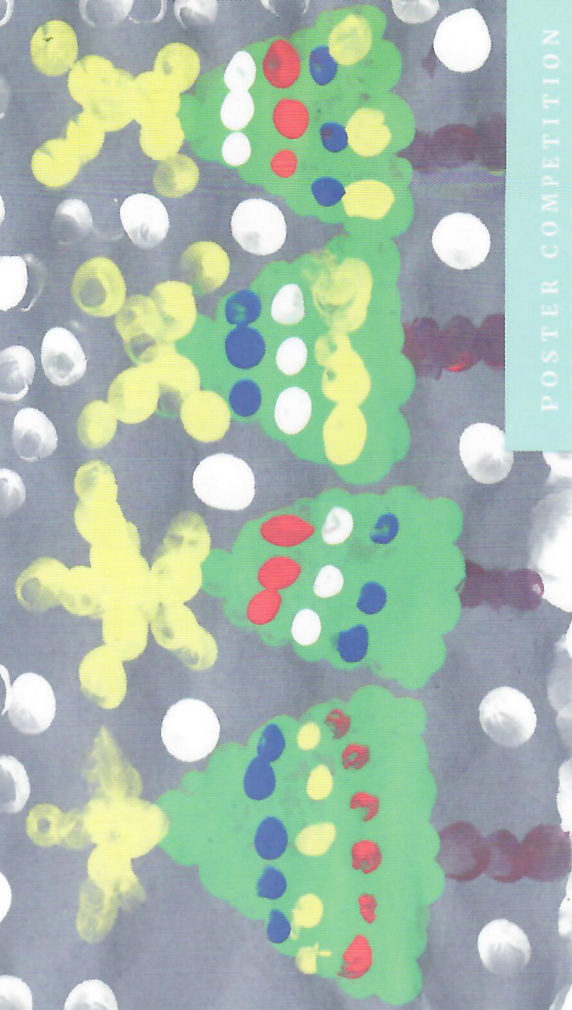




FAIRFIELDS FORUM



POSTER COMPETITION
WINNING DESIGN

Santa's Naughty List

There is a list of waste created at Christmas. Check out Santa's Naughty List of what **cannot** be recycled in the clear sack and must be placed in the **black rubbish sack**.

- In the **black rubbish bag**
 - Pulled Christmas crackers
 - Used napkins
 - Sweet wrappers
 - Crisp packets
 - Biscuit wrappers
 - Broken glass (wrap to prevent harm)
 - Items with glitter on, including cards & wrapping paper
 - Polystyrene
 - Broken decorations
 - Old tinsel
- Broken fairy lights - please take to the Household Waste Recycling Centre (the 'tip') to be recycled with other electrical items.

Santa's Nice List

There is a lot of waste created at Christmas. Check out Santa's Nice list of what **can** be recycled.

In the Clear Recycling Sack:

- ✓ Plastic bottles
- ✓ Plastic food tubs/trays
- ✓ Sweet / biscuit tins
- ✓ Food tins and beer cans
- ✓ Wrapping paper & Christmas card - no foil / glitter
- ✓ Cardboard boxes

In the Green Wheeled bin:

- ✓ Holly and ivy
- ✓ Christmas tree (no decorations)
- ✓ Leftover food that cannot be reused or reheated

In the Blue Box:

- ✓ Glass bottles
- ✓ Glass jars

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Normal collections resume
on Monday 18 January



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

As we approach this festive season, I thought it might be useful to take a look back at this extraordinary year and consider what we've been able to achieve and what we have to look forward to in 2021.

Quite understandably, many projects originally planned to be completed or started this year have either been delayed or paused. Rest assured we are making every effort to ensure that where a project has been paused – e.g. provision of a local centre for Fairfields – we are making representation with those responsible to get these projects re-energized.

In terms of what has been achieved this year:

- Road safety review around the school – this has led to the provision of a crossing island to allow pedestrians to cross more safely to/from the school. This is undergoing a review now that this is in place, to ensure that the crossing is not obstructed by parked cars. Please keep this area clear to allow safe crossing.

- Speed Indication Device – is now installed on Vespasian Road. The developers are due to be installing new signage across Fairfields as we expect the

finished roads to be adopted by Milton Keynes Council shortly.

