

TOWN CRIER



Telephone: 01582 708540
E-mail: info@houghtonregis.org.uk

Web: www.houghtonregis.org.uk
Delivered to all properties in Houghton Regis



Classic & Vintage Motor Show 2014 **Sunday 14th September**

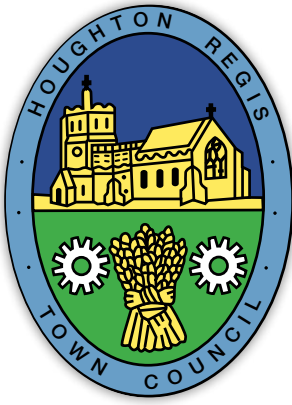
Our 3rd Classic Car Show takes place between 10am - 4pm.

The event features a fantastic display of vehicles from Pre – War to modern classics. There will be entertainment from 'Voice in a Million' Fiona Harrison performing songs from days gone by.
Event sponsored by:



Houghton Regis Carnival 2014

The Carnival "Comic Book Hero's" was a very successful and hot Day!
For more highlights from the day, turn to the centre pages!



Houghton Regis Town Council Contact Details

Houghton Regis Town Council
Peel Street, Houghton Regis
Bedfordshire LU5 5EY

Telephone: 01582 708540
Fax: 01582 861102

Email: info@houghtonregis.org.uk
Website: www.houghtonregis.org.uk

Officers:

Clare Evans Town Clerk	01582 708542
Stuart Oliver Deputy Town Clerk	01582 708543
Sarah Gelsthorp Promotions & Communications Officer	01582 708523
Sonia Stennett Accounts & Administration Officer	01582 708541
Jan Cooper Community Organiser	01582 708544
Chantel England Administration Officer	01582 708540

Councillor contact details:

Houghton Hall Ward:	
Cllr. Edward Costello	01582 515854
Cllr. David Jones	01582 655162
Cllr. Robin Hines	01582 759026
Cllr. Andrew Roberts	01582 868288
Cllr. Tony Swain	01582 522952
Cllr. Laura Ellaway	01582 537105

Parkside Ward:	
Cllr. Jimmy Carroll	01582 868006
Cllr. Mrs Ruth Harris-Small	01582 758483
Cllr. Robert Shimmin	01582 532444
Cllr. Alan Winter	01582 514654

Tithe Farm Ward:	
Cllr. Mrs Shirley Gilchrist	01582 519087
Cllr. Michael Hunting	01582 526630
Cllr. Ken Wattingham	01582 705830
Cllr. Marion Rolfe	01582 866215

Central Bedfordshire Councillors:	
Cllr. Dr Rita Egan (Parkside Ward)	0300 300 8518
Cllr. Mrs Susan Goodchild (Houghton Hall)	0300 300 8525
Cllr. David Jones (Houghton Hall)	0300 300 8535
Cllr. Peter Williams (Tithe Farm)	0300 300 8567

The Town Mayor



Welcome to the Classic Car Show edition of the Town Crier and roll on 14th September for another fantastic day! There will be some stunning displays of vehicles from pre-war through to Military as well as musical entertainment from Fiona Harrison who will be performing songs from the 1940s to the Rock 'n' Roll Era! One of the vehicles on display will win the 'Mayors Choice' Award and I will enjoy looking at all the cars (and sitting in them if I am allowed!) Let's hope for some warm weather and I look forward to seeing you all.

In this edition there are photographs from the Carnival and I am sure that you will enjoy looking back at the event as much as I have (wasn't it a hot day!) There were so many parts to Carnival Day that it would be impossible to mention everything but I particularly enjoyed taking part in the procession (in the Batmobile!) and dancing with Regis the Lion to the Robbie Williams act 'Millennium'.

I have attended many events over the past three months since I became Town Mayor and it has been lovely meeting with so many people. Some of these events have included the Houghton Regis Primary School May Fayre, The Civic Reception which I held in June, The High Sheriff's Garden Party and the Playday on the Village Green and I very much enjoyed these occasions.

There are lots more exciting events taking place over the next few months and I will be revealing details of a special Christmas Event in the next edition...

Councillor Laura Ellaway

Town Mayor

If you have an event that you would like the Town Mayor to attend, please contact Sarah Gelsthorp, Town Mayor's Secretary on 01582 708540 or email sarah.gelsthorp@houghtonregis.org.uk

Town Clerk

Well I can't believe we are in September already! It has been a very busy year so far for Houghton Regis Town Council.

