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http://www.aspleyguiseparishcouncil.gov.uk/
The council meets downstairs in the Village Hall on the first Monday of every month at 7.30.
There is an Open Forum prior to the start of the full Council meeting for residents to present their views to the Council.
CHAIRMAN’S REPORTS.
Ian Pickering.

THE LOCAL PLAN FOR CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE - APPROACHES TO GROWTH CONSULTATION.

The Local Plan for Central Beds will determine where new housing will be built up to 2035. Central Beds Council has just launched the next step in the preparation of the Plan which is a consultation on Approaches for Growth.

The consultation ends on 1 November 2016 and is seeking residents’ views on the scale of growth that could be accommodated within Central Beds. Four levels of growth are being considered:

- small scale growth <50 homes
- medium scale growth 50-500 homes
- large scale growth 500-1500 homes
- strategic/new settlement scale growth 1500+ homes

For the purposes of the consultation Central Beds has been divided into four areas:

- Area A - South and West/ M1 Corridor
- Area B - East/A1 Corridor
- Area C - East/West Corridor – Aspley Guise is in this area
- Area D - Central Section


(Or go to the Central Beds Council homepage here [http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk) and choose the first item in the Planning menu list.)

Our Neighbourhood Plan for Aspley Guise will have to be consistent with the new Local Plan for Central Beds so it is important that as many residents as possible submit their views on the growth that could be accommodated in Aspley Guise and elsewhere in Central Beds to the consultation.

BOUNDARY COMMISSION PROPOSES MOVING ASPLEY GUISE INTO SOUTH WEST BEDFORDSHIRE.

As part of the government’s proposals to reduce the number of MP’s from 650 to 600 the Boundary Commission has made a number of proposals to change parliamentary constituencies in England. Under the proposals which have just been published for consultation Aspley Guise would move from Mid Bedfordshire to South West Bedfordshire.
The changes are being proposed to bring the size of constituencies within the electoral quota. The Boundary Commission’s report on the proposals explains the reasons for moving Aspley Guise as follows:

“In order to bring the Mid Bedfordshire constituency within 5% of the electoral quota we propose to transfer the wards of Aspley and Woburn, Toddington, and Barton-le-Clay (all Central Bedfordshire Council wards) into South West Bedfordshire. The existing South West Bedfordshire constituency has 76,959 electors so the addition of these wards pushes it above the upper 5% limit. Local government boundary changes to the Central Bedfordshire Council ward of Caddington have partially mitigated this consequence, by transferring some electors from South West Bedfordshire into the Luton South constituency. But, in addition, we propose to transfer the Central Bedfordshire Council wards of Tithe Farm, Parkside, and Houghton Hall from South West Bedfordshire into our proposed Luton North and Houghton constituency.”

The consultation on the proposals runs for a 12-week period, from 13 September 2016 to 5 December 2016. The Boundary Commission wants to hear your views on its proposals for our area. You can comment on the consultation on the interactive consultation website, at www.bce2018.org.uk where you can find the proposals for Aspley Guise by entering your postcode.

**DOG WALKERS WELCOME ON THE RECREATION GROUND.**

The Parish Council has heard that there has been some confusion caused by signs posted by Central Beds Council at the entrances to the West Hill recreation ground. These spell out the rules dog walkers should follow when exercising their dogs but do not mean that dogs are prohibited from the recreation ground.

The only part of the recreation ground that dogs should not be allowed into is the fenced off area where the children’s play equipment is located or on the cricket square inside the ropes. Otherwise dog owners are welcome to exercise their pets on the recreation ground but are reminded to keep their dogs under control at all times and to clear up after them. Dog poo bins are located at the entrances to the recreation ground for this purpose.

**PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.**

I am very sorry to report that Brian Clarke has resigned as a parish councillor. We shall miss his contribution at our meetings and all he did for the parish council but are pleased that the Village Hall will still benefit from all his hard work.

That means that we now have a vacancy on the council which we will seek to fill by co-opting a new councillor. If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor please contact our Parish Clerk Sue Bottoms at clerk@aspleyguiseparishcouncil.gov.uk.
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.

