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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?



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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.



www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/pay-report-apply/report-it

From the Chairman of the Parish Council

BROADBAND

Gigaclear now seem likely to include Bow

Brickhill in its roll out plans and Virgin Media are pursuing an expansion into Caldecotte, Wavendon Gate, Browns Wood and Old Farm Park



<https://gigaclear.com/>

The Wavendon Parish Council and Woburn Sands Town Council have both met formally with Roisin McGettigan (Community Engagement Manager at Gigaclear) and understand that the company is planning to have accessed (almost) all parts of Woburn Sands and Wavendon by Spring 2023 and is in talks with Bow Brickhill to extend the service to that village as well. Gigaclear will hold information events in both Wavendon and Woburn Sands.

Since 2010, Gigaclear has been on a mission to unlock the potential of poorly served, rural communities by delivering fast and reliable broadband to people's doorsteps. Its commitment to take fibre further means people living in these, often hard to reach, areas are able to take advantage of all the social, educational and economic benefits that full fibre is already delivering in the larger towns and cities. With its state-of-the-art network already stretching across more than 22 counties in the South West, the Midlands and the South East – and growing – they tell us that they are proud of the role they are playing in narrowing the UK's digital divide. Previously, Gigaclear successfully offered connectivity to Little Brickhill back in 2017.

MORE ON BINS ON TOUR

The Parish Council is working alongside Penny Fletcher at MK City Council in anticipation of the roll out of wheelie bins in Milton Keynes in 2023.



MK City Council understand that residents will have their own questions regarding the new waste collection service, so having a presence at a local event to answer these queries will help. More details to follow.

Should you have any questions or queries then please do get in contact with MK City Council directly: yourwaste@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Or alternatively please check out the following website: <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/new-waste-collection-service-2023/background-information>



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

The Citizens Portal opened on 1 September 2022 for parents and carers to apply online for a primary or junior school place. [The closing date is 15 January 2023](#) and all applications must be made before the closing date to receive a school place offer on 17 April 2023 (national offer day).

This information only applies if you want to apply for your child to start school for the first time (children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019) or infant school children moving up to junior/middle school in September 2023 (children attending an infant school who were born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016). https://emsonline.milton-keynes.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en?ReturnUrl=%2FCitizenPortal_LIVE%2F

Cllr David Hopkins, Chairman

JOIN US FOR THE LIGHTING UP OF THE ST. MARY'S GREEN CHRISTMAS TREE

Sunday December 11th at 4pm

Songs and Carols led by Rvd Matt Trendall and Alise Trendall.

Free mince pies and mulled wine (until stocks run out!).





Get help with bills and other costs

As the cost of living rises, many people are struggling to find the extra money for essentials. **Help is available.** It's best to ask for help early before you get far into debt. Follow these tips and find contact details for the council at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/cost-living-support

1. Get what you're entitled to

Up to 7 million people in the UK are missing out on income-related benefits.

Visit www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/benefits to check if you're eligible for Housing Benefits or a reduction in Council Tax.

Visit www.gov.uk to check eligibility for:

- Universal Credit
- Job Seekers Allowance
- Pension Credit
- Tax Credits

Check your bank account to make sure you've also received these national payments:

- **Winter Fuel Payment** up to £300 for people born on or before 26 September 1955.
- **Cold Weather Payment** – £25 payment for people on certain benefits every week of very cold weather between November and March.
- **Warm Home Discount** – £140 discount for some people who get Pension Credit or are on a low-income.
- **£150 Disability Cost-of-Living Payment** – if you are entitled, you should receive this by end October

2. Help with childcare costs

Use www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator to check if you could receive free childcare for children aged between 2 and 4 or help if your child is under 16 (or under 17 with a disability).

If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk. Find out at www.healthystart.nhs.uk

Crisis support from your council

Apply for these current schemes at:

www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/cost-living-support

- Emergency funds for essential living costs eg food, repairs, school uniform (apply under **Household Support Fund**)
- Essential household goods, crisis food vouchers and fuel (apply under **Local Welfare Provision**)
- Extra help if you're on Housing Benefit and behind on your rent (apply under **Discretionary Housing Payments**)

Follow us on social media or look on our website for other ways we're supporting local people



From Iain Stewart MP

It has been a busy few months for me in the constituency and in Parliament, and it is a pleasure to share with you some of the highlights.

I had the opportunity to have a tour of the **new Maple Centre** at **Milton Keynes University Hospital** before its planned opening on 31 October. It was brilliant to see the facilities that will be available to the doctors and nurses as they look after the residents of Milton Keynes. It will have 26 beds with more space and equipment for both patients and staff. The Maple Centre will be a real benefit to the residents of Milton Keynes as it delivers an integrated approach to same day emergency care. I want to put on record my thanks to the team at Milton Keynes University Hospital for making it all possible. Also, I am thankful for this Conservative Government providing £10 million in funding to make the Maple Centre possible.



On Tuesday 25 October, I chaired a panel in the Houses of Parliament about **Building Better Connections: the Business Imperative for East West Rail**. It was a productive meeting with representatives from local authorities along the line being present as well as organisations and businesses that are involved in and with the East West Rail in attendance. The main message that came out from this panel debate was the need for the East West Rail line to work with communities to make it a success for residents, businesses and commuters. I will continue to work with East West Rail and local communities in Milton Keynes to ensure that success is shared here.

