

Teaser Time

The Newton Leys street names within Milton Keynes area are named after the 'Islands of the World'.

How many Islands can you find in our wordsearch? The following islands are within the wordsearch;

Martinique, Santa Maria, San Andres, Grenadine, Margarita, Santa Cruz, Maldives, St Helena, Hebrides, Anglesey, Shetland, Trinidad, Honduras, Tasmania, Barbados, Alderney, Maldives, Madeira, Grenada, Antigua, St Lucia, Sumatra, Madeira, Bonaire, Cayman, Tobago, Guyana, Aruba, Arran, Tiree, Lundy, Skye

CAN YOU NAME THREE ISLANDS ON NEWTON LEYS, WHICH DO NOT APPEAR?

Email us news@newtonleys.org.uk With the answer and we will declare the winner here in our next edition.



Newton Leys News

The newsletter of Newton Leys Residents' Association

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SAVE OUR LAWNS...

Have you got a rubbish lawn, with yellow and brown patches? Did you notice a lot of daddy long legs in your garden last year? You can blame the Leatherjackets. Daddy long legs will lay eggs on your lawn and the pupae develop into Leatherjackets which then eat your lawn from the roots upwards.



Much of Newton Leys was used as a farm up until Newton Leys was built. Before it became our home, it was their home, it was full of wheat/corn, which make a nice meal!

Fight back by laying Nematodes in your garden by the end of September. We need all residents to do this, so please do buy a packet of Nematodes (approx. £15-20) either online or in any garden store and water them into your garden for a better lawn next year.

Please support your COMMUNITY

We need your help. Newton Leys Residents Association receive no permanent funding at present to put on any community events or to help us build a sustainable community.

We've been getting by on some support from our sponsors such as Emma Clarke, professional hair in your home – **but we really need more help!**

If every home on Newton Leys gave us £5 per year, it would give us £3000 per year to fund community projects such as the Together Sessions, this Newsletter, or to provide a community website.

If you would like to help, even if it is a small amount please email us now at [do-nate@newtonleys.org.uk](mailto:donate@newtonleys.org.uk)

Do you own a business and would like to advertise to 600 + homes? Email treasurer@newtonleys.org.uk to see how you can sponsor this newsletter



NEWTON LEYS WOMENS INSTITUTE

Did you know that Newton Leys has its own branch of the WI. We're not all about knitting and cups if tea either (well not all of the time!). Meet other women in the community and learning new skills? We meet on the 2nd Thursday of every month, 7.45 at the community centre.

Come along or drop us a line at womensinstitute@newtonleys.org.uk

Community Fun Day

The 3rd Newton Leys Community Fun Day was held on 13 September 2013.

We wanted to ensure that it was the best one yet and our Head of Events, Lindsey Newman, pulled out all of the stops to guarantee that it was.

The community centre was the main hub and housed stalls for local business to sell their wares, the WI to offer delicious cakes, treats and refreshments and the Together Sessions had a number of activities for the 0-5 age group.

Outside of the centre there was a bouncy castle, human table football, face painting by Little Cherubs, burgers and hot dogs and some musical entertainment from steel band duo, Solid Steel.

In addition to this there was dog show hosted by Debbie Nicholas with a variety of categories so every canine friend had a chance of winning a rosette.

The wonderful Gruffalo trail through the newly opening walk ways around the lake, organised by Bethan Benton and the Together Sessions, was a real hit with children and parents alike, especially the Gruffalo cake awarded for completing the walk

And finally, the photography competition where the winning entries will be displayed in the community centre. Congratulations to Aaron Davis for the 12-18 category and Gemma Bailey in the 18 and over category for the beautiful picture of the geese over our lake as seen above.



Newton Leys Christmas Fete

We want to make Newton Leys a fantastic place to live, and it all starts with a bit of community spirit!

So come and join in with our Christmas evening at the community centre on Sunday 14 December 2014 from 5pm.

We have it on good authority that Father Christmas will be popping in to say hello to the children and check to see if they are on the naughty or nice list.

There will be refreshments from the WI and Christmas carols too get the festive season off to a great start!

