

Broughton and Milton Keynes Parish Council Newsletter



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MK Village Fireworks Spectacular!

A wonderful time was had by all, and the rain stayed away (almost!). The amazing display commenced with an uplifting tribute to the late Queen Elizabeth II and was followed by a colourful and riotous display, combining amazing pyrotechnics with a diverse range of songs, the fireworks perfectly timed to explode in time to the music. This display would not have happened without the time and energy of a wonderful group of volunteers – big thanks to them all from us at the Parish Council. Although we are still waiting for some figures to be finalised we can confirm that this year's display have already helped to raise over £3,500 for Willen Hospice!

WHEELIE BINS – Coming soon in 2023



Love them or hate them, wheelie bins are coming to MK later in 2023. A cleaner, greener and safer way to collect your waste. **CLEANER** – Avoiding bags being ripped open by wildlife, keeping our streets cleaner. **GREENER** – Making it easier for MK to recycle more items. Fewer sacks = less plastic waste, protecting the environment. **SAFER** – For residents and collection crews to handle. MKCC know wheelie bins aren't right for every home in MK, and they are working on alternatives for those properties. MKCC will also be sending information about what's changing to everyone's homes nearer the time.

Tree Planting at Middleton Community Garden

At the end of November, the team at Community Trees alongside 60 residents planted 400 trees at the Middleton Community Garden, creating two woodland copses. We look forward to seeing this area mature and grow over the coming months and years. Please put it on your to-do list to go and visit!

Date for your diary,
Broughton Pavilion Open
Day – Saturday 25th
February 2023

Chair's Report – Cllr Gary Brighton

I am delighted to begin this quarter's statement by welcoming our new permanent Clerk, Lesley Sung. Lesley is an experienced Clerk who we look forward to supporting and driving our ambitious plans for the years to come. Lesley introduces herself below so I will leave her to provide more on her background and hopes for the future. I am equally pleased to report that, rather than saying goodbye to our incredibly able Locum, Karen Hill, she has agreed to accept a new role as our part time Finance Officer. Karen will therefore be staying with us, supporting Lesley and the team and continuing to provide us with the benefit of her valuable experience and tremendous spirit and dedication. I thank her on behalf of us all for everything she achieved in her short stint as Locum.

In other staff news we bid a sad farewell to our wonderful Community Officer Rodi Lee but are pleased that she leaves us for an exciting opportunity with a conservation organisation that will allow her to make full use of her knowledge of ecology. We wish you every success Rodi.

I hope that many of you reading this newsletter were able to enjoy this year's fireworks display, the first officially run by the Parish Council, who have taken on the mantle from the MK Village Hall Trust. They began this tradition over 20 years ago with a few fireworks around a bonfire and have successfully grown it to the spectacular that it is today. However, whilst this year's event was officially run by the Parish Council much of the credit must go to the same group of dedicated volunteers that have delivered this event in previous years for the Village Hall Trust and continued to provide their support to the Parish Council this year. There are too many names to list here but special thanks must go to David Monk, Ged Powis, Josh Gale, Dee Janvier-Wood and Lorraine Conner, as well as our own Ryan Gillies. My sincere thanks to everyone else that marshalled, litter picked and otherwise gave their time to make this event a huge success. In addition the event also raised over £3,500 for Willen Hospice.

The event costs around £5,000 to stage each year and this year that cost was directly funded from the money you, our residents pay in tax. It equates to around 70p per household in our Parish and I hope that the large majority of you agree that this is a price well worth paying to have such a spectacular event in the area where we live. However, if you have other views on funding this event or suggestions where donations raised could be better directed to support charities or groups in our Parish, please do let us know by contacting us at the email addresses listed at the end of this newsletter.

The Council is busy finalising our plans and budget for an exciting year ahead, including finally welcoming back many community groups to Broughton Pavilion from January. I look forward to sharing more details of these plans in our next newsletter but for now it simply falls to me to wish you all, on behalf of all of us at the Council, a Christmas filled with peace, joy, happiness, and hope.

