

**Wavendon Snippets for May 2021 – Cllr David Hopkins /
Cllr Victoria Hopkins / Cllr Alice Jenkins**

Local Election 2021 result

DANESBOROUGH & WALTON

Candidate	Description	Votes	Elected
Hopkins, Victoria	The Conservative Party Candidate	2132	Yes
Kemp, Michael Charles	Liberal Democrat	342	
Mahendran, Shanika Caitlin	Labour Party	722	
Skelton, Peter William	Green Party	497	
Electorate:		10194	
Turn Out:		3727 (36.56%)	
Rejected Papers:		34	



Thank you, MK...

...for helping MK control COVID-19

A huge thank you to everyone in Milton Keynes for following hands, face, space and all other COVID-19 precautions to reduce the spread of the virus locally.

Testing and vaccinations play a big part in controlling COVID-19.

- Around one in three people who are infected with COVID-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading the disease without knowing it. Regular testing is important to help find more of these cases, so people can isolate and break the chain of transmission.

- COVID-19 vaccines provide really good levels of protection. As well as reducing cases, if vaccinated people catch the virus they are less likely to be seriously ill or die. Please come forward for vaccination when it's your turn and tell your family and friends how important it is to be vaccinated.

How do I get my vaccination?

All adults in the UK should be offered their first dose by the end of July. When your age group is called, you'll receive a text from the national booking service inviting you to make an appointment at a vaccination centre. Pictured is the team at the Saxon Court vaccination centre in Central MK.

You may also receive an invitation from your GP. These don't cancel each other out. Please choose which is most convenient for you and book either through your GP or the national booking system by visiting nhs.uk/covid-vaccination or ringing 119.

How do I get tested?

We're offering free rapid COVID-19 tests to anyone over the age of 16 at Central MK Library on Silbury Boulevard. No need to book, show ID or register - just ask a member of staff.

You can also visit our Central MK Library for a free on-site test. No need to book. Results will be sent to you within around 45 minutes. The test centre is open weekdays from 9.30am to 4.30pm and stays open later on Thursdays until 7pm.

Search for other lateral flow test and collection sites at:

maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk and

<https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk>

Anyone with a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste shouldn't drop into a rapid test site. Instead, book a test at nhs.uk/coronavirus or by calling 119.

You can find the current COVID-19 restrictions for England at www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Police & Crime Commissioner Result

Conservative candidate Matthew Barber has been elected as the next Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for the Thames Valley.

Mr Barber won 313,148 of the votes cast (267,404 first choice and 45,744 second preference) and was elected on the second preference poll after no candidates received more than 50 per cent of the first votes.

Labour candidate Laetisia Carter finished second with 233,446 votes (175,123 first and 58,323 second).



From the EWR Fact Sheet (see link below)

<https://eastwestrail-production.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/public/MVL-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

Wavendon

For people living in Wavendon, the hourly services from Woburn Sands are as much as two miles away, and the station itself has limited facilities and no parking. Under both of our service concepts, people using the station would have access to more services to more places with shorter journey times, with four new, faster services to Bletchley, Bedford and beyond – including direct trains to Cambridge (53 minutes) and Oxford (40 minutes). The difference between service concepts 1 and 2 is that service concept 2 would remove the hourly service, which would make the whole line more reliable for passengers. It would also mean relocating Woburn Sands 350m to the west, giving passengers better facilities and improved parking, pedestrian routes and cycle links.

Woburn Sands

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They also produce a fact sheet regarding freight;

<https://eastwestrail-production.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/public/ListsBlockMedia/002ad19643/Fact-sheet-freight.pdf>



Organisers seeking donations to help Woburn Sands Festival go ahead this summer

The festival is due to take place in Woburn Sands this August.

The festival, which is set to go ahead on 28th-29th August 2021, is a free day out for all the family featuring quality live music and food from local area.

Since entry is free to the public, organisers are asking for donations with a target of £5,000 in order to help the event go ahead.

Gill Brooke, the organiser of the fundraiser says: "I want to put on another music festival and not only give the community something to look forward to and participate in, but to raise much needed funds for our local charities, that have suffered so much during the pandemic.

"It will cost around £5K to put this festival on, all our bands are playing for free, the stage is provided for free, costs will be sound, insurance, medical attendance, & portaloos.

"I/We have organised many events before, but this is an ambitious project which will run for 2 days over the august bank holiday weekend."

