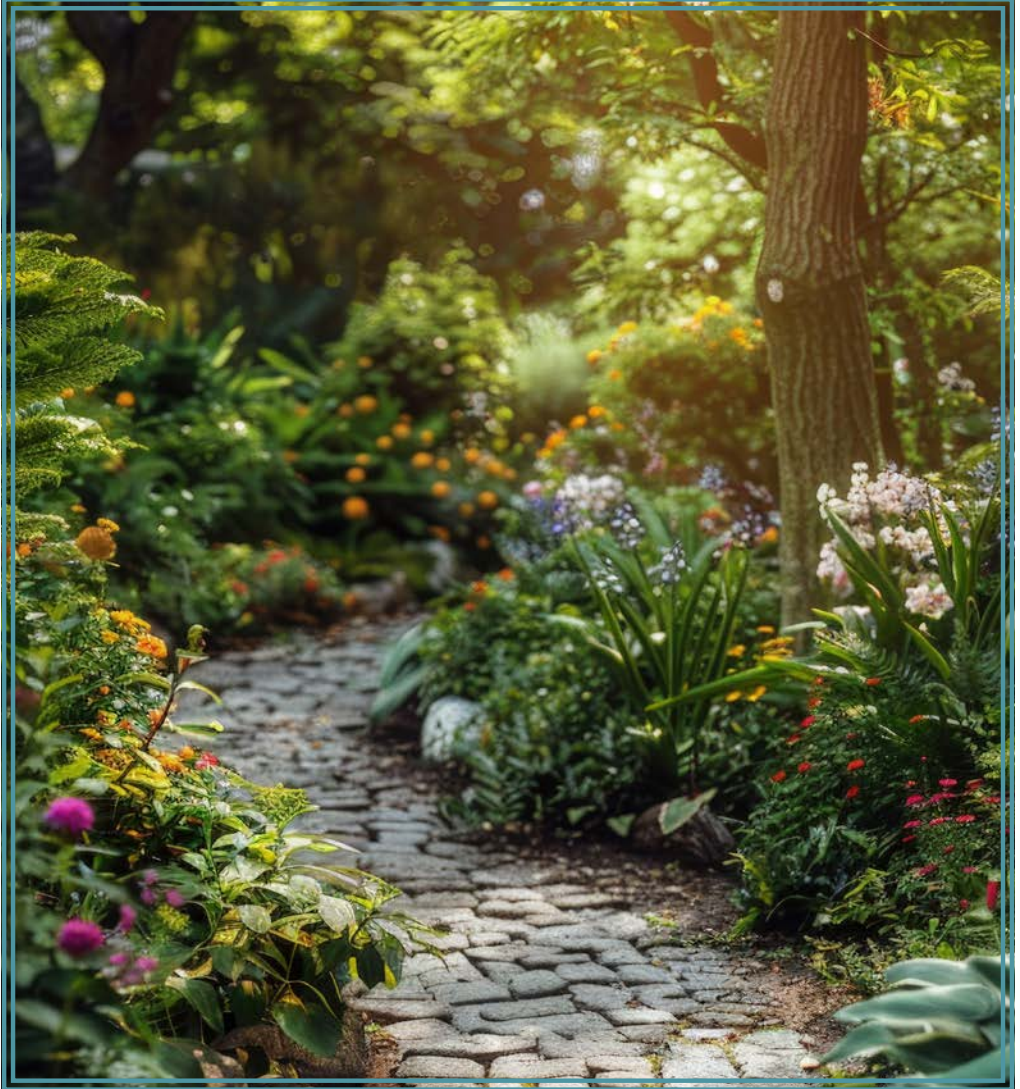


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Due to the decision to hold a snap General Election on 4th July, we are now in the pre-election period and taking into account guidance produced by the Local Government Association, will not be running either **BBCLlr Abood's** or **BBCLlr Wheeler's** reports. Normal service will resume for the next edition.

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Chairman's Report *Gareth Lloyd*



Gareth Lloyd



I would like to begin by welcoming Donna Lincoln as our newest member to the council, and Katie Day as our new recreation ground caretaker. Welcome to you both. We still have two member vacancies, so if you are interested in joining the parish council please contact the Clerk,

Sue Edgar Playford.

I have been reflecting on what the Parish Council has achieved in the past 12 months and since the local elections:

- Replacement of four bus shelters in the village that were and remain, parish council assets. The parish council was keen to do its part for the environment, so the roofs contain sedum, an ornamental plant which is loved by pollinators and will help with carbon reduction.
- Successfully requested the addition of dropped kerbs along Lorraine Road.
- Worked with the Forest of Marston Vale to plant an area of hedgerow to replace scrub that was removed in early 2023 at Lorraine Road cemetery. It is hoped when established, this will provide a haven for wildlife and flora/

fauna, as well as offer some screening to properties in Canons Close.

- Installation of a new defibrillator at Hall End, opposite The Chequers PH. Our aim is to have defibrillators around the village that residents can access and get back home with, within five minutes.
- Installation of a new automated bollards system at the recreation ground car park entrance (Church Road). These will remain down during the day between 8am – 9pm and will raise when the car park is closed at 9pm.

I am hoping that by the end of 2024, the following will be completed:-

- Installation of Real Time Passenger Information Units to our four new bus shelters.
- Installation (finally!) of all remaining Average Speed Cameras around the village.
- Completion of the synthetic full-size floodlit football pitch within the grounds of the Upper School. It will be great to see it in use by the school and local clubs alike.
- Our changing rooms (Church Road) will have been remodelled to meet today's needs and the toilet block will be no more.
- Installation of a new village entrance sign on Keeley Lane.

The Parish Council has several long-term projects, for which completion timescales cannot yet be determined. We have lobbied Bedford Borough Council (as the Local Highways Authority) to introduce 20MPH speed limits on all minor roads within the village (to mirror what the Berryfields and Berry Wood/The Kiln developments have). We are also working with the Crown Estate and Forest of Marston Vale, to achieve the

best possible outcome when we acquire the 16ha of Crown Estate Land. The Parish Council will be working to develop both a green and blue infrastructure plan to best determine how the land and streams that sit at the heart of our village should be managed as open space in perpetuity.

To find out more about the Parish Council, check out our website: wootton-pc.gov.uk



I notice that county-wide more people have been recruited to Speedwatch patrols and we could always do with extra help at the roadside.

Your dedicated Speedwatch Team - Keith Randell, Les Dick, Graham Ward, Anil Mistry and myself - have continued to carry out patrols down Bedford Road. It is noticeable that cars do tend to speed up when they leave the village, even though there is a 30 mph speed limit in force. Many drivers put on their brakes as soon as they catch sight of us and we are pleased about that. Our aim is not primarily to catch speeding motorists but to slow traffic down. We are still looking forward to average speed cameras being installed along this stretch

of road and pedestrians who pass us often tell us that speed IS an issue there. Owing to continuing roadworks along Bedford Road we were unable to carry out a patrol in April but the latest patrol only trapped one motorist.