On Friday 2 September, along with Ben Everitt MP, I hosted an **Over 55s Fair** at St Paul's Catholic School. It was a brilliant opportunity for constituents to meet local organisations and learn of the opportunities they can utilise to improve their health, safety and wellbeing. I welcomed the opportunity to talk with some of the organisations that were exhibiting to hear about the services they can offer to the attendees. In particular, I enjoyed the chance to have a go at netball, table-tennis and football with the teams in attendance.



The Over 55s Fair was a success and I look forward to hosting another one next year.

If you have a problem, question or invitation that you wish to share with me, please do get in touch with me on the contact details provided and I will endeavour to assist where I can.

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Gigaclear

Ultrafast Fibre Broadband

Gigaclear works will soon be underway to bring full fibre broadband to several premises within the community of Wavendon. This network will enable residents to access download and upload speeds of up to 900Mbps.

To find out more and to see if your property is included, please visit www.gigaclear.com/mycommunity We do not require a minimum sign up to build to your community so regardless if there are 1 or 100 people interested, Wavendon will see the benefit of Super-Fast speeds.

You should have already received your dig postcards but in the next few months a community meeting will be organised to speak all things Gigaclear and Fibre to the Premises (FTTP). Please do keep an eye out for these as if you have not signed up for updates, the letter will say "the resident" and we would not want you to miss out on this information.

For more information on roadworks taking place in your community, please visit the website <https://one.network> which publishes the latest information on highways works for civil engineering.

We look forward to seeing you soon

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Registered Charity: 1092047

Strengthening:

Communities



Groups



The Sector



We support the local Voluntary and Community Sector.

We work with local partners, organisations and volunteers to ensure Milton Keynes is a thriving city.

We believe in strong, sustainable communities with volunteering at their heart.

www.communityactionmk.org

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Strengthening Communities

We Help By:

Offering help to set up new community groups and projects

Making and fostering connections

Providing volunteering support

Sharing information and resources

We are also the recognised organisation for the S106 contribution for the voluntary sector.

We value the Parish, Town and Community Council relationships with their residents, and would like to work together to best enable and empower the communities of Milton Keynes.

Contact **Josan Race, Community Development Manager** to find out more.

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MAKE A CHANGE BECOME A LOCAL COUNCILLOR



IF YOU CARE ABOUT WHERE YOU LIVE AND ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY, WE NEED YOU

JOIN US AND MAKE A LOCAL CHANGE

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Pictured (left to right) are Cllr David Hopkins (Chair of Wavendon Parish Council and local ward member) who laid the wreath on behalf of Milton Keynes City Council, Cllr Marlese Levermore (who laid the wreath on behalf of Wavendon Parish Council) and Cllr Aamir Bhatti (who laid the wreath on behalf of Walton Community Council).

Also pictured is Rev Matt Trendall (Rector of St Mary's Church, Wavendon) who conducted the Service of Memorial.

Residents turned out in large numbers to attend the Annual Service of Remembrance held on Sunday 13th November at St Mary's Church in Wavendon.

Thames Valley Police



Thames Valley Police have issued advice after seeing an increase in thieves targeting vehicles in Milton Keynes.

The local police force say they are aware of an increase of vehicles having items removed from them in the early hours from various areas around Milton Keynes.

Thames Valley Police have now issued the following advice to help protect more residents from falling victim:

Reporting

If you see anyone trying car door handles etc., call 999 if they are on site and trying to access the vehicle.

If you discover your vehicle has been broken into, please call 101 or use the online reporting system and let Thames Valley Police know if you have CCTV, Dashcam or Doorbell footage, as they can send you a link to upload the footage it to us.

Crime Prevention Information

Always lock it

Fuelling up or popping back into your house to get something are perfect examples of how easy it is to turn your back for a moment and forget your vehicle is unsecured.

If your vehicle has wing mirrors that fold in automatically when locked, make sure you lock it properly. Criminal gangs are looking for vehicles like these where the wing mirrors are still out because it is clear to them that the vehicle has been left unlocked.

Close windows and the sunroof to prevent 'fishing'

Leaving windows and the sunroof open invites fishing for items through the gap by hand or with, say, a bent coat hanger, which could also be used to unlock a door for them to get in. Thieves can be ingenious. Don't give them the opportunity.

Secure your number plates with tamper-resistant screws. The easiest way to change the identity of a stolen vehicle or avoid speeding tickets and parking tickets is to fit stolen number plates. Using security screws to attach your vehicle's number plates makes it harder for thieves to get your number.

Fit locking, anti-tamper wheel nuts to secure alloy wheels. Stolen wheels are valuable, either as parts or for their scrap value. Using locking wheel nuts reduces the risk

of your vehicle's wheels being stolen.

Secure anything that's on the outside of your vehicle

Anything left on roof-racks, tailgate racks, holiday top boxes or in tool chests are easily stolen when the vehicle is parked. The use of cable locks, padlocks and self-locking tool chests, which are secured to the vehicle, makes them more secure, but still, don't leave things in them if you can avoid it.

Take it with you or hide it

Your mobile phone, coins for the car park, sunglasses, packs of medication or other items that can earn quick cash are irresistible to the opportunist thief. Remember, the cost of replacing a window is often much more than that of what's stolen. And it should go without saying that wallets, handbags, purses and credit cards should never be left in an unattended vehicle.

Hide electrical items and leave no clues

Leaving sat nav mounts, suction cup marks on windows or cables on view gives it away that you have left a Sat Nav, smartphone or other device in your car. Even if they can't see the Sat Nav or iPad they might still break in to see if it's stored in the car, out of sight.

Tool theft from vans

Vans are often targeted by thieves for the tools stored inside. If you have to leave tools in a van overnight, it's a good idea to mark them clearly with your name / company name and address using paint pens and seal with a clear lacquer spray.

