

# Wafas AND Wallas

YOUR LOCAL PARISH MAGAZINE

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## *Inside this edition*

Welcome to the end of year edition of Wafas & Wallas – and can I take this opportunity of wishing each and every resident and very happy Christmas and (let's hope!) a prosperous 2019 for us all. In this edition you will find updates on the Expressway, Plan:MK and some local snippets.



**Wafas & Wallas - Your Parish Newsletter**  
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(including parts of  
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*Merry Christmas*  
from Wavendon Parish Council



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*Wavendon Parish Council Clerk*  
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**Looking to hire  
the Wavendon Community  
Centre?**

**Contact Susan Hopkins**

**Hall Manager:**

**T: 01908 582632**

## Wavendon World Champion

Joe Turney 17, (from Wavendon) was competing in October at Le Mans and in a maiden visit to the circuit he emerged Senior World Champion!!

In a seven race day event against a field of 144 of the world's best go kart drivers he took victory!

This title adds to his list of impressive titles in 2018 including British Champion and Champion of Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg amongst others



## Oxford - MK- Cambridge Expressway



Councillors (Borough and to two representatives from local Parish Councils) attended a drop-in session on the preferred corridor option for the Oxford-MK-Cambridge Expressway. Note this is still a wide corridor from which a number of route options will be identified over the coming twelve months – and these will be put out to consultation for 12 months with a final definitive route selected in the autumn of 2020. The design and subsequent consultations is being run by Highways England.

If you'd like to find out more about the expressway, please visit:

<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/oxford-to-cambridge-expressway/>

or take a look at the 'Oxford to Cambridge Expressway' - The preferred corridor booklet which is available on line and which shows a map of the corridor and summarises the background to the decision.

### Jan Simpson

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## Friends of Woburn Sands Station

The group is now established with the aim of enhancing our station at Woburn Sands. If you have any ideas or would be willing to help with plants and planting please contact the Chairman, **Robert Allan** on [rob Allan1301@gmail.com](mailto:rob Allan1301@gmail.com)

## Snippets for December

The Boundary Commission for England submitted their final report to the Government on 5 September and this was laid before Parliament on 10 September. This must now be voted on and if approved will be in place for the next General Election.

### ***What does this mean for Wavendon & Woburn Sands?***

Two Milton Keynes wards (Stony Stratford and Wolverton) will now come under the Buckingham and Milton Keynes West Constituency. The rest of Milton Keynes will be divided into two constituencies, Milton Keynes North East and Milton Keynes South. The wards will be divided between the two constituencies as follows-

### *Milton Keynes South*

Bletchley East, Bletchley Park, Bletchley West, Bradwell, Loughton & Shenley, Stantonbury, Stony Stratford and Tattenhoe

### *Milton Keynes North East*

Broughton, Campbell Park & Old Woughton, Central Milton Keynes, Danesborough & Walton, Monkston, Newport Pagnell North & Hanslope, Newport Pagnell South, Olney, and Woughton.

## Questions and answers regarding the A421 dualling project

A green rectangular road sign with the number 'A421' in yellow text.

### ***How long will the works take?***

Central Beds Council are carrying out pre-works initial preparatory work to mitigate some key risks, including site clearance and moving boundary fences, utility diversions such as BT, Anglian Water and some data cabling as well as removal of some earthworks. This initial preparatory work commenced on 10 September and lasts runs until Christmas (December 2018). The main work commences in March 2019 and lasts until October 2020.

### ***Why is there such a long closure of the Cranfield Road in Wavendon bridge?***

Unfortunately, the construction of the new Cranfield Road bridge (starting May 2019) will take between 12 and 14 months due to the requirement to keep live traffic running underneath on the A421. The level difference on the new road is 1.5m below existing level, which means the temporary works to accommodate all vehicles below the structure is slower and more complex. Central Beds Council is working with the contractor to reduce the bridge closure wherever possible, however, it is constrained by the site conditions below the structure.

The A421 will be open throughout the works to avoid inconveniencing motorists with the exception of short closures to demolish and erect bridges. These are likely to be evenings and weekends wherever possible and the communications bulletin and signs on site will give advance warning.

### ***What about HGVs?***

HGVs must stick to the advertised diversion route or use the existing road when open. Police will be enforcing the surrounding villages.