The SID was not working to its maximum and will be tested before June. County wide 420 motorists were sent letters in April and the police are very grateful to all volunteers, so if you feel that you could help us out please get in touch with Juliet Wright - juliet.wright@beds.police.uk.

We should love to have your help. We are aware that there are a small number of cars who continue to speed through the village - normally at anti-social hours. We cannot patrol at these hours, so if you see people speeding try to get their registration number and let the police know!

Drive carefully in the improving weather conditions

Malcolm Chalmers

Community Speedwatch Co-ordinator

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Clerk to the Council's Report *Sue Edgar Playford*



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It might seem too early to talk Christmas Street Lighting, but we've already got our scheme sorted for 2024! The parish council has recently appointed a new contractor – Gala Lights Ltd – and we are just putting the finishing touches to what will be a new scheme, with new motifs. We can focus on summer now, but are looking forward to seeing the finished products in late November/early December.

It was good to see so many residents at the Annual Parish Meeting back in April. This is not a meeting of the parish council, but a meeting of the parish electorate. As Wootton has a parish council, it falls to the Chairman to call this meeting and we had a number of reports delivered from village clubs and organisations. In addition to residents we also had a number of representatives from those organisations, including Wootton Upper School and Oddfellows. A number of reports have formed part of the draft minutes which can be viewed on our website. If you would like a paper copy, do please let me know.

One issue raised was the use of electronic means to pass on information from the parish council. We do have a website and Facebook page but we do also publish our agendas in paper form on our noticeboards (details of those can be found in 'Dates for your Diary'). The dates have been expanded to include the rest of this municipal year. We also carry information within this newsletter. If you know of anyone who may have said they are not receiving this publication, please let me know so I can take it up with the distributors.

As you may already be aware, the parish council has taken the tough decision to cancel this year's Fun Fest event. We hope to be back bigger and better for 2025 – it was not an easy decision.

I am very pleased to welcome Donna Lincoln as our newest member of the parish council. Donna was co-opted at our Full Council meeting in May and I look forward to working with her. We now have two vacancies and as always, if you would like to learn more about what a Parish Councillor entails, please contact either myself or the Chairman, **Gareth Lloyd**.

I am also very pleased to welcome Katie Day as our newest member of staff. Katie has joined the team as caretaker for the recreation ground and I look forward to working with her also!

Finally, the parish council was approached recently by a young resident who was very

keen to rid our streets and parks of litter. As many of you already know, the parish council also employs a part time litter picker Lorna, in addition to Katie. However, you may not be aware of a 'Community Volunteer' scheme which is managed by Bedford Borough Council. Registering as a volunteer enables you to receive all relevant equipment needed to litter pick in the village, as well as advice and guidance from the Borough Council. There are a number of residents already who have signed up to this scheme

– thank you to them for working to keep the village tidy. The scheme is open to all ages with a caveat that under 16s must be accompanied by an adult. I have directed Samrutha to the Borough Council and hope to see them out and about in the near future. To quote Samrutha ..."I think that doing these little things would help our neighbourhood become happier and healthier". It would be wonderful to learn more are going to follow their lead.

Dates for your Diary 2024/25

JUNE

12th	Planning & Environment Committee	7.00pm
12th	Full Council	7.15pm
26th	Planning & Environment Committee	7.00pm
26th	Finance & General Purposes Committee	7.15pm
26th	Leisure & Amenities Committee	7.30pm

JULY

10th	Planning & Environment Committee	7.00pm
10th	Full Council	7.15pm
17th	Roads & Pavements Safety Steering Group	7.00pm
31st	Planning & Environment Committee	7.00pm
31st	Finance & General Purposes Committee	7.15pm
31st	Leisure & Amenities Committee	7.30pm

AUGUST

14th	Planning & Environment Committee	7.00pm
14th	Full Council	7.15pm
28th	Planning & Environment Committee	7.00pm
28th	Finance & General Purposes Committee	7.15pm
28th	Leisure & Amenities Committee	7.30pm

SEPTEMBER

11th	Planning & Environment Committee	7.00pm
11th	Full Council	7.15pm
18th	Roads & Pavements Safety Steering Group	7.00pm
25th	Planning & Environment Committee	7.00pm
25th	Finance & General Purposes Committee	7.15pm
25th	Leisure & Amenities Committee	7.30pm

OCTOBER

9th	Planning & Environment Committee	7.00pm
9th	Full Council	7.15pm
30th	Planning & Environment Committee	7.00pm
30th	Finance & General Purposes Committee	7.15pm
30th	Leisure & Amenities Committee	7.30pm

NOVEMBER

13th	Planning & Environment Committee	7.00pm
13th	Full Council inc precept	7.15pm
20th	Roads & Pavements Safety Steering Group	7.00pm
27th	Planning & Environment Committee	7.00pm
27th	Finance & General Purposes Committee	7.15pm
27th	Leisure & Amenities Committee	7.30pm

DECEMBER

11th	Planning & Environment Committee	7.00pm
11th	Full Council inc payments & precept	7.15pm

JANUARY

8th	Planning & Environment Committee	7.00pm
8th	Full Council inc precept sign off	7.15pm
15th	Roads & Pavements Safety Steering Group	7.00pm
29th	Planning & Environment Committee	7.00pm
29th	Finance & General Purposes Committee	7.15pm
29th	Leisure & Amenities Committee	7.30pm

FEBRUARY

12th	Planning & Environment Committee	7.00pm
12th	Full Council	7.15pm
26th	Planning & Environment Committee	7.00pm
26th	Finance & General Purposes Committee	7.15pm
26th	Leisure & Amenities Committee	7.30pm

Dates for your Diary *2024/25 Continued*

MARCH

12th	Planning & Environment Committee	7.00pm
12th	Full Council	7.15pm
19th	Roads & Pavements Safety Steering Group	7.00pm
26th	Planning & Environment Committee	7.00pm
26th	Finance & General Purposes Committee	7.15pm
26th	Leisure & Amenities Committee	7.30pm

APRIL

9th	Planning & Environment Committee	7.00pm
9th	Full Council	7.15pm
16th	Annual Parish Meeting	7.00pm
30th	Planning & Environment Committee	7.00pm
30th	Finance & General Purposes Committee	7.15pm
30th	Leisure & Amenities Committee	7.30pm

MAY

14th	Planning & Environment Committee	7.00pm
14th	Annual Council Meeting	7.15pm
14th	Full Council	to follow ACM

Please contact the Clerk to the Council if you would like to attend any meeting, to ensure the meeting room is configured to accommodate the numbers required.

Noticeboards are located at the following locations:

Outside Wootton Lower School	Bedford Road
Outside the Manor Road flats	Bedford Road
Outside the Memorial Hall	Bedford Road
Adjacent to the post box	Hall End Road

(The noticeboard opposite the Cock Inn PH carries a list of upcoming meetings but not agendas as its size is restrictive).

