clubs and additional music sessions for children with additional needs as well as talented musicians. It is our belief that the arts are an essential part of learning and the curriculum and should be given high priority and focus, promoting wellbeing and enjoyment in education.

Women Who Made Milton Keynes

In November 2017 an unusual exhibition at the Milton Keynes Central Library was launched. It celebrated ten of the many inspirational women who worked in the early days of Milton Keynes. Their names may not be well known, but without them we would not enjoy some of the excellent facilities and services that we have today.

Generous sponsors, including West Bletchley Parish Council, supported the initiative, which was organised by the Milton Keynes branch of the Fawcett Society to coincide with the MK50 celebrations. The exhibition was launched to a packed audience which included the Mayor of Milton Keynes and the MP for MK South. The five surviving women were guests of honour together with families, friends, ex-colleagues and community representatives.

The women celebrated in the exhibition included Deirdre Battista, Teresa Collard, Avril Dankworth, Margaret Durbridge, Jane Henshaw, Matilda Kessler, Liz Leyh, Margaret Powell, Marjorie Reid and Margaret Sale.

Some of the important contributions made by these women include Willen Hospice, the Citizen's Advice Bureau, the concept of the Redways, the Peace Pagoda, theatre and arts festivals, the Concrete Cows, the saving of Bletchley Park, the Margaret Powell Foundation and computer education. Two of the women, Matilda Kessler and Margaret Sale, had strong links to West Bletchley, and Margaret Powell was a sheep farmer in nearby Tattenhoe.

The project has not just been confined to one exhibition. Biographical posters are available for schools and community groups to borrow, and there are plans for all the information to be available online. Members of the Fawcett Society are also happy to talk to local groups about the project.

The Milton Keynes Fawcett Group are proud to have uncovered the history of some of Milton Keynes unsung heroines, and are grateful to West Bletchley Parish Council for their generous support.

Gill Bryan



The Mayor, Mayoress and Sheila Thornton from the MK Fawcett Society at the Launch.



4 of the women portrayed in the exhibition cutting the cake at the launch. The women are: Jane Henshaw, Teresa Collard, Deirdre Battista, and Liz Leyh.

MEN IN SHEDS WEST BLETCHLEY

Can Men in Sheds West Bletchley really be two years old? Yes, it is, as we have just passed into our third year of existence and what a lot we have achieved in that time. From our first tentative construction project of bird boxes, we have gone on to more ambitious projects, and our next is the most adventurous yet - refurbishing quite a lot of broken toys for Redway Special Needs School.! Our latest 'new product' has been wheelbarrow planters, which have been made mostly out of reclaimed wood. We have a stall at Tesco on 10 March, so if you would like one, do pay us a visit.

Our workshop in Rickley Park has become a little cramped due to the numbers seeking to join so we are going to open on a Friday morning for a couple of hours from 10 am in addition to our existing Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

If you are interested, contact the Shed Secretary, Paul Egerton, by email – meninshedswwb@outlook.com or by phone on **07798 915221**



WEST BLETCHLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE
3 Porchester Close, Bletchley, MK3 6BH
Telephone 01908 374122

COACH TRIPS 2018

Monday 14th May to Clacton

**Tuesday 19th June to Moreton in Marsh
and Bourton on the Water**

Monday 16th July to Felixstowe

Monday 20th August to Hunstanton

Monday 17th September to Southend

**All trips cost £25 per person, requiring £5
deposit when booked. No one under 5
years of age**



NURSERY PLACES ARE AVAILABLE!

Rickley Park Primary School Nursery offering
all day sessions/30 hours* All day session times 9am—3pm.
So if your child will be 3 years old by 31 August 2018 (or is
already 3 years old) give us a call for more information.

Telephone number: 01908 372979

Email address: office@rickleypark.milton-keynes.sch.uk



*Additional Afternoon Sessions are free 12pm—3pm for those eligible for
the additional 15 hours funding or charged at £13 per afternoon month-
ly in advance.