# Bletchley to Bedford Rail Update

*New chapter for the MVL...*



As usual, there is good news and bad news to tell residents, but hopefully, the good news will herald a significant step forward in train reliability and give passengers more confidence that trains will run when they are supposed to! The introduction of the Class 230 stock is on the horizon and two units have arrived at Bletchley for crew training pending the units' formal entry into public service. The bad news is that, unfortunately, the planned introduction in December has had to be put back to the New Year owing to "technical problems" (as yet unspecified).

The extra bad news is that passengers will

have to put up with the existing units until then, and if the last couple of months are anything to go by, those few weeks could seem a long time indeed. September and October have seen more than their fair share of problems, with train break-downs, staff unavailability, signalling issues, and adhesion problems (aka "leaves on the line"); in addition, there were problems beyond the control of London Northwestern or Network Rail caused by trespassers on the line (which seem to be increasing) and fare evaders who cause delays and make life more difficult for those working on the line.

To end on some good news, London Northwestern has just announced that there will be a largely normal service on the MVL between Christmas and New Year, rather than the reduced one of past years. So why take the car to Milton Keynes, Bedford or beyond? – avoid the car parks and take your children/grandchildren out over Christmas by train!

## Seniors On The GO!



### OVER 60's MONTHLY OUTINGS

In every month **except January, February and November**, the Woburn Sands Town Council along with Wavendon and Bow Brickhill parish councils organise and subsidise a coach trip to a great variety of places of interest. These are usually held on the third Wednesday of the month and tickets booked via the relevant parish clerk.

**To book contact:**  
[l.stapleton@wstc.org.uk](mailto:l.stapleton@wstc.org.uk)



### WOBURN SANDS COMMUNITY MARKET DATES (now) SATURDAYS

A Community Market is held bi-monthly on the second Saturday from 10:00-12:00 February, April, June, August, October and December around the Institute and Memorial Green. This is a market for locally produced food and crafts and is run by volunteers and some Councillors.

# Illegal Advertising



Signs and banners placed on railings, lamp posts or any other Council-owned property will be removed as part of a borough-wide crackdown on illegal advertisers.

Since 2017 the Council has already removed nearly 600 illegal signs from the road network but more are added every month.

Any signage placed on the highway without the permission of the Council will be removed and disposed of. MK Council may also prosecute advertisers under Section 132 of the Highways Act 1980.

Illegal advertising is a criminal offence punishable with fines up to £2,500 per advert with a further £250 per day per offence if not removed.

From **Monday 3 December** 2018 MK Council will be removing and disposing of any banners or other signage placed illegally on our highway infrastructure.

Advertising banners and signage placed near the road without proper permission is a safety risk to motorists and pedestrians as it purposefully distracts the attention of the driver. Signage can become loose and blown into the road causing a risk to vehicles and pedestrians.

Advertisers who put their advertising on roundabouts, barriers and other

infrastructure are putting themselves and their staff at danger as well as road users.

The fixings can damage the infrastructure they are attaching their signage to which causes additional repairs costs to the Council.

By removing these illegal signs MK Council will be helping our city to look more attractive, make our road network safer and ensure that the businesses who do play by the rules do not feel short changed.

The Council's highways team will also be removing any broken or defunct signage as part of a wider declutter programme for the road network.

If anyone notices any illegal signage or fly-posting (posters or stickers put up without permission on Council property) then they can report it directly to us by email:

**customerservices@  
milton-keynes.gov.uk**

or send MK Council a picture and location on its social media channels.



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# National Energy Foundation

**Get ready for winter: free home visits, grants and energy advice to keep you warm and save you money**

With the chilly days and frosty nights fast approaching, are you confident your home is ready to keep you warm and cosy? Or does the thought of your winter heating bill leave you feeling cold? We are here to help.

The National Energy Foundation offers free impartial advice on cutting your energy bills, finding a cheaper tariff and heating your home affordably and efficiently. In some circumstances we can also offer free home visits and grants and financial assistance so you pay less for energy saving measures such as insulation and boiler replacements.



improving the use of energy in buildings

***If you are worried about any of the above or would like to find out more about how we can help, why not give our friendly team a call on***

**0800 107 0044**  
or email **bhbh@nef.org.uk**.

We are also providing free events in the community, look out for us at a local event near you!

