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Newsletter from Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council





Food - Music - Cooking Demos - Live Performances - Stalls - Free Kids Entertainment - Free Rides - Free Face Painting - Meet the Characters

A letter from our Chair Ethaniel

I am pleased to introduce this edition of Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council's newsletter which has been produced just as we are embarking on a new four-year council term and a busy programme of town council activities.

Five of our existing councillors stood down from the town council this May for different reasons and we thank them for their service to the community and wish them all well. Meanwhile thirteen candidates for the council were nominated and elected and their details are on the back page of the newsletter. These will be familiar names to many as they have all been local councillors before. This means the council still has several vacancies for new council members and we will be co-opting to fill these vacancies as soon as possible. (Please see the article on page 3 to find out more.)

In the next few months Bletchley and Fenny Stratford will continue to be the focus of public activity as delivery of the Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Deal projects progresses alongside regeneration of the Lakes estate. We also expect further progress with the East West Rail line. Our population is increasing with further occupancy of houses in Eaton Leys and soon the 184 homes at Bletchley View will be completed. There has never been a more important time to get involved in local democracy and participate in the public consultations which will be happening in the next few months.

By the time you receive this newsletter the town council's annual report for 2023-2024 will have been published and shared at the annual town meeting of Bletchley and Fenny Stratford electors. If you missed this you can pick up a copy of the report from our offices or our community buildings or check our website for the digital version. As always, please keep an eye on our website at www.bletchleyfennystratford-tc.gov.uk and our social media channels for regular updates on all the town council's initiatives and events.

Finally please save the date for this year's Bletchley Big Street Eat which is on Saturday 27 July 2024, fingers crossed for a sunny day and a great celebration of our community.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Best wishes

Ethaniel



Councillor Ethaniel Kelly-Wilson Chair of Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council

Neighbourhood Plan

Work on the Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Neighbourhood Plan has continued this year with the help of community volunteers. In January 2024 we held an informal community consultation on the policy ideas emerging from previous engagement work. The feedback from these activities will shape more community consultation prior to production of a draft plan for formal consultation. The timetable for production of the plan has been extended to allow for consideration of evidence emerging through the work on MKCC's New City Plan. Meanwhile the Steering Group has been reviewing technical information to inform the plan. For more information see the website: https://www.bfsnp.org.uk/



Do you know a community champion?

Do you have a vision for how Bletchley and Fenny Stratford could be improved? Are you eager to make your community an even better place to live? Or do you know someone who is? If you don't want to step up and become a councillor yourself maybe you can encourage someone else you know who would do a good job.

We are looking for several town councillors. Town councillors can be the voice of their neighbourhood - championing causes that matter, shaping decisions that affect residents and leading efforts to create positive change.

The best councillors are passionate about their area and eager to learn. While some time commitment is required, full training and support is provided. We need positive and enthusiastic volunteers who want to participate in shaping a better Bletchley. So if this is you why not nominate yourself? Or encourage some one you know to nominate themselves.

You must be at least 18 years old and live or work in Bletchley and Fenny Stratford but there are no specific skills or qualifications required though you might learn some new ones as a councillor. You can find out more by visiting our website page https://www.bletchleyfennystratford-tc.gov.uk/become-a-councillor or better still talk to one of our existing councillors or our staff team and we can tell you what's involved and how to apply.

Phone 01908 649469

Email: info@bletchleyfennystratford-tc.gov.uk

You can watch Councillor Terry Stephens explain what it's like to be a Town Councillor by scanning this QR code:





Sycamore Buildings Project Update

The council's vision is to provide an accessible community hub at the centre of our area which will be made available for local service provision to meet the needs of the community. The existing town council offices at Sycamore House and Sycamore Hall will be combined and refurbished to provide a much needed flexible multi use space with better disabled access and a lower carbon footprint. At the time of the 2021 census the population of our area had increased from 15,313 in 2011 to 21,47. This represents a 28% growth in our area's population. Meanwhile we have lost other community facilities and we know there is a need for affordable space for local service delivery and community activities.

