

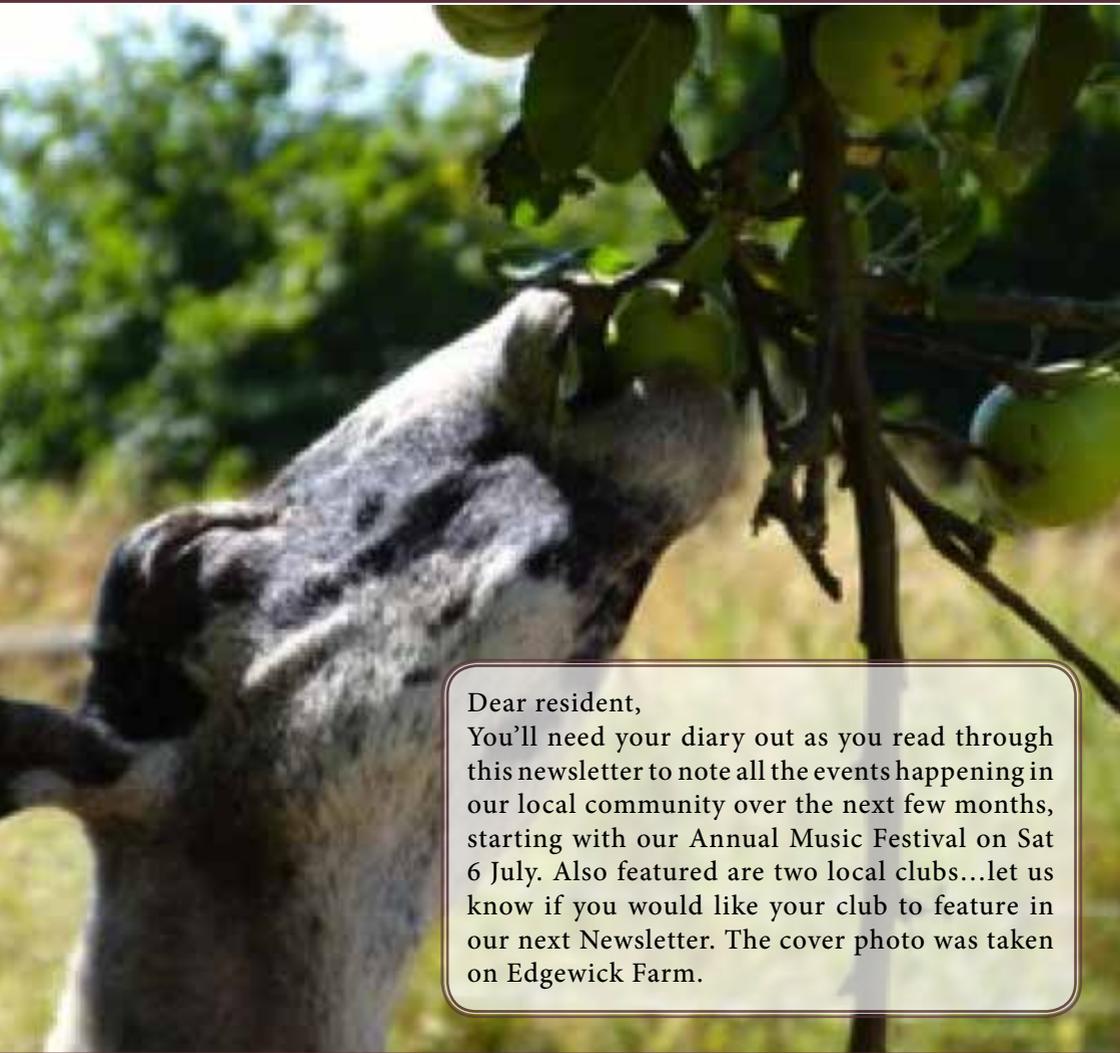


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SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2019

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Dear resident,

You'll need your diary out as you read through this newsletter to note all the events happening in our local community over the next few months, starting with our Annual Music Festival on Sat 6 July. Also featured are two local clubs...let us know if you would like your club to feature in our next Newsletter. The cover photo was taken on Edgewick Farm.

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THE OLD FIRE STATION

The Town Council is delighted to announce the renovation of the Old Fire Station between the Recreation Ground and the railway is now complete with the aid of Section 106 grant money. So, in addition to the previous refurbishment of the original building we now have renovated toilets and kitchen, a new entrance lobby and a small room available for hire. The car park has been enlarged and resurfaced and entrance to the Rec improved. The building can be divided into two parts so that toilet and kitchen facilities are available for users of the Recreation Ground.