David Forbes - Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. dave@forbes.co.uk.

On the 17th of September we held an open meeting at the Village Hall for our Neighbourhood Plan. We had a great attendance and a lot of feedback and are collating the hundreds of comments on post-it notes that you can see in the photos on the front page.

Neighbourhood planning is a right for communities introduced through the Localism Act 2011 and being fine-tuned in the Neighbourhood planning bill of September 2016. We can shape development in the Parish by creating a Neighbourhood Development Plan. Our policies produced cannot block development that is part of Central Bedfordshire Local Plan, but we can shape where that development will go and what it will look like.

Please see the http://mycommunityrights.org.uk. for more information on Neighbourhood Plans.

We are only making the first step in what will be a lengthy and detailed process taking up to two years. It is important that you share as many of your thoughts on future development of Aspley Guise with us and my email is above.

COMMUNITY.

On behalf of the Parish Council we wish to thank all parishioners who have cut back their roadside/pathside hedges. Thanks also to those who have picked up litter around the village. Thanks to Martin Woolhead for keeping The Square swept and tidy throughout the year.

Thanks to Alan Neale for maintaining the benches outside Moore Place and at the bottom of Mount Pleasant.

Finally a huge thankyou to The Aspley Guise Charitable Foundation for ensuring that, for the last ten years, the village centre has looked so very festive throughout Christmas and the New Year.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS.

Gill Cockle – Lettings Secretary.

NEW PLAYGROUP FOR MUMS & TODDLERS AT THE VILLAGE HALL.

The Award winning Cha Cha Chimps playgroup has just started at the Village Hall on Wednesday mornings. Running from 9.15am-10.15am it is perfectly timed for all those mums who park at the Village Hall to take their children to the Lower school. So if you have a toddler as well it’s easy to drop in and enjoy the playgroup and have some tea, cake and conversation with other mums!

Call Kelly on 07811 797890 for details or just turn up and join in!

HALL JUMBLE SALE – SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER 2016.
Hall Jumble Sale – 2.00pm, Saturday 8 October - please bring jumble to the hall from 10.00am-11.30am on the Saturday morning. Or call Gill on 01908 584456 if you need a large amount of jumble collected.

**OPEN GARDENS SUCCESS.**
Both our Open Garden Days in May and July brought hundreds of visitors in to the village and raised nearly £3,200 towards the upkeep of the Hall and provision of a Village defibrillator. So a big thank you to all our gardeners and to everyone who helped to make these such successful events, once again. If you are interested in helping in the kitchen at Open Gardens or opening your garden to visitors, please call Anne Papworth on 01908 583307.

**GET FIT FOR WINTER!**
There is an Infusion Dance exercise class for beginners running now at the hall on Friday mornings in addition to the popular established classes– call Jules on 07903 069396 for details.
Alternatively there is a yoga class on Tuesdays at 1.30pm, call Pippa Fenton on 07787 920025 to find out more.

Don’t forget other regular clubs running at the Hall include:
Gallafent School of Dance for children and adults on Monday and Wednesday evenings.
The Chameleons Dramatics Society on Tuesday evenings, while the Danesborough Chorus meet on Wednesday evenings and the WI every second Thursday evening. The Woburn Area Decorative & Fine Arts Society (WADFAS) meets every last Thursday evening in the month.
The DEGA Age UK Day Club is at the Hall every Monday and Thursday.
There’s plenty for children too, with the Cubs on Tuesdays and Encore Children’s Theatre on Friday evenings.
For more information on bookings and events, please call Lettings Secretary, Gill Cockle on 01908 584456.

**ASPLEY GUISE W.I. NEWS.**
The highlights of the past few months include two highly recommended speakers. In July, Colin Hough gave an enlightening and interesting talk and slideshow on Burma, its people, history, culture and religion. Helen Lockhart spoke about the art of John Constable also with slideshow. Thanks to Marian Forsythe who organises our annual programme.
August saw a very successful tea party for our members in the garden of our president Chris Murphy. This was organised by the committee and included a bring and buy stall and raffle. Over £270 was raised to support the WI’s Denman College where the main house is a grade one listed building. Thanks to all who helped and supported the event on a warm, fine day.

