



# Wilstead NEWSLETTER

including Parish Council News

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## WILSTEAD & WIXAMS

Easter has come and gone, I hope you all had an enjoyable break.

Our friend June's funeral went well and she had a good send off, with many of the Cafe regulars to wish her well on her way she was a close friend and neighbour and will be missed by many.

Though not a Good Neighbours function I would like to bring to your attention a RBL event we are organising (I am Branch Vice Chairman). A quiz night on **Saturday 10th May** to celebrate VE day 80th anniversary, Lakeview Village Hall Wixams, 7:30 start. Prizes for winning team and best dressed 1940's style! Look out for posters with details.

Next Wilstead Cafe dates in the Village Hall are **Friday 16th May, Friday 30th May and Friday 13th June** at the normal times 2.00pm to 3:30pm. And don't forget Wixams, Lakeview Village hall every Tuesday 10:30 to 12 Noon.

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## Garden Club News

Our April Gardening club meeting welcomed back Susie Lickman for a third visit to us. She listed some old wives tales and claims on social media, which might have a beneficial effect on ailing house plants.

From ice cubes for watering orchids, milk or mayonnaise for shiny leaves, chopping up banana skins or pouring coffee or tea leaves on house plants etc.

She explained the "science" behind their use and her up to date knowledge on why they would not be beneficial and could cause further problems in introducing bacteria etc. Susie then shared with us her considerable knowledge of house plants and what worked to save poorly house plants.

Our meeting in May is our annual plant swap. Please come along with any excess plants you have, labelled and in smallish pots to make carrying home easier. You may also find plants you would like to try or help fill gaps in your existing borders.

Hope to see you all at our meeting on **Tuesday 20th May** at 2.30pm. Happy Gardening.

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## Wilshamstead Parish Council

### Average Speed Camera Data

As detailed previously the Parish Council are reliant on this speed data being shared on by Bedford Borough Council from Bedfordshire Police and unfortunately on occasions this does not happen in a timely or consistent manner. However, the Parish Council are optimistic going forwards this information is able to be received more promptly, this means the Parish Council are pleased to be in a position to feedback the data for some of the cameras in Wilstead.

The latest data received was for February 2025 and shows the levels of speeding along Cotton End Road who have only recently had cameras installed at this location:

SPEED	NUMBER OF TICKETS
39 mph & under	41
41	2
42	1
43	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>46</b>

The data for the stretch of the A6 covered by average speed cameras for February shows:

SPEED	NUMBER OF TICKETS
74 mph & under	20
77	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21</b>

## Rural Bulky Waste Service Initial Information

At the time of writing the local authority have circulated the draft schedule for 2025, they have requested that it is not published in the public domain. It is looking like the facility will be serving Wilstead towards the end of May, with the Parish Council looking to publicise the final dates once the Borough Council have confirmed them in due course, this will be done across a range of different platforms.

## Proposed Housing Development For Wilstead

There continues to be no change to any of the three large planning applications for new houses in Wilstead, so please remember that even though the consultation deadlines have passed please note the Local Authority can still accept planning comments from members of the public and will be able to take these into account. So there is still time to have your voice heard regarding:

### 24/01566/MAO

An outline planning application for the erection of up to 149 dwellings and associated works at land to the South East of Duck End Lane.

### 24/02231/MAO

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375 houses proposed by Wates Development for land south of Wixams which is within the parish boundary of Wilstead.

Please send your comments to [planning@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:planning@bedford.gov.uk).

## Universal Studios Announcement

Following the recent announcement by Universal Destinations and Experiences, a unit of Comcast NBCUniversal, that it intends to build and operate the company's first-ever theme park and resort in the United Kingdom, located in Bedford, pending planning consent approvals, the Parish Council were grateful to receive invitations to attend the recent announcement event in Bedford.

The proposed plans include an entertainment resort complex with a world-class theme park with several themed lands featuring Universal's distinct brand of immersive storytelling, thrilling rides, innovative attractions and exciting entertainment. Initial resort plans also feature a 500-room hotel and a retail, dining and entertainment complex. It will be the first Universal-branded theme park in the UK and Europe.

The projects will have a transformational impact for Bedford, the wider region and the UK, generating nearly £50 billion of economic benefit, unlocking significant local transportation upgrades, and creating thousands of new, high-quality jobs. Local residents received a letter containing more information as well as more being available on their website [universalukproject.co.uk](http://universalukproject.co.uk).

The Parish Council will continue to engage and monitor the development of this project as it moves forwards and starts to take shape.

