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**Copy Date  
for September**  
*(the Autumn 2023) edition:*  
**Sunday 13th August**

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#### WOBURN SANDS COMMUNITY MARKET DATES

Woburn Sands very own Community Market is held on the  
**second Saturday of the month from 10am - 2pm,**  
at the Memorial Green on the High Street.  
(\*look out for signs confirming market days during the pandemic).

This is a market for locally produced food and crafts and is  
run by volunteers and some local Councillors.

#### Looking to hire the Wavendon Community Centre?



Contact **Susan Hopkins** Hall Manager:  
T: **07512 685198**  
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#### Mrs Robinsons Charity Announcement -

It is with regret and sadness that because of  
rising costs and a shortfall in funding we are  
unable to arrange an outing in 2023.

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Issues that need to be reported to Milton Keynes Council can be  
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street lamps, waste and recycling, missed collections, defect on  
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[www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/pay-report-apply/report-it](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/pay-report-apply/report-it)

# From the Chairman of Wavendon Parish Council

## ANNUAL REPORT 2023



### What a year it has been

Let me start with the very memorable national events that were celebrated or marked at a local level. **The Platinum Jubilee June 2022** was a national celebration for our most remarkable of monarchs. Then, of course, we were all deeply saddened by the sad passing of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on 8 September 2022, when Elizabeth II, Queen of the United Kingdom, and the other Commonwealth realms, and the longest-reigning British monarch, died of "old age" at the age of 96 at Balmoral Castle in Aberdeenshire, Scotland. She was succeeded by her eldest child, Charles III

Milton Keynes finally achieved **City Status in 2022**. That was marked by a visit to MK by HRH King Charles III and, most recently we were able to mark the Coronation of his Majesty with a weekend of celebrations. Can I thank my colleague, Cllr Marlese Levermore for her hard work in organising these events and of course our Parish Council Clerk, Alan Kemp who went the extra mile (yet again) to make sure all went well.

Locally, the construction and handover of the **Wavendon Heights / Wavendon Hub Building and associated Playing Fields** was marked by its official opening on 8 May 2023 by the MKCC Mayor, Cllr Amanda Marlow. The Parish Council Vice Chairman, Cllr Robert Hill, has been diligently leading on the ongoing negotiations with MKC and the site contractors and sub-contractors to ensure the many snagging issues that inevitably arise are being addressed as quickly and gully as possible.

We are in the process of establishing an Incorporated Charity to oversee the day-to-day management of the new Hub. This (Trust) will enable us to save up to £15 to £20K in Business

Rates and will be made up of seven trustees taken from members of the Parish Council and local residents. It is hoped that soccer will start on the five pitches in September.

Commercial broadband operator **Gigaclear Broadband** are making good progress and anticipate offering their services to all parts of the older areas of the Parish during the course of the year.



There have been regular meetings of the **SEMK Stakeholder Group** and the **East West Rail - EWR Stakeholder Group** over the past twelve months. Both consist of representatives from the Town, Parish and Community Councils locally and I would like to thank Cllr Ron Jamieson who (along with myself) has represented the Parish on the SEMK Stakeholder Group. We can expect to see activity and progress on both major projects during the coming Council year.

The **Population of the Parish** continues to grow a pace and we are sending a minimum of 100 welcome packs every month to the new residents at Glebe Farm, Eagle Farm South and elsewhere

Wavendon, like all the MKCC area Parishes, benefited from **grants from the governments cost of living crisis support funding** which was distributed on to parishes via MKCC

The Parish Clerk and myself meet monthly with Senior Highways Officers from MKCC to receive updates of **traffic management issues** from across the parish and we continue to strive to find (and fund) solutions to each issue.

The issue of **car cruising and adoptive street lighting** continue to dominate the concerns for residents in Glebe Farm and Eagle Farm South and Cllr Levermore and Cllr Goss champion these on behalf of residents. Cllr Goss has met with senior officers from TVP and with the Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner seeking solutions to the car cruising meets and the disruption they

## continue... **From the Chairman**

bring to people's lives locally.

Residents from across the Parish have raised concerns over the safety off and traffic congestion at the **Kingston roundabout** and these have been raised repeatedly with Highways England (and MKCC).

Residents at Eagle Farm South have also raised concerns in terms of taking their children on foot to St Marys Primary school and the need for a **light controlled crossing point on Burney Drive**.

The new, all through **Glebe Farm School** campus opened in September 2022 and is already proving to be popular with parents and the broader community at large.

The Parish Clerk has worked tirelessly with MKCC and the Parks Trust regarding issues related to the **new Play Areas and Allotments in Glebe Farm and Eagle Farm South**.

