

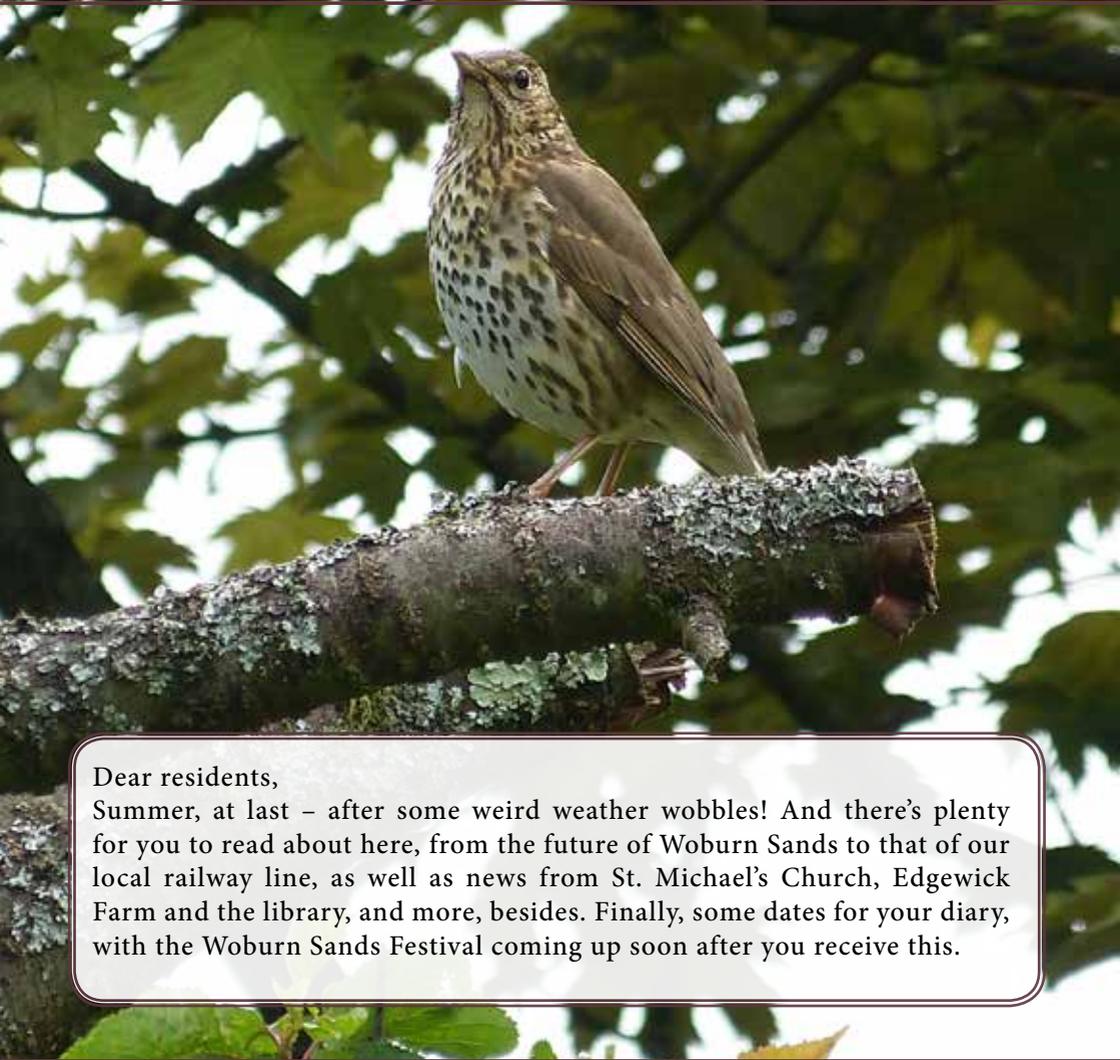


WOBURN SANDS
TOWN COUNCIL

WOBURN SANDS TOWN COUNCIL

SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2018

www.woburnsands.org.uk
(see privacy policy)



Dear residents,
Summer, at last – after some weird weather wobbles! And there's plenty for you to read about here, from the future of Woburn Sands to that of our local railway line, as well as news from St. Michael's Church, Edgewick Farm and the library, and more, besides. Finally, some dates for your diary, with the Woburn Sands Festival coming up soon after you receive this.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

