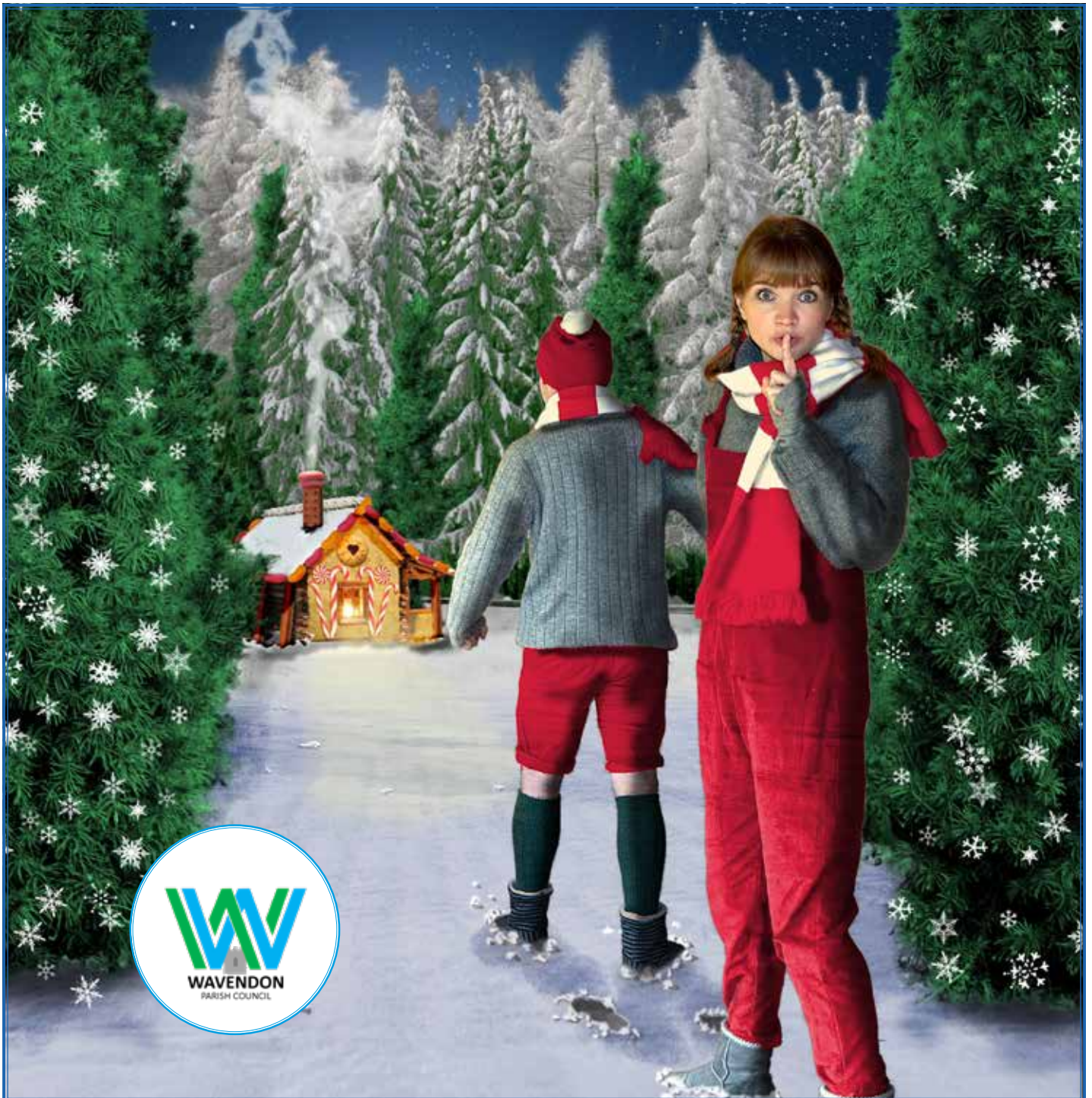


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**Copy Date  
for March**

*(the Spring 2024) edition:*  
**Sunday 11th February**



### WOBURN SANDS COMMUNITY MARKET DATES

A Community Market is held every month on the  
**2nd Saturday from 10:00-14:00** around the Institute  
(Woburn Sands Library) and Memorial Green.

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

More information at: [hello@woburnsandsmarket.co.uk](mailto:hello@woburnsandsmarket.co.uk)

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For any issues that you would like to raise with  
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The contact the **Hall Manager:**

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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-aply/report-it](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/pay-report-aply/report-it)



Wavendon on the Web:

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## LATEST NEWS:

