



Wilstead NEWSLETTER

February 2024
including Parish Council News

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Wilstead Village Hall

During this quieter period, we have been using the time to do some necessary painting, decorating and spring cleaning. We would like to thank our hirers for bearing with us. We would also like to give a big thank you to Brian (and Sandra) as the Hall continues to look smart for all hirers and users.

You might have observed some new notices about parking at the Hall carpark. Please may I take this opportunity to remind everyone that the carpark is reserved for people using the Hall at that time. It is not for general public usage, even when empty. Please do not be tempted to park your car, even for a very short period, when you see it empty and the gates open. New hirers may be arriving any minute or the gates might be about to be closed and your car stuck inside!!! Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

Don't forget if you are hiring or about to make a booking to use the hall, that from **Monday 1st April**, payment to hire the Hall starts from the moment the hirer steps into the Hall and up to the moment it is vacated. As in line with the majority of other halls, there will not be any 'free' time from that date for preparation or clearing away. Only our regular hirers will have a special arrangement.

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WILSTEAD & WIXAMS

First item is the publication of our notice of our AGM, to be held at Wilstead Village Hall on **Thursday March 21st starting at 7.00pm**.

All are welcome to attend and raise questions etc. and to stand for any of the committee posts, all of which will become vacant as per usual.

If you would like to stand for a committee post please make this known to a current committee member beforehand if possible.

Next Wilstead Cafe dates in the Village Hall are **Friday 9th February, Friday 23rd February, Friday 8th March and Friday 22nd March** at the normal times 2.00pm to 3:30pm. And don't forget Wixams at the Lakeview Village hall every Tuesday 10:30am to midday. All ages welcome!

Regards to all.

Rick Baxter | Chairman | 01234 740854
WWGNS Phone 07807 408928

Willow Grove Primary School Consultation Report

Thank you to those who responded to the consultation. The Kingsbridge Educational Trust (KET) Board of Directors considered all responses received and agreed that they still wished to enter into a Funding Agreement with the Department for Education in preparation for the opening of Willow Grove Primary School in September 2024. A full report of the consultation and determined admission arrangements can be viewed at: www.willowgrove.school/consultation

The Kingsbridge Educational Trust

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Universal Studios Recent Announcement

Following the recent public announcement about Universal Studios building a new theme park at the former Stewartby brickworks site, the Parish Council is mindful that whilst this will bring a lot of excitement and opportunity to the local area, it may also bring some worry and uncertainty to the local community, particularly around impact on the local road network which is already busy.

Engagement from senior staff at Universal Studios with Bedford Borough Council as well as with Borough Councillors has already been forthcoming, with Universal staff making themselves accessible and willing to answer any questions and understanding the importance of community engagement. Parish Councillors have already been invited to and attended a face-to-face meeting with representatives which was done so that Universal could understand first-hand the concerns from Wilstead. Universal are meeting with each local parish individually to hear any worries and offer reassurance on how these items will be managed in the planning and development phases.

The application in terms of planning permissions will be administered through central government and not the local authority, with a target build timeline of 2027 through to a projected opening in 2030. It's anticipated there will be up to 30,000 construction jobs created, 10-12,000 full time jobs when the park is open, and we're told each job has a knock-on effect of a further 1.5 jobs in the local community.

The management of visitors and employees to the theme park are a key part of the infrastructure considerations which involve looking at access routes, as well as light and noise pollution. The Parish Council is assured that transport infrastructure is a key part of their plan, the Universal business is built on return visitors, so it's not in their interests to have a poor transport experience. We have also been reassured with regard to noise and the design of the site such that you can't hear noise from one part of the park to the other, so it won't bleed over into surrounding villagers.

Borough Ward Councillors are heavily involved with this project and the Parish Council will be closely monitoring the development of this proposal, even at this very early initial stage, and will keep residents up to date through the usual different platforms with information.