We welcome new Danesborough and Walton ward councillor, **Tracey Bailey** who was elected as one of the three ward councillors to represent our local area at MKCC.

Looking forward to the year to come there will be more news of East West Rail and its associated infrastructure requirements and more news on a more detailed **masterplan for SEMK**.

MKCC is introducing a new waste collection regime in September 2023 with each household receiving **four wheelie bins** to enhance waste and recycling rates in line with MKCC ambitions.

The new draft MK City Council **Strategic Plan (Plan:MK2)** will start to contain specific details and it will be interesting and important to see how the City Council views the land east of Newport Road as being part of that ongoing development (or not!)

**Finally**, can I thank all of my hard-working colleagues on Wavendon Parish Council. I am delighted that no one stood down at the recent Parish elections and that we can therefore continue to move forward with our challenging yet ultimately rewarding agenda in delivering for the people of Wavendon. And, of course, to our long serving Parish Clerk Alan Kemp who's hard work and commitment really makes the Parish Council the great success it is.

# Wavendon

## Belles WI

It was an exciting evening on the 20th April when Wavendon Community Centre was filled with ladies finding out more about forming a WI in Wavendon.

After all the formalities were over a vote was taken on a name for our WI and Wavendon Belles WI came out on top!

Our first 'proper' meeting will be on Thursday 11th May when we will have a Two Spoon Masterclass: it's all about tea! Our next meeting will be on the 8th June.

We meet on the **second Thursday of each month at 7.30pm** at Wavendon Community Centre (opposite St. Mary's Church). If you are looking for fun and friendship as well as an opportunity to be in at the beginning of an exciting new venture, do come along. You will be assured of a warm welcome.



**A NEW Women's Institute in WAVENDON!**

**Formation meeting 20th APRIL, 2023**

**7.30pm**

**AT WAVENDON COMMUNITY CENTRE MK17 8LH**

**ALL LADIES WELCOME!**

The WI provides women with fun and friendship, plus the chance to learn new skills, get involved with the community and take part in a wide range of activities

For more information email Ann at [wavendonwi@gmail.com](mailto:wavendonwi@gmail.com)

**We'd be delighted to see you!**

## From MK City Council

With warmer temperatures averaging 17 degrees, May is the month when grass grows the fastest in the UK, often called the 'spring flush' by gardeners. It's also the month for No Mow May, a national campaign which encourages people not to mow their gardens for the month in order to encourage wildflowers and boost biodiversity.

Milton Keynes City Council's 'garden' is 10 million square metres of grassland around the city. We balance biodiversity with road safety, so you'll still notice us mowing in some areas during May as we cut sight lines along the edge of grid roads and roundabouts. All play areas, play parks and recreational areas will be maintained as standard. We aim to mow this grass every three to four weeks, although this does vary if the weather is too wet to mow. We're currently mid-way through our second cut of the year. Rural verges, grass on roadsides between villages, are mown 3 times per year again focusing on only mowing where necessary for safety.



However, these days we make a conscious effort to mow a smaller area in these and other public spaces to help the city's wildflowers grow, which increases biodiversity as part of our wider work to tackle climate change. We've seeded additional wildflowers around the city, and more than 1,000 pollinating species such as bees and beetles are already benefitting from our work to increase wildflower verges and meadows. So, if you spotted slightly longer grass and more wildflowers than you might expect in public green spaces in May, it's typically there for a reason.

### GLEBE FARM SCHOOL WELCOMES HUMMINGBIRD CHILDREN'S CENTRE

9:30-10:15AM

#### Song and story time

Come and join us for a story, followed by interactive songs and rhymes. Suitable for all ages

10:45-11:30AM

#### Glebe Babies

Baby group for pregnancy to non-walkers, an opportunity to experience a wide range of age-appropriate activities, including sensory activities, to help parent and baby support their learning, development, and bonding



Hummingbird Children's Centre

Every Monday Term Time  
ENTER THROUGH GLEBE  
COMMUNITY HUB



FOODBANK @  
GLEBE FARM SCHOOL  
COMMUNITY HUB  
EVERYONE WELCOME 😊



MONDAY 1.30 - 2.30pm  
WEDNESDAY 1.30 - 2.30pm  
FRIDAY 1.30 - 2.30pm

Glebe Farm School,  
Community Hub,  
Burney Drive,  
Glebe Farm, MK17 8XY

If you are struggling financially and need help with food, we can provide you and your family with a food parcel.