We held our "Comic Book Hero's" themed Carnival in July, which was another huge success (see page 6 and 7 for pictures from the day). A **BIG** thank you to everyone who helped out and took part in the day.

There is a lot more to look forward to in the upcoming months including our **Classic & Vintage Motor Show Sunday 14th September**, which is in its third year. *Make sure you put it in your Diary!*



We also have our pre-Christmas show called "**Celebration of Christmas**" in November to look forward to.

Please see the website for firm dates of these events.

I look forward to seeing as many people as possible at our events.

Clare Evans
Town Clerk

HOUGHTON REGIS HISTORY CORNER

Also In this edition, we take a look back at the Council archives to find out the meaning behind one of the street names in the town...

CLARKES WAY (BUILT IN 1972)

Clarks Way was named after Cllr. S.C. Clarke MBE, JP (known as Sid Clarke) who was the Chairman of the Parish Council for many many years (including a 14 year run from 1963 and 1977). The original suggestion for this street was Clarke Road; before Clarks Way was agreed upon. This photo was found in the Council Offices recently and it is likely that it would have been on display in the Peel Street Offices following the Council's re-location there in March 1976; in the same way that we now display the photographs of all the Past Mayors. Many 'Houghtonians' will remember Sid for his commitment to the Parish which spanned from 1946 – until his passing in early 1981.



Travellers

Travellers have encroached onto Town Council land four times since April. On two incidences Bedfordshire Police have moved the travellers on and on the other two incidences the Town Council has instructed bailiffs to move them on. The travellers have all been amicable and have left the sites in the required time and have left only minimal waste.

For information the Police are only able to move travellers on if certain criteria prevail. In relation to the two incidences when the police have been unable to help as the criteria have not been met, the Council has used the services of bailiffs. Each time this has incurred an expense in excess of £1200. This is an un-budgeted for expense for HRTC to cover.

Council Website

Don't forget our website for the latest information, available across all your devices.

www.houghtonregis.org.uk



Year 6 into 7 Open Evening for Admission in September 2015 Thursday 25 September 2014

All students currently in Year 6 and their parents/carers are invited to visit the Academy and meet with both staff and students from 5.30pm onwards. Tom Waterworth, Principal, will give introductory talks at 5.30pm and 6.30pm in the Main Hall.

Facilities in our superb new building include:

- Seven brand new Science labs including a Science Studio
- A Recording Studio, and Ensemble and Practice Rooms
- Four state-of-the-art rooms for Business and Enterprise and ICT
- Impressive rooms for Art, Media, Music and Textiles
- A suite of nine rooms for English and Modern Foreign Languages
- 45 Mac/Apple computers
- Seven suited Maths rooms including a Tiered Lecture Theatre for sixty students
- A Sports Exercise Room
- Dedicated ICT labs for each of English, Maths and Humanities
- State-of-the-art floodlit 3G all-weather pitch and MUGA
- Specialist Studios for each of Dance and Drama, together with bespoke changing rooms, and Amphitheatre

Academy in Action tours will take place each morning at 9.00am from Tuesday 30th September to Thursday 02 October 2014 for prospective Year 7 students. Please contact the Academy as soon as possible to reserve a place on one of these tours.

Come and see what we have to offer

All Saints Academy Dunstable, Houghton Road,
Dunstable, Beds LU5 5AB • Tel: 01582 619700
Email: office@allsaintsacademydunstable.org
www.allsaintsacademydunstable.org



Diocese of St Albans

Committee Reports

Town Council

New Councillors

In May 2014 the Town Council received the resignations from Pete Carrington and Peter Williams from their positions as town councillors. The vacancies were duly advertised. The Council are pleased to welcome Cllr. Ken Wattingham and Cllr. James Carroll.



Cllr Ken Wattingham



Cllr Jimmy Carroll

Year End Accounts

Town Council approved the year end accounts for 2013/14 for submission to the external auditor and received the Internal Auditors report for this financial year. Copies of both are available at the Council offices and online.

Corporate Services Committee

The Committee approved additional funding for an enhanced Christmas lights display. This enhancement has also been financially supported by HRN1 and Martin Slowe Estates (owners of Bedford Square shopping centre).