Volunteers are needed to support this and other events. If you can spend even a couple of hours a month supporting your community, then get in contact with us via email chairman@newtonleys.org.uk or drop in to the next Residents Association meeting on Thursday 20 November – 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

Landfill Update

Bletchley Landfill site operates at the very rear of the Newton Leys site. It is a licence to operate until 2022. The site has a number of measures to prevent a huge impact on Newton Leys, but if you do smell anything out of the ordinary, please call the Environment Agency on 0800 80 70 60 to raise an issue.

To join Newton Leys Residents' Association, please visit join.newtonleys.org.uk

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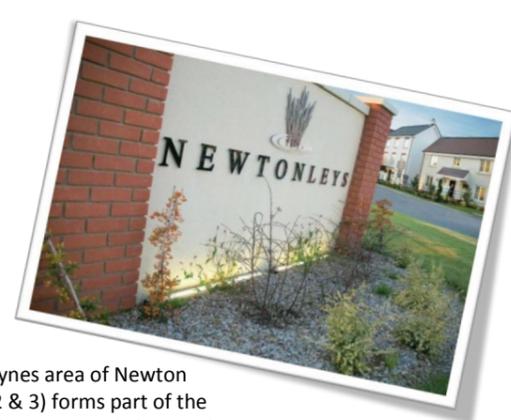
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Residents' Association Update

The Newton Leys Residents' Association Meetings take place bi-monthly on the third Thursday of January, March, May, July, September and November at the Community Centre.

At the latest meeting, lots of issues were discussed by the Residents in relation to local facilities on the site, and also the recent Milton Keynes Council meetings which had been attended by Ethan, Hannah, Lindsey and Claire to pose questions on behalf of the Residents' Association

We want the local facilities that have promised to be delivered as soon as possible, and as a community we need to make sure that we have a collective strong voice and we hold local officials to account. It is also imperative that Milton Keynes Council enforce the key trigger points in the S106 agreements

The recent Town Councillor for Newton Leys Keith Allen has recently stepped down and Graham Anderson, a Newton Leys resident has now replaced him as a Town Councillor.

The Milton Keynes area of Newton Leys (Phase , 2 & 3) forms part of the revised Bletchley East ward along with the Lakes Estate and elections were held on 22 May 2014.

Councillor Alan Webb and Councillor Mohammed Khan (both representing Labour) attended the May Residents' Association meeting to assure the community of their continued support. Councillor David Nash of UKIP was also elected at the recent elections. Future meetings will discuss how we engage with Councillors.

The Aylesbury Vale houses (Bovis) had no local elections taking place.

Newton Leys Residents' Association Committee

Hannah Day—Chair
 Elaine Jackson—Secretary
 Sanja Booth—Treasurer
 Lindsey Newman—Events Coordinator
 Derek Powell & Leigh Underwood—Environment
 John Brooks—Broadband issues
 Frank Sime—Builder links/P1 & P2 representative

Can you spare 2 minutes to give us your views on the current and future youth provision in Newton Leys? This will help us secure vital funding for equipment and youth workers. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RHSXDRW>

Residents' Association Annual General Meeting

The second AGM of the Newton Leys Residents' Association will take place on Thursday 20 November, 7.30pm at the community centre.

The chair will address the committee and update on the actions and events for the past year. Hannah will then stand down and a new chair will be elected as part of the constitution. All other posts will then be filled. Details of these are opposite. If you would like to be involved or to stand for one of the positions, please email your request to be considered to

chairman@newtonleys.org.uk by Sunday 16 November.

If you don't want an official role, but want to either be more involved or find out more, please come and join us

Available posts:

Chair – The chair will host the committee meetings, be the first point of contact for the Town Councillor and other RAs throughout our ward. Supporting the sub committees and ensuring that the key issues within our community are raised and challenged where appropriate. To be a signatory on the bank account and to look for revenue streams to support community activity and events

Secretary – managing bookings of venues for committee meetings, taking and writing the minutes for the meetings and writing the agendas. To be a signatory on the bank account.

Treasurer – To manage the finances of the RA, by recording incoming and outgoing expenditure. Assisting with grant applications and being a signatory on the bank account. Book keeping experience would be of great advantage

Events coordinator – To produce a schedule of events throughout the year and to coordinate with the community volunteer network to ensure the events are delivered to a high standard, on time and on budget. To be a signatory on the bank account.

