

# Newsletter Winter Issue - December 2019

**Season's Greetings** 

from all of us at

**Broughton & Milton** 

**Keynes Parish** 

Council

### **Dates for your** diaries >>>

#### December

**Sunday 1**<sup>st</sup> - Broughton Community Litter Pick @Kemsley Crescent 2pm

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> - Festive Lantern Event @MK Village - 5pm to 6.30pm -Display of lanterns (no parade)

Festive music & carols from Great Horwood Silver Band LED Entertainment from Pyrofinalia Fire Collective Hot chocolate & mulled wine Come and join us for some festive family fun! For more info please visit www.weareacommunity.co.u k

### **January**

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 11am-1pm - Winter Warmer **@St Lawrence Church** Broughton Village.

For more details on any of these events please check out our Community Events Website page.

www.broughtonandmkvpc.gov.uk



# **Recycling Sacks** Click & Collect>>>

#### We are now a Click & Collect point for recycling sacks!

Every 6 weeks you can order a top up roll of clear sacks, these can be delivered to your home address OR you can choose to click and collect at one of 10 parish council offices, including us!



Once you have chosen to click and collect you will receive an email to let you know when your sacks are ready to collect from us, then you can pop along to see us with your reference number and we can then issue you with your roll of sacks.

Our opening hours for collection are: Monday to Friday 9am – 1pm Monday to Thursday 2:30pm -4pm

# **Broughton Village Phone Box** Restoration >>>

#### A big parish **THANK YOU**

to Ray Mitchener who has painstakingly restored the red phone box in Broughton Village to its former glory!



#### Citizens Advice >>>

Need help with resolving a problem? Debt, housing, family, consumer, employment or benefit issues then we can help. We fund a fortnightly outreach service for Citizens Advice where you can receive free confidential advice from an advisor.

To make an appointment to see someone at our Parish Offices Milton call 01908 604475 Keynes

# **Thames Valley Police Community Forums**

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A number of community forums have been taking place across our parish. These meetings are facilitated by PC Deeble & PCSO Ibarra from the local policing team for Middleton District to help set your local policing priorities. For more information on these email them at MKSouthCluster@thamesvall ey.pnn.police.uk



# Neighbourhood Watch >>>

A number of neighbourhood watch meetings have taken place across our parish. For more guidance & help on starting up a neighbourhood watch scheme in your street, e-mail them at enquiries@mknhwa.org.uk

# **a** safeland

A number of communities are using the Safeland App to communicate and keep up to date with any crime happening in their areas. It allows for real time logging of any behaviour you find suspicious and will alert people nearby who have joined the group.

For more info, log onto www.safe.land

# What's happening at the Parish Council >>>

We have been very busy since the last newsletter, which you may well have noticed! We've made some positive changes to **The Village Garden** in MK Village – the tall hedge has been removed to open the garden area and laid to seed. You may have also noticed the new fencing that clearly defines the boundary between the garden and the pub car park which we hope will discourage fly tipping!

Another area we have concentrated on **is The Old Forge** (old bus stop) in MK Village – we removed the ivy that was starting to penetrate the brickwork, removed some trees and shrubs whose roots were compromising the integrity of the building and finally had the earth removed to expose the base of the brickwork and installed some railway sleepers to keep the earth from creeping back – take a look at the before and after pictures below, I'm sure you'll agree both areas are looking much tidier!



Village Garden before



Old Forge before



Village Garden after



Old Forge after

If there are any other areas in the parish that you would like us to look at improving, then please drop us a line.

We have also been reviewing planning applications, our Planning & Licensing committee has assessed **30** applications this quarter.

#### **WATCH THIS SPACE!!!!**

Keep an eye out for some new dog poo bins, we are awaiting installation of them in the newer areas of Brooklands, Oakgrove & Atterbury. As soon as they are in place we will announce the locations on our Social Media channels!



#### Allotments>>>

- ✓ Broughton Rd, Milton Keynes Village;
- ✓ Walton Rd, Milton Keynes Village;
- ✓ Kemsley Crescent, Broughton;
- ✓ Cranmore, Broughton Gate;
- ✓ Brooklands (coming late 2020)

# How much does an allotment cost?

Starting from £34.50 up to £172.50 per year. There is also a one off deposit and an annual admin fee.

# Can I rent a plot with my friend so we can share the workload?

Of course! We offer a joint tenancy agreement where one person is the primary tenant and you can add a secondary tenant.

# I'd love to be involved in a community plot – do we have one?

No we don't but the Parish Council would love to support one! Contact us if you are interested in this.

# Do you have any vacant plots?

Yes. We currently have vacancies on all four sites. If you are interested in an allotment plot now or to go on the waiting list for the future\* please contact us:

Info@broughtonandmkv-pc.gov.uk

\*we refresh the waiting list every 6 months

### **Funding in the community** >>>

We awarded **Broughton Fields Primary School** with a grant for £150 which will be used to increase the amount of products that can be recycled in their school. They will be collecting items such as pet food pouches, crisp packets & coffee pods, none of which can be recycled through Milton Keynes Councils current recycling scheme. The collected items will be recycled via Charity Recycling MK who send it to Teracycle and raise money for local charities.