Rickley Park Primary School—A 'Good' School.
Good Teaching and Learning, Good Behaviour, Good outcomes for
pupils. Ofsted December 2016



Colour in our March Picture
to win a Gift Card
1st Prize = £10, 2nd Prize = £5



#162368091

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 6th April 2018.

Name

Age

Address.....

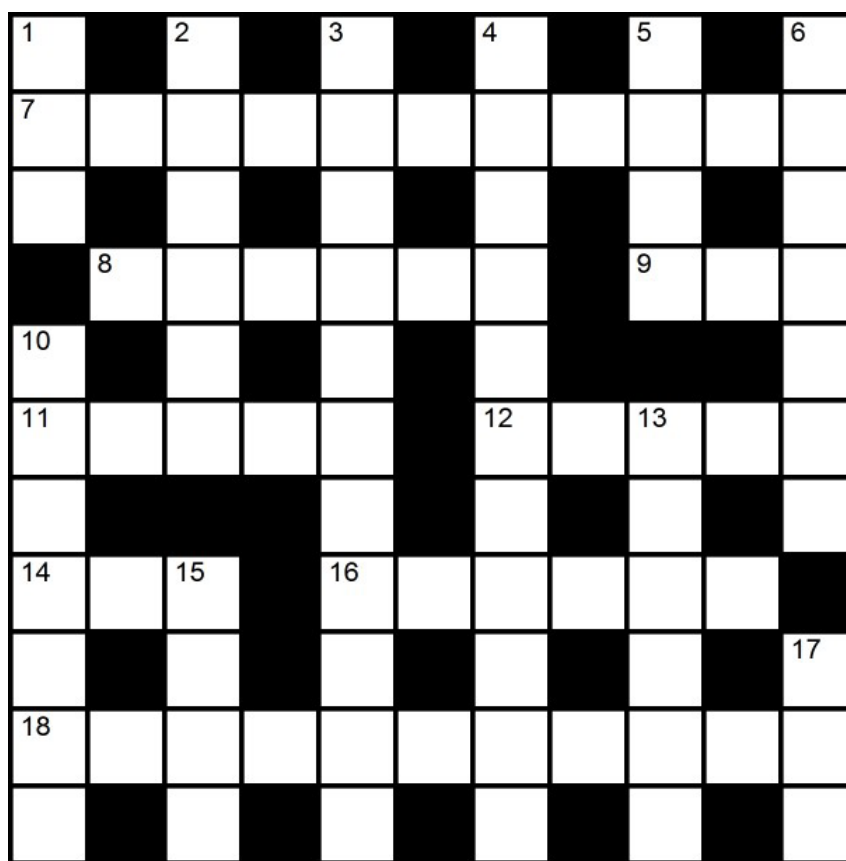
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Complete our March Crossword to win a £15 Gift Card



Across

- 7 Renter (11)
- 8 Pertaining to a nerve (6)
- 9 Doze (3)
- 11 Huge (5)
- 12 Paddled (5)
- 14 Anger (3)
- 16 Child's toy (6)
- 18 Witches (11)

Down

- 1 Mischievous person (3)
- 2 Image recorder (6)
- 3 Correspondence assistants (11)
- 4 Using obscene language (4-7)
- 5 Yemeni seaport (4)
- 6 Three-legged racks (7)
- 10 Con (7)
- 13 Condiment (6)
- 15 Lugs (4)
- 17 Monmouthshire town on eponymous river (3)

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 6th April 2018.

Name

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BLETCHLEY PARK

Hut 11A: The Bombe Breakthrough

An exhibition telling the story of the Bombe machines in their original Hut 11A location, opens on 24th March 2018.

A new and permanent exhibition that tells the story of the Bombe machines in the actual location that housed the machines which broke Enigma.

Hut 11A: The Bombe Breakthrough explains in detail the challenges posed by Enigma and explores how Alan Turing, Gordon Welchman and others devised a machine to help solve it. Using the museum's Oral History archive and historic objects, it also considers how this contribution to the success of Allied signals intelligence had a significant impact on the course of WW2.