We receive and pass on information from the Bedfordshire and the National WI (NFWI) and from time to time attend County and National meetings and outings.

Guests and potential members are welcome at our meetings. If you would like to visit us we meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 8.00pm at Aspley Guise Village Hall, Spinney Lane, Aspley Guise, MK17 8JT

Forthcoming meetings include:

13th October 2016: Agriculture today by Richard Neale.

10th November 2016: Making your own Christmas card by Brenda Eagles.

For any information please contact

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Janet Luke - Secretary 01908 582285 Email janetluke@rocketmail.com

ASPLEY GUISE P3 GROUP.
Howard Murphy – Chairman.

WORK UNDERTAKEN BY P3 WORKING PARTIES IN LAST 3 MONTHS.

JULY
Organised and led a Summer Walk with 15 people around Aspley Guise.
Strimmed and cleared Part of Footpath 18 from Aspley Lane to behind Water Works.
Strimmed and cleared Footpath 21 adjacent Golf Course including installing a new Waymark post at the Junction Footpath 12 towards Mill Way.

AUGUST
Carried out our Summer inspection of Greensand Ridge Walk from Boughton Farm to Cobblers Lane. Trimmed and tidied overgrown sections.
Strimmed and cleared Bridleway 28 Woodside Entrance and Footpath 3 Vandyke Close to railway crossing.
Strimmed and cleared 7 Parishes Walk Footpath from derelict Horsemoor Farm buildings towards Wavendon Heath. Installed a new Waymark Post and direction discs. Strimmed and cleared Footpath 12 from Berry Lane to Railway Crossing and tidied Footpaths 7 and 8 adjacent Lower School, Spinney Lane.

SEPTEMBER
Strimmed and cleared entrance to Footpath 19 off Horsepool Lane and opposite (Husborne Crawley) side.
Strimmed and cleared Part of Beating of the Bounds walk from Bridge alongside A421.
Organised and led a Beating of the Bounds walk around the Parish Boundary.

A map detailing the numbers used to identify the footpaths (FP) referred to above can be found in the “Enjoy & Explore Aspley Guise” leaflet.

Anyone interested in joining us or to report any work that needs action please contact Howard Murphy on 01908 582208

BEATING THE BOUNDS 2016.

At 10.00 a.m. on Sunday September 18th 25 adults (including 7 members of the Parish Council), 1 child and 4 dogs left The Square to walk to the Parish Boundary and from there set off to ‘Beat The Bounds’.

Beating the Bounds is an Old English custom for perpetuating parish boundaries. Where it survives or has been revived, it usually takes place once in three years. The ceremony took place annually on one of the Rogation days preceding Ascension Day (between April 27 and June 2). The Parish Priest, Churchwardens, Beadle, and other parish officials walked round the boundaries accompanied by boys, who beat the boundary stones with boughs.

To reinforce memory, the boys themselves were sometimes bumped on the stones. Before the Reformation (16th C) the prayer or asking (Lat. rogare, to ask) for a good harvest was a feature of the ceremony. In the N of England, Rogation week is known as Gang (go) week, in allusion to the procession.

The precise boundary does not always follow designated footpaths or bridleways. Consequently we had to deviate from the boundary in a few places. One field had electric fences; Concra Park and St Vincent’s have been built on another part and, most bizarre of all, the boundary goes down the middle of the M1 and through The Weathercock dining room!

The version that we walked was 9.2 miles so, by the time we had walked to and from The Square, we actually walked just under 10 miles.
We reached The Weathercock just after 12 where we stopped for lunch. Five people left us here and two ladies and another dog joined us for the second half. We set off on the last leg at 12.45. We arrived back at The Square and into The Anchor for more refreshments just after 4.00.

Thanks to New Barn Farm and Birchmoor Farm for letting us cross their private land, to The Weathercock and The Anchor for our refreshments and, finally, to the 26 hardy souls that made the effort. Even the weather was kind to us.

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT ST BOTOLPH’S CHURCH.
Liz Armitage – Churchwarden.

GREAT FIRE OF LONDON 1666 AND ST BOTOLPH.