#### **Milton Keynes Development**

Partnership has launched a new fund that supports community activities. The grants, from £500 upwards are for local, non-profit organisations whose work benefits residents, communities and their quality of life. If you think your group fits this criteria then head over to the MKDP website www.mkdp.org.uk The grants will be awarded on a twice yearly basis with the first deadline on 13th December 2019.

### What's going on in the community >>>

#### Milton Keynes & Broughton Village Hall Fireworks Display

The annual fireworks display faced inclement weather for the second year running with high winds forecast and a solid day of rain. Fortunately, the morning was dry for the set up and the winds dropped later. More importantly our community turned out in impressive numbers to enjoy the display and give to the collection for Willen Hospice.

This was the culmination of weeks of hard work by a newly structured volunteer team from the Village Hall working with a new fireworks launching company. The result was a 'Super Hero' themed event that ran perfectly to plan despite the wet evening.

The costs for the event were covered by support from the Parish Council, donations from Santander and other income from vendors on the night, which means that all of the bucket and text collections (c.£3,000) will be passed to Willen Hospice.

This event required a great deal of voluntary effort to deliver it securely and safely for the benefit of our community and those who are cared for so well by our local hospice. Thanks to everyone who gave either their money or time and in many cases both of the above.

We have lots of religious celebrations during the month of December, check out the **Church Without Walls** website for full details. They have a jam packed events calendar to suit EVERYONE, even those of us that 'don't do church!' For more information contact Ruth, the Community Minister on 07791901468, Email mkcommunityministry@gmail.com or log onto www.mkchurchwithoutwalls.org.uk/

The Friends of St Lawrence are holding a Candlelight Carol Service at St Lawrence Church, Broughton Village – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 3pm

All Saints Church in MK Village has the following services:

- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 11.15am Christingle Café Church
- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 3pm Mayor's Carol Service hosted at All Saints
- Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 11am Go4th Community Carol Singing
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 3pm & 4pm Crib Service / 11.30pm Midnight Communion
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10am Christmas Day Communion

#### Who's Who >>>

#### **Vicky Mote**

Clerk/RFO Clerk@broughtonandm kv-pc.gov.uk

#### **Lynn Maddocks**

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#### **Colin Bowker**

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If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact either your Parish Councillor or our office: **Broughton & Milton Keynes Parish Council** 27 Atlas Way, Oakgrove, MK10 9SG **Tel: 01908 087499** 

#### Social Media >>>

We currently have around 500 LIKES on Facebook but would love MORE!! Please pop over and give us a like & keep up with what we are doing

### Find us on (



www.facebook.com/Broug htonandMKParishCouncil



We would love to have a few more followers on Instagram – find us @broughtonmkparishcoun cil

# **Parish Councillors - Representing the local community >>>**

# Did you know we have a number of meetings every month that the public can attend?

We publish the agendas for all meetings the week before, so you are able to see what is to be discussed. You will find these on our notice boards located across the parish or online at www.broughtonandmkv-pc.gov.uk

**All** meetings start at 7:15pm and are held at The Parish Council offices at 27 Atlas Way, Oakgrove. MK10 9SG

Full Council Meeting – meets on the first Monday of every month 6<sup>th</sup> January, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2<sup>nd</sup> March,6<sup>th</sup> April

Planning & Licensing Committee -meets on the third Monday of every month 20<sup>th</sup> January, 17<sup>th</sup> February, 16<sup>th</sup> March, 20<sup>th</sup> April

There are a number of ways to get involved, become a Parish Councillor or if that's not your cup of tea then why not come along to one of our working groups? For more info on how you can get involved just drop the Clerk an e-mail or give her a call.

We would like to welcome **Rishi Sharda** and **Alain Bompeti** who have now joined us to become Parish Councillors, they will be representing Broughton & Atterbury Ward. If you would like to make contact with your Parish Councillors, then full contact details and the area they represent can be found below.

# Milton Keynes Village Ward (6 seats) Including Middleton and Oakgrove

#### COUNCILLOR DAVID MONK (CHAIR)

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#### **COUNCILLOR TIM SMALL (VICE-CHAIR)**

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#### **COUNCILLOR RICKY OATES**

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**Broughton & Atterbury Ward** (6 seats) Including Broughton Village, Broughton Gate and Brooklands

#### **COUNCILLOR PATRICK STILES**

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#### **COUNCILLOR RISHI SHARDA**

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#### **COUNCILLOR ALAIN BOMPETI**

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Parish Councillors give up their own time and commit to working as volunteers on your behalf to make the community a great place to live.

If you wish to receive this newsletter via email, let us know via Info@broughtonandmkv-pc.gov.uk