



Tea for the queen

As part of the Parish Councils Jubille plans, residents of the Sir Malcolm Homes trust were treated to a cream tea and Jubille commemorative mug which were personally delivered by Parish Councillor's.

It was also great to see Bill who was celebrating his 100th Birthday.





Chairman's REPORT

Cllr Lee Melville

Summer is already upon us and we are already half way past the year, time flies when you're having fun they say!

The weather sadly goes the better of us for the much-planned Queens Jubilee event, the Council events team, discussed and re-discussed to go ahead or not but it was not feasible to go ahead in the end, we are truly sorry for any disappointment. We were however delighted that we could still issue the residents of Sir Malcom Homes Trust their Afternoon Cream Tea, which was greatly received and the flags around the Village at least brought some Jubilee spirit to the Village, which were much the envy of other local Villages. We do hope that you will support our Summer Outdoor Cinema event on Sunday 28th August, make sure to get your tickets early as well over 90% are already sold.

Planning and development remain the biggest topics and concerns as the sheer scale of the many plans are vast, unforgivable and will destroy the character and green spaces of the local area. I ask you to please sign our petition against the Local plan 2040 and 4000 more homes in our Parish. Many of the other plans are already committed and approved, only while the local plan is open for consultation do we have the opportunity to change these plans. Act now and by Fri 29th July otherwise it is too late! I hope you enjoy the summer and hope to see you at our outdoor Cinema event.

Hansons reach

Many residents on Hansons Reach were extremely unhappy with the management of common areas with uncut grass and the areas looking generally unkempt. Although not an area that the Parish Council is responsible, it does have an impact on the appearance of the Village. Cllr Lee Melville had meetings and discussions with senior Managers of Persimmons and managed to get some action in the areas plus some clarification of which areas are being managed by Encore and Persimmon's.

Others have asked when will the roads be finished, sadly not until all building works are completed. This is expected to be at the end of this year, so final road finishes should be expected early 2023.

Contact has also been made with the retail units owners, Johal Holdco Ltd regarding the poor upkeep of this area, but a response is still awaited.

TIME TO GET FIT

During August we are really pleased to be providing some new outdoor gym equipment on the Sports Field on Park Crescent. Funded by the Parish Council and a contribution from Cllr Tim Hill's ward fund, we hope that it will encourage people to get active...no excuse now!

What a load of rubbish!

One issue that has been raised at our monthly surgeries is the lack of litter/dog poo bins within the Village. The Parish Council pay and provide the physical bin, while Bedford Borough Council empty them. The Parish Council agreed more bins were needed and approved their purchase only for this to

be rejected by Bedford Borough as they don't have the budget to empty more bins. We feel this is very short sighted given that they empty the bins as part of the household collection every 2nd Friday anyway. We are sorry that we cannot improve this service to the community where a need has been identified.



Community Police



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Protecting People and Fighting Crime
Together

I'm Sergeant John Killick and I work with PC Vito Napoli and PCSO Stephen Tarabella as the local community officers for Stewartby, amongst other areas.

It's been quite a start to the summer with many of us having already experienced a record-breaking heatwave and we hope you are all enjoying the warm weather but keeping yourselves and your loved ones safe too.

Water safety is always a hot topic this time of year. As there are several rivers and areas of open water close by, we know that it is tempting to go for a swim when the weather is warm. These often look calm and safe, but could have hidden dangers, such as being deeper than you think or an undercurrent that even the strongest of swimmers could get into difficulty with.

We often find we have an increase in calls relating to anti-social behaviour during

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the summer months. To try and deter this, officers will be spending time in various locations known for this activity to give more of a visible presence.

During our last community meeting, it was decided that the current priority would be around vehicle crime, such as anti-social behaviour, nuisance parking, speeding and thefts.

We will be holding our next community engagement event in Stewartby on Friday 18 November between 11am and 12.30pm – details to be released nearer the time.