### Old Wavendon, Eagle Farm South & Glebe Farm in Wavendon

- **5G Coverage in our local area** – the Parish Council receive many enquiries from residents concerned about coverage in our local patch. Seems that Vodafone may be the most advanced with their 5G deployment. The Parish is working with the local MP (Iain Stewart) to lobby for the speediest possible roll out.
- **Arriva Bus Services** – Following a long campaign to persuade Arriva to start (or redirect) a scheduled (timetabled) bus service through Eagle Farm South and Glebe Farm via Burney Drive, Dankworth Way and Elmswell Road and linking on to Groveway, Arriva has confirmed such a rerouted Service (3 or 3A) will commence early in 2024 as soon as Burney Drive fully opens. The Parish Council will keep you updated.
- **Sander Crescent & Chantry House Drive** – The new residents of Sander Crescent (Glebe Farm) have been surprised to learn that they do indeed live in Wavendon Gate (Walton) rather than Wavendon parish in which the rest of Glebe Farm resides. An early parish boundary review has been requested!
- **New Polling Station for 2024 onwards** – Following successful lobbying I am pleased to report that MK City Council has agreed to a second polling station for all forthcoming elections. This will be located at Glebe Farm School, far more convenient for Eagle Farm South and Glebe Farm residents. The two polling districts are planned to be known as Wavendon Farms and Old Wavendon.
- **Car Cruising** - Milton Keynes City Council introduced a Public Space Protection Order in 2020 following a public consultation in which over 1,000 residents said they'd been negatively affected by vehicle related anti-social behaviour. This relates to powers under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. This means that drivers caught taking part in anti-social car cruising behaviours in MK, which includes excessive noise and driving at dangerous speeds, can be issued with a fine.
- The Parish Council has worked with the Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley, Matthew Barber who has taken a particular interest in championing solutions on this matter and welcomes

your comments at [matthew.barber@thamesvalley.police.uk](mailto:matthew.barber@thamesvalley.police.uk)

- **Establishing Neighbourhood Watch Groups** – Concerns expressed to the Parish Council concern car security and the theft of Catalytic Converters, teenagers allegedly kicking in doors, the need for 20 MPH areas across the newer parts of the Parish and aggressive dogs loose in the estates. The Parish meets frequently with our local Thames Valley Police officers to discuss these and other issues and our local Community Officer PC Robin Childs [robin.childs@thamesvalley.police.uk](mailto:robin.childs@thamesvalley.police.uk) is happy to take further enquiries from local residents directly.
- The Parish Council has received many enquiries regarding how to set about joining or forming a local Neighbourhood Watch team. The contact of our (Wavendon Area) local coordinator or alternatively go to: [enquiries@mknhwa.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@mknhwa.org.uk)

### *The benefits of joining a Neighbourhood Scheme include....*

- **Signs and stickers to act as a deterrent to criminals**
- **Provision of Neighbourhood Watch Signs for your Scheme**
- **Low cost personal, bike and shed alarms**
- **Community messages about burglaries, crime trends and other police information**
- **Reduced one-off cost for Smartwater**
- **Reduced premiums from some insurance companies**
- **Get to know your local police community officers**
- **No easy access to NHS dentists for adults and children** – a national problem. Campaign with local MP Iain Stewart to campaign for a local solution for our area. Email [iain.stewart.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:iain.stewart.mp@parliament.uk) and go to <https://www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/how-can-we-help/how-do-i-find-an-nhs-dentist/> The Welcome to Wavendon booklet sent directly to every household contains more information.
- **Anti-social behaviour in the public play spaces**, parents tell us that feel their children are being exposed to foul language and poor behaviour from teenagers etc. Teenagers have nowhere else to go as there isn't a youth centre.- our local Police Constable and PCSO's are being vigilant and have upped patrols and the Parish Council and local schools are seeking qualified youth workers to establish and manage a suitable youth facility.

- **South East MK and the H10 Extension into Church Farm** – The Parish Council has now managed to speak to the Parks Trust about their proposals which they say are intended to ‘create our 2m property boundary clearance and remove all trees within 10 m of structures with foundations’. Their proposals were designed to coordinate with the landscaping scheme associated with the Connolly access road and therefore MK City Council will need to sit down with them and review these in the light of its H10 scheme. As you may know the Parks Trust have deferred implementation until the late autumn so MKCC will meet with them at that time to review the plans collectively. MK City Council does not as yet have a detailed acoustic report. The City Council is looking at bunding and natural screening as its first phase but if there is going to be a requirement for acoustic fencing then it will introduce that into the scheme. If there is a requirement the City Council would be looking to make this as inobtrusive as possible whilst still being effective. On the matter of the extension of the H10, MKCC will not be considering going beyond the O&H landholding within the currently allocated SEMK area. Its proposal is only for a 40mph single carriageway. Any further connection to Newport Road in Wavendon, should that ever be considered desirable, will not be by means of grid road but more of a local road connection with a maximum design speed of 30mph. There are no plans beyond this. As you may be aware, MK City Council is in the early stages of the new City Plan process and all kinds of options will no doubt be considered through the various stages in its evolution but those will be subject to full scrutiny and assessment and the fact that something may be proposed does not mean it will be found acceptable. As of today, however there are no plans at all eastward beyond SEMK.
- **Cost of living**, very much a national issue. Locally the food banks have been helping to support families but there are often anonymous posts from people that need financial help with food or hygiene products. Contact the Wavendon Parish Council Clerk to help get you to the best solution. Alan Kemp at [clerk@wavendonparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@wavendonparishcouncil.co.uk)
- **Schools and Health Centre in SEMK** - The schools will be made available at the appropriate time through a ‘competition’ run by MKCC but eventually adjudicated on by the Regional Schools Commissioner (I think they may now be called Regional Directors). The competition would identify the best ‘organisation’ (normally an Academy Trust) to run the school unless an existing schools

‘transfers’.. Once the school is constructed it would be transferred by way of Lease to the organisation appointed by the RSC for a period of 125 years. MKCC would be the Landlord and therefore there would be a degree of local control over the land and property, but even should an Academy Trust fail it would be for the RSC to appoint their successor.

