

open door



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF WEST BLETCHLEY COUNCIL

MAY 2023



WEST BLETCHLEY

CARNIVAL

Disney

Saturday 8th July 2023
12-5pm
Rickley Park, MK3 6HF

PARADE | FOOD | DRINKS | STALLS | SIMULATOR
HIGH WIRE & ILLUSION SHOW
KIDS ACTIVITIES & MORE

Parade begins on Melrose Avenue, MK3 6PA at 12pm
Rickley Park open from 12pm.



Interested in participating in the parade?
Email events@westbletchleycouncil.gov.uk
call 01908 370 348

www.westbletchleycouncil.gov.uk

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CHAIR'S WELCOME



Welcome to the May Edition of Open Door.

This edition includes our Annual Report to residents summarising the Council's activities over the past year and our statement of accounts. We continue to review and update the way we work in response to your feedback which includes our annual residents survey. Thank you to those residents who completed this year's 1 in 10 household questionnaire. Your satisfaction ratings and comments will help us to focus our plans for the year ahead.

I am always delighted to attend local activities and events as the Council's representative. The most recent of these was the Melrose Avenue Coronation Street Party where rainy weather did not stop everyone enjoying the occasion. What a great atmosphere and sense of community spirit.

You will see in this edition of Open Door details of events taking place this summer including our Annual Carnival on Saturday 8th July. I look forward to seeing those of you that can join us at this year's event.

Have a good summer.

Cllr Veronica Belcher
Chair of West Bletchley Council

INTRODUCTION BY THE PARISH CLERK

I am delighted to introduce the latest edition of Open Door which includes information about initiatives and activities taking place across the parish including this year's Carnival on Saturday 8th July.



The Council has continued to develop and extend its annual programme of events. 2023 includes a 10 week programme of Sunday Afternoon Band Concerts details of which are listed at p.17. Continue to check our website at www.westbletchleycouncil.gov.uk for updates on other events planned for this year.

We are also continuing to invest in our parks and open spaces across the parish with replacement and upgraded play equipment, improved pathways and new benches and bins as required. Read more about this in our Annual Report at p.11.

Our regular Climate Emergency feature (p.6) includes information on how we are changing our landscape management practices to help improve biodiversity within the parish. See also (p.20) how you can win this edition's climate competition by naming the locations where we are leaving the grass longer to help local nature to thrive.

Helen Hupton
Clerk to West Bletchley Council

DEADLINE DATE FOR OPEN DOOR 2023

If you would like to place an article in the next Open Door newsletter, the deadline date is as follows:-

Thursday 11th July
(distribution on Thursday 10th August)

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.

MARCH COMPETITION WINNERS

THE WINNERS OF THE MARCH WORDSEARCH

were Michelle Williams and Michelle Knight who both win a £15 gift card.

Letters should be sent to Open Door at

**WEST BLETCHLEY COUNCIL
221 WHADDON WAY, BLETCHLEY,
MILTON KEYNES, MK3 7DZ**

Or email to clerk@westbletchleycouncil.gov.uk



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GRANTS AWARDED

REPORT TO WEST BLETCHLEY COUNCIL – CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The children's service enables Keech to provide care and support to children with life-limiting conditions, and their loved ones, through an in-patient unit, community nursing and supportive care services.

This grant will be utilised in a variety of ways, ie: the cost of materials for a children's play specialist; pay for 2-3 sessions of music or art therapy; fund all of the community visits to a child in west Bletchley for a month.

Thank you for supporting us over the last year, it really does make a significant difference and grants like the one from West Bletchley Council really do help us continue making the difference when it matters the most.



