

It's all down to you....what is?



Renting out your housing association home without permission from your landlord is fraud.



If you think you know someone who is committing this kind of fraud don't wait – tell us now.

All calls are confidential and it could make a real difference.

Call MK Council 24 hour hotline 01908 252 900



Water Safety

Some of the waters in Milton Keynes have historically been used for swimming and bathing. Dangers are greater than in the past. The water may be polluted and there are hidden hazards. Each year there are multiple drowning deaths in UK inland waters. It is a matter of time until we have another serious incident in Milton Keynes.

One of the main swimming sites in our Parish is the River Ousel in Monkston Park

WHAT ARE THE DANGERS?

- Risk of drowning
- Risk of catching diseases, including Weil's disease
- Open wounds can become infected
- Water can be deep with hidden hazards, for example
 - Shopping trolleys
 - Fishing hooks
 - Broken glass
 - Water weed
- Water stays very cold and swimmers can catch hypothermia
- Remote sites so it's hard for the emergency services to reach



TheParksTrust
MILTON KEYNES

Free Swimming for Under 16's

There are currently free swimming sessions for under 16's at the following local pools:

Middleton Pool, Newport Pagnell
Stantonbury Campus leisure centre
Wolverton Polo (seasonal)
Woughton Leisure Centre
Bletchley Centre
Leon School Pool, Bletchley



Middleton Pool at Newport Pagnell



THE PARISH PLAYDAYS IN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The Parish Council have again decided to sponsor play sessions during the school summer holidays, run on our behalf by MKPA.

Please see below the locations and timings.

MONKSTON: MONDAY,
10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY (EXCEPT AUG. 4th)
2.00 - 4.30 p.m.

MONKSTON PARK: TUESDAY
10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

KENTS HILL: THURSDAY
10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

These all take place on the local playing fields. The children should also receive flyers in their school bags and notices in school newsletters to remind you.

Keeping the place clean and tidy..who, me?

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Please keep

Kents Hill & Monkston Parish Council

Member of Bucks Association of Local Councils and M.K. Association of Urban Local Councils

Serving the grid squares of Kents Hill, Kents Hill Park, Monkston, Monkston Park, Brinklow and Kingston.

MONKSTON SUMMER FETE!

**SATURDAY JULY 10th
1.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
on Monkston Playing Fields**

**Take part and
let's make this
a great community event!**



**A great day
out for all the
family**

If you want to take part in this event in any way,
please contact our events team urgently.
Please e-mail us at mkmpevents@gmail.com

A newsletter to keep residents informed

Please log on to our web site regularly. List us in your favourites listing.

www.kentshill-monkston-pc.org.uk

All contact with the Parish Council to the Parish Clerk's
e-mail: clerk@kentshill-monkston-pc.org.uk or telephone: 07946 512523
or in writing to P.O. Box 7508, MK11 9DL

GET INVOLVED IN BUILDING YOUR COMMUNITY NOW

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IS A CRIME AGAINST US...YOU AND ME!

SMARTWATER – smarter than your average water!

Residents who use Smartwater to mark their property are five times **less** likely to become a victim of burglary.

Smartwater has an embedded 'forensic fingerprint', which links owners with their property and criminals to the crime scene.

It's available to MK Neighbourhood Watch Association members at a discounted price and no annual fee.



SUMMER C HOLIDAY O O L STUFF



Milton Keynes Council Extended Services and Sports Development Teams will once again be running a programme of sports and physical activity during the school summer holidays. Sports will include badminton, table tennis, martial arts, korfe ball, rounders, trampolining, cheerleading, martial arts and basketball. The activities will be held at Oakgrove Leisure Centre and Broughton Fields School over the first 4 weeks of the summer: Monday 26 July – 20 August 2010, followed by a week of family activities from 23 - 27 August.

For more information and a booking form, please contact **Chloe Bond** at Milton Keynes Council on **01908 252278** or email Chloe.Bond@Milton-Keynes.gov.uk or visit the Sports Development Website www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/sportsdev/home.asp

DO YOU NEED TO FEEL MORE SECURE WHEN YOU ARE OUT ALONE?

