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Houghton Regis Town Carnival 2012

The Houghton Regis Carnival was very successful despite the weather!

There were over 90 stalls on the Green, ranging from cupcakes and gourmet coffee, to jewellery, to charity fundraising stalls and a tea room in the pavilion provided by the Houghton Regis W.I.

The Carnival included performances from 'The Shifting Sands Theatre Company' (the Pirates and The Film Crew), the Just Friends Jazz Band and the New Lavender Village Folk Band! There were some amazing Treasure Island style stalls with some super costumes to match!

The winners of the procession competition were Kings Houghton Middle School who won £300 plus the Yvonne Corkerton Memorial Trophy and the runners up were 1st/3rd Houghton Regis Beaver's and Cubs who won £150 and a trophy cup. The Scout group also won the 'Best Presented Stall' competition.

The date for the 2013 Carnival has been set for Saturday 13th July 2013 and the theme of the event will be revealed shortly! To take part, please contact Sarah on **01582 708523** or sarah.gelsthorp@houghtonregis.org.uk

We hope that you enjoyed the Carnival and we look forward to seeing you at the **Classic Car Show on Sunday 16th September 2012**. (For more details please log on to the Town Council Website www.houghtonregis.org.uk)





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Houghton Regis W.I

The W.I. was on hand for the Houghton Regis Carnival in July. The group was stationed in the Village Green Pavilion and served a selection of cakes and scones along with tea and coffee.

The W.I. meet on the first Tuesday of the month at The Memorial Hall (opposite the Green) at 7.30pm and are a friendly group of ladies of all ages. There are always various speakers and craft projects taking place. For more details or to join, please contact:

Irene Carpenter (Secretary) 01582 826703 or
Beverly Lennox (President) 01582 527789.



Town Council Calendar of Meetings

Please find below the calendar of meetings for the Town Council from September 2012 to the end of November 2012. All council meetings are open to the public and are held in the Council Offices on Peel Street at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated. The agendas for forthcoming meetings can be found on the notice boards outside the offices, Houghton Regis Library and on the Town Council website. Copies can also be obtained from the office.

Date	Day	Committee	Time
3rd September	Mon	Environment Committee	
5th September	Wed	Grants Sub Committee	
10th September	Mon	Accounts Sub Committee Planning & Licensing Committee	6.30pm
17th September	Mon	Policy & Resources Committee	
24th September	Mon	Accounts Sub Committee Planning & Licensing Committee	6.30pm
1st October	Mon	Town Council	
15th October	Mon	Accounts Sub Committee Planning & Licensing Committee	6.30pm
29th October	Mon	Environment Committee	
5th November	Mon	Accounts Sub Committee Planning & Licensing Committee	6.30pm
12th November	Mon	Grants Sub Committee	
19th November	Mon	Policy & Resources Committee	
26th November	Mon	Accounts Sub Committee Planning & Licensing Committee	6.30pm

Walk For Health



Houghton Hall Park area
every other Thursday afternoon.
Starting at 2pm by the pavilion,
on the Green

Walks last 30 - 45 minutes.
Go at your own pace but enjoy friendly company.

Walks are free with no commitment.
(And we may go for a cup of tea in the cafe afterwards.)

Thursday 6th September 2012
Thursday 20th September 2012
Thursday 4th October 2012
Thursday 18th October 2012
Thursday 1st November 2012

Just come along and join us or phone:
Sue **01582 865966** or
Ruth **01582 758483**



Due to the success of the Royal Wedding and Jubilee Badges, the Town Council is pleased to announce the sale of its **limited edition Millennium Badges** produced in the year 2000.

The badges have not been available on sale before and all proceeds will be put towards community events in the town.

There are only 200 badges left in the Council's possession and sales will be taken on a **first come, first served basis!!**

Donation £1.00



Community Fun-day/Open Day

AT
Kingsland Campus/Houghton Regis Leisure Centre

FREE ENTRY!

Craft Fayre - Indoor Car Boot Sale
Activities - Sports Hall Displays
Bouncy Castle - Face Painting
Nails/Manicure - Refreshments

Saturday 22nd September 2012
9am-3pm

Craft Fayre/Car Boot (bring your own tables) 9am-3pm,
set up from 8am, for details and bookings -
for Craft Fayre contact Peter Carrington on
07810583717
for Car Boot contact Kay Hudgell on 07962462827
or Christine Clavey on 07939920642

Brought to you by
Parkside Voice Stakeholder Group
Stevenage Leisure Limited
Houghton Regis Leisure Centre Action Group

Christmas Card List

Every year the Town Mayor sends Christmas cards to residents aged over 65 years of age. The time is approaching again to ensure that your details are on the list.

To register or to check that your details are included on the 2012 list please call Sarah on 01582 708523.

Houghton Regis Town Council

CLASSIC & VINTAGE MOTOR SHOW

A stunning display of Classic, Vintage Cars, Motor Cycles & Military Vehicles combined with fun activities to make this the Perfect **FREE** family day!