Community Services Committee

Grants

The Committee were pleased to award the following grants:

Recycled Teenagers	£446.25
Houghton Regis Children's Centre	£500

Social Club

Following on from the recent closure of St Vincent's Social Club and the expected forced closure of the Social Club on the Co-Op site, Members of this committee considered in detail the impact of this in the community and what future opportunities that there may be. At this stage the Committee decided to formally record their support for social club with community venue within Houghton Regis and to request that the matter be further considered at the Town Partnership Committee.

Town Centre Toilets

The Committee were also pleased to approve a contract for the continued cleaning of the Town Centre toilets thus ensuring their continued provision to support local businesses and shoppers.

Town Partnership Committee

Of particular note were the discussions over a future social club in Houghton Regis and concerns over the pedestrian safety of the highways scheme in the High Street. It was beneficial for Town and Central Bedfordshire Councillors to be able to have the opportunity to express their and residents thoughts and concerns to Central Bedfordshire officers.



University Technical College of Central Bedfordshire

Students starting in September were given a taste of real engineering at the UTC

Ian Pryce CBE Principal and CEO of Bedford College has met with parents of the Houghton Regis UTC it is now sponsoring.

Parents and pupils heard that award-winning Bedford College has strong links with 1,000s of employers – particularly engineering and technology companies. It is the largest provider of Bedfordshire apprenticeship training and is going to put all those contacts to good use on behalf of the University Technical College.

The UTC, which takes pupils from the age of 14 – 18, has welcomed Bedford College as a new sponsor following an Ofsted report which said it needed support.

"We at Bedford College have a history of engineering education excellence, we are committed to technology training and are looking forward to helping the UTC improve as quickly as possible for the benefit of its pupils," said Mr Pryce,

"We will be recruiting more 16+ pupils from this September (2014) who will be able to benefit from Bedford College-supported experience on their doorsteps in the South of the county rather than having to travel to our campus in the North.

"We have much to do and will be starting straight away. The Bedford College project team will be working all over the summer to welcome new and existing pupils in September."

Want to learn more about how to apply to join the UTC as a stepping stone to a great job in engineering, technology, technical and other future careers? www.centralbedsutc.org

Things to Learn about the UTC at Houghton Regis

University Technical Colleges are a specialist form of school set up by the Government to allow 14 year olds to focus on careers requiring the latest skills.

Pupils take a variety of qualifications including GCSE and A Levels in subjects like Maths, IT and Physics.

Big name employers are continuing to back the UTC and more are following now Bedford College is involved.

Extensive consultation will be conducted to consider widening the curriculum to include wider technology training – as all careers will require higher IT skills in the next decade.



The age range could be dropped in 13 to be in keeping with the changeover to upper schools which still exist in parts of Bedfordshire.

Bedford College has achieved 90% scores in its teaching and learning activities – top quality skills which it will share with the UTC.

Lesley Glover
Head Teacher

Annual Report

Summary 2013/14

The Town Councils Annual Report was approved on 23rd June 2014. The report contains the Foreword, Overview, review of Houghton Regis Town Council & Committees (Corporate Services Committee, Environment & Leisure Committee, Community Services Committee, Planning & Licensing Committee), a look forward to 2014/15, a Summary of Accounts (as detailed below), contact details for Houghton Regis Town Council including office contact details, town councillor contact details and areas of responsibility and contact details for Central Bedfordshire Council including office contact details, Central Bedfordshire Councillor contact details and areas of responsibility.

A full copy of the Annual Report can be found on the Town Councils website; www.houghtonregis.org.uk or from the council offices.

The Summary of Accounts in the Annual Report provides the following information:

INCOME 2013 - 2014	£
Precept	760,000
Council Tax Support Grant	90,035
Agency Services	4,433
Capital Receipts, Grants & Loan Proceeds	5,384
Interest and Investment Income	13,656
Leisure and Recreation inc. Pavilions	12,029
Cemetery & Churchyard	16,867
Miscellaneous	9,650
Community Development	
TOTAL INCOME	912,054
EXPENDITURE 2013 - 2014	£
Establishment/General Administration	395,740
Agency Costs	3,838
S.137 Expenditure	12,959
Capital Expenditure inc. Capital Grants	18,179
Loan Interest and Capital Repayments	48,636
Operational Expenditure:	
Leisure and Recreation inc. Pavilions	104,642
Cemetery & Churchyard	14,493
Tourism	
Highways - Footpaths and Lighting	1,058
Democratic Representation & Management	9,341
Town Security	30,552
Public Toilets	20,726
Community Development	30,816
Grants Under Specific Powers	8,789
Community Services	19,913
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	719,682



Please find below the calendar of meetings for the Town Council from October to the end of December 2014. 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 meeting can be found on the notice board outside the offices and on the Town Council website. Copies can also be obtained from the office.

