

Newton Leys News

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NEWTON LEYS SUMMER FAYRE

Newton Leys Summer Fayre will be taking place this year on Sunday 11 September from 12pm to 5pm. This year we have been funded by Taylor Wimpey South Midlands and a community grant from Bletchley & Fenny Stratford Town Council.

The event will take place adjacent to Willow Lake by the showhomes. We'll have lots of exciting things to do for all of the family, facepainting, some massive inflatables and of course the opportunity to meet some new people across Newton Leys. Dean Oakley, our resident dj from MK Mobile Disco will be on the decks, and we hope to see the return of the Newton Leys Pub, thanks to the team from Bar Anywhere.

If you are interested in having a stall or want some further information, then please email events@newtonleys.org.uk - We do hope that you will manage to attend this day which has now been running for six years!

WIND TURBINE BLOWS OUT

In December 2012, FCC Environment applied to erect a 90 metre wind turbine at the Landfill site which is directly next to Newton Leys. The application was rejected by Milton Keynes Council in December 2012 mainly due to the impact on Newton Leys.

FCC appealed the matter to the Secretary of State of Communities & Local Government who appointed a planning inspector to consider the appeal.

Following an online consultation survey with local residents, Newton Leys Residents Association submitted a robust response detailing health, ecology and nature issues as well as the failure of the developer to engage with the community of Newton Leys.

The Planning Inspector sided with local residents stating 'I am not satisfied that the planning impacts identified by the affected local community have been addressed by the developers'.

NLRA were supported by Stop Salden Turbine group and both Newton Longville Parish Council and Drayton Parslow Parish Council also objected. For more info, please visit nlinfo.uk/windappeal



NEWTON LEYS SHOPS GETS THE GO AHEAD!



Earlier this year, Milton Keynes Council considered the application from HDD and ASDA to open a local shopping centre for Newton Leys on the site adjacent between Arran Way, Jersey Drive and Skew Bridge.

The local centre will contain an ASDA supermarket with Click&Collect facilities, a parade of six retail units, an older persons care home, day nursery, and a public house/restaurant. We've heard that a fish & chip shop and ZigZag Hair Studios based in Kingston & Westcroft have also taken up units. Central to the shopping facilities will be a local square which will be a focal point for the community to gather and hold events.

At the Council meeting where the planning permission was decided there were some concerns about the change in location from the future phase 5 to the proposed site which is more visible, and also that the road will increase traffic in Newton Longville. The Chair of Newton Leys Residents Association spoke in favour of the development which was approved by a narrow majority. We look forward to ASDA opening next summer. See nlinfo.uk/nlshops to see the location on a map.



Newton Leys News is the newsletter of Newton Leys Residents' Association and has been kindly funded by Paradigm Housing.



SCHOOL UPDATE

Newton Leys Primary School and Nursery is one of the most popular topics that is searched for on our website and is the most queried search relating to Newton Leys on Google.

We are pleased therefore to handover in what we hope will be the first of many contributions to Pippa Villa, the newly appointed Headteacher of Newton Leys Primary School & Nursery.

Hello Neighbours of Newton Leys!

I have been offered this opportunity to introduce and provide a little background information about myself.

I first started employment within the food industry as a Food Technologist, however, once my youngest son started school I offered my services as a parent/ helper in the school and very quickly was successful in my application as a learning support assistant; this was the start of my new career.

I have worked within Milton Keynes Local Authority schools for approximately 18 years and for the last 5 years as Headteacher of an independent school in Bedford.

Having successfully re-established a family school of long standing in the local community, I welcomed the opportunity of creating a village school within the new community of Newton Leys. My vision for the school, supported by Governors, is to create a school that is an integral part of the community where children are proud of their achievements and excel within a safe, joyful and nurturing environment.

I aim to:

- teach children within a culture of high expectation and challenge enabling the child to achieve their best
- teach them to be good choosers, skilful problem solvers and powerful learners

- give them the confidence to question and to search for answers
- help them understand that without mistakes we don't learn and so encourage them to take risks
- build the skills, knowledge and understanding required for making sense of the world around them
- learn to work collaboratively as well as independently
- be caring and respectful of those around them
- help them to recognise that learning is lifelong

But most importantly to enjoy learning!

Having now had the opportunity to tour the school it excites me the opportunities we will be able to provide for our children, parents, staff and the local community.

The school website www.newtonleysprimary.org is constantly being updated as new information is confirmed and a School Prospectus is planned for publication soon.

Please do feel free to visit me if you have any questions or concerns. I am based in the Willow Lake Taylor Wimpey sales office on St Lucia Crescent.

I look forward to meeting with you,

Pippa Villa
Headteacher
Newton Leys Primary School & Nursery

If you have any questions, you can email the School at www.newtonleysprimary.org/contact-us.html



Do you want to ensure that Newton Leys remains a lovely place to live, with a great community spirit? Please join us at our regular meetings, where you will be first to find out about everything happening in Newton Leys.

All of our meetings take place at Newton Leys Community Centre at 7.30pm

Thursday 15 September 2016
Thursday 19 January 2017
Thursday 18 May 2017

Thursday 17 November 2016
Thursday 16 March 2017
Thursday 20 July 2017



Newton Leys Residents' Association

UPDATES FROM YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

PIONEERING AT NEWTON LEYS

Here at Newton Leys, we've always thought of ourselves as a pioneering community, and the Church of England think so too.

