



Shenley Brook End & Tattenhoe Community News

The official source of Parish Council news & information for residents of Emerson Valley, Furzton, Kingsmead, Shenley Brook End, Shenley Lodge, Tattenhoe, Tattenhoe Park & Westcroft.

On the 26th April, members from all three of the 50 Plus clubs went to Paradise Wildlife Park, set in the beautiful surroundings of Broxbourne woods. They were very fortunate with the weather, it was a lovely dry day. As you can see from the photo below of just a few of the members, a great day out was had by all.



Shenley Brook End & Tattenhoe Parish Councillors and Officers are:

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David Edmonds

EMERSON VALLEY NORTH



Michael Cato

Planning, Community & Environment Committee.

EMERSON VALLEY SOUTH



Manish Verma

Planning, Community & Environment Committee.

FURZTON NORTH



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Planning, Community & Environment Committee.
Vice-Chairman, Policy & Finance Committee

FURZTON NORTH



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Planning, Community & Environment Committee
Policy & Finance Committee

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Maggie Geaney

Planning, Community & Environment Committee.
Policy & Finance Committee

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SHENLEY BROOK END



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SHENLEY BROOK END



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Jean Nicholas

Chairman, Parish Council
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Michele Chapman

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Policy & Finance Committee

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Saleena Raja

Planning, Community & Environment Committee.
Policy & Finance Committee.



Sharon Kerr
Parish Manager



Rebecca Zimmerman
Facilities and Administration Officer



Karen Wheeler
Allotment & Landscape/Warden



Oliver
Parish Warden



Paul Butler
Parish Warden



AJ
Parish Warden



Andy Ridgway
Community Engagement Officer



Ray Godwin
Youth Worker



Karl Digby
Youth Worker

Chairman's Column



The Annual Parish Council meeting was held on 21st May 2018 and at that meeting I was re-elected as Chairman for a further year. Councillor Kevin Geaney had decided to stand down as Vice Chairman due to time pressures and I thank Kevin for his work and support over the past two years. Councillor Chris Williams was elected as Vice-Chairman and I look forward to working with Chris who is very knowledgeable about local affairs as he recently retired as a Ward Councillor after many years' service and has also been a Parish Councillor for many years.

Annual Parish Report 2017/2018

The following is an extract from the Annual Parish Report which was presented to the Annual Parish Meeting on the 21st May 2018 the full version can be viewed on our website.

Precept

We have worked hard to trim our budget, but do not wish to have to cut back on our services to the Parish, and therefore reluctantly took the decision to support the extra works by making a small increase of £3.50 per year on Band D properties for the year 2018/2019; other bands have seen a pro-rata increase. This increase will enable us to continue to take on the extra works which have been cut by Milton Keynes Council. In their first year our Wardens have made a big difference to the litter, landscaping and general tidiness of our parish but if you have any specific problems please email us on reportit@shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk

Community Engagement

In October 2017 as the attendance at our Westcroft Youth club had declined it was decided that we would continue with our two early evening youth clubs at the Oak Tree Centre Shenley Brook End and the Ridgeway Community Centre in Furzton and also our Astro turf football sessions at Tattenhoe Pavilion, but would close the Westcroft Youth club and redefine the Youth Leaders role into that of Community Engagement Officer. This has enabled us to commence other clubs for the whole community including an IT Club, a Film Club and a coffee morning all of which are held monthly in our council chamber. We have also introduced a weekly Gentle keep fit session at the Ridgeway Community Centre in Furzton and added a third club for 50's Plus residents, also at the Ridgeway Community Centre. This is in addition to the very successful Diamond and Emerald clubs which are held in our council chamber each week.

Emerson Valley Community Centre

The community centre is owned by the Parish Council and run by the Emerson Valley Community Centre Trust a charity set up for this purpose. The centre has had a good year and has been used by a wide range of residents with activities for all ages as well as birthday parties. Following a change of staff Rebecca in the Parish Office is now looking after the bookings.

The Future

Tattenhoe Park facilities

Plans for a new sports/community/leisure facility for Tattenhoe Park are being drawn up and it is hoped that Milton Keynes council will soon be in a position to apply for planning permission for this facility.

Garthwaite Sports/Community Centre

The open space designated as a sports ground adjacent to the allotments in Garthwaite Crescent is owned by the Parish Council and we now have planning permission to build a sports and community facility. It is hoped that building will commence shortly once all the funding is in place with a view to opening in the Spring of 2019.

Finally a **personal** thank you to Councillors and Officers for their support in this busy year and for their help in keeping the Parish Council running efficiently and serving the residents of our Parish, and we all look forward to a very successful 2018/2019.

Jean Nicholas
Chairman Parish Council

Clear Sacks

Please note that we have resumed stocking clear sacks which are now available for collection at the Parish Office between 9am and 5pm Monday to Thursday and between 9am and 4.30pm on a Friday.

Parish Council Meeting Dates

Meetings of the full Parish Council and its committees are held each month on Mondays at 7:15 pm. at our Parish Office, 1 Wimborne Crescent, Westcroft, Milton Keynes, MK4 4DB

Full Parish Council

Jun 25th	Jul 30th	Aug 20th	Sep 24th
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Planning, Community & Environment Committee

Jun 11th	Jul 9th	Aug 13th	Sep 10th
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It has been decided to amalgamate our Planning & Environment committee and Community committee into one committee as above. Members of the public are welcome at any of these meetings. If you wish to attend, just turn up but you may wish to contact Rebecca on 01908 521538 beforehand to check that there have not been any changes.

Ward Councillors and Local MP Contact Information

Bletchley West Ward

Mick Legg 07920 103239
Nigel Long 01908 376141
Maggie Geaney 07986 608492

Shenley Brook End Ward

Hiten Ganatra 07974 444114
Peter Cannon 07966 197864
Andy Reilly 07870 567049

Tattenhoe Ward

Anthony Brown 07718 913171
Geetha Morla 07908 589209
Gerald Small 07597 909813

Member of Parliament for Milton Keynes South

Iain Stewart - MP's Office 01908 686830

Can We Help You?