Perhaps a personal alarm is all you need

They are small, light and loud!
Attach them to purses, bags, keyrings, belt loops...etc

The **Defender III T** has a 140+ dBs siren which is the loudest personal alarm in the UK. This alarm incorporates: strobe effect, independent torch, key ring, mounting bracket, up to four hours continual battery life with the strobe flashing, and a 10 year warranty.

This alarm is particularly suited for attaching to doors and sheds. Our price **£5.00**



For less than a fiver you can get a range of personal alarms for fixing to phone, handbag, belt or wrist
All alarms come with free, pre-fitted battery



Get your alarms directly from the Community Kiosk at thecentre.mk. Dates and times when MKNHWA are at the kiosk are posted on www.mknhw.org.

Alternatively you may order via email from helen.sharratt@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk, or phone her on 01908 324626.

Payment: cash/postal order/cheque with order or cash on collection. P&P depends on precise order.



MAKE SURE IT'S
NOT YOU WHO
DOES SOME
EXTRA TIME!



ALWAYS REPORT IT!
In an emergency call 999
Non-emergencies: 0845 8 505 505
Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111
online at www.thamesvalley.police.

Kingston Children's Centre is running the normal programme during the summer. Please note that the centre will be closed from 16th August to 20th August 2010. In our outreach with Broughton Children's Centre at Oakgrove leisure centre we will be accepting children up to 11 years old. Donations are welcome. To book your place, please contact Yvonne Brown 07538001298. Also look out for our Multi-Cultural Day in August. We look forward to seeing you.



STAMP IT OUT NOW...DON'T GIVE CRIME A CHANCE...LET'S HAVE RESPECT



**FREE Public Events
9th-12th September 2010**

Milton Keynes Council **Heritage Unit** and its partners are bringing you a wide variety of walks, talks, visits, exhibitions and activities, taking place across the 4 days 9th to 12th September.

To find out what is going on in your area please see the special website:
www.mkheritageopendays.com

Or look out for leaflets in libraries, Discover MK in thecentre:mk, and other venues nearer the time.

All over the UK, every year, towns and cities take part in Heritage Open Days to highlight what there is to see and learn about heritage and culture in their local area.

Just a few examples of the types of events you will find:

- take the chance to visit a Museum for free
- join a walking tour with a village historical society
- look inside beautiful old buildings and churches
- see photographs of how your area used to look
- visit countryside parks for fun activities

Every event is **FREE** and open to anybody to take part and some events have special activities for children and young people.

***Is your child in Year 5 or 6 at primary school?
The School Choice Advice Service can offer free,
impartial advice about the transfer process.***

www.mkparents.org: Helpline: 01908 253514

Do you need information to help you make decisions about your child's future?

Would you like realistic advice on the chances of securing a place at a certain school?

Have you just moved into Milton Keynes?

The School Choice Adviser can provide information and advice about schools, help you understand the admissions process and assist with selecting realistic school preferences.

Call today the School Choice Adviser on 01908 253514
Galley Hill Education Centre, Galley Hill,
Stony Stratford, Milton Keynes MK11 1PA.



ONE DAY SALE



While you may well be using your green wheeled bin to dispose of your food and garden waste, home composting is a great way to use up much of your organic waste to provide a free fertiliser and soil improver which can be used on flower beds, vegetable plots and window boxes in your own garden.

If you would like to make your waste work for you, why not come along to our special one day compost bin sale on Saturday, 17th July and take advantage of our special offer - £10 for a 220 litre compost bin (normally sold at £14 plus £5 delivery). You will need your own transport to take your bin home.

If you would like to take up this offer, please go to our website: www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/ composting to pre-order your bin online or by telephone on 01908 254139.

If you're unsure how to get started making your own compost, MKC will also be holding a series of free composting talks throughout the morning which you can also book online or by phone. You'll be able to ask questions and pick up handy leaflets with all you need to know.

