



Wixams News

Neighbourhood
Watch

July 2017

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Wixams NW National Award
for Community Cohesion
London June 2014

Caring for the community - Without Prejudice

Time Capsule Ceremony at £44m Retirement Village



Mayor Dave Hodgson and Cllr Graeme Coombes

The retirement village opens in 2019 and will have 230 self-contained homes for outright purchase, shared ownership and rent. The village is a partnership between The ExtraCare Charitable Trust, the Harpur Trust, Bedford Borough Council and the Homes and Communities Agency.

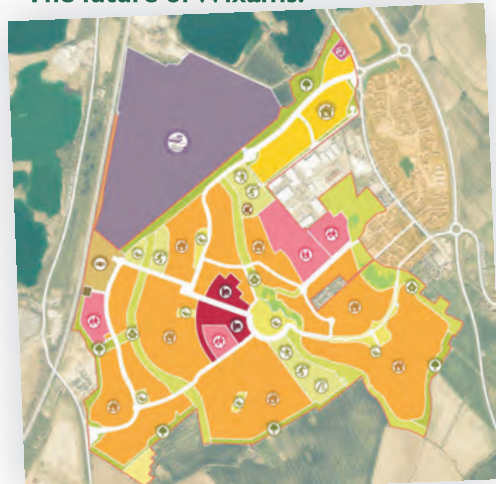
Facilities include a reception and main street with communal seating areas, shop, library, IT suite, café bar and bistro, hairdressing and beauty salon, craft room, greenhouse and fitness suite.

See www.wixamsvillage.co.uk

Travelling abroad

- ☐ **Be aware** of your surroundings and be wary of strangers who take an unusual amount of interest in you.
- ☐ **Lock your passport in a safe** if you have access to one, or if you are required to keep it with you, ensure its location is not visible.
- ☐ **Thieves also target hire cars**, as they anticipate that holiday makers will leave valuable items such as passports in their hire cars. You can take simple measures, such as leaving your passport in your hotel safe, or keep it with you in a secure pocket, to avoid losing your passport to thieves.
- ☐ **Make two photocopies of your passport** – leave one with friends or family and take the second with you, or store an electronic copy securely. Where permitted, use your photocopy as alternative ID, for example when going out at night. See www.police.uk/news/foreign-and-commonwealth-office-launches-passportaware-campaign-help-holidaymakers-keep [*Ed ridiculously long!*]

The future of Wixams!



On Thursday 22 June Gallagher Estates held a public drop in session in the village hall to seek feedback on the proposed changes to the planned community, leisure and open space facilities for the Wixams.

Your help is needed! Please see page 3 for details on how to respond.

Wixams Parish Council



Community Defibrillator Seminar

Sponsored by The Rotary Club of Bedford Castle and Wixams Parish Council

The Community HeartBeat Trust will be demonstrating the use of defibrillators and explaining how the equipment works and its benefits to the community in saving precious minutes in the treatment of sudden cardiac arrest.

Thursday, 20th July 2017 @ 7:00pm
Munson Room, Lakeview Village Hall
Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis so please book your place as soon as possible by
e-mail on wixamspc@gmail.com or
by telephone on: 07563 108666

The more people that know how to use the portable defibrillator installed in our community, the more chance there is of saving the life of a victim of Sudden Cardiac Arrest

Everybody is welcome, and no special skills are required, just your willingness to play an important role in the event of a medical emergency

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Next Parish Council Meeting

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, 17 July 2017** from 7:30pm at Lakeview Village Hall in the Munson room – members of the public 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')



If you are interested in an **allotment plot** then please get in touch with the Clerk.

Diane Robins
Clerk to the Council
Wixams Parish Council
wixamspc@gmail.com
Phone number 07563 108 666