## Unitary Buckinghamshire

You may have seen in the news that Government has decided a new unitary authority will cover Buckinghamshire. The proposed changes will mean that Bucks County Council, Aylesbury Vale, Chiltern, Wycombe and South Buckinghamshire district councils will become a single unitary authority from 2020.

MK Council will not be affected by this proposal – MK is its own borough and we'll remain a separate unitary authority. MK Council will be working over that period to make sure our partnerships and any joint working arrangements are protected.



### **Reporting issues to** *Milton Keynes Council*

Issues that need to be reported to Milton Keynes Council can be done via the link noted below. This covers reporting items such as street lamps, waste and recycling, missed collections, defect on roads/potholes etc.

**[https://  
www.milton-keynes.gov.  
uk/pay-report-apply/  
report-it](https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/pay-report-apply/report-it)**

# St. Mary's Wavendon



## Ofsted - 23rd October 2018

This school continues to be good.

At the end of October 2018, we were visited by Ofsted to complete the first short inspection of St Mary's Wavendon since our school was judged to be good in March 2014. We are delighted with the comments, especially in light of our imminent move in September 2019 to the Eagle Farm development, where we will be housed in a brand new 630 place Primary school. You can read the full report on our website:

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

Some of the comments are highlighted below:

*"The leadership team has maintained the good quality of education in the school since the last inspection...leading the school with integrity and a determination that every pupil must and will do well."*

*"You, with your staff, have created a positive atmosphere for learning."*

*"Pupils exemplify the Christian values which you promote, especially that of friendship. Pupils are well behaved and polite."*

*"Pupils enjoy school, as shown in their high attendance....they like learning and work hard."*

*"The early years is a particular strength of the school. Children settle quickly because teachers' expectations for their learning and behaviour are clear."*

*"At the last inspection, inspectors asked you to improve pupils' progress in writing and strengthen the quality of guidance so that pupils know how to improve their work. You have achieved this and more."*

If you would like to see for yourself, and have a child of Primary School age who would benefit from our caring and nurturing learning environment, please contact us on the address below for a visit.

We look forward to seeing you!

**Mrs Dicks**  
Headteacher

Walton Road Wavendon Milton Keynes MK17 8LH  
01908 582182  
office@stmaryswavendon.milton-keynes.sch.uk

## Wavendon Golf Club



### Public Footpaths

Report from MK Council Rights of Way Officer - I have been investigating this matter and confirm that there are no legal closures on this footpath. I have therefore written to the landowner to make them aware that a public footpath crosses the site, and the footpath must remain open and accessible at all times. I have also informed them that it is an offence to erect signage that would deter the public from using the route and have requested that any such signage be removed, in particular the words "Keep Out" should not be used. I will inspect the site again shortly to ensure this has been done.

### Rosie Armstrong

Rights of Way Officer (Milton Keynes Council)

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# Grassroots Football in our Community



## GoalAbility a winner

The last few weeks have again demonstrated how grassroots football engages so well with so many in our community. Woburn and Wavendon FC were delighted to receive the news that our Pan-Disability sessions, "GoalAbility", had been chosen as the winner of the County FA's "Community Project of the Year -2018".

The FA and McDonald's work together in partnership with County FA's across England to reward grassroots volunteers through several award categories to nominate local heroes and initiatives. **GoalAbility sessions** for girls and boys of all ages and disabilities are held every **Sunday morning in Woburn Sands from 10-11am**. To find out more, email:- [goalability@ww-fc.co.uk](mailto:goalability@ww-fc.co.uk)

## Remembrance Weekend

The Club has also again participated in Remembrance Weekend. Nearly 500 players and coaches together with friends and relatives joined in the minutes' silence, including all our teams playing at Wavendon Recreation Ground. WWFC is all about fun, friendship and football, however it is so important that all generations remember the enormous sacrifices that have been made by so many that enable us all to enjoy the freedoms we have today.



# Peace Exhibition

St Mary's, Wavendon (November 10th/11th)

One of many recent events commemorating 100 years since the end of World War 1, the two-day Peace Exhibition held at St Mary's Church over Remembrance Weekend has been hailed a stunning success.