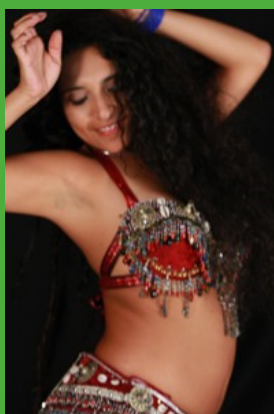
**When: Saturday, 17th July
9.30 - 12.30pm (please book
your collection time)
Where: Our Council Depot at 9
Dickens Road, Old Wolverton,
MK12 5QF**

BIG FAMILY DAY OUT.....afternoon of JULY 10th...where? See below



**something for
all the family**

**Bring
friends
and
neighbours**



**A fun filled
family
afternoon out**



**Just like
summers
used to be**



**bouncy castles
for all ages**



**COME TO MONKSTON PLAYING FIELDS FOR A BRAND NEW PARISH
EVENT...THE FIRST OF MANY...STARTS RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW!**

Black bin sacks are for non-recyclable and non-food waste only

Solar is an earner with new feed-in tariff



A 2.5 kW peak Solar PV system

Photo courtesy of cocoonyourhome.co.uk

When you get an approved renewable energy system installed you can now benefit from a Feed-in Tariff (FIT). Your electricity supplier will pay one tariff for the electricity you generate and one for any electricity you export to the grid.

For a standard household Solar PV system they'll pay 41.3p per kWh generated and at least 3p per kWh exported. FITs mean that a well sited Solar PV system can now pay for itself in as little as 12.5 years. To qualify for FITs, equipment and its installers must both be MCS approved.

The Microgeneration Certification Scheme is the new guarantee of quality.

A 2.5kW peak system for a two person household could save/earn you £1000 a year and currently costs around £15,000 fitted. A new set up like this will reduce your annual CO2 emissions by around a tonne. In terms of its positive environmental impact this is comparable to getting loft and cavity wall insulation fitted together.

FITs replace government grants for electricity generating technologies like Solar PV and wind turbines. Grants for renewable heating systems remain but are due to be superseded in April 2011 by the Renewable Heat Incentive. To qualify for a grant your home must be insulated (270mm in the loft and cavity wall filled) with energy saving light bulbs throughout.

For the latest information on renewable energy systems and incentives, **contact the Energy Saving Trust on 0800 512 012.**

Oakgrove clean up on local estates

'**Stop it, don't drop it**' was the message from students at Oakgrove and Broughton Fields Schools when they embarked on a mass litter pick on nearby estates on 17th May. Over 20 students collected over 15 sack loads of rubbish from across Monkston and Monkston Park.



The litter pick was arranged for the following groups to work together with a common purpose: Oakgrove's Eco Warrior group and Anti-bullying Committee (ABC) together with Year 6 pupils from Broughton Field School, MK Council's Extended Services and Youth Services and Kents Hill & Monkston Parish Council all fighting the social problem of litter.

Peter Laws, Chair of Kents Hill and Monkston Parish Council said, "We have been meeting with the Eco Warrior group on a regular basis, helping them to raise awareness in their school and community of social issues especially that of litter. They have shown real social responsibility and have set a great example to others in the community with the work they have done today".

One student commented "It is appalling how much litter we collected in a short space of time. Our message to local people is: **you can stop it, just don't drop it!**".

The students and other groups intend to run further litter picks in the near future in other parts of the local neighbourhoods and they will also be raising awareness of litter and associated issues it brings at the Parish Council stall at the Kents Hill and Monkston Parish Fete on July 10th in Monkston.

They hope to see you there...

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR WASTE

It has come to the notice of the Parish Council through their NAG neighbourhood audits that black dustbin bags are still being used for waste food and these together with bags being placed in the streets a long time before collection, is attracting both rats and birds. The contents of the bags are strewn over the pavements and verges. This mess will never get cleared up. This action is lowering the state of the neighbourhood.

Each household is provided with a kitchen caddy and a green bin to safely store food waste **PLEASE USE THEM.**