Date	Day	Committee	Time
13 th October	Monday	Accounts Sub Committee Planning & Licensing Committee	6.30pm
20 th October	Monday	Town Partnership	
3 rd November	Monday	Accounts Sub Committee Planning & Licensing Committee	6.30pm
10 th November	Monday	Environment & Leisure	
17 th November	Monday	Community Services	
24 th November	Monday	Accounts Sub Committee Planning & Licensing Committee	6.30pm
1 st December	Monday	Corporate Services	
8 th December	Monday	Town Council	
15 th December	Monday	Accounts Sub Committee Planning & Licensing Committee	6.30pm

Spooky goings on at Houghton Regis Library!

Come down to Houghton Regis Library in Halloween Fancy Dress on Saturday 1st November 2014 for some spooky goings on!

The Town Mayor is hosting a ghost and ghoull hunt (for children!) from 10am - 12 noon.

There will be some clues hidden around the shops in Bedford Square with some Halloween prizes to be collected afterwards back at the Library.

The cost to take part is £1 per child with the funds collected being directed towards the Town Mayor's nominated charities (Kingfishers, Houghton Regis Day Centre and Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Army Cadet Force (Dunstable Platoon)).

Councillor Ellaway hopes you all have a scarily good day!

Houghton Regis Town Council, Peel Street, Houghton Regis, Beds LU5 5EY
Tel: 01582 708540 Web: www.houghtonregis.org.uk

THE CARNIVAL 2014





Town Updates

The Co-op Site

The mediation process between Central Bedfordshire Council and the Co-Op was successful and the legal agreement for surrender of the site by the Co-op to the Council has been completed.

Watch this space for updates on the redevelopment of this site and opportunities for you to feed in your views.

Former Netto premises / site

The following planning application was submitted in June:

2014/01934/Full

Demolition of existing supermarket and erection of new petrol filling station with sales kiosk and car wash facility 2 Cemetery Road

For: Wm Morrisons Supermarkets PLC

The application was objected to by HRTC as it was felt that:

1. No evidence had been shown of the need for another petrol filling station in that part of the town;
2. The development was not in accordance with the Masterplan;
3. There were serious concerns over an increase in traffic in High Street and Cemetery Road and the impact this would have on the pedestrian crossings in the area;
4. No indication had been given as to what future development might take place on the land adjacent to the proposed filling station.

Central Bedfordshire Council will determine the application in the next couple of months.

Major Housing Developments

Over the last few months preliminary discussions have been held with developers for two infill housing sites off Bedford Road. Applications have been submitted, copies are available at the Town Council offices, or via the Central Bedfordshire website:

www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

HRN 1

Following CBC's decision to issue outline planning permission for the HRN1 site on 2nd June, Luton Borough Council have lodged an application for leave to judicially review the grant of planning permission. This essentially means that the Courts will have to rule on the legality of the grant of planning permission. Given the uncertainty that now exists it is unlikely the planning permission will be implemented and the development started until the court proceedings are concluded. The timescale for this is not known at present.

HRN 2

Work is continuing in respect of a Planning Performance Agreement (PPA) with the relevant

consortium for HRN 2 prior to the submission of a planning application for the proposed development, anticipated to be within the next 3 to 4 months.

Highways projects

A5-M1 Link Road

Following the Secretary of State for Transport and Communities and Local Government decision to proceed with the A5 - M1 link Dunstable northern bypass scheme, advanced works have now started in the area.

UK Power Networks (UKPN) are onsite in order to upgrade and relocate existing overhead power cables underground. The upgrading work is part of UKPN scheduled improvement work however; this work has been brought forward because they are vital preparation for the A5-M1 Link road.

The Highways Agency is due to start main construction work on the A5-M1 Link road in early 2015.

Woodside Connection

It is expected that the Planning Inspectorate Examiner will deliver the report in October 2014 on this Inquiry. Assuming consent is granted Advanced Statutory Apparatus (UKPN) diversion work will commence in late 2014 with main construction work to commence in Spring 2015. It is planned that the Link Road will join up with the new junction 11A as part of the A5-M1 Link Road scheme.

