



Wixams News

Neighbourhood Watch

December 2019

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Wixams NW National Award
for Community Cohesion
London June 2014

Caring for the community - Without Prejudice



"We were thrilled that the Prime Minister visited Wixams and held our dog Rocko!"
- Kim, Carl, Callum and Amy Gilmour



Winter Wonderland
30th November - More photos inside

Bedford Brass Junior Band

Winter Wonderland organised by Wixams Events Team.



"My very best wishes to all Wixams residents, for Christmas and the New Year"

Cllr Graeme Coombes



All are welcome to our
Traditional Christmas Carol Service
Sunday 22nd December
10.30-11.30am in Lakeview Village Hall
Followed by mince pies, tea and coffee.

Christ the Word
Wixams



Josh Soane @josh_soane · 2h
Beautiful! #LondonBridge

An attack
On any one of us,
Is an attack
On us all;
Haters are not welcome,
WE ARE LONDON
And we won't fail.

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Wixams Parish Council



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

Village signs design competition

The council chose the winner of the village signs competition in the November meeting and will be reaching out to them shortly to present them with the prize of an iPad. The two runners up will receive £30 book tokens. The intention is for the winning design to feature in the new entrance signs, which are planned for the new year.

Benches

We are in the process of planning the installation of new benches around the lakes in Wixams – in various styles and locations. The council has incorporated feedback from residents in the latest proposal, which can be found on our website. We'll now obtain permission for as many of the locations as possible. Please go to the Official Documents area of the website and look for the Benches folder.



WIXAMS PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS AVAILABLE NOW!

Apply for grant funding for your local group!

Each year your parish council has funding to help local groups and organisations. This year we have £10,000 of funding!

To apply for a grant you must be a community group or local voluntary organisation with a dedicated bank account, operating or providing a service to the community of Wixams.

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 an application form.

Funding available

£££

New and existing groups

£££

Capital projects

£££

Running costs

CONTACT

Email the Clerk for details:
wixamspc@gmail.com

Cont.

Reported crime

Crimes reported in Wixams

23/05 - 1/11 Harassment - without violence

28/10-10/11 **Bluebird Gardens**
Assault without Injury

16/11 16:22 Harassment - without violence

1/11-16/11 Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety

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26/11 11:58 **Bedford Road**
Theft

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.

Election Thursday 12 December

Mid Bedfordshire Constituency. Polling Station Lakeview Village Hall, 7am to 10 pm

Candidates - alphabetical listing

Nadine DORRIES - Conservative Party

Gareth ELLIS - Green Party

Ann KELLY - Official Monster Raving Loony Party

Rachel MCGANN - Liberal Democrats

Rhiannon MEADES - Labour Party

Alan VICTOR - Independent



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

To **report online** non-emergency crimes, incidents or give the police information, go to www.bedfordshire.police.uk/report

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

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

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.

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Opinion

Thank you again to everyone who buys space in Wixams News, making it viable: Wixams Parish Council, Lakeside Fish & Chips, Cllr Graeme Coombes, Shine Theatre School, Christ the Word Wixams, Wilstead Pharmacy, and especially Davies Bros MOT Testing Centre who started with us in 2015, as well as other advertisers and contributors. We are glad to be partnering with Wixams Community Group.

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.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

In her Christmas message of 2011, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth said:

"Although we are capable of great acts of kindness, history teaches us that we sometimes need saving from ourselves - from our recklessness or our greed."

God sent into the world a unique person - neither a philosopher nor a general (important though they are) - but a Saviour, with the power to forgive.

Forgiveness lies at the heart of the Christian faith. It can heal broken families, it can restore friendships and it can reconcile divided communities.

It is in forgiveness that we feel the power of God's love."

Have a loving and joyful
Christmas - Alan



Wixams News deadline - Friday

3rd January 2020 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.

Councillor vacancies – we're full!

We had an unprecedented response to the last request for councillors and now have a full house with 15 councillors. Welcome to Clinton Taylor, Rajesh Varma, Sergio Fowles and Ahmed Nasser.

Next Parish Council Meetings

Our next meetings will be on 16th December, 20th January and 17th February at Lakeview Village Hall – members of the public are very welcome. 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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Operation Christmas Child



Operation Christmas Child Collection Point at All Nations church, Brickbill, Bedford



In October and November we filled shoe boxes with toys, toothbrushes, footballs, teddies, hair brushes and pencils for children around the world who do not receive presents at Christmas time.

It was amazing watching video clips of children opening shoe boxes and getting so excited about even a toothbrush! It helped us to realise that there are children less fortunate than us and that we have so much!

Christ the Word Church, Wixams, collected filled shoe boxes from families in Wixams, on behalf of Operation Christmas Child, who then distribute the boxes all over the world.

Article by Joel, Nathan and Simeon Clarke

Who's Who? Danecroft Residential Home



Danecroft residential home, based on Dane Lane in Wixams, has been part of Wixam's community from the very start. Danecroft is very much a home from home and we pride ourselves in creating a homely atmosphere, not only for the residents and their families, but also for the staff, who go above and beyond, to provide an exceptional quality of life to our residents.

On the 2nd September 2019 we received our CQC inspection. We were not nervous or concerned, but excited to demonstrate that what we do here, everyday, is outstanding! And it is nice to be recognised for hard work and dedication!

We received an overall inspection rating as 'Outstanding', receiving 4 out of the 5 key lines of enquiry rated as outstanding and the other area as good. We are going to continue our hard work and we look forward to seeing you around Wixams. Please give us a wave! If you are interested in being a part of our team, or are interested in what we do, please find us on facebook @danecroftresidentialhome.