We have recently seen events to mark the 350th anniversary of the Great Fire of London. Did you know that in mediaeval days, St Botolph was the patron saint of travellers - St Christopher came later! So it is not surprising that, from the middle of the 13th century, there was a church dedicated to St Botolph at each of the four gates of the walls into the City of London – Bishopsgate, Billingsgate, Aldgate and Aldersgate. Three of these churches survive today, though, like our own parish church, all were rebuilt in the 18th Century. Unfortunately the church at Billingsgate did not survive the Great Fire and was never rebuilt.

The first stone church dedicated to St Botolph in Aspley Guise was built in the same mediaeval period as these London churches, around 1223, and there is evidence of the early stone work from this period along the north side of the church. The tower is thought to be 14th Century and the clock, which is a local focal point, providing that helpful guidance for people driving to work or walking to school, was introduced probably in the 15th /16th Century and certainly before the Great Fire of 1666. The frame is held together with wedges and dowels, but no screws. Originally it had only one hand, and it was converted to a pendulum movement in the early 1700s. In the 1980s it was electrified so that it no longer needs daily winding. However it does need regular ‘TLC‘ and we are very grateful to Simon Cockle for taking on the responsibility for ensuring that, as far as possible, the clock continues to provide us all with an accurate time check!
THE WOBNURN SANDS BAND CONCERT ON 22ND OCTOBER IN ST BOTOLPH’S CHURCH.

After a very successful Summer Fete and Gift Day, for which we are most grateful for people’s generosity, we are now in a position to move forward with plans to replace the soak-away drains along the perimeter of the north side of the church (the oldest part of the building). Although we do still have several thousand pounds to find (!), we hope that work will begin in the autumn. There will be several fund raising events through the coming year to help raise the additional money we need, and we hope you will continue to support our fund raising efforts.

To start this programme, we are delighted that once again The Woburn Sands Band will be holding a charity concert for us at St Botolph’s on Saturday 22 October at 7.30pm. This will be our fourth Band concert, and based on past experience, it will be a fabulous evening!

The theme of the concert is ‘Let it Flow’. So what is flowing? Well the music will be for sure! We will be raising money towards our new drains to make sure the water flows away from the building. And we will be sharing the proceeds with Water Aid to help ensure water flows to homes, schools and workplaces of people in Madagascar so they can have the chance of a better future.

We are delighted that pupils from Fulbrook School will be supporting us by entering an art competition to illustrate differences they perceive in access to and everyday use of water in the UK and in other countries where water is not so readily available. We will be exhibiting the winning paintings at the concert and printed cards of the winning designs will be on sale. Proceeds will go to Water Aid.

If you would like to support our two causes, and would also enjoy an evening of easy listening music, why not join us for the evening!
To buy tickets, priced £10 including light refreshments, please email Liz@armitage.uk.com or phone 01908 584473.

HELPING HANDS IN ASPLEY GUISE.

Helping Hands in Aspley Guise are always looking for new volunteers. If you would be interested in giving an hour or so of your time occasionally, we would like to hear from you. Call our dedicated mobile 079 234 900 01.

Please leave your name and number and someone will get back to you.

We now have a share in the Waitrose green tokens for September. Anyone shopping at Waitrose, Oakhill in September should ask for a green token (you don’t always get them automatically) and PLEASE pop it Into the Helping Hands in Aspley Guise Box as they leave.
Helping Hands in Aspley Guise is continuing to attract not only volunteers but also new clients.

**HINTS AND TIPS.**

Always make sure that you have spare batteries for your smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector.

Remember, night or day **DO NOT** open your door to unexpected callers.

**RIDGMONT TEA ROOMS.**

As autumn draws on don’t forget you will always find a warm welcome at the Ridgmont Tea Rooms. You can pop in for a tea or coffee or enjoy a light lunch.

Call Pauline on: **01525 287 120** to reserve a table.

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**COFFEE MORNING.**

Molly Fitzgerald

**Wednesday 19th October 2016, Aspley Guise Village Hall 10am – 2pm**

A variety of stalls, fresh bread and produce, crafts, bric a brac, homemade cakes, and much more.....

