



Wilstead NEWSLETTER

including Parish Council News

May 2024

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Wilstead Flower, Produce & Handicrafts Show

This year's show will be held on
Saturday 31st August



The Wilstead Flower, Produce and Handicrafts Show's schedule has now been posted on the Village website, so have a look and plan your entries for Flowers, Flower arrangements, Vegetables, Fruit, Cookery, Handicrafts and Photography.

The show is a friendly community event and all entries stand a chance of winning a prize so why not have a go!

If you can't put an entry in just come along and look at the show. There are refreshments during the show, and at the end a raffle, and an auction of produce.

The printed version of the schedule will be available from the Post Office in July.

Linda & Ken Cook

Wilstead Jubilee Centre

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 5th June | 7.30pm

Please come along and support Wilstead Jubilee Centre and learn more about a facility that is a real asset to the Village.

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RECENT CRIME RECORDED FOR WILSTEAD

Malicious Communications

26/03/24

Assault with Injury

22/03/24

Shop Lifting

23/03/24

Theft or Unauthorised Taking of Motor Vehicle

21/03/24

Criminal Damage – Residential

29/02/24

Assault without Injury

22/02/24

Arson Not Endangering Life

20/02/24

Harassment

20/02/24

Theft From A Vehicle

20/02/24

Blackmail

16/02/24

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Our 'Cafe with a Cop' afternoon went very well with a good number of visitors, many of whom took the opportunity to chat with our Community Police Officer Stephen. He has expressed a wish to repeat this event in the not to distant future and we hope to be able to extend another warm welcome to him then.

Next Wilstead Cafe dates in the Village Hall are:
 Friday 3rd May
 Friday 17th May
 Friday 31st May
 Friday 14th June

At the normal times 2.00pm to 3:30pm.

And don't forget Wixams at the Lakeview Village hall every Tuesday 10:30am to 12 Noon.

All ages welcome!

Rick Baxter | Chairman WGNS | 01234 740854
 WGNS Phone 07807 408928

Reader's Letter

Regarding the recent 'Reader's Letter' I would like to point out to the concerned resident that the majority of times the car park sign gets turned round, it is the wind that does this and often it is a member of the Village Hall Committee that turns it back the right way.

The problem lies with the sign and it is fixture as over time it has become loose enough to turn in the strong wind.

The answer is to report to the Council but I am not certain which department to contact.

From another concerned resident.

Mobile Library

The Mobile library will be in Wilstead on Wednesdays as follows:

Black Hat Close	3.55pm to 14.10pm
76 Cotton End Road	14.15pm to 14.35pm
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Wilshamstead Parish Council Why Not Join Us???

You are more than welcome to join the Parish Council. We have the ability to co-opt new members, so there doesn't currently have to be an election. There are presently a number of vacancies and with so many projects and pieces of work on the go, an increase in the number of Councillors would be hugely beneficial to help keep these important items moving forwards at a good pace.

We are short of IT and Social Media skills and would benefit hugely from the input from younger members – a larger number of female members would help balance discussion as well!

You can help influence the future of the village - the amount of effort you put in is down to you – as little or as much as you can manage and we are a very friendly group.

There are lots of ways new Councillors are supported, through outside training, guidance from experienced Councillors and the Clerk is able to assist as much or as little as you would like.

Please do get in touch as it would be great to have you with us.

New Community Asset - Introducing Huckles Meadow

The Parish Council are very pleased to announce the land transfer has now taken place. This means that the Parish Council are now the owners of the area of land off Bedford Road by the balancing bond as you enter/exit the village by the A6 roundabout.

The Parish Council have already undertaken some site meetings to discuss potential ways to improve the area, which will be discussed in more detail at forthcoming Parish Council meetings, so a clear strategy for development and improving the area can be agreed and acted upon.

Wishing to recognise this important area within the parish, and to mark its change in ownership from Bedford Borough Council to the Parish Council, it was felt fitting to give this piece of land a name by which it would be known locally, recognised by the village now, and in future generations.