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FOR  
COFFEE  
AND  
A CHAT



COME AND  
JOIN US TERM TIME

TUESDAY 9.45 - 11AM  
THURSDAY 9.45 - 11AM

FREE TEA & COFFEE,  
FRIENDSHIP, CHAT,  
TOYS & GAMES

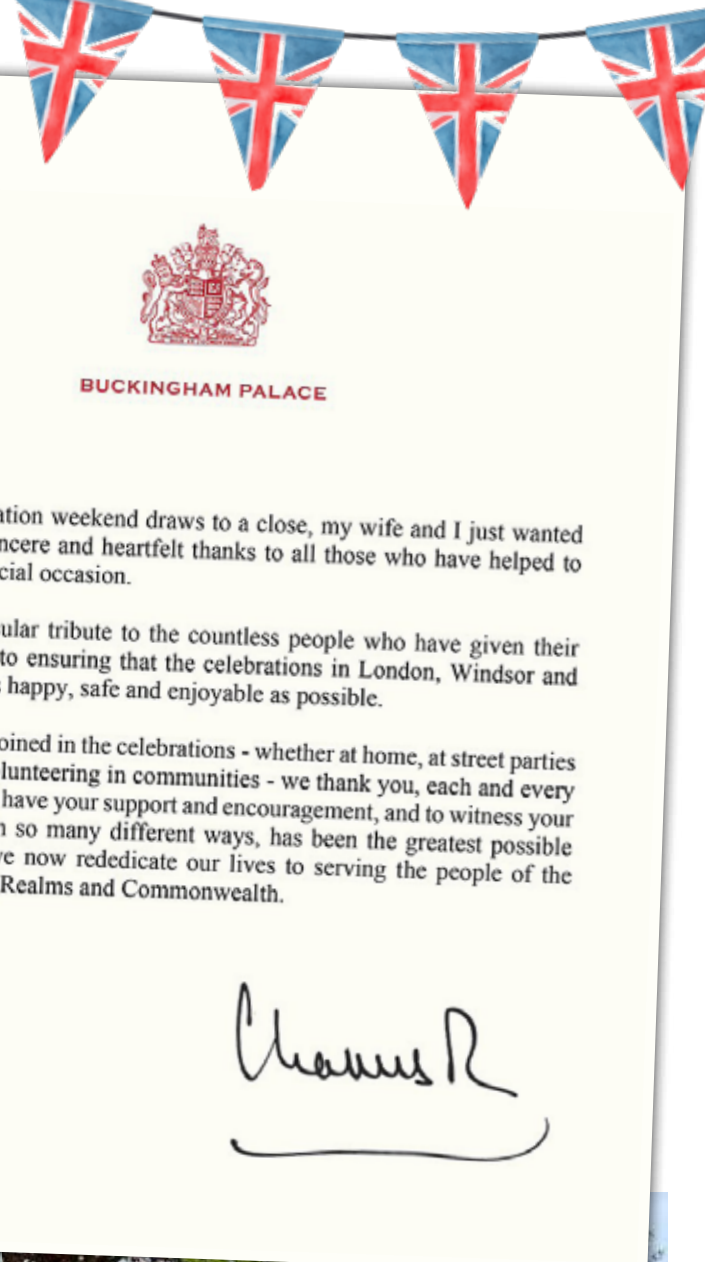
ENTER THROUGH GLEBE  
FARM SCHOOL  
COMMUNITY HUB

EVERYONE  
WELCOME!

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

As the Coronation weekend draws to a close, my wife and I just wanted to share our most sincere and heartfelt thanks to all those who have helped to make this such a special occasion.

We pay particular tribute to the countless people who have given their time and dedication to ensuring that the celebrations in London, Windsor and further afield were as happy, safe and enjoyable as possible.

To those who joined in the celebrations - whether at home, at street parties and lunches, or by volunteering in communities - we thank you, each and every one. To know that we have your support and encouragement, and to witness your kindness expressed in so many different ways, has been the greatest possible Coronation gift, as we now rededicate our lives to serving the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and Commonwealth.

Charles R





## Marston Vale Line News

Marston Vale Line services were temporarily suspended on 1st December 2022 following confirmation that Vivarail (the company which maintains the Class 230 trains) had entered administration.

As Vivarail directly employed the maintenance staff who fuel, examine, service, repair and respond to any in-service faults, it was no longer safe to operate the Class 230s from the point of administration.

Arrangements have been made to introduce Class 150s. Passengers may remember these two carriage units from their service on the Line until 2019. These trains have since undergone a full refurbishment including the installation of accessible toilets. Train services will resume in Autumn 2023. Please see <https://www.marstonvalecommunityrail.org.uk/news> for details.