Please continue to report any issues or suspicious behaviour in your area to us as this information will feed into our team's plans and will help shape our response.

There are several ways in which you can get in touch with us. You can report online via our website beds.police.uk or by calling our non-emergency number 101.



Sergeant John Killick
North Rural Community
Policing Team

Alternatively, you can use our live web chat service on our website beds.police.uk, which will put you in touch with someone directly in our contact centre. Unfortunately, we have had instances where people have used local social media groups to let other people know that they have been the victim of a crime, but haven't reported it to us directly, which means we are unaware and unable to investigate.

Letting us know of any issues in your area really does help us create an intelligence picture and feeds into how we tackle these problems.

For more information about what is happening in your area, you can also sign up to bedsalert.co.uk, which is an email messaging system powered by Neighbourhood Alert. This allows you to get the most up-to-date communications from us, including news, appeals and advice.



HAVE YOUR SAY SURVEY

The Have Your Say survey can be accessed at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BedsPoliceHaveYourSay and is also another way in which you can help us determine the priorities for your area and provide us with a better understanding of the issues that are affecting you.

Don't forget you can follow the team, with work we do and any updates on social media: you can find us on Facebook under North Beds Police Rural and Twitter by following @bedspolicerural

Please continue to help us keep Bedfordshire safe.

A Water Warning from Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service

Following a number of water related incidents around the county in recent weeks, Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service would like to warn and inform parents and children of the potential dangers and risks involved when in and around the water this summer.

There were 254 accidental drownings in the UK in 2020, and many more have non-fatal experiences with some of these being life changing. In Summer 2022, while we experience warmer and drier weather than usual, spending time near rivers and lakes is much more appealing. But throughout the school summer holidays, we need to take extra care.

Even the strongest of swimmers can get into trouble in water outdoors and we have particular concern for young people who could be putting themselves at risk without knowing the dangers. Nearly half of those accidental drownings in 2020, didn't intend to enter the water. During the summer break, we urge you all to stay safe not just in the water, but around the open water too.

Outdoor water can contain many hazards such as entrapments, weeds, rubbish, drains, broken bottles, pollution, under water currents and it can be very hard to judge the depth meaning water can suddenly catch someone out.

WATER SAFETY

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TIP OF THE DAY

If someone is in danger...

Call 999

1. Don't be tempted to go in. The water might be cold, which will limit your ability to swim and may cause cold water shock.

2. Shout & encourage them to float on their back. Let them know help is on the way.

3. Find a rescue aid. Look for a life ring, throw line or reach pole. If there is no public rescue aid equipment, throw anything that will float.

4. Safe Rescue. Before pulling someone out of the water, get down on one knee or lie down so you don't fall in.

5. Keep sight of the casualty to help the emergency services locate them quicker.



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Be aware of the dangers.

If you are in danger in the water, try to stay calm and float on your back.

If you do see someone in trouble in the water, please do not enter the water – always call 999.

Meet our new team

Hi my name is Chris and I am the weekend caretaker / grounds person for Stewartby. I have been doing this role for 6 months now so you may have seen me around the village picking litter, doing general maintenance, tidying up and setting up the football pitches for the football matches over on the Sports field.

I really enjoy my role and it makes it feel really worth while seeing the difference I can make and also when I actually get thanked by the you local residents for the work I am doing. A little about me: I am married to Karen and live in Cranfield. I have 4 children and 2 grandchildren. During the week I take my daughter and wife to and from work in-between I am a bass player / musician playing in a few bands in my time.

If you see me around give me a wave.



Chris

Hi, I'm Nathan and I am your full time caretaker / grounds person for the Parish. I have been here for 6 months and a couple of my biggest projects so far is the planting of the roses in the memorial garden. It's lovely to see them out in full bloom now. And also refreshing the area around the sports pavillion by jet washing, painting, weeding and mulching.