The Parish Council are pleased to announce the area will be named Huckles Meadow after former resident, Borough and Parish Councillor Barry Huckle who devoted many years of service to the village and to the new community of Wixams in numerous community roles.

For safety reasons and until the area is properly fenced and landscaped (hopefully over the Summer months) the area will not be available for the public to access.

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Bedfordshire Police Inspector Visit Feedback

Inspector Russell Goldsmith attended the April Parish Council meeting. Russell is the Inspector for the North Rural Community Team at Bedfordshire Police which covers Wilstead and surrounding village areas and he provided some really useful feedback.

In return, feedback to him included: speeding vehicles through the village, inconsiderate parking concerns particularly along Church Road, anti-social vehicle behaviour including late night racing along the A6, plus how the community may engage with the police on important local matters.

Several actions were agreed between all parties present on how to improve communications, flow of information through to the police, accessing police engagement when needed, plus information on increased Police Constable Officer numbers joining the rural community policing team to serve Wilstead and surrounding villages.

Average Speed Cameras, Cotton End Road - Latest

The Parish Council continue to keep pushing the local authority on progressing this scheme to enable an installation date to be shared with the community.

The responsible Environmental Engineering Team Leader at the Borough Council has recently advised: *"The Cotton End Road average speed cameras are currently in design. We have held a site meeting with the contractors to discuss the works and the positions of the new cameras. We are looking to install the cameras on lamp columns to keep the amount of street furniture at the site to a minimum and reduce clutter. The existing columns are likely to require replacement to ensure they can support the loading of the cameras and provide the necessary visibility for the ASC system to function. At this stage we are looking to finalise the design works in July with construction anticipated in late summer depending on contractor and road space availability."*

The Parish Council are responding promptly to the Officer's request for further information to mitigate any further delays

Handymen Wanted

The Parish Council is looking to establish a shortlist of handymen (or women) able to assist with tasks at short notice. This might be anything from a leaking tap at the Jubilee Centre, decorating, applying wood preservative to our benches, maintaining our noticeboards, helping the caretaker at the Village Hall and many other tasks in between. Payment would be at the going rate. If you have a business or are an individual with some time on their hands and

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Bedford Borough Council Bulky Waste Collection Service In Wilstead

At the time of writing the Parish Council have seen the draft schedule for bulky waste collection for this year provided by Bedford Borough Council, however, they have been asked not to publicise the dates until the schedule has been confirmed. As Wilstead is presently earmarked for a visit in May it is probable that the final date, time and location will only be available on the Parish noticeboards and on our website at www.wilsteadparishcouncil.org. This information will include more details including the types of waste that will be accepted.

Planning Applications and Breaches

The Parish Council are a statutory consultee for planning applications which means they get notified of applications in the parish. Details of these applications are circulated to the Planning Working Group who recommend a response to the full Parish Council at a Parish Council meeting.

There are certain types of applications which the Parish Council are not notified of, however, but the Parish Council as well as other stakeholders may still comment on them. These include siting of telegraph poles, broadband cabinets, lawful development certificates, plus some variations, amendments and conditions of previously approved applications.


In order to not miss out on these applications the Parish Council maintain a proactive approach, regularly reviewing the Borough Council planning portal for any application received within the parish. Members of the public can also set up notifications alerting you to any newly registered applications, to be sent to your email directly. Head to the webpage to do this: www.bedford.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-applications/search-plans/search-plans-how-to-find-planning.

If it appears that an application is not being built to plan, the Borough Council rely fully on information being passed on to them from the public, so they can investigate.

The process to do this is really quick, simple and also totally anonymous.







Regrettably the local authority will not accept any report of breaches unless they are sent through the planning portal, so you do need to complete a form which can be found at: www.bedford.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-guidance/report-planning-breach then click on the purple box 'planning enforcement investigation'.

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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.

