

Focus



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RE-OPENED THE BROOKLANDS PAVILION



The Brooklands Pavilion has re-opened. Thank you to everyone who signed our petition and emailed the Council. We couldn't have done this without you - you made it happen.

A more expensive "Standard" charge has been introduced replacing the old Charity & Community tariff.

We've set up a Fund to help charity & community organisations to pay the new charge, if - without some financial support - they would be unable to book the Pavilion.

For more information contact Sam Crooks on:

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Community Safety Survey

The Council has launched a short survey to gather feedback from residents, employees and visitors about anti-social behaviour and crime concerns across Milton Keynes.

Here's the link: <https://tinyurl.com/ubbczwsu>

Deadline: Saturday 3 January 2022



WE CAN DO THIS !

Above, the bridge over Broughton Brook on the Newport Road leading down to the Kingston roundabout.

We believe that a crossing is needed here in order to improve the pedestrian connectivity between Broughton Gate and Brooklands, both in terms of the network of paths on the Brooklands side of Newport Road, and to improve access to the Brooklands Pavilion and playing fields, as Broughton Gate has neither.

The Council has confirmed to us that there is money to do this but not immediately. They hope to launch a feasibility study next year.

Thank you to the residents who kept pressing us on this.

Broughton and Brooklands Community Litter Pick.

2.00pm 5th December 2021 for one hour

Meet at the allotment gates,
Kemsley Crescent, Broughton MK10 9LZ

Pickers, bags etc provided by the Parks Trust and supported by Broughton and Brooklands Community Connectors. Families welcome!

If you know of anyone who is vulnerable or in need of help at the moment please contact the Council's COVID-19 help line **01908 252398**.

BROUGHTON & BROOKLANDS CONNECTORS Annual Community Awards 2021

Evan Lazenby for litter picking in Broughton
Simon Brodie for keeping our Parklands clean
Claire Evans for setting up the Youth Boxing Club
Peter Simpson-Leek for 6 years chairing the Connectors
Ruth Maxey for continued work in the community
Mandy Sleight for time dedicated to Xtra Special Families
Karina Van Niekerk for running summer community events
Rekha Shah for volunteering at community events
Becky Waller for time dedicated to the Connectors
Sonal Agarwal for voluntary work in the community
Angelia Rowberry for voluntary work in the community
Sonya Sidhu for voluntary work in the community
Hannah Lawrence for voluntary work in the community
Elaine Maire for work with Xtra Special Families



Claire Evans gets her award for setting up the new boxing club.

NEW BOXING CLUB

Every **Thursday** evening
BROOKLANDS FARM PRIMARY
SCHOOL
(Fen Street campus)

Group 1: 6 pm till 7 pm age **4 - 10**
Group 2: 7 pm till 8 pm age **10 - 18**

To book email:
claire.dickson@yahoo.co.uk
Free, all equipment provided

Advent & Christmas Services 2021



Advent Forest Church

Sunday 19th December 11am and 2pm

Meet at the park by St Lawrence Church, Broughton

Come and follow the stars as we walk along the brook in Broughton and enjoy an Advent themed prayers, reflections and activities for all the family. Buggy friendly, dogs on leads welcome.

PLEASE BOOK TO HELP WITH NUMBERS

Beer & Carols

Wednesday 22nd December 7pm @ The Broughton Pub

Get into the Christmas spirit and join us **OUTSIDE** as we sing some carols, enjoy a drink and remember what Christmas is all about! Do dress warmly as this is an outside event!

Christmas Eve Crib Service

Friday 24th December 11am and 3pm

@ St Lawrence Church, Broughton

A fantastic way to start the Christmas celebrations with a family-friendly retelling of the nativity story. Numbers will be limited and **BOOKING ESSENTIAL**. Booking available from Monday 13th December on the CWW website. Please dress warmly as the church is unheated.
(Additional services may be added if they become fully booked)

Midnight Communion

Friday 24th December 11.30pm @ St Lawrence Church, Broughton

A candle-lit service of Holy Communion.

Numbers will be limited and **BOOKING ESSENTIAL**. Booking available from Monday 13th December on the CWW website.
Please dress warmly as the church is unheated.



Christmas starts with Christ

www.mkchurchwithoutwalls.org.uk

MISSED COLLECTIONS IN BLOCKS OF FLATS

We've been discussing with the Council & SERCO the frequency of missed collections from flats. We usually find out about these from facebook after the problem's been going on for a few weeks. We pass them on to the Council who then look at their records & find they've never been reported.

We think what's happening is that sometimes - within a block of flats - everyone assumes that someone else has reported it. We suggest that each block of flats nominates a resident to do the reporting. Here's the link:

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/waste-recycling/report-or-request-it/report-a-missed-collection>

Sam, Kerrie & Uroy The **Focus** team

We aim to reply to mails, text or calls within 48 hours. Texting's usually fastest. If we don't, please get in touch again in case we've missed your message.

Thank you !

