



Newsletter

Winter Issue – 2021

Update >>>

We are very pleased to be supporting Girl Pack - A local MK charity who supply a bag that has some sanitary products, knickers, wipes and hand gel. These are for girls and women who are in need of these items, just so they can go to school or work. All packs are free of charge and not means tested. If you are in need, simply come in and ask for a girl pack. We have a supply in our Oakgrove office that are available Monday mornings and Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. We may be open at other times so it's always worth giving us a knock!

If you would like to support Girl Pack or simply find out more about them, then head over to their Facebookpage @GirlPackMK



Season's Greetings from all of us at:

Broughton & Milton Keynes Parish Council

We hope you enjoy our Winter edition Newsletter!

Fireworks >>>

A HUGE well done to the trustees at MK Village Hall and all of the residents who volunteered to make the fireworks at MK Village such a successful and safe event.

The latest update of money raised for Willen Hospice is £3,000!!

Thanks to everyone who gave either their money or time and in many cases both of the above.



Crimewave Security Cameras >>>

In our last newsletter we announced the start of a contract with Crimewave Security Consultancy, a mobile CCTV solution.

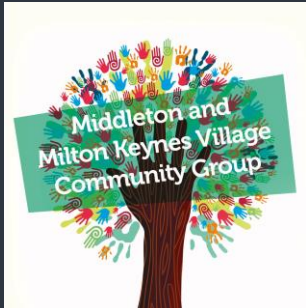
We are pleased to announce that this has now commenced, and the first area we installed the camera was in Oakgrove, overlooking the shopping plaza, and initial reports from Thames Valley Police (TVP) tells us there had been a reduction in antisocial behaviour in that area.

Crimewave continue to liaise on our behalf with other agencies such as TVP and Milton Keynes Councils Environmental Crime Unit to look at potential future camera sites across the parish to continue to target hotspots in our area.



Christmas Events in the parish >>>

Festive Lantern Event at MK Village Hall – hosted by Middleton and Milton Keynes Village Community Group



Saturday 11th December 5-7pm

Come along with your lanterns and lights for some festive cheer!

Brass band, carols and a cash bar serving hot chocolate, tea, coffee, mulled wine, and beers.

Middleton and Milton Keynes Village Community Group look forward to seeing you! Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details.

Advent Windows

Across Broughton, Brooklands, Middleton and MK Village, residents will be taking it in turns to transform a window in their home into a part of a real-life Advent Calendar. These events have been kindly organised by Church without Walls, Middleton and Milton Keynes Village Community Group.



Religious Events in the Parish >>>



BROUGHTON

Advent Forest Church - Sunday 19th December 11am and 2pm

Meet at the park by St Lawrence Church, Broughton.

Come and follow the stars as we walk along the brook in Broughton and enjoy an Advent themed prayers, reflections, and activities for all the family. Buggy friendly, dogs on leads welcome. PLEASE BOOK TO HELP WITH NUMBERS

Beer & Carols - Wednesday 22nd December 7pm @The Broughton Pub

Get into the Christmas spirit and join us OUTSIDE as we sing some carols, enjoy a drink and remember what Christmas is all about! Do dress warmly as this is an outside event!

Christmas Eve Crib Service- Friday 24th December 11am and 3pm @St

Lawrence Church, Broughton*

A fantastic way to start the Christmas celebrations with a family-friendly retelling of the nativity story. Please dress warmly as the church is unheated.

Midnight Communion - Friday 24th December 11.30pm @St Lawrence

Church, Broughton*

A candle-lit service of Holy Communion. Please dress warmly as the church is unheated.

*Numbers will be limited and **BOOKING ESSENTIAL**. Booking available from Monday 13th December on the CWW website:

www.mkchurchwithoutwalls.org.uk. (Additional services may be added if they become fully booked)

MILTON KEYNES VILLAGE

Service of Nine Lessons & Carols – 4pm Sunday 19th December @All Saints Church

Christmas Eve Crib Display – 4 -5pm @All Saints Church

Simple activities in the churchyard for families and the young at heart to get into the Christmas Spirit.

Midnight Communion Service 11.30pm @All Saints Church *

Christmas Day Service 10am @All Saints Church* – An informal Christmas morning service. Wear your best Christmas jumper & bring your favourite gift from Father Christmas.