## Parish Council Work Updates

There remains ongoing dialogue with the Borough Council regarding the highways safety proposals for the village around the village centre such as greater double yellow line coverage and a 20mph zone for the village centre as well as some proposals in other parts of the village. These proposed items will be publicly consulted on so all members of the Wilstead community can engage in the consultation process and have their say.

- Continued work being undertaken to improve the recently acquired land off Bedford Road, to be known as Huckle's Meadow in preparation for having the area open for public access in the near future.
- Contracts confirmed for the village grass areas, along with the hedge maintenance for this forthcoming season.
- Continued engagement with parish planning applications received (all Parish Council comments are available on the Borough Council website planning portal section).

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- Follow up work being done to expedite the monies owed from the developers contribution as part of the original infrastructure work promised to the local residents to enable the community woodland, now known as Jacob's Wood to be planted and maintained in the coming years.
- Regular updates published on local matters through the Wilstead Parish Council website, do visit [www.wilsteadparishcouncil.org](http://www.wilsteadparishcouncil.org) to see the latest news and helpful information.

## Contacting The Parish Council

The best way to contact the Parish Council is to email Lizzie (the Parish Clerk) at [office@wilsteadparishcouncil.org](mailto: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.

It is always more interesting to attend a Parish Council meeting in person to see what goes on and understand the range of items covered in trying to move improvements for the Wilstead community forwards. Dates and the agenda are advertised on the village noticeboards, with meetings usually on a Monday starting at 7pm in the small hall at Wilstead Village Hall. (Head to the left-hand side of the main hall building and you will see the door open which is where the Parish Council will be). Everyone is most welcome to join us, with next meetings scheduled for 12th May, 16th June and 21st July.

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## P3 Footpath Group Meetings

There was a quick meeting of the Footpath Group in the Village Hall on 5th April.

The condition of each of the many Public Footpaths and Public Bridleways which surround the village was reported on, following their inspections by members of the group.

Whilst none of these 17 Rights of Way were impassible or even difficult to go along these inspections highlighted where improvements could be made and areas to keep an eye on if we have a wet late Spring!

Also all of the furniture on the paths, be they kissing gates, finger posts, waymark posts and the few small bridges, were reported to be in good/reasonable condition.

Any proposed improvements mainly consisted of cutting back overhanging vegetation and replacing faded way mark discs.

The next bi-monthly meetings are on **Saturday 14th June** and **Saturday 2nd August** in the Village Hall (small hall) at 10.00am.

There will again be a report on each of the footpaths and bridleways around the village including their current ease of use. If problems are identified then plans to address these will be discussed. If any of these problems are too large for the Group to address or extra waymarking/path furniture is needed then help will be sought from Bedford Borough.

Come along if you want to know where the paths are, we have some path leaflets, and/or if you are interested in helping to keep these paths around the village usable and see what this entails. This could be doing a visual survey every couple of months to identify any problems and / or help resolve the problems with other members of the group

All are welcome.

## Working Parties

Working Parties to address issues raised at the meetings that the Group can tackle will be arranged. Any material needed to resolve these problems, e.g. new waymark posts, will be requested from the Borough Council or purchased by the Group.

If you find any problems when going along the paths and bridleways around the village please contact me, see contact details below.

## Walks

The April walk was along paths through Flitwick Moor woodland and along the footpaths to Flitton and back. It was a bit shorter than the normal 5 miles (a 2 hour wander). Whether this was due to the allure of the post walk refreshment or not exactly following the planned route remains uncertain.

The weather was fine and the walk was over firm ground (i.e. no avoiding large puddles). The optional refreshment was found in the White Hart Maulden.

If you want to have a look at Flitton Moor and the woods there is a car park down a track off Maulden Road, Flitwick next to Folly Farm.

Keep an eye on the posters on the village noticeboards for details of future walks.

The next walks will be on **Friday 9th May 6.30pm**, **Friday 13th June 6.30pm** and **Friday 11th July 6.30pm**. Meet in the village car park off Whitworth Way

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The Committee endeavour to keep improving the Hall's facilities while maintaining a competitive price for those who hire the Hall. Please give this plenty of thought and contact Angela, the Secretary, for further information if required. If you wish to stand for the positions of Chairperson, Treasurer or Secretary, please inform Angela by 10 days before the meeting (details below).

You might have spotted or even enjoyed sitting on the new seat/bench outside the front of the Hall. This was purchased in memory of Brian and Sandra Spinks who were tragically killed last November. We still miss them and are very grateful for all the time and devotion they gave to the Hall.

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## What is this going to cost me in time?

We hope you are able to commit at least six hours a month. As a volunteer, you help when you are willing and able to, and volunteering times are by mutual agreement.

## Why do you volunteer with the fire service?

I do it because I know it makes a real difference, few things in life matter but this does. I love working within a team and learning new things all the time.