- **Although Health provision in the new SEMK area** is probably the single biggest issue people raise it is probably the hardest to give a precise answer on at this stage. A primary developer or land promoter (like L&Q or O&H) would normally bring a secondary or ‘specialist’ developer to provide the retail elements of the Local Centre and this could potentially include the future health facility. This would depend to a large extent on how the NHS (ICB) wants to, or can afford to, deliver the new facilities. If they have the capacity to provide revenue support for health requirement, but lack capital resource, they may wish the developer to provide the facilities and then be prepared to take a long lease on the finished product. This is known as Third Party Development (3PD) and is a model that has been used extensively in the last 15 years. We may still be a while away from knowing exactly how health will work but probably the least likely route, based on recent experience, is that the NHS takes control and delivers themselves, but circumstances may change. As for a community hall or any sports facilities, whether provided jointly or as separate elements, it is likely, even if MKCC took responsibility for delivery, that we would look for a more local body, Town or Parish Council ideally, to take these over from MKCC. In fact, it is now normal for MKCC to require to have an agreement along these lines in place before it can get permission within the council process to construct but assuming that can happen, MKCC would normally take the land and construct itself before Transfer, usually now on a Freehold basis, to the end user/ operator.
- **The Open University** - The local Open University at Walton Hall is considering a multi-million pound move to a site close to the railway station in MK city centre. The plan would include a new ‘sister’ university to offer face-to-face courses for students to study in person.

The University’s governing council has agreed to initiate work on the strategic and financial case to relocate the OU’s existing campus at Walton Hall.





- **East West Rail** – Government has announced its plans for the route from Bletchley to Bedford and on to Cambridge confirming a preferred route alignment between Bedford and Cambridge. These include;
- **Keeping open the level crossings at Bow Brickhill and Woburn Sands**
- **Retaining Woburn Sands station in its present location (\*subject to more consultation!)**
- **The launch of a ‘need to sell’ property support scheme to help affected homeowners**
- **Maximum of two freight services per day**
- **Reduction of maximum speed of trains from 100mph to 60-70 mph**

- **No additional bridges etc between Bow Brickhill and Woburn Sands and the removal of the threatened Woburn Sands bypass**

However, it does seem that these ‘proposals’ frequently change so uncertainty remains about the whole project and what might be involved locally.

More at <https://eastwestrail.co.uk/about-us/project-overview>

- **New Waste Collection Service** - Residents can report a missed bin collection or check if we already know about it at [milton-keynes.gov.uk/missed-collection](https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/missed-collection) <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/waste-collection-milton-keynes> (or call customer services if they’re you are not online - 01908 252570 ). The online system shows bins as completed or in progress. If a bin has been missed but it’s marked as completed, then residents should submit a report. But if it says in progress that means that the new contractor Suez know about it already and are planning to return asap, so there is no need to submit a report or call MKCC.

### KEEP IT CLEAN - KEEP IT GREEN

Report any missed bin collections at [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/missed-collection](https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/missed-collection)

**6.00pm Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Come and join us for Community Carol Singing**  
 outside St. Mary’s School, Eagle Farm MK17 7AA  
 Refreshments provided and a brass band will be playing!





## From the Police and Crime Commissioner

**Shoplifting has been much in the news of late and I am pleased to say that we have just signed off on a new tool to make it easier for shop staff to report crime and share intelligence with the police.**

The Disc app is already used in several parts of Thames Valley as a platform for retailers to share reports of shoplifting and antisocial behaviour with each other.

It will not be properly integrated into the work that Thames Valley Police do, with neighbourhood officers being able to see local intelligence and crime reports going straight into the control room. It is all part of the work to improve the response to retail crime with faster action for urgent incidents and increased the number of charges, particularly focusing on persistent offenders.

Sometimes the national and international elements of policing can also have a local impact. The Regional Organised Crime Unit, hosted by Thames Valley Police has recently been able to recover nearly £2m worth of stolen cryptocurrency for a criminal jailed in the Netherlands and return it to victims across the globe, including some here locally.

In more “traditional” crimes our Rural Crime Taskforce continues to grow with some new Special Constables joining the team. Lead by the excellent Inspector Hutchings, who recently won a national NFU award as “Best Rural Crime Enforcer”, the taskforce has now recovered more than £3m worth of stolen equipment and are working to make Thames Valley a hostile environment for those committing rural crime.