The next Parish Council meetings are planned for **Monday 13th May, Monday 10th June and Monday 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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Saturday 18th May

PM Little Staughton | 6.8 miles

Saturday 25th May

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Flitwick Moor & Folly Wood | Saturday 1st June

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Invertebrate Day at Flitwick Moor

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Flower walk with Holly Bilcock

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Saturday 15th June

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Wilstead Women's Institute

Our WI meeting held on in April was our AGM. We had a quiz organised by our resident quiz master Liz Croot which proved very entertaining.

The committee members from last year are standing again to take forward our WI into the new financial year. A new President has been elected, the Secretary and Treasurer are to stay the same.

Come along and join in make new friends or see old ones. Unfortunately by the time you read this we will have had our May meeting. It's not all Jam and Jerusalem and we have some very interesting speakers from whom we always learn something new. Our meeting for June is on **Thursday 6th June** in the Village Hall at 7.30pm and our speaker is Evan Willison on working in the Woburn Auction Room, it should be an interesting evening.

Our next trip in on **Wednesday 19th June** to Hunstanton at a cost of £20. If you are interested and want more details please contact me on the details below. My apologies for the Springfields trip I put the wrong date.

Karen Cook | President Wilstead WI
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Wilstead Village Hall

Management Committee Annual General Meeting

Thursday 16th May 2024
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Wilstead Pre School

**Spring has arrived!
I can't believe it's May already.**

It's lovely to see some sunshine at last. This half term we are learning all about things that grow and people who help us.

Last term we invited our lovely mums to Pre School to enjoy an afternoon with their children to celebrate Mother's Day. They potted up plants with their children and enjoyed a slice of cake. It was so great to see lots of mums.

We are looking forward to welcoming the dads to our Father's Day celebration afternoon soon.

Our sponsored Easter Egg hunt was another successful afternoon with lots of parents joining us.

Thank you for your huge support and sponsorship money. A total of £400 was raised which is fantastic.

Our quiz night was a huge success. It was amazing to see the Village Hall packed with people laughing and having fun and answering a few questions along the way. Thank you to the parents and wider community for your continued support with this fundraiser. We even have people as far as Newmarket come along again and again because they enjoy it so much. It is massively appreciated by us all.

Thank you again to our wonderful quiz master Sammy. She did us proud and even fitted in some bingo on the night too. What a legend she is. Thank you Sam!

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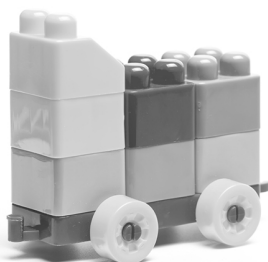
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The Wilstead Garden Club will be holding the annual plant swap on **Tuesday 21st May**. This is open to everyone who has plants to swap. So even if you have a few extra plants grown on a windowsill that are more than you need, bring them along and swap them for plants you do want. Any vegetable, flower, indoor or garden plants are welcome. Donations will be arranged in the Village Hall car park according to type and swapped after the meeting.

Plants can be in any suitable container, plant pots, yoghurt pots, disposable drink cups, but they should be in fairly dry compost. Larger split perennials or small shrubs, if bare rooted, should be well wrapped in waterproof covering to prevent any soil leaks or the plants drying out. We are hoping for a great selection.

At our April meeting we had a bumper turnout to hear Mike Stewart talk about his journey as a horticulturist training at both private estates and stately homes. These include Waddesden and Highgrove, where his home was within sight of the then Prince Charles' home. Without giving away any secrets we all enjoyed a very entertaining afternoon learning about the trials of trainees and the difficulties of horticulture, particularly keeping an ornamental hedge in perfect shape. We hope to have a return visit by Mike next year.

We are looking forward to going out and about in June and July and sign up sheets for our visit to Beck House on **Tuesday 18th June** at 2.30pm and the Panacea Society on **Thursday 18th July** at 11am were available. These will be available at the May meeting, if you are interested.

