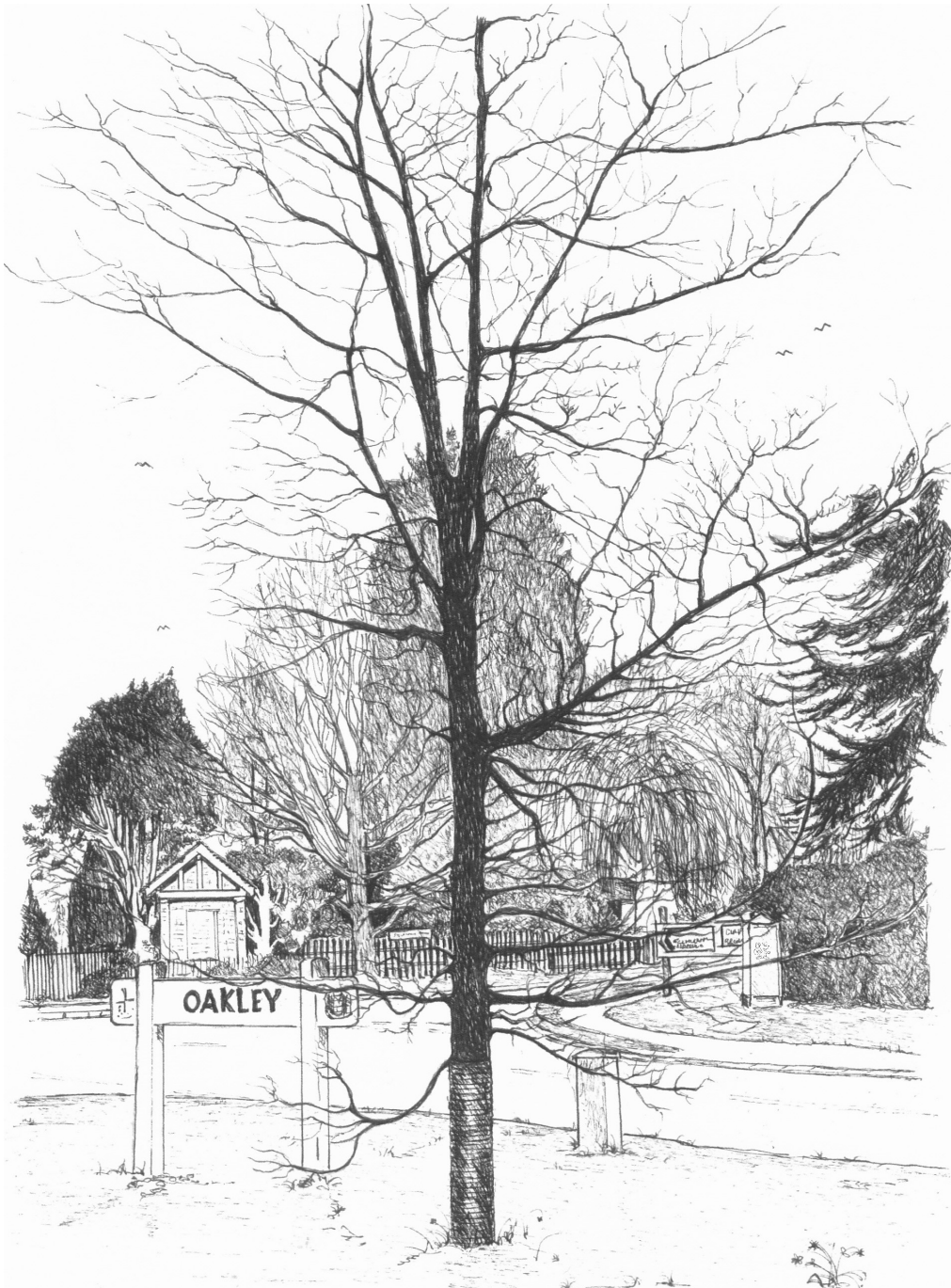


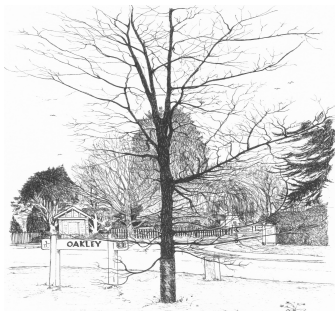


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Parish Council News

Spring 2016 By PAUL PHILLIPS (Chair)

Welcome to the Spring Edition of the Oakley Newsletter. It seems no time at all since I was putting pen to paper with items for the Winter Edition and here we go again and we've had Christmas in between. I hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas and I wish you all a very Happy 2016. As usual it will be the aim of the Parish Council to endeavour to achieve everything within our power for the benefit of Oakley and its residents.

Christmas Lights switch on.

The Christmas lights switch on took place on Saturday 5 December 2015 at St Marys Church when in excess of one hundred people turned up. The lights looked fantastic, though of course we would all have liked to have seen those lights adorning our own real Christmas tree. Sadly that was not possible because the one we planted twelve months earlier did not survive. A replacement tree has now been planted and we will do our best to keep it healthy. Hopefully in a couple of years or so we will be able to decorate it with our lovely lights. The lights at the crossroads were lit at a similar time and they too were of a very high standard. The Parish Council thank Phil Supple and Light Refreshment for the wonderful display and for dismantling the lights a month later. Following the switching on of the lights, all of those present enjoyed a very pleasant hour or so drinking mulled wine, tea and coffee and eating mince pies followed by the singing of numerous carols. Our grateful thanks to Reverend Linda and all those associated with the Church who worked so hard in making the evening a success. This will be repeated again this year so please pencil **Saturday 3 December 2016** as being the likely date.

Average Speed Cameras

Bedford Borough Council has confirmed that all cameras will be in place by the end of March 2016. Work in connection with the installations in Pavenham Road, Church Lane and Lovell Road is being carried out now and the next stage will be for Bedford Borough to confirm that they are all in a fit state to go live. The Police then have to do their checks, but hopefully we are coming towards the end of what seems to have been a very long and slow process.

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Average Speed Cameras (Continued)

Full enforcement is just around the corner, but, as I have said in the past - make sure you comply NOW and everyone will be happy. The Parish Council has requested figures for Station Road enforcement to be presented at our Annual Meeting on Tuesday 5 April 2016.which brings me neatly on to.....