Alternatively, you can use a variety of other property marking systems. Items that are clearly marked are less desirable and more difficult to sell on.

Consider using a **lockable cabinet** within your van to store tools – a number of security rated products are available. Small cameras are also designed to record inside vehicles. Visit Secured by Design for more details.

You can also take photographs of items of value, make a note of the serial numbers and consider registering them online at a property register site.

Having a vehicle's registration and insurance documents could let a thief pretend to be the owner. Which means they could sell it on quite easily. So, **never leave any documents in the vehicle.**

If you don't want to speak directly to police you can contact the independent charity **Crimestoppers** anonymously on **0800 555** or here, personal details are taken, information is not traced or recorded and you will not go to court.

You can also email
MKNHWatch@thamesvalley.police.uk
for further information and advice.

CrimeStoppers.
Speak up. Stay safe.



Update from COWS

COWS (Community of Woburn Sands and surrounding villages) is a group of local residents dedicated to proactively supporting our thriving communities. We meet first Thursday of each month and can often be seen at the Woburn Sands Market.

Developers submitting proposals outside planning guidelines are being approved!

We think residents will want to know that Milton Keynes Council (MKC) has authorised development in the green field site bordering Woburn Sands and Bow Brickhill along the south side of the Bletchley to Bedford trainline (Marston Vale line). This was previously protected land but has now been earmarked for development in the South-East Milton Keynes (SEMK) plan.

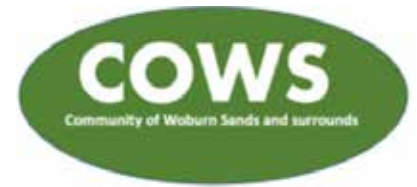
In order to manage that development, MKC issued a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) that sets out how the SEMK site should be developed. This includes guidelines that development should work systematically across the site starting at Bow Brickhill and developing east to west, over a number of years, towards Woburn Sands.

However, both the SEMK plan and the SPD are being ignored by developers who seem to act as though they can bully the over-loaded council development teams! Recently the Swan Hill development, which is located outside but near to the SEMK area, was given approval by MKC by a narrow margin of one vote. There is currently a further new development application from O&H that is under review for the area adjacent to Parklands in Woburn Sands near Woodley's Farm. (O&H propose to call this 'Woburn by Bow', which would mislead people for decades as it is neither near Woburn OR Bow Brickhill). Both these developments ignore the SEMK and SPD guidelines.

These developments threaten to impact the welfare of the communities around the Woburn Sands area who stand to lose access to green space, as well as suffer increased traffic and congestion, without any commitment to improved infrastructure. The Swan Hill development was approved despite completely ignoring traffic impact. Even more issues will be created by the larger site of the O&H development proposal.

There is a complete lack of engagement with our communities, with the priority constantly being given to as yet non-existent future communities. These plans ignore thriving, long established village communities including

the Woburn Sands High Street that has long served these communities. The potential for disruption and damage to our way of life, to our local businesses, and to the cohesion of our communities is immense. That is, if we allow it to happen.



Can we do anything to stop developers?

Yes! Currently MKC Planners are being pressurised by developers. We need our voices to be heard to counterbalance this. After all, these are local Councillors making decisions with our local taxes.

Some of these proposals are going to be discussed by the SEMK Stakeholder Group (which includes our local ward councillors) on 2 December 2022.

Before that date local people need to let MKC know their views. Here are key points:

1. MK Council is not following its own rules. MK Council Planners need to ensure they follow their own guidelines in the SEMK plan and SPD. It is not fair that developers can get their way with pressuring MK Council to approve their plans and to ignore local people's wishes.

2. Developers must coordinate their proposals with each other. Developers are not putting forward 'joined-up' proposals so investment in local infrastructure is being missed. We need one set of proposals for the whole of SEMK so that they can be evaluated together. Milton Keynes MP Iain Stewart has always advocated "I before E" (Infrastructure before Expansion).

3. They must wait for East West Rail plans. East West Rail (EWR), as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), can trump all of the MK local guidelines and development plans so everyone needs to wait for their proposals. EWR's plans are due for release in December 2022 or early 2023 and must be known before considering new developments. Approving new developments (like Swan Hill) right now is wrong because they will be irrelevant and completely changed if EWR decides to shut or move stations, or to increase the frequency of train services thereby leading to more level crossing closures than they have already planned. These issues are not being taken into account but have huge potential for impact on our local communities. MKC must wait to see what EWR plans to do before approving proposals from developers such as Swan Hill and O&H as the potential to damage Woburn Sands, Wavendon and surrounding communities is severe.

The Developers must wait!



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Meet us at the
**Woburn Sands
Community Market**
each month
or come along
to our monthly
meetings.



COWS: COWS.MK17@gmail.com

Harvest Festival at St Mary's Wavendon CE Primary School

It was a hive of activity for our Harvest Festival at St Mary's.

We were so grateful for our generous community's food donations during the week leading up to our Harvest Worship. Our newly elected School Council were excited to pack up our school mini-bus and deliver the produce to Milton Keynes Food Bank, who are now supporting more than 5,000 families a year who are struggling to put food on their tables.



The pupils had the opportunity to visit the warehouse for themselves and find out exactly how our contributions reached the tables of the people who need them. Thank you to MK Food Bank for taking the time to speak to us about the brilliant work you do!



impressive precision tree planting project

Just wanted to say, what an impressive precision tree planting project was carried out by the Wavendon Volunteer Army in the field adjacent to the Recreation Ground (Church End) on 3rd November. Something to treasure for years to come.

