



Wilstead NEWSLETTER

including Parish Council News

November 2021

PUBLISHED BY WILSTEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH, PART OF BEDFORD & DISTRICT NW ASSOCIATION

Wanted – Wilstead Village Hall Relief Caretaker

Due to our present Relief Caretaker acquiring a new job, Wilstead Village Hall Management Committee is looking for a replacement for this role. The hours would include every Monday depending on the Hall bookings and covering for the main Caretaker's holidays and sick days.

The pay is at the current minimum wage and paid by the hour. Duties would include good time-keeping to unlock and lock the Hall for hirers; preparing the Hall and cleaning after a hire; stepping into the Caretaker's role when needed. This requires working closely with the Caretaker, especially when covering his fuller duties.

If you require further information and/or are interested in taking up this post please contact either of the names listed below.

Chairperson | Sandra Spinks
sanschambers@hotmail.com
07853 395939

Secretary | Angela Fosbrook
angela.fosbrook@ntlworld.com
01234 294692

All enclosed articles are subject to current Covid19 restrictions

Contents this month include:

Parish Council	Page 3
New Police Officer	Page 6
Good Neighbours	Page 10
All Saints Church	Page 13
New Year's Tea Party	Page 16

CRIME RECORDED FOR WILSTEAD

Theft from Motor Vehicle

Between Monday 27th September 7pm
and Tuesday 28th September 11am
Hampton Close

Theft from Motor Vehicle

Between Monday 27th September 4pm
and Tuesday 28th September 9.30am
Whitworth Way

Malicious Communication

Friday 3rd September 12.45pm
Whitworth Way

Assault Without Injury

Friday 3rd September Midnight
Luton Road

Crime Recorded for nearby Villages

Cotton End 5, Cople 2,
Shortstown 19 and Wixams 10.

*'Crimes Recorded' are the latest available and
cover the period 1st to 30th September.*

Your Co-ordinator is:

Wilstead FC Under 11s

Wilstead Under 11s have enjoyed a promising start to the 2021-22 season with four wins from their opening six league matches. With much of last season lost to the pandemic, the team returned to action more enthusiastic than ever, sporting a new sky blue kit very generously donated by the team sponsor 'DGM Vehicle Services' - a big thank you to Darren McKenna from everyone involved at the club.

The opening league game of the season saw a resounding 12-2 victory away to Wootton Spitfires. New record signing Rocco Lehri grabbed a hat-trick and fellow debutant Tyler Henderson (signed for undisclosed fee) bagged two. Wilstead stalwarts Bobby Jackson and Samuel Tanswell also scored two apiece plus one for Sean O'Brien, but goal of the match went to Leo Di Gennaro who twisted and turned his way through the opposition defence before smashing the ball home.

Next up Luton Smart and an entertaining 5-1 win for Wilstead. Goals from the usual suspects, a very near miss from Henry Sladden, saves a plenty from goalkeeper Timeus Rullay and tackles galore from Jackson Hooper in front of a bumper crowd at The Jubilee (one supporter even camped overnight to ensure they got in).

Things got a bit tougher the next couple of weeks. A 3-2 defeat to Bedford Academy as Vinnie Jones and Norman Hunter lined up for the opposition and set about the Wilstead team. Players hobbled off here and there and the team finally succumbed to two late goals from Bedford. Even Danny Taylor's 30 yarder wasn't enough to prevent the team's first defeat of the season.

This was followed by a 3-0 defeat to top of the table Kempston Lions. We won't dwell on this.

The following week and parents witnessed a classic end to end encounter with Kempston Tigers which ended in a well-deserved but nerve racking 2-1 win for Wilstead. Two more goals for our Rocco but special mentions also to Ed 'The Rock' Grover and Charlie 'Quickest Feet in Town' Harper who mesmerised the Kempston defence from start to finish.

Final match before going to press and a convincing 10-0 victory over Henlow in a one-sided game which will always be remembered as the 'Harry Rigby' match. Harry smashed 5 goals, another brace from Bobby and one apiece from Sam, Leo and Jackson.

Well done to all the boys!!!!

Paul Jackson



**Your Local Approved
Alarm Company**



A family business established for 30 years in the area. Systems designed and installed to PD6662:2010 and BS8243:2010. Insurance company recognised.

Key clients include...
Bedfordshire Police
Central Bedfordshire Council
Bedford Borough Council
Bedfordshire Schools

**INTRUDER ALARMS, ACCESS CONTROL, CCTV,
SAFES, DOOR & WINDOW LOCKS, KEY CUTTING**

**HERTS – BEDS – BUCKS
01462 422500**

www.southeastsecurity.co.uk

**UNIT 6, STATION APPROACH
HITCHIN, HERTS, SG4 9UW**



Wilshamstead Parish Council

Welcome To New Councillor

The Parish Council is pleased to report that Simon Pickett has recently been co-opted onto the Council. The Council welcomes Simon and looks forward to working with him. We still have one vacancy on the Council so would welcome anyone who would like to apply. Please contact Lizzie, the Parish Clerk, as shown overleaf.

Christmas Lights Switch On

The Parish Council is very excited with the continued progress of the Christmas decorations ahead of the switch on event taking place on Friday 26th November at 6.30pm at The Crossroads. It has been great to see the success of last year being built on, and for this year a number of donations have kindly been made already to help with extending the number of 'rope lights' on lampposts. In order to thank all who have been so generous, it is planned to include their company name in the Newsletter, on the Parish Council website, as well as through an announcement planned on social media.