Houghton Regis Village Green
Sunday 16th September 2012
10:00 am – 4:00 pm



Central Bedfordshire
Sustainable Transport
Fund

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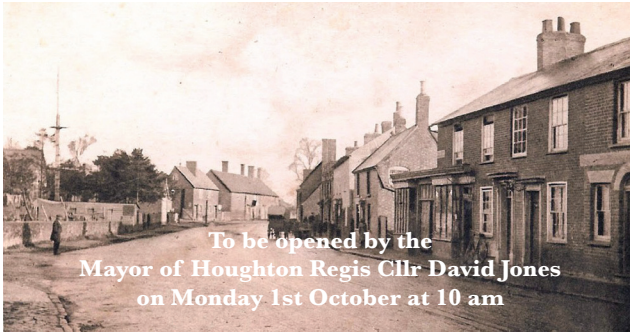
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**HOUGHTON REGIS
 IN PICTURES**

**An exhibition of old photographs and prints in
 Houghton Regis Library**

**1st October -
 31st October 2012**

With free illustrated talks in the meeting room
Dates and tickets available from Houghton Regis Library



To be opened by the
Mayor of Houghton Regis Cllr David Jones
 on Monday 1st October at 10 am



Stay Safe This Summer

Stay Safe This Summer is the message Bedfordshire Police will be promoting as officers in the county are continuing to target criminals who commit street robberies within Bedfordshire.

The **'Stay Safe'** initiative will tackle the seasonal crime increases recorded by the force, which include street robberies.

Robberies involving young people often happen during the school holidays and officers will be targeting areas such as parks and shopping centres to give crime reduction advice but also making it difficult for would-be offenders to operate in the area.

Using the most up-to-date intelligence both overt and covert policing tactics will be used where robberies appear to be on the increase. By creating a ring of steel around the areas and then by putting the right people, in the right place, at the right time a saturation of officers and staff is used to make the area safe.

The initiative has already had some excellent results. In Luton, during April, Operation Lutteur saw a 20% decrease in offences in the areas targeted; 35 people were arrested and over 198 people stopped and spoken to by officers together with 45 vehicles stopped and search in order to deprive criminals who use their vehicles to commit crime.

Chief Inspector Rob McCaffray, Head of Operational Policing in Luton, says he is determined to drive down the number of robberies being committed in the county and will take every opportunity to educate young people about their safety and the consequences of their actions.

"It always shocks me when speaking to young people who commit this type of offence against other youngsters - sometimes they don't really understand the seriousness of their actions. Often they see what they do as an extension of bullying or just a mugging but in reality they are applying force and fear towards their victims, the crime they are actually committing is robbery.

"My warning to those people who commit such offences is clear - think about the consequences of your actions before you do this - you will end up with a criminal record which will seriously reduce your life choices in the future, your family and friends will be devastated and you will be imprisoned," said Chief Inspector McCaffray.

He added: "It is important that we not only catch criminals but we also help to educate young people about making the right decisions at the right time and that's why we will also be visiting schools to get our messages across."

Bedfordshire Police will also be sending out messages via Facebook, Twitter and Bluetooth reminding them of ways they can Stay Safe, and remember, members of the public can also stay safe by following some simple advice whilst they are out and about this summer.

To reduce the risk of robbery you can:

Stay sensible - being under the influence of drink (or drugs) can significantly increase your chance of being a victim of robbery. Be sensible in how much you drink and look after your friends.

Stay aware - using headphones means you are unlikely to hear someone approaching you until it is too late.

Stay secure - don't advertise your valuables, keep them in your pocket or handbag out of sight. Check it is safe before you use your phone. Make sure your phone and other valuables are security marked and registered on www.immobilise.com.

Stay calm - always report the offence immediately to the police. Try to remember what the offender looks like and was wearing, with a good description and your quick action officers will have a good chance of catching the offender.

Stay safe - keep to main roads with streetlights and avoid dark alleyways and shortcuts through parks. Tell a responsible person when you will be home. Carry a personal alarm.

Stay together - make sure everyone gets home safely either with the group or in a taxi.

Police are also working in partnership with Crimestoppers to encourage potential offenders to avoid being involved with crime and supporting the Crimestoppers Fearless campaign which is a website that young people can visit to get information about the crime that affects them, learn how to keep themselves safe and offers an opportunity to pass on information about crime 100% anonymously.

If you have any information about robberies you can contact Bedfordshire Police by calling 101. You can also contact the independent charity Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111, or online at crimestoppers-uk.org. No personal details are taken, information is not traced or recorded and you will not go to court.

ALL SAINTS ACADEMY

All Saints Academy, Dunstable is delighted to announce that the Secretary of State for Education has approved its application to change its age range to 11-18. This means that from September 2013 All Saints Academy will open its doors to Year 7 students, initially with 60 places. If you are currently a Year 5 student, please come to our Open Evening on 11 October 2012 at 5.30pm in our brand new building - you will certainly not be disappointed with the facilities.

Sponsors and Governors have made it clear that having children in Years 7 to 11 will give us every chance of providing the best education and the best outcomes for students aged 11-16, and it will certainly give us every chance of transforming the lives of the children and the communities we serve.