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Special Visitors at Pre-School

During Road Safety Week, Chase from Paw Patrol came to talk to us about how to be safe when crossing the roads. He came with two police officers and a police van



We have also had a visit from Father Christmas and Smiley Sam. Smiley Sam's visits raise money for Keech Hospice Care. We would like to thank all our wonderful families for their kind donations.

Christmas Holiday Club

We are taking bookings for our Christmas Holiday Club.

Please go to our website to book a place

www.kidsdawnuntildusk.co.uk

Call Head Office for Holiday Club enquiries on 01234 930505



Councillor GRAEME COOMBES

Reporting to Wixams December 2019

In November, I was invited to speak to Wixams Beavers during their 'UK Parliament Week'. It was a slightly daunting prospect, and I spent some time wondering what on earth to say to them, what children of 7 & 8 years old would make of a local Councillor and whether they would have any interest in politics whatsoever. So I went armed with sweets, just in case it all went horribly wrong and I had to bribe them to pay attention!

After a brief discussion of what I do, speaking about getting money from the Mayor for the traffic safety cameras outside Lakeview School, I asked what they would do if they were Prime Minister for the day. The responses were astonishing. Many of the Beavers spoke about how they would like to help those less fortunate than themselves, those without homes, or enough to eat. The concern for others, in those so young, was truly heartening.

As we approach the Christmas season, the fast pace of modern life means it's very easy to get caught up in a whirl of parties, presents and plum-puddings. So I'd like to ask Wixams residents to spare a thought for others, those less fortunate than ourselves, who may be lonely, homeless or unable to share in the joy and fun that many of us take for granted at Christmas. I'd also like to thank the many unsung heroes who give their time to help others throughout the year.

However you spend the festive season, whether you are a person of faith, or just someone who wants to relax and take a break, I wish you a pleasant and peaceful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

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Wixams Community Group

www.wixams.org/community-group



Spring Bulb Planting Morning



On the morning of 16th of November around 80 big and small green-fingered gardeners from Wixams came together to plant spring bulbs around the area of the village hall.

It was a fantastic community endeavour, in which we planted hundreds of crocus, daffodil and tulip bulbs.

Everyone put so much care and effort into planting the bulbs - we think that we will get to see a wonderful display of flowers next spring.

We even made it into the Bedford Independent! A big thank you to everyone who took part, volunteered and helped making this possible.

Read our blog post to find out all about this project and see many more photos:

www.wixams.org/spring-bulb-planting



"I loved planting all the bulbs because in spring I really want to see what plants I have planted."
- Albert



"I liked it for the kids because it makes them appreciate the area they live in, and they will get a real sense of reward when they see the flowers they planted!"
- Abbey



"I enjoyed it immensely. I particularly enjoyed the expressions on the children's faces when putting the bulbs in."
- Michael



All photos by Tu Plus Tu Photography

Christmas Decorations Competition

As our Halloween Competition was such a success and the Wixams community spirit was so impressive, we have decided to also run a decorations competition for Christmas and the winter season.

If you love Christmas and making your home look festive, simply decorate your house, and you'll be automatically entered in the competition. Judging will take place on the weekend of the 20th of December. Visit the page below for more information and inspiration:



www.wixams.org/christmas-competition

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Wixams Winter Wonderland

presented by the Wixams Events Team



The 2019 Wixams Winter Wonderland was bigger and better than ever with visitors even coming from neighbouring villages to enjoy the festivities.

There was lots on offer for the guests, including fun fair rides and stalls, Santa and his elves on a trip from the North Pole, a fire eater, and lots of arts and crafts in the village hall and marquee.



At 5pm the lights were switched on including on the tree which was decorated beautifully by children from Wixams. The moment was marked by some carol signing and music from the brass band.



The food and drink options were very well consumed, one attendee commented on the prices at the bar "I was really surprised that drinks were all only £2.50 each and come with a mince pie!"



The Wixams Events Team would like to thank everyone who took part or helped set up this family event. A big thank you also goes our sponsors David Wilson Homes and Barratt Homes.



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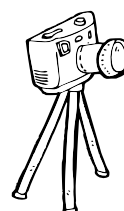


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A big thank you to Asan from Tu Plus Tu Photography for supporting the Spring Bulb Planting and the Wixams Winter Wonderland with his fantastic skills, capturing many wonderful moments and scenes in his excellent photos.

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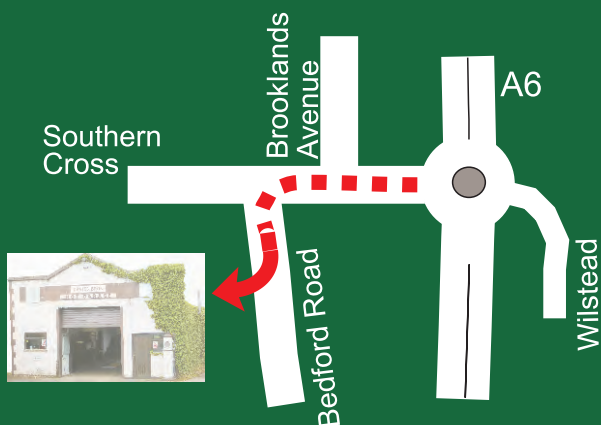
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10.30-11.30am

Munson Room, Lakeview Village Hall

www.christthewordwixams.org.uk

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ages 4-10, 3 to 4pm
 every Sunday term time
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A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of the Lakeside Staff
 Mark & Helen

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 Contact Jason 01234 743302, 07484651015

Wixams News delivered by 25 members of Wixams Neighbourhood Watch