Bedford Borough Council Local Plan 2040 Consultation Update - Additional Sites

The Borough Council has notified the Parish Council of additional sites coming forward in the latest Local Plan consultation. Here are some additional local sites to bring to your attention:

Site number: 634 Wilstead Road Elstow
(Pear Tree Farm and formerly Medbury Farm)

Proposal Employment

The proposal has changed from residential to employment and the site area has been reduced. See: <https://bedford.oc2.uk/form/634>

Site number: 7446 Land west of A600, Cotton End

Proposal: Housing, Retail, Employment

New site. See: <https://bedford.oc2.uk/form/7446>

Site number: 7464 Land at Manor Way, Cotton End

Proposal: Housing

New site. See: <https://bedford.oc2.uk/form/7464>

Whilst the Local Authority has asked for this information to be shared within the community, please note it is not a consultation; it is not inviting comments on the new sites. These sites join the very many that were put forward earlier in 2021.

Continued on page 4 >>>

*Bad Hair Day?
Lets make it a Good Hair Day*

GAYE WILLIAMSON

30 yrs Experience, Home Based Local Salon

For All Your Hairdressing and Barbering Needs

Offering the Latest Colours and Styling,

Using Professional and Exclusive Products

Redken and Brazilian Blowout Smoothing System to name but a few

New Clients Welcome.

to book an appointment call me on

07899 864510

please note that a skin test and hair consultation is required before a treatment

Fencing & Gates
Landscaping & Gardens
Supplied-Installed-Repaired
www.useful-bloke.co.uk

Mark Brooks

Office: 01234 958064

Mobile: 07836 597938

Whitworth Way, Wilstead, Bedford MK45 3EF



Graham East

Double Glazing Repairs

Offering a fast, efficient and highly competitive service.

Handles ☒

Locks ☒

Panels ☒

Hinges ☒

Cylinders ☒

Gasket/Seal ☒

Replacements

All aspects of double glazing repair work undertaken:

Misty glass units replaced
Draughty windows and doors
Restrictors • Security upgrades
Opening/closure issues resolved
Door furniture • uPVC damage
and much, much more...



Call Graham for a FREE quotation on: 07764 726824

NAO Cleaning

07411 136691

naoservices111@gmail.com

Hate housework? We love it!

Domestic, Regular & Spring Cleans, Tenancy Beginning & End,
Builder's Cleans, Commercial & Contract.

Free Estimates

Bramble Lodge, 29 Oakley Road, Clapham, MK41 6AN
www.naocleaningservices.co.uk



Wilstead Pre School

Every Child Deserves The Best Start In Life

Highly Qualified Staff, Fun & Safe Surroundings, Healthy & Nutritious Food

Morning Sessions: 9.15am - 11.45
Afternoon sessions: 12.45pm - 3.15pm
Breakfast, Lunch, After School and Holiday Club

We take children from 2 ½ years old
As we are an in demand setting we encourage parents to register a place for their child as soon as possible

Contact 01234 742546
or admin@wilstead-preschool.co.uk




Washing Machines Dryers, Dishwashers Repairs, Servicing & Sales

A local family business offering a quality service at a competitive price
Established 1981



Tel: Clophill (01525) 860148
or Tim Downing direct on
07969 545 276



A Member of the White Goods Trade Association. Fully Insured

Driveway Rejuvenation Ltd

Council Contractor
**All aspects of Surfacing
and Civil Engineering**

Tarmac

Blocks

Gravel

**Experts in transforming
your existing drive to new**

01234 742662

07912 444621

193 Cotton End Road, Wilstead

Card payments accepted

>>> Continued from page 3

People will be able to formally comment on the sites at the next stage of plan which is currently timetabled to be Spring 2022. Only then will we know how many houses are proposed for Wilstead. The draft Neighbourhood Plan has not identified any sites at present. Should the Borough propose that we do accept additional housing between 2023 and 2040, we expect the Parish Council/ Neighbourhood Plan team to be consulted on where this housing should be located.

The Planning Officers continue to read and analyse responses received to the consultation and are finding additional information to supplement the potential development sites that were submitted last year. This means that the online supporting documentation may continue to grow, so if you are interested in particular sites, please continue to check the on-line information.

Responses to the Draft Plan Consultation

Borough Planning is continuing to input over 5,450 individual representations to the draft plan, with supporting evidence documents and the site proformas. These comments will be made public in the coming weeks.

Telecommunications Mast Update

At the time of writing the Parish Council has been notified that the submitted application, 21/0211/ TELPN, for installation of fifth generation (5G) equipment, comprising H3G Phase 8 18m high street pole c/w wrap around cabinet and 3 further additional equipment cabinets at land fronting The Red Lion, was refused permission.

Reducing Speeding In The Village

At a Community Police Priority meeting held in September, speeding was agreed by the local parishes as the priority for the Police for the coming months. PCSOs Dimmock and Henry attended the October Parish Council meeting in Wilstead to talk through the plans for tackling speeding in the village.

During the meeting Councillors unanimously agreed to purchase four new vehicle activated speed signs for installation, one each in Bedford Road and Luton Road, and two for Cotton End Road to include Littleworth. The siting of the signs is being finalised and guidance and advice is being sought from the Local Authority Highways Officers on this. These signs will record traffic speed and volumes in both directions at their location. They act also as a visual deterrent, clearly showing if the vehicle speed is acceptable or not.

How To Contact The Local Police

Following the expansion of the Rural Police Community Team, it has been great to have more Police engagement and especially their attendance at the Parish Council meeting. The team are looking to promote how best residents can get in touch with Officers. There are a few different ways you can report incidents/information to Police:

- First is 999 /101 depending on the immediacy of the incident.
- There is the online reporting function at Report (Bedfordshire.police.uk).
- There is also Crime stoppers at Give information|Crimestoppers (crimestoppers.uk.org) for anyone who does not want to provide their details.
- The team's email address is CommunityNorthBedfordRural@bedfordshire.police.pnn.uk. Please only use this to get in contact with the team or to let them know of any events taking place, as this isn't to be used for the reporting of crime or intelligence.