PG 2	WOBURN SANDS SUMMER FESTIVAL / NEW TOWN MAYOR
PG 3	THE FUTURE OF WOBURN SANDS
PG 4	COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICE
PG 5	VICAR OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH
PG 6	BEDFORD TO BLETCHLEY / BRIEF UPDATE ON PLANNED SERVICES
PG 7	NEWS ON OUR OWN STATION
PG 8	BEDFORD RIVER FESTIVAL / GARDEN COMPETITION
PG 9	EDGEWICK FARM NEWS
PG 10	PLANNING MATTERS / COLLECTION OF DOMESTIC CARDBOARD
PG 11	LIBRARY NEWS
PG 12	SNIPPETS & DATES



WOBURN SANDS FESTIVAL

With LIVE MUSIC, food, bars, stalls, bouncy castles

7th July from 1 - 9pm

Woburn Sands Recreation Ground, opposite Summerlin Hall
The Woburn Sands Festival is a free day out for all the family,
featuring quality live music and food from the local area.

OUR TWIN AIMS ARE SIMPLE –
raising money for local charities and having fun!
This year, we're supporting Willen Hospice and SportsTraider.

 woburnsandsfestival.org/  facebook.com/groups/WoburnSandsMusicFestivals/  twitter.com/WoburnSandsFes

NEW TOWN MAYOR

As usual at the May meeting of the Town Council, we elected a new chairman: Cllr Keith Temple, who has been Vice-Chairman to Cllr Paul Farrant for the past year, and who was duly elected to become the Town Mayor (not to be confused with the Mayor of Milton Keynes who was David Hopkins for the past year, but whose term of office has now ended). Keith

has been a member of our Town Council since 2009 and has been a keen member of both the Christmas Fayre Committee and the Folk Festival Committee as well as Chair of our Environment Committee. He has also liaised with the police on our behalf. Keith is happy to attend any local functions as Mayor if he is able to do so and can be contacted via the Town Clerk.



THE FUTURE OF WOBURN SANDS

Have you got any ideas for what Woburn Sands needs over the next few years? If so, the Town Council would like to hear from you.

The WS Neighbourhood Plan was agreed in July 2014 (the first such Plan in Milton Keynes) – a copy is accessible on the WSTC’s website (www.woburnsands.org.uk). It was recognised in the Plan that it would need to be revised once Plan:MK (the consultation on which had just started in 2014) was approved. The draft of Plan:MK has now been submitted for Public Inquiry in July 2018 and final approval should be given during 2019.

The WS Neighbourhood Plan will therefore need to be reviewed by the end of 2019. The Town Council, as a preliminary to the review, would now like to hear residents’ views on what initiatives are needed over the next few years (the Neighbourhood Plan will cover a twenty year period).

Woburn Sands has seen considerable changes over the last few years:

- Parklands is about 75% complete and planning permission has been given for its completion
- Sandymount has been redeveloped to provide 6 substantial houses, three flats and a house within the original buildings on site.
- The Bowls Club has moved to Aspley Guise Common and the Greens

development has provided a further 35 units for the over 55s

- The Summerlin Centre has been opened and solar panels installed
- The Institute has been renovated and now houses the Library (operated under Partnership between WSTC and MKC) and is used for one-off community activities
- The Old Fire Station has been partially re-furbished
- A Community Market and Summer Music Festival have been launched.

In the next couple of years a new Sports Hall will be provided adjacent to the Summerlin Centre; the refurbishment of the Old Fire Station will be completed with a new extension providing better toilets (accessible to organised users from the recreation Ground) and resurfaced parking facilities; a Community Taxi service is to be provided (see below); and a new Community Room will be opened in the Greens Development. An additional semi-fast railway service from Bedford to Oxford will be operational by 2023 (once per hour in each direction, stopping at Woburn Sands).

Most of these schemes have been funded from planning gain from the development of Parklands and Greens (Section 106). Other funding has come from Milton



Keynes Council Partnership Grants (which pay 50% of approved projects), together with contributions from Town Council Reserves. While it is unlikely that significant funds in the future will come from Section 106 agreements, WSTC will still be able to bid for MKC Partnership funds and seek other external funds.

The future of the town will be significantly affected by three factors:

- Plan:MK
- The route of the proposed Oxford – Cambridge Expressway
- The future of East-West Rail

Decisions on these three factors will only

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICE

A not-for-profit Transport Service, run by volunteers, for those who need it in our community will run as a pilot scheme from June 2018. We offer transport to people from Woburn Sands and the surrounding villages who are unable to leave the house because they cannot get lifts. On specific days we will offer transport for social, medical, shopping and church visits, which will be advertised locally. There is a wheelchair space in the vehicle.