Grants are available from the Parish Council



Any group, society, play-group, or charitable organisation in the Parish, or benefiting residents of the Parish, may apply for a grant from the Parish Council. If you can show us that the grant will be put to good use, we are only too pleased to help.

We will also provide space in the Community News to publicise the work of organisations receiving grants. We can include articles from any organisation that benefits the community, irrespective of grant applications. Shenley Brook End & Tattenhoe Parish Council is willing to publicise anything that helps local residents, so please let us know about it. Contact Rebecca by email rebecca.zimmerman@shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk, telephone 01908 521538, or letter.

*For contributions to the Community News, contact Rebecca on **01908 521538** or write to **Shenley Brook End & Tattenhoe Parish Council, 1 Wimborne Crescent, Westcroft District Centre, Milton Keynes, MK4 4DB***

You can also email us at:- rebecca.zimmerman@shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk or visit our website at:- www.shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk

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FINAL COPY DATE for the next issue : August 3rd 2018 - Anything received after this date may not be accepted.

Our local MP, Iain Stewart would like to hear from you.

He holds regular surgeries by appointment across the constituency.

To book a surgery appointment:

Please call: 01908 686830

Please email: iain.stewart.mp@parliament.uk

Please write to: Suite 102

Milton Keynes Business Centre

Foxhunter Drive

Linford Wood

MK14 6GD



We're Back!

Summer Fun & Play

Every week during the Summer Holidays 2018

Furztown

At the Lake, next to the Hotel
Mondays July 23rd - August 20th
 2.00 pm - 4.30 pm

Kingsmead

On the green at the top of Childs Way and Saltwood Avenue. Next to Oxley Park
Tuesdays July 24th - August 21st
 2.00 pm - 4.30 pm
 Excluding 31st July

Shenley Brook End

The Green, Church End Road
Thursdays July 26th - August 23rd
 10.00 am—12.30 pm

Westcroft

The Green, Cranborne Avenue
Fridays July 27th - August 24th
 10.00 am—12.30 pm

Emerson Valley

Kickabout Area
 Between Sykes Croft and White Horse Drive
Tuesdays July 24th - August 21th
 10.00 am—12.30 pm
 Excluding 31st July

Crafts... Painting...
 Sports... Games...
 Bouncy Castle...
 and much more!

Shenley Brook End & Tattenhoe Parish Council

Shenley Brook End & Tattenhoe Parish Council in partnership with Milton Keynes Play Association, have organised Summer activities for all children aged 4-14 years

FREE Activities Everyone Welcome

The sessions are open to all children aged 4-14 years; parents are asked to accompany children under 8 and join in the fun! Children may get messy or paint on their clothes, and there may be water activities, weather and venue permitting
 Please note the sessions are open access and children remain the responsibility of their Parents at all times, as children are free to come and go as they wish.

WEATHER PERMITTING

Litter Pick in Westcroft

On Saturday 12th May, Ward Councillor Anthony Brown, along with his Daughter and other residents, litter picked around Westcroft Pavilion, playing field and play park. This will become a regular occurrence around the Parish and if any residents are looking to litter pick around their area, please contact the Parish Council on 01908 521538 and we can arrange to supply equipment and some assistance.



Litter Pick in Shenley Lodge

A massive thank you to Shenley Lodge resident Pauline Reilly who organised a litter pick as part of The Great Plastic Pick Up. The event was a partnership between The Daily Mail and Keep Britain Tidy to focus people on the amount of plastic waste that is littering our environment. They provided some litter bags but it was Pauline who put in all of the hard work, organising volunteers, choosing a route, and obviously picking up all the rubbish on the day. We found all manner of waste in the bushes and along the footpaths and ended up with over 15 bags of rubbish including three bags of plastic bottles and three bags of aluminium cans. The Parish Council would like to thank Pauline and all of the volunteers for their hard work improving the environment for everyone.

If you are interested in improving the place where you live by doing a litter pick then why not get in touch with us as we can help by providing litter pickers and bags. We can also help to plan an event and try to encourage others to join in. Contact Andy Ridgway

andy.ridgway@shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk or phone the office on 01908 521538.



Youth & Communities

Youth Sessions

We have two Parish Youth Clubs running every week that are free of charge and open to all young people aged 10-18 years. On a Tuesday night we use the Ridgeway Community Centre on Furzton from 4.30-6.30pm. On a Thursday we use the Oak Tree Centre on Shenley Brook End from 3.45-5.45pm. Both youth clubs are open access so young people are free to come and go as they please. We have a range of activities available including board games, PlayStation, football, arts, crafts, music and much more. We are always looking for new members and new ideas so if you are interested then please come along.

Over 50's Clubs

The Parish Council now offers three over 50's clubs that are available for people to come along enjoy a drink and a chat while meeting new people. The groups were set up for people to get out and meet up with others while enjoying the comfortable environment and friendly setting. Our Tuesday club is based at the Ridgeway Community Centre and run in partnership with Watling Valley Partnership and members of the Christ the Servant King Church running every week from 2-4pm. On a Wednesday we have the Diamond Club which is based at our Parish Office on Westcroft from 2-4pm. This is our longest running group and each month they produce a programme of activities that include talks, games, quizzes, and trips. On a Thursday we have the Emerald Club which is also at the Parish Office on Westcroft from 2-4pm

All sessions are free of charge but we do ask for a small donation towards tea, coffee, biscuits, and activities. We have spaces at all three of our clubs so if you are looking for a nice way to meet people or just something to fill a gap in the week then why not come along and join us.

