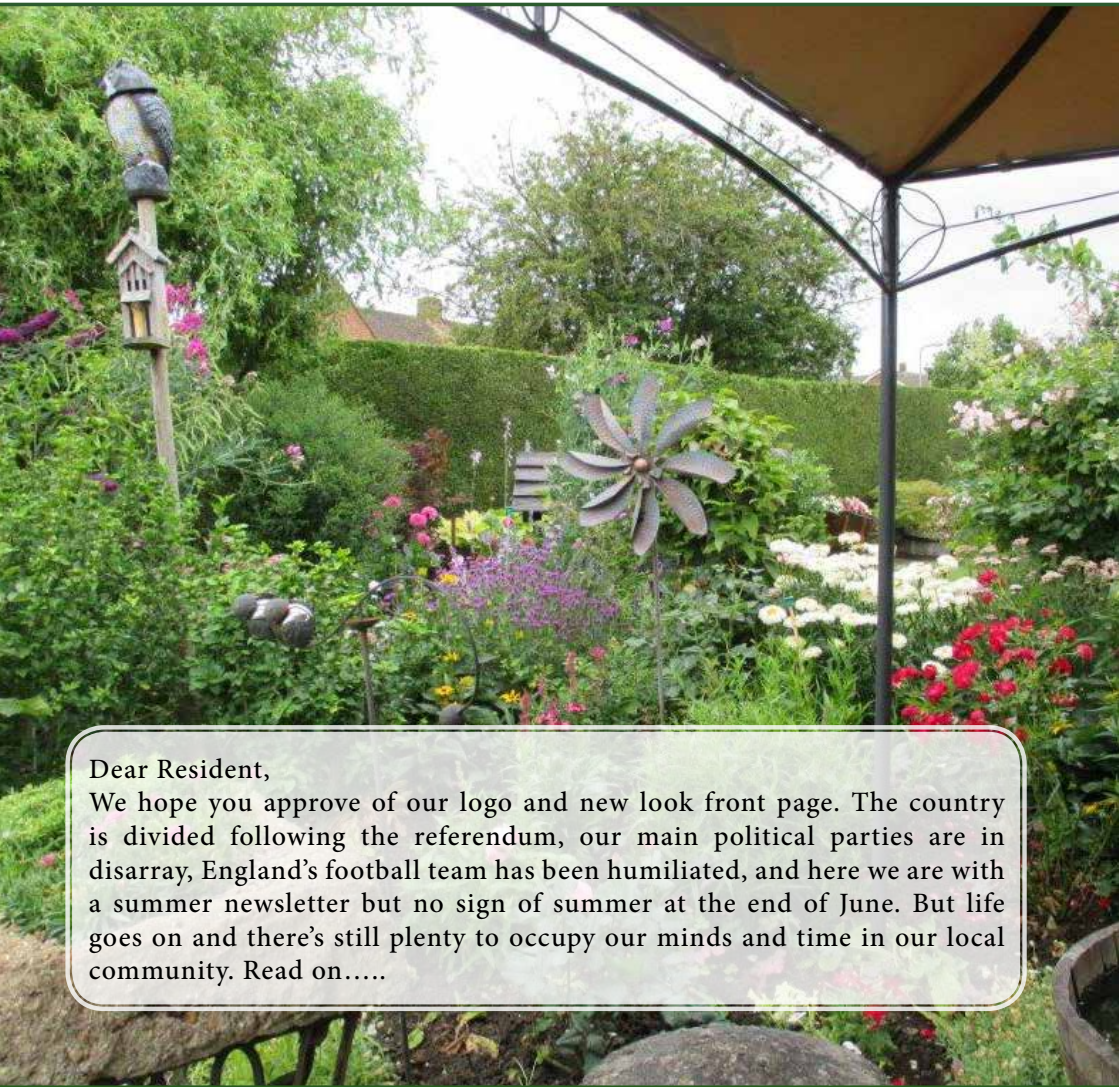




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Dear Resident,

We hope you approve of our logo and new look front page. The country is divided following the referendum, our main political parties are in disarray, England's football team has been humiliated, and here we are with a summer newsletter but no sign of summer at the end of June. But life goes on and there's still plenty to occupy our minds and time in our local community. Read on.....