Parish Annual Meeting

The Parish Annual Meeting will take place on Tuesday 5 April 2016 at 7.15pm in Oakley Village Hall. The agenda for the meeting will be placed on the Parish Council Notice Board and will be on the Village web site. Please make every effort to attend. It is an opportunity to review what has been done over the past year and also provides an opportunity for you to have your say. It is also intended to have a short list of drawings by local artists of places/buildings of interest around the village. It is proposed that at this meeting suitable drawings can be chosen which will then be used to replace the signs at each of the village entrances. We feel that these signs, though they have lasted very well, are now in need of replacement. This will also highlight the artistic talents of some of our members and indeed some of the buildings in our midst which many of us take for granted. These new signs are being funded by money raised by the Oakley Directory.

Yellow No Waiting Lines High Street/Reynes Drive Junction

The Parish Council is still waiting for Bedford Borough Council to complete all of the work in connection with the yellow "no waiting" lines immediately around the junction of High Street and Reynes Drive. It is our view that these lines are essential in the interest of road safety. We hope that they do deter those selfish drivers who feel they can abandon their cars where they wish, with the least trouble to themselves, irrespective of the havoc they cause to others. Believe me, once the lines have been installed we intend doing our utmost to have them enforced and for that I make no apology.

Dog Fouling

I am disappointed to raise this subject yet again. For a few months it seemed that the problem was improving, but I am sorry to say that over the last month or so dog fouling on the pavements around the village has increased. I don't know about you, but I cannot remember when I saw a dog wandering around the streets unaccompanied, which tells me that when this fouling takes place the dogs are accompanied by their owner or a supposed 'responsible' person. I'm afraid we have arrived at the point where each and every

one of us has to try to 'police' this antisocial behaviour and if it means 'shopping' a fellow resident then so be it. Please, please, please can we deal with this problem once and for all. Responsible dog owners clear up their dog's mess wherever it is deposited. It really is NOT a hardship.

National Clean Up and Oakley Litter Pick

A national clean up is being organised for the weekend of 4 to 6 March 2016 and the Council has agreed that our Spring Litter Pick will tie in with the National Clean Up. Our litter pick will take place on **Saturday 5 March 2016** between 10am and 12am. Volunteers are asked to meet on the village green at 10am in suitable clothing, particularly suitable footwear. Involvement of children is encouraged, but all children should be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult.



Celebration for Her Majesty the Queens 90th Birthday



To celebrate Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday beacons are due to be lit on the evening of 21 April 2016, exact time to be confirmed. The Parish Council is interested in possibly holding a joint venture with Clapham Parish Council, but expressed concern that maybe residents would not want to celebrate on a Thursday evening. The matter will be further discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 1 March 2016, so please take this as a provisional arrangement and further information will be found in the minutes of the meeting on 1 March on the notice board and on the village web site.

Village Planting

In response to my plea in the last Newsletter I am pleased to say that two volunteers have come forward to share the task. The three of us are in the process of trying to arrange a meeting so let us all look forward to seeing our half a dozen or so 'little gardens' nicely planted again. Thank you to the two volunteers. On the subject of volunteers, there is a wealth of talent and energy in this village. Over the last few weeks I can recall two or three examples of residents offering to undertake tasks for the village, because it saves the village money, they have the time and they care for the well being of the village. I thank them too and if anyone else wants to go on the helpers list then please let me know.



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Parish Council Clerk

Ann Paice, the Clerk to the Parish Council continues to work from an office at The Old School between 10am and 2pm every Thursday. Anyone wishing to see her during these times is welcome to visit her via the front door of the Old School. She can also be contacted on 07873 887370. This arrangement will continue until the end of May 2016 when it will be further reviewed and the outcome reported in the Summer Newsletter.

Lincroft Middle School/Bedfordia Cross Country run 19 January 2016

As reported in the last newsletter the above event took place at the New Field and adjacent field in Station Road on Tuesday 19 January 2016.

It is fair to say that there were problems last year mainly associated with indiscriminate parking. The Head Teacher, Mark Duke and his staff worked exceptionally hard to make this year's event run as smoothly as possible and ensure the problems of last year were not repeated. On the day some 25 schools from this county and neighbouring counties attended with in excess of 1300 students taking part. Designated off road parking areas had been identified at St Marys Church and Oakley Sports and Social Club. The Head Teacher and other members of staff patrolled the surrounding roads as did Councillor Michael Taylor and myself, ably assisted by Police Special Constables and P.C.S.O.'s. Michael and I spent the day doing this for two reasons; firstly to show our support to Lincroft School for hosting such a prestigious event and secondly to give us first hand information and knowledge of the event. Michael and I are both of the view that the Head Teacher and his staff at Lincroft School should be commended for the organisation and arrangements on the day. We believe they did everything they possibly could to make the event run smoothly and safely, minimising the impact on Oakley residents. Generally everything went to plan, but sadly it is difficult to legislate for the actions and behaviour of a few.....they will know who they are..... who were selfish, inconsiderate and darn right lazy. One of these chose to park in Parsonage Close with wheels on someone's lawn and a handful of others parked their cars on the bend in Church Lane directly opposite the junction to the Church and only a few steps from a designated off road car park. These drivers clearly thought this was sensible and not at all dangerous. At worst it was dangerous parking and at best it was

contrary to the advice in the Highway Code. I politely asked some of the drivers, both male and female, if they would please move and they flatly refused, saying it was too much trouble to walk from the designated car parks.

Thankfully the problems were few, so let us not allow the sad few to overshadow what has to be described as a hugely successful event and day. Well done Lincroft Middle School Staff and Pupils.



Bedfordshire Police Operation Salcoats

On Saturday 20 February 2016, in Maulden Village Hall, Bedfordshire Police launched their new initiative known as Operation Salcoats to launch a Parish Special Constabulary Scheme. Their aim is to increase the membership of Bedfordshire Special Constabulary by 31 December 2017 from 200 members to 500 members.

A pilot model comprising thirteen Special Constables will be based in Houghton Regis from 1 April 2016. By the end of 2017 it is hoped that North Bedfordshire will have a team of Parish Special Constables based at Riseley and they will be used to patrol surrounding villages including Oakley.

They were inviting interested people to attend and the Parish Council put details on the village web site. Any one interested in supporting the initiative or indeed interested in becoming a Special Constable should not despair if you missed the launch because more dates and venues will be announced in the future. If you are anxious to get involved sooner then further information will be available on the Bedfordshire Police web site. Alternatively you can register your interest in the Special Constabulary with a phone call to The Force Recruiting Officer. Special Constables have exactly the same powers as a regular Police Officer and the work can be very rewarding.

