



Walton Parish Council Newsletter

Winter 2010



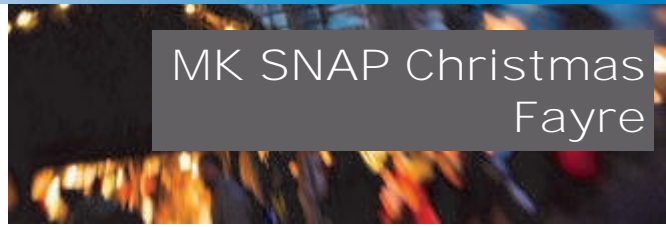
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MK SNAP Christmas Fayre

Get festive and support a local charity

As part of MK SNAP's annual fund raising programme, they host a series of events and prize draws to raise money and awareness of the work and educational programmes that they run.

Who are MK SNAP?



MK SNAP is a Milton Keynes based charity and was set up in 1991 by a small group of parents.

The money raised is used to help and educate people who have learning and physical difficulties

They rely on the generous support of the many individuals, groups and businesses who give generously to support the organisation.

This money is used to great effect and helps their clients to develop life skills that they may then use in everyday life.

MK SNAP are hosting their next Christmas Fayre on 11th December 2010 from 11am to 5pm at the MK SNAP Centre, in Walnut Tree.

Local individuals or organisations can have their own stall selling gifts, local products and festive items at the fayre. Stalls are only £10 each!

For more details on how to get a stand, or the day itself call MK SNAP on 01908 690330 or visit www.mksnap.org

Happy Christmas from
Walton Parish Council

Wishing you all a safe and prosperous festive season!



More information
MKSNAPE's website is at www.mksnap.org

Resident's survey 2011



Tell us what you want in your community in the coming year

We need your help!
We would like to know what you want provided by your parish council for all 11,000 residents in this area.

Our goals and aims for 2010 were:

- Provide value for money
- Work within our budget (£40,000 this year)
- Provide access to youth services
- Support charities that support local people
- Improve access to leisure and sports facilities

What about in 2011?
What are your 2011 wants and needs? We'd like to know if you have ideas for anything from a small community project to a "big idea".

Write it down on this page, tear it out and drop it off at Heronsbrook Meeting Place—or email us: clerk@waltonparishcouncil-mk.gov.uk

While we can consider all projects, please remember that we must balance the needs of the community as a whole. However, if **we can't help we can often** find someone or a group that can.

We'll publish the results next issue.

I'd like to see the following in Walton Parish...

More information
If it's easier, you can mail your ideas to
clerk@waltonparishcouncil-mk.gov.uk



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Parish updates

Updates on parish facilities and projects

Allotments

The Parish currently has 3 allotment sites, 2 in Walnut Tree and one in Old Farm Park. They consist of 92 separate plots, each site has access to water and a notice board for on-going communication.



The allotment lease period runs from April to March and the current fee is £25 per plot per year. All of the plots are currently actively being worked and we have a waiting list of over 50 people.

The allotments are actively managed by the Parish and plots are taken back where there are visible and consistent cases of plots not being worked. The allotments have proved to be very popular and the Parish is always looking for ways to improve them.

If you would like to be put of the waiting list then please pass on your contact details to the Clerk.

Youth club

The Parish is fully supportive of the local efforts to start a youth club.

The Parish has agreed to fund a weekly youth club to be staffed by Milton Keynes Youth Services.

The aim being for the Parish to provide the seed money to get the service up and running with professional staff and then for local residents to get involved in taking it forward.

At present Milton Keynes Youth Services have engaged staff and as soon as the CRB checks are complete the service will start running.

If you would like to support the running of the Youth Club then please pass your details on the Clerk.



More information

If you want an allotment or can help with the youth club, get in contact. See www.waltonparishcouncil-mk.gov.uk for contact details.

Parish updates



Help for you and fellow residents in the parish

Charity



One of the roles of the Parish is to provide grants to local charities and good causes which provide benefits to the local area and or local residents.

If you are a local organisation and are looking for funds for specific purposes then please contact the Clerk for a grant request form.

In addition to this the Parish acts as a focal point for the sharing of information and resources. Recently the

Parish was approached by the Lions Club which is a charitable organisation that provides resources to local groups.

As well as providing people it also helps with fund raising for specific items. If you are a local group and looking for additional support why not give them a call to see if they could help you.

Number 8 bus problem

One of our local bus services, the Z&S Number 8, has been victim of youths throwing missiles at it. This is a MK Council subsidised service



for weekends, very early mornings and late evenings and it provides a valuable link from our parish to the rest of Milton Keynes.

It is simply not acceptable that some of our younger residents are acting so recklessly and putting people's safety and lives at risk.

As a parish council we would not want to see a situation where areas of our parish have to be avoided by buses.

We would ask you that if you have information on who is doing this to call Thames Valley Police on 0845 8 505 505 but if you see an incident in progress, call 999 immediately.

More information

MK Lions Club are on the web at www.lionsclub-mkc.co.uk

Let us know if you have a charity that would benefit the parish.