Also, you can link to the Police social media pages; this will update the residents with what the Police are doing, any upcoming events as well as crime prevention advice. The FaceBook page can be found at 'Bedford Rural CPT' and you can also find them on Twitter @Northbedspolice.

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 has now re-opened on Mondays 9.00am to midday. It is politely asked that if you are feeling unwell kindly please do not visit the Parish Office. You are welcome to ring or email Lizzie, in addition to raising any items with a Parish Councillor, if that is easier.

Please note the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 22nd November** at 7.00pm in the small hall of the Village Hall.

Please mention the
Wilstead NEWSLETTER
when replying to advertisers

Baby's First Christmas

Clothing
Decorations
Soft Toys
Bibs
Socks
Keepsakes



www.beautifulbabygiftbaskets.co.uk

CODE: JC02WN1

£20
Off Your 1st Repair
at Just Computers

justcomputers
Celebrating
15 Years
Of Business



7 High Street, Kempston,
Bedford, MK42 7BT
www.justcomputersonline.co.uk **01234 300007**

EMPIRE CARS BEDFORD

MOTS NOW ON SITE
SAVE WHEN BOOKED WITH FULL SERVICE
FREE PICK UP/DROP OFF
SERVICING & REPAIRS
QUALITY USED CAR SALES
0% DEPOSIT FINANCE AVAILABLE

1 COTTON END ROAD, WILSTEAD, MK45 3BT
01234 741002 OR **07727 258633**
WWW.EMPIRECARSBEDFORD.CO.UK

BLISS

Plumbing & Heating



07805 540432

www.blissplumbing.co.uk
info@blissplumbing.co.uk



Caroline's Childcare



"This is a
good childminder"
Ofsted 2015

*A Safe & Friendly Environment
Caring for Individual Needs*

Qualified with NVQ 2 & 3 in Early Years in Education
CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Home Based Childcare
Ofsted Registered Childminder
Registered to PACEY

Now offering Free Government Funded
Places for 2, 3 & 4 year olds

01234 742770

carolinebsexton@yahoo.co.uk



Wilstead Players 50th Anniversary Celebration

'Make 'em Laugh', our production planned for **Thursday 9th, Friday 10th and Saturday 11th December** is promising to be a thoroughly entertaining evening - just the tonic for a dark winter night!

Tickets costing £10 each can be obtained from the Box Office, 14 Armstrong Close (01234 740782) from **Wednesday 24th November**, with Patrons' priority booking from **Monday 22nd November**. Please do not contact the Box Office before these dates. You may use the order form on the reverse of the flier and enclose your payment with it if you wish, delivering it to the address above.

We are planning to seat the audience at small tables for 4, but tables could be moved closer together to accommodate a larger group if necessary, and couples and singles may be seated with another group.

We look forward to seeing you.



**Jonathan's
Interior Decorating
Services**
Painting, Wallpapering, Tiling

Est 1999

Based in Lower Shelton Bedfordshire

Fully Insured and
references available. Please
call 07968 659877 or
01234 767597 to arrange a
quote.



Black Cricket Animal Services

pet sitting & visits
small pet boarding
walking & exercise
pet taxi
new enclosure set up

Outstanding care for your precious pets
Exotic species specialist

www.blackcricket.co.uk
07922155565



New Police Officer for Wilstead

A new Police Officer, PC 6587 Craig Bond, has joined the North Rural Community Team. He will be based at Riseley Police Station along with the rest of the Team and be covering and responsible not only for Wilstead but for eleven other villages. The other villages are: Cardington, Cople, Great Barford, Eastcotts, Elstow, Kempston Hardwick, Ravensden, Renhold, Stewartby, Willington and Wixams.

He has taken over the above villages from PC Kerry Jones, who is still part of the Rural Community Team but has responsibilities for other villages.

PC Bond is an experienced officer who will be a great asset to the village and can be contacted on the 101 Non Emergency number. You can also use that number to report a crime which is no longer in progress; to give information about a crime; to get an update on a reported crime or to report suspicious incidents.

Wilstead Neighbourhood Watch



Darmody
Plumbing & Heating Services
www.darmodyplumbing.co.uk

Full Bathroom Installation, Central Heating Installation,
All Plumbing Aspects, Competitive Rates,
No VAT, Emergency Call Out

James Darmody
Your Local Plumber
Tel: 01234 965769 Mobile: 07832 236678

Wilstead Pre School

As Christmas is fast approaching our Christmas Bazaar preparations are in full swing.

Date: Saturday 11th December

Time: 1.00pm - 4.00pm at Wilstead Pre School

This will be a lovely 'Christmassy' afternoon of fun for all the family so please do come along to support Pre School with this much needed fundraising event.

There will be lots to keep the children entertained and the adults too, so it will be a lovely afternoon for everyone to enjoy.

Lots of things to make: sand art, Christmas decorations, necklaces and bracelets. There are lots of games to play: teddy tombola (prize for everyone), face painting and tattoos, and our famous chocolate tombola!

We will also have a childrens' framed artwork stall, so if your child attends Pre School you won't want to miss this!

And, of course, the great man himself, Father Christmas, who will have his own magical winter wonderland grotto for the children to visit.

You can book your time slot before the day itself by texting the elves' hotline on 07948 565992 with children's names, age and time required and the elves will get straight back to you.

Raffle tickets are selling well, first prize is £100 cash with lots of other lovely raffle prizes to win too. Tickets are available prior to the event from Pre School itself and on the day.

We have some lovely outside stalls coming along, selling Christmas gifts and pocket-money gifts too. There will be tea and cake for refreshments and a mulled wine too if you fancy!

So please do come along and support your local Pre School for a lovely 'Christmassy' afternoon.

