

# Wendover Parish Council

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## Parish Council Elections

Why not apply to join Wendover Parish Council this year and do something positive for your community?

The elections will be on Thursday, 3rd May 2007. If you are over 18, are on the electoral register (or live within 3 miles of the village) you could be eligible.

The Parish Council meets 12 times a year on the first Monday in the month in the Library Rooms at 7.45 pm

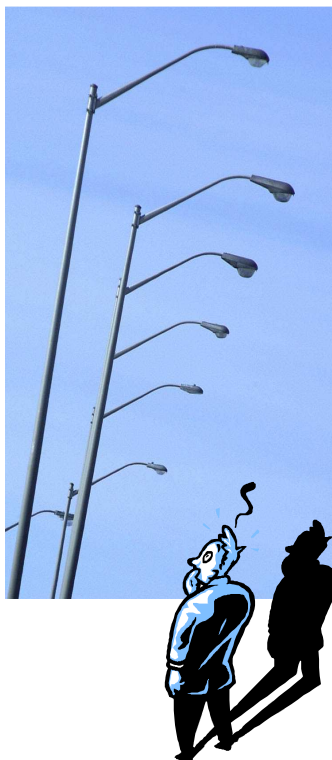
Please watch out for more information in the local press or (from mid-March onwards), contact the Elections Officer on (01 296) 585858 or the Clerk to the Council on (01 296) 623056 for a nomination form.

If you want information about the duties of a councillor, contact the Bucks Association of Local Councils on

(01 296) 383154 or [balc@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:balc@buckscc.gov.uk)

### Wendover Library

Bucks County Council are proposing to reduce the hours that the library is open to ensure that the most effective use is made of resources whilst minimising the impact on customer service and quality. A consultation on these proposals will take place from mid-February to the end of March and response forms will be available in all libraries and on-line via the BCC website. Members of the public will be invited to comment on how the proposals affect the libraries they use and whether the opening days and times meet their needs. Please respond if this will affect you.



### We have a vision !

It is anticipated that we will be brightening up the Manor Waste in 2007 with new planters to welcome in a colourful summer.

### Switching off Street Lights Trial

Currently, the County Council are trialling the switching off of certain streetlights at selected locations across the county. Wendover will be trialling the Nash Lee Roundabout on the Wendover Bypass and the London Road Roundabout at the other end of the Bypass. A new form of cat's eye will be installed to increase visibility on the road. The County Council intend that these measures will decrease light pollution and power costs, without compromising on safety.

## Unsung Heroes of Wendover

Many of us walk past the Clock Tower almost every day, after all it is the recognised symbol of Wendover which has served our community for many years, the history behind it has been written, but it is not only an historic building, it houses the Clerk to the Parish Council, in a small, compact upstairs office, where all the administration of Wendover is conducted.

Downstairs, is the busy Tourist Office where visitors from all over the world call in to gather information. This office offers a selection of interesting books, maps, UK holiday / travel brochures, leaflets on local walks, theatre information, general local information, green waste garden sacks, dog poo bags (which are biodegradable and free in small quantities), copies of planning applications etc.

The office is served by our three Tourist Information Officers, Liz Dowell, our Tourist Office Manager, who has this year celebrated 15 years of service, Suzanne Myers and Peter Stride. If you need any information regarding matters relating to Wendover, or indeed anywhere else, do not hesitate to call in and talk to any one of our helpful members of staff.

We must not forget our fantastic Groundsmen, Ian Gosling and Tony Addison. How many residents see them doing a litter pick at 7 am or pruning the hedgerows, so that we always see our village tidy ?



### THE LOSS OF AN OLD FRIEND

Well known resident George Powell, passed away recently. George had been an enthusiastic member of the Parish Council and for many years ran a driving school in Wendover. George was always to be spotted at the Remembrance Day ceremonies, proudly wearing his beret and medals and was always keen to tell the story about the day he met Churchill. He and his wife, Ada, were inseparable until she passed away suddenly in 2000. George will be a sadly missed member of our community.

### Ever heard of Walnut Tree Meadow?

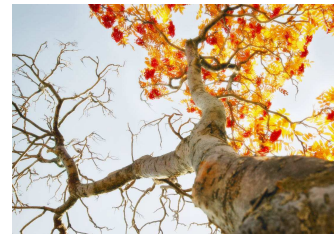


This meadow is located off the Pursell Path, (the old Halton Railway Line), down passed the kicking wall in Ashbrook, and borders the Wendover Arm Canal.

AVDC manage this popular open space and this year will be undertaking a thorough consultation process with the local community to decide on a management plan to determine how best to utilise this area and will be asking the local community for opinions and suggestions. Access, site furniture, public art, biodiversity and site management will all be discussed. The draft plan will be available to view in the spring for the land and trees. Dog walkers will have already noticed the provision of 'dog waste bins' at each entrance of this meadow.

For further information contact AVDC leisure dept. on 01296 585210.

## Trees



Residents will have seen the work undertaken along the Chapel Lane area to preserve and make safe the council's stock of trees. This is part of a continuing programme of inspection and action to the council's tree stock.



## The Hampden Pond



The water level of both the Hampden and Witchell ponds remains a concern. Although rain has increased the water levels, being both spring fed, it can only be hoped that this winter's rainfall will recharge the aquifer to keep the levels steady during the Spring and Summer months.

On another note, the Environment Agency have offered us some fish to help restock the pond. We are not sure when these will arrive, but when they do, we hope to officially reinstate the permit system. Daily permits will be available from The Clock Tower.

