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Neighbourhood Watch

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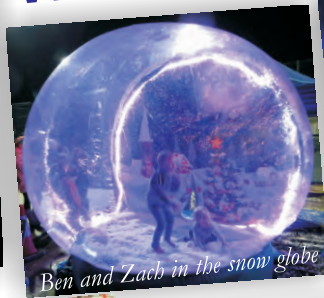
Wixams NW National Award
for Community Cohesion
London June 2014

Caring for the community - Without Prejudice

Winter Wonderland



The lights are turned on!



Ben and Zach in the snow globe



Bedford Brass Junior band



Yvonne's stall



Suzanne's stall



Sheadon & Thomas



A happy Christmas to all our residents in the Wixams. From whichever country, town or village you have come from, thank you for helping to make Wixams a great community in which to live



Tony Pedder,
Chair of Wixams
Parish Council



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
The Parish Council wish you a restful Christmas period and look forward to continuing to represent you in the new year.

Wixams Parish Council

Remembrance day, 11th November



Parish Council Chairman Tony Pedder: "I had the honour of laying a wreath of remembrance on behalf of Wixams Parish Council at All Saints church on Remembrance Day. The number of people attending this year was outstanding and showed the depth of thanks to all those who made the ultimate sacrifice."

Tree initiative 2019

You will remember that we recently asked for your suggestions for areas to plant new trees around Wixams. DEFRA, who are keen to involve children in the protection of the environment, has allocated funding over a period of four years to plant trees within local communities. The proposal currently being discussed is for a village-wide event in November/December 2019 to plant the saplings, with an emphasis on the participation of younger schoolchildren. It will take some time to agree locations with the borough council and various developers; the above dates have also been selected to give the young trees the greatest chance of survival.

Parish Action Plan

We are still in the process of acting on feedback gathered as part of the Parish Action Plan: to start with, ensuring waste bins are being regularly emptied, adding new bins and targeting littering hotspots. These smaller jobs are the ones that seem to take the most time: negotiating with the borough council and working out which developer owns which piece of land. We are also working on crime prevention and getting grant funding out there to local groups.

Grants

A reminder: We have extended our grant funding from **£5,000 to £10,000** each year to fund local groups. To apply for a grant you must be a charity, community group or local voluntary organisation with a dedicated bank account, operating or providing a service to the community of Wixams. The Council defines a voluntary group as a not-for-profit organisation, set up and run by a voluntary, unpaid management committee. Grants can be offered on a one-off basis to support a particular project or the purchase of equipment, to new groups wishing to start up, or as a contribution towards running costs. Please contact the Clerk for further details.

Mobile security patrols and CCTV

During the month of December we will be piloting the use of mobile security patrols around Wixams. Cannons Guard Security will be carrying out the patrols and giving patrol reports back to the council. We are in the final stages of receiving quotes for improvements to the CCTV; we have now taken four CCTV companies on a tour around Wixams, but have struggled to get the quotes through afterwards... we are now fairly close to finalising this.

Cont.

Reported crime

Crimes reported in Wixams

29/10 Linnet Lane - Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm

1/11 Robins Heath

Unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle

1-2/11 Brooklands Avenue

criminal damage to vehicle (Under £5k)

2/11 Green Lane

Assault (ABH)

5/11 Linnet Lane

Assault (ABH)

5/11 Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety

6-8/11 Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety

13/11 Nightingale Court

Theft of a motor vehicle

5-19/11 Peacock Gardens

Theft by an Employee

19/11 Green Lane

Assault without Injury

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

Santa is visiting Wixams on Thur 13th Dec

Starting from Budgens at 6pm



Any volunteers welcome
Contact Sarah, Keech Hospice
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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

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Additional contact methods can be found at www.bedfordshire.police.uk/contact.aspx See also www.police.uk

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crimestoppers-uk.org

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 - bedfordnwh.ourwatch.org.uk

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.

A warm relaxing and friendly tots group run by Wixams Church every Friday in term time
10am - 11.30am

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Wixams Parish Council cont. Crime priority setting

Chairman Tony Pedder recently attended the Community Priority Setting meeting held by Beds Police at Bedfordshire Police HQ, Kempston. Following discussions with the whole council, Tony requested the police focus on speeding as a main priority. Also raised to the police was the need for visible policing and tackling anti-social behaviour.