I think I have said enough. Thank you for your continued support and thank you for reading this Newsletter. Thanks again to the Editor Bill Chalker and to the many who advertise with us.

We look forward to seeing a number of you at The Parish Annual Meeting!

Paul Phillips, Chairman.

Borough Council News by Cllr Pat Olney

Council Tax

Bedford Borough have agreed a 3.99% council tax rise for the year 2016-2017. 2% of this is for adult services, particularly for the older members of our community. The Government has said that there will be a reduction in their support of £24.4million from 2016/17 to 2020. This is a challenge to the council as we have cut back year on year for several years now. In light of this the Executive agreed to:

- a review of Adult Social Care - ensuring that there is a cost effective, equitable service capable of dealing with the pressures of an ageing population;
- Waste and Recycling- a consultation will take place on the option to go to fortnightly waste collections and the best way to provide green waste collections in the future.
- Cultural services - a review of whether the Higgins Bedford, the Corn Exchange and the Heritage sites can be provided in a more sustainable way in the future;
- Libraries- a review of the service
- The support services - reviewing them and possibly extending the services provided through digital interaction.

Bedford's Royal Charter and The Harpur Trust Celebrations

There are many anniversary celebrations this year. It is 850 years since the Royal Charter was given to Bedford by Henry 11 which provided certain liberties and independence for Bedford in exchange for annual taxes. It also the 450th anniversary for the Harpur Trust and the Philharmonia Orchestra has been in Bedford for 21 years. Finally the Marston Vale Forest centre is also celebrating 21 years. There are going to be many different exhibitions and events through the year. Please go on the Borough, Harpur Trust, Higgins and Marston Vale websites plus the Bid website for information.

Speed Cameras

You will have noticed that the lights and cameras are going up in Church Lane and Lovell Road. They will be installed by 31st of March 2016 but they might still need police approval before becoming operational. Cameras will then cover Church Lane, Lovell Road, Pavenham Road and Station Road.

Health Review including Bedford Hospital

The Bedford and Milton Keynes Joint Health review has now been set up to look at both Hospitals and health care in both these areas.

They are looking at 3 proposals – If there is a Major Emergency Centre at Bedford then MK will have an Integrated Care Centre or visa versa.

Alternatively an Integrated Acute Community

Hospital Services Model could be operated in both areas.

The proposed timetable is : February and March 2016 pre consultation; April to June focused engagement with key stakeholders; July to October 2016 full public consultation; October to December 2016 decision making. Please go to Bedford/ MKCCG website for further information.

NHS

Aged 40-74? Find out about your Free NHS Health Check. It is like an MOT of your health and only takes 20 minutes. It will help prevent diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease, stroke and dementia. Ask your GP surgery for more details or search online for "NHS Health Check Bedfordshire".

Higgins Bedford

The new exhibition at the Higgins is Bawden By the Sea. You will be able to see all the preparatory works as well as blocks and the final prints of this very talented world renowned artist. His most famous print is of Brighton Pier. If you watched Sherlock you would have seen the episode at Reichenbach Falls. The painting of the Reichenbach Falls that the Higgins Trust owns is on show at the Higgins with the 8 other Turners owned by the Trust. Both the Turners and The Bawden Exhibitions are a feast for the eyes. Please don't miss them.

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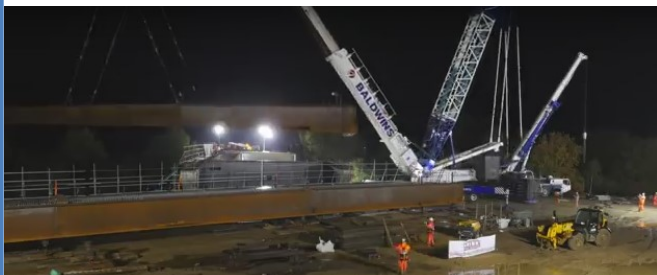
Last year, Joshua was involved in the emergency response to the devastating flooding in southern Malawi, and many of you were generous in supporting this. Sadly, Malawi is still experiencing many challenges as a result of this flooding and we are launching a new appeal for help. **Please help if you can - either with a one-off donation via our appeal page or a regular donation.**

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Jacky Mould

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Oakley Allotments

There is not much to report about the allotments at this time of year with the ground cold and wet and very little to be done, or possible to do, in the garden. It has been a season of unusually mild weather, until fairly recently, when winter has referred to the instruction book and reverted to something resembling the "correct" weather conditions.

We have planned to do some work at our allotment on a few weekends, only to be rained-off. Excursions there have been merely to gather what we can from last year's efforts - chard, celeriac, parsnips, kale and leeks. There is a lot of satisfaction in being able to do that but we would be in trouble if we had to rely solely on our own plot for food.

We are reliant on so much being provided for us in the modern world and there are considerable disadvantages in taking that course. All the more reason to continue practising growing for all seasons and eventualities. However, there are some areas where reliance on our modern facilities and technology cannot easily be circumvented in the case of failure or emergency. (More of that in Snippet 17).



Returning to the subject of the allotments, we now have a short waiting-list again and I also await confirmation from a few prospective tenants that they will take-up the available plots I have reserved for them. If they don't then I will contact those patiently waiting.

If you are interested in an Oakley allotment then please get in touch with me.

Steve Nicholas

Oakley Youth Club is up and running at the Old School, Oakley. Two new youth leaders Courtney and Hannah have developed an exciting programme of events.

This year has been a good start for the youth club. We started back up in November but it was very slow getting the youth in, but we are now back up and running! We have had fun evenings making Pancakes, playing Dodge Ball and the PlayStation! It has been great fun and we are looking forward to planning events through out the year. Aged 12-16? Bored on a Friday evening? Then why not come along to youth club on Friday evenings during term time at the Old School Oakley, Lovell Road, 7:30pm - 9:30pm.

We currently have a special offer: each week on arrival you will be entered into a draw to win a £10 voucher of your choice.

Bring £1 entry and some money for tuck shop.

More about Courtney and Hannah

Hannah, is a keen football player and can carry out a mean tackle, so watch out every one.

Courtney is a shopaholic, she has so many hand-bags she can't count them all.

Both of them are looking forward to seeing you at the Youth Club.