Hearing Aid support Drop In

The Parish Council is starting a Drop In to help those people with Hearing Aids. This new drop in will be a place to get the batteries and tubes replaced on your hearing aid or to get support with cleaning and maintaining your hearing aids. Unfortunately if you require a hearing test or assessment then you will still have to contact your doctor or visit one of the specific hearing service drop in's at a health centre.

If you are interested then please contact Andy on 01908 521538 to book an appointment.

Internet Club

Our Internet Club has already attracted a few people who are interested in improving their knowledge when it comes to using their tablet or PC. The club is not about training but more about answering questions and helping to improve people's confidence when using their electronic device. So far we have had questions about how to use a mobile phone, to how to link up a tablet to a PC, and how to use online shops and are prepared for much more. Each session is a relaxed space where people can ask questions, chat to others and hopefully improve their skills. So if you require a bit of help with your tablet, laptop or PC then why not come along. We run on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month at the Parish Office from 10am - 12pm.

Football Sessions

Our Fun Free Football sessions at Tattenhoe have been suspended at the moment while the Astroturf is being refitted. As soon as the new 4G pitches are ready then we will return to use what is planned to be a much improved playing surface as well as improved facilities. If you are interested in joining in the fun at this session then we expect that they will be back up and running in time for the summer but keep an eye out on our facebook, website and notice boards for more information.

Film Club

Our Parish Film Clubs continue to run from the Parish Offices and have been a fantastic success. Keep an eye out for our film selection over the summer as we bring you some old classics and some newer blockbusters. Keep an eye out on our website and facebook for more details. If you have any suggestions for the Film Club then why not drop Andy an email andy.ridgway@shenleybrookened-pc.gov.uk or call the office.

Parish Coffee Morning



Last Friday of every month

10.00-12.00

At the Parish Office, Westcroft

Come along and meet other people have a chat a drink and build a friendship.

Our coffee mornings are free of charge, we do take donations towards tea and biscuits and are always very welcoming to anyone who wishes to bring cake.

If you are interested then just come along and grab yourself a drink.

For more information then please contact the Parish Office on 01908 521538 or email Andy.Ridgway@shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk



Shenley Brook End & Tattenhoe Parish Council

INTERNET CLUB



If you are struggling with using the internet or have questions about your tablet then why not come and join us at our new internet club. We aim to be able to offer advice on the basics while having a chat and a coffee. The club has been set up to offer practical advice and support not training or workshops.

It doesn't matter what age you are, we all have questions about technology. So if its help with completing online forms, reporting problems to the Council or a landlord, using social media, speaking to relatives via skype, or even want to use the internet for the first time then why not join this new club.

The First and Third Monday

of every month

10am-12pm

At The Parish Office, Westcroft

For more information then please contact the Parish Office on 01908 521538 or email Andy.Ridgway@shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk



HEARING AID SUPPORT DROP IN

Do you keep your hearing aid in good order?

Have you recently changed your Batteries? Tubes? Domes?



If you need help with changing the fiddly bits or just need to pick up some new tubes for your hearing aid then come along to our drop in.

Fourth Monday of every month

10am - 12.30pm

At The Parish Office, Westcroft

First session is Monday 25th June

By keeping your hearing aid in good order you can be sure its doing its job and making sure that you are hearing correctly.

Our service is supported by SARC and is completely free of charge.

We can not offer hearing tests or assessments but we are available to check that your current hearing aid is clean and has enough batteries.

Please contact us on 01908 521538 to book and appointment

New Gentle Exercise Class for Older or Less Able residents, or Those just wanting to keep fit!!!



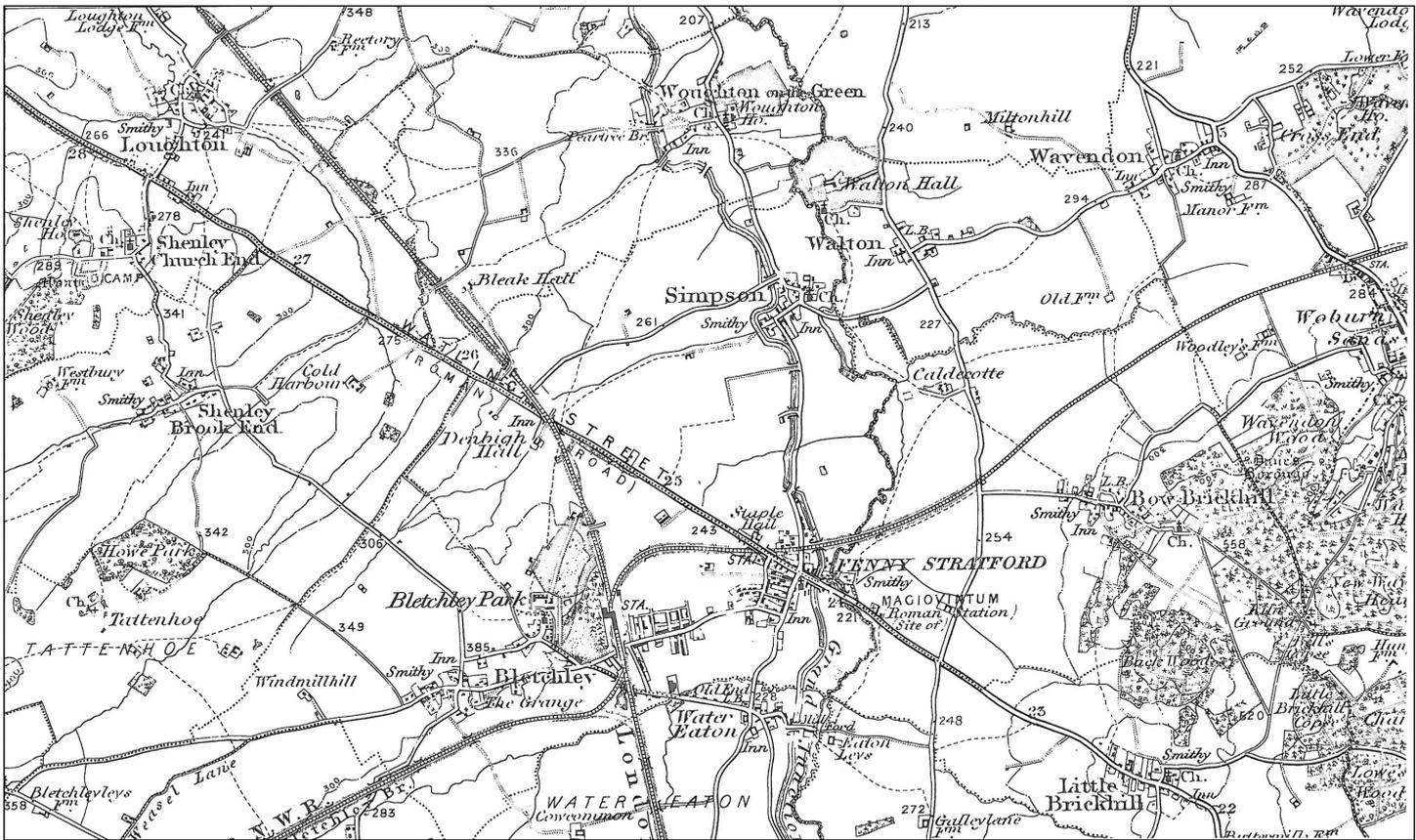
Starting Tuesday 6th March, 12-1pm, at The Ridgway Centre, North Furzton and then weekly going forward.