Alongside larger projects my main duties are taking care of the maintenance of the Sports pavillion and the Village Hall, litter picking and other general village maintenance. I never have nothing to do! A bit about myself, I live in Oakley with my girlfriend. In my spare time I love to build electric guitars and enjoy playing them too. I also enjoy using my skills for any woodworking projects.

I look forward to seeing you all around the village.

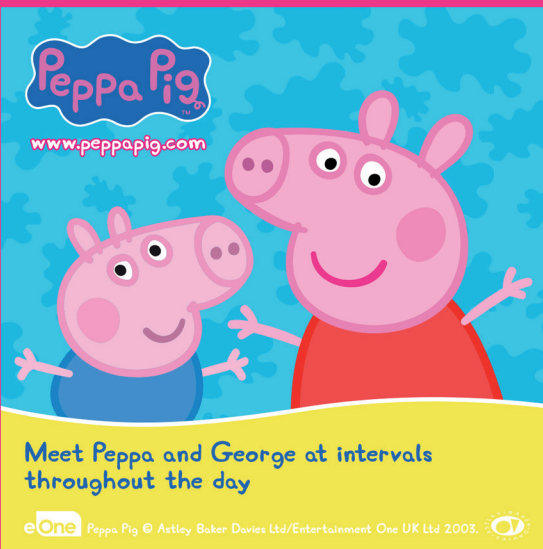


Nathan

FOREST FAMILY FUN DAY



Sat 3rd Sept (10am – 4pm)



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Borough Councillor Tim Hill's Report



PERSONAL

I wish to place on public record my very grateful thanks to the Parish Councillors for the very kind Bereavement Card I received from the Parish Council. This followed the very sad passing of my Dad on 19th June 2022. It is very much appreciated. Also, to the many individual cards I received from individual Parish Councillors and other residents.

PARISH

Litter Bins – Residents regularly ask me and/or their Parish Council, for an extra litter bin in their area. Despite already achieving savings of more than £100 million, Bedford Borough Council still needs to identify further savings. The impact of Covid-19 has had a major impact on the Council's finances and resources, alongside increased demand on care services. The Council faces an estimated funding gap of £15.7M to 2025/26 with an immediate pressure of over £5M in the next financial year - 2022/23. Therefore, the Borough Council is not able to install

extra litter bins which would impact on the limited resources which the Borough has. Extra litter bins mean extra work, which means extra bin men required, which means increased costs. However, the Borough can look at relocating some current litter bins if there is a better position for them. This would need agreeing by the relevant Parish Council for it to accept the initial cost of removing and reinstalling the bins to a new location. The Parish Chairs and I have successful in ensuring the refuse crews are not missing overflowing litter bins. Officers will also be monitoring litter bins in my Ward to make sure this isn't a contributing factor. Each Parish Council can also fund the replacement of the existing litter bins, with the dual ones seen elsewhere in the Borough. They just need to let me and the Borough Environment team know they want to do this.

Cow Bridge road sinking – I have reported to Borough Highways, the very deep pothole in the middle lane of the going south traffic on Cow Bridge. It isn't very wide, but it is very deep and needs urgent attention. If you want a pothole repaired, please report it on this link, send me the reference number and I'll chase it up. That way, the issue is reported promptly, Borough officers have a good overall picture of where pothole problems are and I have evidence of residents' concerns I can use: <https://www.bedford.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-travel/roads-and-pavements/potholes/>

Used Syringes Collection – Residents with Diabetes and other illnesses have asked me if the Borough provides a free collection of used Sharps Syringes. I was pleased to advise them that they can request a free collection of used Sharps Syringes using this form:

https://bedford-self.achieveservice.com/AchieveForms/?mode=fill&form_uri=sandbox-publish://AF-Process-922d5194-c379-4730-9ac8-6f3a6fbeb4c/AF-Stage-af788845-ed36-4ebc-a277-18b4c25b7b26/definition.json&process=1&process_uri=sandbox-processes://AF-Process-922d5194-c379-4730-9ac8-6f3a6fbeb4c&process_id=AF-Process-922d5194-c379-4730-9ac8-6f3a6fbeb4c