A community consultation on the council's proposals for the building took place from 31 January through to 24 March 2024. The majority of those who responded were supportive of the vision and the proposal to borrow funds to progress the project. The next steps will be for the council to complete the detailed design for different aspects of the project and review detailed costs and funding requirements. You can find out more on the Sycamore Buildings page of our website where you can see the full consultation report-www.bletchleyfennystratford-tc.gov.uk/sycamore-buildings-project



Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council Community Iftar

Residents from across Bletchley and Fenny Stratford were invited to a Community Iftar on Friday 22 March 2024. This iftar event was hosted by Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council with contributions from Islamic community group MKIAC, local businesses and supported by Milton Keynes City Council "Champion Budget for Ethnic Minorities". This was an event that welcomed guests from all or no faiths.



Iftar is the sunset meal breaking the fast of those fasting during the month of Ramadan. Fasting is one of the Five Pillars of Islam and is meant to encourage spiritual reflection.

The chair of the town council said "We are such a diverse town that is it important to create opportunities that celebrate different cultures in an inclusive way. It was really special to see how much it meant to our local community."





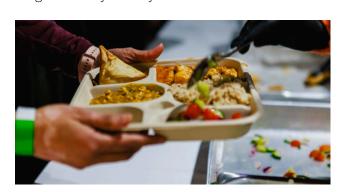
Guest were welcomed with a performance of traditional music by Anatolian Music Club followed by speakers from the town council, Milton Keynes Council and Ansar Ali from Bletchley Mosque.

The Call to Prayer was performed by a young local resident Hassan Ali and fast was opened with dates donated by local business Karwoo, Mogul Rooms and Bilhana.



Food brings us all together. We hope this is the first of many events that celebrate a range of cultures in the months and years to come. The iftar event saw over 200 people in attendance with a meal from Safs Kitchen MK, chai tea from Habibi Lounge and cake from Cake Box in Bletchley.

Town Clerk Delia Shephard explained "the town council believes It is very important to build cohesion in the community" adding that the support of the local residents in attendance created a welcoming and family friendly environment.



UPCOMING EVENTS





The Bletchley Big Street Eat is back for the third year on Saturday 27 July 2024 from 12 noon to 5pm. Join us as we transform Queensway into a wonderland of play with giant games and rides for all ages, including adults! The day would not be complete without a wonderful array of street food and products from local businesses from cakes and bakes to cheese, jams and chutneys, and handmade crafts and art.

You'll also be able to cheer on all the winners from the Pride in Bletchley Community Awards.

See page 6 for details on how to get involved.

Plus a global choice of street food, drinks and treats. This year we will also be offering paid for kids meals to ensure everyone can enjoy their day.

Like every year all the games and activities will be free to do, including face painting. Well behaved dogs on leads are welcome too.

So save the date and come and enjoy all the fun, food and a dazzling display of live performances.





QUEENSWAY, MK2 2DW



If you are a trader and would like to apply for a stall at our events please complete this form:

https://bit.ly/tradewithbfstc

Save the dates!

The Patch at the Rec - Thursday 31 October 2024 **Christmas on Queensway** - Saturday 7 December 2024



PLEASE NOMINATE YOUR COMMUNITY HEROES

2024

Do you know someone brilliant?

Nominate an exceptional person, group or business that is doing fabulous things in our local community.

There are 8 categories and the judging panel is made up of town councillors.

Nominations close: 30th June 2024, 5pm

Culture Award	For those people who have made a contribution to artistic or cultural projects
Sport Award	For those people who have made a significant contribution to sport
Customer Service Award	For those people with businesses in Bletchley and Fenny Stratford who offer the best customer service
Young Volunteer or Charity (under 21)	This is for young people who deserve recognition for volunteering regularly or have raised money for charity
Lifetime Achievement Award	For those people who have gone that extra mile for our local community during their life
Climate Champion Award	For those whose actions contribute positively towards a carbon-neutral future, reduced energy use or greater environmental resilience
Volunteer or Charity Award	For those people who work incredibly hard for the community with little recognition – nominations need not be for volunteering only

Fill in the digital nomination form here: https://bit.ly/BFSTCAWARDS24

The awards will be presented on

Saturday 27 July 2024

or you can download and print a copy from our website

STREET EAT

or scan this QR code



Please email printed copies to info@bletchleyfennystratford-tc.gov.uk or you can drop them in to the main office at Bletchley Fenny Stratford Town Council

Sycamore House

Drayton Road

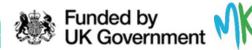
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Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Deal

Milton Keynes City Council are continuing to make great progress in the delivery of their £22.7 million Town Deal regeneration programme, funded via the Government's Towns Fund.