Wartime objects on display include original blueprints and components, decrypted Nazi messages and the W.R.N.S visitors' book signed by key figures in the Bletchley Park story, including the GPO engineer Tommy Flowers. Some of the documents in the exhibition have never been seen by the public before. Huts 11 and 11A were amongst several wartime buildings that housed Bombe machines, but they are the only ones located within the Bletchley Park site.

1940s Boutique, Vintage Hair and Make-up Workshop

Saturday 3rd March 2018

10:00 - 15:00

Adults £70 Friends £63

Learn the tips and tricks to creating a beautiful vintage look!

Expert vintage hair and make-up artist Sarah Dunn of Sarah's Doo-Wop Dos will show you how to recreate an iconic style of the 1940s in full, from victory rolls and glamorous curls through to the perfect red lipstick. You'll learn the history behind the style as well as picking up lots of practical styling tips to help you achieve a great, wearable vintage look.



Celebrate Mum this Mother's Day at Bletchley Park!

Sunday 11th March 2018

12:00 – 16:00

Add a little luxury to her day with cream tea in our iconic Victorian Mansion whilst relaxing to the sounds of a bygone era with vocalist, Alison Carter.

The Mansion, Bletchley Park, MK3 6EB | Summer Opening Hours 09:30 – 17:00

t: +44 (0) 1908 640404 e: enquiries@bletchleypark.org.uk

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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 EVENING WI

Why not join a friendly group of
ladies who meet on the
first Thursday of each month,
7.30pm at St Andrews Church,
St Andrews Road, Bletchley.

We have a varied range of speakers
who visit most months. Our programme
for 2018 includes a talk on *'the World of
Antiques at Woburn Auction Rooms'* and
'Orchids and Owls, not Concrete Cows'.

In May the MK Chinese Dancers group
'Fusion' will be dancing. I wonder if any
of us will be joining in – or perhaps trying
the Tai Chi in July.

Contact our Secretary on
01908 379675 – or just come along.

*We look forward to welcoming
new members.*

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 12th March	Planning & Environment
Monday 19th March	Community
Monday 9th April	Finance & General Purposes
Tuesday 24th April	Full Council
Tuesday 8th May	Annual Parish Meeting & AGM
Monday 14th May	Planning & Environment
Monday 21st May	Community

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
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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

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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 & Long Bletchley West Ward



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

Councillors McKenzie & Wales Bletchley Park Ward



will be holding an advice surgery 1st &
3rd Thursday of each month from 6pm at
the West Bletchley Community Centre,
Whaddon Way Shops

WEST BLETCHLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE
3 PORCHESTER CLOSE MK3 6BH

01908 374122

**LARGE HALL AVAILABLE FOR HIRE
ON REGULAR WEEKLY BASIS**

**THURSDAY EVENINGS
& FRIDAY AFTERNOONS**

**PLEASE CONTACT OFFICE
FOR DETAILS**

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 Purpose
Planning & Environment

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available

John Phillips
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Planning & Environment



Sue Long
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Community
Planning & Environment



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Planning & Environment

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Planning & Environment



Shadul Rahman
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Community

Abbeys Ward

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available

David Gibb
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Planning & Environment



Geraldine Helder
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Planning & Environment



Kit Power
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Community



Pete Lindop
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Community
Finance & General Purpose



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Community



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Community

Scots Ward



Barbara Moore
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Finance & General Purpose



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General Purpose



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Community

Church Green Ward

vacant
seat



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Planning & Environment



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Community

Counties Ward



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Planning & Environment



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Finance & General Purpose



Nigel Long
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Finance & General Purpose

Racecourses Ward



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Community



James Butson
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Planning & Environment

Rivers Ward



Veronica Belcher
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Chair of Council



Naomi Sinclair
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Community
Planning & Environment



Stephen Crockett
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Planning & Environment

Saints Ward



Sally Crockett
07733 340351

Planning & Environment



Ernie Thomas
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Vice Chair of Council