## How do I find out more or apply?

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## Wilstead Women's Institute

Our AGM was held on Thursday 4th April with all committee and officers standing again for the coming year. Without the dedication of the committee our village WI would not exist so thank you ladies for your hard work and input over the past year and for the year to come.

We had representative's from Bedford Borough Council, the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care Councillor Robert Rigby and Mark Harris who is the Service Director of Adult Social Care.

Mark also co-chairs the Older Persons Partnership Board. This board is made up of volunteers who want to make a difference through the board and have their voices heard. This can be made up of Health, social care, voluntary services etc. Some of the topics covered recently are bus services, community safety, loneliness and many more. The board offers people the opportunity to ask questions regarding a number of topics. If you are interested to come along to a meeting. Please contact [Mark.harris@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:Mark.harris@bedford.gov.uk).

Our Stratford trip is fully booked; however we now have tickets on sale for our Summer Band Concert on **Saturday 21st June** in the Village Hall for an evening of merry music and sing along with refreshments for a price of £10.00. Tickets can be purchased from WI meetings, Post Office or on the number below. You may bring your own wine or beer if you wish to do so.

The evening ended with everyone having a chat with friends and enjoying a hot cross bun along with their cuppa.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 1st May** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall when we are holding a members evening and celebrating VE day.

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## Wilstead Pre School News

Back after the Easter break for what feels like a very short half term! I hope everyone had a lovely Easter and enjoyed eating as much chocolate as possible without feeling too guilty. I know I did!

This last term is packed full of events coming up. What with Father's Day celebrations, sports day, end of term parties and all our fundraising events.

On **Sunday 18th May 2:30-4:00pm** our family disco is being held at Wilstead village hall. All welcome, not just children who attend the pre school. Tickets are £5 per child, adults free. Suitable for children up to 7yrs old. Entertainment provided. Adults to stay with their children. Refreshments provided.

This will be a lovely fun family afternoon so please do come along. Children can dress up in their party clothes or dressing up outfits, if they wish. Adults too if they really wish! Tickets available at [Committee@wilstead-preschool.co.uk](mailto:Committee@wilstead-preschool.co.uk).

The fun run date has been set. I hope you have been limbering up and have managed to find those old trainers. It will be on **Saturday 7th June** at the Jubilee Centre and field. 9am for the warm up, fun run starts at 9:30 am.

This will be a sponsored family fun run for all ages and everyone welcome. You can do as many laps of the field as you like. We will be selling refreshments, pastries, sausage and bacon rolls for when you have finished as a well deserved treat at the end of your run.

This is perfect for all those children with boundless energy (even at the weekends!!) Tickets are £5 per child entrance fee, adults free. For more information and to book a space email [Committee@wilstead-preschool.co.uk](mailto:Committee@wilstead-preschool.co.uk).

And our final fundraising event is our fabulous quiz night (just for the adults this one) **Friday 27th June** at Wilstead village hall. Teams of up to 8. £5 per person entrance fee. Bar available cash/ card payments. Raffle. Our fabulous quiz master Sammy will host. Please book a table via pre school or by contacting 07948 565992.

Now of those three events one or two surely take your fancy and your support is needed more than ever and hugely appreciated! Please do join us as all three promise to be fabulous.

Here's to a very busy summer term ahead.

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## Elstow Cricket Club

(Local cricket club for Wilstead, Wixams & Elstow)

By the time you read this, the season will be well underway. We've had a very dry spring and hopefully this fine weather will continue into the early summer.

We had a successful AGM and signing-on night in March and at the end of April we held our first event in the newly refurbished Tea Room and Bar hosting our Gin Tasting evening.

We have some important dates for your diaries as follows:

**Friday 9th May** - sees our Men's 1st XI take on the Bedfordshire Farmers in the 1st Round of the East Bed's Charity Shield. We are expecting a big crowd - the bar will be open from 5pm and the BBQ will be fired up from 6pm. Hopefully, we will raise some much needed money for the East Bed's Charities.

**Saturday 21st June** - our main event of the Summer will be our Vice President's Day. The 1st XI will be playing Peterborough Knights at The Warren and we will host our VP's, The Friends of Elstow CC (FECers) and our sponsors in a day of fun, food and cricket. This years VP's day theme will be 'Sausage and Cider'

so please put the date in your diary and keep an eye out here and on our social media sites for more information.