A full rail replacement bus service (all stations and limited stop) will continue to be provided in the meantime. All vehicles are accessible.

Changes are due to be made to the bus timetable from 22nd May in response to passenger feedback. The new timetable will be posted on the MVCRP website once confirmed.

**Refunds for delayed journeys of 15 minutes or more can be claimed from the LNR Delay Repay Scheme.** Please visit <https://www.londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk/about-us/delay-repay> for train journeys and e-mail [contact.lnr@wmtrains.co.uk](mailto:contact.lnr@wmtrains.co.uk) for Rail Replacement Bus journeys.

Please purchase rail tickets from a staffed station, the Ticket Vending Machine (TVM) at unstaffed stations or via <https://www.londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk/tickets-discounts/ticket-types>. Tickets purchased online can be collected at any TVM.

**Please note the bus drivers are unable to issue rail tickets.**



Please make your views known to London Northwestern Railway (LNR) over the lack of rail services via <https://www.londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk/contact-us/customer-relations>. Alternatively, Customer Complaints/Comments Forms can be collected from Bletchley & Milton Keynes Central & Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre or please contact Stephen for a form to be sent to you. Please also write to your MP.

Please report any problems with Rail Replacement Buses to LNR as above.

No buses are provided on days when industrial action is taking place, currently planned for Wednesday 31st May and Saturday 3rd June 2023.

### CCTV

CCTV is being installed at all stations along the Marston Vale Line. Additional cameras are to be installed at Bedford St Johns to enhance the system that was fitted last year. The cameras are due to go live in the next few weeks.

### BLETCHLEY STATION

The Booking Office is open again (subject to staff availability). Giardino's has extended their opening hours from 5:30am to 7:00pm.

### RIDGMONT STATION HERITAGE CENTRE

The Heritage Centre is open **Wednesday to Sunday 10:00 – 4:00**. The Tea Room is open at the same times. Please call **01525 287120** to book. Please see the new Heritage Centre website for full details of the building - <https://ridgmontheritage.org.uk>.



Two first floor offices are available to let on competitive terms at the Heritage Centre. Viewing by appointment. Download the specifications from the Heritage Centre website.

Meeting room space for up to 15 people is also available at the Heritage Centre. The delegate rate of £15 per head includes refillable tea/coffee and a sandwich platter lunch plus use of a projector and screen. Wi-fi available.

### STEAM ON THE MARSTON VALE LINE

Unfortunately the visit of steam locomotive Mayflower on 26th April was cancelled due to operational reasons. It is hoped to reschedule for Spring 2024. Watch this space!



### CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

Fenny Stratford Station was beautifully decorated by the Station Friends for the Coronation complete with knitted toppers! The display was much enjoyed by passers by; the Station being on a number of walking routes.

### SPRING AT WOBURN SANDS STATION

The Friends of Woburn Sands Station and Swallowfield Primary School have been busy looking after planters installed by the Bee Friendly Trust near the cycle shelter.

The displays are being enjoyed by passengers buying tickets from the Ticket Vending Machine.



### BEDFORDSHIRE BRICKWORKS EXHIBITION

– Saturday 27th May 2023 – 10:00 – 4:00

The popular one-day Exhibition at Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre is returning in May as part of the Greensand Country Festival.

Andrew Mortlock, London Brick Archivist, will be bringing an extensive collection of archives, photographs and ephemera connected with the brickworks that used to dominate the landscape along the section of the Marston Vale Line between Bedford and Ridgmont and other areas of Bedfordshire. Please see <https://www.marstonvalecommunityrail.org.uk/news> for details.

The Heritage Centre and Tea Room will be open as usual.

### MILTON KEYNES MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

– Saturday 10th June 2023 – 10:00 – 4:30

The Exhibition is being held at the Ridgeway Centre, Featherstone Road, Wolverton Mill. The venue is accessible from the Arriva 4 Bus Route from Milton Keynes Central Station. There is a free car park on site.

The Exhibition is one of the largest in the area with something for all ages! Please visit <https://mkMrs.org.uk> for details.

**For further information on any aspect of Marston Vale CRP or the Marston Vale Line please contact Stephen Sleight, MRCRP Officer, on 01234 832645, e-mail [stephens@bedsrcc.org.uk](mailto:stephens@bedsrcc.org.uk).**

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# What is Greensand Country?