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Bedford Borough Council Local Plan Latest

As advised in the previous article the Government Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State who heard numerous local representations on the Borough Local Plan throughout June and September 2023, including representations from Wilshamstead Parish Council, deemed the intended local planning strategy framework up to 2040 not to be sound. The Parish Council understands that Borough Council Planning Policy Officers are continuing to work hard on the next steps with at the time of writing no formal announcement made on what these are to be.

It is expected the update on the Local Plan next steps will be made by the Borough Council by March 2024, and it is also expected that the December announcement from Universal Studios intending to build a theme park in Bedford borough will be a factor that is now included in the strategic planning framework document.

As usual the Parish Council will keep residents updated on this important item, but do head to this page if you wish to see the latest news: www.bedford.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/local-plan-2040-examination/examination-latest-news

Reminder Grants For Rural Businesses And Organisations

Please do remember there are a number of useful funding opportunities available that would benefit many members of the Village community so it is really worth taking some time and finding out more. Local grants awarded from a new initiative called the Rural England Prosperity Fund can provide capital funding to:

- support new and existing rural businesses to develop new products and facilities that will be of wider benefit to the local economy. This includes farm businesses looking to diversify income streams.
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If you are interested in this fund, do keep the Parish Council up to date, as it would be good to understand more about the types of local projects being put forward and if the Parish Council can assist in any way to support.

Bedfordshire Police – Safer Streets

One of a number of ways the local Police are trying to improve safety is through this initiative which covers a range of items, with full details available here: www.bedfordshire.pcc.police.uk/safer-streets/

It is part of a campaign that is working on:

- Provide property marking burglary reduction packages to community officers and Bobby scheme to issue to vulnerable residents/victims of burglary.
- Provide property marking business security packs to farms and businesses in rural areas via officers when they are dealing with vulnerable victims or a victim of theft.
- Invest in training in Watch Schemes throughout Beds and expand to create a rural watch scheme enabling residents to become additional visible deterrents and collate information and intelligence to submit to the force.

Contacting The Parish Council

The best way to contact the Parish Council is to email Lizzie the Parish Clerk at office@wilsteadparishcouncil.org. Alternatively, you can call 01234 743152 or write to PO Box 1548, Bedford, MK44 5AX.

Please note the Parish Office (at the rear of the Village Hall) is open most Mondays, 9am to midday. It is worth ringing in advance to ensure it is open and remember the next Parish Council meetings are planned for **Mondays, 12th February, 11th March, 15th April, 13th May, 10th June and 22nd July**. As always, they will be held at 7.00pm in the Small Hall of the Village Hall. Members of the Public are always welcome to attend and to raise any issues of concern during the 'Open' part of the meeting.



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Therefore, to be on the safe side, it has been decided to have a Tea Party later in the year.

As well as giving the Trustees more time to organise a 2024 Tea Party that will compare favourably with previous Tea Parties it will mean that everyone will be able to get home in daylight, (even the clearer-uppers!).

Apologies if you had planned around the provisional 13th March date. Hopefully the Trustees will be able to confirm a summer date (i.e. May, June or July) in the next Newsletters.

Trustees and Money

Normally, as per the rules of the Charities formalised with the Charity Commission in 1895, there are nine Trustees. Five are Representative Trustees who are nominated by the Parish Council and three more are nominated by these Representative Trustees. The remaining Trustee is normally the Vicar of All Saints Church, Wilstead or in their absence a member of the Parochial Church Council.

The first benefaction/gift was by William Tompson who left money in his will to set up the Charities in 1596. This gift was the 'rent from a cottage where George Linford lived' 'and from a meadow called Crossmeade'.

These rents provided in total £5 per year to be distributed amongst the poor of the Parish. £2.50 at Christmas and £2.50 at Easter.

Over the centuries further gifts of money, land and property were made to the Charities which provided money for the Church, the Education of village children as well as more money for the Poor. In the early 20th century most of these assets were disposed of and the money invested, leaving the Charities with a ten acre field, Crowsley's Field, which is between Wilstead and Elstow.

How the Charity was run prior to 1895 is somewhat 'lost in the mist of time'.

