

We have had a very active year in Oakington and Westwick WI.

As well as our monthly meetings with a wide range of speakers, we continue to offer our members additional outings, events, and workshops throughout the year. Here are a few highlights.

A small group of us went on a WI visit to the Fitzwilliam Museum to sketch the exhibits there. Essential to the outing was a drop in at Hot Numbers for coffee and then lunch at Fitzbillies, before returning to the museum for a couple more hours of sketching and then an essential cup of tea!

We also voted for or against the WI resolution “Bystanders can be Lifesavers”. It carried unanimously. This resolution has had a lot of press this year, both positive and negative as some people are concerned about giving CPR to women! We had a fantastic outing to Over Community centre to watch “The Calendar Girls” musical by the Over Players. An outstanding production which kept us entertained throughout. We nearly talked ourselves into doing a calendar too!

We had our first walking group outing in June, around the University West Site and the refreshments weren't bad either!

Jenny Jeffries was our inspirational speaker at our September meeting. She promoted food provenance, sustainability, and education, in her books and in the media.

We also had an enjoyable visit to Girton College in September with a tour of the tapestry and Lawrence room with a guide. Followed by a walk in the sunshine through the grounds....and of course coffee plus!

October and November were busy months for our WI.

In October, we had Roger Lilley from the Museum of Cambridge. Roger talked about the museum but mainly about the online resources. what there is, how to access and how they collect them. Asking people to send in photos and memories, documents and photos so they can build up about life in Cambridge. It is an amazing resource of the history of Cambridge life.

We had a very enjoyable visit to Jesus college, in October, walking around the gardens and visiting the beautiful chapel.

We also set up our successful monthly craft club in October, that now meets at the White Horse pub on the third Tuesday of the month.

WI members and friends met on a Saturday lunchtime in November at Lakeside Lodge in Pidley, for two games of bowls with a range of success! There was lots of fun and laughter – what our WI does best.

Some of our members were involved in making a special wreath of knitted poppies for the Remembrance Service at St Andrews Church Oakington. We laid the wreath at the War Memorial as part of the Remembrance service.

Pauline Marsh, one of our members, also designed and made a Remembrance Poppy topper for the post box next to the village shop.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to a special committee member Pauline Marsh, who has held many roles on the committee, from Secretary to MCS representative and our IT specialist. She was responsible for keeping us going through COVID with our online weekly meetings and we really did need them. A lot to thank Pauline for, she will still be a WI member so we can keep her expertise, but we all miss her on our committee!

What do we do in Oakington WI?

- We have inspiring speakers on a variety of subjects.
- We have optional monthly craft, walking and lunch groups.
- We go on additional outings to the local theatre, river trips, meals out, bowling and so much more...
- We do a lot of chatting, laughing and forming friendships together.
- We give our families the chance to have complete control of the tv remote once a month.
- We listen to what our members want and act on it in the range of our programme.
- We can access a wide range of additional activities, outings and coach trips put on by our local WI Federation.
- We can get involved, if we wish, in National WI campaigns.

Ladies – come along and join us we meet the second Tuesday in the month
Elaine Bailey
President

Oakington and Westwick Sports Pavilion Report for the Annual Parish Meeting 2026

The Pavilion continues to have a variety of bookings using the hall, to cover all ages and sporting interests, from Cubs and Scouts Yoga, Pilates, to mature fitness classes. Plus, a variety of social bookings. We continue to promote our activities and events in the bi-monthly Oakington and Westwick Journal.

We have improved our links and communication with the members of the Community Association, and we support their events throughout the year. I attend the CA meetings on behalf of our committee.

I was disappointed that we have not been able to find anyone to take over the Pavilion Lottery this year, with Mark Darling's departure. Not only is the lottery a fundraising opportunity but it keeps the pavilion seen and by people not normally associated with the building. Sadly, despite ongoing requests we have not been able to find anyone to take it over!

Our special thanks and gratitude must go to Laura Lawrence for all the extra work she undertakes as our Treasurer, we continue to be in challenging times with our expenditure, especially fuel costs and having to break into our reserves.

I don't know how we as a committee we manage without Tony Leadley in his roles as Administrator and Caretaker. but he carries on without protest, well to me! He does an amazing amount of behind the scenes, additional to his employed working hours and for this I want to say a huge thank you.

Again, as I comment every year that the 3G surface, private hiring of the building remains the key to making the Sports Pavilion sustainable. The Pavilion is of course part of the village, and we hope to continue to promote the pavilion for hired events over the next few months, mindful as always of the residents close by.

We as a committee need to thank our Parish Councillor representatives on the Committee this year, Tony Starling and Stephen Moore.

I want to say acknowledge the Pavilion committee, and to highlight that we are all volunteers in our roles, something I think people forget. We volunteer because we care about the Community we live in!

The Pavilion Committee with myself as Chair, has successfully managed this Sports Pavilion, both professionally and financially, that was the remit the Parish Council gave us when we opened the Pavilion, over 17

years ago. This is something we need to be proud of! We have a wonderful building, and 3G pitch, for the use of this village and surrounding villages too.