The programme team are currently working towards an exciting programme of summer engagement, which will outline the regeneration plans, vision and aspirations for Bletchley & Fenny Stratford. Importantly, it will outline its masterplan for both Queensway and Aylesbury Street, which are the focus of its Public Realm Improvements schemes.

This will provide plenty of opportunity for the community to provide valuable and meaningful feedback on the emerging designs and enable the Council plenty of time to incorporate any changes before construction begins in 2025. Full details on the consultation programme will be shared soon.

In the meantime, the Council have achieved practical completion on two schemes. The first is the Redways project, which has provided enhanced connectivity from the Lakes Estate, Newton Leys and Blue Lagoon Nature Reserve to Bletchley Town centre. This is open to the public and will provide better and more sustainable travel options through the Town.

The second is the Tech Park project, which is jointly funded by MK College. This project has provided a transformative equipment investment at the South-Central Institute of Technology and will provide higher level technical qualifications, apprenticeships and short courses, helping to bridge the digital skills gap.

We are also continuing our proactive engagement with the business community, helping to reduce the amount of vacant business units and improve the vitality of the high-street. There are several initiatives planned to help support the business community over the summer months, with more information being posted shortly.

And there is lots of activity happening on the Brunel Centre Redevelopment. Following a period of consultation in December 2023, the Brunel Centre Development Brief was approved by the Council on the 27 February 2024. This document outlines the planning guidance and design principles that should underpin any proposal. The Council are now beginning plans to go out to the market and identify a development partner whose tasks will be to redevelop this key strategic site over the next several years.

If you have any questions on the Town Deal programme, then please contact the team by emailing: darrel.canvin@milton-keynes.gov.uk



Time to get gardening!



Regular Watering: Different plants have varying water needs. Water your garden deeply but infrequently, aiming to moisten the soil to the depth of the plant roots. Water in the morning to minimize evaporation and fungal diseases.

Weeding: Regularly remove weeds from your garden beds to prevent them from competing with your plants for water, nutrients, and sunlight.

Mulching: Apply a layer of organic mulch, such as straw, wood chips, or shredded leaves, around your plants. Mulch helps retain moisture, suppress weeds, and regulate soil temperature.

Fertilising: Feed your plants with organic or slow-release fertilisers to provide them with essential nutrients. Follow the recommended application rates to avoid over-fertilising, which can harm plants and pollute waterways.

Pruning: Trim back overgrown or dead branches from trees, shrubs, and hedges. Prune flowering plants after they bloom to encourage new growth and maintain their shape.

Pest Control: Monitor your garden for signs of pests and diseases. Use organic pest control methods whenever possible, such as handpicking pests, introducing beneficial insects, or using natural insecticidal soaps and oils.



Soil Care: Maintain healthy soil by adding organic matter, such as compost or aged manure, to improve its structure and fertility. Test your soil periodically and adjust its pH and nutrient levels as needed.



Nutrient Absorption: Sunlight plays a role in the uptake of nutrients by plants. It enhances the activity of roots and encourages nutrient absorption from the soil. Healthy plants with access to adequate sunlight are better able to utilise essential nutrients for growth and development.

Your vegetable growing guide this summer

Sow in May

French beans, runner beans, sweetcorn, cucumbers, courgettes, pumpkins, squashes, savoy cabbage, winter cabbage, endive, kale, broccoli, lettuce, radish, spinach, turnips, beetroot, peas, parsnips

Sow in June

Brussel sprouts, cabbages, cauliflowers, celeriac, courgettes, cucumbers, French beans, runner beans, leeks, pumpkins, squashes, sweetcorn, tomatoes

Sow in July

Kale, spring cabbage, radicchio, chicory, spinach, marrow, pumpkins, squashes, cabbages, leeks





SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Funded by the town council

MK Play Association - 1.30pm-3.30pm

Leon Rec, MK2 2HL -23rd July, 6th August, 20th August Newton Leys, MK3 5GA -31st July, 14th August, 28th August

5 On It Foundation

Football on the astro at Leon Leisure Centre, MK2 3HQ

1pm-3pm Friday 26th July, 2nd August, 9th August, 16th August, 23rd August

1pm-5pm Friday 30th August

Growing Together in Our Community Orchard

Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council owns and manages a community orchard located beside the canal and between Manor Fields and Orchardside allotments. It has been planted with a wide range of apple trees and crab apple trees, surrounded by cherry trees.