Currently the Charities income is around £1,000 per annum which is distributed amongst the three branches of the Charities. The Education branch income is spent on things for Wilstead School, The Church part of the income goes to All Saints Church and the Poor part of the income is now spent on the Tea Party.

Previous to circa 2000 the Poor income was distributed amongst 10 poor parishioners who received around £10 each at Christmas. The Trustees decided that identifying who were the ten poorest residents was difficult and so the Tea Party for all the older residents of the village was started.

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Days and Gardens to Look Forward to in 2024

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It is a timely reminder that bulbs have their own energy stores and will grow when the time is right, even if they are not planted! If you have any unplanted bulbs find them now and get them in a happy place to give you the beautiful blooms. We have seen Amaryllis grow and flower unplanted in the gift box.

Our January meeting was a Nosh and Natter with exceedingly nice warm scones and a chance to catch up, talk about the highs and lows of last year and share hints, tips and advice.

Overall 2023 seemed a patchy year with similar plants and trees either having abundance or total failure. We also heard about a half and half plum tree and plants escaping to seek more favourable conditions. A very entertaining meeting.

The programme for 2024 was discussed. Meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of each month except August and December. June, July and August are out and about months but otherwise we meet in the Village Hall at 2.30pm.

February | Bedford's Garden of Eden (Panacea Society)

March | Looking After Orchids

April | My Experience as a Horticulturalist

May | Plant Swap

June | Garden Visit to Beck House, Wrestlingworth

July | Visit to Panacea Society date to be arranged

August | Village Open Gardens

September | Gardening in 100 Objects

October | Quiz (note new month)

November | Garden Themed Christmas Decorations

December (3rd) | Christmas Meal

We hope you find something of interest and we look forward to seeing you. Entry £2 with an optional raffle for £1 per ticket.

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Our Short Mat Thursday Evening League is progressing and we are now two-thirds of the way through the season. We won't go into how the three Wilstead teams are faring on the whole, but the team I play for is the strongest, we're propping up the rest of the league! We are still playing our friendly club games on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and Friday evenings

Socially, during January we held a Saturday evening quiz with 14 very competitive teams, and our regular coffee morning.

A date you might want to put in your diary is our Rummage and Brunch on **Saturday 17th February** between 11am and 1pm just follow the smell of the bacon and sausage rolls.

In March, we are looking to put on a Race Night on **Saturday 23rd March** and Easter bonnet decorating with hot cross buns on **Thursday 28th March**.

Children from Wilstead Lower School will again be coming to try out short mat during late February and into March. This time it's year 4.

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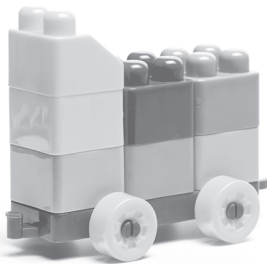
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Elstow Cricket Club Newsletter

(Local cricket club for Wilstead, Wixams, Elstow, Kingsbrook, Cauldwell and Other Surrounding Areas)

The spring will soon be here, and planning has started for the 2024 cricket season at The Warren, home of Elstow Cricket Club. We are all looking forward to getting underway with the new season and here is a snapshot of what we must look forward to.

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held on **Friday 22nd March** at 7.30pm in the Playing Field Hall, Elstow. All are welcome and an agenda will be available prior to that meeting. We are combining the AGM with our Youth signing on session which will start at 6pm. Youth players and their parents can get signed up and view and order any new kit. There will be a games evening once the AGM is finished around 8.30pm. The Bar will be open and food will be available.

Elstow Cricket Club Needs You

Elstow Cricket Club is a friendly club with a warm and welcoming atmosphere. With a thriving junior section and competitive men's and women's teams, the club continues to evolve into one of Bedfordshire's most forward thinking cricket clubs.

Ahead of the 2024 season, we are looking for new members to come forward and help support the rapid growth of our club including:

- **New players** - all genders, ages and ability
- **Scorers** - this is a paid position, training provided
- **Umpires** - this is a paid position, training provided.
- **Coaches** - training course fee's will be covered .
- **Volunteers** - to help with the bar and refreshments.