**Greensand Country is defined by the Greensand Ridge, a band of higher ground stretching from Leighton Buzzard to Gamlingay, which rises out of the surrounding vales to create a locally unique environment. Greensand Country contains all of Bedfordshire's remaining heathland, more than half of its woodland including recognised ancient forests, 29 historic parklands, and a significant area of valuable agricultural land.**

## What is the Greensand Country Landscape Partnership (GCLP)?

The Partnership initiative was set up in 2013 and is now hosted by the Greensand Trust with the overall objective to arrest and reverse the decline in the distinctive Greensand Country landscape. Presently, 24 organisations form the Partnership, supported by our 140-strong local business network. We have recently completed a Heritage Fund programme of 110 projects and are now working to a 'Forward Plan' to guide the Partnership through the next five years.

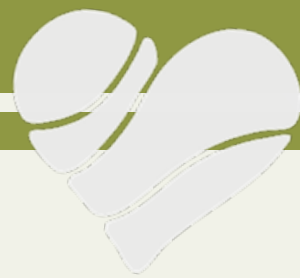
The GCLP is a key convener across Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, and Cambridgeshire. The Partnership works with partner organisations such as the RSPB, Sustrans, and other local organisations to promote a greater understanding of biodiversity, heritage, and climate change through networking, public engagement, and collaborative projects. We have five working groups where all stakeholders can get involved:

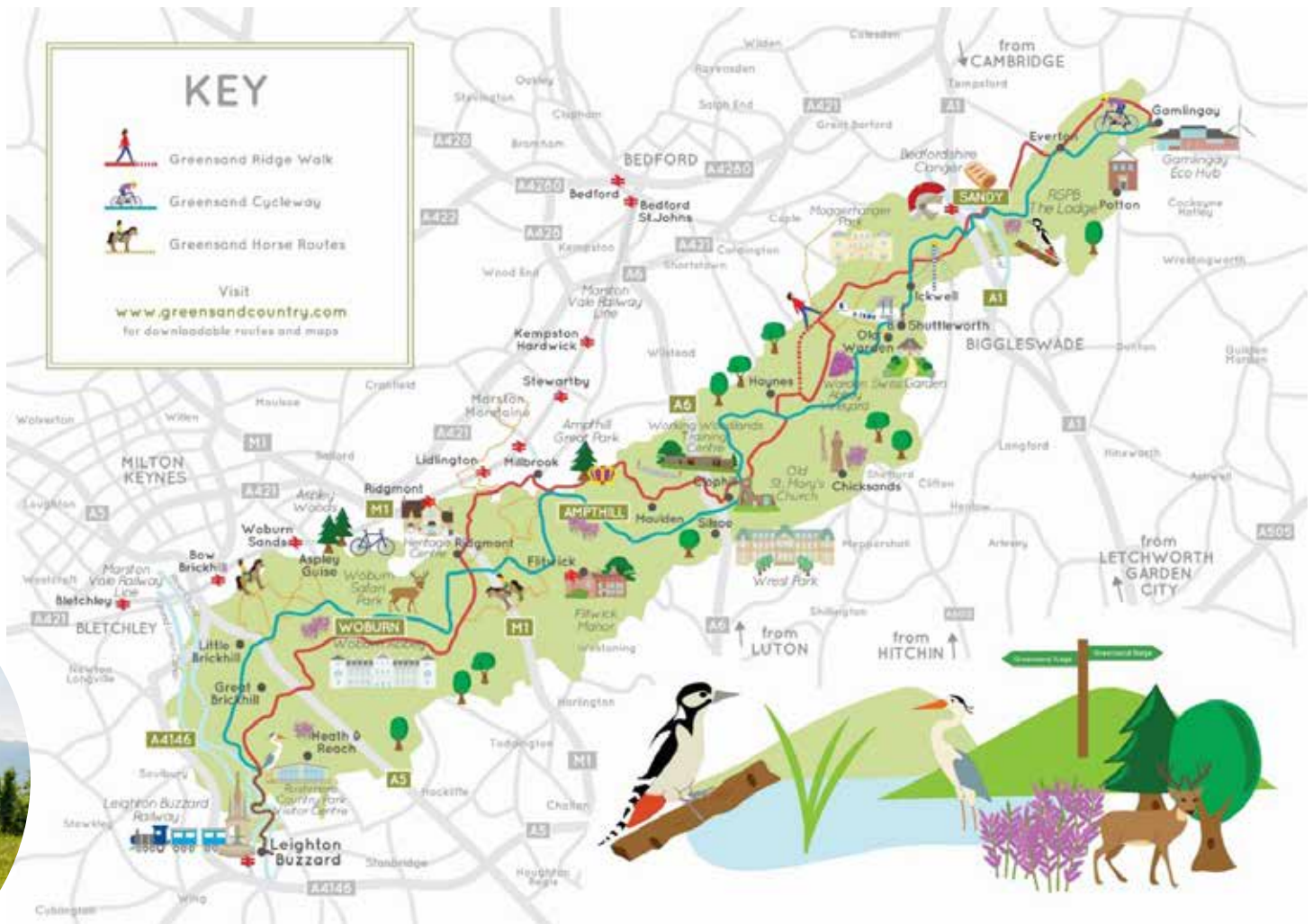
### Nature Recovery

- Heritage
- Enjoyment and Wellbeing
- Rural Economy and Sustainable Tourism
- Local Action on Climate Change