**Matthew Barber**  
Police & Crime Commissioner  
for Thames Valley



## Christmas Family Fun at The Stables

**This year's family Christmas show at The Stables in Wavendon is a new stage adaptation of the ever-popular fairytale Hansel & Gretel.**

*Hansel & Gretel are so excited, it's their favourite time of year - Christmas! But when they get lost deep in the woods, it seems they'll never make it back in time for Christmas dinner... until they discover a whole host of new friends willing to help them out! And perhaps the Witch living in that delicious gingerbread house isn't quite what she seems...*

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**The production is suitable for everyone over 3. Performances run from Monday 18 – Saturday 23 December.**

To book tickets, call The Stables box office on **01908 280800** or online at **stables.org**

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or more information via  
aimiedaggere@gmail.com or  
myra@myrahutton.co.uk





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## COMMUNITY ACTION: MK

**Wavendon Parish Council and Community Action: MK are working closely dealing with the priority issues raised by residents in the Eagle Farm South and Glebe Farm parts of the parish.**

Following conversations held with numerous residents the main areas of concern thus far have been:

1. Lack of amenities such as a shop or cafe
2. Public transport not available - residents having to spend significant amounts on taxi transport to do a supermarket shop contributing to financial pressures.
3. Flooding in underpasses - improved but seems to reoccur every time it rains.
4. Drug use in underpasses (residents have to walk to Tesco's in Kingston this way and feel unsafe when doing so and following the recent serious incident, residents have become cautious in using these routes.)
5. Dangerous road to cross to the BP garage (closest shop)
6. Lack of school places for local children. (Glebe Farm school in particular)

These issues have been raised by numerous people across both estates and residents can be assured that the Parish Council is addressing each in cooperation with MK City Council, The IFtL schools Multi Academy Trust, Thames Valley Police and Arriva buses.

“ ”

*Hello, My name is Aimee and I work for Community action MK ([www.communityactionmk.org](http://www.communityactionmk.org)) and my role is to engage with the new communities in Milton Keynes. As Eagle Farm South and Glebe Farm are some of the newest communities in Milton Keynes it is a main area of focus for the organisation. As a result you will likely see more of me around in the community. I will be attending community coffee mornings at the schools and am able to help support local residents with advice and signposting.*

*If you have any questions about life in the community, from public transport to local support groups or advice about starting your own community group we can help!*

*Pop down and see us at Eagle Farm or Glebe Farm and let us know if you have any queries or thoughts about life in your community please do get in contact with us [info@communityactionmk.org](mailto:info@communityactionmk.org) or come and see me in the community.*

## Wavendon

### Belles WI

Since Wavendon Belles formed in April we now have over 40 ladies across a wide range of ages enjoying a varied programme of speakers as well as the opportunity of joining our Book, Walking and Theatre Groups, and making new friends and learning new things! We hope to start a Craft Group in the New Year!

At our September meeting we welcomed Alistair Borland who told us all about the work that magistrates do in court and in the community. The retirement age for magistrates has risen to 75 and he encouraged ladies to consider volunteering for this very important role in society. At our November meeting ladies enjoyed a styling evening of fashion and accessories with some ladies volunteering to be models for the lovely clothes Jackie Allen Fashions had on offer.

**Our meeting on the 14th December will be a Christmas social event where ladies will be encouraged to get into the festive spirit with a fun evening of music, food, cheese tasting and a demonstration of present wrapping and napkin folding.**

**On 11th January 2024 we have a nutritional therapist coming to us speaking about general health and wellbeing in relation to nutrition, stress management and an element of healthy ageing!**

A warm welcome at the Wavendon Community Centre awaits you if you would like to come and visit us at our December meeting! The ladies of Wavendon Belles WI wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.





## Iain Stewart

**As we enter Winter, I hope this article finds you safe and well.**

I am thrilled Bletchley Park was able to host the successful AI Safety Summit on 1 & 2 November. It is fitting the birthplace of modern computing being the venue for conversations about the future use of artificial intelligence. It was a privilege to have been able to welcome the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology to Bletchley Park ahead of their meetings with world leaders and tech CEOs. The outcome, the Bletchley Declaration, is a landmark statement which has been signed by multiple countries including the United States of America and China to understand the risks of AI.

The Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, Sir David Ramsden, visited Milton Keynes for a roundtable with a range of local businesses, organisations and representatives to hear the opportunities and challenges that are available in the different industries and sectors. I welcomed the opportunity to discuss the current economic landscape both locally in Milton Keynes and nationally across the country. I would like to thank Sir David for providing this opportunity to local businesses and organisations, I am sure he had plenty of food for thought after the discussion.

On Friday 3 November, Ben Everitt MP and I hosted our annual Over 55s Fair at Hazard Alley Safety Centre. With over 30 different local organisations advertising opportunities for constituents to improve their health, safety and wellbeing, it was great to see it well attended by members of the public. I would like to thank all the attending exhibitors and the venue for making the event possible! Overall, the Over 55s Fair was another a success and I look forward to hosting the third one next year.

It was brilliant to be involved with MK Food Bank's Guinness World Record Attempt at Campbell Park with Milton Keynes Conservative colleagues. I was pleased to have contributed to the line of 102,447 cans, a new Guinness World Record! I would like to congratulate everyone who was involved in making this possible. All of these cans will enable MK Food Bank to support families through Winter and into Spring.