We are accepting bookings from Monday 11th June for travel from 25th June onwards. Just phone **07376**

become clearer over the next couple of years. In the meantime it would be very helpful if you could think about what sort of additional facilities and activities would benefit residents; we need to start planning how to deliver these and ensure that Woburn Sands optimises the funding opportunities that might present themselves as the future becomes clearer.

If you have any ideas please send them to the WSTC Clerk (**l.stapleton@wstc.org.uk**) or write to **WSTC**, Memorial Hall, 4 High Street.

We look forward to hearing from you.

179552 between 10 am and 12 noon Monday to Friday (or leave a voicemail message) at least 48 hours in advance of your trip.

Stef Muzz 07511 156209

hello@lovewoburnsands.com
www.lovewoburnsands.com

(Love Woburn Sands is a Registered Charity No 1170260)



FROM THE VICAR OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Summer is here! The sheep at Edgewick Farm – the ones I hear baaing from the vicarage – have now been shorn, and everything in the garden is growing very fast indeed. One day recently, someone seeing my front garden offered me the name of a good jobbing gardener. I hastened to explain that we had deliberately left the grass long because we love all the wild flowers that had sprung up. You can probably tell that we are still relishing having moved out from the city. The lawn has since been mown!

I mentioned in my last article that we are having the inside of St Michael's Church repainted this summer. Amazingly, it's all done now. We coped with the church full of scaffolding whilst maintaining our busy community life there. It was a bit cramped for a few weeks for our regular Sunday worshippers. We are very grateful to the Friends of St. Michael's who have funded this and you are now most welcome to pop in anytime any day to see our lovely transformed and cleaned Church. We are very grateful to the Friends of St Michael's who are funding this.

Another way in which we are celebrating our 150th anniversary this year is by having a **Flower Festival**

over the weekend of **7 – 9 September**. As well as our usual service at 9.45 a.m. we are also planning a '**Songs of Praise**' Service at 5.30 p.m. on Sunday **9 September**, featuring our Choir and Kaygee, our music band. It seemed like a good way of spending some more time enjoying the flowers while they are there.

Everyone is welcome to visit us, for the flowers, or a service, or both, or just to step aside into a quiet space for a while.

For more information about all of our activities see our website
www.stmichaelsws.org.uk



The next
Town Council meetings
will be on **Mon 9 July**
and **Mon 10 September**.

Public always welcome to
attend at 7.30pm.

Agendas and minutes of
meetings are on our website.



NEWS FROM THE BEDFORD TO BLETCHLEY RAILWAY

A New Chapter for the Marston Vale Line with Vivarail!

The West Midlands franchise began on 10th December 2017 and is due to continue until 2026. The company name is West Midlands Trains operating under two brands:

- London Northwestern Railway (LNR, which includes the Marston Vale services)
- West Midlands Railway.

About £1 billion is being invested, with the main Marston Vale benefits being the introduction of Class 230 trains and the introduction of Bank Holiday services in 2018 and Sunday services by May 2021.

Vivarail has purchased some former District Line trains from London Underground which are being completely overhauled and will come into service in December 2018. Marston Vale Community Rail Partnership (MVCRP) has been working closely with London Northwestern Railway on the specification, which includes: forward facing seating, some around full-sized tables; fully accessible toilets; dedicated cycle & buggy space; LED lighting; automatic announcements on arrival at each station, which can be customised for local attractions, such as Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre; Passenger Information Display system, which can also be customised for local attractions; and a map of local attractions. Further information is available at <http://vivarail.co.uk>

A BRIEF UPDATE ON PLANNED SERVICES

New services proposed as follows: Three passenger services are proposed, as follows:

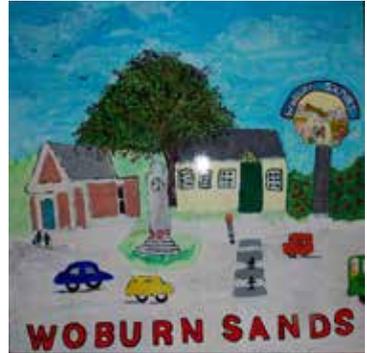
- Bedford to Oxford (continuing to Reading), due to open in 2022.
- Milton Keynes to Aylesbury (continuing to London Marylebone), due to open in 2024.