Your support is hugely needed and very much appreciated. Have a very happy and safe Christmas

From Everyone at Pre School.

Age UK Bedfordshire is the largest older peoples' charity in the County

We have been helping older people for over 30 years with confidential advice and support. We work with Bedfordshire residents over the age of 50, their families, friends and carers, focusing on the individual client to ensuring their needs and wishes are prioritised.

We can provide:

- Practical assistance around the home and garden through our home help and gardening service.
- Information and Advice on Benefit Entitlement, Health and Housing issues, Personal Budgets, Legal Matters and virtually any other matter relating to older people.
- Home visits to help complete benefit application forms for people who are unable to visit our office.
- Community Support Workers who will work long term with clients who have more complex needs.

- In depth advice and support for vulnerable older people who otherwise would suffer from living in cold homes.

- Telephone Befriending Network supported by the Harpur Trust in Bedford Borough.

●

Our services are delivered in a caring, friendly and professional manner, through our team of fully trained, dedicated staff and volunteers.

If you or anyone you know would like more information, please contact us on the number below or visit our website www.ageukbedfordshire.org.uk

Remember, we are a County wide service!

01234 360510

Age UK Bedfordshire – the name you can trust!



Ainsworths Bach Flower Practitioner

Ainsworths Bach Flower remedies are for those who have known and unknown fears, constant worries of loved ones, anxiousness, irritabilities and are overwhelmed by the daily stress of life.

Bach Flower remedies can be used by anyone, including children, babies, animals and plants - safely and without the fear of side effects. Each remedy is tailored to suit each individual and their needs.

Contact Mandip for a free 20 minute telephone consultation 07940 960842



Luxury wax melts by Whiffle Wax
Handmade locally using natural waxes

Plastic free & biodegradable packaging!

Take a look at our website: Whifflewax-ltd.square.site
Whifflewax@gmail.com
Facebook: [WhiffleWax](https://www.facebook.com/WhiffleWax)



Maskells M.O.T

Your local, friendly MOT Test Centre.

No repairs, just an honest and fair test.

01234 740213

CLASS 4 & 7 MOT's

H Maskell & Son Ltd
The Works | Duck End Lane | Wilstead
Bedfordshire | MK45 3HP | mot@hmaskell.com



travel counsellors

Hello, I am a local Independent Personal Travel Counsellor with over 30 years of experience in the travel industry, coming from a well known high street agent.

I can take the time to arrange the perfect trip for you from a UK break, flight only, family holiday, city break, beach break, cruise, or a more bespoke tailor-made itinerary most things travel related.

Vicky Travel Counsellor

T 01234 490 066
E vicky.howe@travelcounsellors.com
W www.travelcounsellors.co.uk/vicky.howe

With us...it's personal

Quiz Time Again

We are looking forward to our next two meetings of 2021. Hopefully the pandemic and restrictions will allow these this year. Meetings will remain in the afternoons so we apologise to members who have other commitments.

Our annual quiz will be held on **Tuesday 16th November** at 2.30pm. Devilish gardening questions will be asked by Mary. We only play for fun and friendship, with the help of snacks, mince pies and warming drinks. There will be an entry fee of £2 to cover the costs and also the normal raffle.

At the meeting in October the Christmas meal was discussed. Thinking about current issues, members unanimously voted to hold the meal in the Village Hall at lunchtime on **Tuesday 7th December** and also to hold the Grand Raffle then, when everyone is guaranteed a prize. More details will be sent to members once they are confirmed.

Our October meeting was a smorgasbord of plant and animal related topics led by Maralyn, Lynda, Viv and Mary, just to show they knew something. Maralyn kicked off by looking at extending the Spring bulb season and showing some newer bulb collections.

Lynda showed her collection of cacti, describing their appearance, propagation and care and entertained us with a picture of a flowering one. She also talked about her named chickens and their specific egg colours. Tallulah is a white Sussex and lays white eggs, Lulu is a Black Rock and lays brown eggs and Saffy is a Cheshire Blue and lays green eggs. An exciting egg box.

Viv talked about growing plants indoors for health and culinary use. Cut herbs can be grown on a windowsill in chlorine free water in containers that eliminate light to the roots. Plants in the bedroom are particularly good for aiding sleep and reducing pollution. A longer explanation is available on request or on the village website www.wilsteadvillage.org.uk then click on Garden Club special.

Mary followed up with a talk on house plants that are poisonous to cats and dogs - useful to know if you are buying presents for pet owners. Poinsettia, mistletoe, amaryllis, lilies, hellebores, ivy and daffodils should be avoided. A spruce Christmas tree is a bad idea and also Christmas cacti, hyacinths and holly berries. Except for the tree, perhaps careful location would help to eliminate any issues.

We look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday 16th November** at 2.30pm for the Quiz, entry £2 and an optional £1 raffle.

Maralyn, Mary, Viv and Lynda
wilsteadgardenclub@hotmail.com

Bedford National Trust Association

Your Local Association

Easy to find and with plenty of parking, we meet once a month at the Addison Centre in Kempston, about a ten-minute drive from Wilstead. Tea and coffee are served and there is a programme of talks covering a wide range of topics. Meetings take place in the afternoons (in January, February, March, September, October and November).

Outings to National Trust properties, gardens and places of interest are arranged during the year. We organise an increasingly popular annual lunch and also arrange spring and autumn holidays.

Membership is open to volunteers and members of the National Trust and to those interested in supporting the Trust. The annual subscription is £10 for the first member and £5 for additional members at the same address.

A warm welcome awaits you at the Bedford Association, so why not come along and sample the friendly atmosphere of our group. Non-members are welcome at our talks at the Addison Centre, so you can 'try before you buy'! For details of upcoming talks and more, take a look on our website at: e-voice.org.uk/bedfordnt.