Houghton Regis Leisure Centre Swimming Pool

Houghton Regis Leisure Centre Swimming Pool is making a splash welcoming users again for the summer holidays.

The pool has reopened on a phased basis and although the refurbishment works are still continuing children and families in the town will be able to enjoy swimming over the summer break. It is hoped that disruption will be kept to a minimum and everyone should be able to swim, take classes and go to the gym without too much inconvenience.

Central Bedfordshire Council is working in partnership with the Town Council, the Leisure Centre Action Group and the local community to make these improvements. These will add to those that have already taken place at the centre to give local residents the opportunity to get involved in sports and physical activities. The gym was refurbished in 2011 resulting in a significant increase in the number of users.

Cllr. Brian Spurr, Executive Member for Sustainable Communities Services explained. "It is great to welcome people back to the pool and it won't be too long before the whole refurbishment is complete

including a new roof and changing rooms. The works are part of the council's Leisure Strategy which includes investments and improvements for leisure centres across the area.



More information on the pool schedule, restrictions and opening times are available at: www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/leisure

St Vincent's Social Club

The Club is due to re-open mid/late August. Why not pop down and join and support your local facilities.

Crime & Anti Social Behaviour

Crime & Anti Social Behaviour in Houghton Regis – May & June 2014

	Houghton Regis	Dunstable	Leighton Buzzard	Luton
Crime	Actual: 286 Ratio: 1:59.4	Actual: 511 Ratio: 1:68.5	Actual: 337 Ratio: 1:118.7	Actual: 2847 Ratio: 1:71.4
ASB	Actual: 204 Ratio: 1:83.3	Actual: 343 Ratio: 1:102	Actual: 189 Ratio: 1:211.6	Actual: 1342 Ratio: 1:151.6
Transport*	Actual: 97 Ratio: 1:175.3	Actual: 159 Ratio: 1:220.1	Actual: 125 Ratio: 1:320	Actual: 811 Ratio: 1:230.6

* Transport related incidents can include, parking issues, speeding vehicles, and vehicle nuisance.

Total recorded crime over May and June was 2.1% higher than the preceding two months, and is 22.2% higher than the same period 12 months ago. The Police experienced 153 offences in the month of May followed by a reduction to 133 offences in June.

Domestic Burglary was showing the only reduction from the same period 12 months ago at 27.8%.

Vehicle crime, Robbery and Violence Against Person were showing reductions from March and April but increases from the same period 12 months ago.

Combined ASB levels have seen a decrease of 35% from the same period 12 months ago and have seen a decrease of 24.72 % from the preceding two months.

Operation Hana

Under Operation Hana, the Town Council funded high visibility policing initiative, the following has been completed:

Month	Hours Worked	Foot Beat (hours)	Persons Stopped	Incidents Attended
May	164	41.67	19	44
June	140	34	3	52
Totals:	304	75.67	22	96

Target Locations over May & June were Tithe Farm Road, Tithe Farm Recreation Ground, Bedford Square, Parkside Drive, Parkside Recreation Ground, Trident Drive, Chelsea Gardens, Hammersmith Gardens, Sandringham Drive, Kingsland Close and Neptune Square

Thank You Bedfordshire Police...

Bedfordshire Police have put massive resources into Operation Reservation as part of a crackdown on nuisance motorists in the Foster Avenue/Porz Avenue area. Local residents have had their lives blighted by excessive noise well into the night over a number of years. The police have advised that whilst the majority of motorists attending such events are law abiding car enthusiasts, there are also a small minority who feel that it is appropriate to parade their vehicles by driving at excessive speeds, doing donuts and drifting their cars.

Officers have stopped many vehicles which resulted in a penalty notices being issued for cannabis possession; a cannabis warning being issued; three section 59 orders being issued; 17 traffic offences; three vehicles being seized (no insurance or licence); and five stop and searches being carried out, two arrests (one for Possession With Intent to Supply drugs and one for drink driving); three drivers were reported for having no insurance; one driver was reported for driving while disqualified, three vehicles were seized; five drivers were reported for having defective vehicles while one further driver was reported for excessive speeding. What a success!!

Inspector Jim Hitch of the Central Local Policing Team, said: "Bedfordshire Police is committed to Operation Reservation and we will continue to run this operation to ensure that residents lives are not ruined by the inconsiderate actions of a handful of motorists.