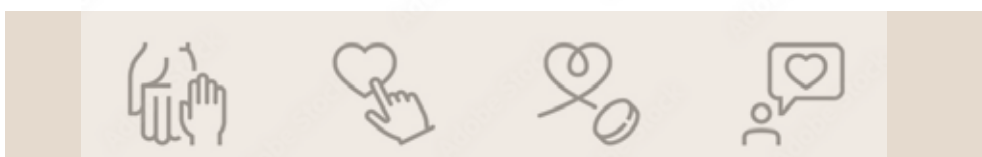
REPORT TO WEST BLETCHLEY COUNCIL - WELFARE AND ESSENTIALS FUND



In March 2020 we moved into our new, state of the art building. This building has increased our capacity and significantly improves the level of support we are able to offer to residents. YMCA MK is currently home to over 200 young people and there are 14 young people on our waiting list. Our residents are among the most vulnerable young people in the City.

Upon arrival many residents, particularly those in stage 1, Supported Living, do not have items such as bedding and bed linen, bathroom essentials such as shower gel, toothbrush and paste and towel or kitchen essentials. We have used the generous funding from West Bletchley Council to purchase welcome packs for residents moving into Supported Living.

YMCA MILTON KEYNES





Milton Keynes Neighbourhood Watch Association



A Safer Community For 2023

Neighbourhood Watch in the Milton Keynes district hopes you can share and join in with our wish for a safer and more secure place for ourselves, our families and our communities in 2023... and here's how.

1 Firstly, please sign up to Neighbourhood Watch by visiting ourwatch.org.uk (click on Join us). One massive and immediate benefit of signing-up is that you also register to receive Thames Valley Police Alerts. The Alert system is used by our local Police team to alert us of major crimes, incidents, missing people and other important appeals for vigilance and feedback in our areas. Quite simply, the more people who sign up, the more aware we are and the more opportunities we have to report back to the Police. Currently, we have approximately 13,000 residents signed up, but with your help, let's add at least another 2,023 to that!



2 Secondly, again through the above website, click on 'Find your local Neighbourhood Watch scheme' and enter your postcode. There's often a scheme close to you and by clicking on the actual title of the scheme you can see its map and join. By joining, you help our work promoting safer homes and communities, as well as strengthening our partnership with the Police to support us and your local area.

If there isn't a Watch scheme that covers your area then what about starting one? After you have entered your postcode, you can scroll down and click to start a new scheme. There's not a crazy amount of work to do to set up a scheme and we can help you. The reward is improving the awareness and well-being of your family and neighbours and encouraging a safer, more secure community.

If you need help or have any questions, contact us via enquiries@mknhwa.org.uk. Let's make 2023 safer for our families and local communities.

Nick King, Chair, Milton Keynes Neighbourhood Association

GRASS AREAS BRING LEFT LONG TO SUPPORT BIODIVERSITY WITHIN THE PARISH

Spring is upon us and everything is starting to grow! In our last edition of Open Door magazine, we highlighted that we would be managing our open spaces a little differently as we move through the year.

We are continually exploring new opportunities to enhance the landscape and boost its biodiversity value. As you travel around and through the parish, you will see grass being left to grow – increasing the amount of natural habitat. As the growing season advances this will provide cover for insects when foraging and enable wildflowers to grow.



These are just a few of the areas now being naturally managed.

Whilst you're out and about, why not have a bit of fun – take a different route and see how many other locations you can identify across the parish. Enjoy!

CLIMATE CHANGE – A FOCUS ON OUR LOCAL PARKS



Our parks offer a welcome relief from the day to day grind, providing us with the opportunity to get back to nature, breathe fresh air and keep ourselves fit - Rickley Park is no exception!

Rickley Park is located at the heart of our community and is used to host West Bletchley Council events such as the annual carnival and the outdoor cinema.

WHAT'S AT RICKLEY PARK THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST TO YOU?

• **Large Open Space** – A focal area in the centre of the parish often used for community events and by many dog walkers. There are several dog bins to be found on the perimeter path – please make sure that you use them!