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## ROAD WORKS

There are several closures and diversions to watch out for in the next couple of months:

- **Bedford Road in Aspley Guise** will be shut for 3 weeks from Sunday 24 July to Monday 15 August between The Square and Mount Pleasant to allow utilities connections to the new homes being constructed at Larkwood. The official diversion will be via the A5130 to Woburn, then into Turnpike Road, A54012 through Husborne Crawley and so back to the Bedford Road along School Lane. Whilst we realise that local people will seek to use shorter diversions, drivers should take particular care in these often narrow residential streets and HGV's will not be allowed.

- Gas mains are being relaid in **Aspley Hill** between Mon 22 and Fri 26 August

necessitating another closure, and again please take particular care using alternative routes as it is school holidays and children may well be around.

- After much pressuring to Milton Keynes Council we hope at last that by the time you receive this or soon after the awful **potholes in Station Road** will have been filled.

- Finally, the **one-way system** through our car park will continue until September to allow the removal of the Greens Hotel roof and its replacement by a roof garden for the apartments in the building. Please take particular care when exiting into Vicarage Street and into the High Street as visibility can be somewhat limited. On behalf of the contractors, we apologise for this inconvenience



# LIBRARY ACTIVITIES & SHAKESPEARE EVENING

Most of you will by now have met our new librarian, Nicky. We are delighted with this appointment as Nicky is “a local” and very keen to continue and enhance our library, along with our excellent group of volunteers. We are also very pleased to be able to offer free craft activities for children in the library during the school summer holidays. All these sessions are for one hour but numbers are strictly limited, so you must reserve a place with Nicky at the Library.

The sessions are as follows:

**THURS 28 JULY** at 10.30am  
Pop up cards for 7-12 year olds

**THURS 11 AUG** at 10.30am  
Clay modelling for 6+ year olds

**FRI 19 AUG** at 3.00pm  
Printing gift cards and tags for  
7-12 year olds

**THURS 25 AUG** at 10.30am  
Cartoon Drawing for 6+ year  
olds

At the time of writing, our Shakespearean evening has not taken place but by the time you read this you will have missed it if you didn't manage to get a ticket. These sold out



very quickly, thanks for sure to the names of Kevin Whately and his wife Madelaine Newton on the posters. Our special thanks to Kevin and Madelaine for giving their time and all those who came and contributed to the success of the evening. The money raised make a useful addition to our library funds allowing these craft activities to be offered for free, and hopefully more to follow.



# PLANNING MATTERS



It may be holiday time, but sadly there is no respite in planning applications. Currently Milton Keynes is considering the amended application submitted by **Taylor Wimpey for phases 5 & 6** of Parklands. The amendments are minor and all previous letters on the original application some months ago will still be considered. All that has changed is a small reduction from 86 to 81 properties, but with 42 of these flats, fewer smaller three bed homes and more 4-5 bed ones. There is no green open space although there is an improvement in the parking spaces around the sports hall. Our letter on this revised application is on our website which you should also watch for any further information on this application.

We also await a decision on the **Wavendon Properties** application but this is not expected to go before Development Control until at least October; again watch the website for further information.

Many residents have quite rightly expressed concern at the ugly **cycle rack** which has appeared on Greensands View by the flats. After a number of incorrect assertions about this rack, we can confirm that MKC enforcement is looking into it following a change of personnel in Taylor Wimpey which apparently led to the cycle rack being installed without permission.



# Fulbrook Middle School

Samantha Clancy, Headteacher



*We would appreciate as many people as possible taking a moment to complete our survey in which four questions are asked relating to the future of Fulbrook as an education and community provider.*

*Please find the survey at [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/F9YHH26](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/F9YHH26). This link can also be accessed via the home page of the school website: [www.fulbrookmiddleschool.co.uk](http://www.fulbrookmiddleschool.co.uk), as can a document outlining our intentions to create a new 5-yr strategy.*

*We congratulate former pupil Ben Chilwell, pictured here with local friends just 6 years after leaving Fulbrook. These former players were part of a talented*

*team from the school and Ben has moved on to the dizzy heights of the Leicester FC and a Premier League member of the winning football team.*



## SWALLOWFIELD LOWER SCHOOL

Our Councillor, Ward Councillor and Deputy Milton Keynes Mayor, David Hopkins, formally opened Swallowfield's Library bus at the end of May. This old Routemaster double decker has been renovated and made into a library space on two floors. Fund raising efforts from the pupils in an Enterprise project raised an amazing £1,200 in profit.