DISCLAIMER: Please check with the Clerk to the Council, noticeboards or the parish council website as meetings may be subject to cancellations or changes to timings and/or venue:

<https://wootton-pc.gov.uk/parish-council/meeting-dates/>

ST MARY'S PRESCHOOL

Established 1967

St. Mary's Church Hall, St. Mary's Road, Wootton, Beds MK43 9HB

Tel: 01234 767158 Email: stmarys5@hotmail.co.uk

The children at St Mary's Preschool have had another busy term experiencing lots of fun activities and experiences.



On Friday 14 June the preschool children went on a preschool trip to Gulliver's Dinosaur Farm. The day started with much excitement as the children boarded a double decker bus to begin their journey to the farm. After arriving, the children went to exciting activities where they learned lots of interesting facts and information about dinosaurs. The children were also introduced to many farm animals. They were thrilled with how close the animals came and got a real sense of what it was like to be on a farm.

On Monday 1 July the school leavers participated in a mini sports day. Amongst the activities the children were challenged to take part in, was an obstacle course, a running race, a jumping race and an egg and spoon race. Parents, friends and family were invited along to watch the children take part and then receive a certificate and a medal at the end of the session.



The children planted some seed potatoes, they were responsible for watering them and then watching the potatoes grow. In July the children will be digging up their potatoes and staying for a leavers lunch of sausages, new potatoes, baked beans and peas followed by fruit kebabs.



Sadly at the end of this term we will say goodbye to Lina, our amazing Deputy Manager, she is taking early retirement. Lina has seen many changes over her 32 years at preschool and has loved working with hundreds of children on their learning journeys and their transition to 'big school'. We greatly thank her for her huge contribution, she will be greatly missed by us all. We will be celebrating Lina's retirement with a party at preschool on the last day of term, this will be on Friday 19 July between 11:30 – 14:00, previous parents, families and children are all more than welcome. Please bring a picnic, drinks will be provided by the preschool.

Graduation – on Friday 19 July, we will have to say a sad farewell to a number of our preschool children as they take their next steps onto 'big school'. To celebrate the occasion we will hold a preschool graduation ceremony where all the preschool parents of the children who are leaving us will be invited. Each child will take to the stage wearing a mortar board hat and gown. Children will be presented with a certificate and a framed photograph. After the tears are wiped away and the certificates are presented, everyone is invited to enjoy the day with refreshments and cakes. Good luck to all our preschool children during their next big step. We hope you enjoy your new adventures!



General Information

St Mary's Preschool opened in 1967 and operates from the main room within the Church Hall. Children have access to a fully enclosed, secure grassed outdoor play area. St Mary's Preschool supports children with special educational needs and children who speak English as an additional language. The Preschool is a member of the Pre-School Learning Alliance and is registered by Ofsted. St Mary's Preschool receives funding for early years education. It is open each weekday during term-time only; and offers all day care. If you would like to put your child's name down for a preschool place or require any further information please phone Tracey on 01234 767158.

Children not eligible for funding – from September 2024 fees will be £5.25 per hour.

Term time opening hours: Mon 9.00 - 12.00 Tues, Wed and Fri 9.00 - 16.00 Thurs 9.00 - 15.00

St Mary's Preschool is now full for September 2024 however, we are accepting applications for September 2025



Stewartby Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society

News and Forthcoming Events 2024

Stewartby Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society, continue to present exciting and innovative programmes of song, drama, poetry and dance to enthusiastic local audiences.

This year our Spring Concert was, 'A Feast of Music,' performed on 10th and 11th May at Stewartby Village Hall, to full and appreciative audiences. The programme was comprised of popular songs old and new. In the interval, the audience was treated to a delicious fish and chip supper, all included in the price of the ticket. The programme opened with that famous song from 'Oliver,' 'Food Glorious Food,' and concluded with, 'This Was a Real Nice Clam bake', from 'Carousel'. The master of ceremonies was Chris Hodges who skilfully devised the evening interspersing items with informative and humorous anecdotes. Chris was also

our good humoured and encouraging Musical Director. The accompanist was the ever patient and versatile Pam Rogers. Our invaluable and supportive rehearsal pianists were Brian Caves and Pam Rogers. Lighting design was by 'Bubbles'. Thanks also go to Pam Massey and Mike Cocke for organising and staging the event, our faithful army of behind the scenes supporters and of course the 30 strong band of versatile and talented performers.



Our Major production this year will be the Gilbert and Sullivan composition 'Princess Ida', planned for 13th-16th November 2024 to be performed at Stewartby Village Hall.



We are always keen to welcome newcomers, so do come along whether you are interested in performing or any aspect of backstage; light, sound, costume, stage design and management. We particularly welcome young people who might like to become involved. Performing Arts students may be interested in contacting us if they would like to gain practical experience in theatre in the community.



The enclosed photographs demonstrate our enjoyment of rehearsals and performance and waiting in the wings for the show to begin!!!

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At the end of the Spring term we were delighted to welcome OFSTED into our school to show off how fantastic our school is.

We were extremely pleased with the outcome and thrilled they found that "Pupils flourish at Wootton Lower School". The Summer term has been very busy so far! Some of Year 4 went on their residential visit where they showed great bravery and perseverance in activities such as climbing and zip wiring.

The rest of year 4 had a great few days and even enjoyed a visit from the ice cream van! Year three had a fantastic day in London visiting the British Museum. They have been learning about the Ancient Egyptians and they were amazed to see mummies and the actual Rosetta Stone!

Our Reception classes have had a great time trip trapping over the bridge in Wootton pretending to be the Billy Goat Gruffs! Saturday May 18th saw our annual May Fayre. The whole school came together at our Bedford Road site for our biggest fundraising event of the year. Thank you to The Friends of Wootton Lower School who worked incredibly hard to put on such a fantastic event.

The second half of the summer term is our busiest time of year. We have an action packed few weeks ahead of us! The children and staff are looking forward to our annual Activity Week where the children take part in a wide variety of activities. This includes our sports day,

football skills and singing workshops. We feel our activity week is such a valuable part of our school and it is lovely to see all of our children try new things beyond a 'typical' day in the classroom.

Our year 4 children will soon start to visit their new middle schools and we are confident they are ready for the next stage of their educational journey. We are also looking forward to welcoming all of our new families when the pre-school and nursery children visit us in July.

We hope you all have a fabulous summer.

Kempston Probus Club

Are you retired or semi-retired and at a loose end once a month? Kempston Probus Club is a lunch club meeting at Woodland Manor in Clapham on the second Tuesday of every month. We have a two course meal with coffee or tea and a guest speaker or entertainment. Three times a year lunches are held when partners or friends are welcome to join us. We are keen to recruit new members, so if you would be interested in coming along to see what we are all about, then contact our secretary Fred Pearce on **01234 273776** or email: **fred328@btinternet.com**

We look forward to hearing from you.

Wootton Library now offers Bounce and Rhyme for younger babies as well as their incredibly popular Rhyme Times for older children.

The new Bounce and Rhyme is every Friday from 2pm to 2.30pm during term time.