*Both these services will be ticketed events. Details of how to book can be found on the All Saints Website: www.allsaintsmkv.co.uk

Middleton Pavilion



The team at the Middleton Pavilion have planned a few festive events during the month of December:

Friday 17th December is the Pavilion Christmas party! (See Facebook page for more info closer to the time.)

Fancy escaping for a quick pint or a glass of vino on the BIG day then the Pavilion will be open on **Christmas Day** from Midday until 3pm!

Finally, to say cheerio to 2021 and ring in a New Year the Pavilion New Year Party will be taking place on **December 31st** Entrance strictly by ticket only.

For more details, and to keep up to date with planned events please get in touch with the pav team via their Facebook page @mkvpav



We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to Community Trees MK – A fantastic initiative to plant more trees in MK!

We are Community Trees Milton Keynes and we have a very simple initial mission – to enable communities to plant at least 1000 trees each year for ten years.

2020 turned out not to be the best year to start. The global pandemic made community involvement in tree planting a real challenge and our community tree-planting days had to be postponed and then cancelled. So, we had to be imaginative to get our trees in the ground amid Covid-19 restrictions.

Newport Pagnell Town Council provided oak trees to local people to plant around the town; MK Youth Cabinet planted a hedge and fruit trees in Coffee Hall. And The Parks Trust planted up the verge alongside Brickhill Street at Oakgrove and brought forward their plans for Middleton Wood Meadow. In the end we beat our target and got 1,700 trees planted, we have a tree nursery on an allotment plot loaned to us by BROUGHTON & Milton Keynes Parish Council and, we are working with The Parks Trust Outdoor Learning Team to help schools plant trees.

But now we want **your** help with our exciting plans and new weekend community tree planting events for the coming winter season (you can only plant trees when they are dormant). We have trees provided by the Woodland Trust, The International Tree Foundation and The Parks Trust, and we are ready to plant!

Locally, there will be community planting days with the Parish Council and The Parks Trust to extend the new woodland in Middleton Wood Meadow near MK Village. If you are interested to join in, save the date – 19th and 20th February 2022 – and get your warm clothes ready!

For more details and to book please head over to our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/communitytreesmk/>

MK Foodbank visit >>>



Last month, Cllr Dev Ahuja, Cllr Clive Darnell and Lynn - our Community Engagement Officer popped along to visit MK Food Bank. It was great to finally see our sponsored racking and to see just how the Foodbank operates! We are pleased to continue to support MK Food Bank with our serving centre, twice a week in our Oakgrove office, every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 till 4pm. Please see page 4 for Christmas opening times.

Allotment News >>

As the main growing season comes to an end, it's getting much quieter down on our four allotment sites. Work is progressing on the new Brooklands site and we are still on target to be taking the site on in late 2022.

We will be reopening the waiting lists for our current sites in January 2022 – Brooklands will remain closed.



Landscaping News >>

Now bird nesting season has finished, our Landscapers have been busy, getting those essential shrub and tree maintenance jobs done around the parish. They have undertaken some clearance work at our Walton Road Allotment site, to remove historical rubbish left by past tenants and cleared the boundary so we are able to maintain our fences and hedges easily.



Getting in touch over the festive period >>>

The Parish Office remains closed to public except for Foodbank, Hummingbirds and CAB sessions. None of these sessions will be running in between Christmas and the New Year.

Hummingbirds - Last session Monday 13th December – First session in 2022 is Monday January 10th

Foodbank - Last session Thursday 23rd December – First session of 2022 is Tuesday 4th January

Citizens Advice – Last session Wednesday 22nd December – First session of 2022 is Wednesday 5th January

Foodbank Christmas Opening Times

Christmas Eve – Foodbank helpline CLOSED – Emergency collections from 9am to Midday from Hedgerows Family Centre, Netherfield, MK6 4NP

December 29th & 30th – Emergency food available from: Unity Park (The Old Bus Station) 2.30pm till 3.30pm. Just turn up, no voucher required.

Contact us:

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To contact any of our councillors, please head over to our website where you will find all their contact details.

Thanks to all our likers and followers on social media – Over 1.5K of you follow us on Facebook, 506 on Instagram and 230 on Twitter!

Wherever you are and whatever you are doing, you can keep up to date with what **WE** are doing on social media!

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