A simple, fun way to improve Flexibility, Aerobic capacity, Balance and Strength. A FABS class run by Roy Haynes and funded by Shenley Brook End Parish Council. Roy is a certified instructor with an organisation called **Move It Or Lose It** (because if you don't, you will!).

Staying flexible and keeping muscles strong is so important to reduce fatigue, reduce the chance of falls and allowing everybody to maximise their health and enjoyment of life. Roy's classes introduce music to move to and can be done seated, supported or free standing. Each class will be no more than 1 hour long and you will need to bring along a bottle of water and wear light, layered clothing and flat bottomed comfortable shoes.

The classes will be open to all residents from within this Parish and will be free of charge. If you are interested, please call the Parish Council office on 01908 521538 to register an interest.





Shenley Brook End and Tattenhoe Parish is on the South Bedfordshire sheet 220 of the 19th century Ordnance Survey map 1 inch series. It was revised in 1893 and shows Shenley Brook End and Tattenhoe in the left hand corner and Luton in the bottom right.

Where Furzton estate and the lake is situated, is a farmstead 'Cold Harbour'. It is bounded by a lane from Watling Street to Windmill Hill now Standing Way H8. Shenley Lane still exists in parts along Fulmer Street V3.

Shenley Brook End had a 'Smithy' and an Inn. Howe Park and Tattenhoe are on the map, but the latter has only one or two buildings which are a distance from the Church. Just outside the Parish is the London & North Western Railway 'Oxford to Bletchley Branch'. Bletchley is a tiny village, but there is a development near the station.

Mail for the Parish would have been delivered from Bletchley. There was a Royal Mail Sorting Office by the station at around this time or a little later, before it moved to Queensway and then Mount Farm in the 1980's.

Councillor Charlie Osler (acknowledgements go to Ordnance Survey & National Library of Scotland)

Set up a NHW Scheme in your area

Would you like to bring your community closer together, or do you have concerns about burglary, antisocial behaviour or the general environment in your street?



Through Neighbourhood Watch you can help the Police and your neighbours to strengthen your community. You can make your area a better place to live. **The scheme is free to join!**

Aims of Neighbourhood Watch

- To reduce opportunities for crime and make it more difficult for criminals to act
- To build community spirit so that neighbours can work together for everybody's benefit – to reduce the fear of crime. We encourage you to set up a closed group in Facebook for your members
- To report suspicious incidents in your neighbourhood to the Police and know how to report them
- To look at improving the neighbourhood, (fixing street lighting, potholes, overgrown bushes etc.)

Benefits

- NHW signage and stickers act as a deterrent
- Receipt of Thames Valley Alert messages informing you about burglaries and crime trends taking place in your area. These messages can also include Witness Appeals, information about/from our policing teams and Thames Valley Police press releases
- Most insurers offer a discount if you are a member of a NHW scheme
- Crime reduction and policing information given at the setup meeting including leaflets
- If you have any questions please contact me David Huckle at the following email address MKCommunity.Watchcoordinator@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk for further information

Grant Thanks....1st Oxley Park Guides were delighted to receive a grant from Shenley Brook End & Tattenhoe Parish Council recently.

We applied for the grant to buy tents & camping equipment for our Guide Unit.

Our Guide Unit caters for up to 36 young people, ages 10 to 14, living within the Parish.

We are always looking for ways in which our Guides can learn new skills, have new experiences and have the chance to work together in a team. Some of our Guides haven't had the chance to go camping yet and this grant has allowed us to buy 4 new tents, equipment including a stove, utensils and pots and pans.

On Monday 30th April we met our Guides at Herons Lodge, our Milton Keynes Guiding Centre and they had the opportunity to practice putting up and taking down their new tents. They really enjoyed the experience and are now really looking forward to our first camping trip booked for September this year.



Grant Thanks....Big and Little Acorns toddler groups

Every Tuesday and Thursday morning during term time the Oak Tree Centre in Shenley Brook End is the home to Acorns "stay and play" toddler groups.

So what happens at Big and Little Acorns? You can expect lots of different toys (small world and construction toys, dolls and the train track are firm favourites!), a craft activity, messy play and a song time ending in parachute games and bubbles. It is also an opportunity for parents and carers to enjoy a hot drink, meet up with people they know and make new friends as well as enjoying the activities with their children.