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Age Group Cricket

Our youth cricket U15's train on Mondays and play matches on Thursdays throughout May, June and July. Our Under 13's train on Fridays and play matches on Tuesday evenings. U9's and U11's train on Friday nights with matches on Sunday mornings.

Friday nights has three age group teams training, pitch preparation under way for weekends matches and a chance for some of our young adults to help with coaching. Fridays wouldn't be complete without All Stars. For 8 weeks in May and June we welcome 5 to 8 year olds and their parents to the Warren for a fantastic first experience of cricket. The programme is designed to introduce children to the sport, teach new skills, help make new friends and have a great time. Every child that registers will receive a backpack full of goodies. The Pigeon Toe Inn will be open and food will be available for kids, families, coaches and staff.

For more details on All Stars please visit www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars or get in touch with us at the Cricket Club.

Open Age Cricket

Our Saturday 1st and 2nd Team will be competing in the Hunts County League again this season.

On Sundays, we will be playing in the Beds County League divisions 3 and 6. We are always on the lookout for enthusiastic players of all ages and abilities. Adult training Wednesday evenings from 6pm. The Elstow Belles training is on Tuesday evenings. The Belles play softball cricket and this season will continue to try their hand at hard ball cricket. We are actively looking to recruit more age group girls to support the Belles and start an age group girls' team. Again, all ages and abilities are welcome.

Finally, we would like to thank our sponsors. Poplars Construction, Sineway Services, C Sturridge Builders and Custom Concrete for their continued support.

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Website: www.elstowcricketclub.co.uk

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There will probably be other wildlife around to look at including winter birds, mammal tracks and fungi etc. Anyone wishing to take home tree and twig samples after the walk is welcome to do so!

Talk on 'Jewels in the Air' by Dr Wilf Powell

Monday 11th March | 19.30pm

Maulden Church Hall
2A Church Road, Maulden, MK45 2AU

An illustrated talk describing hummingbird diversity, aspects of their biology and some of the best places to see them in south and central America.

£4 entrance charge to this event. Open to all.

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Come and join us for a walk. We walk every Saturday afternoon approximately 6 miles and Saturdays twice a month in morning for approximately 12 miles.

February Walks

Saturday 17th February
PM Colmworth Golf Club | 6.8 miles

Saturday 24th February
AM Part 6 John Bunyan Way, Cranfield | 11.3 miles **or** PM Clapham | 7.5 miles

For more information on our walks please telephone:
Margaret Sawyer | 07780 933729
Facebook: North Beds Ramblers | www.ramblers.org.uk/north-bedfordshire



Wilstead Women's Institute

Wilstead WI met on 3rd January for a chat and a beetle drive when members brought along a sharing plate of sweet and savoury snacks which we all enjoyed. The game beetle drive was enjoyed by all with some real competition to see who could win. Winner was Lyn Faulkner and the booby prizes Diane Pope and Mary Harris. No beetles were harmed in this game.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 7th February at 2pm in the Jubilee Centre when the speaker is Delphi Ellis talking about 'Less Stress and More Happiness'. This should be an interesting one to listen to.

Everyone welcome bring along family or friends.

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Footpath Group Meetings

The February meeting of the Group was on the 3rd, between when this input was generated and the Newsletter publication. There would have been reports on all the paths around the Village. I expect some of these would be reporting large puddles, (small lakes in some places!), but generally no paths being impassible.

Wellies, walking/stout boots/shoes are always advisable on the paths around the Village at this time of the year. Bedfordshire clay is good for creating puddles/mud as well as bricks!

The following meeting is in the Village Hall (small hall) on **Saturday 6th April 10.00am**. All are welcome. Come along if you would like to know more about joining in and helping to look at the condition of one of the seventeen paths.