## SUMMER FUN ON THE MANOR WASTE



### 2 June Summer Charity Market

9.15—1 pm

Come and support your  
favourite charities

### 7 July Summer Entertainment By the RAF Halton Big Band

11.00—1 pm



Come along and  
Boogie Woogie  
to all the old  
favourites.



### 4 August Cavalleria Rustica

11.00—1 pm

Listen to this duo's  
amazing repertoire of  
opera, folk songs,  
musical theatre and  
more ...



### 1st September Umbanda Percussion

Workshop

11.00—1 pm

Back by popular  
demand, ideal  
fun for the whole  
family



## TWO YEARS OLD!

Cllr Eileen McKechnie is  
delighted to announce that  
the Wendover Local Produce  
Market goes from strength to  
strength. Forthcoming  
markets are:

17 March  
21 April  
19 May  
16 June  
21 July  
18 August  
15 September  
20 October  
17 November



## Wild Flowers in Rope Walk Meadow

Rope Walk Meadow should be  
a blaze of colour this spring. A  
total of 22 varieties of flower  
and 4 types of grass have been  
sown. This year poppies, corn  
flowers and scabious should  
predominate, with others such  
as fritillaries, cowslips and  
trefoil being more noticeable  
in following years.

The meadow will be mown in  
late July/early August and  
again in September, with  
specific paths mown through  
the meadow to allow access.

For those new to the area,  
Rope Walk Meadow is at the  
end of Chapel Lane and runs  
alongside the Heron Path.

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

### 5 March 2007

Finance Committee 7.30pm  
Parish Council 7.45pm

### 20 March 2007

Planning Committee 7.30pm

### 2 April 2007

Finance Committee 7.30pm  
Parish Council 7.45pm

### 17 April 2007

Planning Committee 7.30pm

### 8 May 2007

Finance Committee 7.30pm  
Parish Council 7.45pm

### 15 May 2007

Planning Committee 7.30pm

### 4 June 2007

Finance Committee 7.30pm  
Parish Council 7.45pm

### 19 June 2007

Planning Committee 7.30pm

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE  
WELCOME TO ATTEND ALL  
MEETINGS WHICH ARE HELD IN  
THE LIBRARY ROOM



**Bat boxes** have been  
affixed to trees in the  
conservation area. These  
boxes are designed for bats  
to roost, rear young and  
hibernate. Hopefully they will  
be occupied this year.

Unfortunately, the owls will  
have to wait for their boxes as  
a suitable site has yet to be  
decided upon by the AVDC  
'owl specialist'.

## Memorial Hall

The fencing around the  
Memorial Hall will be  
completed shortly and  
disabled car parking will be  
marked out. Cycle racks are  
now installed.



## YOUR COUNCIL

### Chairman

Richard Gridley

### Vice Chairman & Chairman of Finance

Judith Myers

### Chairman of Planning

Jerry Weston

### Chairman of Footpaths

Chris Peeler

### Chairman of Lighting & Highways

Kevin McPartland

### Chairman of Personnel

Nicky Gregory

### Chairman of Property Management & Tourism

Eileen McKechnie

### Chairman of Recreation Grounds

Stephen Worth

### Councillors

Jennifer Ballantine

Philippa Kearney

Sheila King

Ted Wilkinson

Steve Bowles

### Clerk to the Council

Fiona Lippmann

### CONTACT US ON

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**The Clock Tower, High  
St. Wendover**

## Our most 'asked for' number !

### HIGHWAYS ON CALL

**0845 230 2882**

To report — pot holes pavements, trees and branches that overhang pavements and roads, faulty lighting on main roads

## Commemorative Benches and Trees

Recently, the Parish Council have received a number of requests for commemorative trees and benches. These are purchased and installed by the Parish Council on behalf of the donors. This sometimes involves a fair amount of 'red tape' but we will endeavour to accommodate any requests. This year we have installed benches in memory of the postman, Dave Clark and our late Clerk, Jane Toplis, as well as an oak tree for Joan Newby.

In order to keep continuity around the village we have chosen one particular style of bench which is heavy duty and of all timber construction for £600 installed. Pot grown trees, planted within a wrought iron guard are £250.

A map of sites is available to view at The Clock Tower.

### Wendover Community & Tourist Information Centre

The Clock Tower, High Street, Wendover  
01296 696759

Open Mon – Sat. 10.00 – 16.00

- Local information
- Clubs and societies
- Ticket sales
- Advertise your events,
- Places to visit,
- Activities for children
- Walks, books, maps,
- UK holiday information,
- Accommodation booking,
- Sale of garden and refuse sacks,
- Gifts & Wendover souvenirs

## Dog Waste

This message is to the people who allow their dogs to foul the Heron Path and verge, please remember that other people use this busy footpath and the waste has to be cleared by someone !!!



When you take your dog out and forget a waste bag - Biodegradable bags are available from The Clock Tower, at no charge for a roll of 10 or you can purchase 50 for £1.25.

## Manor Waste

We would like to remind everyone that even when the bollards are removed, the Manor Waste remains a pedestrian only area.

Vehicular parking is not permitted. This protects the surface and ensures public safety.

## Thanks

Finally, we would like to thank all our good citizens of Wendover for supporting the events that are booked for their entertainment. If anybody has ideas of what they would like to see happen in the area, please do not hesitate to submit these to the Clerk for consideration.