Particular highlights from this academic year have been enjoying lots of painting, playing with rice and sensory spaghetti and learning new songs, as well as having a visit from the Police Community Support Officers and our annual trip to Safari MK soft play centre. This term we are looking forward to a visit from the Fire Service and a summer trip to Gulliver's Land, and to hopefully spending much more time playing outside with sand, water and chalk in our enclosed courtyard area when the sun shines again!

We are very grateful to Shenley Brook End Parish Council for their generous grant, which has enabled us to buy some wonderful new play equipment, including a make-believe kitchen and sand and water table.

- Little Acorns takes place on Tuesdays and is exclusively for our younger children aged two and under, allowing them to explore and learn in a safe and fun environment.
- Big Acorns takes place on Thursdays for children aged between two and four (younger brothers and sisters are welcome to attend too).
- Both groups are term time only and run between 10am-11.30am and warmly welcome up to forty children and their parents or carers.
- **New families are very welcome**, but both groups operate on a first come first served basis, so please arrive early to avoid disappointment!

Acorns is run by Shenley Christian Fellowship, and led by a dedicated team from the Church and local community. For further information about Acorns, please contact Jo at acorns@scf-mk.org.uk or on 01908 410840.



Gardening with Ginnie

Runner Beans – Nothing you can buy can compete with runner beans picked from your own garden. We have always grown runner beans but to make it easier in our terrible clay I grow the beans in small pots in the greenhouse before planting out in the garden. (see my photograph) If you only have a small plot you can grow runner beans in the flower garden as they are quite attractive. Just buy a small packet of seeds and plant them individually in small pots on a bright windowsill in mid April. They will germinate quite quickly and by mid May will be ready to go outside when all chance of frost has gone. We grow them up canes as they will be at least 6ft when at full height. Harvest them as soon as they are big enough to eat as they get stringy when they are old and enjoy the taste of home grown runner beans.

Azaleas – Five years ago I bought three small azaleas in a pack from the garden centre. I planted them in small pots in the garden and have over the years repotted them into larger pots. Azaleas need ericaceous compost and do not flourish in our clay soil so keeping them in patio pots is the only way to get the plants to flourish and have the beautiful colours of these shrubs every year. From Spring until late Summer I water them once a fortnight with a special feed for ericaceous plants keeping them watered in between with rainwater when we have a dry period. You can see from my photo what a lovely display they still are and hopefully they will continue for many years to come.

Wisteria – This is one of the most difficult shrubs to get the pruning right. Unfortunately the weather in February was against us and we were not able to do the usual pruning. The long tendrils should be cut back to two buds in February and this should then produce lots of flower buds. Due to the weather we cut it back late and quickly and cut off most of the flower buds so this year we only have a few flowers, we hope for better luck next year, we can't always get things right !!

Enjoy your summer garden



Ginnie



ALLOTMENTS AVAILABLE

The Parish Council currently has plots available for rent at a number of sites around the parish.

If you would like more information or to apply for an allotment or if you have any queries or ideas regarding your allotment please contact:

Karen on 01908 521538 or email: karen.wheeler@shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk

Community Committee Report

The Community Committee meet at 7.15pm on the second Monday of every month in the Parish offices at Westcroft. All residents are welcome to attend to raise any concerns, give ideas or to just observe.

Our Parish Community Engagement team is working hard at the moment with some good results. Our youth club numbers are improving and our work with other sections of the community is continuing to increase. As mentioned in the previous newsletter the Youth Leader's role has evolved to the role of the Community Engagement Officer and he has been engaging with a wider range of residents in our Parish. To this end we now have three over 50's groups. We have the Diamond Club and Emerald Club running on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and a third club on Tuesday afternoons at the Ridgeway Community centre in Furzton. This is run together with the Watling Valley Partnership. All three clubs are very welcoming. They are an opportunity to come along just for a chat and a cup of tea or coffee, or to have a bit of fun with some quizzes and games, we will also have the occasional guest speaker and will be arranging some outside trips to varying places of interest.

Have a look at the Parish Council website for full details. If you are interested in joining them please contact the Parish Council office on 01908 521538.

The Council is continuing to investigate if any other community services are needed within the Parish. We welcome any suggestions or ideas from local residents, please contact us.

We have also been in contact with SARC, the Sensory Advice Resource Centre. This is a Hearing Aid Support Service and we can now offer assistance with minor repairs, ear mould cleaning, battery replacement and advice, free of charge. This is in addition to the sessions currently provided by SARC around Milton Keynes. See page 7 of this newsletter for more information.

Our occasional Friday afternoon film club is now up and running. We are hoping it will run more frequently but it has been well supported so far. Keep an eye on the Parish Council website on the 'What's on' page and notice boards for new dates and details of what will be showing.

We have had the first coffee morning, these will take place on the last Friday of the month and our gentle keep fit sessions have also started on a Tuesday at the Ridgeway Community centre in Furzton.

On the first and third Mondays of the month we are also assisting residents with some basic 'Learn more about IT sessions'. Details of all our activities are on the Parish Council website.

We are continuing to support local organisations with funding for activities or services that will benefit local residents. I would like to remind you all that we are very willing to hear from any groups or organisations who would like financial help with their activities that support the residents of this parish in any way. Please contact our Parish Office for more information and they will be happy to give advice.

Michele Chapman

Chairman Community Committee

Planning & Environment Committee Report

When the spring arrives it brings with it warmer weather and a rapid increase in the amount of Dog Poo Bags left around the Parish, on the ground, tossed into trees and bushes. It is good news that more dog owners are using Poo Bags but I am sure that all the residents of our Parish would be much happier if more of the Poo Bags could find their way into Dog Poo Bins provided by the Parish Council, or take the bags home.

If you are unsure where your nearest bin can be found just go to our website, click on "Around the Parish" then click on "Parish Map", with the map is a list of all our bins, currently there are over 55 Dog Poo Bins around the 8 grid squares that make up our Parish.