If you would like more information then contact

Courtney on 07731652539 or Hannah on 07593613551 or

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Sharnbrook Gardening Club

Advance Notice of Show Classes



The Annual Show at Sharnbrook Village Hall will be on Saturday 3rd September 2016. Although it is organised by Sharnbrook Gardening Club, all may enter their garden produce, art, wine, baking, preserves and handicrafts.

The classes for jam this year will be: Blackcurrant, Plum, Marmalade, and Jelly made with any fruit. The photographic classes will be: Close-up, Action, Seed Heads, Wild Life, Sky, and any subject in Vintage Style (monochrome or sepia).

Date of Outing The SGC's outing to the famous RHS gardens at Wisley will be on Sunday 12th June. To enrol please e-mail to jean.woollard@gmail.com or phone 781944. The fare will be £15 and entry to the gardens is free to members.

The easiest way to receive full details of the Annual Show and other events is to join the SGC. The subscription is free for the first year then £4 (£5 for a family). Please give your contact details to the Membership Secretary, Mark Lammin, e-mail sharnbrookgc@outlook.com or phone 782118.

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Oakley Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you to everyone who filled in the questionnaire. We had a good response and will be publishing the results as soon as they have been completely analysed. Headline results are:

A large majority of people felt that a growth of between 20-50 houses would enable the village to accommodate 2 to 3 bedroom houses and some bungalows. Most people would prefer the houses to be owner occupied.

People really valued the open spaces and the landscape within which the village sits, the land in Station Road opposite the school being the most important, 91% wished that to stay an open space. Middle Farm was the least important but still well over 50% wished that area to stay an open space.

Parking and traffic were huge issues. People were very satisfied with the bus service.

We will be publishing the results in the very near future and you can read them for yourselves.

The Group are now working on our policies that will reflect the Bedford Borough Local Plan to 2032 but they will have specific detail for Oakley. The policies will be made available to you in a public meeting for your approval in the summer.



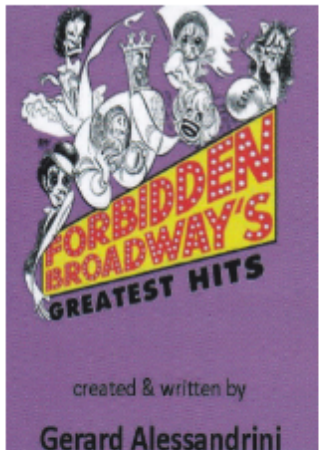
In the last Borough 2032 Local Plan calls for four more sites were put forward by the developers for Oakley. They were land behind Town Farm; land at Station Road for up to 200 houses moving the Lincroft Playing field opposite the school; land from Highfield Road going towards Clapham at the back of the Railway Line to include one site for industrial use and another for a parkway station with parking; both accessing from the slip road/roundabout at Highfield Road.

The borough planners are at the moment assessing these sites and many others against the site selection methodology. They will be asking the Parishes for their views later. 5 very large sites were put forward including the Twinwood Site at Milton Ernest. All 5 sites were in excess of 4,000 houses and therefore the borough may change their strategy as to where development may go.

If you wish more information on the sites please go www.Bedford.gov.uk/LocalPlan2032. Then click on individual parish maps, site submission, scroll down and find Oakley.

As you can see there is a lot of work for the Parish Council and the Group to undertake over the next few months. If you could offer some help with drafting policies and also help at the next exhibition with graphic design and setting up please email me Pat.Olney@btopenworld or Ann Paice at oakley-parish@gmail.com

Pat Olney Chairwoman Oakley Neighbourhood Plan Group

 <h1>Sharnbrook Mill Theatre Trust</h1> <p>Reg. Charity 242164</p> <p>Patron: Joanna David</p>	
 <p>Sharnbrook Mill Theatre Trust Presents</p> <h2>ROMEO + Juliet</h2> <p>By William Shakespeare</p>	<p><i>Two households, both alike in dignity, In fair Verona, where we lay our scene, From ancient grudge break to new mutiny, <u>Where civil blood makes civil hands unclean.</u></i></p> <p>Monday 14th to Saturday 19th March at 7.30 pm.</p> <p>(14th is the Charity Night for Beds & Northants MS Therapy Centre, (Charity No 802510). Contact: Keely Ann or Val Woods. 01234 325781)</p>
<p>To commemorate the 400th anniversary of William Shakespeare's death, a rather special production of the classic <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> is coming to the award-winning Sharnbrook Mill Theatre.</p>	
 <p>Forbidden Broadway's Greatest Hits</p> <p>created & written by Gerard Alessandrini</p>	<p>Forbidden Broadway's Greatest Hits</p> <p>Monday 6th to Saturday 11th June at 7.30 pm</p> <p>[Monday 6th June is Charity Night for Rotary Club of <u>Rushden</u>]</p>
<p>'Gut-bustingly funny!' It's a forbidden pleasure'. (New York Post)</p>	

AMIGO

A full program of events up to July has been published and a copy may be obtained by e-mailing me at jwdixon30@gmail.com

A truly fascinating afternoon was spent at the Higgins museum on the 24th November when the party was taken on a conducted tour of the Turner Exhibition. The tour lasted longer than the scheduled 30 minutes, but it was all the better for that. Our guide was excellent and gave us an interesting summary of Turner's early career as an artist and showed us some remarkable paintings not only by Turner but by artists who were contemporaries of Turner. The party met for lunch before the tour at The Pantry, which was very good.

A traditional evening of carol singing was spent at the Bedford Arms in Oakley on the 15th December. It was good to see so many people enjoying the singing as well as playing hand-bells that were kindly provided by Jenny. The singers were very appreciative of sweets and mince pies kindly supplied by the Pub.

A fascinating evening was spent at the Observatory at Bedford School on Tuesday 26th January. Although the weather conditions prevented the telescope from being used, the group was taken into the planetarium and shown a wonderful version of the night sky. Everyone appreciated the enthusiasm of the school master and the technician who took the group round and some fascinating film footage of the earth taken from the space station was also shown.

By the time this Newsletter is published a talk by the Rev. Gill Baalham about her life in the Methodist Church held at 8.00 p.m. on the 23rd February at Oakley Methodist Church will have taken place. A report will appear in the June issue of the Newsletter.

An evening of light hearted quizzes and parlour games has been planned for the **22nd March** beginning at 8.00 p.m. at Oakley Methodist Church.



On the **26th April** it is proposed (subject to confirmation) to hold a film night at Oakley Methodist Church beginning at 8.00 p.m.