Entrance walls/planters

We are close to receiving a third quote for the planters/walls at the two entrances to Wixams. These will be the same style as the ones you see at the entrances to Wilstead. Once we've compared the three quotes we will move forwards swiftly with this.

Next Parish Council Meeting

Our next meetings will be on **18th December 2018, 15th January 2019** and **18th February 2019** from 7:30pm at Lakeview Village Hall – members of the public are very welcome – we even provide refreshments! Look out for our agenda for the next Parish Council meeting which will always be published on our website at least 3 working days before each meeting. 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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Opinion

100 years ago...



In London on Friday 9th Nov the giant advertising display at Piccadilly Circus stopped commercial advertising. Instead, it displayed a video of soldiers marching, with the sound of boots resonating from large speakers down all the streets, to remember those who lost their lives exactly 100 years ago.

Thank you again to everyone who buys space in Wixams News, making it viable: Wixams Parish Council, Davies Bros MOT Testing Centre, Lakeside Fish & Chips, Cllr Graeme Coombes, Shine Theatre School, Christ the Word Wixams, Wilstead Pharmacy, Languages for Life, as well as other advertisers and contributors.

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.

We need a volunteer to deliver in Lakeside Close, Millbrook Close, Little Quay, Brooklands Ave (60 houses). Please contact us if you can help.



Thanks
Alan



Wixams News deadline - Friday

4th January for any copy, news adverts or changes to existing adverts.

Contact wnw@wixams.org.uk
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The next Wixams News will be published mid January.

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What children need to know about

ONLINE BULLYING

What is online bullying?

ONLINE BULLYING – ALSO KNOWN AS CYBERBULLYING – IS BULLYING THAT TAKES PLACE ON THE INTERNET OR VIA ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND MOBILE PHONES. IT CAN INCLUDE:

1. SENDING SOMEONE MEAN OR THREATENING EMAILS, DIRECT MESSAGES OR TEXT MESSAGES
2. HACKING INTO SOMEONE'S ONLINE ACCOUNT
3. BEING RUDE OR MEAN TO SOMEONE WHEN PLAYING ONLINE GAMES
4. POSTING PRIVATE OR EMBARRASSING PHOTOS ONLINE OR SENDING THEM TO OTHERS
5. CREATING FAKE SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS THAT MOCK SOMEONE OR TRICK THEM
6. EXCLUDING SOMEONE FROM AN ONLINE CONVERSATION OR BLOCKING THEM FOR NO REASON

Why does it happen?

GOING ONLINE MAKES IT EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO SAY AND DO THINGS THEY PROBABLY WOULDN'T DO FACE TO FACE. ONLINE BULLIES DON'T GET TO SEE THEIR VICTIMS' REACTIONS IN REAL LIFE, SO THIS CAN COOON THEM FROM THE REAL DAMAGE THAT THEY ARE DOING. QUITE OFTEN, PEOPLE BULLY BECAUSE THEY ARE GOING THROUGH SOMETHING DIFFICULT THEMSELVES AND TAKING IT OUT ON OTHERS IS THE ONLY WAY THEY KNOW HOW TO GET CONTROL OF THEIR OWN EMOTIONS.

How does it feel to be bullied?

BEING BULLIED CAN IMPACT ON YOUR SELF-ESTEEM, CONFIDENCE AND SOCIAL SKILLS. BECAUSE IT HAPPENS ON YOUR PHONE, TABLET OR COMPUTER, IT CAN FEEL LIKE YOU ARE UNDER THREAT EVEN WHEN YOU'RE IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT, SUCH AS YOUR BEDROOM. DON'T FORGET...IT IS NOT YOUR FAULT IF YOU'RE BEING BULLIED.

Am I an online bully?

SOMETIMES IT ISN'T OBVIOUS THAT WHAT YOU ARE DOING IS WRONG, BUT IF YOU USE DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY TO UPSET, ANGER OR EMBARRASS SOMEONE ON PURPOSE, THIS MEANS YOU'RE INVOLVED IN ONLINE BULLYING. IT MIGHT BE AS SIMPLE AS 'LIVING' A MEAN POST, LAUGHING AT AN ONLINE VIDEO, OR SPREADING A RUMOUR. BUT THE PERSON BEING BULLIED COULD FEEL LIKE THEY ARE BEING GANGED UP ON. THINK ABOUT HOW IT WOULD MAKE YOU FEEL IF IT HAPPENED TO YOU. EVERYONE CAN MAKE MISTAKES, BUT IT'S IMPORTANT TO LEARN FROM THEM – GO BACK AND DELETE ANY UPSETTING OR NASTY POSTS, TWEETS OR COMMENTS YOU'VE WRITTEN.