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by Canon Chris Beales

*St Michaels took the EU referendum very seriously with speakers from both sides of the campaign at two services before the vote. In the light of the outcome to leave the EU, here's a proposal: why doesn't Woburn Sands, with the Churches, Schools community groups and businesses, actively look for a suitable town in Europe to twin with? Let's state firmly and clearly that we are part of a bigger world, we value our relationships with people of other countries, cultures and creeds and we want to build a good, generous and welcoming Britain. It's that kind of spirit we seek to practise-albeit not very well- at St Michael's along with many others in our community. Please help us practise what we preach and join us in working actively to ensure our community remains open, generous and welcoming.*

*Work continues in our churchyard with trees being removed or trimmed and tidied, thanks to funding from Section 106 monies from Milton Keynes Council (Taylor Wimpey development), and an area by the entrance gate is being prepared for our new Garden of Remembrance with the help of Neville Funeral Service. For information on all our activities, please check our website [www.stmichaelsws.org.uk](http://www.stmichaelsws.org.uk).*

If you are interested in the Town Council exploring the viability of twinning as suggested by Chris above, you can contact him or the Town Clerk.



## WOBURN LIONESSES DOUBLE TREBLE



Woburn & Wavendon Under 18 Lionesses have enjoyed yet another hugely successful season, winning the treble of League, County Cup & League Cup. What makes this even more remarkable is that it's also for a second successive season! "Success like this does not just land on your plate. It takes an awful lot of hard work and real dedication, not only from the team but also the coaches, volunteers and parents" commented Ian Doggett, Club Chairman. "With girls/ladies football booming nationally, we are delighted that the Lionesses continue to impress both in terms of success and the large number of girls teams the Club runs".

Woburn Lionesses are keen to hear from any ladies interested in joining us for matches on Sunday afternoons and training at Wavendon Gate on Wednesdays.

Contact **Pat Mancini**

mobile: **07775 039262**

or visit the Club's website: [ww-fc.co.uk](http://ww-fc.co.uk)



# SNIPPETS & DATES



## GARDEN COMPETITION 25TH JULY:

Nominations for our garden competition sponsored by Frosts Garden Centre need to be made to the Town Clerk by 18 July. (see front cover for last year's winning back garden)



Our very own community choir, **The Sands Singers**, is putting on a concert of songs ranging from Vivaldi, through Peer Gynt to Andrew Lloyd-Webber on **SUNDAY 22 JULY** at St Michaels at 2.30pm. Admission at the door, just £5.00.

**The Woburn Sands Band Annual Fayre** takes place on Mowbray Green at 1.30pm on **AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY**. This is an important fund raising event to support the wonderful work done by the Band, not least in encouraging young people to take up an instrument. Here is the Junior Band performing on Mowbray Green in June: they also achieved success in the Bedford Festival of Music. The Town Council showed our appreciation for the dedication of Len Jenkins, the leader of the Woburn Sands Band by nominating him for a place at one of the Buckingham Palace Garden parties this year - an event greatly enjoyed by Len and his wife.



**George Wells Charity** With A-level results due in August, now is the time to apply for a grant This Charity was set up to help students in full time education or apprenticeships up to the age of 25 who live in Woburn Sands, Wavendon or Aspley Heath and who need to buy books or equipment for their courses. Application is simple and forms or further information available from the Town Clerk.

With **hedges** growing fast at this time of year, please check that your's are not overhanging pavements restricting access for pedestrians and at the same time, if **gravel** from your drive is spilling out onto the pavements, please sweep it back as it can make walking awkward for pedestrians.

We are in the process of **amending our website** and in particular, extending our links. If your local group has a website you would like to go as a link on our Town Council one, please contact the Town Clerk.

Finally: **Good Luck, Greg!** Greg Rutherford's successes in winning gold medals have been greatly increased in number since he won his Gold at the London Olympics. We have recently improved the surround of his winning jump length commemorated at Mowbray Green and installed a plaque recording all his Gold medal jumps and there is space to add the 2016 Olympic Gold??? Although no longer a Woburn Sands resident, Greg does live within our community and often states his home is in Woburn Sands. So, we'll be rooting for you, Greg.....