On the **24th May** you will be welcome to attend a garden party by the kind invitation of Pat Olney at 33 Station Road, Oakley from 6.30 p.m. Drinks and light refreshments will be available

A day out in Rochester, Kent has been arranged for Thursday **30th June**. An itinerary has been prepared and a copy may be obtained by sending an e-mail to jwdixon30@gmail.com. A 39 seater coach has been booked and I already have the names of a number of people who are interested in going. I have prepared a waiting list.

The year will finish with an evening ramble on the **28th July** led by John Dixon. Details to follow.

I would like to thank all those who have helped me in organising these events and my particular thanks go to Jenny Sudworth.

John Dixon

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Oakley Carnival Committee

We hope you enjoyed the Oakley Carnival held in the summer last year which not only brought the people of Oakley together in celebration of our village and everything it offers us, but raised valuable funds for local clubs and organisations.

Sadly, the majority of the current carnival committee are stepping down. We are therefore looking for more people to join us. Without more volunteers it is very unlikely that there will be a Carnival in 2017.

To ensure that the Carnival tradition continues, we are looking for people who are passionate about the village, enjoy meeting new people and feel that they would like to get involved more in the community. You can volunteer to do as much or as little as you want and you are guaranteed to have fun!

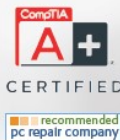
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Do you know someone aged 14-24 years ready to go for Bronze, Silver or Gold? If so, this certainly promises to be one of the more flexible, CV-enhancing, DofE volunteering options available. For more information, visit www.energyenvoys.org.uk



A HELPING HAND

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There are many ways to occupy one's spare time in Oakley; the Women's Institute, gardening club, sports and keep fit activities to name but a few. Some of these things simply need you to be a participant whilst others need help to make them function.

Two worthy groups in the village that would love to have more volunteers are the Rural Day Centre in the Old School and Messy Church which takes place in St. Mary's church.

The Day Centre would like more people to do various tasks that would enhance the lives of their clients. It might mean simply chatting to them or playing games or perhaps you are artistic and could run an activity for them.

The Centre opens on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays so there is plenty of scope to choose a time that suits you. You do not even have to attend every week or all day though this would be terrific if you could.

This request is for both men and women, young or old. For more information ring 824935 or 07733227374.

At the other end of life's span is Messy Church. This meets every Thursday, 10 o'clock until mid-day during school term times. If you like talking and are fascinated by little children's antics then this is for you and if you are vaguely artistic then you could be in charge of the "making table".

The more people who can help the fewer times your services are required. At the moment it is 3-4 times a term. Contact Dorothy Palmer, 823959 for more information.

Having been involved with both groups I can say it is a worthwhile, and fun, way to occupy one's time.

Thank you, Jean Weston.



Farming and Country – Spring 2016

By John Saunders

Having had such a very mild and wet autumn it has been very difficult to do all the work on the land you need to do so there will be a lot of spring corn grown this year. Black grass has been a problem for the last few years and it is a chance to get on top of it by spraying with roundup and spring cultivations. With the mild weather the grass kept growing which enabled the cattle to stay out for an extra month before coming into the yards for the winter.

In January one of the biggest farm machinery shows takes place at the East of England show ground near Peterborough. Called LAMMA, (Lincolnshire Agricultural Machinery Merchants Association) it is a two day show which used to be at the Newark show ground but it has expanded so much over the years they had to move to Peterborough. It is best to go early in the morning as the A1 gets very congested.

With it raining nearly every single day this autumn surprisingly there was hardly any water in the ditches and the land drains did not run. The river was also very low so we probably did not have as much rain as we thought until January when the river came up over the banks and we were very lucky compared to the people in the North of England and Scotland.

The first of February is a significant day in the country person's calendar as it is the end of the shooting season for partridge, pheasant and duck. Without the game shooting the countryside would not preserve all our other types of wild life e.g. song birds because farmers, keepers and land owners do provide habitat for all other creatures and birds. When you are feeding pheasants and partridge the number of other birds that come to help themselves to the food available is astonishing. This year, being so mild, there has been a lot of natural food for them but if we did get a lot of hard weather, frost and snow, it is a life line for them.



Just on the lighter side if any young ladies are thinking of marrying a farmer here are a few do's and don'ts.

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But seven days in every week
No relaxation you may seek,
No time or money of your own
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A sense of humour too you need
When pigs and beasts you have to feed,
The children you get off to school
Yourself keep calm, collect and cool,
You cook the meals and clean the house
Solve the problems for your worthy spouse.

To drive a tractor on the land
Or help to round up straying beasts,
The garden you must keep in trim
You can't expect much help from him.
The phone you answer, books to keep
You're quiet if he falls asleep
And when he wants to have his say
You listen - any time of the day!
To keep an eye on that young sow
She's due to farrow anytime now.
At all times you must look your best,
He likes to see his wife well dressed.
Twill keep you busy all your life
To be a farmers perfect wife.

John Saunders

Oakley Pre-school News



Pre-school is enjoying another busy term and we have a new addition to our team. Alison Molyneux, who is a qualified teacher, joined us at the beginning of February. Alison enjoys number games and activities with the children and has also written and published her own children's books. The children are enjoying getting to know her and playing with all the lovely resources that she has brought with her to pre-school.

We are again collecting Active Kids Vouchers from Sainsbury's. These vouchers enable us to further enhance our outdoor environment and the physical resources that we offer. Any Sainsbury's shoppers, if you could think of us, and say 'yes' to the vouchers please. You can drop them to us at pre-school. If we are not open we have a black post box around the back of the building that you can put them in. Thank you in advance.

At pre-school we are very lucky to have such a wonderful garden for the children to play in and we operate a 'free flow' play system each day and in all weathers. The children can choose to learn inside or outside. We encourage the children to risk assess the garden with us each morning to make sure it is safe for us to play in. Unfortunately, over the last term and a half, we have found on different occasions, five wine bottles in our garden. Obviously, we are now aware and have been able to remove them before any of the children have found them. Luckily they have not been broken, so we haven't had to deal with the danger of smashed glass, but we would really rather that they weren't left in our garden and hope that this will stop happening.

Fundraising Events

Thank you very much to everyone who attended our Crafty Christmas event. We had over 150 people through the door and some wonderfully creative crafts made. We hope everyone enjoyed it. We raised £320.