The main user of the building is the After School club in the afternoons in term time, but the enlarged facility, or part thereof, is available for hire at other times. A yoga class has already booked itself in! Contact the Town Clerk for details and to view this flexible facility, offering smaller rooms than our main halls.

The Town Clerk's office will be shut for public access on Mondays for the next few months and closed for the whole of August. This is to allow the Clerk and her assistant to catch up on a considerable backlog of work due to the increased work load now being undertaken by Parish Councils.



IT'S TIME FOR THREE ANNUAL EVENTS IN WOBURN SANDS

Music Festival, Garden Competition and Band Fayre

Sat 6 July is the date for our **ANNUAL MUSIC FESTIVAL**, held in the Recreation Ground, from 1.30pm onwards. There will be live music, food, bar and craft stalls, bouncy castle and other family fun. So, bring a chair or a rug, a picnic and enjoy a relaxed and fun afternoon.

Please submit your entries for our **ANNUAL GARDEN COMPETITIONS** to the Town Clerk by **Mon 15 July** as judging will be on 22 July. Frosts

generously sponsor this event and award prizes for best front garden, best back garden, best hanging basket/tub display. See our website for further details.

On **AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY** Monday, 26 August, Woburn Sands Band will hold its **traditional Fayre** on Mowbray Green with stalls, refreshments and music from the A and B bands all afternoon starting at 1.30pm and ending with the Grand Draw 4pm. Just bring a chair if you to sit and listen to the music...always a great community occasion.

THREE CHEERS FOR WOBURN SANDS BAND AND THE STABLES



The Band is thrilled to announce that they have been awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award a voluntary group giving outstanding service to the local community can receive in UK. The award of a domed glass crystal and certificate signed by the Queen will be presented to the Band by the Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire in September. This is a tribute to the great work done by all the band, giving their time freely to perform at many venues and events raising money for charity, and in particular to Len Jenkins, the Band leader and Karen Boote, his "second in command," and many others. They run three main bands: A, B and C as well as a Youth and Junior Band.

On **Sunday 14 July** you can hear the C Band, Youth and Junior Bands performing on Mowbray Green from 2-4pm and the A and B Bands at the Annual Fayre (see above). Again, bring a chair for both occasions to relax in comfort and listen to the music.

Many local people will also be involved with another local volunteer group to also win the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, namely The Stablemates who provide year round support at The Stables including catering and bar duties, front of house, and car parking guidance. So, well done all our local residents who are Stablemates.



FEATURING TWO OF OUR CLUBS: TENNIS & BRIDGE



Woburn Sands Tennis Club has returned to its original site on brand new courts and would welcome new members. The courts are behind what was the hotel and is now within the Greens development by the town car park. **Club sessions are on Sunday mornings from 10.30am and Wednesday evenings from 6pm** and with the benefit of flood lights, play can continue throughout the year.

Membership is available at following levels: Adults @ £75 per annum, Intermediate (18-25 years) @ £22 pa and Juniors (5-18 years) @ just £18pa. This entitles you to go along and play at any time unless there is a match against another club (some Saturday afternoons). Coaching is available for adults and children and there will be summer camps for kids during the summer holidays. **Contact James on 07789975591 for information** on coaching sessions and **wstc@woburnsandstennis.club** for any further information or if you would like to pop along to see if it's for you. Several newcomers at a recent open afternoon said "I haven't played for years" but gave it a go and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. **So, what are you waiting for?**



To celebrate its 10th Birthday, the Bridge Club is hosting an Andrew Robson **Teaching workshop and charity bridge day on Fri 4 Oct 2019**. Andrew Robson is considered one of the best bridge players/teachers/writers in the world and there are a few tickets still available. So, if you are a bridge player of any standard and may be interested in this event, contact **phil@armitage.uk.com** or find full details on the Club's website: **www.bridgewebs.com/woburnsands/**

If you would like to start to play bridge, the Club is going to offer a teaching course of 12 weeks starting in October 2019 on Monday afternoons. Contact **pandpbellingham@aol.com** for further information. *If you are a "rusty" bridge player, do come along to one of our sessions on Wednesday evenings at 7pm* in the St Mary's Church Hall, Aspley Hill and refresh your memory!



OUR HISTORIC GREENSAND COUNTRY LANDSCAPE



Did you know we live in quite a unique landscape determined by the underlying geological outcrop of Greensand which forms the higher land to the south of Woburn Sands?

Greensand gives rise to fairly poor soils and as a result, much of this outcrop extending from Leighton Buzzard in the south west to Gamlingay in the north east is open heath land and woodland (and several golf courses) with spectacular views across the surrounding countryside. It also includes several historic country houses, one of the largest being Woburn itself.