Contact: **Mr Robin Salter**

Tel: 01234 261897

Email: grdrsALTER464@gmail.com

Wonderful Macmillan Cancer Response!

Many thanks to all who helped raise money for Macmillan Cancer Relief this year!

In the light of the ongoing pandemic it was decided once again not to hold our usual Coffee Morning in September this year.

Instead we left collection boxes at various points throughout the Village and raised an amazing total of **£589.59. Well Done Wilstead!**

Macmillan Cancer Response do a wonderful job supporting people with cancer. On their behalf we send their thanks!

**Mary Harris, Alison Dukes,
Heather Draycott, Di Pope, Viv Riddle**



Grafted Gardener

A Full Professional
Gardening Service for
people who truly care about
their gardens

*Weeding, Pruning, Hedges, Lawns
also Garden Restoration, Design and Advice*

A Gardener with 40 years Professional Experience

Call Max 07502 999252

Do your feet need some TLC?

Home visits for corns, verrucas & feet
that are painful or uncomfortable.
Please phone Foothealth Professionals

Julie Boscher on 01234 740866 or

Hannah Cooke

01234 930662

07940 738107

and by email at

elitefeetfoothealth@gmail.com



WILSTEAD VILLAGE HALL

Wilsteadvhbookings@btinternet.com

Available for hire during
the day and evenings for
Children's Parties,
Family Gatherings, Tea
Parties and Club
Meetings

If you need to hire the
hall at short notice, please
telephone the Booking
Secretary to confirm
availability and full hire
charges



Contact Roisin
Whittle, the
Booking Secretary
on 01234 740935
for availability

Weekdays 8am - 6pm
FROM

£ 9.15 p/hour

Weekends 8am - 6pm
FROM

£12.95 p/hour



Internal work

Alterations & General Building
Plastering (Artex Removal)
Bathroom & Kitchens
Refurbishment
Tiling
Painting & Decorating

External Work

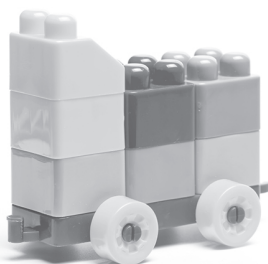
Fascia Soffit & Guttering
Garage Doors (Remote Control)
Patios
Fencing
Block Paving
Decking

MNS Property Maintenance

Pollards Close, Wilstead, Bedford MK45 3HA

**Tel: 01234 404096
Mobile: 07876528260**

stay & play



Parents, carers and 0-5s are all welcome to come and play.

1:30-3:15 on Wednesdays (term time) at Wilstead Evangelical Church, 141 Cotton End Road, MK45 3DD **All Free**

Info: Hannah 07552 223764

Web: wilstead.org

Facebook: Wilstead Stay and Play



wilsteadevangelicalchurch

NAO Catteries

07411 136691

naoservices111@gmail.com

- Fully Licensed & Approved
- Heated Pens with Individual Outside Runs
- Mon-Fri 9-11 to 6-7 Sat 9-11
- Collection & Delivery Service Available

Bramble Lodge, 29 Oakley Road,
Clapham, Bedford MK41 6AN

www.naocatteryservices.co.uk



Liftright Access is a Wilstead based provider of powered access (cherry pickers and scissor lifts) to the whole of Bedfordshire and Nationally. Our services include:

- Hire
- Sales
- Service
- Parts
- Thorough Examinations
- User Training
- Breakdown repairs
- Refurbishment

For further information, a quote or to book a **FREE OF CHARGE** survey

Telephone us on 01234-740648

Liftright Access Limited, Duck End Farm, Duck End Lane, Wilstead MK45 3HP

Email: enquiries@liftrightaccess.com

Web: www.liftrightaccess.com



WILSTEAD & WIXAMS

An explanation may be in order! Some of you may have noticed that the last update did not quite make sense. The explanation is that the digital gremlins got active again. The last copy and the one previous did not arrive in the editor's inbox as planned and it was not noticed until the editions were printed by which time it was too late! After the second error, investigations were made and the fault found and corrected and the delayed update included as a stopgap.

Now the current update is that the Thursday Coffee Shop has been decided for us. As many will know by now the Methodist Church is not opening and consequently the Hall is not available for us and the other groups who used it. We have been looking at alternatives and the only practical option is to use the Village Hall. However there are no free days in the mornings, only every alternate week with the Friday afternoon Sunshine Club in the small hall.

I have provisionally booked this slot and will advise starting dates later, probably **Friday 19th November** or **Friday 3rd December** depending on organising the Coffee Shop volunteers etc. If the dates change or we can open earlier I will get notices into as many various Village web and social media sites as possible and let the Village grapevine spread the word.

It will be good to meet up again!

The Good Neighbours are still in need of new Volunteers and Phone Holders so please consider joining us to continue our good work for the benefit of us all.

Rick Baxter | Chairman WGNS

01234 740854 | WGNS Phone 07807 408928

Award Winning Interactive Musical Fun Show for Pre-School Children



CHA CHAR CHIMPS

is an established award winning musical fun show for Pre-school children

We have a show at

Wilstead Village Hall, Wilstead
every Tuesday from 10 - 11am

Booking is essential, so please do contact to book a place.

For more information, contact

Katrina on 07563 925956

katrina@ccchimps.com

www.facebook.com/CCCBedford

www.ccchimps.com

Wilstead Bowls Club

Our Finals days on September 18th and 19th went very well and there was good weather.

