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The Parish Office has now been closed but will still be "open" for phone calls and emails and our staff will continue to work remotely. Whilst there will be some things that may take longer, we will endeavour to ensure that we continue to respond where we can and continue to support our community. Our Advice Service can still be accessed via email and phone.

## MEETINGS

All meetings to be held at the Oldbrook Centre, Oldbrook Boulevard, Oldbrook.

Due to the fluid nature of Covid-19 restrictions, the venue for meetings may change, please see our Notice Boards, website and social media pages for update information on Council meetings.

See page 14 for next meeting dates

# Community Hub

Campbell Park Parish Council

**As regularly readers of Homeground will be aware, for many years Campbell Park Parish Council have been looking for a suitable site to enable the long term strategic goal, to create a Parish Community Hub, a reality.**

In February 2021 we successfully completed the purchase of the former Springfield pub site.

Us purchasing the site has secured its ongoing community use for future generations. We are currently going through the formal processes to enable

the demolition of the existing building, which we plan to carry out in the Autumn. This will clear the plot in readiness for the next stage of the Hub development.

## Residents Input

Resident input will be critical in making sure that the services the new Hub delivers best match community needs across all of our estates. The Hub will be the first purpose-built property of its type in Milton Keynes, something that residents can hopefully be proud of and increasingly value through the services and initiatives that it delivers. If the past twelve months have taught us one

thing, we will need to ensure that the plans that we make are sufficiently flexible to meet your ever-changing needs.

In preparation for the next stage of the programme, we would like to provide you with an opportunity to input to this process and help shape our evolving plans.

We will be holding a Community Hub **Consultation Event** in **September/October**



at Springfield Centre and will update our website and social media when the date is confirmed

**Would you like to help us plant spring bulbs in Woolstone?**

If you would like to join the bulb planting effort, please join us

**Saturday 2nd October at 10.00am**

at the Woolstone Local Park Car Park

We have been contacted by a resident of Woolstone who suggested that some local people would like to help to plant bulbs & trees in the public spaces in Woolstone. We thought this was a wonderful idea!

So, our first project will be to plant some bulbs – hopefully bluebells – at the Woolstone Local Park (on Newport Road). These will look lovely in spring, for years to come, for everyone to enjoy.

Please let us know if you intend to join this session by email to

**admin@campbell-park.gov.uk** or **tel: 01908 608559**

– Registering to take part in this event means that we will be able to contact you should we have to re-schedule due to bad weather - hopefully this won't be necessary!!

The equipment available will be limited, so if you have gardening gloves,???? and would like to bring them along for your own use – this would be really helpful.

**We look forward to seeing you!**

## 2022/2023 Budget Consultation

Campbell Park Parish Council

**Thank you to everyone that has participated in this year's annual budget/precept level consultation. At the time of print, we look likely to receive the highest number of responses to this consultation that we have ever received. This is fantastic, so thank you!**

We know that opinion will be split between those who would like us to protect the services that we currently provide and those who would like us to keep the Precept as low as possible. Your feedback will help us to strike the correct balance when determining the future budget.

Whilst analysing your responses, we are particularly keen to see your feedback on the new section added this year about our new Community Hub. The priorities you identify for this new community asset will help to focus our plans and drive this project forward.

# Community Forum with Thames Valley Police

Campbell Park Parish Council

**Unfortunately the Community Forum with Thames Valley Police (TVP) scheduled for 30th June had to be cancelled at short notice due to resourcing pressures within TVP.**

If you are not on Facebook and would like to be notified of the date or if you have any questions that you would like to raise at the next Forum please let us know by email [admin@campbell-park.gov.uk](mailto:admin@campbell-park.gov.uk) or by telephone to the Parish Office on 01908 608559.

We are looking to re-schedule this event and will advertise the date on our Facebook page – so please look out for this.



## Thank you Willen Residents

Campbell Park Parish Council

**Thank you to all the Willen residents who completed the consultation we undertook in May in relation to the proposed Highway changes for the MK East Development.**

We hand delivered the consultation questionnaire to every home in Willen (nearly 600) and received over 100 responses, within the deadline, which was only 6 days later. Thank you so much for taking the time to do this so quickly!

The responses helped to inform and back-up the Parish Councils objection to this planning application, which was submitted to Milton Keynes Council.

We also collated and shared your responses, comments and feedback with the Developers (no personal data was shared) asking them to take on board the issues raised and asked them to consider these prior to the Public Meeting held on 27th July.