Your Views—is there a community based issue that you would like the Residents' Association to support? Please let us know at chairman@newtonleys.org.uk

WHAT'S THE LATEST????

In this exciting issue of **What's the Latest?**, we bring you the latest updated information about the Newton Leys site. We are regularly in touch with senior leaders at the Consortium behind the development, our local authorities, and people all over Newton Leys, so you can catch up with what is happening now. Things can change very quickly, but we will do our best to give you the latest...

LOCAL SHOPS ON THE WAY

Depending on who you ask, the nearest shops are in Water Eaton, Fenny Stratford, Stoke Hammond, or Newton Longville.

Newton Leys could soon have shopping facilities at Newton Leys, the land currently zoned on the masterplan as EMP1 (The grassy area by the Eastern entrance - Arran Way, Hebrides Gate, Jersey Drive and Skew Bridge) will be dedicated as a local centre for NL.

Taylor Wimpey are currently in discussions with an unnamed commercial developer, however any development will be subject to the normal planning process.

NEWTON LEYS GATEWAY

Moving now from one entrance to the other! Taylor Wimpey South Midlands have been given planning permission by Aylesbury Vale District Council to build 176 new dwellings at 'The Gateway' to the development. This development will be located on the three fields by the entrance onto Stoke Road, by the Wooded area next to the Lake. Some of the homes will directly back on to the wooded area of the Lake. The woodland cannot be removed.

The building on this area was fiercely fought against, as this area is officially in the green belt and development was previously approved by the government.

SCHOOL'S OUT UNTIL 2016!

Many of you moved to Newton Leys as a result of the School, which was to be built on the site. The school was originally planned to open in September 2011, however did not open as the required number of homes had not been developed and was delayed until September 2015.

The School's Adjudicator recently granted permission to Milton Keynes Council to modify the opening date of the school to September 2016.

The size of the school will also be increased by 50% rising from 420 places to 630 places with 39 nursery places. This is because Newton Leys (as well as Milton Keynes) has seen a rapid increase in births, leading to more future need for school places. To meet current demand, there will need to be at least 95 places in each year group.

The School will be located on San Andres Drive on the Oakbrook part of the development (Phase 3) which was previously the site of the Slad Farm buildings.

It has been confirmed that the entrance to the School will be on San Andres Drive between Grenada Crescent and Madeira Meadows.. Some residents would prefer an entrance away from the primary street as parking may cause congestion, Taylor Wimpey have confirmed it is not possible to relocate the entrance to Phase 5. We believe this is down to a planning requirement to protect rural features such as hedgerows.

The design for the school site has not yet been developed and will be subject to public consultation as part of the planning process. We envisage that planning permission will be applied for within the next 12 months.

LOOKS LIKE NO MORE LAKESIDE TAVERN

After hearing the latest rumours, the pub & hotel, which was planned to be at Willow Lake, is unlikely to go ahead. We don't know the reasons for this right now, and there are no plans for the allocated land. It will be grassed over.

We are sure you are as disappointed as we were to hear the news. We are sure you were all looking forward to sipping a nice glass of Sauvignon Blanc whilst watching the sun set on the lake! There is now a proposal to replace the pub on the land previously allocated as The Traveller Site opposite the Eastern entrance on the junction of Drayton Road & Jersey Drive (The landfill road).

PHASE 4 APPROVED

Milton Keynes Council have recently approved the planning application for Phase 4 of the development, which will be built to the North of Phase 2 (North of Bonaire Grange & Cyprus Way).

This stage of development will be built by Taylor Wimpey, and will contain 194 dwellings – 58 of which will be affordable housing (shared ownership or housing association rental)

Phase 4 is planned to include a LEAP – Locally Equipped Area of Play which will be on the border of Phase 2 and Phase 4 at the current Willow Lake TW Compound.

Phase 4 is bordered by Old Fox Covert, a woodland which was first mapped in 1884 and previously used for shooting.

Old Fox Covert has been found to contain diverse wildlife and will be become a public open space.

Decision was approved on 24 October 2014.

The Latest—Do you have some community based news that you would like to share via this newsletter? Please drop us an email on news@newtonleys.org.uk