## We have identified a number of areas of focus, including:

- Supporting Local Nature Recovery Strategy in the Oxford-Cambridge Partnership area.
- Supporting farmers with public engagement.
- Raising awareness of deer management.
- Embedding Greensand Country's habitats and heritage in the planning system with a Supplementary Planning Document.
- Promoting the area's unique heritage such as sandstone structures and historic parkland
- Improving cycle links to National Cycle Network Route 51.
- Improving access to green spaces for all members of the community.
- Supporting local visitor attractions to create sustainable visiting by boosting off-peak and with electric vehicle charging support.
- Raising awareness of climate change's local impact and supporting local climate change initiatives.
- Supporting landowners with hedgerow planting and carbon offsetting.
- Encouraging enjoyment and appreciation of the landscape through our annual festival in May/June.





### How can you support us?

Our aim is to make it as easy as possible to become involved. As a resident you can contribute to any of our working groups that will develop and deliver projects, encourage local businesses to sign up to our Charter giving them free promotion and resources, and support our annual Festival.

Finally, the Partnership is always seeking funding support to contribute to core running costs, fund projects, and support our community engagement such as the Festival. If you feel any of this is of interest and would like to support the work of the Partnership, please make contact so that we can discuss further.

We welcome the involvement of residents across Greensand Country, in order to remain active, connect with communities, and deliver positive environmental change.

Daniel Bowles  
Partnership Co-ordinator  
Greensand Country Landscape Partnership,  
The Greensand Trust.

**Have Fun!**

**LOL**

**Wild Cats**

**The perfect way for girls aged 6-11 to get involved with football**

**WILDCATS**

**TIME AND DATE**  
STARTS SUNDAY 28th May 2022, 10.30AM & THEN EVERY SUNDAY

**LOCATION**  
BOW BRICKHILL PAVILION, RUSHMERE DRIVE, BOW BRICKHILL, MK17 9JB

**NEXT STEPS**  
Send us an email with your child's date of birth to: Wildcats@ww-fc.co.uk

### HELP WITH HEATING BILLS THIS WINTER

A long-established Charity in the Wavendon/Woburn Sands/Aspley Heath area (The Three Parishes Fuel Charity) provides a grant towards heating bills for those on smaller incomes or people living with a disability.

#### To qualify for a grant, applicants need to:

- have lived in Wavendon Parish incl Broughton, Aspley Heath Parish, or the town of Woburn Sands for at least the last year;
- have an annual income which the trustees feel would qualify for a grant. The income limit for awards is higher than you might expect

**Note:** If approved, the award is paid directly to the applicant's energy supplier.

For an application form, please write or email, before 31st August 2023 to:

Mrs Susan Hopkins, 80 Walton Road | Wavendon | MK17 8LW  
Email – sueanne.hopkins@gmail.com

#### DO YOU KNOW OF ANYONE YOU THINK MIGHT QUALIFY ? WE CAN FOLLOW UP -

**CALL**  
**PETER BALLARD**  
ON 07968 119253



## St Mary's Wavendon

### SPORTS FOR CHAMPIONS

What a fantastic morning we had on Friday 5th May 2023, in our sponsored Sport For Champions event! Our special guest - Courtney Tulloch, told us all about the ups and downs of his career to date, how he got into gymnastics and the effort that goes into becoming a professional gymnast. He even gave a demonstration of his skills!

We are extremely proud of all our children that took part and really put their fitness to the test. It was great for our whole school to come together, creating a motivating, happy and healthy atmosphere, with the help of our professional athlete.

**We raised an amazing total of £1,752.00!**



## Mayor Opens New Wavendon Community Hub

Mayor of Milton Keynes (Cllr Amanda Marlow) kindly officially opened the new Wavendon Community Hub on Monday 8th May as part of the series of Coronation Celebrations in the Parish.

Over 350 local residents enjoyed what turned out to be a packed series of events over the course of the day the main focus of which being cutting of a ribbon to mark the opening of the facility together with the unveiling of a plaque to mark the event.