Clerk's Report – Lesley Sung

I am delighted to be joining the Parish Council at such an exciting time and I look forward to new challenges ahead as the Council embarks on moving its offices from Oakgrove to the newly acquired Broughton Pavilion. It was the Council's ambitious plans to improve services that attracted me to this role, and its willingness to take up opportunities that owning a such a community facility will bring, ensuring the best possible outcomes for our community. We have now installed a new alarm system and CCTV and once broadband is on line, we will begin transferring operations to our permanent new home, hopefully by the end of January. We are inviting residents to an open day on 25 February, giving an opportunity to view the building and to chat with Councillors and staff about the plans and future use of the pavilion and we look forward to seeing you there.

I wanted to say thank you to our outgoing Locum Clerk, Karen Hill for bringing drive and energy to the pavilion project over the last few months and I am so pleased that Karen has decided to stay with the Council as our new Finance Officer.

Thank you also to our Community Engagement Officer, Lynn Maddocks for quickly establishing our new 'warm spaces' initiative, set up to help residents in our parish that may find themselves facing cost of living difficulties over the coming winter period. For more information, email lynn.maddocks@broughtonandmkv-pc.gov.uk. Meanwhile, for residents that are passionate about their local environment and who feel that they could use their skills to represent their community, please do consider becoming a Parish Councillor. There are still two Councillor vacancies. If you are interested, then please contact me at Clerk@broughtonandmkv-pc.gov.uk

Broughton Pavilion



Open Day - Saturday 25th February

Want to find out what our plans are for Broughton Pavilion? Want to tell us your ideas? Then please come along to our open day on Saturday 25th February from 11 am until 4pm. Meet the staff team and councillors.

The Wheelie Bins On Tour will be in the building to answer any bin queries you may have. Refreshments will also be available. Please see our social media channels closer to the time for updated information.

User Groups

In addition to Chipmonks preschool, we are preparing to welcome former users groups back to the pavilion. See below for details of groups that will be operating from January 2023. For those of you that have children ready to start pre-school from September 2023 please contact Chipmonks on 07873 342783 to start your application.

Broughton Scout Group, will be running every Thursday during term time. Cubs for 8 to 10 1/2 year olds and Scouts for 10 1/2 to 14 years old. For more information email Chris Underwood at coddy@btinternet.com

Latest update

After a long, administrative journey we finally took the keys to Broughton Pavilion in September this year. With the exception of Chipmonks Pre-school, the building had been unused for over 2 years. Since taking the building on we have undertaken a schedule of works to enable us to get the building up to scratch and ready to start taking block bookings for 2023.

We know many of you are keen to book for children's birthday parties, and other one-off events, but we are not quite ready to take those bookings yet. As soon as we are we will let you know via our social media channels and website!

For all booking inquiries please drop us an e-mail to: Bookings@broughtonandmkv-pc.gov.uk

Broughton Brownies will be here every Tuesday during term time. For girls aged 7 to 10 years. For more information please email broughtonbrownies1@outlook.com

Little Amigos Toddler Group will be running every Wednesday during term time from 9:45 to 11:15 am

The cost is £2 for an adult & baby under 6 months.

£2.50 for adults with children over 6 months and additional children are 50p each.

The sessions will include a free play area, snack time, and a sing-song session to finish!

For more information head over to Little Amigos Facebook page.

Useful Information

Parish Manager – Lesley Sung
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Lynn Maddocks – Community Engagement &
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Broughton Pavilion
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To contact any of our councillors please head over to our website where you will find all their contact details.

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

Facebook @BroughtonandMKParishCouncil
Instagram @broughtonmkparishcouncil
Twitter @BroughtonMK_PC



Christmas Church Activities



Sunday, December 18th

Advent Forest Church – North Willen
Lake
11 am – 12:30 pm

Carol Service – St Lawrence Church
3pm – 4pm

A candle-lit Christmas Carol service in
this beautiful medieval Church.

Carol Service – All Saints MK Village
4pm

Christmas Eve Crib Service – All Saints
MK Village
3pm and 4pm

Midnight Communion – All Saints Mk
Village
11.30pm

Midnight Communion – St Lawrence
Church , Broughton
11.30pm

Wednesday 21st December

Beer & Carols 7pm The Broughton Pub

Christmas Eve – Saturday 24th December

Crib Service – St Lawrence Church
11am & 3pm

December 25th

Christmas Day Celebration
All Saints Mk Village at 10am
Wear your best Christmas jumpers!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR
RESIDENTS!**