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Dear Resident,

We hope you like the further improvements to the quarterly newsletter of Woburn Sands Town Council to keep you up to date with all the Council and local news. If you would like us to consider putting forward items for inclusion in future editions, please contact the editor: Cllr Jacky Jeffreys on jeffreys.j@talk21.com or the town clerk.

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Woburn Sands Garden Competition

This annual event is generously sponsored by Frosts and awards prizes for both front and back gardens and hanging baskets/container plantings in the town. Congratulations to all this year's winners, and here are some photographs.



The judges were impressed by the quality of entries but more would still be welcome next year and we know there are lovely gardens which have not been entered before. So please consider entering your gardens next year by contacting the Town Clerk by early July 2014 ready for judging towards the end of that month.

Planning Matters

Two major applications will be put to MKC Development Control on Thurs 3 Oct. These are the application to convert Greens Hotel into 9 apartments and build a further 20 on the present Bowls Club Green, together with 6 houses on the site, and to move the Bowls Club to a new site in Aspley Guise. There is considerable opposition to these plans and the Town Council will be speaking against the proposals. There is still time for letters on this application to be considered by the officer, Nicola Thompson (nee McTeer).

The other is for 95 homes in Phase 4 of the Parklands development. These plans have been the subject of hours of discussion between officers, Taylor Wimpey and the Town Council, and considerable amendments to the original plans have been agreed by Taylor Wimpey. We are now satisfied that this application is acceptable to the Town Council. The application includes outline permission for an employment area adjacent to the railway line.

At the time of writing, we are still awaiting the Inspector's verdict on Tesco Express in the former Zens premises but Costa Coffee has permission to go ahead with its proposals for Station House.

Finally, you have hopefully looked at the Development Framework Plan for the 3000 new homes to be built north of Wavendon straddling the Newport Road, the A 5130, and south of the A421. Any comments need to be in to MKC by 25 Sep and you can view the Town Council's comments on our website under Council News, Planning. The plans include a Secondary School which will, when built, be closer to Woburn Sands than any existing secondary school.

Woburn Sands Neighbourhood Plan

Following lengthy local discussions the Town Council approved the draft Neighbourhood Plan in April 2013 and submitted it to Milton Keynes Council. MKC has now approved the Plan and authorised its publication seeking comments prior to the final adoption. These must be received by 30 Oct 2013.

An Independent Examiner will then look at all the documents and may recommend changes.

Once these have been agreed the residents of Woburn Sands will be asked to vote on the adoption of the Plan in a Referendum which is likely to be held early next year. Provided over 50% of those voting approve the Plan it will be formally adopted and become binding on all future planning applications in the town. Amendments to the Plan can be made at the Annual Town Meeting held in April/May each year. It is therefore important that residents understand the Plan and its implications so please take time to read at least the following summary and vote when the time comes.

The Vision for Woburn Sands

Woburn Sands will remain an attractive and sustainable location which meets the aspirations of residents, the wider Woburn Sands community, and all those who use the town's facilities

Policies

Policy WS1

All developments in the town (including any extensions to individual properties) will be expected to comply with the Design Guide appended to the Plan

Policy WS2

The existing open spaces within the built-up area such as the Memorial Green, Mowbray Green, and the Recreation Ground will be preserved and no development will be permitted thereon

Policy WS3

The Town Council will promote the introduction of all necessary measures to minimise heavy traffic through Woburn Sands

Policy WS4

All development proposals must make adequate provision for off-street parking and comply with MKC Parking Standards

Policy WS5

The preservation of the existing woodland and countryside within the parish is key to the future of Woburn Sands and no extension of the built-up area will therefore be permitted; the footpaths and links to adjacent woodlands will be protected

Policy WS6

The only housing development to be permitted once the Parklands development is completed will be small infilling between existing properties or replacement of demolished properties

Policy WS7

Priority for any infilling development will be given to any proposal which provides starter homes for families who have a connection with Woburn Sands

Policy WS8

Any application to provide land for employment purposes in Parklands will be welcomed but no further land within Woburn Sands will be designated for employment purposes

Policy WS9

The Town Council, working with the Business Association, will promote any action to maintain the viability and vitality of the High Street, but no retail development which impinges on the health of the High Street will be permitted elsewhere

Policy WS10

A wide range of educational provision will be encouraged

Policy WS11

Every effort will be made by the Town Council, working with neighbouring parishes, to support the coherent provision of medical services to the community in all the parishes

Policy WS12

The preservation of all existing recreational and sports facilities across the wider Woburn Sands area will be a priority and every opportunity taken to develop new facilities particularly for the youth of the area

Policy WS13

Every encouragement will be given to ensure that the Police Forces of Thames Valley and Bedfordshire work more closely together

Policy WS14

The preservation and improvement of bus services, particularly to Central Milton Keynes, will be encouraged

Policy WS15

While recognising the importance of improving the rail services to Woburn Sands the priority will be to seek measures to minimise delays at the level crossing and to ensure the safety of both cars and pedestrians crossing the railway

Policy WS16

The continuous improvement of the broadband and internet connections to all premises in Woburn Sands will be encouraged

The full text of the Plan which details the rationale behind these policies, together with the accompanying Sustainability Appraisal, can be found on the Town Council website and a hard copy is available in the library.

If you have any comments please submit them to:

The Development Plans Team

Milton Keynes Council

1 Saxon Gate East

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development.plans@milton-keynes.gov.

Love Woburn Sands Project



Keep your eyes peeled for this logo as you will see more and more of it in the coming year. Churches Together supported by the council and other community bodies have two part time workers looking at how we can enhance and build on the already excellent community here in Woburn Sands. They may be in touch with you soon to get your views so start thinking what could be done, what you would like to see or get involved with in the community.