Many thanks to all who turned out and who, yet again, demonstrated their pride in the village (in rather inclement conditions) to help provide a sanctuary for wildlife in our community.

Special thanks to Parish resident, Jim Pittman who remains tireless in his determination and leadership. The end result is always fantastic.

Cllr. Arthur Braddish, Wavendon Parish Council



St Mary's School
Community Carols
6pm
Friday 16th December

*Everyone welcome
Please join us!*



Highways issues often dominate Parish Council meetings so here is an update on the major issues impacting Wavendon at present.

LOCATION: WALTON ROAD

Re-paint all the road markings. However, the community must be advised why it is necessary to have double yellow lines in Walton Rd, which only serves to make the road a clearway, thereby facilitating speeding motorists particularly down the hill.

LATEST UPDATE FROM MK CITY COUNCIL: It was confirmed that the road marking would be refreshed and will be completed during this budget year with work hopefully completed in three months' time

LOCATION: WALTON ROAD AND NEWPORT ROAD

Apply for Community Infrastructure funding for 2022/2023 to refresh the Speed Indicator Devices on Walton Road and Newport Road, if required.

LATEST UPDATE FROM MK CITY COUNCIL:

MKCC is currently reviewing the entire process of Speed Indicator Devices and VMS such as following:

- maintenance responsibilities
- criteria for applications and request of the devices
- specifications and whether we will have only one provider (Swarco or Siemens?)
- Data – how the data will be managed by MKCC or directly by Parishes.
- The new main Highways Contract is currently under procurement and these devices will be reviewed. The main Contract will commence April 2024.
- Parish Council have applied for a grant for 2 SIDs from the Community Infrastructure Fund. Decision expected in January / February 2023. These devices to be sited on Cranfield Road.
- Existing devices in Walton Rd and Newport Rd will not be removed by MKCC, but MKCC will not repair or replace them after the current maintenance / guarantee expires in 2 years' time.
- 2 new devices will be installed in the new year at Station Road / Newport Road and will be funded by S106 with a 5-year guarantee.

LOCATION: TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND POSSIBLE CLOSURE OF WALTON ROAD TO THROUGH TRAFFIC

Re-visit plans that were presented to residents three to four years ago and develop a scheme on the installation of traffic calming measures for the road. This must be one that Thames Valley Police will support and patrol.

- WPC were disappointed that work on a revised scheme had not commenced despite promises that a scheme would be prepared for consultation in the early months of this new budget year. The Parish Council will discuss this further and write to MKC as soon as possible.
- Permanent Road Closure – The Parish Council still believe that the long-term solution is to close the road for through traffic and will have some dialogue with representatives from Walton Community Council. A meeting was held and WPC understands that Walton CC are, in principle, supportive of a closure

LATEST UPDATE FROM MK CITY COUNCIL:

A phased approach (including Speed watch) was suggested by Graham Cox (Head of Highways) at a PC meeting.

- There are no accident records (speed data review?)
- There is no land available to create a head- turn at the end of Walton Road where they are suggesting closing this off.
- Walton Road is narrow road and bending with traffic calming measures installed
- MKC advised that before they commit time and expenditure to preparing a revised road scheme for Walton Road the Parish Council should consider establishing a Community Speed Watch Scheme. They are now quite easy to establish and details on how set up a Community Speed Watch Scheme have been given to the WPC Parish Clerk with the estimated costs of no more than £500 to set up. There is a requirement that 3 people are required to run a Speed Watch Scheme for each session and Thames Valley Police have nominated Officers to help with the establishment of a scheme. It was believed that this would add weight with Thames Valley Police in developing / installing an upgraded scheme.

LOCATION: LOWER END ROAD AND CRANFIELD ROAD

Traffic/speed data collection is underway in Lower End, Cranfield Rd (& Walton Road)

LATEST UPDATE FROM MK CITY COUNCIL:

There is a planning application in Aspley Guise – Central Beds Council (off Crabtree Lane) where a change in speed limit has been proposed on Cranfield Road and Lower End Road. This is due to be decided in December 2022. MKCC has held off on the speed limit implementation at this time, as it would be more cost efficient for the developer to carry out the works. This might also impact on any proposed speed limit changes to Lower End Road (30 MPH limit is suggested) There is a planning application where a change in speed limit has been proposed on Cranfield Road. We have held off on the speed limit at this time, as it would be more cost efficient for the developer to carry out the works. This might also impact on any proposed speed limit changes to Lower End Road.

The CBC planning application number is CB/21/05366/OUT. The CBC case officer is Stuart Kemp. stuart.kemp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

MKCC understanding is that Cllr Hopkins and the Parish Council have already sent a consultation response to CBC.

The Parish Council are working with MKCC on funding for 2 Speed Indicating Devices (SIDs) as part of the speed limit implementation

LOCATION: STOCKWELL LANE TRAFFIC SCHEME

MKC Highways will be looking to develop a scheme for this road for consideration in the Capital Programme for completion in 2023/2024 budget year.

LATEST UPDATE FROM MK CITY COUNCIL:

MKCC Road Safety Engineer has carried out a Stage 1 RSA on the proposals drawn up by our Place Making Team. The design will be reviewed in accordance with the outcome of the road safety audit.

MKCC are also currently working on an alternative option – shared carriageway with traffic calming measures.

LOCATION: CROSS END ROAD CLOSURE (AT JUNCTION WITH LOWER END ROAD)

The project to close this road to through traffic at the Lower End Road junction will be included in the Capital Programme for completion in 2022/2023 budget year. With regards to the notification of works, all comments have been logged from residents and responses have been sent by email.