This is a peaceful green space which everyone can enjoy picking up the fruits from the trees, having a picnic on the grassland or having a stroll in the stunning scenery. Please be aware that dogs must always be kept on a lead and under control at all times in the orchard.

Access to the orchard by car is via Bletchley Rugby Club entrance off Watling Street, or by foot over the canal bridge on Pinewood Drive.



Community Infrastructure Fund Projects

During 2023-2024 the town council has been working with Milton Keynes City Council to deliver three shared infrastructure projects designed to enhance the local environment. The projects were co-funded by the two councils on a 50:50 financial split.

Signage for Bletchley Leisure Centre Car Park – The main purpose of this project was to clearly mark that there is available parking here which can be used for visitors to the town as one of several alternatives to parking on Queensway itself. Signage has now been added along Princes Way directing users down Bowling Green Close to the multistory car park.

Speed Indication Devices – These devices remind drivers of their current speed in the hope of slowing them down. Initially posts will be erected on east side of Queensway and on Stoke Road. The devices can be moved between locations and further locations may be added at a later date. MK City Council's contractors are due to install the posts within the next two weeks.

High Street Planters – Our original plan was to install and maintain planters on Queensway to deter pavement parking somewhat and to improve the look of the street. Subsequently we agreed to relocate this project to Aylesbury Street, Fenny Stratford where pavement parking is also a problem. The town council still supports the introduction of more planters in Queensway and expects they will be delivered by a larger more integrated scheme following public consultation on planned public realm improvements. The planters in Aylesbury Street are due to be in place in the next few weeks.





Apply for funding with community grants



The town council works in partnership with local residents to support community action and services which contribute to local well-being. As well as helping with community spaces and buildings, staff expertise and publicity, we can also provide community grants to local organisations.

Applications for community grants are invited all year round and details of our grant criteria can be found in the application form below. However, we encourage all applicants to contact us by phone first and talk to an officer so that we can help with the process. Please contact our office on 01908 649469 for an initial conversation.

All applications are carefully assessed by our councillors and the town council will provide feedback on any unsuccessful applications.

If you are undertaking a community project and don't need any funding, please still tell us about your project as we may be able to help with publicity.

Community Grant application form can be found on our website: https://www.bletchleyfennystratford-tc.gov.uk/community-grants

or scan this QR code



Keeping It Trim: Green spaces and road verges

You may have seen that the town council team started mowing the grass in March. The landscape crew are now working through their regular cycles of cuts - it take approximately three weeks to complete one full cut of our area and during the "spring flush" it can take a bit longer. Depending on the weather we are aiming for a minimum of ten cuts per season.

Three new wildflower areas have been sown in Leon Rec in addition to the wildflower area on Manor Road planted last year. These will be a great habitat for wildlife such as small mammals, butterflies, bees and other insects and should bring some lovely colour to the park.



If you notice any areas that might need maintenance, please report it by visiting: https://bletchleytc.cloudy-apps.co.uk/

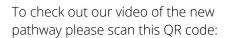
For more information please visit our website: https://www.bletchleyfennystratford-tc.gov.uk/landscaping-services





Eaton Leys Pathway: Opening Doors to Community Access

The new pathway from Eaton Leys to Watling Street constructed by Milton Keynes City Council is a much needed asset for our community especially the residents of Eaton Leys as it will improve pedestrian access to local services. The pathway can be found next to the park in Taylor Close, Eaton Leys. In the future it is planned that there will be a bridge connecting Eaton Leys to Saffron Gardens which promises to further enhance connectivity and accessibility within the area.







Stay Active, Stay Well: Join Clubs for Fitness and Fun

Bletchley Leisure Centre

At Bletchley Leisure Centre you will discover a great place to get fit, have fun and get together with friends and family. The Leisure Centre has a whole range of fantastic facilities including a state of the art gym with cardiovascular and resistance machines, 25m swimming pool, sauna and steam room and a wide variety of fitness classes designed to inspire and motivate you to lead a healthier, happier life. Pop in for a swim, come by for a class or drop into our Café.