Local businesses such as Frosts Garden Centre and Mursley Farm Shop are just some of the donators and supporters of the local festival.

At the time of writing (27/3), organisers have raised just over £2,300.

Donations can be made on the Woburn Sands Festival's Go Fund Me page.



Woburn Sands	THE LEYS	20/05/21 12:30pm	20/05/21 4:30pm	ROAD CLOSURE
WAVENDON	Fen Street	05/05/21 24 Hours	07/05/21 24 Hours	LANE CLOSURE
WAVENDON	Walton Road	18/05/21 9:30am	20/05/21 4:30pm	ROAD CLOSURE

Taken from the Highways Register of Roadworks and Events in Milton Keynes



Caldecotte Car Park (Tilbrook / Red Bull)

From Director Environment & Property (MKC)

We have also followed up with Red Bull and met Terry Brice regarding charging at their Tilbrook car park. We discussed Red Bull's position and we all agreed it was not the intent to charge at the outset of the project, nor during the course of completing the deal to enable the project to undertaken. Red Bull did however have a significant unbudgeted cost increases to complete and manage the car park, including having fixed opening times and wider infrastructure requirements. This is the root cause of why they needed to consider and implement charging.

There are no contractual requirements for Red Bull not to charge here, either through the agreement to dispose of the land to them or through planning. We left it with Terry that we would continue to liaise with him on this, particularly as the East West Rail position is something for us all to work through. There may be an opportunity for this car park to support the wider parking issues at the Caldecotte Business Park on a commercial basis but that is something for Terry and Red Bull to consider firstly if it's appropriate for them.



Train services have resumed on the Marston Vale line, initially at peak times (three journeys each way in the morning and three in the evening) supplemented by a Rail Replacement Bus Service during the rest of the day.

The timetable has been adjusted to accommodate the start and finish times of Kimberley College, the single largest user of the Line. Please find attached.

As you may be aware, the East West Rail Company launched a non-statutory consultation last week, which runs until 9th June. This covers customer experience, railway operations and a range of infrastructure proposals.

Two concepts are proposed for the Marston Vale Line:

- **Concept 1:** The existing hourly stopping service would continue to serve all Marston Vale Line stations, with a new limited-stop EWR service calling at two stations – Woburn Sands and Ridgmont – four times an hour.
- **Concept 2:** There would be five new merged stations on the Marston Vale Line – all five would benefit from at least two EWR services every hour, and some would have four.

Full details are available at <https://eastwestrail.co.uk/consultation> . Please circulate to your networks.

A small sub-group met earlier this week with colleagues from the Beds & Herts CRP to discuss the MVCRP response. The sub-group will meet again during the consultation. Please let me know if you would like to be involved.

The Consultation will be one of the main agenda items at our next meeting on Wednesday 28th April at 2:00. Papers and Zoom invitation to follow.

Alice Mannion, Tourism & Heritage Officer from Community Rail Network, will be joining us to present on a Tourism Audit & the Thameslink Line Guide discussed at previous meetings. The Line Guide is being hosted on the Scenic Rail Britain website – please see <https://www.scenicrailbritain.com/countrysidecapitalcoast> for a draft. Feedback from Steering Group members is welcome. Please send to me by Monday 19th April.

The Line Guide will form the basis of the new Days Out section on the MVCRP website. The launch date for the Line Guide was Friday 30th April.



From the Stables Theatre

After more than 12 months of lockdown-enforced closure, we're pleased to announce that The Stables is due to reopen its doors in June. In line with the government's current roadmap, we'll be

presenting our scheduled programme of concerts to full-capacity audiences once again from June 21 onwards, when we all hope that most restrictions will have been lifted.

Our June to October programme has just been published – to find out what’s on, please visit our website at www.stables.org. At time of writing the building is still closed to the public, so don’t try to call in and book tickets. If you’re able to book online via our website, please do so. Alternatively, you can call the box office on 01908 280800.

After a somewhat dispiriting year of postponing, rescheduling or cancelling performances, it feels good to be able to look forward to live performances at The Stables once again.

As well as reopening the venue over the coming months, we’ll also be presenting IF: Milton Keynes International Festival, the city’s biennial arts festival. It runs from 10-30 July. First details of the programme have been announced and you can find information on the festival’s website at www.ifmiltonkeynes.org

Finally, a big Thank You to all our supporters who have stuck by us over the past year – we can’t wait to welcome you back!