Additional Trains: East West Rail will become part of the national strategic infrastructure that may ultimately be used by long-distance cross-country passenger and freight trains.



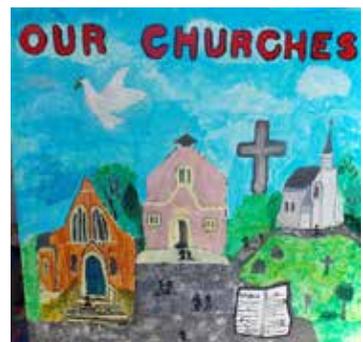
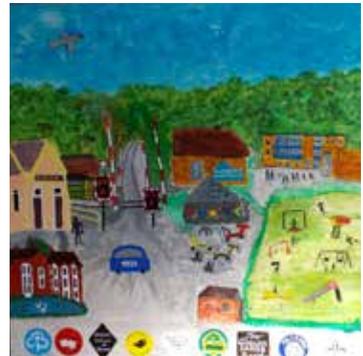
NEWS ON OUR OWN STATION

By the time you read this, a new mural will have been installed on Woburn Sands Station platform. Under the guidance of Val Symon, the youth group at St. Michael's Church, known as Genesis, were asked to replace the Murals on the Bedford Platform on Woburn Sands Station. The youngsters, involving children of mixed abilities, including some with special needs, set to, designing the four panels and then with the help of some willing adult volunteers, prepared, painted, and varnished them over the last three months.



We hope you like their interpretation of our Town, and recognise many of our buildings and open spaces.

And there's more! The Friends of Woburn Sands Station have had plant troughs and tubs installed at the station and are maintaining these. Extra volunteers for watering duties are always very welcome (contact **Rob Allen** on **Roballan1301@gmail.com**)



SPECIAL SERVICES FOR BEDFORD RIVER FESTIVAL - 15TH & 16TH JULY 2018

MVCRP is delighted to announce that we have special services for the Bedford River Festival again this year!

Highlights include: Lots of family fun.

- Late evening 'Fireworks Flyer' leaving Bedford at 11:10pm on the Saturday night.

- Hourly Sunday service.

The full timetable is on the Town Council Website. www.woburnsands.org.uk it's important that these trains

are as well patronised as possible so please do travel by them if you possibly can and spread the word!

Facebook: www.facebook.com/marstonvalecrp



Twitter: [@marstonvalecrp](https://twitter.com/marstonvalecrp)



<https://ertarailvolunteer.blogspot.co.uk/>

WOBURN SANDS GARDEN COMPETITION

We are very lucky that Frosts Garden Centre are sponsoring the Garden Competition this year. Nominations for Front Gardens, Back Gardens and Hanging baskets/Pots and Community Awards (if you know of an elderly or disabled person who looks after their own garden or a home where residents help with the community gardens please nominate them for this award), should be sent to the Clerk by email l.stapleton@wstc.org.uk or

tel: **01908 585368.**

Judging will be on **24th July** during the afternoon. Access will be required for back garden nominations. Prizes will be awarded on August Bank Holiday Monday at the Woburn Sands Summer Fayre at Mowbray Green.



The WSTC webpage is maintained by the Council Staff and is an ongoing project. If you have any comments, or you think that something should be included or a contact detail changed on the website, please contact the Council.

You could always use the Contact us & Enquiry Form link from the Home Page!



EDGEWICK FARM NEWS

Nothing lasts for ever and, sadly, one of our iconic old ash trees, in the top field, started to shed some of its branches without warning, so we are undertaking emergency surgery to make it safe for the time being.



Meanwhile, the cycle of the seasons has been producing its annual treats, such as tadpoles, newts and myriad invertebrates in the ponds, the cloud-like puffs of May blossom and elderflower in the hedgerows, the colourful displays of wild flowers, accompanied by the subtler flowering of grasses, especially in the 'picnic area' beside the kissing gate at the top of Woodland Way, and the glorious symphony of birds above. How lucky we are to have all this on our doorstep!



Looking forward, we will again be holding our annual apple juicing day in October – date to be fixed nearer the time (according to the vagaries of ripening!), so look out for it on the WSTC website or the Friends of Edgewick Farm.



Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Edgewick-Farm-460097694192522/>



It's great fun, so do come along and sample the magnificent fruits of the Edgewick Farm Orchard, both apples and juice.



