



Wixams News

Neighbourhood Watch

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Wixams NW National Award
for Community Cohesion
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Caring for the community - Without Prejudice

Meltdown in the criminal justice system



Bedfordshire PCC
Kathryn Holloway

Bedfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Kathryn Holloway, was invited to the House of Commons Home Affairs Select Committee on 14 November to give evidence on the financial pressures and demands Bedfordshire Police is facing. She said: "Bedfordshire Police faces the third highest terror threat in the country"

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Winter Wonderland



"My very best wishes to all Wixams residents for Christmas and the New Year"
Cllr Graeme Coombes



Do you need advice?

Try Beds Police website: Counter terrorism, Cyber crime & online safety, Burglary, Domestic abuse, Child protection, FGM, Gun crime, Hate crime, Honour based abuse, Knife crime, Modern slavery & trafficking, Rape & sexual offences, Stalking & harassment.

Wixams Parish Council

Remembrance Sunday



Cllr Tony Pedder attended Wilstead Church on Remembrance Sunday (12th November) to lay a poppy wreath on behalf of Wixams Parish Council.

Parking

Cllr Gamble reported that many residents were concerned about parking at the school which was still very problematic. The Clerk will investigate 'Safer Routes to School' as the Parish Council are happy to consider funding an initiative either directly or through BBC.

Street Lights



It was reported that several street lights were out of order. Clerk to request a schedule of streetlights from BBC or Gallaghers. Residents should report faulty lights to the Parish Clerk including details of exact location.

Call for Sites 2035



We have just been made aware of a new submission for a major development in south Bedford. The proposed site will include 9,000+ houses. You can view further information about this proposal on our website under 'News & Events'.

Next Parish Council Meeting

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, 18th December 2017** from 7:30pm at Lakeview Village Hall in the Swan room – members of the public are very welcome – we even provide refreshments! Agendas will be published on our website at least 3 working days before each meeting. Planning meetings, if required, are generally held at 7:00pm preceding each Parish Council meeting – please check our website for confirmation. You can also view past minutes and find out who your Councillors are, how you can contact them and what they look like! Our website is:

www.wixamsparishcouncil.bedsparishes.gov.uk (or just Google 'Wixams Parish Council').

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The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to wish all the residents of Wixams a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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Reported crime

Crimes reported in Wixams

November 2017

12/11/2017 18:08 Brooklands Avenue
Theft from shops and stalls

18/11/2017 12:42 Brooklands Avenue
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm

20/11/2017 16:00-16:53 Domestic
dispute/incident

*The crime report is provided by
Bedfordshire Police with volunteer help from
Bedford & District Neighbourhood Watch.*



CCTV is in operation in the Wixams. Bedfordshire Police, in collaboration with Wixams Parish Council, are able to view footage if crimes have been committed. Note: the Police need a location and a time.

Meltdown in criminal justice cont.

Excerpts from oral report by Kathryn Holloway, Bedfordshire PCC

"Bedfordshire Police has made £34.7 million worth of cuts and if I tell you that our overall annual revenue is £102 million, you will see that that is about a third of the annual revenue of the police force."

"If things remain unchanged - and I have had no guarantee whatsoever that they will not be unchanged - we face £11.4 million to £12.5 million more of cuts within the next four years."

"I do not see how Bedfordshire can be policed safely with fewer [police] and, bearing in mind that it has had a footprint in every single one of the London terror attacks this summer, nor can the capital be protected ..."

"I have no appetite whatsoever, as the PCC for Bedfordshire, in seeing my county become the retail theft capital for the UK."

"Why it [neighbourhood policing] is important is what we discovered ... what is in effect a lost generation of children being brought up in households where there is jihadist material and so on. They were unknown to police, education, social services and health."

999 - Emergency

where there is a risk of:

- personal injury
- loss of life
- crime in action

101 - Non emergency

- Reporting a crime that is no longer in progress
- Giving information about a crime
- Reporting theft of property
- Contacting local police officer
- Getting update reported crime
- Suspicious incidents

For further information on **Wixams Neighbourhood Watch** see www.wixams.org.uk/wnw, facebook, or email Alan at wnw@wixams.org.uk

Bedford & District Neighbourhood Watch - bedfordnhw.ourwatch.org.uk

All non-emergency calls to **Bedfordshire Police** should be done via **101**, whether reporting an incident or trying to contact anyone within a local policing team. Additional contact methods can be found at www.bedfordshire.police.uk/contact.aspx See also www.police.uk

Crimestoppers - 0800 555 111
crimestoppers-uk.org

The aim of Wixams Neighbourhood Watch (WNW) is to help develop safer local communities and improve the quality of life. Members of WNW deliver the Wixams News in Wixams.