Folk Festival news

Woburn Sands Folk Festival Barn Dances (Ceilidhs)

The first of this season's Woburn Sands Folk Festival Barn Dances will take place on ***Saturday 16th November 2013***, at the Summerlin Centre, Woburn Sands from 7.30pm to 11pm. Our own band, Hogsty Oak, will provide the music, but the caller is yet to be confirmed.

Payment at the door, Adults £7, and accompanied Children under 16 free.
Free parking and a Licensed Bar.

No experience of Barn Dances is necessary, as all dances are walked through before starting, and getting it wrong occasionally is part of the fun anyway. It's a great way of getting to know your fellow Woburn Sanders. One of the things I most enjoy about playing for these dances is seeing the smiles on people's faces as they swirl past the band. The Barn Dances are one of the main sources of income for the Folk Festival, so if you enjoyed the event this year, or if you just enjoy dancing, please come along and help us to ensure that this great family friendly and free festival can take place again next year.

For further information call 01908 582660.

Vic Longhorn, Woburn Sands Folk Festival Committee.

Fun at the Woburn Sands Band Summer Fayre

Held on August Bank Holiday Monday in glorious weather, this annual event enjoyed excellent music and lots to do for everyone.



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The advice service which runs every weekday morning when the library is open has already proved of considerable advantage to more than a few residents. Remember it caters for anyone of any age. Here are just two case studies with successful outcomes dealt with here in Woburn Sands:

Case Study

Mrs B dropped into the information and advice office with concerns for her parents. Her father is the main carer for her mother and she main carer for her father. It was discovered her father was not claiming an Attendance Allowance for himself nor a carers allowance for looking after his wife. Applications for these benefits were made and successful, bring an extra weekly income into the home and opening up offers of support for all parties.

Mrs B was able to make a claim for carers allowance for looking after her father. Adaptations to the home had been long outstanding; contact was made with the local authority resulting in works being carried out. These adaptations permitted Mrs B mother to safely exit the home and mobilize to transport to attend outside clubs and organizations.

Case Study

Mr W, lives alone in his own home but feels lonely and isolated. Assistance was made to make application to two local councils for sheltered housing accommodation.

One offer of housing has been made and response to the other applications is currently awaited. Information was also provided of local clubs and organizations Mr W could attend to help reduce the feeling of loneliness. A referral was also made to Age UK Befriending service.

Fulbrook Middle School

Specialist Sports College and Academy
Stephen Cardwell, Headteacher



Fulbrook Middle School has started a new initiative this year to become a Values Based school. We already have outstanding results for academic subjects but we feel that becoming a successful member of society is more than just gaining good exam results. We have adopted 12 main values and we start with RESPECT defined as

- knowing you are unique and valuable.
- knowing others are unique and valuable.
- listening to others.
- caring about your environment.

Next half term we will concentrate on the value HAPPINESS.

Each half term we shall have a poster competition for the new value and the winning entry shall be placed around the community. Having active members of society is important for all communities and with this new initiative we hope that Fulbrook can have an even more positive effect on its surrounding area.

For further comment or information please contact our ‘Values’ co-ordinator, Miss Alison Bates in school hours.

Town Council meetings are held at 7.30pm on the second Monday of each month. Members of the public are welcome to attend and can raise any issue at the start of each meeting.

The next meetings are on Mon 14 Oct, Mon 11 Nov and Mon 9 Dec.

Snippets And Diary Dates

WARNING! The wonderful hot summer tempted many residents to explore around the lake to the west of Parklands. Whilst the footpath between the railway and the Bow Brickhill Road along the western edge of Woburn Sands is a designated footpath, the lake and fields beyond it are privately owned and strictly speaking you are trespassing if you go on this land. Only members of Vauxhall Angling Club have permission to access the lake. Consequently, if you had an accident on this land you might find it very difficult to claim against anyone....so be warned!

The
**WOBURN
SANDS**
Band

More musical delights from WOBURN SANDS BAND on Saturday 16 November at The Stables. Tickets from the band secretary.01908 377325 or from The Stables 01908 280800

Local organisations are reminded that the Council will shortly be considering awarding SMALL GRANTS to worthwhile groups, and applications need to be in by 22 Oct.

Contact the Town Clerk for further information.

The next COMMUNITY OVER 60's COACH TRIPS will be to Guildford on 16th October, Birmingham 13th November and Blenheim Palace for Christmas Decorations including Cream Tea on 4th December.

Our ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES on Sunday 10 Nov will be held as always at 9.30am at St Michaels followed by the parade down to the War Memorial in the High Street where a short service at 10.45am will take place incorporating two minutes silence at 11am. Please join us again this year and if you have never been, now is your opportunity.



Goodbye to the biggest Norwegian Maple in England

Sadly on Friday 6 Sep a huge lower limb of the biggest in the line of maples in Edgewick Farm adjacent to Woodland Way fell down. Tree surgeons advised us that the whole tree was now in a dangerous state so sadly we had to have it felled. Its diameter was measured a short while ago and estimated to be possibly the largest such specimen in England



Christmas is coming!

The Christmas Fayre will take place in the High Street on Sunday 1st December from 1.30pm onwards. The High Street will be closed most of the day to allow the fun fair rides and stalls to be set up and dismantled. Put the date in your diaries now...it's a great community day in Woburn Sands. And if you've enjoyed it in the past could you spare an hour or two to help on the day or the previous Sunday with putting lights on trees? Please contact johnbarberno.1@hotmail.com

And finally to get everyone really in the Christmas spirit, there will be CAROLS AND FESTIVE MUSIC FROM THE WOBURN SANDS BAND on Mowbray Green on Christmas Eve 7pm-8pm....bring a torch!