

## LOTS OF BITS AND PIECES

### **DOG WALKERS**

Please don't forget to use the many dog bins that we have installed around the Parish.



We need to keep the pressure on all dog owners because of the dangers, especially to children, of picking up toxoplasmosis, which can, in turn cause blindness.

This is really important, and if you are a responsible dog owner, and if you rely on your children to walk your pet, then please train them to pick up any dog poo cleanly, and dispose of it properly.

Thank you!

### **BIG LUNCH WASHED OUT**

On July 19th, the deputy Mayor of Milton Keynes, came along to Monkston Park Village Green, to open the Big Lunch event. We had hoped for an opportunity to get together with friends and neighbours and enjoy a picnic on the green. Unfortunately, bad weather curtailed the event, but a few diehards enjoyed some food and games. Many more families came along to give their apologies, and request that we try again next year!

They said 'We would be happy to meet at another community event next year, across the whole of the Parish'. Some people have already offered their help in organising such an event.

### **PIGEON DROPPINGS**

The Parish Council is concerned about the health hazard surrounding the accumulation of pigeon droppings in the 2 underpass streets of Wadhurst Lane and Tewksbury Lane, Monkston. We are pressing MKC Environmental Health Dept. to take action to remove these birds and prevent them returning.

Both these underpasses are routes to two of our local schools and the droppings present a health hazard. We have asked one of our Ward Councillors to get involved to provide added momentum.

### **LITTER**

We continue to get complaints about rubbish and litter accumulation across various parts of the Parish. Litter is a social disease. The Parish Council does not cause litter, residents and



their visitors, or at least a few of the anti-social ones cause it.

Despite a good number of litter bins installed across the Parish people insist on

throwing down fast food wrappings, drinks bottles, plastic bags and supermarket product packaging. Routes to and from school, shops and bus stops are particularly prone to litter accumulations. It causes us and our NAG great consternation.

Please also talk to your children about taking their litter home

Via the recommendations of our NAG the Parish Council will be putting litter disposal reminder stickers on strategic lamp posts. We hope this will keep the problem in the public eye.

**PLEASE JUST  
TAKE YOUR  
LITTER HOME  
OR PUT IT  
IN THE BINS!**

**KEEP OUR  
ESTATES CLEAN**

### **POLICE SURGERIES ON SATURDAY MORNINGS**

Look out for the local community police team holding a surgery at two local locations on Saturday mornings. Go and speak to them if you have a special problem which you think they can help you with.

Go to Monkston Community Centre on Blanchland Circle or Kents Hill Community Centre at Frithwood Crescent if you have a need. Don't forget they can refer you on to other specialist agencies.

### **HCA TO CONSULT MONKSTON PARK RESIDENTS ON PLAY PROVISION IN THEIR AREA.**

HCA, the Homes and Community Agency (previously called English Partnerships) have found funding to provide improved play provision in Monkston Park.

For at least two years the Parish Council have been lobbying the agency to provide play sites and equipment to cater for the needs of the over 8's.

A play consultant is to be set the task of providing a number of options for consideration by a local group made up of adults and children of the target age.

Since there are no sites left within the residential area, sites in the linear park area are to be considered. These would then be adopted and maintained by The Parks Trust.

The Parish Council are keen to see minimum impact on the environment and residential area solution.

The investment is substantial, and it important that we consider and deliver a win/win solution.

The contract will made to deliver the solution in the next financial year commencing 1st April 2010.

If you are willing and able to get involved in this exciting project please give your name to our Parish Clerk who will forward it on to HCA.

**KEEP YOUR COMMUNITY LITTER FREE**