Each session follows a structure, so you and your baby get used to coming along, hearing songs, and shaking musical instruments. And there are bubbles! Bounce and Rhyme is suitable for newborns up to little ones who are starting to crawl.

Rhyme Time is on Tuesdays from 10.30am to 11am term time and is for cruisers (toddlers who are up and walking) to pre-schoolers.



The format is similar to Bounce and Rhyme: lots of singing, waving scarves, and giggling! Both sessions are free and there's no need to book in advance.

Discover more about your local library at www.bedford.gov.uk/libraries



Wootton Neighbourhood Chat group has been growing over the last six months. Supported by the Methodist Church at Cause End Road we are open on **Wednesday mornings, from 11-1pm**. It is open to all ages, our youngest so far is 9 months and the oldest, 94 years.

Everybody likes chatting and with tea, coffee, and delicious cakes we are overcoming the social isolation that many people have felt since COVID. We now have about 40 people each week. Neighbourhood Chat Group is a wonderful place to come with friends, or on your own, to meet your neighbours. There are no agendas or guest speakers, just homemade cakes, drinks, and chat, plus toys and crayoning in the children's corner.

Our holiday messy play session for children,

age 0-6, and their parents was enjoyable. Cooked spaghetti hair, freeing the frozen people and finding the worms in mud. Well done, Laura, and Sian for organising it. The next one is on the **29th of May from 11.30-12.30**. There are only 10 places, and the cost is £1 per family, so please book early.

We recently arranged for an ear wax removal service, at the same time that the Chat Group is open. It was very successful, and our next one will be on **Wednesday 1st July, cost £47.50**. Booking is necessary, so please contact me.

The Good Neighbour Scheme can help with transport issues for those, with limited mobility, to come to the group.

Wootton Neighbourhood Chat is at The Hub, Methodist Church, Cause End Road

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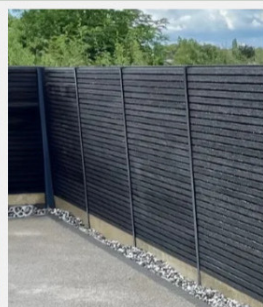
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Support with Blue Badges – if you have a permanent disability or illness that limits your walking ability then you may be entitled to apply for a Blue Badge. This enables you to park in disabled bays closer to your destination. You don't have to be a driver to apply, you can use the badge in any vehicle as long as you are a passenger. Andrea can help you apply.

St John's Hospital Trust – Do you know about the St John's Hospital Trust Grant? It's a small quarterly payment of £75 that is granted to people on a low income who have little or no savings. That amounts to £300 per year. To qualify you must be over 60, not working and have lived in Bedford Borough for at least 15 years.

Disabled toilet access key – Some disabled toilets can only be used by people who have a special RADAR key. If you have a disability that means you need to use a disabled toilet, call Andrea for a free RADAR key

Help with form filling – many older people aren't claiming the benefits they are entitled to. Andrea can help identify which benefits you can claim by doing a confidential benefits check. We can also help you fill in those complicated forms

such as Attendance Allowance forms, Carer's Allowance, Council Tax Support and Blue Badges.

Please contact Andrea, your Village Agent on

Freephone 0800 039 1234
email: andream@bedsrcc.org.uk

This is an answerphone service, so please leave your name address & telephone number, & we aim to call you back within 48 hours



Reminder re Hedgerows, Bushes and Trees

We have and are continuing to see a lot of rainfall throughout spring and as we head towards summer. This, of course, has the usual effect on hedgerows, trees, bushes and shrubs so this is just a gentle reminder to ensure that they do not encroach upon any footpaths or pavements. If left to encroach, they can soon become an issue for pedestrians – especially those who use pushchairs, wheelchairs or mobility scooters and those with sight impairments.

Thank you.



The Northern Lights or Aurora Borealis, what a spectacle! Many all around the world watched in awe and excitement as the sky lit up and the colours danced before their eyes.

If you were fortunate enough to see this rare sight last weekend did it fill you with wonder?

I was devastated that on Friday evening I had an early night, waking up to all the wonderful pictures across the media.

I have even travelled to Iceland in the past with the hope of seeing a glimpse of them, but no joy all I saw was lots of snow.

I still feel excitement though as I look at the pictures and think of the God who created the universe and how wonderful it is.

We read about this in the very beginning of the bible. God put lights in the sky; the sun is

the perfect distance from the earth; the moon is the earth's natural satellite - it causes tides, creating a rhythm that has guided humans for thousands of years. God also created the stars, sea, land and every living thing.

Chapter two of Genesis tells us how God created man and women. How delightfully complex we are, with every cell and organ working together to keep us alive.

Only three chapters into the bible there is some bad news, man and woman started to think they were better than God and rebelled against him and sin entered the world.

This is why God sent Jesus his only son to die on a cross so that we could restore that relationship with God. This is the very good news!

We have a perfect God who created us, who loves us and wants to have a relationship with us.

If you would like to learn more about the bible you would be very welcome to join us at our services on a Sunday 10-30am and 6pm.

or a more informal discussion we have a meeting in the week in a small group in someone's home for more information contact Gary 07723 327353.

Or if you would like a friendly chat over a cuppa we have a coffee morning at the church 10-12am on a Tuesday.

Linda Bowler

On behalf of Wootton Baptist Fellowship

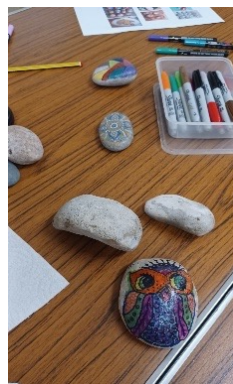
Our first meeting in the Spring quarter got off to a good start with a fashion show from Jackie Allen and her travelling boutique. We were shown how to pack a capsule wardrobe with a few statement pieces and



all fitting in a cabin size suitcase. Members were then able to purchase a range of clothes from the many items Jackie had brought with her.

Our April meeting saw the committee and president elected followed by a quiz and social time. Nice to have time to be able to catch up with each other.

The May meeting was a crafting evening, when members tried their hands at painting positivity rocks, watercolour cards, embroidered cards and material bookmarks along with glass painting. These evenings are very popular as we learn new skills and also helps with our mental health as we concentrate on each craft.



We have a Bring and Buy table most months so members can sell items such as books, plants and baked goodies at very reasonable prices.

Future Meetings are:

June 19th Games Evening

July 17th Therapy Ponies

Future events will be a Picnic on the Rec, date to be confirmed, and a **boat trip on the John Bunyan boat on September 15th.**

All visitors very welcome at a cost of £5pp including tea or coffee and biscuits. Meetings start at 7-30pm in the Memorial Hall on the third Wednesday of each month.



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Leyanne said; "I have wanted to foster ever since I was 16 and learnt that my mum was not my birth mother".

"She had married my father, loved me as her own child, and raised me even after she and Dad divorced. She offered me unconditional love. This inspired me to do the same".