**WE ARE RAISING FUNDS FOR CANCER SERVICES IN MILTON KEYNES.**

Please contact Molly on **01908 583795.**

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**RUNNING.**

David Forbes.

Aspley Guise is a great place for running. I say this with some experience after racking up a lot of miles locally in training for the Marathon des Sables that I completed last April. Whether training to run 270km across the Sahara in a multi-day self-supporting ultra-marathon, or just losing a few unwanted pounds, I think the paths around the village are ideal.

Running is a very accessible form of exercise - a pair of running shoes and you are away. It is also very time efficient, you can go for a decent run and be home in less time than it takes to get to the gym and find a parking space. Personally I also much prefer not to run on tarmac - running on the paths around the village is much more interesting,
less stressful on the joints and develops your core muscles too.

The most important thing, whether you are new to running or have taken a break is to build up slowly. Start with short distances and build up - with no more than 10% increase week on week. A great place to start is around the common - it is flat and a sensible distance. Running in the woods is good too, but gets very muddy during the winter and after heavy rain.

Next step up the distance, the field behind the First School is a longer lap, just over a mile from the square, round the perimeter of the field and back.

Next up in distance you can go out to Birchmoor Farm and back via the water works, along a nice off road circuit just under 3 miles (see map on right).

After you have built up your distances, you can incorporate footpaths through Woburn Abbey grounds and the Safari park with the 7.5 mile route. Not often do you get to see elephants when going for a jog!

**SPEEDWATCH – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.**

Gordon Starling – Retiring Co-Ordinator.

Police forces around the country (in our case Bedfordshire Police) support a number of ‘watch’ schemes (neighbourhood watch, farm watch etc.) amongst which is Speedwatch. These watch schemes are manned by local volunteers and supported by the police with equipment, signage, hi-vis jackets, publicity material and, in the case of Speedwatch, a half day training session.

The current group of 6 regular Speedwatch volunteers in Aspley Guise have been operating in the village for the last 3 to 4 years and the 2 longest servers (including the current co-ordinator) are looking to retire and hand over the task to some new people.

Speedwatch sessions tend to take place over the course of a week every 4/6 weeks at various police-approved positions around the village and use a speed indication device (SID) provided by the police and shared with neighbouring villages. At least 2 but preferably 3 volunteers are needed for each 1 hour session so the more volunteers there are the more the task of manning sessions can be spread around. A few hours commitment every 4 to 6 weeks is usually what is asked of each volunteer and sessions are scheduled each time based on what volunteers declare they can do.
You may be surprised to learn that there are 40,000 to 50,000 traffic movements through Aspley Guise EACH WEEK!, many of which are vehicles using the village as a rat run and not respecting the speed limits that are necessary because of the narrow roads, blind bends and blind junctions that exist from Husborne Crawley through to Woburn Sands.

If you would like to volunteer for Speedwatch, please email the retiring coordinator (Gordon.starling@btinternet.com) before the end of December 2016 and he will put you in touch with the ongoing members of the group.

**DANESBOROUGH CHORUS.**

Danesborough Chorus next concert will be at Hockliffe Street Baptist Church, Leighton Buzzard on Saturday 12th November at 7.30pm.

Programme: **SOUNDS OF THE USA.**

- Samuel Coleridge Taylor  
  Hiawatha’s Wedding Feast
- Eric Whitacre  
  Light and Gold Selection
- Samuel Barber  
  Agnus Dei
- Aaron Copland  
  Old American Songs
- Morten Lauridsen  
  Sure On This Shining Night
- Justin Lavender  
  tenor  
  John Witchell  
  piano

Tickets: £15 and £10 (all unreserved), under 18s £5 available by post from Danesborough Tickets, 58 Church Road, Aspley Heath, Woburn Sands, MK17 8TA. Please enclose a stamped SAE and a cheque payable to ‘Danesborough Chorus’ or by phone on 01908 583460.

Danesborough Chorus invite you to 'Come a Wassailing' at St Mary's Church, Woburn on Saturday December 10th at 7.30pm.

