



Wixams News

Neighbourhood
Watch

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Caring for the community - Without Prejudice

The RAC

recommend
you gather
a few items
at the start

of the winter season and keep them in
your car - just in case:

- Ice scraper and de-icer
- Torch and spare batteries - or a wind-up torch
- Warm clothes and blankets - for you and all passengers
- Boots
- First aid kit
- Jump start cables
- Food and a warm drink in a thermos
- Shovel
- Reflective warning sign
- Road atlas
- Sunglasses - the glare off the snow can be dazzling
- Mobile phone charger

See <http://www.rac.co.uk/drive/advice/winter-driving>



Electronic pick - pocketing



There are now 58 million contactless cards in circulation in the UK, which allow transactions up to £30 without a Pin.

New research from Which? has revealed contactless cards are leaving users vulnerable to fraud.

The consumer group found someone standing close by to someone with a contactless enabled card can easily 'lift' sensitive account details using card readers readily available online.

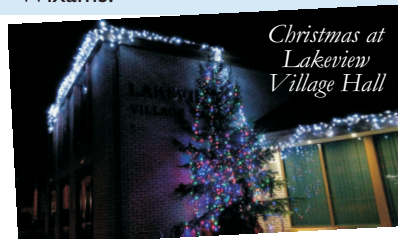
However, Which? says this can be prevented by wrapping your wallet lining or individual card in tin foil, as this can deflect the reader and shield the card, even when a crook is in close range.

A more refined metal card holder, available from retailers like Amazon, eBay and John Lewis, will also do the trick.



New year message
from Cllr Graeme
Coombes

Very best wishes for a healthy, happy and prosperous 2017 to all Wixams residents. Wherever you are from originally, let us work together to make the coming year a successful one for Wixams.



Christmas at
Lakeview
Village Hall

Wixams Parish Council

Grants Available



Wixams Parish Council was pleased to award Lakeview Village Hall with a grant of £1,000 towards the purchase of a new floor steam cleaner.

We have up to £5,000 available each year to fund projects for local clubs and societies.

Please contact the Clerk for further details.

Parish Business Plan Forum

Wixams Parish Council wants to develop a Parish Business Plan to work towards and invest in. We will soon be holding a Public Forum to try and engage residents as well as local businesses, clubs and societies to find out what YOU want to see happening in your village. Further information to follow shortly.

Tree Planting Event

'Join us this winter for a day of tree planting in the Forest of Marston Vale. Come along any time between 11am and 3pm, on **Sunday 12th Feb 2017**, and help us towards our target of 6 million trees - all you need to bring is warm, waterproof clothes, and plenty of enthusiasm!'



We will be supplying trees, tools and teas & coffees, so bring the whole family along to make a difference to the Forest, and plant something that will live for generations.

Free shuttle buses will be running throughout the day to the planting site in Cranfield, from the Forest Centre in Marston Moretaine.'

Jo Roberts
Forest of Marston Vale,
www.marstonvale.org

Next Parish Council Meeting



The next meeting will be on **Monday, 23rd January 2017 at 7:30pm** at Lakeview Village Hall in the Munson room - residents 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')