"My husband and I have been fostering with Bedford Borough Council for nearly 11 years, starting when our children were aged three and six. At first, we worried that our children would be too young, but in hindsight it was the best thing we ever did. We see a side to them that very few parents get to see. Our children have shared their entire lives. They have been selfless and continue to be so".

"We have cared for around 30 children, ranging from newborns up to 13. Some have stayed with us for a weekend, others have been part of the family for years. We currently have two long-term children who will be with us until they are adults and beyond".

"The relationships among carers in Bedford Borough makes for a great source of support. We also have a social worker who is available for regular supervision and whenever you need help and advice. There is also an out-of-hours service to fill the gap."

Find out more about fostering at www.foster4bedford.com

Welcome to Wootton Upper School

Everyone at Wootton Upper School continues to live up to our values of **Aspiration**, **Opportunity for All** and **Belief in Ourselves**.

Aspiration:



Our Year 11 pupils are well prepared for their GCSEs which are well underway. They have worked very hard and attended

lots of revision sessions after school and through the Easter holidays.

We have supportive sessions before exams to ensure every pupils is ready to do their very best.

Investment in IT: We are thrilled to announce the opening of our brand-new IT room, IT4, designed to enhance our pupils' learning experience and better prepare them for the digital future. This state-of-the-art facility features the latest high-specification PCs running Windows 11, equipped with a suite of Adobe software to support a variety of multimedia and creative projects.

The centrepiece of IT4 is a beautifully modern design, which not only appeals aesthetically but also creates an optimal learning environment for our pupils. A key feature of this innovative space is the new interactive display, which enriches lessons by allowing more dynamic, engaging, and interactive lessons.

AI for Learning On our recent Enrichment Day, Year 10 pupils had the unique opportunity to

dive into the world of artificial intelligence (AI) during a special workshop designed to expand their understanding and use of AI in learning. The session highlighted how AI can be seamlessly integrated into their learning, enhancing both engagement and immersion.

Pupils experimented with a variety of AI tools, including Canva, which enabled them to generate text, images, and videos tailored to their specific subjects. The focus of the workshop was not only on understanding AI technology but also on exploring its potential in academic research and creative processes.

Our commitment to incorporating more AI into learning is ongoing with staff taking part in PROJECT AI, an initiative to find the best AI tools for learning.

Science learning: In addition to lots of STEM activities, including clubs, we had ZooLab in during Science week. Interesting and exciting but also a focus on careers with animals.



Our new Year 9 joining in September:

We are also in full preparations for our new Year 9 joining us. Our staff are visiting the two middle schools, delivering assemblies and getting to know our new Year 9. We are very happy to announce we are full for next year,

having been chosen as their next school by a huge number of Year 8 and their families. Transfer Day is on 2nd July with a warm welcome, some Upper school lessons and a range of activities for pupils to get to know us.

Opportunity for All:

We have made extra curricular and enrichment a real focus for the school. Our overall plan focuses on 6 core areas



Pupils are able to track how the work on this range of skills, and can log their experiences and efforts inside and out of school. These lead to a range of awards, with badges, that are great accomplishments in their own right but also to add to references and share with other organisations.

Many of our pupils are experiencing trips and visits. A small sample are:

- Year 10 trip to Disneyland Paris
- Year 9 trip to Blue Peris outward bounds
- A range of Duke of Edinburgh events
- Sports fixtures
- Representing the school

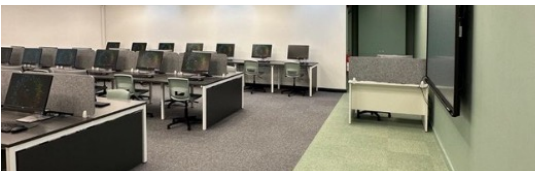


Upcoming: Year 10 outward Bounds in the Lake District, Alton Towers with Year 9, a trip to meet an Astronaut in London

Belief in ourselves:

Our 'in school' programme supports every child, meaning that events are tailored to support and extend what is the core business of the school. Over the last few months we have covered issues such as mental health, dangers of vaping, careers, and relationship education. In addition revision strategies and workshops, extra support in key subjects, mentoring and clubs and extracurricular in our subjects.

The Trust has also been investing in the school and our community. We have a great new IT room, as well as a beautiful new dining room. The 4g pitch continues to be delivered and we are all looking forward to when it is complete and Wootton Upper School pupils, and the community, can use it.





Wootton
Academy Trust

Special welcome to
Mr Mark Lehain, our
new Executive
Headteacher, who will
be joining our TEAM in
September 2024.

Welcome



We are delighted to share with you some exciting news: Wootton Academy Trust has appointed a new Executive Headteacher, Mr Mark Lehain, who will be joining our school/ college community in the next few months. This marks a significant moment in our Trust's journey, and we are thrilled to welcome Mr Lehain aboard.

Mr Lehain brings with them a wealth of experience and expertise in education leadership, having served in various leadership roles within the education sector, most recently as the Special Adviser to the Secretary of Education. Their dedication to fostering a culture of excellence, promoting inclusive learning environments, and nurturing the holistic development of students aligns perfectly with our

Trust's values and aspirations.

As a Trust, we are incredibly excited about the possibilities that lie ahead under Mr Lehain's leadership. Their vision for the future of our school and college, coupled with their passion for empowering students to achieve their full potential, fills us with optimism and enthusiasm for the journey ahead.

We firmly believe that Mr Lehain will inspire our students to strive for excellence, support our dedicated staff in their professional growth,

and strengthen our partnerships with parents and the wider community. Together, we will continue to build upon our Trust's ambition of academic achievement, personal growth, and community engagement.

We invite you to join us in extending a warm welcome to Mr Lehain as they embark on this new chapter with us. Together, we will work collaboratively to create an environment where every student feels valued, supported, and inspired to reach new heights of success.

Wootton Upper School

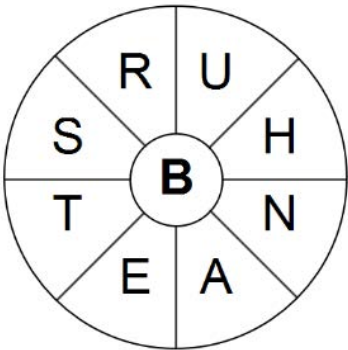
We are delighted to announce that, despite some initial delays, due to drainage issues on site, we are making good progress on our 4G facility, which should be completed early June 2024. Official opening is planned

for the end of the summer term and first booking will be confirmed in the summer. The project will be transformative for our Wootton Upper School students as well as the Wootton community.