Paper doves decorated by all parts of the community 'flew' between pillars covered in poppies; displays of peacetime hobbies were much admired, while areas set aside for remembrance, reflection and prayer inspired scores of visitors. With children from local schools (Wavendon Gate

and St Mary's CofE, and Little Oaks Nursery) taking part, hundreds of pieces of art/craft and poetry were assembled, and every corner of the church was used to display work created in response to three themes of 'Peace': peacetime;

peace and quiet; and inner peace.



'Poppies' / 'Warhorse': children of Wavendon Gate School; 'Doves': people of Wavendon / St Mary's Church & School / Little Oaks Nursery

Text: Joyce Fennell / Patricia Rosewell; Photography: Matt Trendall / Joyce Fennell (ed. Patricia Rosewell)

Exhibition installed by Alise Trendall / Claire Tyers / Lianne Tyers / Brian Norwood / Christine Norwood / Ray Holmwood

## Christmas 2018 St Mary's Wavendon



**A warm welcome awaits you this December  
Please join us!**

Sat 8th	7pm	Christmas Concert Canzonetta Singers
Sun 9th	9.30am	Christingle Service Jesus, Light of the World
Sun 16th	6pm	Carol Service in aid of MK Act
Sun 23rd	*	Joint Service 9.30am Christ the King, Kents Hill
Mon 24th	3pm	Crib Service in aid of Toybox
Mon 24th	9.30pm	Midnight in Bethlehem Holy Communion
Tue 25th	10am	Carols by Request All your favourites: join us!

Please see [www.stmaryswavendon.co.uk](http://www.stmaryswavendon.co.uk)  
for further details

Walton Churches Partnership ~ Serving Milton Keynes  
South-East

## St Mary's Church Crib Service

**3pm  
Monday 24th December**



*Everyone Welcome*  
**Please join us!**



# How to recycle in MK at Christmas...



**Clear recycling sack**  
Wrapping paper without bows or ribbon  
Cardboard packaging  
Christmas cards & envelopes  
Biscuit and food tins  
Fizzy drinks bottles and cans  
Juice cartons  
Plastic food tubs



**Black rubbish sack**  
Foil or glittery wrapping paper  
Sweet wrappers  
Decorations  
Crackers  
Napkins  
Crisp packets



**Green wheelie bin**  
Food leftovers  
Real Christmas trees (without decorations)



**Blue box**  
Glass bottles & jars only  
NO lids or other glass items



**Yellow Battery Bag**  
For all sizes and types of battery



[www.getsortedmk.co.uk](http://www.getsortedmk.co.uk)



St Mary's Church  
Wavendon



# The Canzonetta Singers Christmas Concert

7pm

Saturday, 8th December

*Uplifting seasonal favourites for  
a perfect start to your Christmas!  
Free entry with light refreshments*

Retiring collection ~ donations to St Mary's

Further details: Colin Baxter MK 260612

Singers welcome to join next term



## CHRISTMAS QUIZ! Tuesday 18th December

7.30pm

Festive Fun  
with  
Friends  
Old & New



**Bring Your Own snacks/drinks £1pp on door  
Everyone welcome - Just turn up!**

December 2018 in Wavendon

Please note any changes to regular meetings:

Tue 4 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Friendship Club (C.Hall): resumes Jan 15th
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	12pm	OpenHouse@St Mary's: Advent (Bring/Share)
Thu 13 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Rock Solid ends (CtK): breaks until January*
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Christmas Quiz: all welcome as normal!
Thu 20 <sup>th</sup>	8.45-12pm	Coffee Morning breaks until January*
" "	12.30pm	Midday Prayer meeting: breaks until January*
" "	7pm	Youth Club ends (CtK): breaks until January*

\*Please see [www.stmaryswavendon.co.uk](http://www.stmaryswavendon.co.uk) for further details

Join us at St Mary's for:



Christingle

9.30am

Sunday 9th December  
*The Good News of Christmas  
in an interactive all-age service*



Carol Service

6pm

Sunday 16th December  
*Christ's arrival retold through  
Nine Lessons and Carols*

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Christmas Eve

Communion

'Midnight in Bethlehem'

9.30pm



Christmas Day Carols

10am

*Informal, all-age celebration  
with carols by request*

