

# Hanslope Parish Council

## March 2010 Newsletter

### List of Councillors

Chairman	- Mr. J. Geary
Vice Chairman	- Mr. G. Lancaster
Councillor	- Mr. D. Cook
Councillor	- Mrs. D. Courtman
Councillor	- Mr. E. Dodworth
Councillor	- Mrs. C. Hayward
Councillor	- Mrs. L. Hetherington
Councillor	- Mrs. S. Mobley
Councillor	- Mr. K. Reynolds
Clerk	- Mr. A. McDonald
Ward Councillor	- Mr. A. Geary

### Parking and Road Safety

The Parish Council, following a joint meeting, has asked Milton Keynes Council to look at the feasibility of improving road safety in the following areas;

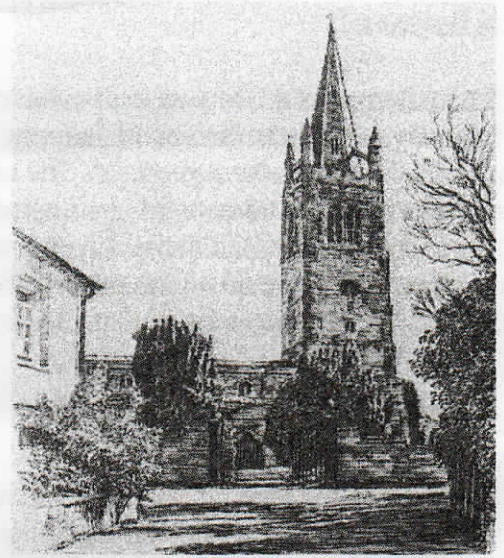
1. In Gold Street, where vehicles parking partly on the pavement are causing danger to pedestrians who sometimes have to go into the road to get past. It also makes it difficult to see oncoming traffic when the view is obscured.
2. The junction of Newport Road and Gold Street, where vehicles parked right up to junction, make it impossible to see vehicles approaching from the right when joining Gold Street from Newport Road.
3. The area between the Londis Store and the footpath to Lincoln Court, where pedestrians have great difficulty in crossing Gold Street due to Item 1 above creating visibility problems.

### Woodlands Children's Centre

Woodlands Children's Centre based at Hanslope Primary School is now running a Dads & Kids group for children aged 0 -5 years on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month between 10am and 11.45am.

For more information on this and other sessions, please contact Michelle on 07534960124 or Jackie on 07947 316 370.

The next sessions are on the 20<sup>th</sup> March and the 17<sup>th</sup> April.



### The Hanslope Village Website

One of the issues raised in the Parish Plan questionnaire responses in 2008 was the lack of information about what's going on in the village. As a result the Parish Plan team decided to set up a village website and if you haven't found it already then check it out at [www.hanslope.org.uk](http://www.hanslope.org.uk) – and bookmark it!

Here you will find:

- Hanslope news – headlines for what's going on
- The Village Diary – what's on and when
- Details of groups and organisations in Hanslope
- Parish Council contact details, minutes, newsletters, Parish Plan etc – and a form to report issues to the Parish Council
- Village photos
- A list of businesses/tradesmen in the village and their contact details

However, the information on the web site is only as good as the information provided to Bill, the webmaster, so if you want anything mentioned, write to him at [info@hanslope.org.uk](mailto:info@hanslope.org.uk) or telephone him on 511053.

Bill would like to hear your views as to what else should be included on the website and how to improve it. If you can provide the material then that's even better!



## Allotments

The Allotments AGM was well attended on a cold Monday evening at the end of January. Many thanks for those who turned out. The take up of allotment plots is extremely good, although there are still some plots available for anyone considering taking on an allotment. All enquiries should be made through the Parish Clerk.

## Hanslope Cricket Club

The cricket season starts in April and net practices will soon be under way. The club plays in the South Northants league on Saturdays and plays friendly matches on Sundays. There are also some mid week evening fixtures. There is a newly installed all weather practice net on the recreation ground, which is available for practice for anyone when it's not being used by the club.

Anyone interested in playing, should phone Don Cook (chairman), on 510402, or just come along to a practice on Wednesday evenings. These will begin in mid April.

## 33 Bus Service

The 6.30 pm service from Milton Keynes is under threat. Please continue to use it if you can, as the bus company may decide to discontinue this particular run.

## Free fire safety checks

Free safety checks to help reduce the risk of a fire or other emergency in your home are available from Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service

Free smoke alarms are fitted where required, and firefighters will also help you find out more about other useful local services if you are interested.

The checks take about 30 minutes each, depending on the size of the house, and are usually carried out by firefighters. The householder needs to be present to answer a few questions.

Firefighters will offer fire safety advice, based on any potential fire risks that they may have identified during the check, and answer questions.

They will then fit as many smoke alarms as they think necessary. Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue

Service currently fits British Standard smoke alarms with a sealed battery that should last 10 years in normal use.

To book one of these free checks, ring 01296 744477 or email [cs@bucksfire.gov.uk](mailto:cs@bucksfire.gov.uk)

Community safety manager Terry Ridgley said: "When fires break out, smoke alarms provide a vital early warning sign. If the fire happens at night, they are often your only warning."

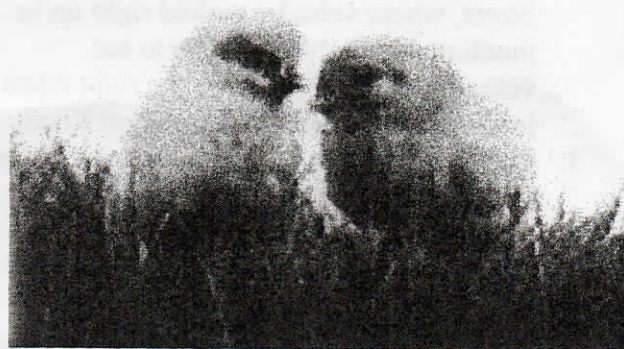
Four key safety messages - Fit smoke alarms; Test them every week; Plan an escape route; Get out, stay out and call 999.

## Open Meeting

The next open meeting is scheduled for 8 pm on April 12<sup>th</sup> 2010 in the Village Hall. All residents are cordially invited to attend.

## Easter Greetings

The Parish Council would like to wish all parishioners and their families a Happy Easter.



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