Since the last edition of the Community News our committee has dealt with over thirty planning applications, which ranged from an application for a small porch to plans for two new Shops with accommodation above and an application for a Street Trading Licence near schools in the parish. The committee suggested that traders should not be allowed to operate within 250 metres of all the schools in the Parish, this was agreed by Milton Keynes Council. All applications are researched in detail and the sites are visited and when required photographs are taken to aid the committee to arrive at their conclusion based on planning guidelines.

As the ground was very wet during March very little work could be done around the allotments, so Karen and all the Warden team directed their energies into other activities such as Litter picking often being joined by the MacIntyre's Green Genies, dealing with "Fly Tipping" items such as a sofa, glass table, cupboards and drawers, cutting up fallen branches/trees, trimming hedge overhangs, cleaning street signs and reporting damaged street signs, pot holes and fading road markings.

April arrived along with spring and some what drier weather which meant the warden team and Karen could start cutting the grass on the allotment ridings and spraying weeds. More litter picking with the help of the Green Genies, removal of glass from play parks and underpasses, yet more shopping trolleys have been found and reported, the cutting up and removal of fallen trees and branches, and lastly trimming back hedge overhangs.

Don't forget residents of the Parish are always welcome to attend our committee meetings, dates and times can be found on the Parish noticeboards, on the Parish website and in the Community News.

Kevin Geaney

Chairman Planning & Environment Committee

The Great "Eggstravaganza" at the Oak Tree Centre

On Easter Monday morning, local parents and their children waited expectantly for the great "Eggstravaganza" at the Oak Tree Centre, Shenley Brook End. Excited young faces caught their first glimpse of the Easter Bunny and, within moments, he was helping, and sometimes hindering, them to search out the many Easter eggs hidden, all in plain sight, throughout the Centre. Despite the wind and the rain, the children's enthusiasm was not in the least dampened by the weather and an Eggcellent morning was had by all!



Photographs & text by Cllr Chris Williams

Little Lives

Year 6 pupils at Giles Brook School have recently been raising money for Little Lives. Little Lives is a charity which helps premature babies in the neonatal unit at the MK hospital: a cause which over the years has saved lives and brought smiles to many faces. Every year 6 at our school was given 1 pound and was set a challenge of setting up and running a business in order to grow the money to raise funds for this great cause.

On the market day, in a very crowded school hall, around 50 stalls were set up with pupils all eager to make as much money as possible. Some of the ideas for stalls were: brick-a-brack, guess the name of the teddy bear, cakes sales, bottle flipping, raffles and even a pet handling stall. It was a joyful environment and we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Exhausted, elated, excited, we finally finished an amazing day of money making and couldn't wait to count our profits. We also raised money outside of school to increase our profits.

In total we raised an amazing total of £4100.04! The cheque was handed over to Hayley Coomber, the senior fund officer of the Little Lives charity, at a special celebration assembly and she in turn handed it over to the hospital. Year 6 loved raising money for little lives!



Written by Ayaan and Smayan - Year 6 pupils at Giles Brook Primary School.

Emerson Valley Community Centre is for hire, weekday evenings for regular user groups and weekends for parties. We currently have some sessions available for user groups, so please feel free to contact us if you are looking for somewhere to hold your classes. We do offer weekend mornings for user groups as well, if this would be preferable to you. Weekends get booked up quite quickly for parties, so please make a provisional booking to save disappointment. If you are interested in hiring the hall, please contact Rebecca at the Parish Council offices on 01908 521538.



Community Centre Information

SHENLEY BROOK END

**Shenley Brook End
Community Centre**
Egerton Gate, Shenley Brook End.

Telephone for bookings:
Call 01908 649434

Regular Users of the Centre

- ◆ Life Lite Educational Saturday School
- ◆ House On The Rock
- ◆ Slimming World
- ◆ Sugar Guild
- ◆ Little Stars Nursery

SHENLEY BROOK END

**Shenley Brook End
Village Hall**
Church End Road, Shenley Brook End

Telephone for bookings:

Call Margaret on 01908 521530

Regular Users of the Centre

- ◆ Pilates with Carolyn, Mon 7.30-8.30pm
- ◆ Yoga with Katie Tuesday -6.30-8.00pm
- ◆ Stripey Monkeys Tuesday 12.30pm
- ◆ Cha-Cha Chimps Wednesday 10am-11am and every other Sunday
- ◆ Thistle Scottish Dance Club Wednesday 8pm-10pm
- ◆ Brownies Wednesday 6-7.30pm
- ◆ Ragdolly Annas Monday 10.30am-11.30am
- ◆ AA Group Saturday 6.30-8.30pm
- ◆ Baby College with Kate 10.15am-12pm
- ◆ Greater Love Church Sunday Rainbows Tuesday 5-6.15pm
- ◆ MK Pen and Brush Art Group - 3rd Saturday of every month 11am-1.30pm
- ◆ Tree Top After School Club 7-9pm

NORTH FURZTON

Ridgeway Community Centre
Dulverton Drive, North Furzton

For Mon to Fri bookings call Lynne on 07810310716 or for Saturday bookings Sam Seaton on 07920 884944

Regular Users of the Centre

- ◆ Beavers & Cubs
- ◆ Geological Society (1st Tues month)
- ◆ Maths & English Clubs
- ◆ Naiken System
- ◆ Zumba Gold
- ◆ Glow Fitness
- ◆ Square Dancing
- ◆ Taekwondo
- ◆ Furzton Tots Pre-school
- ◆ Church of the Servant King
- ◆ Brownies ◆ Youth Club

SOUTH FURZTON

Community Centre
Blackmoor Gate, Furzton.