- At the beginning of the summer term, we also welcomed Miss Burnham, our new WUS Deputy Head (Teaching, Learning and Assessments). Miss Burnham brings with her a wealth of experience from Sam Whit and Marston Vale Middle School and is already on the case to improve pupils educational outcomes going forward.
- In the spring term we had a number of fantastic trips at the School – Disneyland Paris, Blue Peris and DofE expeditions – thank you to all our committed staff for dedicating their free time to provide those opportunities for our pupils.
- We continue to significantly invest in our School facilities – on top of the £1.9 million 4G facilities, we are spending £300k on our Dining Room refurbishment and new toilet facilities for all year groups – these should all be completed by September 2024
- Just a reminder for all our future parents – the new Y9 induction event is scheduled for Tuesday 02 July 2024
- We have refreshed our School branding and increased our external media presence – please follow us on social media for the latest news – Facebook/ LinkedIn and X (old twitter)

Coffee Break Puzzle

This Summer themed word wheel is made from a **9 letter** Summer themed word. Try and find that word, then make as many words of any length as you can from these letters. You can only use each letter once, and each word must include the letter **B**



Write your answers here:

Nexus Fostering

Fostering plays a crucial role in providing a safe and nurturing home to vulnerable children who cannot stay with their birth families. Yet, misconceptions and myths about fostering often deter potential foster parents. Have a read through these common questions and find plenty more on the Nexus Fostering website.

Can I foster on my own?

Yes. We have many single foster carers who have a solid support network of family and friends who offer practical and emotional support when needed. The Nexus Fostering team is also always available to support you, so you will never feel alone when you foster with us.

Can I choose the age of the children I foster, and do I have any say in the child or young person placed with me?

The matching process is important for you and the child or young person referred to us. We carefully match your personalities, skills, and circumstances with those of the child or young person. We encourage foster carers to focus on the needs of the child, not their age, and then decide if they're able to help them.

Will fostering impact my birth child?

Fostering when you have your own family can be a rewarding experience for everyone involved and allow your children to learn about different cultures and ways of life.

Can I work whilst fostering?

In most cases, it is unrealistic for a foster carer to be expected to give up their steady income to become a stay-at-home parent. Each foster case will be handled differently, focusing on the needs and requirements of the individual that's being fostered. There are a number of factors that could come into discussion when talking about your working life whilst looking to foster a child; such as will you be a single carer, is your employment full or part-time, what hours will you be working and so on..

Do I need experience working with children?

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Something In The Water - *By Colin Zardin*

Brian McFarlane was very content with his life.

He was seventy years old, and he had retired, five years ago, from a middle management position with a banking institution in the City of London. It had been a very stressful job, extremely "full-on", but was very lucrative.

During the week, he had commuted the short distance from a small apartment he had rented in Farringdon. Every Friday after work, he had returned to the lovely house he owned in Surrey.

He had been married to Barbara for nearly twenty four years, but his job had been so demanding that it had prevented their relationship from being as fulfilling as they would have wished. They had divorced by mutual consent, and had never had children. Barbara had a new partner now, and Brian was genuinely pleased for her.

Following the stress of his working life, he had dreamed of a complete change in his retirement.

Because of his Scottish heritage, his attention had turned to Scotland, and he had purchased a delightful cottage near Fort William.

He had sold his house in Surrey for very much more than the cost of his new home, and he had made some major enhancements to improve the cottage even further. It was perfect for him.

He was also able to purchase all the equipment he needed for the many new hobbies and interests he had intended to take up.

The principal one of these was fishing, and he had purchased a small motor boat, which he moored at a nearby marina.

How idyllic and peaceful his life had become!

He spent many wonderful and relaxing days, just drifting on the water, fishing rod out, and admiring the magnificent scenery all around him. Initially he hadn't cared whether or not he actually caught anything, but as his skills developed, he began to catch more fish. He always took a picnic with him, and was at peace with himself, and the world in general.

He had recently started taking some of the larger fish home, where he taught himself to prepare, and cook them. Another completely new hobby, and also, delicious!

On one very special morning, when he was out alone on the loch, something magical had happened. He was half asleep, thinking about the trout he would cook for his evening meal, when he heard a splashing sound nearby. He looked up, and nearly fell out of his boat in shock.

Just a few feet from him, and looking at him curiously, was the magnificent head of a large serpent! Several loops of the creature's body were also visible.

His initial reaction was terror, but he realised that the creature was displaying no aggression towards him. He recovered enough to grab his camera (another of his new hobbies), and start to take some photographs. He couldn't believe it when his companion turned away lazily, and began to swim away from him, but not before it appeared to close one eye, and give him a huge wink!

He couldn't wait to get back to the shore.

He drove rapidly back towards Fort William, where he first went into the local branch of Boots the chemist. Here they had a photo developing machine, and he made two prints of every shot he had taken. He made sure that no one in the shop could see his pictures.

Then he drove back to his cottage, where he sat on the snug, poured himself a large single malt whisky, and took out the photographs. They were superb!

His heart was pounding, and he started to wonder about the consequences of what had happened.

His first thought was – money. The national press, and television, would pay a fortune for these pictures! He would be able to buy anything he wanted.

Then he thought of the fame and recognition. He, Brian McFarlane, would become renowned as the man who had taken the greatest photos of the Loch Ness Monster EVER! Especially the one he had started to refer to in his mind as "The Wink"!

As he savoured his Ardmere whisky, his mind drifted on further.

The hordes of people who would invade Loch Ness, in the hope of seeing "Nessie" for themselves. They would bring much-needed additional revenue to the local economy, but he knew that he would never again have the loch to himself when he went fishing in the future.

And they would come to visit his cottage, to see where the lucky photographer lived.

As he considered all the implications, his mind was made up.

He took the pictures and placed them in the Boots wallet. Then he stood, and walked over to the log fire, blazing cheerfully in the snug. He opened the door with the poker, and threw the package onto the flames. He watched it curl, blacken, and Burn.

Then he picked up his phone, opened the file of photographs, and deleted them from the phone itself, and the cloud.

He was not going to have the peaceful existence he had created for himself ruined by the fact that he had seen "something in the water!"

Outstanding Parish Council Issues & Projects

Item	Location	Deadline	Any other information
Average Speed Cameras	All major routes within the village	Ongoing	WPC ¹ has been informed by BBC ² the remaining cameras for Bedford Road, Church Road, Hall End Road and Keeley Lane should be installed by the end of June 2024. https://wootton-pc.gov.uk/average-speed-cameras/
Berryfields Roundabout Re-Design	Fields Road/Folkes Road	Ongoing	A public vote determined the roundabout should be re-designed using a 'Beacon with Flowers' design. WPC is still seeking permission from BBC (as Highways Authority) to undertake the project and is still seeking clarification regarding utility provisions beneath the roundabout which could impact the project
Changing Rooms renovations	Church Road	2024	WPC intends to demolish the old toilet block and renovate the changing rooms, providing toilets and a small kitchen. A dedicated storage area will provide space for the football teams, WPC and Wootton Country Players. Coloini & Lane Architecture Ltd have been appointed to assist with project management. Planning permission has been granted by BBC and WPC is working with Coloini & Lane Architecture Ltd to finalise specifications before beginning the tender process
Community Centre	Berryfields	Ongoing	Please address all booking enquiries to: bookings@wootton.cc or general enquiries to woottoncommunitycentre@gmail.com Alternatively, visit their Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/Wootton-Community-Centre-373702299872573/
Covanta (now Encyclis) Incinerator	Stewartby parish	Ongoing	Visit the following links for fuller information: BACI ³ 's website: https://bedsagainstincinerator.wordpress.com/ ; BACI's Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/residentsagainstcovanta/?ref=bookmarks ; WPC's website: https://wootton-pc.gov.uk

¹ Wootton Parish Council

² Bedford Borough Council

³ Bedfordshire Against Covanta Incinerator

⁴ The eco-friendly bus shelters will be made purely from recycled plastic bottles and the 'living roofs' will contain plants and greenery.