The winners of the competitions were:-

Ladies Singles - Barbara Carter

Ladies 2 woods - Barbara Carter

Ladies 3 woods - Jean Ward

Ladies Pairs - Mary Ames & Julie Bassett-Gilham

Men's Singles - Roger Wharton

George White Singles - David Pontefract

Men's Handicap - Paul Huntington

Men's Pairs - Paul Huntington & David Stone

Mixed 2 Wood - Roy Whiffin

Brian Crouch Triples - John Muskett, Barry Gray & Graham Field

Mixed Triples - David Pontefract, Sally Henderson & Alan Ratcliffe

The coffee morning on 6th October was very well supported by both Club members and village residents.

We held our most recent coffee morning on Wednesday 3rd November, hopefully it was as well supported. We will give more details in our next report.

Short Mats are being played on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons starting at 2.00pm, and now on a Friday evening at 7.00pm. They have been very enjoyable.

Dominos start on Fridays at 9.00pm after short mats, so far we have had up to 4 tables.

Our Presentation luncheon is on **Sunday 7th November** 12.30pm for 1.00pm and we have had a good response.

The Club AGM is on **Friday 19th November** at 7.00pm in the main hall. We hope all our members will be able to attend.

The Club is also open during the winter on Sunday lunchtimes between 12 noon and 2.00pm, all are welcome to come and visit.

Jean Ward | Club Secretary

W&H PEACOCK
AUCTIONEERS & VALUERS


01234 266 366
peacockauction.co.uk

Auction Sales & Valuations

Valuation, collection and auction service of individual items through to complete property and commercial clearance.

Call for a no obligation quote or info@peacockauction.co.uk

SALE ENTRIES NOW INVITED



Eastcotts Park,
Wallis Way,
Bedford, MK42 0PE

SelectTravelHolidays

As an independent, family owned travel agency, we're more than just travel agents; we're travel specialists.



Whether you want a beach break, a honeymoon, golfing holiday, safari trip, cruise, escorted tour, short break or tailor make something that's bespoke to your needs, just ask us!

Sometimes, nothing beats speaking to a human, especially a friendly professional

01234 326778

www.selecttravelholidays.co.uk
sales@selecttravelholidays.co.uk

Make an appointment to visit us in Mill Street, Bedford

Book with confidence, ABTA & ATOL protected

BOOK LOCAL, TRAVEL THE WORLD.



ACE PEST LIMITED

Fast, efficient, friendly service available 7 days a week with very competitive rates

Genuine local company, established 1988 specialising in all pest problems

Phone: 01234 838391

www.acepestcontrolbeds.co.uk



Dixon & Sons
CONSTRUCTION LIMITED

Call for a free quote:

- 01234 840879
- 07712 121493
- info@dixonandsons.co.uk
- www.dixonandsons.co.uk

- Extensions and Alterations
- Garage Conversions
- Groundwork and Brickwork Contracts
- Landscaping
- Driveways
- Chimney Repointing and Repairs
- New Builds



We take great pride in maintaining a reliable and friendly service.

NVQ    City & Guilds

Call today for a non-obligatory quote.
References are available on request.

Company Registration Number: 09025667

Sue Ryder in December Daily Dash

Get festively fit and fundraise for Sue Ryder. Run, walk or jog 5k every day this December, and raise funds to help Sue Ryder support people when it matters most.

Whether you go solo to reach a new personal best, or join a group of friends or colleagues to get your daily steps in, do the **December Daily Dash** your own way. You might do it to feel good and keep active this winter, or to join someone you know taking part, or because you want to help raise vital funds. Or maybe all three!

Whatever your motivation, this challenge is for you. This winter, help Sue Ryder provide expert and compassionate end of life care, leaving families free to focus on what's really important at the end of someone's life - love.

Entry is free but it's your donations and fundraising that will make all the difference to patients and families needing Sue Ryder's specialist care. By fundraising £145, you could fund a Sue Ryder Nurse for a day, or donating £21 could cover an hour of expert and compassionate nursing care.

Sign up now at decemberdailydash.com or email december.dailydash@sueryder.org

Hayley Clemmens

Regional Public Relations Manager
Palliative Care - Sue Ryder Leckhampton Court Hospice, St Johns and Thorpe Hall

M: 07773 039984

E: hayley.clemmens@suerydercare.org

Remembrance Sunday Sunday 14th November

Remembrance Sunday is a national service held to remember all service men and women who have served and sacrificed their lives in wars and other military conflicts since World War I.

There will be a short Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial with a Parade followed by the Remembrance Service in Church at 11am. All are very welcome to come and remember those who gave their lives in service of their country.



SINEWAY SERVICES LTD

- *Plumbing & Heating Engineers*
- *Gas Central Heating Installation*
- *Power Flushing*
- *Servicing & Repairs*
- *Bathroom Specialists*
- *Water Softeners Supplied & Fitted*



177773

For further information or to arrange an estimate
Tel: 01234 219753 or call John 07976 828311 or Tom 07792 934224
Sineway Services Ltd, 11 Risborough Road, Bedford MK41 9QS
Email: info@sinewayservices.co.uk Web: www.sinewayservices.co.uk

All Saints Church

We are now approaching our busiest two months of the year with events and services. What a difference from 12 months ago! We just hope that we are able to carry out all our plans.

Remembrance Sunday is on 14th November which is when we join together to remember all those who gave their lives in service for their country.

There will be a short Act of Worship at the War Memorial at 10.50am when we will have the parade of the standards of the British Legion and the Youth organisations of Scouts, Cubs, Brownies and Beavers from Wilstead and Wixams. This will be followed by wreath laying. We will then go into Church for the Remembrance Service at 11.00am. All are welcome. Please remember the work of the British Legion at this time.

On Wednesday 17th November there will be a coffee morning in the Chapter House at 10.30am.

December begins with our Christmas Tree Festival which takes place over the weekend of Friday 3rd, Saturday 4th, and Sunday 5th December. Letters have gone out to organisations inviting them to bring their Christmas Trees on the afternoon of Friday 3rd December.