Telephone for bookings:
Call Dawn on 07739 800840

Regular Users of the Centre

- ◆ Wing Chun ◆ Tai Chi
- ◆ Fitness & Self-defence
- ◆ Mums & Tots ◆ Nifty 60s
- ◆ Red Dragon Karate
- ◆ Pilates ◆ Soccer Tots
- ◆ Bridge Club

EMERSON VALLEY SOUTH

River Valley Centre
Whitehorse Drive, Emerson Valley

Telephone for bookings:
Call Nikki on 07854 402864

Regular Users of the Centre

- ◆ The Wendy House (Pre-School)
- ◆ Rainbows ◆ Brownies ◆ Guides
- ◆ Weightwatchers ◆ On Point Dance
- ◆ Slimming World
- ◆ Sunday Mornings Church Meeting
- ◆ Windmill Hill Allotment Society

EMERSON VALLEY NORTH

**Emerson Valley
Community Centre**
Roeburn Crescent, Emerson Valley

Telephone for bookings:
Call Rebecca on 01908 521538

Regular Users of the Centre

- ◆ Howe Park Scout Group
- ◆ Ducklings Pre-school
- ◆ Line Dancing ◆ Zumba
- ◆ W.U.M.A Martial Arts
- ◆ Weightwatchers ◆ Sadies Dance

SHENLEY LODGE

Shenley Lodge Meeting Place
Faraday Drive, Shenley Lodge

Telephone For bookings:
Call Steve on 07505 900686

Regular Users of the Centre

- ◆ Servants of God Ministry
- ◆ Shenley Lodge Pre-School
- ◆ Shenley Christian Fellowship
- ◆ Reflection - Meditation Group
- ◆ Kathak - Classical Indian Dance
- ◆ Karate

OAK TREE CENTRE

Wallinger Drive, Shenley Brook End
Telephone for bookings 01908 410840

- ◆ Shenley Christian Fellowship Sunday Services 9.15-10.45am & 11.15am-12.45pm
- ◆ 'Drop In' meetings Monday 2-4pm
- ◆ Little Acorns (0-2 years) Tuesday 10-11.30am Term Time
- ◆ Acorns (2-4yrs) Thursday 10-11.30am Term Time
- ◆ Parish Council Youth Team Thurs 4-6pm

OXLEY PARK

Oxley Park Community Centre
Redgrave Drive, Oxley Park

Telephone for bookings:
Call 01908 524482

Regular Users of the Centre

- ◆ Little Owls Children's Centre
- ◆ Kingsmead Pre-school
- ◆ Pilates & Yoga
- ◆ Cub Scouts Rainbows & Brownies
- ◆ Ragdolly Annas
- ◆ Disco Babies
- ◆ Zumbini ◆ Socatots
- ◆ Baby Massage & Yoga Classes
- ◆ Insanity Fitness
- ◆ Embroiderer's Guild (MK Branch)
- ◆ Taekwondo
- ◆ Starshine Yoga for Children
- ◆ Salsa Dancing
- ◆ Arabic Classes ◆ Telltale Tots

TATTENHOE

Tattenhoe Pavilion
Holborn Crescent, Tattenhoe.

Telephone for bookings:
Call 01908 749038

Regular Users of the Centre

- ◆ Westcroft Library
- ◆ Tattenhoe FC
- ◆ MK College
- ◆ Walking Football

WESTCROFT

Westcroft Meeting Place
Wimborne Crescent,
Westcroft.

Telephone for bookings:

Call Danielle on 01908 377251

Regular Users of the Centre

- ◆ Ducklings Pre-school
- ◆ First Class Learning
- ◆ Weightwatchers
- ◆ Scouts
- ◆ Rainbows
- ◆ Brownies

What's On?

Furzton Scout Group

Beavers (age 6-8) Mondays 6-7pm
 Cubs (age 8-10) Wednesdays 6.30-8pm
 Scouts (age 10-14) Wednesdays 7-9pm
 Ridgeway Community Centre, Dulverton Drive, North Furzton

Howe Park Scout Group

Beavers (age 6-8) Thursday 6.30-7.45pm
 Cubs (age 8-10) Tuesdays 6.30-8pm
 Westcroft District Centre, Wimborne Crescent
 Scouts (age 10-14) Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:30pm
 Emerson Valley Meeting Place (North), Roeburn
 Crescent Contact **Danielle** on **07878796375** or email howepark@iconnex.co.uk

Loughton Scout Group

Beavers (age 6-8) Thursdays 5.45-7pm
 Cubs (age 8-10) Wednesdays 6.30-8pm
 Scouts (age 10-14) Thursdays 7-9pm
 Loughton Memorial Hall, Bradwell Road, Loughton

Milton Keynes Junior Badminton Club

Meet at Shenley Leisure Centre for 8-18 years, intermediate upwards. Runs two sessions, Saturday Term Time 12.30-2.30pm, 2.30-4.30pm. Contact **Jon Aeschlimann** on **01908 542857** for further details

Shenley Christian Fellowship

All activities at the Oak Tree Centre, Wallinger Drive/Manifold Lane, Shenley Brook End:
 Every Sunday morning 9.15-10.45am & 11.15am-12.45pm, creche available and every Sunday evening 6.30-7.30pm
 Little Acorns Tuesday 10-11.30am (Bumps-2yrs), Acorns Thursday 10-11.30 (2-4yrs) term time only. Call Ross on 01908 410840 or Carrie on 07714705933.
 'Drop In': Call in for a 'cuppa', chat & relax, or join in with one of our activities. Every Monday, 2pm to 4pm.