Rural Bulky Waste collection service is back - Following a difficult couple of years for us all including the Councils collection teams, I am pleased to confirm the Rural Bulky Waste collection service is back. Please note, due to ongoing operational challenges faced by the collection teams the scheme is operating on Saturdays only and we have had to reduce the number of locations within each Parish we are able to visit to be able to best deliver and sustain the service this year. A timetable of placements for this year has been finalised and those in my Ward are as follows: Saturday 17th September - Alexander Close - 10.30am to 12.00pm: Pilling Road/

Magpie Avenue Jct. - 1.00pm to 3.30pm (Before anyone asks, I've asked officers where the vehicles will park, as this new junction is very narrow and the bollards I got installed, mean they cannot park on the wide pavement to Saxon Gate Drive.)

STEWARTBY

New Heating At Village Hall - This summer, the Village Hall Trustees are hoping to install a new heating system throughout the Village Hall. The current system has limited controls and no remote monitoring or control functions, and much of it is ineffective and inefficient. I have submitted a £1,436.60 bid from my Councillors Ward Fund as a contribution towards the cost of fitting the new heating system. The Village Hall Trust anticipates the fitting to take place during August.

Stewartby Sunflowers Group – A new Team has taken over the running of the Stewartby Sunflowers Group. This is a baby and toddler group that is held in the Church Hall every Tuesday. I have submitted a £500.00 bid from my Councillors Ward Fund as a contribution towards the cost of replacing some of the toys and equipment that are quite dated.

Community Chest Fund Stewartby

Striders – The Stewartby Striders Group is going from strength to strength. Their Convenor, Adam Hills, has approached me to ask for a source of grant money

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to enable some of the Striders to undertake a formal First Aid Course. As my Stewartby portion of my 2022/23 Ward Fund is already allocated to local projects, I have directed Adam to the Bedford Borough Community Chest Fund at: <https://www.bedford.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/about-the-council/community-engagement/community-funding/> Funding (up to £1,000) core or project funding is available for established voluntary, charitable organisations and community groups.

Quest Pit development – PUBLIC CONSULTATION – about the plans to transform Quest pit into the UK's largest TV & Film studio's. Outline proposals can be found on the link: https://hopbedfordshire.co.uk/proposals/?fbclid=IwAR38kmcweOeHswAiZDUDE4XP3uVvIKbA0C64YCSVnNwqSjdI3_8jgA8srk Please don't comment on the general principle of any development on the site. The Site has been in the Central Beds Local Plan as designated commercial development since before I was totally humbled to be first elected as a Borough Councillor for Stewartby in 2007. Please just comment on the particular details of this actual application.

Students and school bus on driveway – Stewartby Way residents have raised their concerns with me about a school bus

that blocks them in and drops students off directly outside. I have asked the Wootton Academy Trust for an update.

KEMPSTON HARDWICK

Travellers Site – At the Parish Chair's request, I have set up regular phone calls for us with the Senior Officer and the Portfolio Holder responsible for the Travellers Site. The issues are as follows:

- The site budget for 20/21 & 21/22 and actual spend – On the last call, the Senior Officer promised to share with us this information.
- The job description and work schedule for the Site Managers – On the last call, the Senior Officer promised to share with us this information.
- Rent arrears – I have established that most of the pitches are in arrears, but with the work done by the Senior Officer's Team on changing the travellers to Housing Benefit, this means that the Housing Benefit is paid by the Council's Benefits Service directly to the Housing Service. Therefore, this guarantees the rent is paid.
- The number of evictions in the last 2 years – On the last call, the Senior Officer promised to share with us this information.
- Fires are being started on the site. This is against tenancy rules. The Officers are trying to establish who the offenders are.