We have arranged a Village History evening on Friday 3rd December at 7.30pm. This will be a Cheese and Wine Evening. Tea and coffee will also be available. Tickets will be £5 and available on the door. If people have anything interesting to share about the Village, please let Alaine Cockings know. Telephone 01234 741071, her address is 17 Close Briar Bank or you can email alaine.cockings741@icloud.com.

The Advent Fair is on Saturday 4th December from 12.00 noon. Lunches will be available and many stalls of interest. There will be the usual Christmas Hamper Raffle.

On Sunday 5th December at 6.30pm there will be a Service of Readings and Carols.

We draw breath then for a couple of weeks before the traditional Christingle Service on Friday 24th December at 3.00pm.

Also on Friday 24th December at 11.30pm there will be a Christmas Eucharist led by the Bishop of Bedford the Rt Rev Richard Atkinson.

As Christmas falls over a weekend we have decided to have no service on Christmas Day, but there will be a Family Service with carols on Sunday 26th December at 11.00am.

With all best wishes.

Robert Heley | All Saints Church

BUCKS · BEDS · HERTS
CLEARANCE

You name it, we'll clear it!

0333 3399906



Providing a professional, licensed, hassle-free service.

**HOUSE CLEARANCE · WASTE COLLECTION
HOARDING HOUSE CLEARANCE · TRADE WASTE REMOVAL
REFURBISHMENT WASTE CLEARANCE · BUSINESS WASTE**

*Call our friendly, experienced team for a FREE quotation
and to discuss your requirement needs.*

Herrings Green FARM SHOP

Open every day from 10am to 5pm

Vegetables Fresh Fruit Free Range Eggs Floristry

Dried Goods · Preserves & Chutneys Homemade Cakes

Sweet & Savoury Pies · Cheese · Sausages & Bacon · Gifts

Pre-Packed Meat & Fish · Extensive Frozen Range

and so much more!

Find us at

Herrings Green Farm Cotton End Road Wilstead MK45 3DT
01234 742 362 • hello@herringsgreenfarmshop.co.uk
www.herringsgreenfarmshop.co.uk

Wilstead Post Office & Stores

Top-ups for Electricity and Gas,
Lottery, Grocer, Newsagents, Fresh Produce, Fresh
Bakery Daily, Photocopying,
Dry Cleaning, Health Lottery, Car Tax,
Money Gram,
Foreign Currency Commission Free,
National Express Tickets,
iTunes and 'phone top-ups,
Free Cash Withdrawals (All Banks)

All Banking Facilities now available at the Post Office
All other Post Office Services Available

Store Opening Hours:

Monday to Saturday 7.00am until 7.00pm
Sunday 7.30am until 6.00pm

**We are happy to take Telephone
orders and deliver to your home**

**Tel: 01234 740210
Mobile: 07802 608380**

33 Cotton End Road, MK45 3BX



AMPTHILL & FLITWICK PHYSIOTHERAPY CLINIC
 Tel: 01525 720882
www.chartered-physiotherapy.co.uk
Info@anfphysio.co.uk
1 Kings Road Flitwick MK45 1ED

Helping you get back on track



We offer the very best hands-on physiotherapy treatment

Neck/ Back/ Shoulder/Knee pain
 Headaches/Migraines/Sciatica
 Arthritis and all joint pain
 Whiplash/RSI/Osteoporosis/Sports injuries
 Vertigo and dizziness/Posture training and ergonomics
 Long Covid

WE ARE PROVIDERS FOR MOST INSURANCE COMPANIES

We also offer complementary treatments:
 Acupuncture/Chinese medicine
 Clinical Psychology/Deep Tissue Massage



Reflections

PROFESSIONAL CLEANING SERVICE

Domestic & Commercial Window Cleaning
Soffit & Facias, Gutters, Conservatory Roofs
Pressure Washing & Soft Washing
Patio, Driveway and Decking Cleaned

Tel/Fax: 01234 743026 Mobile: 07738 983320

JB DOMESTICS

REPAIRS TO..
WASHING MACHINES
DISHWASHERS
ELECTRIC OVENS
TUMBLE DRYERS



NO CALL OUT CHARGE!

Large range of spares carried in stock
PROMPT RELIABLE SERVICE 30yrs.EXP

TEL: 01234 840049
MOB: 07778 891490

Please note:

No part of this newsletter may be reproduced, by any means, without the prior permission of a member of the editorial team.

This newsletter is published by Wilstead Neighbourhood Watch, part of Bedford & District NW Association, in close co-operation with Bedfordshire Police.

The Wilstead Village Website can be found at
www.wilsteadvillage.org.uk

Wilstead & Wixams



COMMUNITY ART GROUP

We continue meeting weekly in the Village Hall excepting Bank holidays. Our numbers are very slowly recovering and we are hoping that we shall see more of our regular members very soon.

May I remind members and new people that we do have

a variety of art resources for your use so, if there is anything you haven't got or would like to experiment with, we may be able to help. If you need it, several of our members will help and encourage you in whatever your artistic endeavours happen to be. If you're interested in joining us your first session is free and, if you decide to continue and become a member, it will be £3 a session when you're able to come. We meet every Monday from 2.00pm until 4.00pm in Wilstead Village Hall.

Enquiries: Michael Bradley

Mobile: 07526 939164.

Email: revmichael14@outlook.com



Grapes by Richard Draycott taken from an oil painting

Christmas Deadline and Publishing Dates

Wilstead Newsletter Editorial Team would like to thank all contributors, advertisers and volunteers for enabling us to continue producing this wonderful community asset. To help local groups and clubs advertise their Christmas events, the deadline for the December Newsletter is Friday 19th November, and the publishing date is Friday 3rd December.

Wilstead Village Hall

I just thought I'd take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Chair of Wilstead Village Hall Management Committee.