Our **Adult Retro Disco** is on **23rd April** at the Village Hall. Posters with details of the event have gone up around the village and you can get your tickets from pre-school.

Due to the success of last year's **dog show**, we will be holding another one this summer. Look out for the posters on the village noticeboards nearer the time.



Admissions

If you would like to register your child for a place at pre-school please contact us

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The Force is strong in Oakley

On the 20th December the Oakley Cub pack ventured to a galaxy far far away... (well ok it was Cineworld in Bedford) to watch the new Star Wars movie. Many cubs dressed up and enjoyed a large amount of pop-corn & sweets.

Many of the cubs wore fancy dress and the Cineworld manager was so impressed with the cubs he tweeted about our visit to the cinema. Unfortunately there is no Star Wars badge but the cubs (and leaders....) had a great time.

If your daughter or son is aged 8-10 and is interested in joining cub scouts:-

We meet at Oakley Scout hut on Thursday evenings (6:30 – 8pm) during term times.

Contact Martin Kavanagh (07917137179) – Oakley Cub Scout leader

or Jon Abbott – (07784549180) - Oakley Group Scout Leader



The Floor is strong in Oakley !!

As you can see from the article above, Oakley Scout Group do venture off to places far far away.

The majority of their weekly activities however are carried out at the Scout Hut and the Hut is the hub of Scouting Activity in the village. The floor in the Scout Hut has been in need of repair or replacement for some while and this has been our key fundraising objective over the last couple of years.

By the end of last year the Group had raised sufficient funds to arrange for a replacement floor to be laid. Work started and finished in January this year and I am very pleased to say that we are now the proud owners of a brand new floor.



Oakley Scout Group would like to thank Oakley Parish Council, Oakley Carnival Committee, Bedford Borough Council Ward Fund and Fujitsu for their generous donations and everyone who has been involved in fundraising, planning and the pre and post building preparation work.

Your contributions have helped to create a fantastic environment for Scouting activities in the village and they are very much appreciated by Oakley Scout Group.

Simon Marshall – Chairman, Oakley Scout Group

Steve's Snippet No.17

Is there too much reliance on modern technology? I can vaguely remember a time when there were no mobile phones. If you needed to phone home then you had to find a phone box, find somewhere nearby to park-up if you were driving (advisable even now if using your mobile device), and possibly join a queue of others waiting to use the facility too, if you were unlucky.

If I needed reference data for my work I consulted a tome, which I selected from a large shelf of similarly gigantic tomes covering various subjects and various manufacturers. If I needed technical advice on an unfamiliar subject then I could visit, or telephone, a colleague or specialist in the hope that they could, or would, part with the information required.

Now I can access a large database of information from one of a number of magical devices, including (bizarrely) my mobile phone. Or I can "Google" it and be presented with exhaustive information, including demonstration videos, from those who have explored before me.

At one time we relied on writing letters or telephoning to keep in contact with friends and relatives, even in the next county. If you wanted to communicate with your Aunt in Sydney you sent the letter and waited weeks for a reply. The choice of surface-mail or airmail determined how much of the kids' legacy you needed to invest in a stamp. If it was urgent then you could phone but that was expensive and unreliable.

Now you can use email, social-media, messaging apps, or video-calling systems, such as Skype or FaceTime. These are widely available, easy to use, reliable and, most amazing of all, free! Free, that is, if you have the equipment and access to the infrastructure. You may have to pay for a network service but even that is provided free-of-charge in many places.

Ah, yes, the network service...

Topical with many in Oakley recently (and I hope just a bad memory as you read this) is the threat of failure of the infrastructure on which a great deal of this technology, and our modern lives, are depending more and more.

My own database at work was originally provided in a large book. As it grew and we started to use a computer more, the information was available, as an option, on a CD - faster and more convenient. Then came the DVD version as the available information expanded due to the increasing complexity of the systems we work on. Eventually the information was to be provided only over the Internet - after all, we all have reliable and fast broadband now, don't we.

The problem, if everything is eventually based "in the Cloud", is that clouds are ethereal things and can easily be blown away by unexpected gusts of wind. What is the answer? I have no idea. Thanks to new LED technology, perhaps we could all make sure we carry a small but powerful flashlight and learn to use Morse Code.

Steve's Snippet No.18

Snippet - a small piece, morsel or extract...

Some of my recent Snippets have resembled chapters of books - I am aware of this and I apologise. I tend to get a bit carried away sometimes (some might say, not far enough).

The idea was originally intended to make this Newsletter a bit more interesting and thereby gain more readers. More readers would mean greater exposure for the more serious content of the publication, and I get to fret over the deadline every quarter.

I am not much of a writer (you can tell, I know) - the words are wrung from my pen and are only encouraged by the threat of me missing the deadline and failing in my altruistic aim of (possibly/hopefully) increasing readership for the more worthy content herein.

So, there you have it. I have received some praise for my efforts, which is great; I only wish to entertain - well, here anyway. Elsewhere I seek only fortune as I can live without the fame.

I may write Snippet No. 19 for the next issue after I finish this - though that deadline is months away yet...

Steve Nicholas



Oakley Educational Foundation

This Foundation exists to assist young people between the ages of 16 and 25, who live in the Parish, with grants towards the cost of books and tools, etc. in furtherance of their education.

Applications are accepted in the months of May and November and must be accompanied by receipts of purchase. Application forms can be obtained from the Clerk, Louise Tunley.

For further information, or for an application form, please contact Louise Tunley on 07917 462213, by post at 19 Goldington Road, Bedford, MK40 3JY or by email at louise_tunley@yahoo.co.uk.

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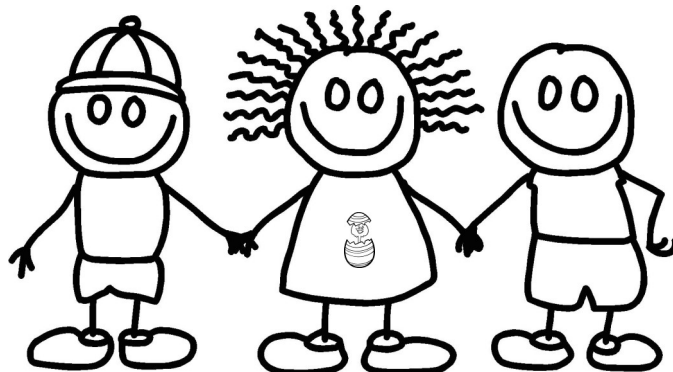


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OAKLEY WI

We meet at Oakley Village Hall on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm.
This is our programme for the next few months.