Lecterns	Various sites within the village	Ongoing	To date, lecterns detailing historic information have been sited at: • Keeley End Pond (Bedford Road/Hollies Walk); • Lorraine Road Cemetery (in recognition of The Queen's Green Canopy Tree Planting Event which took place in January 2022); • Memorial Hall (Bedford Road); • The Pound (Bedford Road – opposite The Cock Inn PH). WPC still hopes to site a lectern in the general vicinity of The Gaol, adjacent to St. Mary's Churchyard on Church Road, but may need to revisit the exact location as a licence from BBC to proceed is proving problematical
Local Plan 2040	Throughout the village	Ongoing	Public Hearings in relation to the examination of BBC's Local Plan 2040 have recently concluded and the Planning Inspectorate has raised concerns that it cannot be currently found to be sound. Fuller information can be found here: Local Plan 2040 Examination Bedford Borough Council
Lorraine Road Cemetery extension	Lorraine Road cemetery	Ongoing	WPC is ringfencing money annually and will approach the Crown Estate (adjoining landowners) to request it be permitted to purchase an area of land adjacent to the existing cemetery in order to extend it
Neighbourhood Development Plan	The whole civil parish of Wootton	2024	The referendum saw a majority vote in favour of Bedford Borough Council using the Neighbourhood Plan for Wootton to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area. The plan will next be reviewed after the adoption of BBC's Local Plan 2040 – to ensure policies are up to date
Real Time Passenger Information (bus stops)	Four bus stop sites within the village	2024	Four electronic real time passenger information units were installed in 2021, but have since been vandalised. In 2023, WPC replaced the four bus shelters under its ownership – at the following locations: • Bedford Road (opposite and adjacent to the Manor Road flats – Bedford and Milton Keynes bound); • Bedford Road (adjacent to the Keeley Lane junction – Bedford bound); • Cause End Road (opposite the junction with St. Mary's Road). The new eco-friendly shelters contain 'living roofs' to help negate the effects of carbon emissions and is now waiting to learn whether BBC will fund new roof-mounted RTPI units

Roads and Pavements	Throughout the village	Ongoing	The Roads and Pavements Safety Steering Group has now separated from the Leisure and Amenities Committee and continues to meet every other month. It raises issues for BBC to consider. Residents are welcome to attend these meetings. Historic minutes can be viewed via this link: https://wootton-pc.gov.uk/parish-council/minutes/?eeFolder=Meetings/Minutes/Roads-and-Pavements&eeFront=1 and minutes for the newly-formed committee will be available to view via this link: https://wootton-pc.gov.uk/wp-admin/admin.php?page=ee-simple-file-list-pro&eeFolder=Meetings%2FMinutes%2FLeisure-and-Amenities-Committee-including-Roads-Pavements-Safety-Steering-Group (A hard copy can be requested from the Clerk to the Council)
Synthetic Pitch	Grounds within Wootton Upper School	2024	Works at the Upper School have commenced to deliver the synthetic pitch. WPC and the Upper School are working to complete a Community Use Agreement which will detail how the facility will operate outside core school hours
Village Entrance Sign	Keeley Lane	2024	WPC intends to install a brick-built sign at the entrance to Wootton along Keeley Lane – to mirror the sign at the entrance to Wootton along Wootton/Bedford Road and has employed an architect to aid with the design. A second planning application was successful and WPC is currently sourcing potential contractors

Please note this is a brief overview of ongoing/proposed projects and the list is not exhaustive as changes can occur before the next newsletter edition goes to print. For fuller information on these or other projects, please contact the Clerk to the Council.

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There will be a licensed bar on the night at very reasonable prices and also a raffle raising money for the **Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation**

*(if you would like to donate a prize, please contact
Becky.buckingham@gmail.com)*

**Tickets for the production are £10.00 standard or
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This play contains mild adult content and it not suitable for children under 14.

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For a full description of the courses please visit www.bedford.gov.uk/activeadults

Starting week beginning 13th May 2024*

Sports programmes aimed at adults aged 35 years plus

* unless stated otherwise

Code	Course	Day	First session	Time	Venue	Price
B3	Boxing (She-Boxes) Women's Only	Friday	17/05/2024	09:30-10:30	Scott Hall Community Centre	£68
BL1	Ballroom and Latin Dancing for Beginners	Monday	13/05/2024	09:35-10:35	Wootton Community Centre	£60
C1	Cardio Tennis	Monday	13/05/2024	09:15-10:15	Riverside Tennis Club	£64
C2	Cardio Tennis	Saturday	18/05/2024	06:55-07:55	Riverside Tennis Club	£64
C3	Cardio Tennis	Wednesday	15/05/2024	09:15-10:15	Riverside Tennis Club	£64
C4	Cardio Tennis	Monday	13/05/2024	17:35-18:35	Riverside Tennis Club	£64
D1	Dance class for Beginners	Thursday	16/05/2024	11:00-12:00	Wootton Village Hall	£45
GM1	Golf Beginners (Mowsbury)	Wednesday	15/05/2024	19:00-20:00	Mowsbury Golf and Squash Centre	£65
GM2	Golf Improvers (Mowsbury)	Wednesday	15/05/2024	20:00-21:00	Mowsbury Golf and Squash Centre	£65
GM3	Golf Improvers (Mowsbury)	Friday	17/05/2024	11:00-12:00	Mowsbury Golf and Squash Centre	£65
GM4	Golf Beginners (Mowsbury) 7 weeks only	Tuesday	15/05/2024	10:30-11:30	Mowsbury Golf and Squash Centre	£57
GID1	Golf in a Day Beginners	Bedfordshire Golf Club	22/05/2024	10:00-15:00	Book directly with Richard 07765 820041 rbgolf@hotmail.co.uk	£95
GID2	Golf in a Day Intermediates	Bedfordshire Golf Club	05/06/2024	10:00-15:00	Book directly with Richard 07765 820041 rbgolf@hotmail.co.uk	£95
GID3	Golf in a Day - Women only sessions with Top 50 Coach	Colmworth Golf Club	Various Dates	10:00-15:00	Book directly with Adie 07979 500199 info@adrienne.golf	£99
GID4	Golf in a Day - Mixed Gender sessions, with Top 50 Coach	Colmworth Golf Club	Various Dates	10:00-15:00	Book directly with Adie 07979 500199 info@adrienne.golf	£99
IB1	Indoor Bowls	Thursday	16/05/2024	14:00-16:00	Kempston Park Indoor Bowls Club	£35
IB2	Indoor Bowls	Wednesday	15/05/2024	12:30-14:30	Bedford Borough Bowls Club, Goldington Road	£35
J1	Jazzumba	Tuesday	14/05/2024	13:30-14:20	Elderswell Retirement Village, Turvey	£60
J2	Jazzumba	Wednesday	15/05/2024	12:30-13:30	Cotton End Village Hall	£60
KF1	Kendo Fitness	Monday	13/05/2024	19:30-21:30	Great Denham Community Hall	£40
P1	Pilates Beginners	Tuesday	14/05/2024	14:00-15:00	Wilstead, Jubilee Centre	£50
SC1	Strength and Conditioning Women's only	Monday	13/05/2024	09:30-10:00	Scott Hall Community Centre	£68
SD1	Swing Dance for Beginners	Wednesday	15/05/2024	20:15-21:00	Great Denham Community Hall	£60
SD2	Swing Dance & Jive for Beginners	Tuesday	14/05/2024	14:30-15:30	Elderswell Retirement Village, Turvey	£60
T1	Tennis Intermediates	Wednesday	15/05/2024	10:45-12:00	Riverside Tennis Club	£60
T2	Tennis Beginners / Intermediates	Tuesday	14/05/2024	20:30-21:30	Riverside Tennis Club	£55
WF1	Walking Football	Monday	13/05/2024	20:00-21:00	University of Bedfordshire	£35
WF2	Walking Football	Thursday	16/05/2024	14:00-15:00	Kempston Rovers, Hillgrounds Rd	£35
WT1	Walking Tennis	Friday	17/05/2024	14:00-15:00	Riverside Tennis Club	£64
Y1	Yoga - Mixed Abilities 6 weeks only	Thursday	16/05/2024	19:00-20:00	Renhold Village Hall	£35
Y2	Yoga Beginners / Intermediate	Thursday	16/05/2024	12:00-13:00	Wootton Village Hall	£45

