



# Wixams News

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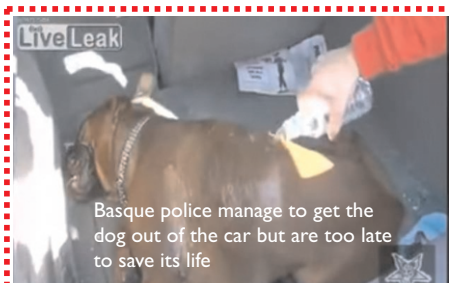
## Swans...



Walking down Green Lane

## Cars

A number of cars have been interfered with in Brooklands Avenue and nearby roads. If you see anyone acting suspiciously, then **PHONE THE POLICE**. Call 101 or 999 if there is a crime in action. It does make a difference if you take action.



Basque police manage to get the dog out of the car but are too late to save its life

Never leave your dog alone in a car on a warm day. If you see a dog in distress in a hot car, dial 999. See [www.rspca.org.uk/adviceandwelfare/pets/dogs/health/dogsinhotcars](http://www.rspca.org.uk/adviceandwelfare/pets/dogs/health/dogsinhotcars)

**Someone is stealing community notices from the Brooklands Avenue community noticeboard. If you are aware of who is doing this then please let us know.**



## Litter

We are told that the subcontractor will now be emptying the litter bins weekly not fortnightly, by the lake in Brooklands Avenue. This is organised by Gallagher UK, as the area is not yet adopted by Bedford Borough.

## Stop destroying our village!



## Wixams Parish Council

### VACANCY FOR A PARISH

**CLERK** – Wixams, Bedfordshire  
Salary: NALC SLCC SCP 20 – 26 equivalent to (£9,900 to SCP 26 £11,922)

Applicants are invited for the post of Parish Clerk to Wixams Parish Council. As a new parish, this presents a unique opportunity for an ambitious person to make their mark on the council.

The successful candidate will be a skilled operator, balancing diplomacy and tact with determination to get things done. The role will require a high level of personal commitment, accurate administrative and financial ability, as well as excellent communication skills, which are essential for the role. A sound knowledge of local government law and procedures is essential, and if not already qualified the successful candidate will be expected to obtain the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CILCA). The post is initially for 8-10 hours per week (inclusive of evening meetings) and the starting salary will be agreed at appointment. Applicants will be expected to be flexible to meet the operational requirements of the council, including attending evening meetings.

For an informal chat about this role, please contact the Parish Council Chairman, Tony Pedder on 01234 743 564 or via [anthonypedder@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anthonypedder@hotmail.co.uk)

An application form, Job Description and further details can be obtained from the interim Parish Clerk, Lizzie Barnicoat, at 30 King William Close, Kempston MK42 7BA, Tel: 01234 841835 or email [lizzie\\_barnicoat@hotmail.com](mailto:lizzie_barnicoat@hotmail.com)  
The closing date for the receipt of applications is Wednesday 29th July 2015.

### NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS

At the meeting that took place on 15th June, the Parish Council were notified of Sharon Crichlow's resignation. Councillors thanked Sharon for her support. At the meeting, the Council co-opted two new residents to become Councillors: Charlotte Day and Danny Amey. The contact details for the current Councillors are:  
Robert Adams  
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Saqhib Ali (Vice Chair)  
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### UPDATE FROM LAST MEETING

The Parish Council discussed how they would like to pursue an informal meeting with representatives from Gallagher UK, to understand their vision on the development of Wixams and the time scale of key infrastructure such as the train station and health provision.

The Council are also in the process of arranging a meeting for residents, that is expected to be held in the Village Hall in September, with Colin Foster, Bedford Borough Council Head of School Organisation in attendance, to answer questions on the subject of school places for Wixams children. **Cont.**