"It became apparent that a lot of the people attending the car cruise in Houghton Regis were actually from the Milton Keynes and Aylesbury areas as they kept getting moved on from their own area by Thames Valley Police. Sadly, they have quickly learnt that the same applies here and are now looking for somewhere else to meet in the future."

Anyone with information concerning nuisance vehicles can contact Bedfordshire Police on the 101 number or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Environment

Houghton Hall Park – Heritage Lottery Bid

After considerable work by Central Bedfordshire Council, Houghton Regis Town Council and a whole range of expert consultants the second round bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund was submitted on 28th August. The outcome of the bid is anticipated December 2014. Fingers crossed the Heritage Lottery Fund see the fantastic community, environmental and heritage benefits of the projects for our town and award us the nearly £3,000,000 grant.

Houghton Regis Chalk Pit Nature Reserve

Progress Made with the War on Off-Roading

The Wildlife Trust is pleased to report that the number of off-roading incidents at Houghton Regis Chalk Pit nature reserve this summer has dramatically declined from last year. This is a major step forward for both the reserve and Houghton Regis. This success can be attributed to the presence of a private security firm

hired by the Wildlife Trust, a crack-down by Bedfordshire Police on this problem in the wider area and local people reporting incidents to the police.

Parking Issues

Please can all visitors arriving by car to visit the reserve park responsibly on the surrounding roads and to lift share where possible.

Angling Litter Causing Havoc for Wildlife

Litter being left by some anglers at the lake is still proving to be a blight at the Chalk Pit. Every summer, staff have to free birds which have become entangled in discarded fishing line. This is unacceptable and the Wildlife Trust urges responsible anglers to encourage others fishing at the lake to show respect for their local nature reserve and take their rubbish home.

Activities for Youngsters

The first session of a new children's natural history club - 'Wildlife Watch' - was held in June for children aged 8 to 12 years who live in the Houghton Regis and Dunstable area. The next



session is on Saturday September 27th 9.45 – 11.45am at the Village Green Pavilion. The Trust is seeking adult volunteer leaders to assist with the running of the club.

Village Green

The Town Council with financial support from Chamberlain Holdings (owners of Houghton Hall) have installed bollards along the play area side of the village green to deter un-authorized vehicular access onto this land.



The National Trust organised a kite competition for all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Network members on Saturday 28th June 2014 at Dunstable Downs, with prizes for the best designed and the best flying kites for each section.

4th Houghton Regis Group Won

Picture of Trophy for winning the Best Flying Kites



Art Town - Make it Happen!

Art Town are making things happen with free shows, activities and things to do in Houghton Regis.

We are on a mission to bring creativity, arts and culture to the town and we want YOU to be part of it! **Art Town** is produced by Full House, a professional theatre company based in Bedfordshire, who are giving you the chance to watch shows, take part in workshops or volunteer to gain a qualification and get inspired.

- *Is there something creative you'd like to do, but don't know how?*
- *Need some help planning or funding a creative idea?*
- *Would you like to give something new and creative a try?*

We have loads of training opportunities available for all people of any age and you can gain a nationally recognised qualification for free while you do it!

Meet our latest local recruit and dedicated Arts Ambassador, Addie, and join her on our mission to make our town a more creative place. She says 'the **Art Town** project allows everyone to explore creativity within their community and it's a fun way of getting people involved in the arts'.

Get in touch to find out more about the work we do and how you can get involved.

Contact Lucy on
lucy@fullhouse.org.uk
01234 838138 / 07765030063
Twitter: @HoughtonArt
Hashtag: #makeithappen
www.facebook.com/
HoughtonRegisArtsTown

TITHE FARM TENANTS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Hi my name is Mick Jackson and I am the present chair of the association.

The Association was formed in 1999 and has held a meeting each month.

Since starting we have helped to get street lighting sorted, road cleaned & pot holes filled, and genially getting the estate tidied up, we have done this with the association working with Central Beds Council & Houghton Regis Town council.

We held the first public professionally fired firework display, and also put on three family fun days with various activities for all ages.

At the present time we have been meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 3-15pm at the Tithe Farm Neighbourhood Centre, but owing to so many members having to leave us through ill health it has meant that there are only five of us left each month. This small number means we aren't able to carry on unless more people of Tithe Farm join us.

Would you like to get involved and join us? Meetings usually take one or two hours but can be changed if this would help. If you would like to attend the Tenants & Residents Association and be involved then please contact me on 01582 868156 or you can email me on mickjackson@tithefarm.co.uk

Thankyou



Parkside Stakeholder Group began in 2003 and grew into representation for local residents.