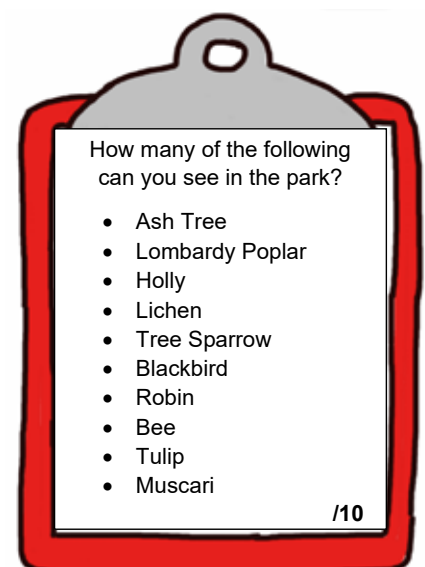


• **Trees and Hedges** – there are a variety of fruiting and flowering trees located here which are a great food source for birds and pollinators. Can you tell your Malus John Downie (Crab Apple) from your Crataegus Laevigata (Midland Hawthorn). If not, have you tried the **British Trees app** from the Woodland Trust? It features an A-Z guide of trees in a free app, available for Android or iOS.



• **An area for nature** – In the far corner near the Rickley Lane entrance, you'll be able to see areas of **grass left long** to encourage insects to breed, which will then provide a food source for birds and hedgehogs. You'll also find the **spring bulb garden** where you can currently see tulips and striped squill which have followed on from the earlier flowering snowdrops, crocus, hyacinth and daffodils.

• **A range of Exercise Equipment** that's designed for all abilities, including trim trail equipment for circuit work and hydraulic resistance machines to work specific muscle groups. The perimeter path is ideal for jogging too and measures 708m or 0.44 miles per lap.



How many of the following can you see in the park?

- Ash Tree
- Lombardy Poplar
- Holly
- Lichen
- Tree Sparrow
- Blackbird
- Robin
- Bee
- Tulip
- Muscari

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THE MARC & FRANK MORAN CENTRE

NEW ACTIVITIES AT THE CENTRE

April school break was full of fun and crafty sessions. We started with the Easter Bonnet Competition where we were supported with judging duty by Thames Valley Police officers. The next day children could enjoy the Easter Egg Hunt by searching for the clues and answering questions to win a prize.

The following week was themed with Coronation and Carnival crafts where colourful bunting was created, and magnificent crowns produced.



Exotic Animals Encounter- Workshop

Another highlight of the half term was a workshop where kids were able to interact with some exotic animals. Chinchilla, spiders, snakes, lizards and much more- everyone could touch them and face their fears. The session was led by a professional who not only allowed children to hold the animals, but also was able to capture their attention with educational talk. They learnt about the effects of environmental pollution, how they can help to improve it, and that every creature, cute or not, has massive impact on our world and its function.



WHAT'S ON AT THE MARC AND FRANK MORAN CENTRE

Friendly staff are on hand for information and support throughout the week. They can signpost to other organisations for further support if required.

Food Bank vouchers can be collected during opening hours,
as well as dog waste bags and battery recycling bags.

PCs with internet access and public use shredder is also available.

You are always welcome for tea or coffee, to meet friends or make new ones!

The current timetable is as follows:

MONDAY:

07:30-08:30 Breakfast Club

Breakfast for school children

10:00-12:30 Frank's Over 55 Drop In

Enjoy tea, toast and the quiz

13:00-16:00 The MARC Crafters

Relax with like-minded people and
make new friends

16:00-17:00 After School Club

Help with homework, board games, PC
access, etc

TUESDAY:

10:00-12:00 MK Job Club

Update your CV, search for jobs and find
training opportunities

10:00-16:00 MK Money Life Line

Financial advice

WEDNESDAY:

07:30-08:30 Breakfast Club

Breakfast for school children

10:00-12:00 Lord Grey Academy Coffee Morning (Term time)

Come along and meet other parents from the
school

16:00-17:00 After School Club

Help with homework, board games, PC access, etc

THURSDAY:

10:00-12:30 Frank's Over 55 Drop In

Enjoy tea, toast, Bingo and the Raffle

FRIDAY:

07:30-08:30 Breakfast Club

Breakfast for school children

11:00-15:00 Lunch Club

Come along and enjoy a two course meal, have
fun playing Bingo and Raffle

Cost £5.50 (for 55 years+ MK3 West Bletchley Residents)

16:00-17:00 After School Club

Help with homework, board games, PC access, etc

DAILY:

Tea & Coffee
Computer and Internet Access
Food Bank
Information & Support
Fare Share
Form Filling
Bus Pass Applications
Dog Waste Bags
Community Bookshelf

The MARC and Frank Moran Centre is open for all MK3 West Bletchley Residents to
access, Monday to Friday between 09:00-16:00

For more information call 01908 370 348
or email michael.mcgann@westbletchleycouncil.gov.uk
or marta.barczak@westbletchleycouncil.gov.uk





Disney



WEST BLETCHLEY CARNIVAL 2023
SATURDAY 8th JULY | 12-5PM | Rickley Park, MK3 6HF

This year's Carnival is inspired by Disney's 100th anniversary! The celebration is called Disney 100 Years of Wonder, reminiscing the past century: from the early beginnings of their cartoon studio to the creation of Disney Parks and Disney Plus.

The parade starts at **12pm on Melrose Avenue**, continuing along **Whaddon Way** before turning down **Shenley Road** to **Rickley Park**! Take a trip down memory lane, walking alongside Disney princesses and even Olaf from Frozen! Lennie the Land Train will be choo-choosing their way to the Carnival site, ready to pick up passengers for a ride.

At the Carnival site, you can enjoy further amusements, including a **Simulator ride**, **High-Wire** Acrobat performances, an **Illusion Show**, and much more!

No need to bring a picnic! We'll have plenty of food, drink, and ice cream vendors. Be sure to bring some cash for the large number of stalls and charity groups attending.

Visit facebook.com/westbletchleycouncil and follow the event page so you don't miss a thing!

#westbletchleycarnival #westbletchleyevents #proudtobemk3





INTRODUCTION

I am pleased to introduce this year's annual report which summarises West Bletchley Council's main activities and achievements during 2022/23 and our statement of accounts at the close of the financial year. We have, over the past year, continued to extend our community services to ensure that our most vulnerable residents are supported through the cost-of-living crisis. We have also extended our community programme to provide more activities and events across the parish.

In line with previous years, we have continued to allocate resources to invest in local community assets. This includes provision for the development of Chepstow Park with new pathways, play equipment and outdoor gym equipment planned for 2023.

We have continued to implement actions that seek to address Climate Change and reduce or offset our carbon footprint. This has included reducing our use of fossil fuels and implementing changes to our landscape management practices to improve biodiversity within the parish.

We have, during the past year, continued to seek to address issues that you have told us are important to you. This has included working with other agencies to address parking problems within the parish. We have

also continued to challenge proposals for development that would have a negative impact on the parish and its residents.

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 agreed objectives and priorities.

These priorities are reviewed and updated on a regular basis taking account of consultation with parish residents.

Residents' surveys completed during the last twelve months, continue to show good satisfaction levels in many areas. Of those who responded to the past year's postal surveys:

- **90%** indicated that the way in which the Council represented residents had improved or stayed the same over the last 12 months.
- **90%** indicated that the way in which the Council communicated with residents had improved or stayed the same.
- **93%**, 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 MARC and Frank Moran Centre continue to provide a range of services, support and activities for local residents.



- The Centre offers opportunities to socialise along with easy access to computers, information and initiatives including food share, debt advice and job club. Regular activities include Franks 55+ group, arts and crafts and a weekly older people's lunch club. The Centre also hosts a programme of free community events including family discos, quiz nights and regular holiday activities.
- 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 West Bletchley Shed, based in Rickley Park, meets three times

a week, providing a range of activities and crafts projects.