# Love MK!



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# Would you like to be a Local Litter Hero?

We are continuing the spirit of the initiative 'The Great British Spring Clean' which was started by the Keep Britain Tidy charity at the end of May, which encouraged people to become #LitterHeroes and do some litter picking in their local area.

Can you help  
keep your  
local area tidy?



We are encouraging local residents to get involved by picking up litter in their local area.

You can do this on your own, as a family group, or join one of our litter picking sessions. Or maybe you could get together with your neighbours to do a street tidy up.

The Parish Council have some litter picking equipment, which we can lend to local residents, to enable people to take part safely and can provide advice on the disposal of the waste collected.



## Launch of the 'CPPC Kids Clean-up Crew'

We have been asked by a local young person aged 9 to set up sessions for children to get involved in litter picking so they can cherish their area again. During the summer holidays we will be running some sessions for local children (**all children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian please**)

Would your child like to join our 'KIDS CLEAN-UP CREW'?

### Sessions will be held:

**SPRINGFIELD** (meet at Springfield Centre, next to One Stop) on  
Wednesday 4th August at 10:30 – 11:30am

**FISHERMEAD** (meet at Parish Office) on  
Wednesday 11th August at 10:30 – 11:30am

**WILLEN** (meet at Willen Pavilion) on  
Wednesday 18th August at 10:30 – 11:30am

**OLDBROOK** (meet at Oldbrook Centre, next to Cricketers Pub)  
on Wednesday 18th at 1:30-2:30

**If you would like to take part,  
please contact the Parish Office**

**admin@campbell-park.gov.uk** or

**01908 608559**

for more information or to arrange to borrow a set of litter picking equipment.

**Equipment is limited so if you would like to take part please book a place. All sessions will finish with free refreshments and a certificate for each child.**



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## Theft of catalytic converters – Milton Keynes

Thames Valley Police is urging owners of vans, 4 x 4's, people carriers and other vehicles with a higher ground clearance to consider security following a spate of thefts of catalytic converters from the fitted exhaust systems of vehicles in Milton Keynes. Cars particularly targeted recently have been Honda Jazz, Toyota Prius and Auris.

The following advice is provided for all vehicle owners to help safeguard their catalytic converters;

**Defensive Parking** – Where possible park in your garage. If not try to park next to a high curb or other area that restricts access underneath your vehicle on the side where the exhaust is fitted.. If possible park in a well lit area or consider security lighting.

**CCTV** – Consider installing a CCTV system to cover your vehicle as a deterrent.

**Welded Bolts** - If your catalytic converter is a “bolt on” it is possible to have the bolts welded shut.

**Catalytic Converter Protective Sleeves/clamps** – Consider fitting a specialist protective cover or clamp to your vehicle to make life more difficult for an offender. Contact your vehicle dealership for options.

**Alarm System** – Consider fitting a specific catalytic converter alarm to warn of any tamper attempts. Some alarms can send a text message to your phone and activate a siren and flashing lights. If possible choose a Thatcham approved product [www.thatcham.org](http://www.thatcham.org)

**Identify/etch your converter** - Consider permanently marking your catalytic converter to make it less desirable for criminals to steal and sell on. The RetainAGroup offer a kit consisting of a virtually indestructible sticker, metal marking fluid and a window sticker (to warn thieves that the catalytic converter carries an identification mark). Each mark contains a seven digit code and a 24 hour telephone number for the International Security Register who store the code against vehicle details. A catalytic marking kit can be ordered from the following secure link: [www.retainagroup.com](http://www.retainagroup.com) or by phoning 01233 333000.

There is also further crime prevention advice on the Thames Valley Police website at [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk)

If you have any information on crime, you can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111 or Thames Valley Police on 101



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# NEW COMMUNITY BOAT CRANED INTO THE CANAL AT MILTON KEYNES

*On the 5th May, Electra the all-electric community boat was craned into the Grand Union Canal, just south of Milton Keynes.*

Electra travelled almost 50 miles by low loader from Colecraft Ltd, the Warwickshire boatyard where she was built, arriving at the Willowbridge Marina where careful preparations had been made to lift the 16-ton craft into the water.

Commissioned by the Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway Trust, Electra will be based at Campbell Wharf; Trust volunteers will run public trips and private charter cruises along the Grand Union Canal, giving residents and visitors a different view of Milton Keynes.

