



Wixams News

Neighbourhood Watch

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Caring for the community - Without Prejudice

Give us the Wixams Station NOW!

We bought in Wixams based on the promise of a station going in on the London bound line. We feel cheated ...

Yvonne Hayes

I looked to move here in 2013 and was told a station was imminent. I was suspicious of this and didn't buy. Thank goodness

Connie

How many of us bought houses on the false premise of a station being built the following year? I was told this in 2009!

There's a real problem with parking at Bedford station... it takes so long to get to Bedford station in the morning due to traffic

Sarah

The traffic to either Flitwick station or Bedford is a nightmare ... it's only to get worse as Wixams expands... a new Wixams station is essential

Christine Johnson

a new station at Wixams ... such a scheme would dramatically cut traffic into the centre of Bedford

Martyn Van Calsteren

Stacy Reeve

The residents of the Wixams demand that the Borough Council takes an active lead role, get the parties together get the funding organised, and make it happen! That is your job!

What can I do to get Wixams station now?

- 1) Email Dave Hodgson the mayor dave.hodgson@bedford.gov.uk
- 2) Copy Cllr Graeme Coombes in on emails (see p3)
- 3) Demand 'Wixams station now' on fb and twitter
- 4) Email the papers

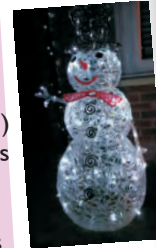
Christmas in the Wixams



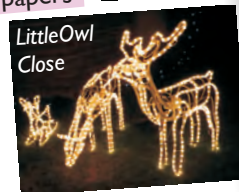
Brooklands Avenue



Swift Close



Brooklands Avenue



Little Owl Close

Wixams Parish Council

A happy and prosperous New Year



Councillor Tony Pedder, Chairman of Wixams Parish Council, would like to wish the residents of Wixams a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Wixams Station



Action on the Wixams station will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting on Monday 22nd January, 2018.

Litterpick 3 March 2018

The next Wixams community litterpick is on Saturday 3 March, 9.30-11.30am. If you care about the community, please put the date in your diary and come for half an hour or more to tidy the village and show that the residents care about litter, care about the streets and public areas and care about the environment.

Over 100 people came to the litterpick last March!

There will be Easter eggs for all the children, special prizes, refreshments, equipment provided.



Lexi, Megan, Maddie, Bonnie



Oscar

When we turn out together to build our community a lot of goodwill, fun and camaraderie is generated. It is the Wixams community spirit that makes our village such a great place to live.

See you on the 3rd March!

Next Parish Council Meeting

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, 22nd January 2018** from 7:30pm at Lakeview Village Hall in the Munson 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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Reported crime

Crimes reported in Wixams

December 2017

1st 11:33 Domestic dispute/incident

6th 16:30-07 07:30 Southern Cross Theft

6th 18:15-18:30 Brooklands Avenue Theft from shops

14th 00:00 Domestic dispute/incident

18th 20:38 Goldfinch Gardens Attempted burglary

24th 15:45-16:00 Brooklands Avenue Theft from shops

24th 19:10-20 Domestic dispute/incident

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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 in Wixams

Keech hospice - 15 December

Thank you to a brilliant team of collectors in Wixams. It was great seeing all the children outside the school and lots of others around the village. The collection came to an excellent £495.90. From Keech hospice

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.



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Wixams News

Give us the Wixams station NOW!



So what difference will it make if you write to Dave Hodgson the mayor of Bedford Borough Council?

Four years ago the 'Say No To Wixams Landfill' campaign stopped a rubbish tip being sited on the edge of Wixams village.

Thirty years ago the 'Bedfordshire Against Nuclear Dumping' stopped the 'Wixams' area from being filled with nuclear waste. So you and I can really make a difference!

Are you really going to be misled and denied the station we were promised, suffer endless hassle in the traffic nightmare into Bedford, face car park frustration at Bedford and Flitwick, have your time wasted, see the environment destroyed, and do absolutely nothing?

So, send the Mayor your letter/email. Ask the council to get the parties together, to organise the funding of the Wixams station. Politicians need a mandate if they are going to do some heavy lifting. They need to know that hundreds of people demand that the Council take the initiative.

Cllr Graeme Coombes is raising the issue at the next Wixams Parish Council.



Thanks, Alan

Wixams News deadline - Friday

26th January 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 February.

Wixams Parish Council cont.

Major Planning Applications – Aldi and B&M Stores – Wixams Northern Expansion Zone

Cllr Coombes has been in discussion with Planning Officers regarding these two major applications. These proposals will bring with them significant job opportunities, but also have the potential to create traffic chaos for those living at the northern end of Wixams.

He has made a number of proposals for redirecting traffic to the site away from residential areas and to build buffer zones between the sites and residential areas, to alleviate traffic noise. He will continue to press for consideration of local residents if these plans are to be given the go ahead.