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Broadband update

Walton Parish residents need faster broadband!

In the last newsletter we had the news that BT Openreach has announced that it's installing fast fibre optic broadband with up to 40Mbps speed across the whole of Milton Keynes—except for Walton Parish!

Anyone connected to the Woburn Sands exchange (typically phone numbers beginning "58") will be disadvantaged as a result.

We encouraged anyone wanting faster broadband to get in touch with us so we could take a petition to Openreach to encourage them to fibre-enable Woburn Sands exchange.

Since the last newsletter, we've had 93 residents contact us as a result, 19 of whom work from home.

We're looking for more people to help convince Openreach they need to do this!

What's happened so far?

Openreach has had some initial meetings with Councillor Chapman as well as MP's Iain Stewart and Mark Lancaster about Woburn Sands exchange.

Our colleagues in neighbouring parishes are also involved and adding their weight to the campaign. The MK Citizen newspaper is also making waves with it's broadband campaign run in association with the MK Broadband Action Group (www.mkbag.org)

While the talks with Openreach are only in the initial stages, it is believed with enough people

registering demand in this and other affected areas, we can change their mind and get fast fibre optic broadband to all of our residents by 2012.

What can you do right now to help?

If you've not done so, please email the Clerk to get added to the broadband petition.

Secondly, make sure you visit BT's "Race To Infinity" website and enter your postcode which will let BT know we all want fibre in this area. If Woburn Sands is one of the most requested exchanges, they will roll out fibre optic broadband.

The website to vote at is www.bt.com/racetoinfinity

More information

Walton Parish Council does not endorse any individual product or service.

Holiday Club



Supporting community-led projects

Walton Parish Council has a policy of providing small grants towards organisations which provide a benefit to its parishioners.

This year it gave a grant to the Holiday Club which was run during 4 days in August at the church in Kents Hill.



Varied activities

The children attending were split into two groups according to their age and undertook a variety of activities, both educational and fun with the emphasis on the fun. There were arts and crafts on offer as

well as singing and dancing plus entertainment from a magician. Unfortunately the weather meant that the bouncy castle and other planned outdoor activities had to be brought indoors but they were still well used with the added benefit of mud free children.

This year's holiday club was another success with all of the children thoroughly enjoying themselves and participating in all the activities. However, this success was underpinned by the small army of volunteers who gave up their time during the months of preparation leading up to the event and to supervise the children while the club was running.

A great example of a community led project. Well done everyone!

Can you help or do you need our help?

If you feel that you can help one of the many community based charities or groups in our parish, let us know and we can get you in contact with groups that are seeking volunteers.

Or if you run an organisation that serves Walton parish and are looking for a grant, get in touch. The application form for a grant can be found on our website.

Get involved with your parish council

Your parish council is your first stop for local services and assistance. Get involved by attending our monthly Parish Council meetings—see back page.



About Walton Parish Council

We cover the areas of Browns Wood, Caldecotte, Old Farm Park, Tilbrook, Tower Gate, Wavendon Gate, Walnut Tree, Walton Hall and Walton Park.

Walton Parish Council

A Parish Council is the first tier of government in England and is independent of any other local authority.

Each parish council consists of a chairman and a certain number of councillors, all of whom are elected and hold office for 4 years. WPC has 8 councillors: Chairman Amanda Taylor, Vice Chair Jeannette Green, Mick Parker, Marisa Cork, Rebecca Walton, Suzanne Nti, Ian Boulden and Adam Chapman.

WPC is apolitical and will not be drawn into party political issues. We exist to help our residents by putting our funding to good use for the benefit of the parish, in addition to the services provided by MK Council.

Local meeting venue contacts

Wavendon Gate Pavilion
Isaacson Drive, Wavendon Gate
www.wavendongatepavilion.com
☎ 01908 584860

Heronbrook Meeting Place
5, Wadesmill Lane, Walnut Tree
☎ 07752 684081

Britten Grove Community Centre
76 Holst Crescent, Old Farm Park
☎ 01908 375442

Feedback to the Parish Council

We're always keen to get your input, ideas and feedback. If there's anything you want to discuss, or to address with the Parish Council, please get in contact. To speak at a meeting, please book a slot with the Clerk.

Public Meetings

We meet every first Wednesday at 19.45 in Heronbrook Meeting Place, Walnut Tree. Come and get involved!

Next meeting dates in 2011

- 5th January
- 2nd February
- 2nd March

Contact Walton Parish Council

Email Sonia Evans, Parish Council Clerk
clerk@waltonparishcouncil-mk.gov.uk

You can contact individual councillors, too. Details are in the "Meet Your Councillors" section of our website www.waltonparishcouncil-mk.gov.uk

Phone: (note our new number)
01908 465 445

Post:
Walton Parish Council, PO Box 6010,
Milton Keynes. MK10 1HX

*Did you know?
Walton Parish Council takes just £4.60 per household per year in precept (tax). The parish councillors receive no salaries for their time or work — and no expenses!*