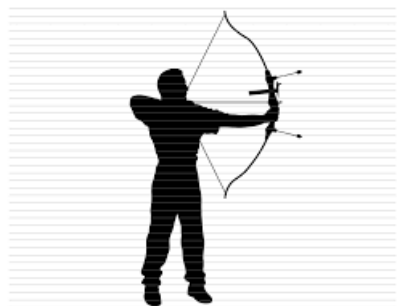


PROMOTING OTHER SPORTS IN TOWN

Newport Pagnell Town Council has signed a lease with the Newport Pagnell Archer's Club, so that they can return to Newport Pagnell following a long absence caused by lack of facilities. This club has experienced gold medal success at the Paralympics, and offers an ideal sport for all ability levels.

The Archer's Club will be accommodated on the old London Road Allotments and we're investigating a suitable historical name for this site.



We've also been in discussion with the Newport Pagnell Bowls Club about the possibility of offering them new facilities, given the level of the flooding on Castle Meadow. A new site has been found on the Tickford Field development, and reserve matter plans for a clubhouse with a bowling green and an all-weather pitch have just been approved. Adjacent to this will be a new community/wellbeing facility.



PLANS FOR WILLEN ROAD SPORTS GROUND FOOTBALL, CRICKET AND TENNIS

Newport Pagnell Town Council has engaged Grindley's architectural team to plan the new facilities that will be built at Willen Road Sports Ground (WRSG). We negotiated for developer funding from the Vistry Group (who are building the new Tickford Fields Development) to enhance this important sports facility and are hoping that the Tickford Fields build starts no later than September 2026, so that the funding can be made available to develop our plans at WRSG.

Plans are currently at pre-planning stage and will cater for improvements to tennis, cricket and football.

The Town Council is also in consultation with Bloor Homes who are developing part of the MK East site, about extending WRSG to offer new sports facilities for the residents who will be moving into that site.

We are fortunate in having excellent leaseholders and partners in the Football/Cricket and Tennis Clubs who will be able to maximize the value of the improvements through their management team's efforts.



Architect's impression of new tennis and cricket facilities on site

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

In this issue of Town talk we are highlighting just a few of the sports, arts and crafts and open space opportunities that exist in our town. There are many more similar groups and other activities also available to residents, but only limited space in this quarterly newsletter. Please follow the Town Council on social media or review the notice boards for updates.

The investment funds that will improve facilities for Bowls, Football and Tennis facilities all come through Tickford Fields as contributions to the town from that new part of our community. Projects are linked to that development commencing.

Please put the date of upcoming events in your diary, attend if you are able and invite others from out of town to come and enjoy some Newport Pagnell hospitality. Doing so helps support local businesses, the town economy and the hard-working volunteers that provide these events for our enjoyment. To keep businesses and events existing they need customers/attendees.

Please also remember you can talk to me, or any of the town councillors, to let us know your views on matters that relate to the town.

MILTON KEYNES SUB-AQUA CLUB COMMUNITY EFFORTS

The MK Sub-Aqua Club based at *Middleton Pool & Fitness centre, Tickford St, MK16 9BG* is a branch of the British Sub-Aqua Club (BSAC). The club is run by volunteers, which includes their scuba dive and snorkel instructors, and they can teach you how to dive. All the instructors are certified to BSAC standards, which are internationally recognised as the highest quality for safety. See their website for further details. <https://www.mksac.co.uk/>



In July they undertook a river clearing removing all the rubbish and some large items from the Lovat River. The Town Council thanks them for their services.

PATCHWORK PEOPLE Meet at the Baptist Church

This local patchwork, quilting and stitching group have met for 45 years on the second Saturday in March, June, September and November, to celebrate the joy of stitch. With over 70 members our meetings are jolly affairs, sharing stories, making friends and gathering a host of new ideas. We host a small display of our work at the Town Council's Vintage Event, in the Mead Centre. This year we asked you to vote for your favourite quilt. Over 400 votes were cast, and the winning quilt is pictured below.



COULD YOU CHANGE A CHILD'S LIFE TODAY? FOSTERING IN MILTON KEYNES

At Milton Keynes City Council we are passionate about supporting local children with empathy and love to find safe and supporting homes where they can thrive.