James Clifton from the B&MK Waterway Trust said he was delighted to see the delicate operation successfully completed. "Now that Electra is safely afloat, we can commence 'sea trials', so the crew can get used to handling her followed by cruises for 'friends and family', before she begins fare-paying cruises in July."

Owner of Colecraft Engineering Ltd, Gary Cole, said: "Although we have built over 30 trip boats since 2010, including two for Longleat Safari Park and twelve for the London Olympic Games, this is our very first all-electric boat."

"The demand for electrically propelled boats is definitely growing. With the government's commitment to ensuring all inland waterway vessels meet zero emissions by 2050, this is definitely the right way forward," he added.



*Electra in the process of being craned in to Grand Union at Willowbridge Marina images courtesy of Gill Prince Photography*

Stephen Goosey, who manages the marina, commented: "Lifting a 16-ton boat is not a simple matter; there are a lot of technical issues to consider and, costing over £150,000, we took our time to ensure she was lowered carefully and safely into the water."

Now that the boat has been delivered, the Trust is recruiting more volunteers, both onboard and ashore. The website has further details: [bmkwaterway.org/mkcommunityboatelectra](http://bmkwaterway.org/mkcommunityboatelectra).



*Electra community boat electric propulsion motor drive image courteous of Colecraft Engineering Ltd.*

The Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway Trust funded the construction of the boat, with contributions from Crest Nicholson, via Milton Keynes Council s106 funding for the Campbell Wharf development, the Milton Keynes Community Foundation, and donations from Trust members.

# Welcome to our New Councillors

**We are really pleased to announce that we have 5 new Councillors, taking us back up to our full complement of Councillors.**



It is an exciting time and also a very busy time for them to join us and their knowledge, skills and commitment to their communities will be fully utilised in the time ahead.

Cllr Howard and Cllr Dunn have written a short piece introducing themselves to find out more about them.

## Refurbishment of Outdoor Fitness Equipment on Oldbrook Green

*Campbell Park Parish Council*

**Councillor Keith Jones recently completed a survey of all the outdoor fitness equipment around Oldbrook Green. He identified a number of the fitness stations that were not operating correctly or were missing usage instructions.**

We have now had all the faulty equipment repaired and the missing instruction plates have been replaced – so we have a fully operational fitness circuit available to be used once again.



**SPRINGFIELD CENTRE**

**OLDBROOK CENTRE**

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## **Cllr John Howard**

*Campbell Park Parish Council*

**My name is John Howard and I was elected as a councillor for the Woolstone Ward at the recent election.**

With my family, I have lived in Woolstone since 2004 and we love the village atmosphere while valuing the proximity to the city centre. Milton Keynes is just such an amazing place to live! I passionately believe in community and will do anything and everything I can to build and strengthen ours; this might involve encouraging us to know our neighbours better, supporting those in need, befriending the lonely, caring for our elderly, entertaining our young or engaging in any of the 101 other things that makes community stronger and binds people together.

However, I also believe in democracy and the democratic processes and I found the fact that the Woolstones have been recently under-represented in our Parish Council difficult to justify; I decided to do something about it and stand for the Council. I am the Chair of Woolstone Community Centre and the Church Warden of Holy Trinity Church at Woolstone. With no shops in the village, the two Public Houses, the Church and the Centre are the only places where the community can meet. I believe we need to initiate more opportunities to meet, support and get to know each other.

My background is in education. I was a secondary headteacher for over twenty years, I am a committed Christian and have served for eight years as a Chaplain at Heathrow Airport. I have always loved outdoor pursuits and have, in my time, been a senior canoeing instructor, sailing instructor and mountain leader. It is a disappointment to me that Milton Keynes and Buckinghamshire are flat and far from the sea!

The decisions made by Campbell Park Parish Council impact our lives, whether they concern planning recommendations, landscaping our highways and byways,

providing support to residents in need, or any of a number of other ways in which the Council seeks to improve our environment or generally life in MK. To the best of my ability, I will seek to represent you in all these areas so that together we can make Woolstone, the Campbell Park Parish and MK an even better place to live and work.