Mayor Cllr Amanda Marlow commented *‘this impressive new development represents a unique joint development and sees Milton Keynes working at its best with its partners Wavendon Parish Council’*.

Chairman of the Wavendon Parish Council, Cllr David Hopkins said,

*“This project has been five years in the making and I’m delighted to see the building completed and that for the first-time residents are seeing just what a fantastic facility this is for all the community, for those newly arrived and those from the more established section of the community. We’re all grateful to everybody who’s been involved in helping to shape, develop and deliver on the project.*

*“Wavendon Hub pavilion and its associated playing fields are a vital new asset for local people and groups, providing them with more opportunities for sport and activity as well as being a fabulous venue for community and social events”.*

Cllr David Hopkins



## East West Rail



Residents will have seen the media coverage of the announcement regarding East West Rail.

The full details can be found at <https://eastwestrail.co.uk/routeupdate>

The East West Rail project company proposal is in line with what was expected. The key issues;

1. Bow Brickhill Level Crossing stays open as is
2. Woburn Sands Level Crossing stays open as is
3. Minimize disruption to the Marston Vale Line by upgrading some of the track rather than close and replace everything. Keeps Bletchley Bedford as single track during construction except loops at Fenny Stratford and Ridgmont.
4. Speed reduces from proposed 100mph to “more than the current 60mph but less than 100mph” - 75 to 80? I am still campaigning for (\*Tata Steel) SilentTrack to be laid close to properties.
5. Browns Wood crossing is closed and not replaced, so Holst Crescent (Walton) allotments no longer affected, diverts to Pony (border of Old Farm Park and SEMK) which also remains as a walk over crossing but upgraded to have warning lights.
6. Train frequency is reduced from proposed 5 trains per hour to 3 per hour (2 limited stoppers and 1 all stations) so no change in frequency for Marston Vale Line “all station” user’s from what we see today (when they are running!).  
\* <https://www.tatasteleurope.com/>

EWR is holding a series of **public drop-in events** across the route to give people the opportunity to meet their design / project team and find out more about these updated proposals.

**30 June 2023, 2pm – 8pm | Woburn Sands**  
Venue: Summerlin Centre  
138 Station Road,  
Woburn Sands,  
MK17 8SG

## South East Milton Keynes and Church Farm Development

**Just following up on the questions residents asked at the Wavendon and at the Walton Community Council Annual Meeting. In particular, the extension of H10 and thus access to and development of Church Farm and subsequent development(s).**

There is still work to be done before this development gets moving but this is the best current guesstimate on timescales etc.

MK City Council anticipate that some on site works will begin on Church Farm in the last quarter of this year (2023) although these are unlikely to be substantial. Full earthworks are scheduled to begin in the first quarter of next year and Connolly’s agents have told MKCC that these works will take up to fifteen months from commencement, so they do not expect a start on substantive housebuilding until 2025.

MKCC is working on developing the plans for the H10 extension, which will include the bridge over Byrd Crescent. The council hope to commence on some early works to facilitate the extension in the last quarter of this year but the majority of the works, including delivery the structure over Byrd Crescent will happen in 2024.

Noise abatement is obviously a really important part of the design of the H10 extension and whilst MKCC has completed the initial general arrangements for



the road, which I included in this letter, MKCC does not yet have the equivalent landscaping drawings. MKCC has seen those prepared by Connolly for their proposed access road but given the elevations of the proposed road the council need to do much more work. The ambition is to align landscaping and noise abatement and have the most natural forms of noise abatement that will work best so MKCC is looking at combinations of bunding and additional tree and vegetation planting, to supplement the existing trees, but the council is conscious that these are much more extensive at Ravel Close than they are at Gable Thorne.

The 'access' road that the Church Farm developer is proposing, and for which they do have planning permission won through appeal, would have the effect of severing Byrd Crescent and the related crossing(s) of the 'access road' would be 'at grade'.

However, the Council is trying to, with the agreement of the Church Farm developer, replace the permitted road with a grid road standard extension of the H10 which would 'fly over' Byrd Crescent allowing it to stay open and maintain the link. This would also allow pedestrians to pass under the new grid road along the redway as they can today.

As this is a departure from what has been permitted already, the Council is having to lead on this and, whilst there will be a contribution from the Church Farm developer, if MKCC is successful in moving this forward it will also have to forward fund the additional cost of the higher-grade road although it will seek to recover this from development beyond Church Farm (i.e. the SEMK development).

If MKCC does manage to get this into a deliverable form over the next couple of months it is proposed that local ward councillors and Walton Community Council will work with MKCC on the engagement with residents in Ravel Close and at Gable Thorne who will be mostly immediately impacted.