A two monthly check on all the paths in the Parish is undertaken by members of the Footpath Group. Each member is allocated a path and each member's path is changed every two meetings. Maps of individual paths are provided as well as a survey form to fill in highlighting the path's condition and any work needed on it.

The provisional calendar for the remaining 2024 Meetings is overleaf.

Saturdays 1st June, 3rd August, 5th October, 7th December. (10.00am in Village Hall).

Working Parties

Working Parties over the winter have been curtailed by the weather. In fact we haven't had a working party in the last few months. Still none of the paths around the Village have been made difficult to use because of undergrowth and/or overgrowth. This in part was due to the weather and also due to the working parties during the last few years which have kept the footpaths walkable and horse rideable/cycleable/walkable on bridleways).

A new list of Working Party dates should be available after the meeting on 3rd February. Come along to one if you fancy helping keep the paths around the Village usable for the majority of people. Unfortunately as these paths are often along field edges, they can be uneven and are unsurfaced ie no tarmac! For some with mobility problems these could prove a challenge. However the Carriage Drive up to Wilstead Woods off Cotton End Road and bridleway to Elstow (opposite Elms Lane) do offer good surfaces which should suit everyone.

If you notice a problem on the footpaths and bridleways around the Village please call the number below and the Group can then look to see how it can be resolved.

Walks

The November walk was between Sundon and Sharpenhoe. The weather was sunny and the walk gave great views across the Bedfordshire countryside. The New Years Day walk was along paths around the Village. The recent wet weather meant that in order to avoid wading, the length of the walk was reduced to around three and a half miles but it still gave the opportunity to get some fresh air especially for those who had over indulged the evening before!

The Sunday 11th February walk is planned to be around Streatley so hopefully the weather will be kind!

2024 Walks

The remaining 2024 walk are provisionally planned for Sunday 17th March 2.00pm, Sunday 14th April 2.00pm, Friday 10th May 6.15pm, Friday 7th June 6.30pm, Friday 12th July 6.30pm, Friday 9th August 6.15pm, Sunday 8th September 2.00pm, Sunday 20th October 10.30am, Sunday 24th November 10.30am. These walks will be 4-5 miles long. Meet at Whitworth Way Car Park. All are welcome on these walks and if you are coming along please wear stout shoes or walking shoes/boots.

Keep an eye out for posters detailing the walks which will be on the Village Hall and Crossroads noticeboards.

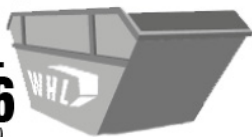
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The Christmas services were well attended. We had three services on Christmas Eve which happened to be a Sunday this year. The morning Service was followed by a packed Church for the Christingle service. There were 150 people packed in.

It was very successful and £178 was collected for the Children's Society. Thanks to those who made the Christingles and thanks to The Post Office for their sponsoring of the oranges. The evening service was at Midnight and attended by 21 people.

So we begin a new year with hope for the future and working together in our Elstow Team Ministry. We have lots of plans for the period going up to Easter, details of which will appear in the Newsletters.

We need to spend money on our Church. The heating system needs replacing with three new boilers at a cost of £17,000. We also need to spend money on the building itself following the latest roof inspection. All donations are gratefully received.

Our monthly coffee mornings begin again on **Wednesday 21st February** and then on **Wednesday 20th March**. These start at 10.30am until 12.00pm.

February Church Services have been arranged as follows:

Sunday 7th January

11.00am | Holy Communion | Rev Steve Marsh

Sunday 4th February

11.00am | Holy Communion | Rev Steve Marsh

Sunday 11th February

11.00am | Holy Communion | Rev Mike Stewart

Sunday 18th February

11.00am | Morning Prayer | Robert Heley

Sunday 25th February

11.00am | Holy Communion | Fr Paul Messam

We welcome all to worship

Robert Heley

Burglaries in Wilstead

The Editorial Team have been made aware that there have been a number of break-ins in our Village. The Police have been informed and we would ask all residents to be vigilant, ensure windows and doors are securely locked and that there is no easy way for would-be burglars to access them. Ensure all ladders are locked away or chained up.

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