The group has been involved in fun days for the community, gardening, projects, working closely with the police and holding meetings every two months for views from the community.

The chair Pete Carrington, is now retiring following many years of service to the community. The committee and members have therefore decided due to dwindling membership it now means that the group has run its course and will finish on 1st September 2014.

Pete Carrington would like to thank Denise & Bill (Treasurer & Vice-chair) for all their support that has been given over the years and to thank all the members.

A special thank you from Pete to his wife Eileen, for all her support during this time that heralds their 35th Wedding Anniversary.

Pete Carrington wishes the community and the town all the best for the future and looks forward to attending, not organising, local events.

Have Your Say - Central Bedfordshire Council Consultations

Mae's Boutique

Provides affordable clothing, shoes & accessories
To suit all age and sizes
School shoes also available

Ranging from Premature Baby through to Ladies (Up to XXXL)

We specialize in christening, communion, and special occasions
Hire service is available for Prom Dresses

This is your local One Stop Shop providing great customer service

Viewing by appointment only.
Please let us know your requirements in advance
to avoid disappointment.

Situated above Brown & Whites Opticians, 23 Bedford Square

Contact: 07427 401089

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (October)

The Council is consulting with residents on the draft Pharmaceutical Needs document which details the need for pharmacy and general practice dispensing services in Central Bedfordshire.

Budget Priorities Consultation (September)

This consultation will help the Council to understand priority service areas for residents and their attitudes towards Council Tax and efficiency measures.

Residents Tracker (September)

A randomly selected sample of Central Bedfordshire residents will be invited to take part in a telephone interview carried out by a market research company regarding opinions of the Council and the services they provide.



SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS

Business Interview... Mae's Boutique

You're new to the town, what made you choose Houghton Regis?

The reason I set up here is the very fact this is what Houghton Regis requires. I spent a lot of time researching and asking people what they would like in their town and people told me they have to travel too far just purchase a top and it's so expensive.

How long have you been trading for?

We officially opened on Saturday 12th July and so far it's looking really positive. I have set this shop up on a very tight budget, no loan, no help, just pure hard grit so this has got to work. So far since my opening, everything looks as though my decision to open was the right one.

What range of goods do you sell?

We sell affordable clothing, shoes and accessories, to suit all age and sizes, ranging from Premature Baby through to Ladies (Up to XXXL). We specialize in christening, communion, and special occasions and a hire service is available for Prom Dresses.

What are your plans for the shop?

We are striving to be your local one-stop-shop providing great customer service and care. Pop and see us, we are above Brown and White Opticians incase you haven't seen our bright pink shop front! Longer term my aim is to open the third shop as a men's and boys boutique, then Houghton will have everything within the Square.

What's the best thing about Houghton Regis and Bedford Square?

I believe Houghton Regis is up and coming. We are providing a great choice at affordable prices in Bedford Square, the heart of Houghton Regis.

Remembrance Week
at
All Saints' Church
HOUGHTON REGIS



"Lest We Forget"
SATURDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER 2014
'CHURCH OPEN DAY' 9AM TO 3PM
SEE THE CHURCH DECORATED IN A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE FALLEN
ADMISSION **FREE** (REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE)

~~~~~

A CONCERT COMMENCING AT 7PM - DOORS OPEN 6.30PM  
AN EVENING OF REMEMBRANCE WITH  
WORDS & MUSIC TO COMMEMORATE THE  
CENTENARY OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR

~~~~~

ADMISSION BY TICKET ONLY
ADULTS £5 CONCESSIONS £3
SENIORS/DISABLED/CHILDREN (UNDER 16)
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM 22ND SEPTEMBER AT: ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,
HOUGHTON REGIS LIBRARY & HOUGHTON REGIS TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE

"Remembrance Sunday"
SUNDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER 2014
REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH 10AM
WAR MEMORIAL SERVICE (THE GREEN) 11AM

"Armistice Day"
TUESDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER 2014
WAR MEMORIAL SERVICE (THE GREEN) 11AM

D & I Family Butchers
2 Bedford Square
Houghton Regis
LU5 5ES
01582 866060



**Traceable
Quality Meats**

Own Recipe Sausages & Burgers
Fine Selection of Cooked Meats

Good Old Fashioned Service



Support Your
**LOCAL
Butcher**

Free local delivery on orders over £30