I welcomed the Government's decision to heed the recommendations of the Transport Select Committee regarding proposed closures of rail ticket offices. As Chair of the Committee, I am delighted to have been able to influence this decision. The proposals put forward by train operating companies go too far, too fast, towards

a situation that risks excluding some passengers from the railway. At a minimum, changes should be carefully piloted in limited areas and evaluated for their effect on all passengers before being rolled out.

If my office or I can be of any assistance, please do get in touch by email at [Iain.stewart.mp@parliament](mailto:Iain.stewart.mp@parliament) or calling **01908 686830**.





### WOW, how time has flown!

We cannot believe that we have started our second year at Glebe Farm School.

It has been a very exciting journey and we have enjoyed every part of it.

### Milton Keynes Education Awards

As we entered the new academic year we were overwhelmed when we found out the Glebe Farm School parents and community had nominated us for the Milton Keynes Educational Awards.

We received several nominations for different categories:

- **Head Teacher of the Year – Mr Shotton**
- **Business Manager of the Year – Mrs Forbes**
- **Primary School of the Year**
- **Secondary School of the Year**
- **Environmental and Sustainability School Award**

We were delighted to receive the Award for Environmental and Sustainability, we are very proud of our school and must give all the praise to Morgan Sindall and Milton Keynes Council for the design and build.



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### Guinness World Record

Glebe Farm School were delighted to be a part of Milton Keynes Foodbank, MK Can Official World Record Attempt!

To create the longest line of food cans.

All the GFS community pulled together to provide enough cans of food to complete our section of the line. The rules stated each can had to be touching and not a single break in the line. We arrived early to create our part of line and eagerly awaited with great anticipation as cans were counted and the line was checked for no breaks at all!

### We are proud to be Guinness World Record holders!

Along with everyone in the city who took part.

Together we smashed the record by creating the longest line of food cans, which measured 7.64 km totalling 102,447 cans.





GFS Community Support

As we begin our entry into the winter months Glebe Farm School will continue to offer a ‘Warm Space’ for anyone to drop in, enjoy a nice hot drink, biscuit, friendship and a chat. **Every Tuesday and Thursday morning term time 9.45 – 11am.**

Glebe Farm School is the local Foodbank for our Parish. If you are struggling financially and need help with food, please pop along to our Community Hub where we will be able to have a chat and offer support or connect you with appropriate help. Warm Space and Warm Drink will also be available during these cold months. **Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1.30 – 2.30pm.**

Glebe Farm School are also proud to be working in partnership with Tri Fitness. A fitness Bootcamp for adults on **Thursday evenings 6.30pm.** Please get email Mark on poster below if you are interested in getting fit with us!





**FOODBANK @  
GLEBE FARM  
SCHOOL**

**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 urgent help with food, we can provide you and your family with a food parcel.





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## Marston Vale Line News

### Resumption of Marston Vale Line Services

Train services will resume on **Monday 20th November 2023.**

Initially four services will run in each direction on Monday – Fridays during the morning and afternoon peak periods. A full rail replacement bus service (all stations and limited stop) will continue to operate at other times.

Please visit <https://www.marstonvalecommunityrail.org.uk/resumption-of-train-services-2> to download the timetable. Alternatively copies are available from Bletchley Station, local libraries and Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre or contact Stephen for a copy to be sent to you.

The full timetable, including the return of a Saturday & Bank Holiday service, is expected to resume in early 2024 once sufficient train crew have completed their training on the Class 150s.

All of the three units allocated to the Marston Vale Line have recently been refurbished with features including an accessible toilet & baby changing facility, visual and audio announcements, CCTV and USB charging points throughout. Each train also has dedicated space for wheelchairs, pushchairs and cycles.

Please report any issues with Rail Replacement Buses to London Northwestern Railway via <https://www.londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk/contact-us/customer-relations>

Please purchase tickets for Rail Replacement Bus journeys from any staffed station or the Ticket Vending Machine (TVM) at unstaffed stations before travel. Tickets purchased online can be collected at any TVM. The TVMs are card only.

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

Rail tickets can be purchased from the conductor on the train by cash or card.

Groups of 3 - 9 adults travel for a third off with GroupSave.

Refunds for delayed journeys of 15 minutes or more can be claimed from the London Northwestern Railway Delay Repay Scheme - <https://www.londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk/about-us/delay-repay>.

### Consultation on Proposed Closure of Ticket Offices

It was announced on 31st October that plans to close rail ticket offices have been withdrawn by Train Operating Companies following Transport Focus and London TravelWatch objecting to all of the current proposals.

The Secretary of State for Transport announced the outcome of the consultation, and that the Government has asked Train Operating Companies to withdraw their proposals.

Transport Focus and London TravelWatch received 750,000 responses from individuals and organisations to the public consultation. Those responses contained powerful and passionate concerns about the potential changes at stations.

Marston Vale CRP submitted a detailed response to the consultation strongly objecting to the proposed closure of the Ticket Offices at Bletchley, Leighton Buzzard and Wolverton stations.

Many thanks to all who responded.

### Community Garden Award for the Friends of Woburn Sands Station

The Friends of Woburn Sands Station have been awarded a Community Garden Award for the area adjacent to the Bedford platform entrance which has been planted by pupils from the Eco Committee at Swallowfield Primary School.