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Reported crime

Crimes reported in Wixams - June

09/6/2017 09:15-09:50 Brooklands Ave,

Attempt burglary residential dwelling

18/6/2017 10:30-11:00 Mallard Court

Criminal damage - to vehicles

14/6/2017 23:52 Ladybird Way

Theft in a dwelling

02/6/2017 09:22-09:45

Non counting fraud - investigation

05/6/2017 10:54-18:17

Harassment

12/6/2017 17:45-18:04

Domestic

09/6/2017 09:00-09:30

Harassment

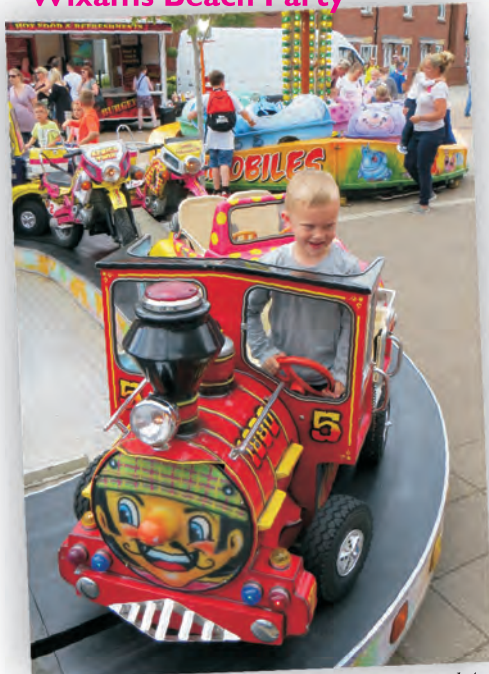
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Harassment

The crime report is provided by

Bedfordshire Police with volunteer help from Bedford & District Neighbourhood Watch.

Wixams Beach Party



Georgie aged 4

999 - Emergency

where there is a risk of:

- personal injury
- loss of life
- crime in action

101 - Call Handling

- Crime in action where there is not a risk of personal injury
- Suspicious incidents

Put this number on your mobile

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

Why each village needs a village hall

Twenty years ago Wilstead residents worked very hard to build their own village hall. It was a long slog, but they had the crucial advantage of owning the land.

Now on the 22 June Gallagher proposed that Wixams Village 2 and Village 4 should give up any chance of having a village hall - for ever! Once the land is built on, that's it!

But right from the beginning a large village hall had been planned for Village 1 and much smaller halls for 2 and 4. They were seen (quite rightly) as the social hub of village activities. Lakeview Village Hall is well used for a village approaching 1,000 houses. Can you imagine life without it?

So, when the other **4,000 houses** in Village 2, 3 and 4 are built, the clubs, societies, fitness activities, parties, etc, will not fit into Lakeview Village Hall and a Village 3 Assembly Hall (to be built many years from now).

Seventeen years ago Wilstead Parish Council spent hundreds of hours making sure good decisions were made for our benefit (ok, parking and station was not for lack of trying). We too should make some effort to make sure future residents get a good village experience. Send in a Feedback Form on Gallagher's proposals (see page 3). Lack of village halls is an arrow in the heart of a community.

If you want somewhere to take the children, try the **John Bunyan Museum**, Mill St, open Tuesday-Saturday 11-4pm. Have a good summer.

Alan



Wixams News deadline - Monday 4th September 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 September.

Wixams Parish Council cont.

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Wixams Parish Council

are looking to co-opt a new Councillor

If you are:

- Interested in the needs of your community
- Willing to contribute to debates, make suggestions or comment on proposals
- Able to spare just a few hours a month

Then please contact the Clerk for further information or to register your interest:

Mrs Diane Robins Tel: 07563 108666 E-mail: wixamspc@gmail.com

Closing date for applications: Friday, 8th September 2017

Wixams Parish Councillors

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Gallagher Estates' drop in session

The Wixams MASTERPLAN & COMMUNITY, LEISURE AND OPEN SPACE FACILITIES plan VILLAGE 1 Proposed Changes

Nursery: A new nursery is proposed

VILLAGE 2, VILLAGE 3, VILLAGE 4 Proposed Changes

- see the proposals that are online at

www.wixams.org.uk/wnw/masterplan

Your feedback is needed

Gallagher Estates held a public drop in session in relation to the Wixams on 22 June. They said the purpose of the drop in session was:

- To provide a general progress update on the Wixams
- To seek feedback on a revised overall masterplan that guides development within the Wixams
- To seek feedback on the proposed changes to the planned community, leisure and open space facilities for the Wixams

Gallagher are inviting residents to view the masterplan and the proposed changes to the community, leisure and open space facilities planned for the Wixams and to feedback your comments.

As many will not have had the chance to visit the drop in session or haven't yet fed back comments, Wixams News has put the masterplan online at

www.wixams.org.uk/wnw/masterplan and you can also download the feedback form from there. Feedback forms should be sent to claire.brindley@bartonwillmore.co.uk

You need to make your comments as soon as possible.



Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

Acts 2:2-4

Events Diary:

Sunday mornings: watch this space for news of our new celebrations, launching in September!

Fridays, 10:30 am - 12 pm: Little Stars a playgroup for babies & preschoolers with parents & carers



Thursday 15th June & 20th July 3:30 - 5:30 pm: Messy Church a way of being Church for families, involving fun, Bible Stories & a family meal together



For more info...

www.wixamschurch.org.uk

e-mail: hello@wixamschurch.org.uk

Tel: 01234 348091

f : [facebook.com/WixamsChurch](https://www.facebook.com/WixamsChurch)

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For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son so that everyone who believes in Him may not die but have eternal life. Jesus Christ who is the Word of Life who has come into the world. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son so that everyone who believes in Him may not die but have eternal life. Jesus Christ who is the Word of Life who has come into the world. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son so that everyone who believes in Him may not die but have eternal life. Jesus Christ who is the Word of Life who has come into the world.