We also have 4 dedicated squash courts, multipurpose hall for a range of sports and home to 7 indoor bowls rinks.

https://www.bletchleyleisurecentre.co.uk/





V Pilates

V Pilates is at Newton Leys Pavilion every Wednesday 6.30pm-7.30pm. A mixed ability class for all levels of experience and fitness. Pilates focuses on improving your core strength and posture. Also helping with balance, coordination and better mobility. You'll leave feeling recharged, refreshed, longer and stronger with sense of calm and fulfilment.

Sessions are PAYG without any block bookings or subscriptions. Loyalty scheme available when you have attended the class 5 times, your 6th class is free.

https://bookwhen.com/vpilatesmk

Inspired Martial Arts

Inspired Martial Arts is at Newton Leys Pavilion every Monday 5pm-8pm and Fenny Stratford Community Centre every Thursday 5pm-8pm. Students will be able to progress and learn in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere where they feel safe as we strive to fight against bullying. Everyone is welcome at Inspired Martial Arts, to us everyone is equal and we will help all students gain confidence, self-belief, self-respect and a sense of achievement. https://inspiredmartialarts.co.uk/Milton-keynes-Home



Subsidised Counselling and Well-being Support

Residents in our area can now access subsidised well-being and counselling support as Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council has gone into partnership with the West Bletchley Wellbeing Counselling Service.

West Bletchley Wellbeing Counsellors come from a wide range of backgrounds and specialise in different areas of Counselling including, but not limited to:

- anxietv
- bereavement and loss
- stress
- relationship difficulties
- work-related issues
- alcohol and drug dependency
- abuse
- low self-worth/image
- sexual/gender identity
- trauma
- life changes
- loneliness/isolation

If anyone feels that they would benefit from some support at this time, just call or email and they will carry out an initial assessment to see if this is the right support service for you.

Please call: 01908 370 860 (phone lines are open between 10am-12pm and 2pm-4pm with voicemail facilities available too) or email: wbwbcounselling@btconnect.com

Find out more on the Counselling Services website: https://wbwbcounselling.org.uk/



Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Green Gym

It has been a tough one this month as we have been trying to get everything sorted to become an independent group. Still a part of TCV but after 3 years they hand the group over to the community. It has been hard to transition and we just didn't realise how much work there was to do. We all loved Jen and gave her a farewell gift and party to celebrate and show our appreciation for all she has taught us throughout the couple of years she has known us all.

Whilst in the actual sessions we have been prepping the ground for the planting season, whether that was digging over the beds and spreading manure over them to help fertilize them and give them enough nutrients. There are a few things we have thought of planning this year from the exotic to your traditional runner beans. It really is going to be an exciting planting time!

Whilst some of the other projects have been sorting out the existing sensory area/children's play area. The project is coming along nicely. Using pallets to create a great opportunity for bees and other insects. We are also thinking of using plants that smell nice and that are edible, in order for people to experience different sensors.

Whilst it has been difficult transitioning, it is a new adventure which we all take on with excitement and enthusiasm that was shown throughout the time we had with the magnificent Jen!

If you want to come and join us we are at Pinewood drive next to the garages. If you are using the what3words App the three words to look for are; ///give.dawn.coach or find us on Facebook and Instagram pages, we are called Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Green Gym.

You will be warmly welcomed.











How do I hire a hall at Newton Leys Pavilion or Fenny Stratford Community Centre?

Prices start at just £22.00 per hour for private bookings!

Step 1

Check availability by calling 01908 735035 OR email bookings@bletchleyfennystratford-tc.gov.uk

Top Tip – To speed up the booking process provide as much information as possible – Desired venue, number of guests, time required and event description.

Step 2

Once availability has been provided you will be required to complete a booking form. This can be emailed to you or found on our website.

Step 3

You will be sent email confirmation of provisional booking. Deposit payment is required within 7 days and the remaining fees one month prior to the booking.

Step 4

Your booking is confirmed. You will be required to collect an access fob from your chosen prior to your booking.

Step 5

Let's party! 🎉







FAQS

Am I able to view the venue? Sure! A viewing appointment can be arranged with our booking officer.