Jon Reynolds, Director of the Church of England Schools, Diocese of St. Albans (Principal Sponsor of All Saints Academy), said 'This is very good news indeed. This will help young people in North Dunstable and Houghton Regis as they work hard to get the best possible qualifications to equip them for the next part of their lives. We look forward to welcoming eleven year-olds into our new building.'

Professor Les Ebdon CBE, Vice Chancellor of the University of Bedfordshire (Co-sponsor) said 'This is further confirmation of the big advances that All Saints has made in standards and achievements in the short period that it has been an academy. The decision by

the Secretary of State not only provides more choice for local students but provides an excellent platform for University study.'

John Wallace, Chair of Governors, said 'This is the culmination of a long process involving much hard work. It is most gratifying that we will be able to offer a really high standard of education from the age of 11 to children in our area.'

South West Bedfordshire MP Andrew Selous said 'I am delighted to learn that All Saints Academy has been given permission to become a full secondary school and take in children from the age of 11. This gives much needed certainty to the children of the area and will be welcomed by the lower schools in Houghton Regis which have requested to become full primary schools. I look forward to continued improving results from All Saints Academy and other local schools.'

Tom Waterworth, Principal, said 'This is just the news we've been waiting for. We now want to work with our partner schools in Dunstable and Houghton Regis to ensure a smooth transition for students from Year 6 into Year 7. We have been working hard on improving students' literacy and numeracy skills and having students from Year 7 means we can work hard to improve these still further.'

09 July 2012

Tom Waterworth, Principal

ALL SAINTS ACADEMY

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Is the **Green Deal** the right deal for you?

The Government's Green Deal scheme aims to help more homeowners refurbish their homes by spreading the costs over future energy bills.

But is it the right deal for you?

Under the 'Golden Rule' any technologies installed must be so energy efficient that loan repayments should be less or equal to the money saved. So, for example, a 30% more efficient boiler could be installed. It delivers the same heat with 30% less fuel. You are then saving money on heating your house. Under the scheme this saving is used to repay the loan for the boiler. You get a new boiler; the house heats up faster; it's more comfortable and you aren't out of pocket.

So, what's the catch? Firstly, the sums aren't simple. For example, as energy suppliers charge more for the first block of units, a 30% reduction in gas use does not equal a 30% reduction in bills. Secondly, basic loft and cavity wall insulation are unlikely to remain cheap or free under the scheme. Thirdly, interest payable on the loan might be 6 - 7%. If you have money and expect to stay put, you may get a better return paying for the work yourself.



Ask someone who went green
Mark Brown of High Wycombe.
One of some 40 SuperHomers across the country opening their doors to the public in September.

* Photo courtesy of www.superhomes.org.uk

If you are unsure, talk to someone who has already greened their home. SuperHomers host free Open Days in spring and September. They can explain both the benefits and challenges of eco renovation. See the website to book a visit or, for the latest on the Green Deal, see:

www.superhomes.org.uk/greendeal



New recycling containers for Dunstable

Four new recycling containers have been installed in Dunstable to help residents recycle even more of their household waste.

Located at Dunstable's Household Waste Recycling Centre in French's Avenue, these large recycling bins accept the full range of materials which are collected in residents' orange-lidded bins including: paper, cardboard, cartons, plastic packaging, metal packaging, cans, tins, aluminium foil, empty aerosols as well as worn out clothing, shoes, household textiles and fabrics.

Cllr Budge Wells, Deputy Executive Member for Sustainable Communities at Central Bedfordshire Council said: "The addition of these new, bigger containers will enable us to recycle more household waste. Our residents are doing a fantastic job already, but these will be especially convenient for local residents who might sometimes have too much to fit in their own recycling bin". With a continuing effort to separate waste, Central Bedfordshire Household Waste Recycling Centres are recycling on average more than 71 per cent of the waste taken there and continue to accept a wide range of recyclable materials such as garden waste, scrap wood, car and household batteries, light bulbs, used engine and cooking oil, electrical items, white goods and scrap metal.

All of Central Bedfordshire's Household Waste Recycling Centres are open from 9am - 5pm seven days a week, except for Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. In addition to these sites there are over 100 local recycling sites across Central Bedfordshire where residents can recycle their glass bottles and jars. A number of these sites also have banks for textiles and clothing.

For more information about waste and recycling call Central Bedfordshire Council on **0300 300 8302** or visit: www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/recycling

B+Involved Houghton Hall Park

Do you want to be involved in shaping plans for improving the use of this fantastic local park?
There's still time!

Central Bedfordshire Council, Houghton Regis Town Council and the Greensand Trust are working in partnership to restore, improve and increase the use of Houghton Hall Park. We are looking for local people to contribute ideas, get involved, volunteer and support the Park - so if you think you could help and want to 'b+involved' please call:

Kim Owens 0300 300 6821

Houghton Regis Bowls Club Fundraising

Pat Brown From Houghton Regis Bowls Club, hosted a charity match on 26th May 2012 at Houghton Regis Bowls Club in aid of the British Heart Foundation. The event raised £200 for the charity, which will be match funded by Barclays Bank. Members Jeanne Delaney, John Frost and Carl Holding won the charity match on the day.

Well done to Pat and her family for organising the event.

