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Dear Resident,

We haven't had much summer warmth yet for this, our Summer Newsletter, but hopefully that will change by the time you are reading it. Our hanging baskets are now up on our lamp posts in The High Street as in this picture on the Memorial Green.

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EDGEWICK FARM

We received some unwarranted press in a recent edition of The Citizen when it was reported that a sheep had been mauled to death by someone's dog on Edgewick farm. That much was true and the dog owner had immediately rung the Town council to tell us. He then contacted the owner of the sheep who was very understanding and we asked the Friends of Edgewick Farm to check the fencing around the



three fields which form the farm and in particular in the area where the dog got into the field. This was done and contrary to the Citizen report, no holes or gaps were found. The dog concerned was a large one and obviously clambered over the fencing where it had been slightly damaged possibly by one of the cows last year leaning against it. The Citizen were informed of the error in the initial report, but unfortunately went ahead with their incorrect article.

It is important that we have animals grazing the fields in succession in order to maintain it as natural grassland. The Dexter cattle who have grazed the area in previous years come from a farm in Great Brickhill which is in Beds and new Government regulations would require these animals to be TB tested before they could be brought onto Milton Keynes, Bucks, land, at a prohibitive cost and clearly unviable. We have had sheep here before until a resident persistently complained to the owner over a cold winter with snow, that it was cruelty to animals to keep them outside: the farmer was understandably annoyed and will not return his sheep now. We very much hope that now the fences have all been checked, the owner of the flock which was grazing for a few days this year will consider returning her flock, but we do need your co-operation. It is vital that all dogs being walked near fields with animals grazing are kept absolutely under control.

TWO IMPORTANT CONSULTATIONS

Hopefully you will get this newsletter in time to be informed of two consultations coming up on Wed 8 and Thurs 9 July. **The one on the 8th is in the Memorial Hall and is being organised by Gallaghers the house developers.** It will be an informal drop in session where you can see the latest plans for the major house building programme to the north of Wavendon, mostly east of the A5130, Newport Road, and south of the A421. This forms part of the 3000 homes of the SLA. Clearly it will impact upon us here, but this decision has been made and insisted upon by an Inspector, so now we are merely concerned with the layout and in particular the access points onto the A5130 as well as the accessibility of the new secondary school which will be built there and will serve Woburn Sands pupils in the future. The drop in session lasts from 2pm-6pm.

The second on Thurs 9 July on the future management of libraries is a discussion in the library on the future management of Library services in Milton Keynes. You will have read about the financial cutbacks which mean the library service has to make considerable savings. This meeting will be from 6-7pm in the library and will enable you to listen to the proposals for maintaining our libraries and for you to put forward your ideas and perhaps explore ways to get involved and make a contribution. We do, already, of course, have a small body of volunteers who keep our library here open beyond the normal hours allowing you to use the library on Tuesday evenings from 6-8pm in the summer months and 6-7pm in the winter ones.

The work currently going on to the library exterior is to attempt to eradicate the damp problem which is occurring in some parts of the library inside. New ventilation will be installed via ducts in a trench around the library exterior. The paint work has been removed from the lower part of the walls to allow the bricks to breathe. It will be cleaned up shortly.. Some work will also be done on the roof and if all this doesn't solve the problem over time, we will have to carry out more drastic works affecting the interior. The payment for all these works is being negotiated between the Town Council and Milton Keynes Council who carried out the refurbishment of the Institute in preparation for the opening of the library here.

GARDEN COMPETITION & WOBURN SANDS BAND FAYRE

Woburn Sands will be holding its Annual Garden competition again this year, as always generously sponsored by Frosts Garden Centre.

The judging panel will be looking at all the nominated gardens on 21 July and prizes will be distributed at the Woburn Sands Band Fayre.

Remember you can enter your front garden, back garden and/or hanging basket display as prizes are awarded in all categories.. Obviously access to your back garden will be needed on the day of judging.

New entries will be particularly welcome and all you need to do to enter is contact the Town Clerk by Friday 17 July.



Woburn Sands Band Summer Fayre will open at **1.30p.m. on August Bank Holiday Monday** on Mowbray Green where the Band will be playing throughout the afternoon with refreshments and lots of family fun ending at 4.15p.m. with the Grand Draw.

POST OFFICE NEWS

We are delighted to have been told that our Post Office in the High Street is to become a new main style branch. It will be modernised and refurbished and offer longer opening hours, but the downside is that it will be closed from Wednesday 8 July onwards until the grand reopening on Thursday 23 July at 13.00 hours. Once reopened the post office will be open every day, except Sundays, from 09.00-17.30hrs.