I will be stepping down as Chair at the end of the Summer and handed my resignation both to the committee and the PC in January. We now have a working party of myself, 2 Parish councillors and Laura Lawrence looking at how the future of the building will progress and its succession.

Part of our remit is to consider:
Future running of the building
Promotion and usage of the building
Developing of a Pavilion Website

These are all things we need to consider in making a positive impact against the competition.

All we can hope for is that we continue the successes of the Pavilion in the next few months as we face the challenges ahead!

Elaine Bailey
Chair of the Pavilion Committee

SOW Annual Parish Meeting Report 2026

SOW is an informal group – anyone can come along to our activities. There are around 100 on the email list. In the last year we've had many talks and workshops from bees and hedgehogs to knife sharpening and food waste initiatives. Last year's Village Day stall focussed on recycling and we have set up a grey box for recycling Marigold gloves in the village shop. Notes from most of our meetings are on the website.

With the EAG, our nature recovery project is focussing on helping pollinators. We have agreed several verges around the village to be left long in spring and summer to benefit wildlife, and planted bulbs. Last year we launched the APollOW project, monitoring pollinators. Come to the SOW session on 15th April to find out how you can help – it's very easy.

Other activities include supporting Blue Barrel's apple days and wassail, and with OWN running the annual plant swap – coming up on 9 and 10 May. Last but not least we ran the village's third Repair Cafe, fixing nearly 100 items, saving stuff from waste and also saving people money.

Young people are an important part of SOW. They have presented at meetings, suggest session ideas and guided our MP around the Repair Cafe.

Annual Parish Meeting 2026

Presentation by
Oakington Environment Action Group

Aim: to improve the environment of the village



Historic village pond





Flood Mitigation Group

WORKING TO REDUCE THE RISK OF A
REPEAT OF 2014

Cambridge 25

IF PROPOSAL HAPPENS, WE
ARE ASKING FOR FLOOD
MITIGATION AND A
CYCLE/FOOTPATH



CAMBRIDGE 25
A DEVELOPMENT BY SALHIA

Additional consultation: proposals for our wider site masterplan

Public consultation: 17 February – 10 March 2026

 002400

Last year we introduced our proposals for Cambridge 25 and invited views from the community and stakeholders to inform an initial planning application. This was for c.123,000 square metres of employment space on our land at J25 of the A14.

Then, in an important next step for the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan, **the wider Cambridge 25 site received a draft allocation** as a major new employment site for c.240,000 square metres of floor space – reinforcing our site’s suitability as a key part of the district’s future growth plans.

Recognising this – and responding to the wider site allocation for employment – we’re carrying out further consultation on an **updated masterplan** that is both comprehensive for the full site and more closely aligned to the aspirations and objectives of the Draft Local Plan.

This additional public consultation is taking place between 17 February and 10 March 2026.

Everything we learned from consulting on our initial proposals has been carried forward into our revised designs. The new masterplan is shaped and informed both by the details of the draft allocation and by what people told us during our consultation in autumn 2025.

If you would like to comment on the new plans or provide any fresh input, please take the opportunity to engage in our forthcoming consultation (details overleaf).

HOW HAVE OUR PLANS CHANGED?

By ‘wider site’, we are referring to the land both **to the west and to the east of the brideway**. The initial designs that we showed last autumn were just for land to the east of the brideway (please see wider site masterplan overleaf).

Our proposed masterplan will meet an identified need and demand for employment floorspace in Greater Cambridge – **supporting the expansion and retention of existing companies operating in and around the city as well as attracting new businesses to invest.**

Our objective remains the same: to deliver a **high-quality new employment park** which will offer modern premises for a range of businesses to occupy, providing **jobs in a sustainable and accessible location and close to homes.**

Our commitment to **delivering the very best exemplar buildings and design centred around nature** also stays unchanged, **with the nature park and enhanced woodland** remaining as core elements of our proposals, alongside **high-quality community and amenity hub space.**

With a **draft allocation in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan**, we can now also directly support the aspirations of that plan in terms of strong, sustainable, well-planned and positive growth for Cambridge and its communities.

More information on how our plans have progressed and evolved since our initial consultation can be found on our website: cambridge25.com

www.cambridge25.com

Open Spaces: the recreation ground in co-operation with the Parish Council

Improvements with:

- o path
- o wild flowers
- o trees (including climbing trees)
- o on- going maintenance



Interpretation boards



RAF Oakington seating area. Other boards throughout the village agreed by Parish Council and County Council.

Nature recovery

Monitoring pollinators to be repeated this year, guided by ecologist James Heywood



Liaison with other villages on conservation projects

Water monitoring project
has been proposed



Floral displays in tubs



Co-operation with Oakington
Garden Centre

Pavement cleaning supervised by Graham Tregonning



Thanks to the
Parish Council,
EAG volunteers
and committee

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thank you

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Presentation by Environment Action
Group