LATEST UPDATE FROM MK CITY COUNCIL:

As a result, the scheme will be reviewed.

LOCATION: ELMSWELL GATE AND THE GROVEWAY.**LATEST UPDATE FROM MK CITY COUNCIL:**

There are currently no proposals to alter the junction. The latest planning application for KFC which also included traffic from the 240 dwellings of Towergate. The junction assessment (Elmswell / Groveway) demonstrated that the junction will operate well within capacity in both peak hours. As a consequence, no junction improvements were proposed at the planning stage.

LOCATION: BURNEY DRIVE (EAGLE FARM SOUTH / GLEBE FARM)

Concerns were raised that when this road is fully open it looks like it might provide a rat-run route from the A421 'leaping man' roundabout, through the development to the traffic lights on Newport Road / Dankworth Way and onwards through Walton Road towards Bletchley and the west. This might be tempting to motorists if the A421 is snarled up or at peak-times when heavy traffic is going back to the M1

LATEST UPDATE FROM MK CITY COUNCIL:

The road is a 30mph road with traffic calming features and a 20mph zone in the vicinity of the school. There is a weight restriction on the road / so any vehicles rat-running will be limited to a maximum of 7.5 tonnes.

Target timescales for road openings - Pedestrian link to the north of the development via the redway (to the south of the landscape bund) Sept 23. This is a 5m footpath cycle way which is due to be illuminated. Vehicle access March 2024 along Burney Drive.

The Kingston traffic signals will be reconfigured to optimise the flow through that roundabout better so there is no need to rat-run. Our traffic signals engineer is waiting for information from Siemens to reconfigure the traffic signals.

LOCATION: KINGSTON ROUNDABOUT**LATEST UPDATE FROM MK CITY COUNCIL:**

MKC are waiting for contractor Ringway to confirm when they will re-configure the MOVA validation.

Works Package passed to Ringway for line refreshing on Kingston Roundabout on 28/7/22. This has been chased.

The damaged posts will be replaced at the same time as lining works and we are waiting for the Contractor to confirm the dates. Please note the works will be carried out under a night closure to minimise the impact on the traffic.

LOCATION: WALTON ROAD PAVEMENT

The pavement from the junction at Newport Road / Wavendon Arms to beyond the Community Centre is in a very dangerous state. This have been reported to MKC three times over the last two years. The latest time was reported on the 18 April 2022 under reference number FS416067258 asking for this issue to be investigated. The consistent response from MKC is that it does not currently meet the criteria for a repair.

LATEST UPDATE FROM MK CITY COUNCIL: MKCC last inspected the footway on 21/04/2022 as a result of an enquiry 18/04/2022 and found no defects to be within investigatory levels in accordance with MKCC's approved code of practice based on "well managed highway infrastructure a code of practice" 2016 commissioned by the department for transport.

The MKCC Maintenance Team have advised that are happy to discuss this further and would welcome a site meeting with the clerk and members of the parish council, if any clarifications are required. Parish Clerk is in the process of arranging this site meeting.

LOCATION: DAMAGED GRASS VERGES IN CROSS END FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT OF 9 NEW DWELLINGS

LATEST UPDATE FROM MK CITY COUNCIL: The verges have now been repaired by the developer following intervention by MKC. However further damage has occurred and the Parish Council will report this to MKCC.

LOCATION: WALTON ROAD - NARROW DOUBLE BEND

The road surface at this part of the road requires attention on the narrow double bend and especially the dangers for cyclists with the increasing number of potholes at that point.

LATEST UPDATE FROM MK CITY COUNCIL: MKC has asked the Maintenance Team if they could confirm whether this road is on the resurfacing programme The MKCC Maintenance Team have advised that are happy to discuss this further and would welcome a site meeting with the clerk and members of the parish council, if any clarifications are required. Parish Clerk is in the process of arranging this site meeting.

Save Safely and Stay Fire Safe this winter!

– that's the message from local firefighters to anyone considering alternative ways of heating and lighting their homes this winter.

If you are looking at different ways to keep warm and cut your energy use, please don't forget these simple checks you can take to protect yourself and your family from accidental fires and carbon monoxide poisoning.

Don't cut corners when it comes to fire safety!

Check 1 - Check how fire safe your home is.

Complete an online home fire safety check (www.ohfsc.co.uk).

By answering a few simple questions, for yourself or your loved ones, this online check will provide fire safety advice specific to you. It will also provide tips on how to keep you and your household safe from fire. For those most at risk of fire we can visit the home to provide help and advice – the website will let you know how this can be arranged.

Check 2 - Check you have working alarms.

You should have at least one working smoke alarm installed on each level of your home.

Where you have a heating appliance that doesn't run off electricity, we recommend installing a carbon monoxide alarm - it's the only way to detect this harmful, colourless, odourless gas which can be fatal.

Check alarms are working by pushing the test button at least once a month.

If you are a tenant living in rented accommodation, recent changes to regulations now mean landlords must fit smoke alarms in all homes, and carbon monoxide alarms where there is fixed combustion heating appliance. Speak to your landlord or letting agent if you don't have working alarms in your home.

Check 3 - Check you will be able to hear alarms when asleep.

Smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms will sound to alert you if there is a fire or dangerous levels of CO. If you are temporarily relocating to another room to sleep in, make sure you can clearly hear the alarms when asleep.

If you or a family member are D/deaf or hard of hearing, you may not be able to adequately hear a smoke alarm. If that is case, contact us (centraladmin@bucksfire.gov.uk) and we will explain how we may be able to help you obtain a specialist smoke alarm system which is more suitable for your needs.