Elstow/Wixams underpass

The lighting in the underpass beneath the A6 has been requested for repairs. This underpass is used regularly by pupils attending the Wixams Academy, amongst others, so keeping it well lit is important, particularly during darker nights. Cllr Coombes has been in discussion with Borough officers and others trying to get the repairs made.

East West Rail line

The Chancellor's Budget backed key infrastructure schemes which will benefit Bedford. It was announced that the western section of the East West Rail line from Oxford to Bedford will be running by 2024. A new 'East West Rail Company' is also being established to accelerate delivery of the next part of the line from Bedford to Cambridge.

Wixams Parish Councillors

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Health



Priority Health tips for the New Year, trying to keep it simple! And trying to keep it simple is a valuable asset when fighting stress, the greatest threat to our long term health. Become aware of what causes you to feel under pressure, enjoy the adrenal buzz but the moment that you feel out of control take time out. Walk, rest, gentle exercise and consider counselling.

Work on your Lymph system, your drainage routes, if they are sluggish or stagnant toxins back up into organs and may provide the environment for disease to start. Lymph needs movement, like skipping, rebounding and exercise. Dry skin brushing before a morning shower can be quite invigorating. Drink plenty of water.

Lastly, try and have more fun, be more sociable, plan family time, our emotional health has an impact on our wellbeing so do what makes you feel good and have a Happy 2018.

Sheila Partridge
Dip Nutritional Medicine
www.sheilapartridge.com

Wixams history Wilstead bricks

House in Bedford Rd, near Southern Cross, built with bricks made of clay dug from the lakes in Wixams



For many years brickmaking was an important part of our local industry. Records of brickworks in the village go back to the nineteenth century. Local farmer Charles Hebbes opened up two in what we now know as the Wixams. They were operated by him and his son.

1. Brickworks south of Dane Lane. The pit has recently been remodelled and is now known as Dane Lane Lake. It opened in 1886.

2. Brickfield on the east of the old Bedford Road, also remodelled and now known as the Lakeview Lake. It opened in 1876.

The bricks were mainly yellow in colour although several shades of red were also produced, sometimes a mixture of the two. With house building in decline both pits closed in the period 1914-16.

There are a number of houses built with the Hebbes bricks in Wilstead, the finest example being the house that Charles Senior built for himself in Bedford Road on the corner of Southern Cross. The village signs at the three entrances to Wilstead are constructed with reclaimed Wilstead bricks.

It is good to know that in spite of redevelopment the pits have been retained to offer us a useful recreation facility.

Barry Huckle

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...

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Bible
Welcome
Wixams Church
Prayer
Heart
Village
Love
Expression
Gospel
Trinity
that He gave
Father that
who
believes in Him
Worship
have story
eternal life
Holy Spirit
Jesus
Son so
everyone
Inspire
Life
Mission
Serve
John 3:16



Councillor GRAEME COOMBES

Reporting to Wixams - January 2018

Lighting along the A6 between Wilstead and Wixams

I have again raised the issue of poor lighting along the A6, where a large number of street lamps have been out of action for some time. I have now been informed that the Borough Council is in the process of procuring materials to upgrade the lighting as part of the Borough wide LED replacements works. Traffic Management is required and works will be carried out at night. The Borough is currently programming this for February.

Parking outside Lakeview School, Wixams

Despite considerable delay, after the parking restrictions were initially promised for September, I have now had it confirmed by Borough Council Officers that the traffic restrictions will be put in place during the spring, as the Council informs me that lines can't be painted on roads during wet or cold weather.

A notice to the traffic regulation should be published in January 2018 and I would encourage parents and residents to write to the Borough and make their views known, to show the strength of local feeling about this matter.

In addition, the Borough has allocated £250k to a scheme to put enforcement cameras outside schools and I have requested that Lakeview is included in this scheme once the parking restrictions are in place.

Wixams access from B530

This is now a step further ahead, after a recent meeting of the Wixams Joint Development Committee which approved plans for a 330m stretch of road to be built by Barratt Homes from their Village 2 site to link up with development in Villages 3 & 4.

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Facebook: Cllr. Graeme Coombes

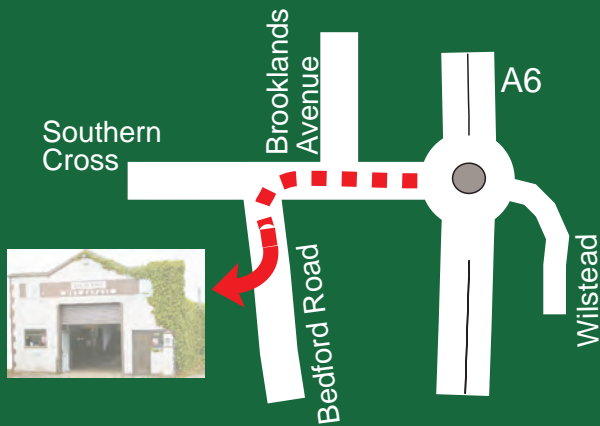
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Mark & Helen

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