Shenleys and Loughton Women's Institute

2nd Tuesday afternoon of every month except August - 2.30pm Loughton Memorial Hall, Bradwell Road, Loughton. New members always welcome. For more information: Call **Barbara** on **01908 503885**

Shape Changers Square Dance Club

We are a new club formed to take beginners through the basic steps of square dancing. We meet on Thursday evenings 8 - 10pm at Ridgeway Community Centre, Furzton. All are welcome £4 per session Contact **Susie** on **01280 816940**

Zumba Fitness Classes

Every Tuesday evening 7:30 - 8:30 at Tattenhoe Pavilion.
 Every Thursday evening 7:20 - 8:10 & 8.15 - 9.10 Oxley Park School Saturday morning 10.15 - 11.15 at Oxley Park School Contact **Yasmin** on **07966488727** or email yasmin@zumba.uk.com for more information

Alzheimer's Society Support Group

Information support & advice for anyone affected by dementia - Contact **Dee Cope** **01908 232612** for information or email dee.cope@alzheimers.org.uk

1st Oxley Park Rainbows and Brownies

Wednesdays, Rainbows 4.30 - 5.30, Brownies 6.00 -

7.30pm, Girls aged 5-7 Rainbows - 7-10 Brownies Oxley Park Community Centre, Redgrave Drive, Oxley Park. Contact **Cat** on **01908 522308** or **07713 238899** or email cat.oxlepkrainbows@live.co.uk

Milton Keynes Social Dance Club (MKSDC)

We are a sequence/ballroom dance club for the over 55s. we meet each Wednesday afternoon at Wilton Hall 1.30 - 4.00pm (£4.00 per session) and every Friday afternoon at Coronation Hall, Stoke Road, Bletchley 1.45 - 4.00pm (£3 per session). All welcome to either meeting or indeed both. Contact: **Claire** on **01908 311576** or just come along.

St. John Badgers

Boys and Girls aged 5-10 years, Mondays 6.30 - 7.30pm. Held at St. John Ambulance Headquarters, Blackmoor Gate, Furzton. Contact **Linda Firth** on **01908 561328** for more information

Thistle Scottish Dance Club

Scottish Country Dancing for all abilities in a small, friendly & fun group. Wednesdays 8-10pm at Shenley Brook End Village Hall - £3 per session. email jangeverybusy@me.com or just come along

North Furzton Brownies

Girls aged 7-10 Tuesday term time only 6-7.30pm Ridgeway Centre Dulverton Drive. Contact **Beverley** **01908 505338**

St. Giles Church (off Portishead Drive, Tattenhoe)

Sunday morning worship each week 9.30am. Childrens Church 2nd Sunday of the month at 11am. Evensong twice a month at 6.30pm. Contact www.watlingvalley.org.uk or phone **Steve** on **01908 520090**

Weight Watchers Shenley Brook End Community Hall Thursdays 7pm

Hertsmere Leisure-After School Sports Programme (8-11 year olds) at Bletchley Leisure Centre

Football Mondays 4-5pm. Indoor Cricket Tuesdays 4-5pm. Smash Up Badminton, Basketball & Dodgeball Wed 4-5pm. Street Golf & Indoor Tennis Thurs 4.30-5.30pm. Contact **Chris** on **07818513744** chris.bryden@miltonkeynesleisure.co.uk for info.

Bollydance - Dance Studio Shenley Brook End School. Adult and Children classes. Contact Rachel on 07500968631

Slimming World - Oaktree Centre, Shenley Brook End - Tuesday 3.30, 5.30 & 7.30pm. Tel: Ann -01908 505943 or 07714037832

The Whaddon Night Owls WI - Jubilee Hall Whaddon -3rd Wed month-7pm Contact Daphne on 01908 502088

To publicise an event in our **FREE** 'What's On' listing, send details to the address on page 4, or e-mail: rebecca.zimmerman@shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk

Don't forget that the Trades Directory is still available on the Parish website along with much more news and information at: www.shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk.



Well done Caroline Haslett School, Shenley Lodge, Milton Keynes!

Caroline Haslett School receives a surprise visit from Ofsted and is rated 'Good', moving towards 'Outstanding' in every area!

Clr Chris Williams, on a recent visit to the school, congratulates Head teacher Paul Quinton and his staff for their hard work and team spirit that has resulted in this tremendous achievement!

Caroline Haslett school Junior Park Rangers ran a Spring Photography Competition this term. The challenge was to take a photo of any aspect of the wildlife in and around Milton Keynes (eg. trees, birds, plants, animals). We had some fantastic entries but our overall winner was Haniyyah in Year 6. Second place was Zenon in Year 1 and third place Gemma in Year 6. We have included a picture of the children with their winning photos (Haniyyah, Gemma, Zenon – from left to right)



MK Community Fridge inspires new fridge locations nationally

The Old Bath House, Wolverton welcomed the Community Fridge Network to host their national gathering last week welcoming 21 organisations from across the country to meet and discover the benefits of community fridges demonstrating the city's very own community fridge in action as an example of the movement's success. Organised by Hubbub Charity UK and hosted by MK Community Fridge, the group were treated to a lunchtime feast prepared by Oke of the Afro-Caribbean Lunch-Club and the young people at Think Food who rose to the challenge and created a delicious multi-course feast from food that would have otherwise been put in the bin. For MK Community Fridge the seed was planted for more than one possible new community fridge locations in Milton Keynes this year.

MK Community Fridge has already shared more than 7 tons of unwanted quality food and the benefits are being felt across the city. New developments in supermarket operations will allow MK Community Fridge to evolve its opening hours from next week. The doors to the foyer of The Old Bath House will be open for visitors to share unwanted food every weekday morning between 10-12.30pm and weekday evenings (staffed) 7-8pm.

Opening hours:

10-12.30pm Mon-Friday (unstaffed)

12.30-2pm Thursday – Pop-up café in The Main Hall

7-8pm Mon-Friday (staffed)

The Community Fridge Café pop-ups every Thursday at 12.30pm in the Main Hall of The Old Bath House and their team serves drinks, treats and sometimes a simple hot lunch from surplus food from the fridge. There is no charge and everyone is welcome. Local artist, Chrissie Williamson will be working in collaboration with the Café to share her craft skills on Thursday 29 March and you can see Anthony Youngs' exhibition 'On the Shoulders of Giants' in the hallway of the community centre.

If you would like to know more about MK Community Fridge or The Old Bath House contact Helen Innes, Project Co-ordinator.

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