WOBURN SANDS BOWLS CLUB OFFICIAL OPENING

On the 14th June the new Bowls Club facilities at Common Lane Aspley Guise were officially opened. Around 80 members attended this special event with guest of honour Philip Menday. They were joined by Ian Macleod Woburn Sands Town Mayor, Ian Pickering Aspley Guise Parish Council Chairman, the Ladies & Men's Buckinghamshire Bowls Association Presidents and representatives from the Club's official Sponsors.

Members and guests were greeted with a glass of champagne and canapés on arrival. The welcoming address & official toast was given by club Chairman Mick Payne. The club and its facilities were officially opened by Philip who cut the ribbon and unveiled the commemorative plaques.



Officially open: The ribbon is cut by Philip Menday with club President Bryan Perry in attendance and members and guests looking on.

In the afternoon after a buffet lunch, club members enjoyed a pleasurable game of bowls.

Christine Norwood, club treasurer said: “the day has been a great success and the event is the start of a new era for our club and its members.”

The work is progressing on the site of the old Bowls Club. Foundations are in for some of the new buildings and conversion of Greens Hotel to 9 apartments is also proceeding. We are concerned that there will be fewer parking spaces available in the Shoppers Car park once the flats are built and occupied, and to this end we recently monitored the parking situation in the car park. We found that two thirds of the spaces were used for short term car parking as we would want, and the other third mostly used by shop keepers/workers. However, ten spaces were occupied over 24 hrs. It was a very wet day, but we do now have a base from which to analyse future usage and if necessary consider some parking charges for longer term parking. We hope this will not be necessary!



Mr Cardwell and Mr Durno: retirement message

Between us both we have been at Fulbrook for 31 years. Time has flown by and it has been an absolute pleasure for us to have been part of your local community and to have been part of your children's lives.

Fulbrook is a special and unique place, where visitors often remark on how struck they are by the caring and happy atmosphere that is evident. We have both been privileged to have been able to call Fulbrook our place of work and to share with the children an important part of their educational journey.

We leave this community and the Fulbrook community, in the exceptionally capable hands of Mrs Samantha Clancy as the new Headteacher and Mr Jonathan Wall, as our Deputy Headteacher. We know that the pupils and families of Fulbrook will continue perfectly well without us! We sincerely thank all those who have welcomed and worked with us in supporting the special place and people that are 'Fulbrook Middle School'.

Best wishes, Mr Stephen Cardwell and Mr John Durno



If any former pupils, staff or Governors who knew Mr Cardwell or Mr Durno would like to send a message to them on their retirement, please do so to office@fulbrookmiddleschool.org.uk and it will be included in their "retiring books" Any messages need to be sent in asap and certainly by Mon 13 July and clearly marked with either John Durno or Stephen Cardwell.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES IN THE LIBRARY

We are pleased to be able to sponsor four sessions of craft activities in our library during the school summer holidays.. These will be as follows;

Thursday 23 July, 2.30-3.30pm
on making peg dragon flies

Thursday 6 August, 2.30-3.30pm
on Clay Modelling

Thursday 20 August, 2.30-3.30pm
on making Lollipop stick flowers

Thursday 27 August, 2.30-3.30pm
on How to draw a cartoon animal

All sessions are suitable for children age 6 upwards and places must be reserved at the library as there is a maximum of eight spaces available per session. However, you will only be able to reserve a place on up to two of the four sessions for any one child. Unfortunately last year some places were reserved but not utilised on the day, thus depriving someone else of a place. So please consider carefully before reserving a space, or we will have to think about charging another year.



COMMUNITY COACH TRIPS

The July coach trip is to **Winchester on 15 July**, in **19th August Bury St Edmunds** the September trip is on the 16th, destination to be confirmed. **21st October we will return to Market Harborough.**

ASPLEY GUISE OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 19th July 12.30 – 5.30 p.m. admission to all gardens £4 concessions £3.50 accompanied children under 14 yrs. free.

Light lunches teas and plants for sale in Aspley Guise village hall.

CHILDRENS CHRISTIAN HOLIDAY CLUB

24th- 28th August for all children age 5 – 14 yrs.

To request a registration form please e.mail Val Symon

valeriesymon779@btinternet.com or telephone 01908 583779.

Cllr Jacky Jeffreys would like to express her thanks for the many messages of sympathy she has received on the death of her much loved partner, Alun Woolcock, of the past 33 yrs. and her appreciation of her generosity of Bespoke Media.