TUESDAY 8th MARCH

AGM followed by a talk and demonstration of beaded jewellery making by RITA MAHAMMAD. There is an opportunity for you to make your own bracelet or earrings.
Home made cakes and a complimentary glass of Prosecco are provided this evening.

TUESDAY 12th APRIL

A musical journey through the 50s and 60s with CLIVE RUDD, who entertained us so well at our Christmas party.
This meeting is open to all. £4 entry.

TUESDAY 10th MAY

RICHARD COLES, former pop star with the Communards, engaging host of Radio 4's Saturday Live, author and Vicar, shares with us the story of his life.

TUESDAY 14th JUNE

A chance to learn about bees and beekeeping from MARTIN REED.
There will be an opportunity to buy honey and other products.

If any of these subjects appeal to you, we would be happy to welcome you to any of our meetings.

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OAKLEY GARDENING CLUB



OAKLEY GARDENING CLUB is a friendly group of people who get together to share their love for all things horticultural.

From September to April we meet at Oakley Methodist Hall at 7.45pm, and in the summer months get out and about to enjoy visits to some remarkable gardens.
Over the next few months we look forward to

MONDAY 21st MARCH

Dale Coleman shares his enthusiasm for auriculas and carnations.

MONDAY 18th APRIL

Clematis and how best to grow them is the topic from Carole Adams.

On **Monday 27th June** it is planned to travel by coach to visit the National Trust property of Upton House, Warwickshire. The kitchen gardens and rare bog garden are well worth seeing.

Evening visits are in the planning stages as yet, perhaps Swiss Garden for one, and of course the opportunity to view members' gardens in the early summer, always an enjoyable and sociable outing.

We are happy to welcome new members. No skills needed!

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Paul White, Chair of the Oakley Village Hall Committee confirms that he is concerned that the committee is now down to only six regular members and they desperately need a committee secretary to take the minutes.

Meetings are on the second Monday of every month and never last for more than an hour. The minutes only take up one side of A4.

The meetings are not complicated but vital to keep this important village resource running.

If you can help please contact Paul


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A letter from Revd Linda

Lent Challenge 2016

When you read this letter we will be well into our Lenten journey. We sing the hymn 'Forty days and Forty Nights Thou wast fasting in the wild' however the total length of Lent is 47 days because Sundays are not included in the 40 days.

This year the Lent Challenge focus on verses which speak of generosity, joy, imagination or courage. For more information visit: www.livethechallenge.co.uk

Our diocesan prayer is that we live with generosity, joy, imagination and courage. God's act of creation is generous, because it gives us life. It is joyful and imaginative, because our world is full of wonder from the towering majesty of a mountain range, to the incredible intricacy of a human brain. God also shows courage, for created humanity chose to reject his Son.

Practical Action

This Lent, consider how you might live with generosity, joy, imagination and courage.

How are you getting on with your discipline of prayer, almsgiving and fasting? Have you resisted temptation? Lent is a wonderful opportunity to focus on our spiritual lives. Lent is a season for growth and development; for a deepening of understanding and a more effective and generous outworking of our faith. There are times in our lives when we feel alone and God seems far off. Be assured that when we pray God is there even if it doesn't feel as

though he is. Remember that we have to look for him and recognise him in all things. When we do this we soon realise that that he is very much in the centre of everything. This is not surprising; he created the earth and continues to sustain it. We can see God in nature, in the spring flowers, in the lengthening of the days and in the caring ways that we help each other.

We all need the support of other Christians on our journey of faith. During this Lent let us continue to uphold each other in prayer. Why not read a book in the Bible or a spiritual book. Or pop along to the Lent group in Ruffs Furze on a Wednesday afternoon in Oakley, or on a Thursday morning in Bromham. Speak to a church Warden or see the website for further details.

A Prayer to use this Lent

Lord God, thank you that through your creation you show generosity, joy, imagination and courage. Help me to live my grateful life in response to you, through Jesus Christ and in the power of the Spirit. Amen

May God bless your keeping of this most holy season of Lent and Holy Week and because Easter Sunday falls on March 27th may I also wish you a very Happy Easter when the time comes. Do join us for worship. A warm welcome awaits (See: www.bromhambenefice.org, magazine or Easter card for details)

With all blessings

Revd Linda

MESSY CHURCH

Come along and join in the fun at Messy Church. Messy Church takes place every Thursday at St Mary's during term time 10am to 12oclock for children up to 5 years old with their parents /carers . A light lunch is served of fresh fruit with a drink and biscuits , with coffee or tea and biscuits for the adults.

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The Day Centre is a very exciting place to be at the moment with lots of enjoyable activities. We will be making homemade chocolates, potpourri and daffodil brooches along with holding a reminiscence week, beetle drive, competitive quizzes, bingo and games to name but a few.



At Easter we always hold a raffle where hopefully all our clients will receive a chocolate egg. Our popular Bring and Buy, with lots of eclectic items for sale, will be held on 5th, 6th and 7th April. This is also a great way to boost our funds. Hopefully with better weather on the way we will be able to look forward to some local outings. Our Tuesday group recently enjoyed a visit to the Bacon Butty morning at Oakley Methodist Church, where we helped support their chosen charity.

We have celebrated Chinese New Year with a delicious Sweet and sour Chicken followed by chocolate sponge with strawberry sauce and cream, a favourite for all our clients. Healthy nutrition is very important to us at the day centre and with our 5 star rating received by Environmental Health we cater for many different tastes and dietary needs.

If you would like to come and join in the fun on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday please give Lynne a ring on 07733227374

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Update on Superfast Broadband for Oakley

Editors Note — Now that I have had my new fibre service for a few months I can confirm I am getting speeds of 39mbps (up from the 14mbps previously experienced). Installation was painless and a benefit has been no occasional loss of service.