Milton Keynes City Council offers foster carers :

- Easily accessible support via Social Workers
- Over 90 free activities for all to enjoy
- Mockingbird-local support networks
- Fantastic local adult and child social workers all working together
- Foster Care Award afternoons
- Tax Free weekly pay
- Regular placements—stable income
- Financial support for the child's needs
- Full training and development
- 24/7 support and supervision
- Local placements only
- Foster care mentor scheme

Contact Johnathan Barnes on Jonathan.barnes@milton-keynes.gov.uk or phone 10908 253 206 or 07483520671 to make an enquiry.



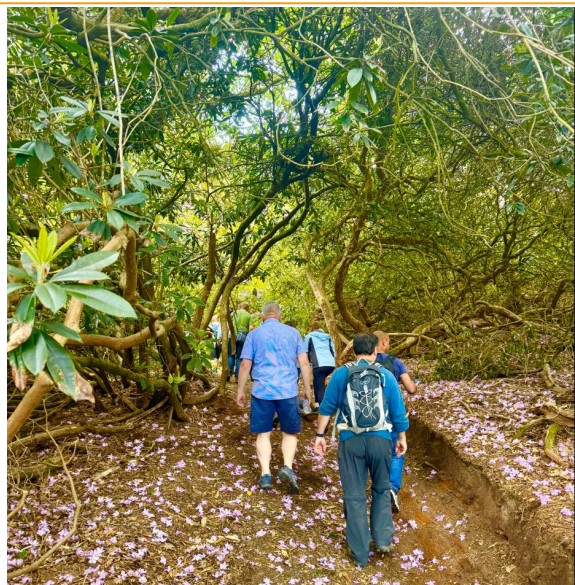
INNER WHEEL Supports Local Charity



The Inner Wheel club of Newport Pagnell has had another very successful year of fund raising and recently presented a cheque for £2,500 to Helen from Ride High (an equestrian centre for vulnerable young people in Milton Keynes). This was the President's chosen charity with the money being raised from a Christmas Fayre, Strawberry Tea, raffles and homemade food/craft stalls at local events.

The club meets regularly on the third Tuesday of the month from 2-4pm at the Olney Centre, MK46 5HR, often with interesting speakers, together with other events taking place throughout the month including coffee mornings, walks, craft group and theatre trips. Visitors always welcome, entry £5 includes refreshments. Contact Moira at innerwheelnewportpagnell@gmail.com for more information.

EXPLORE THE OUTDOORS WITH HEIDI CORMODE



Heidi Cormode leads MK Outdoor Adventures, a welcoming walking group that helps local residents enjoy the benefits of the outdoors while meeting new people and discovering new places. Regular walks take place across Milton Keynes and surrounding areas, ranging from relaxed 3-mile routes to longer countryside hikes. She has teamed up with Newport Pagnell Town Council to lead walks in our wonderful town.

The walking group offers much more than physical exercise. Walking in nature can boost wellbeing, reduce stress, improve confidence, and provide valuable social connections. Many members enjoy exploring scenic routes, sharing experiences and building friendships in a friendly, supportive environment.

In addition to walks, members can take part in optional social events and outdoor activities, creating a strong sense of community.

Whether you are new to walking and need an easy route or an experienced hiker, there is something for everyone.

To join, download the Meetup app and visit: www.meetup.com/mk-outdoor-adventures/

OUSEBANK HOUSE A SECRET TOWN TREASURE

Apart from a great bar and restaurant, Ousebank House offers several clubs you can join including: The **Knit 'n' Natter** group who meet every Wednesday afternoon for crafts such as knitting, crochet, cross stitch, etc. We started at Ousebank House 4 years ago, with about 10 people, but since then we have grown to 16–18 and would welcome more.

The **Local Book Group** meets at Ousebank House, in a warm setting where people feel included and encouraged to take part. Our group is about books, but also about companionship, laughter, and mutual support.

BEAVERS, CUBS AND SCOUTS GROWING ACROSS BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

The number of Squirrels (boys and girls aged 4 to 6) has increased by over 110% in the last two years, and the number of Explorers (young people aged 14 to 17) has increased by over 15% in the same period.

James Williamson, Lead Volunteer for Buckinghamshire Scouts said, “Our increasing numbers show that our amazing volunteers provide incredibly varied activities for young people. Badges the young people can earn range from Air activities to Emergency Aid, Global Issues to Martial Arts, Nights Away to Pioneer and Scientist to Water Activities. However, the number of young people aged 4 to 17 on our waiting list has increased by 27% in the last twelve months. We now have nearly 3400 girls, boys and young adults across the County who would like to join Scouting,”

He added, “We are looking for volunteers. If you want to be involved in any of the sections, Beavers (aged 6 to 8), Cubs (aged 8 to 10) and Scouts (aged 10 to 14) we would be able to find you a role. We also have various roles in the background ranging from being a trustee to looking after the finances, IT, fund raising, admin etc. Whatever time you can give, we can find a role for you.”