This is their third successive award. Congratulations to all involved!

Members of the Eco Committee are continuing their involvement and most recently visited the station to plant bulbs on 9th November.

### 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 - [www.ridgmonthheritage.org.uk](http://www.ridgmonthheritage.org.uk).

Festive Afternoon Tea is available until 22nd December. Please call 01525 287120 to book. Calendars, diaries and a wide range of gifts are available in the Gift Shop including handmade Christmas decorations, children's toys, wine from Warden Abbey Vineyard and a selection of exclusive Rail Ale from Kelchner Brewery in Ampthill.

**One first floor office is 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. 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. Please contact Stephen for further details.

### Rails to Roots

Have you ever wondered how to grow your own food? Dreamed of green fingers? Or just want to be part of your wider community? Or know someone who does?

A wellbeing garden at Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre has been set up. All welcome! The group meets on Wednesdays from 10:00 – 1:00. Please note new times.

Enjoy being in a green space, make new friends, grow your own food, and help redevelop the garden into a beautiful space. To find out more or express your interest please e-mail [greenwellbeing@bedsrcc.org.uk](mailto:greenwellbeing@bedsrcc.org.uk) or contact Stephen.

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](mailto:stephens@bedsrcc.org.uk).

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## Wavendon Park.

### A Green Vision for The Future

**The original architects of Milton Keynes envisaged it as a ‘green city’ blending urban developments with parks and open space to create a healthy and attractive environment.**

There are many examples of this in practice, Campbell Park, The Ouzel Valley Park and Caldecotte Lake to name a few. But as the Southeast of Milton Keynes begins to expand around us it is becoming increasingly clear that this vision of a green environment is not extending to the new developments. Brooklands to the North of the A421 and Glebe Farm to the South contain very little land set aside for recreation whilst plans for the proposed Southeast Extension between Wavendon and Woburn Sands show only narrow strips of green bordering the brook or existing rights of way.

Yet here in Wavendon we are close to a large but little known area of open space – the old golf course – which provides an ideal opportunity to create a new country park for our community. As MK Council is currently developing a new local plan for the area which includes the former golf course, Wavendon Voice (a local residents association) is putting together a case to present to the council to create a new park. We are keen to invite as many people as possible to register their interest so that we can lobby the council when the local plan is announced.

Below is a short extract from a briefing document prepared by Wavendon Voice with a link at the end to register your support.

#### What is Wavendon Park?

Wavendon Park is the name of a proposed new leisure area lying to the East of Wavendon Village. It is the site of the old Wavendon golf club which closed in October 2018. It is bordered on the West by Newport Road, on the North by Lower End Road and on the NE / SW axis by Cranfield Road. It consists of a large area (75 hectares) of open grassland and mature trees which are currently protected by TPO's. An old carriageway runs from The Newport Road to Wavendon House. The House and immediate grounds are grade 2 listed

#### History of the site.

The site was formerly the park attached to Wavendon Manor which was built in the 1760's. In 1798 the estate was bought by Henry Hoare, an eminent London banker, influenced no doubt by its elevated position on the Greensand Ridge and its proximity to London and the social life of nearby Woburn Abbey. In 1815 Wavendon House (then called Wavendon Hall) stood in the center of extensive grounds which were laid out in 1768-72 by Richard Woods (a contemporary of Capability Brown).

The house served as an outpost of Bletchley Park during WWII and a residential special school in the 1950s. In the 1980's the house and service buildings were divided into flats which are now privately owned. The park was converted into a golf course in 1989.

#### Why do we need Wavendon Park?

Milton Keynes Council states in its document MK50 which sets out aspirational targets for the future:

*Our city is a special place. Everywhere, rich, peaceful landscapes surround our homes. As we continue to grow, we want to protect those things that are so important to the city's character. Our network of open spaces, parks, woodlands, lakes, canals and rivers, linked by paths and redways, provide beautiful accessible places for people to exercise and spend time.*

Plan MK which is the current template for development until 2031 is more specific about the ratio of green space to urban development.

*We have an ambition to be the greenest city and our aim is that around 40% of the city will continue to be green and blue space. The principle of early planning and delivery of green and blue infrastructure is central to our approach.*

But recent developments in Milton Keynes appear to lack this same commitment to green space, with higher housing density and less land set aside for parkland. This is especially so to the Southeast of Milton Keynes where developments such as Broughton and Brooklands and the new sites to the South of the A421 contain distinctly less than a 60/40 split of urban to green / blue. New planned developments at Church Farm in Wavendon and the extensive MKSE expansion also do not meet this 60/40 aspiration.



### Why this site is particularly suited to a new park?

1. The old golf course provides a unique area of open space within which to create a new park - with features such as mature trees, lakes, a canal, and an old carriage drive.
2. The land has been used for leisure purposes for over thirty years and is identified in Plan MK as designated for recreation.
3. Wavendon Park will provide much needed open space for the new developments south of the A421 and help to integrate these new communities with the established neighbourhoods around Wavendon and Woburn Sands.
4. The Park will provide the opportunity to create safe and environmentally friendly redways linking different parts of the Parish
5. The Park will connect with a proposed East West leisure route running from Caldecotte Lake through Browns Wood and Church Farm to the woodlands in the Vale of Marston – establishing an important green corridor through the City.