Call 01908 735035 or email bookings@bletchleyfennystratford-tc.gov.uk

Can I view the halls online? Sure! Check out the videos on our YouTube page or click the links below! Fenny Stratford Community Centre Video Tour https://bit.ly/3JJUApe
Newton Leys Pavilion Video Tour https://bit.ly/3xUDMck

Can I hire a bouncy castle? Yes, however, ceiling heights differ for each hall. The sports hall at Newton Leys Pavilion is recommended as it has an elevated ceiling.

Are tables and chairs available? Yes! All halls have tables and chairs for you to use.

Is there a kitchen available? Yes! All halls have a kitchen that is available for you to use complete with oven, hob and refrigerator.



Introducing Bletchley Clubs

Want to meet new people and have fun?

The NHS and Milton Keynes City Council have teamed up to fund a project called Bletchley Clubs where local people can get help – and funding - to set up social activities and clubs.

The scheme has been designed especially for smaller organisations and informal groups who want to organise and run social clubs and support groups.

By doing so, MK City Council and the NHS hope that local people will feel better connected and become more active – important things for staying well

What kind of clubs?

Since launching Bletchley Clubs, 24 groups have received funding of around £70,000 and have set up clubs and activities covering gardening, football, arts and crafts, singing and keep fit plus much more. There are also specialist sessions on offer, such as bereavement support.

Want to put on a Bletchley Club activity?

That's great news! If you'd like to set up your own activity for local people with Bletchley Clubs, we'd love to hear from you. We hold fortnightly panel meetings to review applications.



To find out more about Bletchley clubs and how to make an application for funding, scan the QR code to visit our website or email bletchleyclubs@milton-keynes.gov.uk







Let's make our streets safer and more considerate for everyone. Parking responsibly is not just about avoiding fines - it's about showing respect for our community.

Here's a gentle reminder:



Congested Streets: When parking on busy roads, ensure you leave enough space for emergency vehicles to pass through smoothly. Blocking traffic can cause delays and frustration for everyone.

Impact on Residents and Pedestrians: Parking too close to driveways or on pavements can make it difficult for residents to access their homes and for pedestrians, especially those with mobility issues or parents with strollers, to navigate safely.

Let's be mindful of our parking choices and prioritise the well-being of our neighbours and fellow pavement users. Together, we can create a more considerate and harmonious community.



Supporting Local Businesses - Bunz



Bunz opened on Oliver Street in Bletchley on 6 December 2023 and is owned by Abu. The amazing scent of freshly made burgers filled the room when I stepped in. The burger joint offers a takeaway service as well as dining in and Bunz caters for vegetarians.

This independent business flourishes on its commitment to homemade quality. Every morning, locally sourced Halal meat is meticulously prepared in Milton Keynes. The burger buns, crafted daily by Pretzi Bakery, feature a distinctive touch with potatoes as a key ingredient. Each sauce is carefully concocted in-house, undergoes rigorous testing to ensure rich flavours, and compliments the food perfectly. Indulgent cakes are also a specialty, freshly baked to delight the senses of every customer.

Bunz has been introducing monthly specials that have been immensely popular among customers. In February, customers raved about the Cuban fritas burger, featuring a succulent beef patty infused with the rich flavours of Cuban sauce.

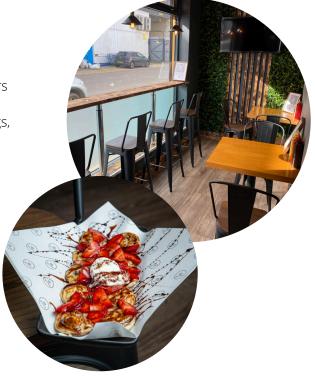
March's monthly special was Mumbai Masala with the vibrant flavours of Indian cuisine. During Ramadan, they offered a special Ramadan box, featuring an assortment of wings, a burger, fries, and onion rings, providing a flavourful feast for the occasion.

In April, Bunz expanded its menu to include an array of sweet treats, including mini pancakes, waffle sticks, and bubble tea, offering a delightful addition to their already enticing offerings.