Free counselling continues to be made available for West Bletchley residents through a partnership with the West Bletchley Wellbeing and Counselling Service.

- The Council continues to expand its annual programme of events. In addition to the Annual Carnival, 2022 highlights included a new Fun Dog Event and extended programme of Sunday Afternoon Band Concerts.



(Picture of Fun Dog Event held at Rickley Park)

- 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.

THE ENVIRONMENT

- The Council continues to work closely with its appointed landscape maintenance contractor to ensure sustainability of parks and other areas of public open space.



(Picture of Chepstow Park)

- West Bletchley Council continues to invest in local parks and open spaces. This has included replacing and upgrading play equipment, benches and bins as required.

- The Council continues to allocate resources towards addressing 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 continues to undertake actions to seek to address the climate emergency with a view to becoming carbon neutral by 2030 at the latest. This has included reducing the Council's use of fossil fuels, increased recycling and continued wildflowers and tree planting.

- The West Bletchley Neighbourhood Plan continues to be used to seek to ensure that development within the parish is in accordance with the views of local residents.

- West Bletchley Council continues to comment on all planning applications submitted to Milton Keynes City 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



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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 2023, subject to audit.

DRAFT SUBJECT TO AUDIT

Local Councils in England

Annual return for the year ended 31 March 2023

WEST BLETCHLEY COUNCIL

The statement of accounts

	Year ending	
	31 March 2022 £	31 March 2023 £
1 Balances brought Forward	2,452,733	2,387,719
2 (+) Annual Precept	1,032,878	1,114,522
3 (+) Total other Receipts	390,375	236,891
4 (-) Staff costs	452,499	520,464
5 (-) Loan interest/ capital repayments	31,219	30,587
6 (-) Total other payments	1,004,549	664,860
7 (=) Balances carried forward	2,387,719	2,523,221
8 Total cash & investments	2,340,335	2,498,789
9 Total fixed assets and long term assets	1,615,809	1,624,662
10 Total borrowings	137,931	110,345

West Bletchley Council

**SCOOP
THAT
POOP**

Did you know we have 76 dog bins across West Bletchley
All MK3 Parish residents can pick up free dog poo bags from
the West Bletchley Council office on Whaddon Way or
The Frank Moran Centre on Melrose Avenue

Scan the QR code to locate your nearest dog bin
Or go to www.westbletchleycouncil.gov.uk

If your dog poops, you must scoop!

Most dog owners pick up regularly after their dogs but there is a growing issue with this unpleasant and unacceptable form of litter.

There is no getting away from the fact that dog fouling – whether loose or bagged – is offensive and potentially harmful. Are you aware that contact with dog excrement can cause toxocariasis? Although rare, this nasty infection can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma, seizures and possible blindness. To support dog owners, there are 76 dog poo bins across the parish that are regularly emptied. Use the QR code shown here to find out where they are located or visit the council's website. Poo bags are available too so there really is no excuse!

Those found not picking up after their dog can be issued with a fixed penalty notice of £100 which, if the case goes to court, will likely increase. So please, do the right thing... Bag it and bin it!



West Bletchley Council Presents

SPIRIT OF MK3 COMMUNITY AWARDS 2023

Presentation of awards will be in November 2023

Nominate your friends, family and colleagues for,

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AWARD | GROUP AWARD
COMMUNITY HERO AWARD | ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD
YOUNG PERSONS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

AWARD TYPES

Community Volunteer Award

An individual award given to a member of the community for voluntary services such as giving their time, fundraising or raising awareness for a local charity. This can be volunteering within an organisation or on their own.

Community Group Award

Open to any group - sporting, hobby, church, educational or any other group of people who meet regularly. Nominations should be for groups that enrich and improve the lives of their members or the wider community.