### Next Steps

Wavendon Voice would like to see the concept of Wavendon Park incorporated within the local plan that we understand is being prepared and the land designated as a new linear park to prevent speculative development plans coming forward. We would then like to see an early start date announced for the preparation of the site so that residents can begin to enjoy the enormous benefits that this new park will bestow.

If you are interested in supporting this project please send us your name, address and e mail to the address below. We will then endeavor to provide regular updates as developments unfold and potentially to call on your support if and when we find ourselves having to lobby the Council once the new plan for the area has been revealed.

Roger Penfound for Wavendon voice.

Please send contact details to:

**[wavendonvoice@emaildodo.com](mailto:wavendonvoice@emaildodo.com)**





## Up to £7k for tech start ups

### Milton Keynes City council creates new MK Tech Fund for start-ups

Milton Keynes City Council is funding a new scheme through The Milton Keynes Investors Group to provide five start-ups with up to £7,000 each to develop their business.

The MK Tech Fund is for tech businesses based in Milton Keynes who have fewer than ten employees and who have been trading for less than three years. By 'tech' the city council means the business is either developing new technology or using existing technology in an innovative way.

Milton Keynes has one of the highest levels of start-ups in the UK and the city council wants to ensure that tech talent stays within the city, creating new jobs and opportunities as businesses grow.

Founders are encouraged to apply for a grant – which doesn't need to be repaid - if they need a modest cash injection to get them to the next level or to get a specific project off the ground, perhaps to investigate a patent, or cover legal or marketing costs. One of the five firms will then be offered an additional £5,000 next year following a 'dragon's den' style pitch. The funding comes from the city council's £3.5m Economic Recovery Plan, which it has used to support hundreds of businesses and local employees and entrepreneurs following the pandemic.

The scheme, which opens for applications from 10 November, is managed by The Milton Keynes Investors Group (MKIG), which is the largest not-for-profit angel network in the UK. MKIG provide a free pitching platform for founders, with no success fees, and are frequently approached by MK-based micro businesses for this kind of funding.

### Grassroots football in our Community

#### **Remembrance Weekend.**

The Club will again participate in Remembrance Weekend. With saddening conflicts continuing in Ukraine and the Middle East, over 500 players and coaches together with friends and relatives will join in the minutes' silence, including all our teams playing at Wavendon Rec, St Mary's Primary and Glebe Farm School. WWFC is all about fun, friendship and football, however it is so important that all generations remember the enormous sacrifices that have been made by so many that enable us all to enjoy the freedoms we have today, but also the horrors of war and the needless loss of life.

As we head towards the festive season and into 2024, a big thank you to all the players, coaches and residents of Wavendon for helping to make girls' and boys' grassroots football such a success.

To find out more about your local grassroots football club, email:- [joinus@ww-fc.co.uk](mailto:joinus@ww-fc.co.uk)



**Join us for the lighting up of the St. Mary's Green Christmas Tree**

**Sunday December 10th at 4pm**

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

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





**One of the most frequent complaints from Wavendon residents to the Parish Council concerns the level of speeding by motorists throughout the village.**

To help address this, and to provide real data to Milton Keynes Council which we hope will help justify future road calming measures, a group of volunteers are now conducting Community Speedwatch operations. If you've not heard of it yet, Community Speedwatch (CSW) is a national initiative, primarily intended to raise awareness, where members of local communities work with the support and supervision of their local police to record details of speeding vehicles using approved detection devices.

Registered keepers of vehicles recorded speeding are contacted, initially with a letter, by Thames Valley Police explaining the potential risks and consequences of their behaviour. Repeat offenders may be subject to more stringent measures. The thing to note is that Speedwatch activity is not about interfering with neighbours' behaviour; it is a proactive solution to improve the safety and quality of life for everyone in the local community.

Our local group was set up in June with the active support of the Wavendon Parish Council who kindly funded the necessary equipment, including a speed gun, warning signs and high-viz vests. We have conducted well over 30 hours of CSW surveys across 9 currently approved sites within Wavendon.

Initially we have been concentrating on Walton Road and Newport Road, but we have approved sites on Burney Drive in both Eagle and Glebe Farms and expect to be increasing our operations there once the road opens to through traffic. Unfortunately, we cannot operate on Lower End Road as the existing speed limit is above the maximum permitted which is 40mph. To date we have reported over 250 speeding motorists to Thames Valley Police, including some travelling at over double the speed limit along Walton Road despite the advanced warning signs.

The good news is that while we've been operating we have seen compliance improve. Back in June we were regularly reporting 10% or more of motorists travelling at a speed high enough to trigger a warning letter, but that figure has now dropped to well below 5%.

We currently have 11 volunteers, but the group would always welcome more assistance, particularly from the Eagle and Glebe Farm areas or from any residents along Newport Road concerned about speeding there. If you'd like to volunteer, to know more or have any new survey sites which you'd like to suggest then please contact Cllr Steve Thomas at [steve.thomas@wavendonparishcouncil](mailto:steve.thomas@wavendonparishcouncil). There are strict rules on sites before they will be approved by the Police so it may not be possible to register one exactly where you suggest, but Steve will be able to provide advice and will be happy to submit applications for any new sites which are likely to be approved.