**Cllr John Howard**



Please feel free to contact me at any time at [john.howard@campbell-park.gov.uk](mailto:john.howard@campbell-park.gov.uk)



## **Cllr Philip Dunn**

*Campbell Park Parish Council*

I have been resident in Willen for 34 Years, having bought my house whilst the area was still an active housing development called Chandlers Plain. The area has undergone numerous changes during that time, including the construction of the H5, bisecting Willen Lake and the construction of the V11. So it would be fair to say that I have a great deal of knowledge of the recent history of the area and a vested interest in its future.

However, the proposed road structure changes to support the MK East Development, is a change to far. The potential impacts upon Willen are so serious that I concluded that they cannot proceed unchallenged. I therefore decided that the best course of action was to join the Council and support their efforts to moderate, mitigate and where possible, eliminate the threats posed to the health and quality of life of Willen residents.

Understandably, whilst this will be a high priority item, it will not monopolise my time. There are plenty of other issues and activities requiring attention within Willen, and on a larger scale, providing support to other areas within the Campbell Park Parish Council.

**Cllr Philip Dunn**

# Landscaping

Campbell Park Parish Council

## Springfield - Issue at flats



Photo showing the encroachment before the work



Photo after the work had been done

**Another busy 3 months for the Team over the May and June period. We have reduced the main grass mowing cycle as the grass hasn't had much growth and focused our attention on strimming, spraying and hand mowing sight lines and parking/footpath encroachment which have comprised the majority of issues raised by residents.**

The strimming has been concentrated around obstacles such as sign posts and trees. A few residents have reported on widespread hedgehog activity/nests, therefore we are avoiding strimming any larger areas of grass and hedge lines for the time being.

We have recently focused on completing the areas around all of the Fishermead flats. This was an area we struggled to keep under control last year but with an early trim and weed treatment, it is hoped it will be easier to maintain. We have completed the strimming on Oldbrook and Willen Parks and tidied up the play park

on Boycott Avenue with an additional removal of epicormic growth on the trees which not only looked untidy but was making mowing in that area quite difficult.

We have reduced the mowing round due to the dryer weather and continue to leave more 'wild' areas for biodiversity. When not mowing our focus will shift to the enquires coming through. Springfield flats remains a priority now for larger works as they are in a poor state. We will also continue strimming and mowing where needed. You may have noticed that we are now leaving some wild grass areas in various locations on the Parish.

There has been an increase in public demand to see less chemicals used and areas allowed to grow in their natural state, campaigns such as 'no

mow May' have attracted a lot of attention and we would all like to do our part for biodiversity. A couple of areas left to grow 'wild' are sections on Fishermead Sports ground, Oldbrook Green and Woolstone Sports ground. Other smaller areas are dotted around on all estates.



**Woolstone play park - We have created a series of pathways cutting through the longer grass for access to the play park and once it has grown a little longer will make it a fun maze for the children.**

## Oldbrook



**Photo showing overgrown shrubs**



**Photo after the work has been completed**

During May and June we received 21 emails from residents identifying issues in their area. The majority of these have now been addressed. We must point out that not all green areas, shrubs etc are part of the contract that we have taken over. Some areas are still maintained by Milton Keynes Council and The Parks Trust. If you would like to check an area that you are concerned about, please go to our website at <https://www.campbell-park.gov.uk/> and check out our Landscape page. Use the link to check if the area is part of the Campbell Park Parish Council landscaping contract, enter the postcode, select your address and then click on Find. Click on the My Maps tab and then under Map Categories (on the left of the map) tick Landscape – Maintained General

The consultation on the 2022/23 Budget/Precept has been delivered to all properties within the Parish. We have included a question on landscaping, asking residents to prioritise 2 of 4 issues they believe would make a positive impact on the area where they

live and asking for the location of an area that they feel needs particular attention.

The information you give will assist us in updating our landscaping schedules and in the short term to look and hopefully tackle those areas that you identified as being of most concern to you.

We want to hear your views; to report comments/queries/complaints about the Parish Council landscaping service, use the online form on the website.

### Residents Comment

We received a telephone call from an extremely thankful resident for the prompt work on a hedge at the side of her house on Oldbrook Boulevard.

The call first came through on the 7th June. The main issue was a sight -line problem, plus a road sign that was covered by weeds and grass.

On the 8th June, our Landscape Supervisor emailed the resident saying she would investigate and the work was carried out on the same day.



**Overgrown bushes at the Sheltered housing in Oldbrook.**



**Footpath clearance at Willen**

The resident was very surprised and pleased that the Landscape Team had completed the work so quickly.