Community Hero Award

An individual award to be given to a member of the community who has made a difference to the lives of others.

Environmental Award

An individual who is working hard to improve the environment and helping to raise awareness of environmental issues. It can be anything from organising litter picks, reducing their carbon footprint or engaging with others to recycle.

Young Person's Achievement Award

For any young person under the age of 18 years who has excelled in supporting the community, sportsmanship, volunteering or has made a difference to the lives of others.

Deadline to nominate 30th October 2023

To make a nomination, please contact 01908 370348 or email
events@westbletchleycouncil.gov.uk

A decorative border at the top of the poster features stylized musical notes in black and orange, some with small star-like accents. On the right side, there are line drawings of a violin and a saxophone. The background of the poster has faint, large-scale sketches of various musical instruments, including a trumpet, a trombone, and a drum set.

BANDS ON THE GREEN

**CHURCH GREEN ROAD
SUNDAYS 2-4PM**

FREE EVENT
FOR MK3 RESIDENTS
BRING A PICNIC & CHAIR

18TH JUNE	THE WOBURN SANDS BAND
25TH JUNE	BRADWELL SILVER BAND
2ND JULY	TODDINGTON TOWN BAND
9TH JULY	UNPROTECTED SAX
16TH JULY	LEIGHTON-LINSLADE CONCERT BAND
23RD JULY	ALINA ORCHESTRA BRASS
30TH JULY	MILTON KEYNES BRASS
6TH AUG	RAJASTHAN HERITAGE BAND
13TH AUG	WINSLOW CONCERT BAND
20TH AUG	AMPTHILL TOWN BAND

CHURCH GREEN ROAD, MK3 6BJ
(NEXT TO RECTORY COTTAGES TRUST)
01908 370 348

find the event page on
[facebook.com/frankmoranmarc](https://www.facebook.com/frankmoranmarc)
[facebook.com/westbletchleycouncil](https://www.facebook.com/westbletchleycouncil)



COLD HARBOUR C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

INSPIRING THE LOVE OF DANCE

JUMP START is the annual youth dance platform set up by dance to showcase dance groups and schools from across the Southeast of England.

For 10 weeks, children from Years 4-6 at Cold Harbour worked with choreographer Imogen Hunt to produce an exciting, creative piece entitled 'Chameleons.'

Finally on Saturday 18th March, these budding dancers took part in daytime dance workshops and rehearsals before stepping onto the stage at The Venue in front of a sell-out audience.

Headteacher, Sarah Kotulecki, believes *'opportunities like these are an essential way to inspire our learners beyond the planned curriculum and create rich experiences that can enable our learners to be confident in the future.'*

'I can't believe I got the chance to dance in front of a large audience. It was an amazing experience.' Tabitha Y5



ABBEYS PRIMARY SCHOOL

BLETCHLEY'S BIGGEST EASTER EGG HUNT

At Abbeys we aim to provide pupils with as many enrichment opportunities as we can, whilst ensuring that all pupils have a broad and balanced curriculum, no matter their starting point. Most importantly we want all our pupils to be happy and feel safe at school.

As the new Headteacher, since September, there have been numerous changes at Abbeys. We now have curriculum centred around mental health and wellbeing, life skills and outdoor learning. We are developing our enrichment activities, offering after-school clubs and free tuition, to up level our pupils. There is a true sense of belonging here and inclusion is at the heart of everything we do. One of our aims is to ensure that pupils have fun experiences. This year for Easter, we appealed to the local community for Easter Eggs for our whole school hunt. We were lucky to receive donations from some supermarkets,



parents, local councillors and staff and we had so many donations- one egg for every child and more.

The children had a great time hunting around the whole school looking for the egg with their name on it. We also had an Easter bonnet competition and parade. It was a wonderful day.