## National Lorry Week

**St Mary's Wavendon CE Primary children in Key Stage 2 recently participated in an even to mark National Lorry Week and to coincide with our road safety work.**

It was interesting, and also scary, to see how big the lorries were and how much of a 'blind spot' each lorry driver has around their vehicle. It was most certainly an exciting learning opportunity. Our thanks go to WH Barley for their time at Mary's .



## From your Milton Keynes Unitary Councillor - Cllr David Hopkins

### MKCC is pledging £5.5m in cost-of-living help

This winter MKCC is committing £5.5m to help residents facing food and energy insecurity, investing in preventative help that will also relieve some of the growing cost-of-living pressure on struggling health and care services such as social care, schools, and the NHS.

Last year, MK City Council declared a 'cost-of-living emergency' and spent £3.3m from its own funds and from government grants to support projects that provided food, reduced energy bills, and gave other help.

This year that support has been extended to a £5.5m 2023/24 Winter Plan, which includes:

- Help for children and families. Families of children who are entitled to free school meals will be given £15 of supermarket credit per child for each week of the two-week Christmas holiday and one-week February half term. A children's activity programme will return between 2 and 5 January, with food served at each session.
- Funding charities to help their work go further. Providing a financial boost to food charities such as MK Food Bank, and to organisations who give residents financial/debt advice, such as Citizens Advice MK, so they can reach more people.
- Helping people who are falling into rent arrears financial help and guidance for council tenants and for private renters who are struggling to make end meet.
- Funding warm spaces. MK's Parish and Town Councils will be given money to help them run informal activities, from community cafes to social clubs.
- Reducing energy and housing costs A 'Warmth and Wellbeing Helpline' continues, offering advice to residents on how to get support with energy costs.

Read the Winter Plan and find other cost of living support here:

**[www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/benefits/cost-living-support](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/benefits/cost-living-support)**

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*Those of you who attended the Annual Parish Meeting in September may recall the key note presentation that night was given by Murray Woodburn Murray. Woodburn@milton-keynes.gov.uk – the Traffic and Transportation Manager at MK City Council.*

*Murray listened attentively to the many representations made regarding traffic management and road safety issues on Newport Road and Walton Road and undertook to return to Wavendon to host a workshop (which may be the first of two or more) to consider suitable MKC funded interventions that might address the issues raised.*

*This first such residents workshop took place on Thursday 23rd November.*

*The event ran over two hours with one hour being focused on Walton Road and the second on Newport Road issues. However, both proved to be closely interrelated in many respects. All residents are very welcome to attend the planned follow up sessions, to put forward their concerns and ideas as to how best these concerns might be addressed.*

*The events are being hosted by your Wavendon Parish Council.*



# CHRISTMAS 2023

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

Look online for news of our latest courses and special events, and updates on regular activities. As well as details of our C13th building and community history, you'll find links to sources of further support and other local resources:

<https://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

## Daily Inspiration

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

## Virtual Choir

Our group of Zoom singers who get together online...

To join, contact Revd Matt, who'll pass on your details.

## 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

All welcome!

**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

## Online Art Exhibition

Enjoy creative writing and 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?

Look on our website for WALTON ARTS AND CRAFTS to view current and earlier displays and to find news of future exhibitions!

## LANGUAGE CAFE for adults

Learn English the friendly way  
...in the community!

Drop In to find out more:

Thursdays 10.00 am

Saturdays 10.30 am

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

or contact

Revd Matt Trendall 01908 582839  
[matt.trendall.mk@gmail.co.uk](mailto:matt.trendall.mk@gmail.co.uk)

*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)*



Sunday  
December 10th

9.30 am  
Christingle



The Good News of  
Christmas in an  
interactive all-age service  
Everyone's welcome!

Saturday  
December 16th

*The Canzonetta Singers*  
Christmas Concert  
7 pm

**Congregational carols**  
*and works by*  
**Rutter, Chilcott, Jenkins**  
**& Hagenberg**

*Free entry & light refreshments*  
*Retiring collection*  
*for St Mary's Church*

Sunday  
December 17th

Carol  
Service  
6 pm



A traditional service of  
readings and carols  
All welcome



For updates on these special events and on  
our regular activities, please see our website  
<https://stmaryswavendon.co.uk> or look on  
Facebook: St Marys Church Wavendon Village

**Tuesday**  
**December 19th**  
**7.30**

St Marys' Church  
**QUIZ NIGHT**



£2pp on door  
All welcome - just turn up!  
Come as a team or join one  
Bring your own snacks/drinks  
Quiz prize and raffle

Sunday December 24th  
Christmas Eve

**Crib Service**  
3 pm



A family-friendly  
re-telling of the  
Nativity

The First Communion  
of Christmas



9.30pm

We invite you to join our  
evening service of  
prayerful communion



Monday  
December 25th

**Christmas Day**  
**Carols**  
10am



Informal all-age celebration  
with all your favourite carols  
Festive jumpers welcome!