# FREE ACTIVITY PACKS

Campbell Park Parish Council

## FOR CHILDREN

**We are really happy to see that the popularity of our activity packs continues with the packs for May Half Term holiday running out quickly.**

The packs contained a range of paper-based activities including colouring sheets, wordsearches, mazes, spot the differences, code words etc along with some pencils, pens/crayons. This pack contained craft supplies to enable the children to make a picture frame from lollypop sticks!



The next Activity Pack will be available for the Summer Holiday and will be ready for collection from

**MONDAY  
19TH JULY**

To ensure as many families as possible can benefit from this, please only take one pack per child. The packs will be limited in number and only available while stock lasts.



**We would appreciate any feedback on the packs.** Also, if you have ideas of how they could be improved or ideas for the content of future packs - we would love to hear from you.

We would also love to see any photos of the children enjoying the packs or the completed activities that we can share. Most of all – we hope that the children enjoy them.

**The activity packs can be collected from the Parish Office in Fishermead:**

Parish Office, 1 Pencarrow Place (behind the Trinity Centre) MK6 2AS –

**Monday to Friday 9am – 4pm**

If you have any queries, please contact [admin@campbell-park.gov.uk](mailto:admin@campbell-park.gov.uk) or

**01908 608559**



photo of Anoushka with her activity pack

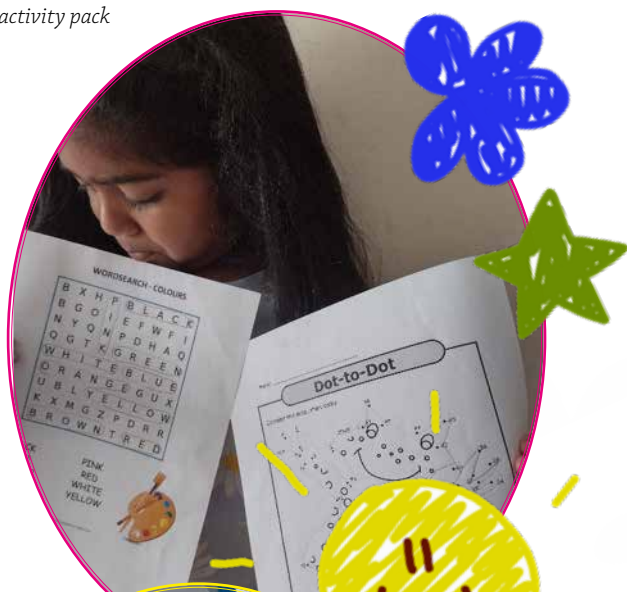


Photo of her with a picture frame she made

**Well done and thank you**

**to Anoushka, age 5**

**for these wonderful photographs**



# Community Asset Transfer of Community Centre's

*Campbell Park Parish Council*

**Milton Keynes Council have asked Campbell Park Parish Council (CPPC) to consider taking over the ownership of Willen Pavilion and Woolstone Community Centre as part of their Community Asset Transfer Programme.**

CPPC have considered this proposition and have made a decision to proceed, in-principle, to the transfer of the Willen Pavilion to Parish Council ownership. Discussions with MK Council and the Pavilion Management Committee are now progressing.

The pathway to the potential transfer of Woolstone Community Centre is less clear, as this facility has a more complex tenure and other matters to consider, particularly its Grade II\* listed status. However, CPPC recognise the value of this asset to the community and the need for it be retained for future community use, so, to this end, we will endeavour to explore opportunities to ascertain if a partnership approach might be reached to protect the long-term future and viability of the Centre.



**We are excited to see the opening of a brand-new Watersports Centre within our Parish. The new facility opened at Willen Lake on 26th June.**

This impressive new building situated on the edge of Willen Lake is where you'll now need to head if you're participating in a watersport session, taking part in wakeboarding, want to hire a pedalo, launch your own craft or have booked tickets for Aqua Parcs.

The building itself has modern changing rooms and additional public toilets. It is fully accessible, with level access, lifts, accessible toilets and baby change facilities. They have also included a full Changing Places facility, which will accommodate people with additional needs.

Next to the Watersports Centre you'll also find the new state of the art café. Spanning over two floors this new family friendly café will give stunning views across the lake from both its terrace and balcony areas and will allow for the opportunity to dine alfresco. The Willen Lake Bar & Kitchen, is open now.

