

The Lib Dem *Focus* Team Working & keeping in touch all year round

Voter ID and Elections



Despite much opposition, it has now been confirmed by the government that photo ID will be required for voting in elections from now on. The first election these changes will impact will be the May 2023 Local Elections. Please email us if you'd like to know the full list of acceptable identification documents to ensure you can vote. Postal votes remain the same, so if you're worried you don't have correct ID we suggest applying for a postal vote to ensure you're not disenfranchised! Email/text us and we can help with applying.

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Wheelie bins are coming



The new waste collection system has been confirmed and will be rolled out in the autumn of this year. Houses that can accommodate wheeled bins will receive two recycling bins and one bin for residual waste. There's lots of information about this on the council's website here: www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/new-waste-collection-service-2023

Annual delivery of recycling sacks has started



This should be completed by end of April. The number of sacks provided has been reduced slightly to take into account the move to the new waste collection system in September. If you don't get them let us know.

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Ward Budgets

Each year the Council gives every councillor £1,000 to spend on local organisations or activities in their ward. This year Uroy, Sam and I pooled ours so there was £3,000 to spend across the seven estates we represent. Here's what we spent in Brooklands, Broughton and Broughton Gate:

- Broughton and Brooklands Connectors** - £250
- Shrimp and Doodle (Period packs)** - £150
- Ride High (supporting Broughton users)** - £100
- City wide**
- MK Food Bank** - £300
- Kinship Carers** - £300

Kerrie, Uroy & Sam The Lib Dem *Focus* team

We aim to reply to mails, text or calls within 48 hours. Texting's usually fastest. If we don't, please get in touch again in case we've missed your message.

Thank you!

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Special Edition

400th Edition!

Focus



Focus #400 on Brooklands, Broughton & Broughton Gate

9 issues a year since 1979, not just at election time.
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Litter, litter everywhere...

Our estates look a mess. Recently, we helped residents get RMG to clean up Brooklands Square but there's so much litter all over the place. We're going to be **expanding our litter picking network** and we are asking for suggestions as to where to send the council's new **litter wardens who can issue on the spot fines.** Working together with developers, the council, schools, businesses and residents **we can wage war on litter.**

If you'd like to litter pick on your street as part of our litter picking network or want to suggest locations for the litter wardens then let us know:

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MKCC litter wardens can issue on the spot fines



Local little ones Arin Sharda, Georgia Wheeler, Kian Mistry, Narissa Mistry, Fathima H cleaning up Brooklands Square. Well done!

Work in Progress

- Northfield roundabout upgrade.
- A shelter for the bus stop in Brooklands square.
- Ferry Meadows Close road widening, improving access to the Hindu Centre.
- Litter around Magna Park and the issues caused by lorries parking at the end of Fen Street.
- Keeping pressure on the police to enforce local speed limits.



The yellow lines on Tanfield Lane are working

Estate Handover Working Group

As part of my campaign highlighting the issues faced by **residents living on unadopted estates** (when maintenance hasn't been handed over to the council from the developer) I have persuaded the council to set up a working group. If you'd like to come and give evidence about the issues you face let us know.



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Good News

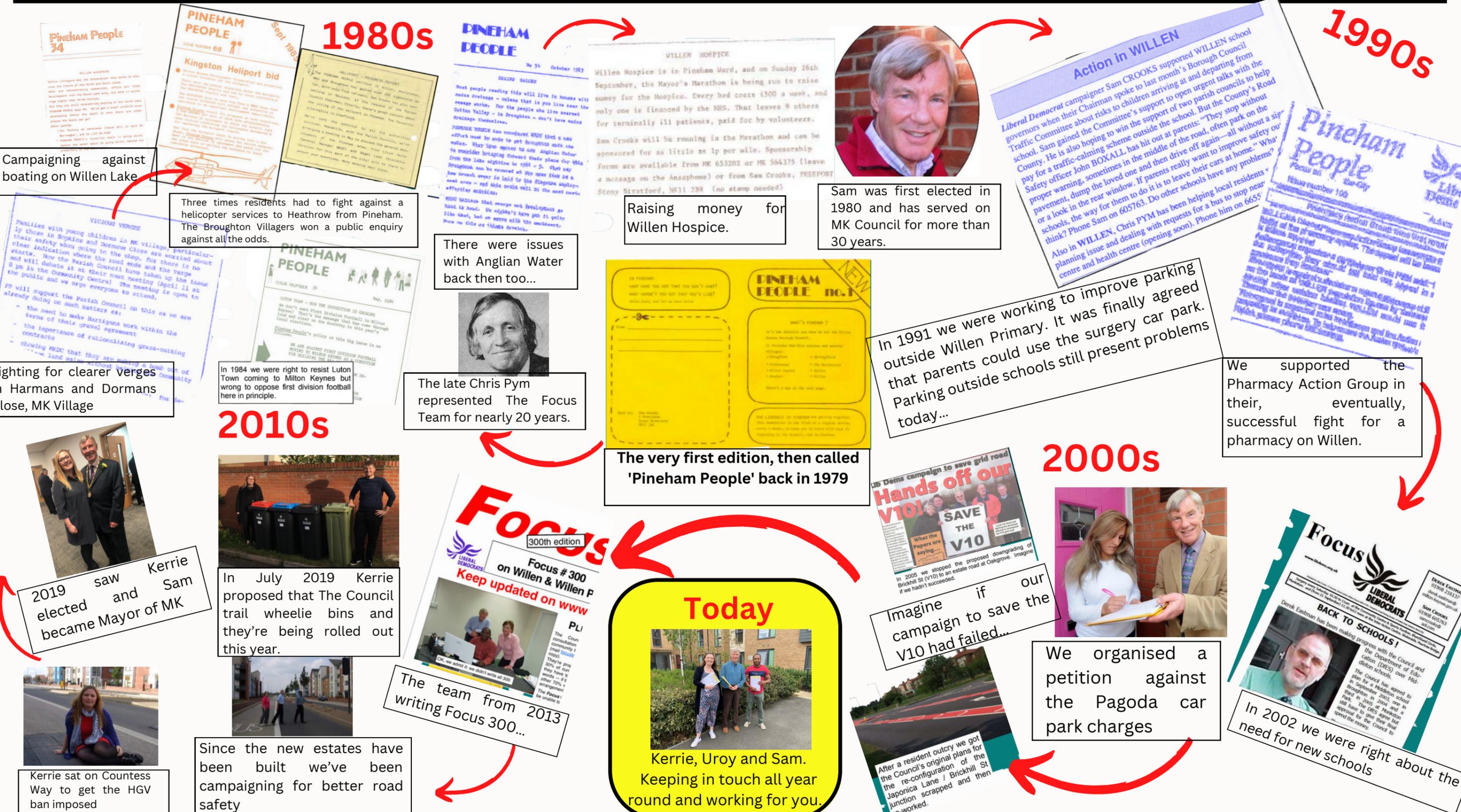
- ✓ Both **Brooklands and Broughton Pavilions** have reopened and are taking bookings. (*Broughton is run by the Parish Council and Brooklands by MK Dons Sports and Education Trust*).
- ✓ The **Community Speedwatch** group has been reformed.
- ✓ The yellow lines over **Tanfield Lane Bridge** have finally been painted!
- ✓ Our petition to RMG about litter got **Brooklands Square** cleaned up.

We'll be out talking to residents in Brooklands on Sundays during March. Let us know if you want us to come and knock on your door and we can add your street to our rotation.



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On our 400th edition, looking back...



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