

North Crawley Parish Bulletin - June 2023

Hi Folks, Steve here with a monthly round up of village issues and events.

As the legend of Robert the Bruce tells us “try, try and try again” - we have 3 instances where that perseverance can bear fruit here in our Parish. Firstly I hope you’ve noticed that quite a few of the painted road signs have been repainted - it only took 18 months and a lot of pestering (of MKCC Highways Dept) but we got there in the end! Secondly we have had strips across the High St to measure the weight of traffic so we can establish whether some form of weight restriction would be viable or even necessary - again, it’s taken ages to get this done but they were installed during May (for only a week!) and we hope to get some feedback over the next couple of months.

But the big example of perseverance has been the parents of children who were not allocated places at Ousedale school but given Stantonbury (a school rated Inadequate) instead. We have just heard that the children have been offered a place at Ousedale Olney Campus and are also on a waiting list for Ousedale Newport Pagnell. The Parish Council and our Ward Councillors have been supporting these parents but it is the perseverance of the families themselves that have achieved this excellent result. Well done! We want to make sure the same doesn’t happen in any subsequent years though so the case is definitely not closed yet.

We are still badgering MKCC for details of any funding that may be available for a Crossing Warden - so far we have no concrete news but, rest assured we are still trying as we know how important this is for the many parents whose children cross the High St twice a day.

Hopefully every household received a card memento of the Coronation weekend along with the SCAN magazine. I have delivered a pack to the school for distribution but we still have around 50 cards left if anyone would like some - they will be with our Clerk, Sheila Bushnell at 3 Folly Lane phone 01234 391501 or email clerk@northcrawley-pc.gov.uk.

I’m sure many people have noticed that the Travellers who plagued our village last year are back in Sherington. They have been moved on several times already and we fear they may return to our Parish soon leaving an awful mess behind them when they are eventually moved on. Via our Ward Councillors, we are hoping MKCC can issue an injunction which will stop them from returning to MK but we won’t know the outcome until July. If you spot them setting up, please report it to MKCC - simply go on the NC Parish Council website - go to the “How do I report issues to MKCC?” link and look for Planning Enforcement Enquiry. The sooner MKCC know where they are, the sooner a notice to move on will be issued.

The next big PC event is the late Summer fun day on Monday 28th August from 12 noon to 5pm. As usual there will be loads of fun events including Bouncy Castle, Pony Rides, children’s games and Face painting - all free of charge. Gary and Tracey will be serving an amazing Hog Roast and there will be cream teas in the club room. The Bowls club are offering an opportunity to “have a go” on our lovely Bowls green, plus Taya will be presenting another dance performance and there will be craft stalls in the Institute (including the famous cake stall!) and, of course, ice creams - put the date in your diary for a good old-fashioned village get together!

We could still do with another Parish Councillor to join us - we have a special category for anyone who is still working where the only commitment is 2 hours once a month - just come to the meetings, give us your views on things and help us decide what’s best for the Parish. There will be no other commitments unless you want them. Please, please give it some serious thought. You’re welcome to call me or Sheila to chat things through if we can help in any way.

Finally, our financial records have all been inspected by our Internal Auditor during the annual audit and we passed with flying colours, much of which is down to the hard work of our Clerk, Sheila Bushnell - thank you Sheila! The accounts will now be passed to our External Auditor for sign off.

There is no SCAN in August but I will post a July bulletin on the Community Facebook page as well as the PC website as usual.