We will shortly be joined by a Minister who will live and work within our community as part of the St Mary's Church team, which they hope will eventually be an independent Anglican Church in the Newton Leys community. The minister will be based in Skye Crescent. See an interview with the Rector at nlinfo.uk/NLchurch

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AT NEWTON LEYS

The latest quarterly crime figures Nov-May show 20 crimes reported in Newton Leys as opposed to 1718 in Bletchley (1.16% of Bletchley Crime). When this figure is compared against the rest of Milton Keynes it is virtually non existent being 0.16% of all of the crime in MK for the same period (12642 crimes).

We are lucky to live in such a crime free area. But let's not be complacent. Our Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator Ben Dimmock has just launched a new community app to spark the whole community into action to help prevent crime and antisocial behaviour, and able to alert one another to suspicious activities. Download the Trygve app from nlinfo.uk/NWApp

Help keep Newton Leys safe, download the app now! And if you see something suspicious call 101!

TOWN COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Town Councillor Graham Anderson stood down at the recent elections having spent the last two and a half years ensuring that he represented the views of Newton Leys residents to Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council.

Newton Leys resident and Chair of the Residents Association Ethaniel Kelly-Wilson was elected Town Councillor for the period 2016-2020. A big thank you to Graham!

Ethan can be contacted at ethaniel.kellywilson@bfstc.co.uk

PLAY AREA UPDATE

At the time that we went to press, the first play area within the Milton Keynes part of the development was having the finishing touches applied, ready for the Milton Keynes Council team to sign it off. Once signed off by the Council, the site will open pretty much immediately.

There will be a further 4 play areas to open with 1 being within Aylesbury Vale and 3 within MK. The main Neighbourhood (or large park) will be located adjacent to Willow Lake - near the existing show homes. Remaining play areas will be in Phase 5 (2019) Phase 7 (2021) and The Gateway site - the empty fields between Community Centre and Bovis (2024).

NEWTON LEYS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

We were sad to hear that Beth Benton, our Community Engagement Coordinator at Bletchley & Fenny Stratford Town Council in a post funded by Taylor Wimpey South Midlands recently left for pastures new. Thank you for your assistance Beth, and all of the best for the future.

The post will not be filled immediately, and other Council Officers are covering the Newton Leys office one day per week.

Any issues can be sent to Ethan at ethaniel.kellywilson@bfstc.co.uk who will forward them on to the right person.

TAKEAWAYS TRAVEL TO NEWTON LEYS

Newton Leys will not have its own local centre until Summer 2017, but we are regularly visited by Howe & Co who have been serving Fish & Chips for over 80 years. You'll find them on a Tuesday evening between 6-9pm starting on Willow Lake and finishing on Oakbrook.

If Mexican streetfood is more your thing, then TacoShack serves delicious tacos, nachos and burritos from the Willow Lake sales office every Wednesday.

GET YOUR WATER DISCOUNT!

The lakes around the site are not just there to look pretty, and provide us with nature and wildlife, they are part of a sustainable urban drainage system (SUDS).

Surface water does not drain from your property into the sewer, but drains into the the network of lakes and pond around the development. They are designed to hold large amounts of water in the event of a flood, thereby reducing the impact of potential flooding on our properties and the local area.

Check the your water bill now. If you are billed for 'Foul Only' under the sewage section - you receive a discount. If it says 'Foul and Surface' you need to call Anglian Water on 03457 91 91 55 and ask them to apply your surface water discount because your are connected to a SUDS system.

Alternative complete the online form at nlinfo.uk/awsuds to get your discount.

SOCIAL NETWORKS



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY NEWTON LEYS WOMENS INSTITUTE



The Women's Institute was founded in 1915, to revitalise rural communities and encourage women to get involved. It has evolved and today the WI organises activities that are providing women with educational opportunities, the chance to build new skills, and enabling them to take part in a wide variety of activities, campaigning on issues that matter to them and their communities.

Newton Leys WI has a wide and varied range of members and it's not all about tea and knitting! If you would like to learn new skills and meet other women from our community and surrounding areas, then visit nlinfo.uk/joinNLWI

Coming up over the next few months is our birthday party, life drawing, and christmas flower arranging. The schedule for 2017 will be announced shortly, expect many fun things such as dancing, cake decorating, cocktail making and candle making! New members and visitors are welcome, so why not, come along as a visitor (a £5 entrance fee will apply to non members per visit)

Newton Leys WI will soon be celebrating their 3rd birthday and to celebrate this, the Residents' Association will be offering two bursaries to women within our community to help cover the fees of the annual membership.

To be eligible, you must be female, over 18 and a permanent resident of Newton Leys. If you would like to apply for this, you will need to email treasurer@newtonleys.org.uk



**Taylor
Wimpey**

A new football club established in Newton Leys is raring to go for the new season after securing a kit sponsorship deal with Taylor Wimpey.

Newton Leys Residents Association were able to leverage their good relationship with Taylor Wimpey to get £700 kit sponsorship for Newton Leys Football Club.

Leigh Lawson, Chairman of Newton Leys Football Club said "We're trying to bring the community together – as well as help keep people fit! Now we have an adult side, we're hoping to establish girls and boys teams at the club in the near future. The players will be very proud to wear a kit sponsored by a prestigious company like Taylor Wimpey"

The creation of the team has all been quite timely as new playing fields and pitches, a community centre and clubhouse are due to be delivered on the Newton Leys development in 2017.

If you would like to join the club you can email or simply follow the action visit nlinfo.uk/NLfootballclub



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Chepstow Community Centre

Warren Children's Centre

Brooklands Farm

Westcroft/Oxley Park

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15 hours free funded sessions**

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