- Bus Shelter – for those of you reliant on the 301 bus service, we hope the new shelter will make waiting for the bus a little more bearable, being able to keep out of the elements.

- Allotments – unfortunately, this programme of work has been a victim of COVID and as such we are now anticipating the first site to be ready in March next year – just in time for the growing season. Hopefully, you will see work commence over the winter to bring you this much anticipated facility.

On behalf of Fairfields Parish Council I would like to take this opportunity to wish you, your families and loved ones a very happy Christmas. We look forward to continuing to work on your behalf in 2021 to make Fairfields a fantastic place to live.

Simon Webb

Cllr Simon Webb
Chairman Fairfields Parish Council

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FAIRFIELDS XMAS POSTER COMPETITION

We invited Fairfields Primary School children to design a Christmas poster and the winner entry by Esmae of Year Two is proudly displayed as our front cover. Very well done to these younger members of our community and

congratulations to Esmae and all the other talented contributors for their splendid efforts. Many thanks also to Fairfields Primary School for helping us to stage this competition.

MEET NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR JAMIE HARRIS...

Jamie was born in Milton Keynes and as soon as he left school he joined the Royal Green Jackets as a rifleman. Jamie's career took a different path and now runs a bus and coach sales company in Milton Keynes. Jamie lives in Fairfields with his wife Danielle and son Karson.

His hobbies include motorsports, riding his motorbike and playing ice hockey for the Milton Keynes Hurricanes. Jamie has joined the Parish Council as he wants to help offer the best neighbourhood for his community. Jamie is the Fairfields contact for the Neighbourhood Watch Team and is happy

to help with any questions or guidance you may need.



MEET NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR PIYUSH GUPTA...

Piyush moved to Milton Keynes two years ago. He lives on Fabius Drive in Fairfields together with his wife Esha and son Kabir. His hobbies include racket sports (badminton, squash), cricket and technology.

As a Cloud Solution Architect he designs infrastructure including servers, networks, firewalls, applications and security. His technical expertise in IT will be a great asset to the work of the Parish Council.

Piyush has joined the Council as he loves Fairfields and its community and would like

to help shape its future and make it a better and safer place for all residents



A MESSAGE FROM WHITEHOUSE SURGERY

We are really excited to be opening on 1st December and we think our patients will like our model of care, which includes the use of wellbeing and technology. Our registered patients can enjoy the benefits of access to a GP via video consultation. This is provided by a service called LIVI. Our LIVI GP team can provide medical advice, prescriptions

and referral and, this will be bookable through our reception team. In addition to the healthcare professional team we have a Wellbeing advisor who is available to help and support with all your lifestyle concerns such as mental health, bereavement, carers support, weight management, smoking cessation and help accessing other services.

To register as a patient, please visit:

www.onemedicalgroup.co.uk/whitehouse-surgery-miltonkeynes and download the NHS Patient Registration form and registration questionnaire.

Please e-mail the completed forms to whitehousesurgery.mk@nhs.net along with two forms of identification - one must contain a photograph, such as passport or driving license, student card etc.) the other must contain your address. NB this is not required for children or people under the age of 16. We look forward to welcoming you to our service.



Due to current Covid-19 guidelines, patients will only be able to visit Whitehouse Surgery if they have a pre-booked appointment.

Vespasian Road?

by Jenny Burn

Emperor Vespasian, the 9th Roman emperor, ruled the Ancient Roman Empire from 69AD to 79AD. He was born into a relatively undistinguished equestrian family rising to prominence through his successful military career, commanding the 2nd Legion in the invasion of Britain in 43AD. He became Emperor late in life at the age of 60 and was the fourth Emperor to rule in the year of 69AD, known as the year of the four Emperors. He reformed Rome's financial systems and initiated ambitious construction projects including the world famous Colosseum in Rome. He was known as a fair Emperor, something Rome welcomed following the reigns of earlier rulers such as Caligula and Nero. He was succeeded as Emperor by his son Titus.



ALLOTMENT PLANNING!

With the winter weather stopping us from doing very little outdoors, this is the time when I sit with catalogues and plan what I am going to sow next year.