Part of the improvement works at Willen Lake also includes a large extension to the already popular play area. The new extended play area has been designed with different age ranges and needs in mind. The larger play area is suitable for slightly older children and will have a wide range of equipment. There is also an area suitable for younger children and those with additional needs that will be situated close to the new watersports centre. This area has been designed to allow for pushchairs and wheelchairs to easily access the play equipment. It will also have a wheelchair accessible roundabout, a basket swing and extra wide slides so that there's something for everyone to enjoy. The play area will be completed in time for the school summer holidays.

The improvements at Willen Lake are entirely funded by The Parks Trust, the independent charity that cares for the greenspace in Milton Keynes. The income generated from activities and car parking at Willen Lake contributes to this.

*We are pleased to report that the Defibrillator, which is funded and maintained by Campbell Park Parish Council, will now be relocated to the new Watersports Centre ensuring it remains accessible in a central location at Willen Lake.*

# Grants

We recently awarded a grant of £1000 to the **Frank Howe Court Social Club** towards their project to improve their garden area.

In May we awarded a number of grants. Firstly, we awarded a grant of £1000 to the **Milton Keynes YMCA** towards their Supported Living costs and Independent Living Skills Programme. Supported Living is Stage 1 of the accommodation pathway providing emergency accommodation for the most vulnerable in our city. Residents in supported living have some of the most complex needs in YMCA and 4 key workers are available 24/7 to offer support and assess needs. Residents in supported living are required to complete an independent living skills programme and must attend for one hour per week. Residents are unable to progress to stage 2- shared living- without successfully completing the course. The Independent Living Skills course provides support registering with a GP, obtaining identification documents if needed, opening a bank account, in addition to sessions in personal hygiene, cooking, sexual health and basic financial management.

We also supported **MK Melting Pot** with a grant of £1000 to enable them to run a programme to help local families with menu planning, budgeting and money management.

Also in May, we awarded the **Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway Trust** with a grant of £1000 as a contribution towards the Milton Keynes Community Boat Accessibility project. This is the second grant we have awarded to this organisation (previous grant was in 2020/21) to help ensure the ongoing development of this community project.

At the end of May it saw the official launching on the Electra Boat and it being moored in Campbell Wharf. The project expects to be up and running from late July. You can follow the project on Facebook – **Electra Boat MK** for all the developments with this project. More information on page 7.



Finally, we awarded a grant of £10,000 to the **Geoff Taylor Educational Trust**. This Trust, based in the Parish, provides financial support by the way of educational grants to help with the cost of studies and course work, apprenticeships in trade, books and towards the travelling expenses.

**If you're from a community group or charity, who is supporting local residents in the Campbell Park Parish, visit our website to discover more about our grant funding:**

<https://www.campbell-park.gov.uk/services/grants/>

## Council Meetings

21st September, 7.30pm  
19th October, 7.30pm  
16th November, 7.30pm  
21st December, 7.30pm

## Committees

### Planning, Infrastructure & Transport

Monday 6th September, 6.30pm  
Monday 4th October, 6.30pm  
Monday 1st November, 6.30pm  
Monday 6th December, 6.30pm

### Finance, Administration & Policy

Tuesday 7th September, 6.30pm  
Tuesday 5th October, 6.30pm  
Tuesday 7th December, 6.30pm  
Tuesday 7th December, 6.30pm

### Buildings & Property Portfolio

Tuesday 14th September, 6.30pm  
Tuesday 12th October, 6.30pm  
Tuesday 9th November, 6.30pm

### Community & Social Wellbeing

Monday 27th September, 7pm  
Monday 25th October, 7pm  
Monday 22nd November, 7pm

### Communications

Tuesday 28th September, 6.30pm  
Tuesday 26th October, 6.30pm  
Tuesday 23rd November, 6.30pm

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# KID'S CORNER



Hello Children,

## So what are you doing in the summer holidays?

We have set up a 'Kids Clean Up Crew' for any children that would like to help us pick up litter to make our area look nicer for everyone. If you would like to take part please ask an adult to call us at the Parish Office - 01908 608559 or email [admin@campbell-park.gov.uk](mailto:admin@campbell-park.gov.uk). More information is on Page 5. At the end of each Clean Up session every child will receive a certificate and a snack to say thank you from us at Campbell Park.