"Currently in Bedfordshire there are six major CSE [child sexual exploitation] investigations ... I have asked the local authorities to give us social workers to go out with our officers so that we can interview more but without them it will take us five years to interview and properly investigate. This is one of the wealthiest countries on earth. How can that be acceptable?"

Quotes taken from Home Affairs Committee, Oral Evidence, 14 November 2017

Wixams News

Thank you again to all our advertisers and contributors who make Wixams News possible. In particular, I would like to thank Claire Smith (WNW Secretary), Barry & Betty Huckle (proofing and editorial advice) and everyone in WNW who delivers the Wixams News.

Wixams Neighbourhood Watch is part of the Bedford & District NW Association, with hundreds of volunteers who help to build safer local communities.

Volunteers needed to deliver

Due to people moving/new houses we need some volunteers to deliver here:

- Kingfisher Road/Moreland Close/Brooklands Ave (50 houses)
- Lakeside Close, Millbrook Close, Little Quay, Brooklands Ave (40 houses)
- Eagle Close, Harrier Leys (45 houses)

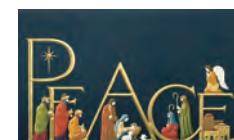
Please contact us if you can help.

Lakeside Fish & Chips

Mark & Helen have advertised in Wixams News from the very beginning, and make a big contribution to the community. So it is only right that we feature them on page 3.

Meltdown in the criminal justice system

All strength to Kathryn Holloway, Bedfordshire PCC, who recently told it as it is to the influential Home Affairs Committee in the House of Commons. The 'meltdown' title is my take on the situation. Our thanks go to the police in Bedfordshire for fighting crime and keeping us safe.



Happy
Christmas
Alan



Wixams News deadline - Friday

29th December for any copy, news adverts or changes to existing adverts.

Contact wnw@wixams.org.uk
47 Green Lane, Wixams, Bedford,
MK42 6DA www.wixams.org.uk/wnw
The next Wixams News will be published mid January.

Wixams Parish Council cont.

Planning Decisions

17/02733/MAR – 11/01380/M73

All reserved matters for strategic infrastructure works (99/01645/OUT Built development consisting of building and engineering works for a mixed use development at land adjacent to Wixams Academy and Wixams Tree Primary School, Green Lane, Wixams – it was resolved that there was no objection to the proposal but include a request for traffic calming to be included.

17/03048/MAR Reserved matters application for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of warehouse and distribution centre at Wixams Northern Expansion Area, Kenneth Way, Wilstead - no objection

Parish Councillor Caroline Johnson



Having lived in Wixams for three happy years, I am a volunteer at Lakeview School, the secretary to the Village Hall Committee and a member

of the Wixams Good Neighbour Group. Since joining the Parish Council, I have been co-opted onto the Parish Plan Group and am looking forward to working with my colleagues to address the issues raised in the Wixams Action Plan Questionnaire circulated earlier this year. My contact email is carolinejohnson710@gmail.com.

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Beauty

Nourish Your Winter Skin

With the temperature dropping, our skin can suffer due to extreme temperature differences moving from central heating to cold winds in a matter of minutes. So, it is now time to change up your skin care to suit this season.

- 1) Use a gentle cleanser AM and PM in lukewarm water, not in the hot shower.
- 2) Use a facial oil at night, even oily skin can benefit from an oil. Choose one that does not contain mineral oil. The particles in a natural oil will be absorbed into the skin, mineral oils will just sit on the skins surface blocking pores and causing blackheads.
- 3) Use a richer cream at night to put back vital moisture.
- 4) Use a nourishing mask at least once a week. Put it on when you have a shower...multi-tasking skin care is the way forward...but remove it when you get out of the shower!
- 5) Even though the days are shorter, there are still UV rays getting to your skin, so you still need to use your SPF to avoid skin damage, pigmentation and skin cancer.