Welcome back to MK Gallery

MK Gallery is set to reopen its galleries, cinema, and café on Tuesday 18 May. As we all look to reconnect with each other, the gallery has much to offer in the coming months.

For families, there are fun and creative activities related to the eye-popping exhibition, Memphis: Plastic Field.

Film-goers can relax with family films, popular block busters, and the best of independent cinema alongside live streaming of theatre, dance and opera from around the world.

Or pop into the Gallery’s café. Join us for lunch, a pot of tea and a sticky bun, or maybe a glass of something cooler. There’s a new menu, new pricing and plenty of space inside and outside.

‘We can’t wait to welcome regular and new visitors to the gallery,’ Anthony Spira, the gallery director, said. ‘It’s been such a difficult time and I’m hoping that people can enjoy themselves in this creative space. The colourful and fun Memphis exhibition is just the tonic to lift our spirits.’ We’ve all had to rethink our plans during the lockdowns. If you’re one of those couples whose wedding plans have been knocked sideways, how about saying ‘I do’ in the gallery’s impressive Sky Room, overlooking the lush green of Campbell Park? Our in-house chef can take care of your catering needs, while your guests admire the venue. Or maybe you need a conference venue or team building event? Check out the rooms at the gallery – they are bright, spacious and fully serviced by welcoming staff.

The gallery has taken all the precautions to ensure visitors’ safety. This includes an online booking system for exhibitions and the cinema; limited capacity and social distancing measures throughout.

The doors open on 18 May, why not step inside and see what’s in it for you?

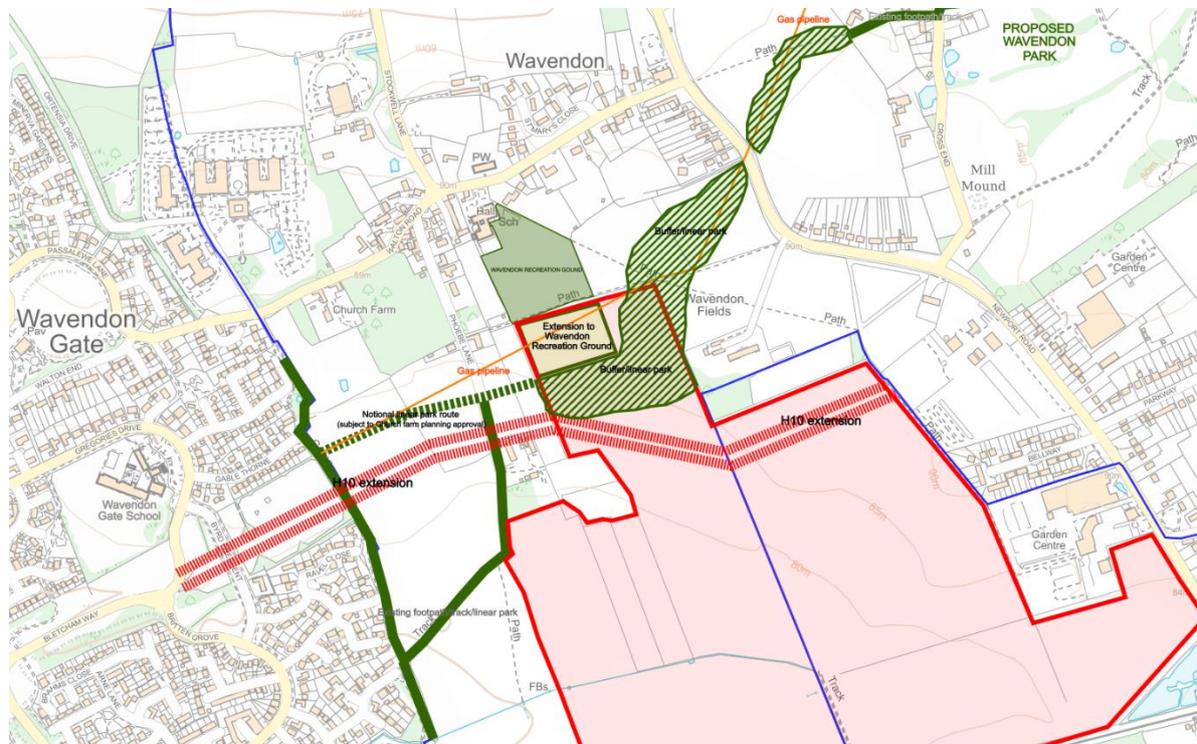
Memphis: Plastic Field until 12 September 2021

Laura Knight, A Panoramic View 9 October 2021 – 20 February 2022

Ingrid Pollard, 11 March – 29 May 2022

Vivian Maier, 11 June – 25 September 2022

SEMK for information ...