We look forward to seeing you and your plants at 2.30pm on **Tuesday 21st May**. Entry is £3 and there is no raffle at this meeting.

Maralyn, Lynda, Mary, Viv, Julie, Annette, Chris

Wilstead Garden Club Committee

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You would need access to a computer, some IT skills and be over 18 years of age. This would involve a daily quick check for new booking requests and sending out replies/invoices, both of which are generated by the software. Full training will be given together with support and advice!

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On Thursday 16th May at 7.30pm in the small hall, the Hall is holding its AGM. Please do come along and consider putting yourself forward to be on the Committee. We need new people with fresh ideas about how to run and maintain the Hall. Please see the AGM notices and posters, and contact Sandra or Angela for further information.

To find any information about the Hall, T's & C's, rates of hire, to make a booking via the On-line Diary etc, please visit: wilsteadvillagehall.org.uk

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Wilstead Players

Tickets are still available for The Players' production of 2 one-act plays on Friday 10th and Saturday 11th May in the Village Hall. If you would prefer to choose where you sit in the hall please book online with Ticketsource via our website. Otherwise just turn up on the night, pay at the door and take pot luck with your seats.

The plays start at 7.30pm and the bar will be open before the plays start, during the interval and after the show ends. Both plays, "Last Respects" and "The Actor's Nightmare", are comedies so do come along and enjoy a good laugh.

Looking ahead to the autumn, it is rumoured that another Murder Mystery Dinner Evening could be on the cards.... **Watch this space!**

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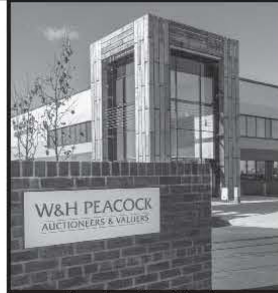
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News from Wilstead Primary School

Hello from us all here in School. After our busy last term we are looking ahead to hopefully some warmer days that will be equally productive.

We love seeing how our beautiful environment blossoms and grows in this season. The School's Forest School area has become a central part of our offer, with all of the children enjoying the opportunity to learn and play outside.

This term, we hope to install new raised growing beds and begin planting vegetables, with thanks to a grant from Marston Vale Forest Trust and Tesco Blue Tokens. We are also taking extra special care of our little pond which is home to lots of insects, newts and frogs now.

A heartfelt thank you from us all to the Parish Council for their support to our Parent Teacher Association with a grant to install some much needed playground markings. This will definitely

improve the grounds visually but they will be educationally beneficial too, for not only current students but future students who attend Wilstead Primary.

You may have seen the School busy over the recent Easter Holidays, we had new classroom flooring installed in two rooms, boiler improvements and servicing and electrical surveys and servicing too. No rest for the staff just because students aren't in school!

Miss Brown | Headteacher

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Footpath Group

Meetings

The next Footpath Group meetings will be on **Saturday 1st June and Saturday 3rd August** in the Village Hall, small hall, at 10.00am.

There will be a report on all the Public Footpaths and Bridleways in the parish. These reports will be based on inspections undertaken by members of the group.

Not only will the path's surface have been checked but also any overgrowth which is restricting movement along the path will have been identified.

Come along if you are interested in the paths around the village and fancy helping to keep an eye on them. See how the reporting process works and how the group identifies what work is required to ensure that all the paths remain usable for all the village, (without having to wade or duck!!).

Working Parties

The last Working Party installed two waymark posts on Footpath 12, which runs from the parish boundary near Medbury Farm, Elstow to join Bridleway 15 and so reach Hooked Lane, Wilstead.

On the way it junctions with Footpath 13 and so provides a link to Duck End Lane and creates a nice countryside loop / walk from there to Hooked Lane.

Hopefully the new waymark posts will make it even more difficult to get lost!!

Walks

In April, after a couple of postponements due to wet weather, the group finally managed to do the walk around Streatley / Sharpenhoe and were rewarded with great views across Bedfordshire north towards Ampthill / Clophill and the Greensand Ridge.