**Cllr David Hopkins**

Wavendon Parish Council and MK City Councillor

*Fanzonetta Fingers*

Invite you to a Summer Concert:  
**St. Mary's Church, Wavendon**  
**Saturday 1st July 2023 at 7.00pm**  
 A musical evening featuring  
**Fauré: Requiem Mass ~ Vivaldi: Gloria**

**Free entry**  
**Everyone welcome**  
*Donations in aid of the work of St Mary's Church*

St Mary's Church  
**QUIZ NIGHT**  
 On the **3rd Tuesday** of the month  
**7.30pm**  
**June 20th      July 18th**  
**NO AUGUST QUIZ**  
 Bring your own snacks & drinks  
 Everyone's welcome - just turn up!  
 Bring a team of friends or join others in a team of six  
 £2 per person on door  
 Make friends - Have fun - Win prizes

Find extra info at [https:// www.stmaryswavendon.co.uk](https://www.stmaryswavendon.co.uk) or contact Revd Matt Trendall [matt.trendall.mk@gmail.com](mailto:matt.trendall.mk@gmail.com) 01908 582839. Follow [St Mary's Church Wavendon Village](#) on Facebook for regular updates and last-minute changes

**Let's Take Action!**

Speeding in Wavendon is one of the major concerns that gets reported to the Parish Council, Milton Keynes City Council and the Thames Valley Police quite frequently.

If you would like to volunteer and support our local speed watch campaign in Glebe Farm and Eagle Farm Wavendon, please contact Cllr Marlese Levermore ([marlese.levermore@wavendonparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:marlese.levermore@wavendonparishcouncil.co.uk)) for further details.

Training, equipment and a schedule will be provided by Wavendon Parish Council.

Let's work together to make sure that our roads are safe again!

# SUMMER 2023



We warmly welcome you to St Mary's Church: for worship, for friendship, and for any time you may need a little local know-how or some extra support. Our friendly, loving church offers a helping hand to you and all who pass through south-east Milton Keynes on their life's path.

Look online for details of our C13<sup>th</sup> building and for more about our regular activities, news of special events, and links to further support and local resources, viewable via the church website:

<https://www.stmaryswavendon.co.uk>

For more information, or for any questions you may have, Revd Matt Trendall will gladly help

[matt.trendall.mk@gmail.com](mailto:matt.trendall.mk@gmail.com)

01908 582839

Facebook: St Mary's Church Wavendon Village



## Prayer group: Revive!

Meet in church at 9.15 on Mondays to catch up on pastoral needs and pray for the earthly challenges we all face.

## Groups for everyone:

*Adults:* Bible Study led by a local host

*Youth:* 'Relax Teens' for ages 12 to 18

*Children:* 'Zoom Kids' for ages 5 to 11

Details on website - or for more help ask Revd Matt 01908 582839

## Online Art Exhibition

Enjoy creative writing & artwork from members of St Mary's and other local churches, curated online.

With a special theme that changes every few weeks, why not submit your own work via the website link? View our current show on 'Gorgeous Gardens and Wonderful Wildlife' now (search for "Walton Arts" on our website, where you can also see earlier pieces) and learn about the next theme - on its way soon!

## Worship at St Mary's

Our Simple Sunday Service at 9.30 is a chance to enjoy meeting in church. A pre-recorded version (to watch at any time) keeps you in touch from home. Details of links on website.

## Children's Church

Our services are suitable for all. For younger visitors, we offer optional age-appropriate craft activities, for 1<sup>st</sup> (Family Communion Service) and 2<sup>nd</sup> (Simple Sunday Service) Sundays

## Community Coffee Mornings

Wednesdays  
8.45 - 10.30

St Mary's Primary School  
Eagle Farm  
(during school term)

Thursdays  
10.00 - 12.00  
St Mary's Church  
Wavendon Village  
All welcome!

## Virtual Choir

Our group of Zoom singers who get together online... To join, contact Revd Matt, who'll pass on your details.

## Daily Inspiration

Online nuggets of hope and encouragement, helping to refresh you each day!

## WAVENDON LANGUAGE CAFE for adults

Learn English the friendly way ~ in the community

Drop In to find out more:  
Thursdays 10am

St Mary's Church, Walton Rd,  
Wavendon, MK17 8LY

or contact

Revd Matt Trendall 01908 582839  
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*For confidential support in prayer over any concern, whether urgent or ongoing, contact our dedicated prayer team at any time: [prayerchain@wavendon.gmail.com](mailto:prayerchain@wavendon.gmail.com)*