Kerry Beavis

The Revive Company

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Who's Who? Lakeside Fish & Chips



Staff party

Lakeside fish & chip shop is a family owned and operated business that's been operating in the Wixams for over 3½ years. The family consists of Helen (the Boss!), Mark (does what he's told!), Max (the oldest) and Ben (the talent).

Our influences come from the U.S. where we lived for many years, that have led us to offer a number of items that you don't always associate with fish and chip shops, like our bar-b-q baby back ribs, our California fish tacos (you should try them at least once), the Works fish wrap and our hand-pressed 6oz butcher's choice burger that would stand up against any burger from across the pond.

Our team at the moment consists of Robyn, Abbie, Bailey and Sally. Our friendly staff are ready to serve you with a smile. We cater for parties and weddings at the village hall or if you are local at your house. We have an alcohol licence so you can enjoy a beer while you are waiting or with you dinner if you decide to eat in.

See www.lakesidewixams.co.uk

For unto
US a CHILD
is BORN
Isaiah 9:6

Wixams Church would like to wish you a joyful and peaceful Christmas, and pray that you have a Happy New Year.

For more info...

www.wixamschurch.org.uk

e-mail: hello@wixamschurch.org.uk

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For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son so that everyone who believes in Him may not die but have eternal life. Jesus Christ is the Word made flesh who came to dwell with us and give us life. Amen.

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Love Bible Heaven Welcome Prayer Worship Life

Village Gospel Trinity Mission Serve John 3:16



Councillor GRAEME COOMBES

Reporting to Wixams - December 2017

A significant number of big planning applications have been on the cards recently. After the application by Barratt Homes for the start of Village 2, and a development of 187 new homes in village 4, near the Amphill Road, at the time of writing there is now a live application from Aldi for the construction of a large retail depot at Wixams Northern Expansion Zone.

I have already had a number of discussions with Council officers about this application. Whilst it is likely to generate over 500 new jobs at the depot (and makes case for Wixams Station even more compelling) it will also bring significant additional traffic flow to the area. I have proposed that vehicles arriving at the depot should come from the north, beyond the bus gate close to the aggregates depot, rather than via The Causeway, which would bring noise and pollution to those living nearby.

Additionally, at a recent meeting of the Wixams Joint Development Committee, plans were approved for Barratt Homes to construct a 330m link road from the proposed village 2 development over towards the site for villages 3 and 4, towards the Amphill Road. The sooner we can have a full link up to the B530, the sooner we can start to relieve some of the traffic pressure from schools and construction vehicles that has recently increased quite noticeably.

Whenever these big planning applications are up for approval, I would encourage residents to have their say and respond to the Borough Council with their comments. It is vital that your voice is heard.

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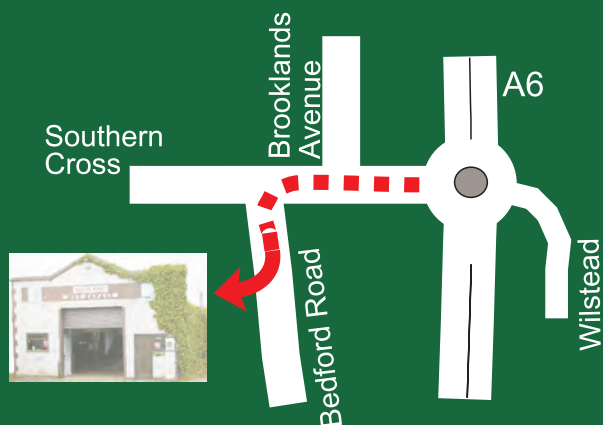
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songs Bible stories quizzies prizes ACTIVITIES competitions learn about Jesus Free for children aged 4-11yrs

IGNITE
Tuesdays 6.30- 7.45pm
all young people in years 5,6,7,8,9 welcome
wixams.org.uk/ignite

www.wixams.org.uk/sundayclub Alan & Anne Pibworth, 47 Green Lane

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Lakeview Village Hall, Wixams

www.shinetheatreschool.co.uk 07749091885 info@shinetheatreschool.co.uk

Lakeside Fish & Chips

Lakeside offers a variety of fresh and homemade choices for all the family.

Fish wraps and fish tacos if you are in the mood for something different or mini meals for those who want a lighter option.

We look forward to meeting and feeding you soon.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of the Lakeside Staff
Mark & Helen

Opening Times
Lunch Tues-Fri 11am-2pm
Dinner Mon-Fri 4.30pm-9pm
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