Adult volunteer, Nigel, said, “Volunteering with Scouts is a great opportunity to help young people learn and develop skills along with having fun and trying out new activities. It’s also a great opportunity to learn and develop new skills yourself, make friends, try new activities and take pride in seeing young people develop.”

For more information about becoming a volunteer, please visit <https://www.bucks-scouts.org.uk/join>



JOHN LAWSON'S CIRCUS IS BACK IN TOWN

The circus will be at Riverside Meadow from 17th to 20th September.

SPORTS AND WELLBEING EVENT—11am –4pm

This event has been rescheduled for 5th September at Willen Road Sports Ground.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Working group meetings are held using Zoom electronic format. Full Council meetings are in person and are held at the Youth Club in Wolverton Road. You can email the clerk to attend any meeting or to give us your comments on any item.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Full Council—8 pm

14th Sept, 12th Oct, 11th Nov, 7th Dec.

Culture, Events and PR—8 pm

16th Sept, 14th Oct, 11th Nov

Policy and Finance—8 pm

28th Sept, 26th Oct, 30th Nov

Property Management—8 pm

7th Sept, 5th Oct, 2nd Nov.

Neighbourhood Plan Steering—11 am

24th Sept, 19th Nov.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Town Planning Interim—8 pm

9th Sept, 7th Oct, 4th Nov, 2nd Dec

Town Planning Full—8 pm

23rd Sept, 21st Oct, 18th Nov, 16th Dec.

Allotments—2 pm

20th Oct, 17th Nov.

Economic+Service Development—10.30 am

21st Sept, 16th Nov

Sports, Health and Wellbeing—7 pm

26th Oct, 30th Nov.

EVENTS

Sports and Wellbeing Event—5th September, Willen Road Sports Ground. 11am-4pm.

John Lawson Circus—17-20th September, Riverside Meadow.

Mayor's Choral Event 6.45pm—9pm 1st October St Peter & St Paul's Parish Church

Coffee and Cakes with Councillors 2 pm, 10th Oct, Portfield Centre.

Newport Pagnell Fireworks—6th Nov, Riverside Meadow.

Remembrance Sunday—8th Nov, High Street

Newport Pagnell Christmas Lights Switch-on—28th Nov. Stalls open at 10 am, Switch-on at 5 pm



OTHER AGENCIES IN NEWPORT PAGNELL

RIVERS—Environment Agency for water quality, silt deposits, land owners for other blockages.

NATIONAL MOTORWAYS—All highways such as M1 and A5. Call 0300 123500

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR—Police. Call 999 when it is happening or 101 later.

SPEEDING and OTHER POLICE ISSUES—Call 101 to report crimes that have already happened. For speeding, best to attend a Full Council meeting of the Town Council, which the police often attend or volunteer with the Town Council to undertake speed watch sessions.

FIRE—Buckinghamshire and MK Fire Authority—Ring 999 and ask for the fire service

FLOOD PROTECTION HYDRO BAGS—Call Town Council office 01908-618756 or MKCC after hours 01908 226699 and we will put you in touch with the Newport Pagnell Flood Team.

BLOCKED DRAINS—Anglian Water—Call 0345 60 66 087

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- BENEFITS
- BUSINESS RATES
- EDUCATION—Some schools.
- ELECTIONS/FLOODING
- HIGHWAYS—Roads, footpaths, red-ways, pavements
- HOUSING
- LANDSCAPING
- PLANNING AUTHORITY
- RUBBISH COLLECTION
- SOCIAL NEEDS—Especially children, older people & safeguarding
- STREET & TRAFFIC LIGHTS
- WASTE and FLYTIPPING

NEWPORT PAGNELL TOWN COUNCIL

- ALLOTMENTS
- BURY FIELD & MEADOW
- CONSULTEE ON PLANNING
- COMMUNITY CENTRES
- EVENTS—Music evening, Vintage Event, Litter event, Culture Festival
- GRANTS TO COMMUNITY ORGS.
- MIDDLETON LEISURE CENTRE & POOL
- NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
- MOST PARKS AND PLAY AREAS
- SPORTS and RECREATION
- TOWN FLOWERS AND FLAGS
- TOWN REJUVENATION—Ranger
- YOUTH CLUB & YOUTH SERVICES