The Greensand Country has a long history of human habitation such as the

iron age hill fort misleadingly called “Danesborough Camp” in Aspley Heath. Now over 1 million people live in and around this Greensand Country and we can use its miles of footpaths and bridleways and opportunities for leisure activities. Our own Edgewick Farm is a classic example!

We are awaiting our Gateway Greensand Country signage on several roads leading into Woburn Sands to recognize our position in this unique landscape....keep a look out for them.



NEWS FROM OUR LIBRARIAN, NICKY SLATER

Saturdays are buzzing at the library these days, so do drop in and see what new books we have to offer and what activities are going on:



- Twice a month **IT buddy** is there from 11am to midday offering help with everything from accessing newspapers, emailing, social media, to cyber safety and storage. Just book a session.

- **Art in Sands** is a table facilitating teens to focus on their drawings (homework or fun) from 10.30-12.30.



- **Lorraine's Activity Hatch** for under 6's keeps the little ones occupied from 10.00-12.00.

The Town Council is once again subsidizing a series of workshops for summer holidays.

These are suitable for children age 7 upwards and sessions can be booked for just £2 (numbers limited):



PRINTING: print your design onto card using colourful inks and printing tiles on **Fri 26 July at 2pm** or **Tues 6 Aug at 10.30am.**



PHOTO FRAME: Make and decorate a personalized frame for a precious photo, **10.30am on Thurs 1 Aug.**

CLAY: create 2D and 3D models in this popular session on **Tues 20 Aug at 10.30am.**



JEWELLERY: Make a unique necklace, bracelet or earrings at **2pm on Fri 16 Aug.**



Then, as always, there's the **SUMMER READING CHALLENGE** with the theme **Space Chase** this year.

Members of the public are very welcome at any of our Town Council meetings the next one of which will be in on 9 September at 7.30pm in the Town Council offices by the side of The Memorial Hall.



SNIPPETS AND DATES

LITTER PICK: Many thanks to all those residents who joined in our Litter Pick at the end of April. Three teams tackled most of Woburn Sands and collected 14 bags of rubbish. Well done everyone!



GRANTS: Every year the Town Council considers applications for small grants for specific projects to local group. Forms can be downloaded from our website and this year the **deadline is 12 July**.



NEW TRAINS : The new trains ordered by West Midlands Trains are now starting to come into operation on the Bedford-Bletchley Line and we hope ticketing machines will be on both platforms by the end of the year. Meantime our thanks to the Friends of WS Station for the plantings in tubs and window boxes which make our station so much more attractive. In dry spells,

watering is essential and if you can join our team of volunteers for this, please contact the Town Clerk. The Friends, thanks to the hard work of Paul Cox and Richard Cousins, have obtained a grant to enable them to have two panels on each platform detailing the history of the station and the line. A visit to our station is well worth while!

BIRDS V RATS: A number of residents are finding rats becoming a pest in our gardens, and sadly, one of the things attracting them is what's left on the ground from bird feeding. Please try to ensure that if you feed the birds (very commendable), as little as possible gets left on the ground.



SNIPPETS AND DATES CONT...

COACH TRIPS. Kings Lynn is the next destination of the coach trips on **Wed 17 July**, followed on **21 August** with a visit to Witney in Oxfordshire. Contact the Town Clerk for info and tickets.

NEXT COMMUNITY MARKET is on **Sat 10 August**. It is good to see a lively and thriving market now established around the Memorial Green in the High Street every other month. Do pop along if you haven't been before.

HERITAGE WALK: Our very knowledgeable local historian, Paul Cox, has kindly agreed to lead another Heritage Walk on **Sun 15 September**. Paul led a couple of highly successful walks based on our Heritage Trail in 2017 and will repeat these this year. It is essential to sign up for the walk by contacting the Town Clerk as soon as possible as numbers must be limited to make it manageable. Meet at the Library in the High Street at 10am.

THE WOBURN BARD is the title of a book by Paul Cox and is the biography of George Castleden, Woburn resident and worker on the Duke of Bedford's estate. The book contains many of his letters which offer a fascinating insight into a Victorian's thoughts on his village, his country and the world at large. Contact Paul on **hogstyend@btinternet** for more information and sales.

DOG SHOW: Also on **Sun 15 July 12.00-16.00** in the Recreation Ground there will be a fun day in aid of MK Stray Dog Support Group. It will be a day for humans and dogs to enjoy with demonstrations, have-a-go agility, training tips, stalls and a fun dog show.

NEW NOTICE BOARDS: Now installed at the top of Chapel Street....very smart: take a look!