Bunz is located at 5 Oliver Road, Bletchley, MK2 2SF Opening Hours: Everyday 12pm-10pm, Delivery available from 5pm Phone: 01908 110467

Bunz offer 15% off for Blue Light card members and 15% off Student discount Parking is on Findlay Way







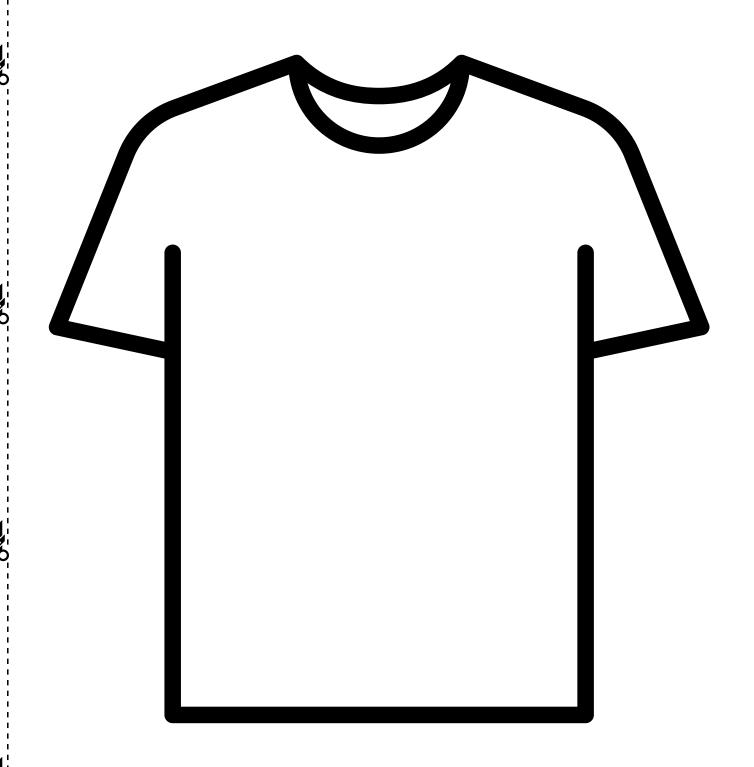
Win a Euro 2024 football





To mark the beginning of the men's Euros 2024, we are holding a competition to design your own kit. Tear off this page and have a go at drawing your own design on this shirt. You could create a design that represents a country that's significant to you or you could draw a design that symbolises a value such as friendship or not giving up. The winner will receive a Euros 2024 cup ball.

All designs need to be sent to Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council, Sycamore House, Drayton Road, Water Eaton, MK2 3RR **by Friday 14 June 2024**



ADVERTS

DW Roberts

Does your child struggle with reading and learning at school?

If your child:

- struggles with reading and is falling behind at school
- complains of headaches or words moving about
- reads letters incorrectly or omits them
- follows the text with their finger

We may be able to help!

Schoolvision is a successful programme that identifies and treats early sight problems, often missed in a standard sight test, that can make reading and writing very difficult for some children.

Benefits of Schoolvision:

- improved classroom behaviour and attention
- increased reading speed and concentration
- increased self esteem & confidence
- reduction in headaches/migraines
- better school performance





DW Roberts Opticians, 63 Queensway, Bletchley, MK2 2DR

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01908 373131

bletchley@dwroberts.co.uk





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- 12 months FREE aftercare
- Unrushed, relaxed eye examinations
- Great quality products giving value for money
- Friendly, professional staff who know their stuff
- Extensive choice of frames & high quality lenses
- Sunspecs, sports eyewear, contact lenses & safety specs

Specialist services:

- Ortho-K bespoke overnight lenses
- Schoolvision assessments
- Myopia management
- Retinal photography



Please call us on 01908 373131 for more information on any of these services

Local Contacts and Updates



Community Noticeboard

Your neighbourhood policing team are working on issues identified by the local community and the police.

To contact them call: 101

This is a non-emergency number

Alternatively, email them on:

MKBletchleyCluster@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

www.thamesvalley.police.uk



Neighbourhood Policing

Working in partnership to make our community safe:

Citizens Advice MK - Free confidential advice on subjects including debt and housing Freephone 0808 278 7991

Age UK MK – Support for Older People - 01908 550 700

MK Money Lifeline - Call 0300 1235 198

MK Act – Domestic Abuse Charity - 0344 375 4307

Samaritans - Mental Health Support -Call for Free 116 123

Carers MK - Supports the health and wellbeing of carers - 01908 231 703



Milton Keynes City Council Ward Councillors



Bletchley East Ward



Councillor Mohammed Khan email: mohammed.khan@ milton-keynes.gov.uk



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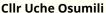


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