



Wixams News

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Caring for the community - Without Prejudice

Reindeer Competition winners



Congratulations to Aaron (aged 9), Abbie & Georgie (both aged 10), Zuza (aged 6), Thomas (aged 4.5) and Georgia & Ben (aged 9 and 10.5). They discovered 16 reindeers and worked out the words 'Frosty the Snowman' from the well known Christmas song in the Wixams Neighbourhood Watch Reindeer Competition! They were given Cadbury Selection Boxes.



31 December 2015

Just to wish everyone a happy new year and a prosperous one for our village hall.

A big thanks to all those involved not only in the management of the village hall but the nitty gritty working and creation of events and the dedication of all those involved to ensure that our guests enjoy their experience and wish to return to us.

Thank you.

Anthony P J Pedder

Chairman Lakeview Village Hall



Bedfordshire Police are currently recruiting for volunteer police officers, also known as Special Constables, and has announced dates for its 2016 Special Constabulary Information Evenings. See www.bedfordshire.police.uk



Wixams Parish Council

Update from the chairman

A very happy and prosperous New Year to you all.

Since May 2015 we as newly elected councillors were charged with the responsibility of forming a new parish council solely for the residents of Wixams.

We had and still have many tasks and objectives to complete but slowly we are building the foundations to become, I believe a successful and responsible council serving the needs of and listening to the aspirations of our residents.

Members of the Parish Council have agreed to continue to meet on a monthly basis on the first Monday of each month, with the exception of August when there is no meeting. Residents are welcome to attend and can address the council during the public open session time at the beginning of the meeting.

One of the main projects we will be undertaking is the installation of CCTV within certain parts of the village to assist in Crime Prevention (as detailed within the last newsletter).

It will be a most interesting and challenging 2016.

Cllr Pedder

The work of Wixams Parish Council

Parish Councillors are in essence volunteers who give their time freely to make a difference in their community. As such they would encourage residents to express their views on any plans for the area, in particular the proposals for CCTV installation in the village. This has thus far been positively received and seems to be a welcome initiative for the area.

The Council will be entering into a fairly busy period over the next few months preparing its budget for the next financial year and submitting its current year's accounts for auditing.

As well as the financial management of the Council there always are a number of other ongoing tasks the full council undertakes such as commenting on planning applications, dealing with any correspondence received from residents, feedback on any consultations from the local authority, managing the allotments etc.

If you have any issues/concerns that you would like to raise with the Parish Council please direct these to the Clerk using the contact details found on page two.

Did you know?

You can view any planning applications in the area by accessing the Borough Council's planning portal via their website at Bedford.gov.uk and clicking the link environment and planning section (found on the left hand side of the page).

Website

Don't forget to visit the Parish Council's website where you can view agendas for forthcoming meetings and read minutes from previous ones too.

The Parish council would welcome any pictures taken around the village to include on the website- if you have any that you would be happy for the Council to use please do email the clerk on wixamspc@gmail.com. You can visit the website on www.wixamsparishcouncil.bedsparishes.gov.uk

Remembrance day

A wreath was laid at the war memorial, Wilstead churchyard, on Remembrance Day, 8th November, by the chairman of Wixams Parish Council. A wreath on behalf of Bedford Borough Council was laid by Cllr Graeme Coombes.



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