**ENCORE THEATRE COMPANY.**

PRESENT THEIR 2017 PANTO.

**JACK!**


Box Office: 01908 586673
WOBURN SANDS BOWLS CLUB.
Glenis Ladell.

A really successful 2016 summer season nears its close, but will continue for a few extra weeks with tournaments on the artificial rinks. The weather was a bit challenging at the beginning of the season but few matches were affected. The fixture list was full and over 13 local clubs visited us at Common Lane and enjoyed matches followed by refreshments. In addition, the Club entered teams, pairs and singles in National, County and Local leagues.

One of the many highlights of the year was the Club Open Day in June which was really well attended and resulted in a good number of new members. It was an opportunity for people to try bowls for the first time. The Fun Day, held in August, with a red, white and blue theme, was a great success and attended by some 60 members – flamboyant outfits in profusion!

With the approaching winter season, many members will continue to play on local indoor rinks. The social life at the club carries on with regular games/quiz nights and Autumn, Christmas and Spring meals. For more information contact: Dorothy Ruffle, Secretary on 01908 583578: email paruffle@aol.com

ASPLEY GUISE PRE-SCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT.

SATURDAY 15th OCTOBER, ASPLEY GUISE VILLAGE HALL from 7.30 PM.

Aspley Guise Pre-school is holding a fund raising evening at the village hall. This will be an entertaining evening out, so whether you are a quizzer or can't remember today's date, why not get together with your friends and join us?

Priced at just £5/person for the evening, you will need to bring anything you want to drink and we will provide a few snacks and tea/coffee.

The maximum team size is 6 but if you don't have a team then come along and we'll find you one.

Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8pm start. To book your place, please email Claire at ackroydclaire@gmail.com.

The Pre-school is a charity so all funds raised will go towards providing equipment & facilities for educating our young people.
CALLING ALL COMMUTERS TO LONDON.
Stewart Jackson.

If you travel into Bletchley or Milton Keynes for your train commute to London we'd like to know. There is a chance that the timing of the Aspley Guise train to Bletchley can be changed to allow a connection to a fast London train. To lend weight to the case for change we'd like to present a list of names to the franchise. If you're happy to be included in the list or know someone who would be, please email Stewart.bailey@virtualviewing.co.uk

SEE ALSO THE MARSTON VALE LINE ARTICLE BELOW.

NEWS FROM THE MARSTON VALE LINE - YOUR LOCAL RAILWAY!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO COMMUTE FROM ASPLEY GUISE TO LONDON EUSTON VIA BLETCHLEY?

Thanks to those who responded to the article in the last newsletter.

Details have been passed to London Midland to inform discussions over retiming of the 06:53 from Aspley Guise to connect with the 07:00 fast train to London Euston arriving 07:39. However, further evidence of demand is needed in order for this to become a reality. Please let me know if you would use such an early morning service.

ROAD REPLACEMENT SERVICES.

New Rail Replacement Bus Stops have been installed at Aspley Guise (and at all stations along the Marston Vale Line) in order to improve arrangements when train services are occasionally cancelled and replaced by buses. Bus arrival times will also be displayed on the Customer Information Screens.

Please do let me know of any problems experienced with the provision of road replacement transport and information provided on the Customer Information Screens, tannoy and help points.

TAKE THE TRAIN TO BEDFORD BEER FESTIVAL, 5th – 8th OCTOBER.

The 39th Bedford Beer & Cider Festival will be held at the Corn Exchange in St. Paul’s Square (just a few minutes’ walk from Bedford St. Johns & Bedford Midland).

With the last train from Bedford at 10:00 you can enjoy a full evening at the Festival! Visit www.northbeds.camra.org.uk or call 01234 303221 for full details.

TAKE THE TRAIN TO MILTON KEYNES BEER FESTIVAL, 19th – 22nd OCTOBER

The 23rd ‘Concrete Pint’ Beer Festival will be held at the former Milton Keynes Bus Station just across Station Square from Milton Keynes Central. Wide selection of food available from the Good Times Café.