Step 5 - Check your chimney and the fuel you are using.

Open fires or wood burning stoves are appealing, but they do need to be maintained, and the correct fuel used.

A blocked or defective chimney can cause carbon monoxide poisoning as well as a fire, so regular inspection and cleaning of chimney flues can help to identify and eliminate issues before they become a problem.

By using the correct fuel for woodburning stoves and open fires you will also reduce the risk of toxic fumes, chimney fires and carbon monoxide poisoning.

Check 4 - Check your appliances and their location.

Regularly check any heating appliances you use are in good working order, and not subject to a product recall. The Office for Product Safety and Standards website (gov.uk/government/organisations/office-for-product-safety-and-standards) provides details of any alerts or recalls.

Ensure flammable items such as furniture and drying clothes are always placed well away from heaters and fires.

Step 6 - Check your escape routes.

Working smoke alarms will give early warning of a developing fire but it is important that you have a clear emergency escape plan that everyone in your home knows.

Visitors to your home should also be made aware of the emergency escape plan.

Ensure routes are clear from clutter, that items such as portable heaters are not blocking them.

Step 7 - and finally!

If possible don't skip servicing of boilers and gas appliances by a Gas Safe engineer to prevent gas leaks and CO poisoning.

Landlords must arrange for an annual gas safety check in rented accommodation.

If you're a homeowner check your energy provider's website for information about their Priority Services Register - if you're eligible they often offer a free annual gas safety check along with other support.

For more ways to stay safe this winter visit the Bucksfire Safety Advice Hub (bucksfire.gov.uk/safety-advice-hub)



Glebe School Opening Ceremony

What an exciting time it has been for Glebe Farm School this September. All our new children started on our first day open as a school on 6th September and we have delighted in getting to know each other and settling into our exciting lessons and curriculum.

We have already had so many reasons to celebrate as a new community together including our official opening day on 22nd September which we named 'Glebe Farm Day!' We were privileged to welcome many guests to celebrate with us including Councillor Amanda Marlow - Mayor of Milton Keynes City, Councillor Zoe Nolan, Councillor David Hopkins, representatives of Milton Keynes City Council, development contractors Morgan Sindall and our academy trust family, Inspiring Futures through Learning.

Our children were proud to join in the celebrations for Glebe Farm day and our newly established choir wowed the audience with their harmonies to open the ribbon cutting ceremony which also included words from some of our Year 7 pupils on how they've settled into the new school and their favourite bits which included 'I love how we all are working together and having fun too!'





Marston Vale Line News

Marston Vale Line Services

A new Marston Vale Line timetable will be introduced on Monday 12th December – this will be largely clockface throughout the day with improved connections at Bletchley.

The timetable can be downloaded from <https://www.marstonvalecommunityrail.org.uk/#times>

Alternatively, please contact Stephen Sleight for a postal copy.

Rail tickets can be purchased from the conductor on the train. Bedfordshire Bus Pass Holders travel for half price after 10:00 on weekdays and all day on Saturday & Bank Holidays. Groups of 3 – 9 adults travel for a third off with GroupSave.

Please note there are unlikely to be any Marston Vale Line services on dates when there is industrial action by the rail unions.

Bank Holiday Services

A service is due to be running on New Year's Day - Saturday timetable. Please check <https://www.nationalrail.co.uk> before travel.

Marston Vale CRP Reaccreditation

Marston Vale CRP was reaccredited by the Department for Transport (DfT) on 7th September following a review meeting in August. MVCRP was one of the first of the growing number of over 70 Community Rail Partnerships across the country to be awarded Accreditation status in February 2020.

'Accreditation is formal recognition by the DfT that a Community Rail Partnership (CRP) operates to a high standard and that its objectives and activities are supported by Government. Accreditation should provide assurance to others, including potential funders and partners, that the CRP operates to high standards of governance and financial propriety; adopts a collaborative approach; is worthy of trust by others; and is a suitable entity for receiving public funds. Further Government considers it a good representative of the local community' (DfT 2022).

Accreditation recognises that CRPs are delivering the 4 Pillars of the DfT's Community Rail Development Strategy:

- providing a voice for the community

- promoting sustainable, healthy and accessible travel
- bringing communities together, and supporting diversity & inclusion
- supporting social and economic development



Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre

The Heritage Centre and Tea Room are open Wednesday to Sunday 10:00 – 4:00 until 23rd December. The Heritage Centre recently received a Trip Advisor Travellers Choice Award a fitting testament to the Friends of Ridgmont Station who contribute over 1,500 hours per year.

A special **Festive Afternoon Tea** will be available from 16th November. Please call 01525 287120 to book. A range of Christmas items will be available in the Gift Shop from the same time.

Cyclists & walkers are welcome! Outside seating is available.

School and adult groups are welcome all year by prior arrangement. Please contact Stephen Sleight for details.

Two first floor offices are available to let on competitive terms at the Heritage Centre. Viewing by appointment – please call 01525 287121 or e-mail heritagecentre@bedsrcc.org.uk. **Download the specifications from <https://www.marstonvalecommunityrail.org.uk/office-and-meeting-rooms-at-ridgmont-station-heritage-centre>**

Meeting room space is also available at the Heritage Centre.

Bedford River Festival

The Marston Vale Line was well used over the River Festival weekend with over 1,800 journeys being made. 91 passengers travelled on the Festival Flyer on the Saturday evening (23:10 from Bedford).

Friends of Aspley Guise, Woburn Sands and Bow Brickhill Stations

New Station Friends Groups have recently been formed at Aspley Guise and Bow Brickhill joining the established group at Woburn Sands.