Seed catalogues are my favourite reading as they can give you some ideas of what you can grow. These days it is quite mixed as our summers have been warmer, we can grow more exotic vegetable and flowers. There are seed companies who specialise in the exotic from all over the world and also plain English stalwarts such as carrots, parsnips and brassicas.



rows but I believe that only makes room for the weeds. I have always just left enough space between rows so that I can walk and remove the weeds. In a new area, weeds are one of your biggest enemies. Seeds sown thickly are also not a problem as you can pull some out when they are tiny to give the others room to grow and these can be very tasty to eat so they won't be wasted.

The other thing I check on at this time of year is my tools. In a new garden or allotment a fork and a spade plus the hand version of each is all you need at first and if you haven't owned them before then early in the New Year is a good time to start as garden centres often sell off last year's stock in sales. Don't buy too heavy ones as once you start digging the soil will make them too heavy to manage.

I started gardening with my grandfather on his allotment when I was very small and I remember he always used to say "little and often with the gardening never broke anyone's back" and I have found that to be very true. Enjoy your gardening and remember this, if you leave it for too long between visits to your allotment it will take a lot of hard work to catch up.

Enjoy planning for your gardening year.

Mrs Jean Nicholas
Parish Clerk

WINTER BURGLARIES

As the nights grow increasingly darker, Police Officers in Milton Keynes are asking local residents to join them in combating burglaries this winter.

Burglars take advantage of more obscure places to hide unnoticed and spotting which houses are unoccupied, making them easier targets. As a result, officers in Milton Keynes are intensifying activity to combat burglaries. They are using crime data to identify areas that are often targeted by burglars and increasing patrols in these areas to deter and disrupt those looking to commit crime.



They will be using intelligence gathered from officers and the community to identify trends and patterns and use covert patrols to catch burglars in the act. In support of this operational activity, they will also be sharing advice and raising awareness with members of the public on how to protect your home from burglars.

Most burglars are opportunists, so will take advantage of any moment we are seen to be letting our guard down when it comes to home security. The key things to remember are:

- Be sure to leave a light on if you leave your home unattended. A timer switch can help in giving the illusion that someone is home even if it is not the case.
- Make sure you lock your doors and windows, even when you are inside your house. Getting into this habit means that there is never a time when you go to bed leaving the door unlocked.
- Make sure garden tools and ladders are stored away in a shed, garage or locked storage container when they aren't in use. Burglars often use the victim's own items to break into homes so make sure this opportunity is taken away from them.

These are the key points to remember but you can find more advice in the Police's free online Home Security Guide.

Detective Inspector James Horseman, of the Priority Crime Team in Milton Keynes, said: "Being burgled can be an emotional and traumatic experience for victims and I want to make sure that we do all we can to prevent residents of Milton Keynes from having to go through this".

"You know your neighbourhood better than anyone and you will know when something seems out of place. Please tell us about these suspicions. Your information could be the piece of the puzzle that we need to identify a burglar and stop them from committing further crimes. You can contact us using the online form on our website or by calling 101. If you believe a crime is in progress then always call 999."

AN INVITATION

You are invited join Fairfields Neighbourhood Watch!

I would like to invite you the Fairfields Neighbourhood watch scheme. The Neighbourhood Watch is a community activity in partnership with the police and local associated agencies. It is a proven deterrent to reduce crime and the fear of crime.

Aims of Neighbourhood Watch

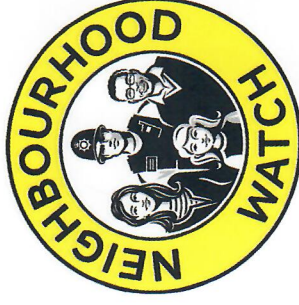
- To reduce opportunities of crime
- To build a better stronger community

Benefits

- Street Signage and door stickers to act as a deterrent.
- You will receive neighbourhood watch alert messages informing you of burglaries and crime trends taking place in our area. These messages can also include witness appeals, information about/from our policing teams and Thames Valley Press releases.
- Many insurers offer a reduced rate for members of a neighbourhood watch scheme.
- A reduced one off cost for Smartwater.

If you are interested in being part of this neighbourhood watch scheme please scan the QR code to the right with any smart phone and it will take you to our very own scheme for you to join.

Cllr Jamie Harris



ALLOTMENT PLOTS AVAILABLE

Site 1 – adjacent to the Primary School

Site 2 – adjacent to Marius Grove

We currently have a few 75 sq meter plots available at both sites. For details please email the Clerk on

fairfields.pc.clerk@gmail.com