PLANNING MATTERS

Asplands Close: The Town Council met with the developers to discuss their application for a block of apartments, bearing in mind the residents' objectives. It was confirmed that the flat roof of the new design and the fall of the land within the site would actually make the building less visible than some neighbouring residents evidently feared. Many of the peripheral mature trees will be retained thus providing further screening. A more suitable alternative route for the planned public footpath up through the site was also discussed and the TC requested low level lighting on it that would have the least impact on residents. Other topics covered included a change to the external materials and colouring and mitigation of increased run off to the water course at the back of Wood Street. The Town

Council also requested restrictions on the timing and means of access during construction.

Still awaiting the long promised decision on the Wavendon Properties Appeal.

The Public Examination of Plan:MK is being held at Harben House, Newport Pagnell in July. Significant dates for us are **Fri 13 July** when the industrial development proposed at South Caldecote just south of Bow Brickhill station will be discussed and **Wed 13 July** when the housing development between Bow Brickhill and Woburn Sands is up for discussion. Cllr Michael Geddes will be speaking on our behalf and the public are welcome to attend to add support.

COLLECTION OF DOMESTIC WASTE CARDBOARD BOXES



Please note that loose cardboard boxes left on the kerb-side will not be recycled. For cardboard to be recycled, you must break or cut it up and fit it into your pink / clear re-cycling sacks. Oversized and/or loose cardboard (as well as materials such as cat litter and disposable nappies, which should never

be put into re-cycling) are regarded as contamination, and have to be re-directed to land-fill at a considerable cost to MKC. So please do help your Council to keep its costs (so, ultimately yours, through your Council Tax) down by ensuring that you break up your cardboard boxes and bag them.



LIBRARY NEWS

Friday Chess Club

Dominic is here at library on a Friday afternoon, 2 – 5pm, and can give guidance and tuition at all levels for anyone interested in starting out or moving their game to the next level. He will also be happy to offer a friendly game to anyone who hasn't played since their school days.

Summer Reading Challenge – Mischievous-Makers Required

Each summer school holiday the libraries across the whole country run a reading challenge to keep our young people on their toes and heading into our libraries. This year the theme is around the celebration of 80 Years of 'Beano' comic. So if you are between 13 and 25 please do volunteer some time during your student holidays.

Summer Activities

We now have our popular workshop dates confirmed. Places are limited and go very quickly so to avoid disappointment phone or email library to reserve a place. **Tickets will be £2 per child** and released Saturday 7th July. All workshops are from 10.30 till 11.30am and tutors are paid thanks to the fund-raising done by the Town Council.

Tuesday 24th July –

'Printing Action Words'

use the language of the comics to create your hand-printed card.

Age 9 – 13

Thursday 2nd August –

Make a pop-up card

using the action words of your comic heroes.

Age 9–13



Tuesday 7th August –

Make a wise owl from clay.

Age 6 and over.

Tuesday 14 August -

Try your hand at code breaking and get your hands on a real working Enigma machine from World war II. Session lead by Tom Briggs from Bletchley Park.

Age 8+ Tickets £1 in advance.

Tuesday 21st August –

Drawing cartoon characters inspired by those in 'Beano'

Age 6 and over.



SNIPPETS AND DATES

Help with Heating Bills

This is a grant towards heating bills for the less well-off pensioners on small fixed income, who live in Wavendon Parish, Aspley Heath or Woburn Sands Bucks for at least one year. Apply for an application form in writing to:

Mrs Susan Hopkins, 80 Walton Road, Wavendon, MK17 8LW or
email: susan.hopkins@gmail.com. *By 31st July 2018*

Newport Road Weight Restriction

The Advanced direction signing for the restriction will be carried out in August/September along with the re-lining of Kingston roundabout.

Parklands roads

It is envisaged that phase 1 roads will be adopted by MKC highways subject to Taylor Wimpey carrying out identified works.

Monthly Outings for the over 60's

18 July Marlow, 15 August Bury St Edmonds, 19 September Guildford.

Community Markets

Saturdays 11 August, 13 October, 8 December

7 July - Summer Festival at the Recreation Ground

14/15 July - Bedford River Festival river activities, fireworks & lots more

24 July - Annual Garden Competition judging day

27 August 1.30 – 4.15pm Woburn Sands Band Summer Fayre on Mowbray Green, when the Band will be playing throughout the afternoon with lots of stalls and refreshments for a family afternoon out including Presentations for the winners of the Garden Competition



7 – 9 September - St. Michael's Flower Festival to celebrate their 150 years with Songs of Praise on Sunday 9th at 17.30