Councillor GRAEME COOMBES

Reporting to Wixams - July 2017

Gallagher drop-in session

I attended the recent drop-in session organised by Gallagher, to look at their plans for future development at Wixams. Frankly, I was disappointed that they seemed to be presenting a long list of things they won't now be doing. Those of you I saw at the session didn't seem too happy with the proposals either.

I raised this at a meeting of the Bedford Council Committee responsible for development in Wixams and it was unanimously agreed that much greater scrutiny is required of all the key players responsible for delivering infrastructure in Wixams, such as Gallagher, Network Rail, the BCCG and developers, to hold them to account.

Wixams Station

The Department for Transport has advised Bedford Council that no decision can be made on Wixams Station until the route of the East-West rail link is decided in November, as this could have implications for the type of station required. The £16.5m funding gap still exists, but I have raised serious doubts about the accuracy of the numbers being presented, as I don't accept that the price of a station can rise from £13.5m to £30m in just 8 years.

ExtraCare development

A few weeks ago I took part in planting a time capsule at the ExtraCare site. This development will incorporate 230 new homes for those aged 55 and over, as well as a range of communal social and leisure facilities. It is expected to open in Summer 2019. I'll put more information on each of these topics on my Facebook page.

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Facebook: Cllr. Graeme Coombes

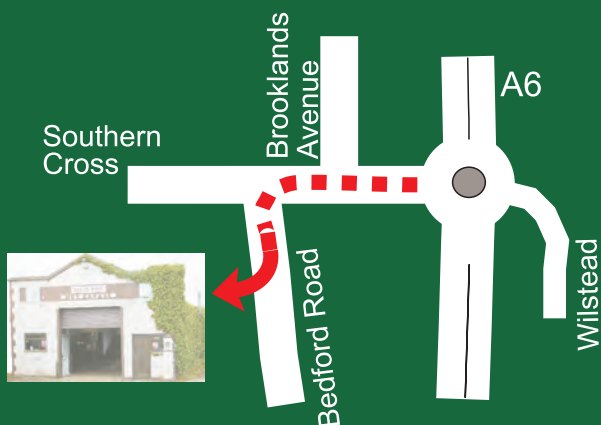
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Mondays - Fridays 8.30am - 5.30pm
 Saturdays 8.30am - 1pm (March-Sept)

133 Bedford Road, West Wilstead
(Wixams) Telephone: 01234 740252



Wixams Sunday Club 3 to 4pm every Sunday term time Lakeview Village Hall

Free songs, Bible stories, quizzes, prizes, competitions, learn about Jesus for children aged 4-11yrs

IGNITE Tuesdays 6.30-7.45pm all young people in years 5,6,7,8,9 welcome wixams.org.uk/ignite

www.wixams.org.uk/sundayclub Alan & Anne Pibworth, 47 Green Lane

Wilstead Evangelical Church

BARRATT SCHOOL OF DANCE & ARTS PRESENTS

-NEW- MUSICAL THEATRE

Dance, Drama & Singing
 Saturdays at 10.30-12.00
 age 4-6yrs

LAKEVIEW VILLAGE HALL, WIXAMS

CALL OR E-MAIL NOW TO BOOK YOUR PLACE!
 barrattschooldance@gmail.com
 07749091885

Lakeside Fish & Chips

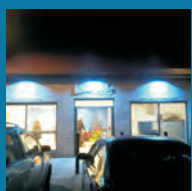
Lakeside offers a variety of fresh and homemade choices for all the family.

Fish wraps and fish tacos if you are in the mood for something different or mini meals for those who want a lighter option.

Do come in and give us a try if you haven't already.

We look forward to meeting and feeding you soon.

Mark & Helen



Opening Times
 Lunch Tues-Fri
 11am-2pm
 Dinner Mon-Fri
 4.30pm-9pm
 Open all day Saturday
 12-9pm



Tel: 01234 743 942
 www.lakesidewixams.co.uk

www.wixams.org/village-hall



Lakeview Village Hall is the perfect venue for a large range of events, including: Weddings, Parties, Meetings, Community Events, Fitness Classes, Playgroups

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JUMBLE TRAIL

Sunday, 16th July 11am - 3pm

For more details, and to register your stall, go to:
 WWW.WIXAMSVIXENS.WIXSITE.COM/WIXAMSVIXENSWI

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