



Moulsoe Mail Autumn 2024

Condolences

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Mick Herdman and Julia Kingham. We send our sincerest sympathies to their families at this difficult time.

Moulsoe Community Association

September saw the start of the regular Tai Chi sessions in the Moulsoe Millennium Hall. These sessions are proving popular, but there is plenty of space for anyone to join in – they are open to all residents, including their friends and family. Through regular practice you will learn to harmonise mind, body and spirit, improving flexibility, balance and concentration. These sessions are open to all ages and no experience is necessary. **October sessions are 3rd and 24th** – from 7 to 8.30pm. Sessions are just £10, payable on the day, no pre-booking required.

For more information please email Helen on mvhallaccts@gmail.com.

Your next **Village Quiz night is on Friday 15th November, 7pm** start at the Millennium Hall.

All welcome, please bring friends and family along. You can come as a Team (max. 6 people) or join others on the night to make up a team, you will need a team name so start thinking.

Entry fee is just £2 per person, paid on the night, there will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Please bring your own drinks and nibbles.

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If you are looking for a more rigorous workout, the Hall committee are pleased to confirm new fitness sessions coming to the Hall. These are open to the public and as Moulsoe residents you are first in line to sign up. Every **Tuesday starting 1st October** there will be 2 new sessions - Dancefit (5.30 - 6.15pm) a fun and rhythmic way to enhance fitness, combining energetic choreography to promote cardiovascular health, coordination and well-being and Combatfit, a mix of martial arts moves that will get you fit, fast and strong and ending with Padwork (6.30 - 7.30pm). There is an introductory offer of just £5 per session. To join in the fun at the session of your choice (or maybe you'd like to attend both !!) just contact Dawn on 07774 549881.

St. Mary's Church

Come, ye thankful people, come...

...to this year's Harvest Supper on **Friday 18th October from 7.30 pm** at the Moulsoe Millennium Hall, and then to our Harvest Festival in the church on **Sunday 20th October at 5 pm**. Harvest Supper tickets will be £10 per person for a generous meal of casserole and pud, as part of a relaxing evening with friends and neighbours. Payment by card will be possible, with all proceeds going to church funds. If you would like to reserve places, or are able to contribute a casserole or dessert (maybe you foraged some apples and blackberries?) or a raffle prize, please contact moulsoe.church@gmail.com or message Sarah on 07544 532449.

Given the recent rain, we can indeed give thanks that our farmers were able to bring the harvest home in good time. We'll be celebrating this annual festival in our village church on the Sunday evening with the traditional hymns (*We plough the fields and scatter, anyone?*), followed by a glass of wine and a few nibbles. Donations of tinned, dried or long-life food made at either event will go to the Milton Keynes Food Bank.

And another date for the diary: this year's Carol Service will be on **Sunday 22nd December at 5 pm**. We are promised something a little bit different, so do come along and join in the fun as we mark the final countdown to Christmas.

For any church-related matters, please contact either Moulsoe's churchwarden on 07544 532449 or the Parish Office in Newport Pagnell on 01908 611145.

Moulsoe Parish Council

Whilst writing this piece for Moulsoe Mail large rain droplets are still hitting my office window, hopefully the rains will have abated in the next day or so. A large area of the country has been affected by flooding none more so than our local area along with Central Beds and the A421 which resembles a reservoir rather than a key road link. The MK East building site also resembles a swamp with the flood plain beyond the A509 doing what it does best and was designed for i.e. it floods creating a temporary balancing lake. This lake stretches all the way towards Willen and large parts of Newport Pagnell by the Ouzel and Great Ouse are now flooded. All this even before any houses have been built on MKE.

So with the recent announcement and publication of the Draft MK City Plan 2050 and the 'potential' extension of MKE for more housing beyond 2030, we can't help but say to MK City Council "We told you so" as we pointed out some 10 years ago when we called-in the decision to add the Eastern Expansion area to Plan MK. Although the areas represented in the Draft City Plan are currently potential Site Allocations, the development plan itself proposes ideas for after MKE is near completed but when that will be is an open question. The Draft City Plan has been open to consultation for a few months now and closes on 9 October 2024. The document can be accessed here <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/mk-city-plan-2050>. It is some 480 pages long but contains a raft of statutory content with only limited elements that are of potential interest to residents including yourselves and covers proposals for the whole of MK. That being the case unless you really want to get your teeth into the whole draft, you may already be in one camp or another – for or against. If you are undecided it is still important that your voice is heard and you make a comment however small or large, even if you just say you think it is a good or bad idea for additional expansion in the east or you agree with the thought that additional houses and hard-standing can only mean that this only aggravates the potential for flooding along the A509 flood -plain and surrounding areas.

Fortunately for Moulsoe our position on a ridge reduces the potential for flooding by standing water though we do experience moving rain water on the main Newport and Cranfield Road. The parish council has constantly reported and liaised with MK Highways and Anglian Water about blocked storm drains and potholes as a result of which the recent drain inspections and clearance has been successful in discharging storm water off the main roads and away from nearby houses. There is always more to do and we can't pick up on everything needing attention in the village but if you notice anything authority-related please log this on the Report It facility on the MKCC website and make sure you add the Parish Clerk email address, parish.clerk@moulsoeparishcouncil.gov.uk, so we are made aware of the issue and we can, where necessary, follow up/support.

Dates for the calendar

Friday 18th October 7.30pm Harvest Supper, Millennium Hall

Sunday 20th October 5pm Harvest Festival, St. Mary's Church

Friday 1st November, 10.30am – 12pm Coffee Morning, Millennium Hall

Tuesday 12th November, 8pm Parish Council Meeting, Millennium Hall

Friday 15th November, 7.30pm Quiz Night, Millennium Hall

Sunday 17th November, 9.30am Church Service, St. Mary's Church

Friday 6th December, 10.30am – 12pm Coffee Morning, Millennium Hall

Sunday 22nd December 5pm Carol Service, St. Mary's Church

Friday 3rd January 2024, 10.30pm – 12pm Coffee Morning, Millennium Hall

Thursdays 3rd & 24th October, 7th & 21st November, 12th December 7pm Tai Chi Millennium Hall
