



# Moulsoe Mail

## Spring 2017



### Mike Smith

It is with great sadness that we announce that Mike Smith of Hillcrest passed away peacefully at Willen Hospice on 28 February 2017 after a short illness.

Mike was born in Stourbridge in 1968 and grew up in Harbourne, Birmingham. He embarked on a career in financial services and moved around the country in different roles. He met Rose in 1992 and they married four years later, celebrating the arrival of their daughter Caitlan in 1998. The family moved to Moulsoe in 2007 and Mike quickly became involved in the village as secretary to Moulsoe Community Association and as a regular at all three social points of the village; the church, the pub and Moulsoe Millennium Hall.

Mike would often be seen at the weekend running the roads and fields around Moulsoe in training for his next marathon. Much of Mike's running was for charity and it is very appropriate that he was cared for during his last weeks at Willen Hospice, as it was his chosen charity.

Mike inspired us with his openness, positivity and grace during his illness, preparing his beloved family, friends and neighbours for life after he had passed. Our deepest sympathy goes to Rose, Caitlan, his stepsons, Matthew and Peter, daughter-in-law, Lucy and grandson, Jaxon and to all his family and friends.

The funeral service will take place at 3pm at St Mary's Church, Moulsoe on Friday 17 March 2017, followed by private cremation at Crownhill Crematorium. A memorial page has been established at [michael.francis.smith.muchloved.com](http://michael.francis.smith.muchloved.com) if you would like to post a message or donate to Willen Hospice in memory of Mike.

### Diary Dates

- **Tuesday, 21 March at 7.30pm**  
Meeting to discuss plans to improve the play area at Moulsoe Millennium Hall.
- **Tuesday, 28 March at 7.30 pm**  
Meeting to discuss Plan:MK and the impact on Moulsoe at Moulsoe Millennium Hall.
- **Friday, 31 March from 7.30pm**  
Annual Lent supper at Moulsoe Millennium Hall.
- **Tuesday, 9 May at 9pm**  
Annual Parish Meeting at Moulsoe Millennium Hall.

### Recycling & Waste Collections

Upcoming bank holiday collections are revised as follows:

Tuesday, 11 April collection as normal.

Tuesday, 18 April collection is revised to Wednesday, 19 April.

Normal collections resume on Tuesday, 25 April.

Sign up to receive text or email reminders for collection days at

[www.milton-keynes.gov.uk](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk).

### Moulsoe Fields

Lambs and calves are being born will be turned out in the fields in the next few weeks when the grass starts to grow fully and the risk of frost on the ground is less. Our farmers are out spreading fertiliser to make crops grow strong and healthy and spraying to protect against fungal disease. The oilseed rape will start to flower in April and, once things dry up a bit more, farmers will be busy planting spring crops, mainly barley for Budweiser. After a dry, mild winter, the autumn planted crops are looking good and will hopefully produce a good harvest. So spring has sprung and roll on summer!

## News from St Mary's Church

Our annual Lent Supper will take place at Moulsoe Millennium Hall on Friday, 31 March. More information to follow. Our upcoming Lent and Easter services are:

Sunday, 26 March at 11am Mothering Sunday Service with Rev. Chris Huxtable.

Sunday, 16 April at 11am Easter Holy Communion with Rev. Chris Huxtable, followed by our Easter egg hunt!

Sunday, 14 May at 11am Family Communion with Rev. Nick Evans, Rector.

Sunday, 28 May at 11am Rogation service with Rev. Chris Huxtable. All welcome!

## Play Area

Moulsoe Parish Council has been successful in obtaining funding to significantly improve the play area at the Millennium Hall. This is very exciting news and we are working with MK Council and the funding body on this scheme to improve the play area for use later this year. To ensure that our plans meet the needs of the children in the village, we are holding a meeting on **Tuesday, 21 March** at 7.30pm at Moulsoe Millennium Hall to share and discuss the plans. Please do come along as it is important that we hear your ideas and comments and involve you in our plans. In the meantime, more information can be found on [moulsoeparish.org](http://moulsoeparish.org).

## Save our Village!

Following on from the formal consultation process last year, the next iteration of Plan:MK sets out MK Council's strategy for meeting the boroughs needs until 2031 and they are seeking views on this. The plan sets its preferred options, which includes development of land East of the M1 motorway, south of Newport Pagnell, envisaging a sustainable urban extension post 2026. More information can be found at [milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/plan-mk](http://milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/plan-mk). **We need to act now to make your views known.**

Ward Councillors Keith McLean, Peter Geary and David Hosking are hosting a public meeting at Moulsoe Millennium Hall on Tuesday, 28 March at 7.30 pm. Please come along to this meeting to listen to the key points of the proposals and to ask questions and make your views known.

## High Speed Broadband has arrived!

After a prolonged wait and many false starts, we are pleased to announce that improved broadband is now available in Moulsoe. Independent ISP IDNet has worked with Moulsoe Parish Council and Cranfield University to develop a wireless broadband solution to service Moulsoe village and beyond.

The rural location of Moulsoe provided interesting challenges to permit the delivery of a broadband service whilst trying to avoid the high costs of extending a 'hard-wired' service into Moulsoe, which to date BT Openreach have not been prepared to tackle.

There are a number of active connections in the village with speeds ranging from 10Mb to 50Mb (dependant on location) and these users have indicated that they are happy to share their experiences with other residents.

Since Moulsoe has been categorised as a sub-2Mb standard broadband area there are grants available to cover standard installation of the new service. The Better Broadband Scheme is under constant review and grant value and availability is not guaranteed as BDUK assesses available funds, so, if you are interested in improved broadband, you should apply as soon as possible so you do not miss out. For more information about the service and the grant, contact IDNet at [moulsoe@idnet.com](mailto:moulsoe@idnet.com).

## Announcements



### Diamond Wedding

Many congratulations to **Michael and Janet White** who celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in December!

## Keep in Touch

[Moulsoeparish.org](http://Moulsoeparish.org)

[Facebook.com/moulsoevillage](https://www.facebook.com/moulsoevillage)

[Parish.clerk@moulsoeparish.org](mailto:Parish.clerk@moulsoeparish.org)

## Other news from Moulsoe Parish Council

### Annual Parish Meeting

Please join us at our annual parish meeting at 9pm on Tuesday, 9 May to hear about what Moulsoe Parish Council achieved during 2016/17 and its plan, budget and precept for 2017/18.

### Internal Auditor

MPC is sad to say goodbye to **Peter Crush** who has resigned his position as internal auditor for Moulsoe Parish Council. We thank Peter for his time over the last four years, given voluntarily, to audit our annual accounts and offer guidance and support on our efforts to improve our records and reporting. If you have bookkeeping or accounting experience and you would like to apply for this position, please contact [parish.clerk@moulsoeparish.org](mailto:parish.clerk@moulsoeparish.org).