WORDSEARCH TO WIN A £15 GIFT CARD

B	E	L	O	W	T	R	A	W	H	T
C	W	B	I	N	N	A	C	L	E	O
R	M	R	B	P	I	S	I	Z	V	B
O	D	E	O	W	U	S	S	E	N	X
W	A	D	S	K	T	R	R	X	H	D
S	V	D	C	S	E	H	S	W	O	B
N	I	A	K	C	E	D	O	E	G	N
E	T	L	I	A	M	T	S	P	R	L
S	S	F	D	L	A	H	R	E	J	L
T	F	C	A	I	E	G	T	O	T	A
O	T	A	O	B	B	S	H	I	P	F

Aft	Crow's Nest	Mess	SOS
Beam	Davits	Officer	Stack
Below	Deck	Overhead	Stern
Binnacle	Fall	Port	Thwart
Boat	Ladder	Purser	
Bow	List	Ship	

*To enter this competition just complete the wordsearch, 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 23rd June 2023**. (The winners names will be published in the next edition).*

Name

Address.....

..... Post Code

Telephone

CLIMATE COMPETITION - HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW OUR PARISH?

With more of the parish being managed naturally this year, our open spaces may look a little different to normal.

As the growing season advances, you will see that the grass is being left longer across more areas of the parish – increasing biodiversity within the parish and helping nature to thrive.

This month, we want to encourage you to look for these areas when you are out and about. Do you recognise the locations where the grass has been left longer as shown in the images below?

The winning entry will receive a Trowel and Fork gift set.



The locations shown in the pictures are:

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

Name.....

Address.....

.....

Post Code

Telephone

The competition is open to all residents of West Bletchley. Simply fill in the entry form below and send it to West Bletchley Council, 221 Whaddon Way, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK3 7DZ. All correct entries will be entered into the draw, with the winner being selected at random.

The closing date for entries is **Friday 23rd June 2023**. Our winner will be revealed in our next edition.

MARCH COMPETITION RESULTS – CELEBRATING SPRING!

Both sparrow nesting boxes, that were kindly donated by our local West Bletchley Shed group, were installed in community spaces around the parish.



Sadly, no entries were received that correctly identified their location.

Please DO NOT disturb the boxes as this could have a detrimental effect on any breeding birds present.



Frank Moran Summer half-term Activities

End of Term Disco (4-12yrs)

26th May 5-7pm

Arts & Crafts (4-12yrs)

30th May 1 - 3 PM

Children's First Aid Course* (10-17 yrs)

31st May 1-2:30PM

Frank Moran Centre, Melrose Ave, MK3 6PA

Free and for MK3 residents

***Booking required for Course, call 01098 370 348 to book**

Disco and crafts no booking required

Children under 8 years must be accompanied by a responsible adult

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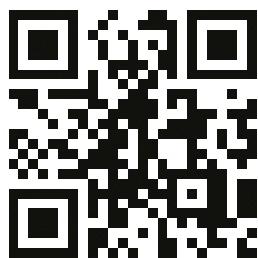
SATURDAY

24TH JUNE, 10AM–2PM

Our new SCIoT building will be open to the public on Saturday 24th June 10am – 2pm.

- Meet our expert tutors and current students
- See our new tech building and facilities
- Take part in our interactive activities

South Central Institute
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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 Environment Committee which starts at 7 pm.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS DATES FROM MAY 2023

Monday 22nd May - Environment

Monday 5th June - Community

Monday 12th June - Finance & General Purposes

Monday 26th June - Full Council

Monday 10th July - Environment

Monday 17th July - Community

Monday 31st July - Finance & General Purposes

Monday 21st August - Full Council

WEST BLETCHLEY COUNCIL STATEMENT

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MP'S SURGERY



Iain Stewart MP would like to hear from you. He holds regular surgeries by appointment in

Bletchley, Stony Stratford,
Woburn Sands, Netherfield
& Milton Keynes Council Civic Offices.

Please call his office on 01908 686830
to book a surgery appointment.

You can also send him an email at
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- BLETCHLEY WEST WARD -



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