The next walk is planned to be on **Friday 17th May**. Meet at 6.30pm in the Village car Park off Whitworth Way. Keep an eye out for details of the walk on the village noticeboards.

All are welcome on these walks and if you are coming along please wear stout shoes or walking shoes/boots.

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COMMUNITY ART GROUP

As an Art Group we meet just to enjoy painting or drawing together with others. It has a strong social element and those who come usually go away happier than when they came!

If you are interested in art and would love to try out your talent, why not join us?

To make it clearer, we do not have a resident art teacher but from time to time we may invite a guest artist. Our members are always glad to advise where they can and to encourage you in whatever medium you choose to use.

You need to bring your own materials, but we can provide some equipment, easels and paints etc. Your first session is free and, if you decide to continue and become a member, it will be £3 a session when you are able to come.

We usually meet in the Village Hall on Mondays from 2pm-4pm. We don't meet on Bank Holidays.

Our group has members of all abilities, using a variety of mediums. You might like sketching in pencil, charcoal, pen and ink, whatever. You can also paint in watercolour, acrylic or even oil or in a mixed media. Do whatever you like. We would love you join us.



Zanta: Pastel
 by Maggie

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All Saints Church

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The services have been planned for May and are as follows:

Sunday 5th May 11.00am

Holy Communion Revd Steve Marsh

Sunday 12th May 11.00 am

Holy Communion Fr Paul Messam

Sunday 19th May 11.00am

Morning Praise Robert Heley

This is Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the church.

Come along and celebrate with us on this major Festival.

Sunday 26th May 11.00 am

Holy Communion Revd Mike Stewart

We have our Monthly Coffee Morning on **Wednesday 15th May** from 10.30am onwards.

There will not be a coffee morning in June as we are having our Summer Fair on **Saturday 22nd June**. It replaces our Church Fete and will be on a much smaller scale. This will be from 12 noon onwards. We are planning a smaller event with usual stalls and we invite people to bring their own stalls with a small charge and they keep the profits they make. There will be lunches supplied by our usual team of ladies and a raffle, including a hamper. Please let Viv Riddle know if you are interested in bringing your own stall. She can be contacted on 404073.

Stay Safe At Home

Beds Fire Service provides free Home Fire Safety Visits to eligible residents - and needs more volunteers to help around Marston Moreteyne.

The visits are free to people aged over 65 years old, who live alone, have a disability, social care needs, smoke, have a cluttered environment, etc. As well as fire safety information, they include installation of smoke alarms and carbon monoxide monitors along with specialist alarms for people with impaired hearing where needed; plus additional guidance on health, wellbeing and crime prevention.

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Friday 17th May

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Wilstead Bowls Club

We have 70 members signed up to play during the Summer.

The green opened on the 20th April and thanks go to all members who gave their time helping in various working parties to make this possible. There will still be ongoing maintenance and grass cutting needed throughout the season.

Our first inter club match was at home against Woburn Sands on 28th April.

As well as the work needed outside we are looking to refurbish the toilets, in particular bringing our Accessible toilet in line with current regulations. We would like to thank the Forrest of Marston Vale for their £2,000 donation and the Harpur Trust for a further £2,500. Our thanks also go to the Parish Council for their continued support and help with securing these donations.

Upcoming Event

On **Sunday 26th May**, 12noon – 4.00pm

We invite you to join us in **The Bowls Big Weekend**.

This is a national event when clubs all over the country encourage local residents, young and old to **come and give bowls a try!** You only need flat soled shoes.

Make it a family outing, we'll be offering tea, coffee, rolls and cakes - *and* the bar will be open!

We promise to make it a fun afternoon!

If you cannot make **Sunday 26th May**, we are having a further Open Day on **Sunday 9th June**.

If you haven't done so visit our website www.wilsteadbowlsclub.co.uk.

If you need any club information or would like to 'have a go' please get in touch.

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