As with previous seasons, we have a packed fixture list with four men's teams playing Saturday and Sundays, our ladies team playing on Sundays and Monday evenings, and our age group teams playing on Tuesdays, Thursday and Sundays. Now that we have our new bar and tea-room up and running, please feel free to pop along for tea, coffee or something a little stronger. We hope to have some coffee mornings for the Sunday games and some afternoon teas at the weekends. Of course, we have our Friday night youth training sessions when the U9's, U11's and U13's all train and the families, players and supporters get together to start the weekend with a beer, wine and a pizza. It's a fantastic evening to sit in the sun and have an ice cold drink with friends watching all the action on the playing field. In May and June we also host the All Stars aimed at the youngsters age 5 to 8 years old to get an early taste of cricket.

For more details on All Stars please visit [www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars](http://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars) or contact us at the Cricket Club.

With an exciting season ahead, Elstow Cricket Club is ready for action. Whether you're a player, supporter, or volunteer, your involvement makes a huge difference. Here's to a fantastic summer of cricket - let's make 2025 a season to remember!



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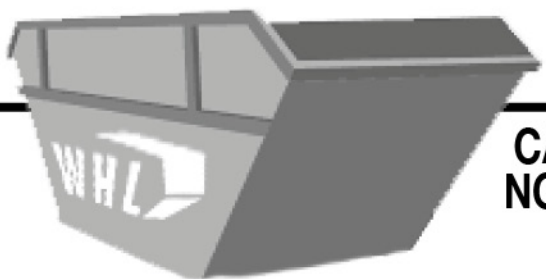
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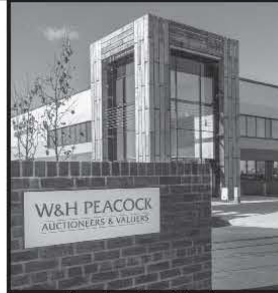
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Jocelyn  
by Andrew



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## Wilstead Bowls Club

### The Green Is Now Open!

The weather has been kind for mowing and preparing the green for the season. There has been work on the flower beds and the benches and gates have also been painted. Thanks go to all involved.

With this newsletter you will have received a flyer for our Open Day on **Sunday 25th May** from 2pm. We are running this alongside the Bowls England Big Weekend event. The bar will be open and refreshments available. Come and have a go.

We are also inviting anyone who would like to try a free bowling taster session to come along on any Friday evening in May and June from 6pm onwards.

For both the Open Day and the taster sessions all you need are flat soled shoes.

In our last newsletter we asked if there is anyone in the village who has some spare time and would like to help with the ongoing upkeep of the green and surrounding flower beds, the club would be very grateful. Please get in touch.

### Selection of Up and Coming Home Games:

#### Saturday 10th May

Friendly Ladies Triples 2pm.

#### Tuesday 13th May

Ladies League 5.30pm

#### Wednesday 14th May

Friendly Mid-Week Triples 2pm.

#### Wednesday 14th May

Mens County League 6.15pm.

#### Friday 16th May

In-House Fish & Chip Spoon Drive. 5.30pm start.

#### Monday 19th May

Mens Beds Bowls League 6pm.

*Spectators always welcome.*

The arrangements for our 40th Anniversary Celebration Games on **Sunday 20th July** are progressing. We would like to thank GoodOaks Homecare for their sponsorship. Please keep a look out on the Wilstead Community Facebook page for more club news and activities or join us on Facebook - **WILSTEAD BOWLS CLUB** or visit our website [www.wilsteadbowlsclub.co.uk](http://www.wilsteadbowlsclub.co.uk).

If you need any club information you can contact:

#### Sue Marchant

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Sunday 4th May

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Sunday 4th May 10.00am

**Joint service** at Houghton Conquest at 10.00am to consecrate a new Altar Table by the Bishop of Bedford

Sunday 11th May 11.00am

**Holy Communion** | Fr Steve Marsh

Sunday 18th May 11.00am

**Morning Praise** | Helen H Applegarth

Sunday 25th May 11.00am

**Holy Communion** | Rev Mike Stewart

Sunday 1st June 11.00am

**Morning Praise** | Helen H Applegarth

The service plans will look a little different during May, June, and July as we will only have one vicar during that period.

Fr Paul is on a sabbatical for 3 months and we say farewell to Fr Steve as he moves to his new parishes of Clophill and Maulden at the end of May.

We will have visiting clergy to help out with the services but we may have a Sunday without a service at 11.00am.

The Easter Coffee morning was a great success. A lot of people including quite a few children came along. There was an Easter Egg hunt for the children and the highlight of the morning was a lamb brought along by Barbara Seamark. It was a great attraction and at only a week old submitted itself to being stroked and cuddled by the children.

The May Coffee Morning is on **Wednesday 21st May** at 10.30am in the garden at Viv Riddle's House 73 Whitworth Way (Weather permitting!).

**Robert Heley**

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The Editor



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