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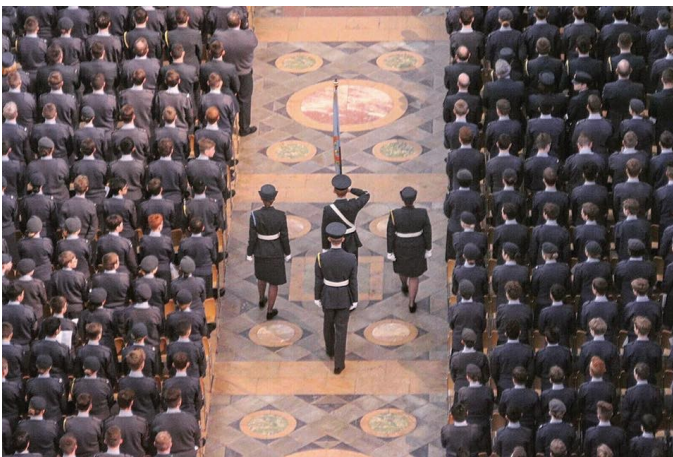
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Air Cadets from 2462 (Oakley) Squadron were joined by other squadrons from the Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire Wing to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Air Cadet Organisation. An unprecedented number of 750 cadets and 75 uniformed staff paraded through the City of Ely yesterday.

This parade, the largest in the Wing's history, was led by cadets of the Wing Band. Squadrons usually meet others in their sector, celebrating what is known as "ATC Sunday" on the anniversary of the formation. For the 75th anniversary, Wing Commander Tony Kelly had a much more ambitious vision. Gathering so many cadets and staff for one parade has been "an opportunity for the whole Wing to come together to start a year of celebration and pride in our achievements". Cadet Gale from 2500 St Neots Squadron echoed the thoughts of many young cadets at the parade. "It's so exciting! Everyone looking, thinking they look smart, and wow, they're good".

Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire Wing Padre, Roger Cresswell, held a service which included an excerpt from the memories of Peter Price, an Air Cadet who lived in the south of England during the Battle of Britain. These nostalgic tales form part of the Corps' history and helped today's cadets understand what it was like to be an Air Cadet 75 years ago.



Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenants for Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire, Helen Nellis and Sir Hugh Duberly KCV O CBE, took the salute and met with the cadets at a reception. Helen Nellis is enthusiastic in her support of the cadet organisations. "Ask the average teen what they did at the weekend, and they spent most of it playing video games. Ask an Air Cadet and they've been on an exercise, doing something for charity, shooting or flying. It helps them learn so many transferrable skills to take into adult life." They were supported by Her Majesty's High Sheriffs for Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire as well over a dozen Mayors or Deputy Mayors from across the Wing area. Also attending were two former Commandant Air Cadets - Air Commodores Jon Ford and Jon Chitty, Station Commanders from local Royal Air Force bases, Squadron Padres and members of many Squadron's Civilian Committees.

The ATC ethos is to create good citizens and has a varied syllabus teaching leadership, radio and communications, aircraft recognition, drill, first aid and sports. Many cadets also attend camps and expeditions and enjoy learning about aircraft and flying. Cadets also have the opportunity to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme which is delivered across the Air Cadet Organisation.

Over the past 75 years the ATC has expanded to 1200 units in the UK and overseas. In Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire Wing there are 29 squadrons and over a thousand cadets. The ATC is currently recruiting volunteer adult staff for a variety of roles based in towns across the two counties.

More details can be found on our website. www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets or www.bedscombwing.co.uk



1st Oakley Rainbows has been very busy over the past few months, We had a fantastic Christmas Party visited by Santa and we worked towards our Rainbow roundabout Festival Badge, looking at all the different festivals around the world. This term we are working towards our Get Healthy Badge. Rainbows is a girl guiding group for 5 – 7 year old girls and we run on a Wednesday evening (term time) 6-7pm at the Village Hall in Oakley. If you would like to put your daughter on the waiting list please contact Jo Jones on 07967467656 for details. Come and Get involved!



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Over 150 people attended Oakley Club for the OMC AGM on the evening of Thursday 4th February. Four committee members stood down this year these being Vice Chair Paul Butler, Magazine and newsletter Editor Kirsty Eaton, Josef Ekkard and Adam Travill.

Although standing down, Paul Butler will continue being involved with the lead Riders Group and Kirsty will continue in her role of Editor of the newsletter and magazine. Only one person had applied to come onto the committee, this being Lizzy Burraway.

The Officers of the Club re-stood and were duly elected for the next term. Following the AGM, as normal, the committee held a quick meeting to decide on a new Vice Chair. The only person standing was our Treasurer Derek Brown who will now be the Vice Chair of OMC. Derek will remain in his role of Treasurer in the short term but plans are already underway for a replacement which will be officially announced when confirmed.

Oakley Motorcycle Club elected the East Anglian Air Ambulance to remain as their chosen



charity yet again. The running total raised by us to date is nearly £28,000.

During the course of the evening the following awards were made

1. Fantasy Race Team Winner - Dave Higham
2. Member of the Year - Steve Brennan.
3. The Pillock of the Year award, probably the most popular part of the evening. The Chairman went through the nominations individually including a slide show of photographic evidence. There were 18 nominations for 16 people for a catalogue of daft things done by them. This award was won jointly by Paul Butler and Barry Williams.

Bouquets were presented to the Chairman's leading Ladies from 2015-16, Marion Phillimore - Fantasy Race Team Organiser, Colleen Spencer - Merchandise sales, Kirsty Eaton - Newsletter and magazine Editor and Bernice Russell - Secretary.

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Friendly atmosphere

The kitchen offers very tasty hot food served on certain days and evenings, homemade pizzas baked in our very own pizza oven. Check our fabulous menus out (download them from our website), pop down and try a bite - you won't be disappointed.



Fun for the kids

The Oakley Sports & Social Club house has two large LCD HD screens and a high definition projector, bringing you live sport from terrestrial, Sky Sports and BT - all in HD. Football, rugby, golf, darts, and many other main sporting events covering internationals and home fixtures. We have many football teams across the age groups up to adult teams under the Oakley Football Club (AFC) banner; Cricket teams Youth and Adult; Dart team, Pool team, and a petanque pitch.

As a Club we offer excellent facilities that are available to hire upon request for functions and parties at very competitive rates. The bar offers a large selection of drinks, alcoholic and non alcoholic, with a guest ale provided.



Fantastic facilities

Membership of the club is a virtual give away at only £5 per year! You could save that on your first round of drinks compared to the current average pub prices. In order to take advantage of the great facilities at Oakley Sports & Social Club, membership is required. Membership can be completed online using the link below or over the bar in the clubhouse. Current members, please don't forget to renew your membership for 2016



OMC Gears up for a busy 2016

Oakley Motorcycle Club anticipates a very busy 2016 - see their website www.oakleymc.net for forthcoming events.



Support your local teams

Come down and watch AFC Oakley football matches

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