As well as engaging thousands of people in volunteering, bringing people together and creating pride in station and community, Station Friends Groups play a critical role in making their stations welcoming, pleasant and attractive places.

Their work extends beyond basic upkeep, incorporating community gardening and food growing and local arts & history projects. They are also the 'eyes and ears' of their local station reporting any faults and issues.

The Friends of Bow Brickhill Station held their first meeting on 21st September at which officers were appointed and a constitution agreed. The Friends have a number of exciting plans including the installation of planters and working with the local community to design history panels. Watch this space!

All groups would welcome some new members. Would you like to join them? A safety briefing is arranged and a high-vis jacket, identity card and duty pass are provided.

Watch our film to hear about the important role our Station Friends play at

<https://www.marstonvalecommunityrail.org.uk/get-involved/station-adoption>

25% Discount for Marston Vale Line Passengers in Bedford!

Show your valid rail ticket and get 25% off at Gallone's Bedford & Pavilion At The Park! Gallone's is in the town centre on the Arcade & Pavilion at the Park is just a short walk away.

For further information on any aspect of Marston Vale CRP or the Marston Vale Line please contact Stephen Sleight, MVCRP Officer, on **01234 832645**, e-mail **stephens@bedsrcc.org.uk**.

Visit our new website - **www.marstonvalecommunityrail.org.uk**

Find us on Facebook! **www.facebook.com/marstonvalecrp**

Follow us on Twitter! **@marstonvalecrp**



Grassroots Football in our community



The role of grassroots football is primarily to deliver fun, friendship and football within our community. This extends to encouraging all our members (however young or old) to embrace the values of teamwork, fair play, dedication and even a sense of duty. The example set by our wonderful monarch, Queen Elizabeth II, is one that cannot be bettered. Whether as a volunteer, a coach, or a parent/carer, Woburn & Wavendon FC will endeavour to continue following the lead set by Her Majesty.

The Club suspended all playing activities on the weekend following the passing of our Queen, and we will continue to encourage our members to honour and deliver so many of the values and attributes she demonstrated over so many years. The Royal Family has always played an important role in our national game. She was there in 1966 for England's proudest moment, and Prince William will continue his close relationship through the Presidency of the Football Association.

Grassroots football is about so much more than just playing matches, and provides the opportunity to guide and develop individuals from all backgrounds and with any ability to achieve their true potential whilst encouraging a strong sense of community and citizenship.

Wavendon now provides extensive opportunities to get involved in community football. Existing sites at Wavendon Recreation Ground and St Mary's Primary School have now been joined by the brilliant new floodlit 3g surface at Glebe farm School. With new pitches at Wavendon Heights and Glebe Farm School still to come, it really is an exciting time to get involved with Woburn & Wavendon FC.

If you would like to find out more about any of WWFC's teams (girls', boys', mixed, mens', womens'), or perhaps volunteering in a host of Club roles, please email:-
joinus@ww-fc.co.uk



Following discussion with Milton Keynes City Council an update on the progress of the new allotments in Glebe and Eagle Farm is noted below.

Glebe Farm

- A planning application has recently been submitted to MKCC (Planning Department) for approval of reserved matters (access, layout, scale, appearance and landscaping) for the creation of allotments pursuant to outline permission reference 13/02382/OUTEIS.

- There is room on the site for twenty-nine plots 21 x 75m² and 8 x 125m².

- It may be possible to increase the number of individual plots at Glebe Farm by splitting the 125m² plots?

- The current estimate for these to be handed over to Wavendon Parish Council is between June 2023 and September 2023.

Eagle Farm

- Provision has been made for around 20 allotments and MKCC are currently waiting for the Developer to draw up proposals so that a planning application can be submitted to MKCC (Planning Department) for approval.

- Unfortunately, a date for when these allotments will be handed over to Wavendon Parish Council will likely be sometime in 2024.

50 residents from the Parish have expressed an interest in renting an allotment for both Glebe Farm and Eagle Farm sites and a waiting list (by date of request) is held by Alan Kemp (Clerk to Wavendon Parish Council). As there will be limited vehicle parking at each site it is beneficial to allocate the allotments to residents living the closeness to each site, if practical.

As soon as more information is available an update will be provided by Wavendon Parish Council in future editions of the Parish Newsletter.

Any enquiries or requests for further information should be directed to the **Parish Council Clerk** via email at

clerk@wavendonparishcouncil.co.uk



Tribute to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 1926 – 2022



It is with great sadness that Wavendon Parish Council learnt of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Our thoughts and prayers remain with the Royal Family.

Her Majesty was greatly loved, and her death will be mourned and deeply felt by everyone in Wavendon. As we mourn her passing we also give great thanks for her seventy magnificent years as Queen and Head of State of the United Kingdom and head of the Commonwealth. She will be greatly missed, as will her dedication to duty which earned the respect of the nation.

We observed a period of silence before our Parish Council meeting in October remember Her Majesty and her great service to our Country.

God save the King.

Mrs Robinson's Outing:

Please note the date in your diary for next year's outing (for residents over the age of 60 and living in the Ancient Parish of Wavendon), will be on **Tuesday the 12 September 2023.**

For qualifying residents this is a free outing that takes place every year because of the generous bequest made in 1965 to the Parish Council by Mrs E L Robinson (a former resident). However, should you wish to bring a friend with you there will be a charge of £10.00 per guest?



More details will be included in a future edition of the Newsletter.

What happens to my recycling and rubbish?