MARSTON VALE LINE 170th ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION.
A special exhibition will be opening at Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre in late October as part of the Anniversary celebrations. **Free entry!**

**GHOST TRAIN - FRIDAY 28th OCTOBER.**

The **Ghost Train**, aka the ‘Fancy Dress Express’ is running again! Join the fun on the usual scheduled services from Aspley Guise as follows:

- Towards Bletchley at 1:23 and 3:23
- Towards Bedford at 12:15 and 2:15.

**Free** goody bag for children in fancy dress! A face painter and balloon modeller will be on board and refreshments on sale.

Normal train fares apply. Please purchase rail tickets in advance if you can, all Marston Vale Line tickets are available from the Bedford Travel & Tourism Centre at Bedford Bus Station or via the MVCRP website.

Hop off at Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre for spooky craft activities. £2.50 per child, including squash and cake. **Advance booking essential.**

**SANTA SPECIAL, SATURDAY 10th DECEMBER – 10:00am – 3:00pm.**

Santa will be travelling on six trains starting with the 10:05 from Bletchley.

**GREAT VALUE RAIL FARES.**

- Groups of 3 to 9 adults travel for a third off with GroupSave!
- Bedfordshire Concessionary Travel Pass holders travel half price!
- Children travel at half-price, under 5s free!

You can break your journey between Bedford and Bletchley or vice versa at no additional charge!

Keep in touch with all our events by joining our postal or e-bulletin; just contact Stephen at the address below or visit our website to sign up.

For further information on any aspect of MVCRP please visit our award winning website [www.marstonvalecommunityrail.org.uk](http://www.marstonvalecommunityrail.org.uk) or contact Stephen Sleight on 01234 832645 or e-mail [stephens@bedsrcc.org.uk](mailto:stephens@bedsrcc.org.uk).

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**DO YOU HEAT YOUR HOME WITH OIL?**

There are benefits to clubbing together and ordering in bulk.

Discounts can be negotiated as Oil Companies prefer making a multiple drops in the same vicinity.

If you are interested please email Nick on nlondon.calling@gmail.com as a first step.
DOG FOULING!
From Central Beds website.

IT IS AN OFFENCE TO ALLOW A DOG, WHICH YOU A RESPONSIBLE FOR, TO FOUL AND NOT CLEAR IT UP IMMEDIATELY WHEN IN A PUBLIC PLACE.

- FOOTWAYS AND PATHS, INCLUDING PUBLIC FOOTPATHS
- PLAY AREAS, PICNIC SITES AND OUTDOOR EATING PLACES
- SPORTS PLAYING PITCHES, INCLUDING FIVE METRE BORDER
- FORMAL PARKS AND LAND WHERE THE GRASS IS CUT
- LAND OUTSIDE SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS
- CAR PARKS, PUBLIC TRANSPORT BAYS AND SURROUNDS
- CYCLE WAYS AND SURFACED AREAS NEAR TO HOUSES
- SHOPPING AREAS, MARKETS AND PUBLIC CIRCULATION AREAS
- CEMETERIES AND WAR MEMORIALS
- LAND SURROUNDING TOILETS, RECYCLING SITES AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS

The dog wardens, authorised Council Officers and certain Rangers/Officers from The Greensand Trust, National Trust and Forest of Marston Vale have the power to issue Fixed Penalty Notices to members of the public who allow their dog to foul and fail to remove it.

PENALTIES.
The penalty for committing an offence contained in a Dog Control Order is a maximum fine of £1,000. Alternatively, the opportunity to pay a Fixed Penalty Notice of £80 may be offered in place of prosecution. This can be reduced to £50 if paid within 14 days.

For more information contact the Anti-Social Behaviour Team on 0300 300 5686, email community.safety@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk or by post: Central Bedfordshire Council, Watling House, High Street North, Dunstable, Bedfordshire, LU6 1LF.

What should dog owners do?
Responsible owners do not allow their dogs to foul public places. Ideally, dogs should be trained from an early age to 'go at home' in their own garden before or after a walk, rather than during. If dog fouling does occur away from home the responsible owner will clean up after the dog.

Any suitable plastic bag can be used, or special poop-scoop bags which can be purchased from pet shops, veterinary surgeries or stores. Dispose of the faeces in a poop-scoop bin or take the bag home.
MAIN USERS OF THE VILLAGE HALL.