WPC Submission map showing suggested buffering re SEMK



Community Forum with Thames Valley Police (Virtual)

Monday 24th May 2021 at 7pm

Your chance to place questions to your local Community Police Officers

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96054300196?pwd=K3JGeDZ6VjMrUUZRNURsZXNvZ1JmUT09>

Meeting ID: 960 5430 0196

Passcode: 456275

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself. I am PC 5167 Rob Childs Neighbourhood Supervisor for the Danesborough & Walton area. I have taken over from PC Debble who is now enjoying his retirement. I have been a Police Officer for nearly 18 years with the last 10 years spent on Neighbourhood Policing. I supervise the PCSO'S on the area, PCSO 9960 Jonathan Evans, who has recently joined us and PCSO 9911 Naomi Wenn. We are shortly due to be joined by a new recruit to bolster the numbers on the area. Please stop and say hello to them if you see them out and about. They would love to talk (Socially distanced of course)

In the coming months we are looking to restart the Community Forum process which was put on hold due to COVID. This is your opportunity as a Community to come together and take responsibility and act to deal with the matters that you, as a group want to deal with. The NHPT will assist in any way we can to achieve these goal. Further information will be released in due to course so please keep an eye out and get involved. Neighbourhood Policing is all about working in partnership with you, the Community.

As I said, Neighbourhood Policing is about working with the community. We need your assistance in dealing with the concerns that you have. This means reporting incidents to us. You can use the 101 phone line or alternatively complete an online report which will come to the Neighbourhood Team. You may not think that what your reporting is relevant, but it just may be the piece information we need. So please report it. However, if there is a Crime in Progress, Damage to Property or risk of serious harm then please call 999.

Finally, I would just like to finish with some Vehicle Crime prevention advice. Please make sure that your vehicle is secured and all valuables are removed from the vehicle and nothing is left on show. If your vehicle has a keyless entry system then please make sure your vehicle is locked and that the keys are secured safety within your property.

Rob Childs | PC 5167 | Milton Keynes Neighbourhood Policing Team South | Neighbourhood Supervisor | Telephone 101 Address: Thames Valley Police, Middleton NHT Police Office, Middleton Fire Station, Childs Way, Milton Keynes MK10 9AP
FOR ALL NON-EMERGENCY ENQUIRIES, PLEASE DIAL 101

Robin Childs Robin.Childs@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk



Greensand Country commissions 'A Children's Story'

Children and parents within Greensand Country are set to benefit from three bespoke theatre productions by 'A Children's Story.'

The three new shows created for children, young people and families are part of the 'Celebrating Greensand Country' programme. The roles are performed by local professional actors and the

costume, make-up and script have been developed with insight from work from Greensand Country Landscape Partnership Volunteers.

Each show takes a unique look at the local area and tells its very own story.

The first in the series is 'The Reversing Mystery Clock Watch'. This is an exciting, storytelling adventure which takes us to Northill Village and Ickwell Green, Woburn Abbey and Gardens, Shuttleworth Collection and Moggerhanger Park. Join Clockmaker, Thomas Tompion, as he tries to solve this horological mystery with the help of other famous figures from Greensand Country – Mary Russell & Humphry Repton. This production is suitable for all ages and is available from 8th May at 10 am.

The second story follows Pidge, a young pigeon from Leighton Buzzard who is exploring the countryside for the first time. Pidge finds clues, objects and other wildlife which leads him to Owly, a wise old owl who lives at the Tree of Life at The Lodge Nature Reserve in Sandy (home to the RSPB). The two share experiences, memories and stories about exploring the outdoors, their love for the countryside and the bright, positive outcomes it offers.

'Pidge's Big Adventure' is an interactive, adventure trail film, in which we explore wildlife, especially birds and bugs, found within Greensand Country. The story will encourage a love and understanding of British wildlife found around Rushmere Country Park, Maulden Woods and RSPB, The Lodge Nature Reserve in Sandy. This piece is specifically designed for children aged 0-4 years / Pre-School, this is available from 10am on Saturday 16th May.