MK residents' recycling from clear sacks and blue boxes is sent to a Materials Recycling Facility. Here a staff and a range of technologies sort and separate the paper, metal cans and plastic bottles, etc. The different material types are then baled ready for transportation to be made into new recycled products. Find out even more on our webpage.



Paper is recycled into more newspaper, toilet rolls, tissues & egg boxes. Paper can be recycled 5 or 6 times before the fibres become too weak to be recycled. Its last life will be as a tissue.



Steel and aluminium cans are sent to furnaces where they are melted down and recycled to create another can. They are back on the supermarket shelf with new food or fizz inside in about 6 weeks!



Plastic is first flaked, then washed, dried and melted. Plastic bottles can be recycled into more bottles, traffic cones, wheeled bins, guttering, fluff in duvets, etc. Plastic food tubs, yoghurt pots, etc. can be recycled into a plastic board to be turned into products such as picnic tables or pig sties.



Glass bottles and jars are sent to furnaces. Here they are melted down and remoulded into new bottles and jars. When different colour glass bottles and jars are melted together it all turns green as this is the dominant colour.



Food and garden waste is sent to a composting facility where it is turned into a compost-like soil for agriculture.



Rubbish placed in black bags is sent to the MK Waste Recovery Park in Old Wolverton. Here items that can be recycled and composted are retrieved and what is left behind is processed and ultimately converted into electricity.

www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mk-recycles-what-happens



The Boundary Commission for England

The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) published revised proposals for parliamentary constituencies on 8 November. This will begin a third consultation period (lasting four weeks and ending on the 5 December) and will be the final opportunity + stakeholders and members of the public to have a say on the new map of constituencies in England. The Commission has also published all comments received during the secondary consultation stage, including transcripts from the public hearings held around the country.

Following this upcoming final consultation, the Commission will form its final recommendations which will be submitted to Parliament by July 2023. The



Government must then implement the recommendations, which will take effect at the next parliamentary election after the legislation is approved.

For more information and to view the revised proposals published 8 November, visit the BCE website here.

<https://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/>

Reverse Advent Shopping List

The FOOD BANK
making the weeks of food

- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Pulses
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Long Life Milk
- Juice or Squash
- Jams, Peanut Butter
- Tinned Pasta
- Tinned Veg
- Pasta Sauce
- Dried Rice
- Rice Pudding/Custard
- Cereal
- Biscuits
- Loo Roll

And don't forget to include...

- Small Chocolates/sweets
- Christmassy snacks
- Mini Christmas cakes
- Crisps and Nuts

The MK Foodbank has relaunched its popular Reverse Advent campaign where you fill a box with long life food items throughout November and deliver it to the Foodbank in Kiln Farm before 2 December so they can share it with people in need in time for Christmas. If you'd like to take part, their preferred shopping list is above and there's more details on their website.

<https://mkfoodbank.org.uk/latest-appeal/>

CHRISTMAS 2022



We warmly welcome you to St Mary's Church: for worship, for friendship, and for all the times you need some local know-how or a little bit 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.

You'll find details online of our C13th building, alongside full details of regular activities, news of special events, and links to further support and local resources via the church website:

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

For more details, and for any questions you may have, Revd Matt Trendall will gladly help

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 all!

Adults: Bible Study led by a local host
Youth: 'Relax Teens' for ages 12 +
Children: 'Zoom Kids' for ages 5 - 11
Details on website - or for more help ask Revd Matt 01908 582839
matt.trendall.mk@gmail.com

Dec 3rd: Christmas in Walton... Hindhead Knoll (Walnut Tree)

Walton Community Council invites you to get festive at their annual Christmas Fair. Join Revd Matt and Alise, who'll be leading community carol-singing by the tree. Please check times and details of this event at WCC (and St Mary's) website, and come along to enjoy the warmth of this annual neighbourhood celebration

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?

This month: entries for our Christmas card competition are on display - try to spot the winner, and buy a bundle of cards to support the work of St Mary's Church

Virtual Choir

A group of Zoom singers who 'get together' online. Interested? Contact Revd Matt, who'll pass on your details.

Daily Inspiration

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

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 alternative age-appropriate work with crafts, for 1st (Family Communion) and 2nd (Simple Sunday Service) weeks

Dec 16th at St Mary's School Wafandun Lane (Eagle Farm)

Wrap up warm for outdoor
Community Carols at 6pm

Friends and neighbours are invited to join school families in enjoying music from a brass band, warm drinks, snacks, and lots of carols to sing. Children: please bring your adults...!



St Mary's Church
Wavendon

presents

The Canzonetta Singers Christmas Concert

7pm

Saturday, 10th December

Geoffrey Bush:

A Christmas Cantata

along with

uplifting seasonal favourites
for a perfect start to your Christmas!

Free entry with light refreshments

Retiring collection: donations for St Mary's

Singers welcome to join next term

Please ask for contact details



Christmas 2022 Carol Service



Sunday 18th December
6pm

A traditional service
of readings and carols

St Mary's Crib Service



All welcome ~ 3pm start

Christmas Eve

'Midnight in Bethlehem'

Communion

Christmas Eve

9.30pm



Christingle



Sunday 11th December

9.30am

The Good News of Christmas
in an interactive all-age service

CHRISTMAS QUIZ! Tuesday 20th December

7.30pm



Raffle
Prizes
Last Quiz
of the year!



Bring your own snacks/drinks
Everyone's welcome ~ Just turn up!
Bring a team of friends/neighbours or
join others in a team of six
Quiz and Raffle
£2 pp on door

Christmas Day Carols

10am

Informal, all-age celebration
Everyone's welcome
Choose your favourite carols