There are also [play sessions](#) happening every Tuesday and Thursday in August in Fishermead and Oldbrook. If you would like to join in, please ask your grown-up to book a place for you at [www.mkpa.co.uk](http://www.mkpa.co.uk)

## Pets Corner:

I don't think many of you have pets. We have not had any new members for Pets club for quite some time. How sad. **So send in any photos of your pets, its name, boy or girl, and how old.** Tell us what your pet likes to do. You will then receive a **£10 Pets' at Home gift card.**

## Send in a Poem:

Has anyone got a poem about the weather, sunny days or rain or wind. The best poem we receive will be printed in the next Homeground magazine and you will win a prize.

## Activity Packs:

During the Summer Holiday you can collect an Activity Pack from the Parish Office, Mon-Fri (10am-4pm) While stocks last.

Something to do on a rainy day!

Please send in a picture of your work.

## And finally some very exciting news!!

We WILL be holding our **Halloween Tea Party** this year. Keep looking on Facebook to see the date.

P.S: If you send anything into Kid's Corner we need to know your name, address, your age, and what school you go to, or we cannot send you your prize.

The address is: 1 Pencarrow Place, Fishermead, Milton Keynes, MK6 2AS.

## REMEMBER STRANGER DANGER.

Until next time. Cllr Penny.

## Lets Talk Nature

There are lots of daisies growing in the grass at the moment. **Have you tried to make a daisy chain?**



As autumn approaches, there will be lots of bits and bobs to do very soon. You will be able to collect conkers, acorns and lots of different leaves that will be falling from the trees. **So how about you make a collage with all your bits?** You can make a picture of a rabbit, hedgehog or any other animals. Take a picture of your work and send it to **Kids' Corner**. I will look forward to seeing them, and then you will receive a prize.

There will be a prize for the winner, with runners up receiving a Kids Corner pen.

**Did anyone name any birds in their garden from the last Homeground issue?** If you did, then let Kids' Corner know what birds you spotted and then you will also receive a Kids' Corner pen.

## Sophie Meets Isabell At Buttermilk Farm Woods



Isabell is doing her activity pack from the Parish Office, she needs some more leaves for her picture, so she asks The Tracey Sisters if they would take her to Buttermilk Farm Wood in Woburn. The Tracey Sisters pick her up from Jubilee Wood School at the end of the school day, and they go in "Eddy" the Parish van. Well, Isabell is excited, so she starts to sing, "The wheels on the van go around and around". The Sisters join in. They all start to laugh. Tracey W said, with a loud voice "Look, look, look!", Tracey J said "Where, what am I looking for?" "A white squirrel!" "Oh Tracey don't be silly - squirrels aren't white!", "Well I just saw it". Isabell was laughing her head off. "You two sisters are so funny" she said. they couldn't spot the squirrel again, so they carried on their journey.

"Here we are!" they all announce. They all jump out of Eddy the Van and start to look for the leaves they need. Isabell goes deep into the woods, she had almost filled her bag with lots of different leaves. She was excited to get home and finish her picture. Then, as she stood up, she could see a white squirrel looking at her. The squirrel was munching on a lovely red plum. The squirrel stopped eating and said "Hello". "My name is Sophie, what is yours?" Isabell was amazed! that the squirrel could talk to her, "Oh, my name err, err, err" Sophie said "Oh, another one that cannot believe squirrels can talk". Isabell is still taken back, she is talking to a squirrel. She looks and looks. Sophie said "If you don't talk I will have to go, Humans are so boring." "Oh, I am sorry" said Isabell. "I have never spoken to a squirrel, and you are white!" "Yes!" said Sophie, "I am. White squirrels are magic - that is how I can talk to you" Isabell said " This is amazing!". "So why are you in my woods Isabell?" said Sophie. "I am collecting leaves for a collage picture that I am making, and we came to Buttermilk Woods". Sophie asked, "Would you like to come and see my tree house?" Isabell is so excited, "Oh, yes please". The tree house is as you would expect, very pretty. The table is laid for tea, and it is full of yummy things to eat. "How long have you lived here?" asked Isabell. "3 or 4 years" Sophie told her. By this time, the Tracey Sisters are beginning to get worried. They start to call out to Isabell to find her. "Oh gosh!" said Isabell. "I forgot about the Traceys' - they will be looking for me" Sophie said, "Don't worry, if you close your eyes and stand on one leg and wish for the Sisters not to be cross, they will forget how long you have been. Isabell looked at Sophie thinking, "Oh Yeah, like that is going to work!!!!" What do you think happened next?.....

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