Who do I tell?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE BULLYING ON YOUR OWN. TALK TO AN ADULT THAT YOU TRUST – A PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR TEACHER, MOST WEBSITES, SOCIAL MEDIA WEBSITES AND ONLINE GAMES OR MOBILE APPS LET YOU REPORT AND BLOCK PEOPLE.

BE KIND ONLINE

BEFORE PRESSING 'SEND' ON COMMENTS, ASK YOURSELF THESE 3 QUESTIONS...

1. WHY AM I POSTING THIS?
2. WOULD I SAY THIS IN REAL LIFE?
3. HOW WOULD I FEEL IF SOMEBODY SAID THIS TO ME?

National Online Safety

How can I stay safe?

MAKE SURE YOUR PRIVACY SETTINGS ARE SET SO THAT ONLY PEOPLE YOU KNOW AND TRUST CAN SEE WHAT YOU POST. NEVER GIVE OUT PERSONAL INFORMATION ONLINE, SUCH AS IN PUBLIC PROFILES, CHAT ROOMS OR BLOGS, AND AVOID FURTHER COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE SENDING THE MESSAGES. KEEP AWARE OF FAKE PROFILES AND INTERNET USERS PRETENDING TO BE SOMEONE THAT THEY ARE NOT.

How do I prove it?

WHEN CYBERBULLYING HAPPENS, IT IS IMPORTANT TO DOCUMENT AND PROVE THE BEHAVIOUR, SO IT CAN BE PROSECUTED – RECORD DATES AND TIMES WHEN CYBERBULLYING HAS OCCURRED, AND SAVE AND PRINT SCREENSHOTS, EMAILS, AND TEXT MESSAGES.

All are welcome to our

Traditional Christmas Carol Service

Sunday 23rd December 10.30-11.30am

in Lakeview Village Hall, Wixams

Followed by mince pies, tea and coffee.

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 Christ the Word Wixams



Councillor GRAEME COOMBES

Reporting to Wixams December 2018

As Christmas approaches and the year draws to a close, it's a good time to reflect on the year past. From a Council perspective, the major issue this year was the Local Plan, looking at housing provision up to 2035. A major project and not without controversy, it remains to be seen if the Inspector will approve it next year.

Additionally, we have seen the approval of the licence for Covanta to operate in Stewartby. I was disappointed to see this agreed and the failure of the judicial review, but will continue to look at ways this unwanted incinerator can be opposed.

Last month saw the Council agree £2.75m for repairs to the A6 between Wixams and Wiltstead and of course, the major issue as always, has been Wixams Station. The £14m agreed by Councillors in October will bridge the funding gap, and we now await the results of the feasibility study taking place.

No doubt 2019 will bring new issues and new challenges to be addressed.

Can I take the opportunity to send good wishes to all Wixams residents for the Christmas season and New Year. However you choose to celebrate, whether you are a person of faith, for whom Christmas is a special time, or you just want to take a rest from the stresses of life, please take some time to relax and reflect, to recognise the good in other people and spare some time to think about those less fortunate than ourselves.

With my very best wishes to you all this Christmas.

Cllr Graeme Coombes

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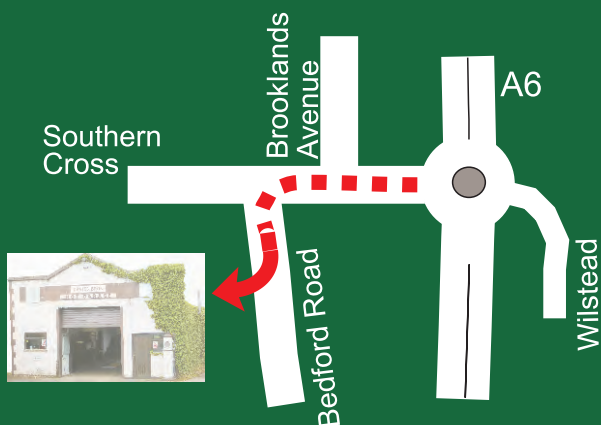
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