What's on Guide

JULY

Festival of Fun @ Mead Open Farm

23 Jul – 29 Aug

Dust off your dancing shoes and join in the festivities at the Festival of Fun, prepare to party like you've never partied before! Plus, don't miss out on the Foam Party – BIGGER and better than ever, running daily from the 23rd July until 29th August! www.meadopenfarm.co.uk

Summer of Sports @ Dunstable Downs

25 Jul – 5 Sep

Join in with the fun and games this summer holiday as Summer of Sport returns. This is a free event.

Summer Camping @ Herrings Green Farm

23 Jul, 6 and 20 Aug

Get out into the great outdoors and go camping at Herrings Green Farm this summer! Hi-de-hi Campers, camp in the grounds of Herrings Green Farm, tickets not only include your pitch but dinner, evening entertainment, breakfast and full access to the farm and daily displays/keeper talks. £39.00 per adult and £29.00 per child, per night (babies under the ages of 2 years are FREE). birdsofpreycentre.co.uk

AUGUST

Woodland Animal Crafts @ Forest of Marston Vale

2 Aug

Paint, stick and decorate your own woodland animal mask. £4 per child.

Woodland Animal Trail @ Forest of Marston Vale

3 – 9 Aug

Follow the trail and find all the Woodland creatures hidden in the Sensory Garden to win a prize. £3 per child.

Family Air Show @ Shuttleworth

7 Aug

With fantastic funfair attractions, kids activities, the beautiful Shuttleworth Swiss Garden, vintage bus rides, a thrilling air display, and much more – you won't want to miss out on the Family Air Show. With all your Shuttleworth favourites and an array of visiting surprises, there is something to keep the whole family entertained!

Crafty Thursday @ John Bunyan Museum

Every Thursday throughout

August 11.00 am – 3.30 pm

Get creative with family friendly crafts at the John Bunyan Museum. £2 per child – no need to book!

Dinosaur Crafts @ Forest of Marston Vale

16 Aug

Get your paws (and claws) ready for some dino decoration! £4 per child.

Summer Camping @ Mead Open Farm

Through the Summer holidays
Camping it back on the farm on selected weekends during August!

Tuesday Family EyeSpy Cruises on the John Bunyan Boat

Every Tuesday throughout August
Cruise by Bedford's landmarks along the Embankment and the wildlife on the Great River Ouse. See how many of the landmarks you can spot? Included in the child cruise ticket is the John Bunyan community boat I-SPY card. Adult £7 / Concession £6 / Child £6 / Family (2 Adults and 2 Children under 16) £21. Book in advance. [*Tyg Tickets \(tygit.com\)*](http://Tyg Tickets (tygit.com))

Dinosaur Trail @ Forest of Marston Vale

17 – 23 Aug

Join in the dino safari and see how many you can find in the Sensory Garden - best dino spotters win a prize! £3 per child.

End of Summer Crafts @ Forest of Marston Vale

30 Aug

Join in the colourful leaf and tree themed crafts. £4 per child.

SEPTEMBER

Forest Family Fun Day @ Forest of Marston Vale

3 Sep 10.00 am – 4.00 pm

Lots of fun for all the family including the opportunity to meet Peppa and George at various intervals throughout the day.

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Stewartby & Kempston Hardwick
PARISH COUNCIL

Dates for your Diary!



Sunday 5th June

Queen's Jubilee Picnic

12pm – 4pm

at The Sports Field, Park Crescent, Stewartby

LIVE MUSIC | BOUNCY CASTLE | GAMES FOR THE KIDS
FOOD AND DRINK STALLS | LICENSED BAR
BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC



Sunday 28th August

Outdoor Cinema

12pm – 7pm

at The Sports Field, Park Crescent, Stewartby

KIDS ACTIVITIES | FOOD AND DRINK STALLS



Sunday 26th November

Christmas Fair & Santa's Grotto

at The Village Hall, Stewartby

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