HOW TO BOOK

Bookings open at **12:30pm on 16th April 2024**
Book online at www.bedford.gov.uk/activeadults

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Wootton Community Centre Timetable

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Morning	9:45am Ballroom Dancing	9:30am Little City (2nd Tues of month)	10am Piccolos Music	10am Soca Tots	9:30-10:30am Disco Ducks 11am PicklePea	9am-12 Soca Tots	10am Dalpoon (Every other Sunday)
Afternoon	Private Booking				2-3pm PicklePea		
Evening	4:30pm Brennan School of Dance	5pm Inspired School of Dance	5pm Inspired School of Dance	4:15-6:30pm Art Club	4pm Inspired School of Dance		

Club contact details

Brennan School of Dance - Rebecca Tredray - brennanschoolofdance.co.uk - brennanschoolofdance@gmail.com - 07974 458677 - Booking essential

Piccolos Music Club - Mark Nasir - piccolosmusicclub.co.uk - Booking essential

Berrywood Tang Soo Do - Paul and Sam Quinton - dalpoon.com - berrywoodtsd@dalpoon.com - 07813 659610 - Booking essential

Dalpoon Academy - Dave Roughley - dalpoon.com - Booking essential

Little City MK - jen@littlecityuk.com - 07792 735312

Inspire School of Dance - Sarah Higgins - sarahhiggind18@yahoo.co.uk - Booking essential

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BSKA Karate - bskassoc.at@gmail.com - 07307 871107 - Booking essential

PicklePea&Play - Chloe Smith - bookwhen.com/pickleandpeaplay - Booking essential

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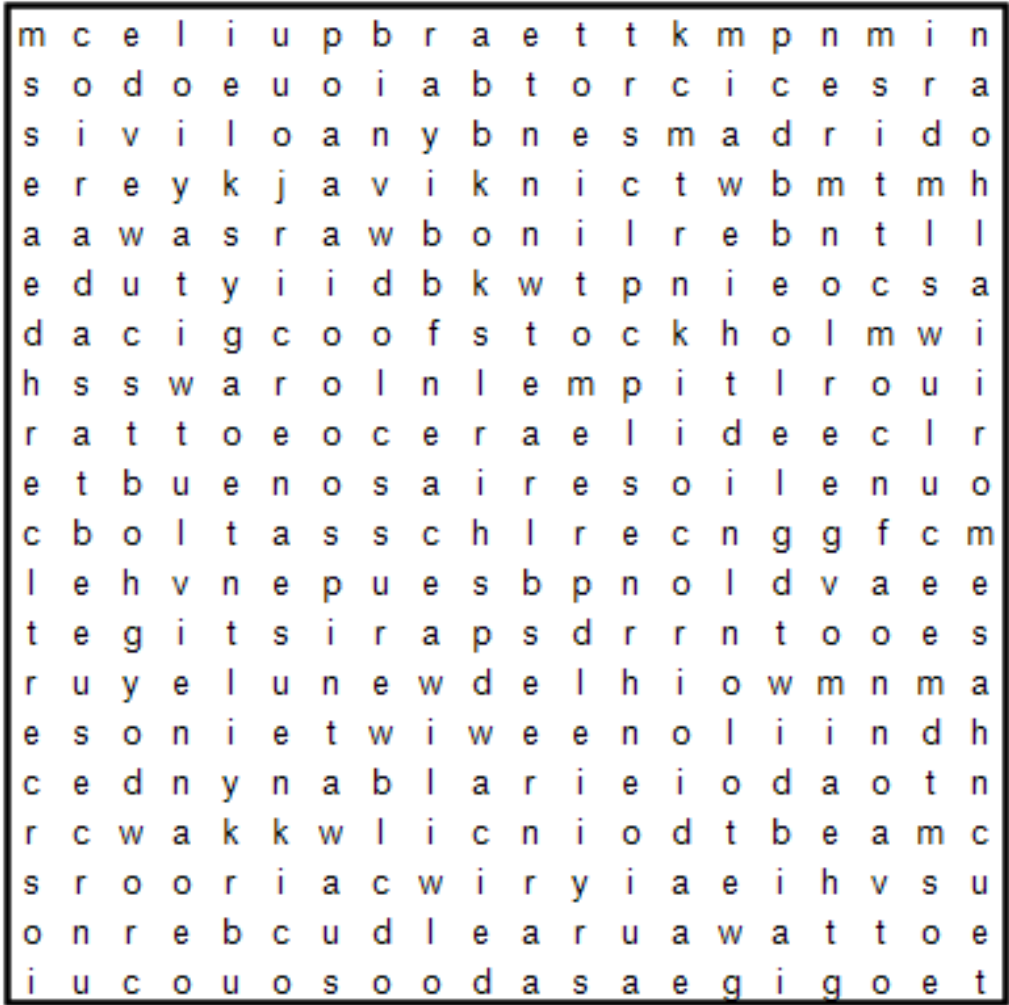
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