I am Sandra Spinks and am still a newcomer to the Village having moved here 6 years ago.

Having recently found myself with time on my hands, it was an ideal opportunity to get more involved with the Village and to give something back to the community. The Village Hall is for the Village and surrounding areas, and is run by a volunteer committee.

The role of Chairperson is a daunting one but I have been warmly welcomed with many offers of help and guidance.

One of my first tasks is to sadly say good luck and goodbye to the relief caretaker Andy Stokes, who is moving on to a new position. We wish him well in his venture and thank him for his work and contributions over the years.

Andy has kindly agreed to stay on and help out as much as he can until we appoint a new relief caretaker.

The relief caretaker, would be required to cover for the caretaker's regular day off on Mondays, holidays and sickness.

If you feel this could appeal to you, please see our advert on the front page for more details.

Sandra Spinks

Inspiring Music in Central Bedfordshire

Saturday mornings never sounded so good!

Our Saturday Music Centres offer a chance for musicians of all ages and abilities to play and learn together in an informal and fun setting.

They offer varied music-making opportunities, such as string and jazz ensembles, keyboards, ukuleles, folk group, junior band and concert band.

They are a great stepping stone if you are looking to go on and perform with a local group, orchestra or collective.

For full details of activities please visit our website www.inspiring.music@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk or contact us on 0300 300 6604

Newsletter

DEADLINE

For any copy, new advertisements or changes to existing advertisements

Friday 19th November

The next newsletter will be published on Friday 3rd December.

Please send items and articles for inclusion in the Wilstead Newsletter to our dedicated email address:

wilstead.newsletter@gmail.com

Please note that requests for NEW ADVERTS and Advert Changes should now be sent to **Maxine Hendry**, as should Payments.

Next Co-ordinators' Meeting:

Date and venue to be advised of the next co-ordinators' meeting.

Telephone Number List:

To cut out and keep by your telephone.

EMERGENCY	999
CRIME IN PROGRESS	999
Non Emergency Police	101
Police Headquarters	01234 841212
PC6587 Craig Bond	101
Crime Stoppers	0800 555 111
Abandoned Vehicles	01234 221768
Borough Councillor, Graeme Coombes	07815 302318
Neighbourhood Watch Central Office	01234 842043
Wilstead Good Neighbours	07807 408928

Who's Who:

Neighbourhood Watch, Wilstead.

Advertisements & Accounts

MAXINE HENDRY, 17 Hampton Close, Wilstead MK45 3DA
✉ wilstead.newsletter@gmail.com ☎ 407998

Editors

Crime Prevention News/Information

BRIAN JONES, 16 Hooked Lane, Wilstead MK45 3DL
✉ wilstead.newsletter@gmail.com ☎ 741931

Local Village News & Information

JACKIE LLOYD, 41A Luton Road, Wilstead MK45 3ER
✉ wilstead.newsletter@gmail.com ☎ 742757

NW Area Co-ordinator

GERALD GALE, 149A Cotton End Road, Wilstead MK45 3DD
✉ wilstead.newsletter@gmail.com ☎ 740972

Artwork by SIMONE MILLIGAN ✉ wilstead.newsletter@gmail.com

Printed by WHITE HART PRESS, 58A York Street, Bedford

Wilstead Tandoori

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

10% Discount for Collections
Orders over £20

- Curries
- Fried Chicken & Chips
- Burger Meal Deals
- Pizzas

Open 7 Days A Week
4pm - 10 pm
including Bank Holidays

01234 742 386 or 740 904

www.wilsteadtandoori.co.uk

2 Cross Road, Wilstead, Bedfordshire MK45 3HJ

For all your Printing requirements ...

- | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| * Stationery | * Stickers / Labels |
| * Flyers / Leaflets | * Vinyl Banners |
| * Business Cards | * Roller Banners |
| * Brochures | * Foamex / Correx Signs |
| * Booklets | * Embroidery |
| * Posters | * Orders of Service |
| * Plans / Drawings | * Wedding Stationery |


**WHITE
HART
PRESS**
ESTABLISHED 1987
58a York Street
Bedford MK40 3RL



01234 270465

info@whitehartpress.co.uk



www.whitehartpress.co.uk

RWB
BESPOKE MOTORHOME HIRE



Home is where you park it

*Choose when to stay and when to go.
Choose your view. Choose multi-location holidays.
Choose to get away from it all. Choose freedom...*



07734 911678

rwbmotorhome@gmail.com

www.rwbbespokemotorhomehire.co.uk

Wilstead Endowed Charities Tea Party

Reluctantly the Trustees have again decided to postpone the January's New Year Tea Party.

Currently there are rising numbers of Covid infections and planning to have around 100 people in an enclosed space in January seems optimistic.

It takes time to set up the Tea Party, arrange entertainment, food and raffle and having doors and windows open in January would mean it would be a cold Tea Party.

The Trustees will review the situation early next year to see if a summer alternative is viable or if we have to wait until the following January to hold the next Tea Party.

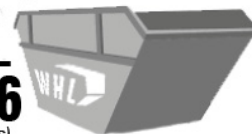
WHL

Wilstead Haulage Ltd

At Wilstead Haulage we aim provide a reliable and affordable service.

As a local independent skip hire company, we can offer the same or next day skip hire across Bedfordshire and north Hertfordshire, whether you are looking for skips, aggregates or grab hire, we will deliver a quality service and handle your waste management with efficiency. We provide an array of skip sizes to suit your budget and specific needs.

Call us
now on: **01234 740916**
(Discount offered for local villages)



**BURR'S
GARAGE LTD.**

ESTABLISHED 1974

**Service, repairs
and diagnostics**

30 IVY LANE, WILSTEAD MK45 3DN

01234 741167 / 07777 656767