DEGA – AGE UK DAY CLUB.
Rachel Turner:  rachyturner@msn.com  01908 281482 or 07905 504430.

CUBS.
Claire Tobin: Claire.tobin123@gmail.com  01908 584141
Anne Papworth: avpapworth@hotmail.com  01908 583307

CHAMELEONS AMATEUR DRAMATICS SOCIETY.
Brian Rudd:  brian@cambourne.co.uk;  Tom Gutteridge:  tomgutteridge1@hotmail.com

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Jeremy Hopkinson: jeremyfsh@gmail.com.  01525 261674
Beverley Thompson: beverleydianethompson@gmail.com
Molly Fitzgerald:  01908 583795

WOMENS INSTITUTE.
Chris Murphy:  chrism267@btinternet.com  01908 582208
Marilyn Blanchard:  marilynfb Blanchard@btinternet.com

ENCORE THEATRE – CHILDREN’S THEATRE GROUP.
Kim or John Barber: johnbarberno1@hotmail.com  01908 583640

DANCING CLASSES – DANCE CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS.
Lisa Gallafent:  lisa@lisagallafent.co.uk

PARISH COUNCIL
Sue Bottoms: clerk@asplegyseeparishcouncil.gov.uk  01234 751300

P3 COMMITTEE.
Howard Murphy:  01908 582208

WOBURN SANDS and DISTRICT SOCIETY – local planning and environmental interest.
Fran Fry:  fran.fry@zen.co.uk or fran.fry@wsds.org.uk

MK ARTS CLUB – ARTS, CRAFTS AND GARDENS INTEREST SOCIETY.
Richard Mann:  rm@cococo.co.uk  01908 582535

WADFAS – LOCAL FINE ARTS APPRECIATION SOCIETY.
Peter Lomax:  peter@lomaxnet.com
Felicity Holloway:  felicitymholloway@btinternet.com  01908 583834
Richard and Pippa Felton:  01908 584009

YOGA CLASS.
Pippa Fenton:  pippafenton@yahoo.co.uk  07787 920025

EXERCISE CLASS.
Julie Stokes:  Julie@infusiondance.com  07903 069396
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Lucy Childerley: info@personaltouchtraining.co.uk  07813871776
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IMPORTANT NUMBER CONTACTS.
Parish Clerk: Sue Bottoms - clerk@aspleyguiseparishcouncil.gov.uk or 01234 751300
Townlands: Fran Fry - fran.fry@zen.co.uk
P3 Committee: Howard Murphy - 01908 582208
Sports Trust Centre: Alastair Scott - 01908 585082
Village Hall Bookings: Gill Cockle - 01908 584456
Woburn Sands and District Society: Fran Fry - fran.fry@wsds.org.uk
HULA Animal Rescue Centre: 01908 584000

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS.
Emergency number 999
Police 24 hour non-emergency number 101
Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) 01234 842613
Anglian Water Leakline. 0800 771 881
Central Beds Council General Enquiries. 0300 3008000
Central Beds Council – Highways, Streetlights and Potholes. 0300 3008049
Keep it Clear Campaign (Drains etc.) Keep-it-clear.co.uk

If you do twitter have a look at @LoveAspleyGuise

ASPLEY GUISE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION ARE LOOKING FOR HELP WITH THE VILLAGE SQUARE CHRISTMAS TREE AND LIGHTS.
IF YOU FEEL YOU CAN HELP PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS AND PAT GATER ON gaterscape@hotmail.co.uk

THE 2016 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT THE WAR MEMORIAL IN BEDFORD ROAD FROM 10.45 ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13th.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS DUE BY THE END OF JANUARY. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE PLEASE email clerk@aspleyguiseparishcouncil.gov.uk BY THE SECOND WEEKEND IN JANUARY.
PHOTOGRAPHS FROM A CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH AT TOWNLANDS TO CELEBRATE THE QUEENS SILVER JUBILEE IN 1977.

Loaned by Mr Boyes of Salford Road.
MORE ‘BEATING THE BOUNDS’ PHOTOS.