The final story is The Ridge Ranger on his new television show which sets out to discover all about Greensand Country and The Greensand Ridge. Think "Blue Peter" meets "The One Show" and you'll know what this programme is about! The Ridge Ranger, our enthusiastic presenter, encourages our audience to take an active interest in Greensand Country and helps us learn how to preserve it.

Join us for a mix of topics, segments and interviews with volunteers and specialists – including the Head Ranger at Amptill Great Park, a Youth Ranger from The Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs & Northants and a special volunteer. We also share a few Walking Wonders from our favourite walks. The piece is specifically designed for families and children aged 4 – 11, this is available from 10am Saturday 22nd May.

All three events are free and are part of the Greensand Country Festival, supported by Mulberry Homes. The first story will launch on Saturday 8th May at 10am and be available for download throughout May.

To find out more please go to Archives: What to do's | Greensand Country





Milton Keynes
International
Festival 2021

10-30 July

IF: Milton Keynes International Festival has announced its dates, extended to 21 days this year from Saturday 10 to Friday 30 July.

Having had to cancel in 2020, the Festival has been adapted for the extraordinary times we are now living through, with a longer run to give more time and space to enjoy events in the city's green spaces and parks, public squares and larger indoor spaces, as well as online.

There's a focus on free and family events, performances and art installations, pop-ups and digital work including a series of 'virtually live' concerts.

Watch out for intriguing pop-up robotic woodpeckers, a 'breathing' walk-through sculpture, a sea of silk flags made in Milton Keynes, births and deaths commemorated in a public artwork, and monumental Earth and Moon sculptures exhibited together in a UK city for the very first time.

For more information, go to the Festival's website: ifmiltonkeynes.org

: <https://ifmiltonkeynes.org/>

Social media:

Twitter/Facebook: @IFMKfest

Instagram: ifmkfest

#IFMKfest

<https://wsi.li/dl/NHoZrQqjLwCpGnj3R/>

Latest news from your council



More children starting at a preferred school in 2021

Thousands of MK children found out in April which primary school they'll be starting in September. A record number of children (99%) were offered a place at one of their preferred schools whilst (93%) have secured a place at their first preference school.

Milton Keynes Council received 3,350 applications by the 15 January deadline. This year, 26 children did not get allocated a preferred choice, compared to 46 children in 2020.

Of the applications received on time, the majority (93.2%) received their first preference school – an increase of 2% from last year. 4.3% of children received their second preference, 1.5% received their third preference school and 0.2% were allocated their fourth preference school.

Today is also offer day for more than 1,000 children due to transfer from infant to junior school. Most families (97%) have been allocated their first preference and 99% have been allocated one of their four preferences.

The council continues to work with schools to reduce capacity where places are no longer needed and increase provision where there is growing demand.

A small number of late applications have been received. Where applications are received late, between 16 January 2021 and 30 April 2021, school place offers will be sent on 28 May 2021 by letter.

Parents who still need to make an application should complete a late application form which is available on the council's website

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schools-and-lifelong-learning/school-admissions/starting-primary-or-junior-middle-school-in-september-2021>

Quarterly Housing Monitoring

For even more analysis on housing delivery data please see our new Monitoring Hub on the website: <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/monitoring-data-for-planning>

In Quarter 4 there were 742 completions (120 affordable) in the borough of Milton Keynes and 504 starts (136 affordable) with 3 losses from stock. The stock of dwellings in Milton Keynes stands at 117,662: 100,420 in the city and 17,242 in the rural area. At the 1st January 2021 we had 13,053

planning permissions (8,936 full permissions and 5,842 outline), and a further 13,053 potential units on existing Local Plan sites – 27,831 dwellings in all.

Attached is the spreadsheets that give information on starts and completions for ward and parish and the usual fact sheet that gives a MK overview.

Housing Starts and Completions for House Building for Danesborough & Walton 2020-2021

Ward	Grid Squares/Towns/Villages included in Figures	Quarter 1		Quarter 2		Quarter 3		Quarter 4		Total	
		Starts	Comps	Starts	Comps	Starts	Comps	Starts	Comps	Starts	Comps
Danesborough and Walton	Eagle Farm South, Glebe Farm Glebe Farm, Eagle Farm, Wavendon, Woburn Sands, Wavendon Gate, Browns Wood, Old Farm Park, Tilbrook, Bow Brickhill, Little Brickhill, Caldecotte	192	66	168	109	103	125	178	192	641	492

Cllr David Hopkins

May 2021