



Wixams News

Neighbourhood
Watch

July 2018

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Wixams NW National Award
for Community Cohesion
London June 2014

Caring for the community - Without Prejudice



Wixams Tree Primary School in Green lane is delighted to be opening its **pre-school in September 2018**.

They will be offering 15 hours per week, mornings only initially. They still have a few places remaining. If you would like to apply for a place in September or place your child's name on the waiting list, please contact info@wixamstreeprimary.co.uk

Wixams Summer Party



Bedfordshire Police
Family Fun Day
8 September

Family
Fun Day

Saturday 8
September
11am - 3pm
Police Headquarters, Kempston,
MK43 8AX

Wixams station



*The Wixams
Train Station
as described
in the Wixams
Newsletter
Spring 2015*

The Borough Council have been invited to update residents on Thursday 12 July.

Theft Of/From Motor Vehicles

Thieves are using electronic devices to locate and copy the radio signals sent from the key fob to the vehicle. Once the signal has been cloned/copied access can be gained to the vehicle and it can be driven away.

1. Use a magnetic pouch to keep your fob in this prevents the radio signal being captured.
2. Keep your vehicle keys as far away from doors and windows as possible
3. Never leave valuables in an unattended vehicle

Source: Bedfordshire Police 22/06/2018

Wixams Parish Council



Public Open Forum

Be at the Forum
on Thursday!

Last summer the Parish Council sent out a questionnaire to all local residents seeking their views on life at Wixams and their priorities for future developments. The responses have been analysed and a Parish Action Plan drawn up. A copy of this can be found on our website and has also been circulated in pamphlet form to all residents.

Wixams Parish Council will be holding an **Open Forum for members of the public on Thursday 12 July 2018** in Lakeview Suite of the Village Hall **between 5:30 and 7:30pm**. Primarily this is to discuss the plan but also to enable residents to raise other issues and/or concerns. Representatives from BBC, Gallaghers, Bedfordshire Police, local schools and organisations have been invited.

Street Ranger

Wixams Parish Council has successfully recruited Street Rangers to litterpick throughout the parish. They should be starting work from July.

Next Parish Council Meeting

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 17th July 2018 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').

Village pond

It has been brought to the Parish Council's attention that there are children and adults swimming in the large pond opposite Budgens. We have been in contact with the Borough Council's Environmental Health team who have advised that there is very likely to be high levels of bacteria/micro organisms living in standing water such as this with a strong risk to health. New signs warning of the health risk are on order.

Farewell

After 2 years with us we said farewell to our Clerk Diane Robins, who is looking to spend more time with her family. It is an ongoing process to recruit a replacement Clerk but, in the meantime, we are being assisted by a temporary Clerk, Robbin Brough, who started last month. Contact details remain the same – anyone wishing to get in touch with Robbin should either email her at: wixamspc@gmail.com or telephone her on 07563 108666.

Crime reporting

Crime reports for this year show that reported crime is relatively low. There is a possibility that this is because petty crime is not being reported.

We would encourage you to report any crime to the police because, in addition to providing useful information to the police, the amount of police presence allocated to us is based on the level of reported crime. You should call 101 to report crime that does not require an emergency response.

Robbin Brough
Clerk to the Council,
Wixams Parish Council,
wixamspc@gmail.com
Tel 07563 108666

Cont.

Reported crime

Crimes reported in Wixams

between 23rd May to 26th June

19/02 00:00:00 Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (ABH)

12/06 06:05:00 Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm (Indictable)

26/06 16:30:00 Breach of a restraining order

The crime report is provided by Bedfordshire Police with volunteer help from Bedford & District Neighbourhood Watch. Because of IT changes street names are not available this month.

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

Bedfordshire Against Covanta Incinerator

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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

To **report online** non-emergency crimes, incidents or give the police information, go to www.bedfordshire.police.uk/report

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

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

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.

Come and join us at Wixams Vixens WI

A great evening was enjoyed by all at the Gin Tasting and Nibbles at our last meeting so why not join us at our next meeting on 18 July where we will be needle felting our very own vixen to take home. We meet every third Wednesday of the month 7.45 to 9.45pm at the Swan Room, Lakeview Village Hall, Wixams. You don't have to be a member. First meeting is free then guests are £5 per meeting. Everyone welcome.

Speed Watch

The council is looking for volunteers to create a Speed Watch team to try to curb speeding in Wixams. Speed Watch seeks to promote safer driving in our local communities by educating rather than prosecuting individuals. Data collected by Speed Watch groups will be passed to Bedfordshire Police who may undertake speed checks and result in drivers being prosecuted. Having registered as a volunteer you will be offered a training course run by Bedfordshire Police. The volunteers will then run the session noting details of any vehicles exceeding the speed limit. The results will then be forwarded to the police who will then arrange for the registered keeper of the vehicle to be written to. Persistent speeders will receive a second letter but on the third occasion they can expect further action to be taken by the police.

Wixams News

Are you a tolerant person?

I was truly shocked when I read this week of the hostility by UK students to free speech. Specifically, many believe that speakers on controversial subjects with unfashionable views should be 'no-platformed' - banned from speaking.

Tolerance should mean 'While I may disagree with what you say I will defend your right to say it.'

Historically, toleration of people with different views in society is a fruit of the teaching by Jesus "love your enemies" and "love your neighbour as yourself".

Our ancestors learnt free speech the hard way. John Bunyan was locked up in the Bedford Gaol for 12 years by the 17th century establishment because he refused to stop preaching views they didn't like.

Hundreds of others were heavily fined for meeting together (Conventicles Act 1664). If you listen to Tony Benn - a modern dissenter - on Desert Island Discs, it is interesting that his first choice is 'He who would valiant be' - the famous hymn by John Bunyan.

As George Orwell said "If liberty means anything at all, it means the right to tell people what they do not want to hear."

So, are you a tolerant person?



Thanks to Ben Joseph for his article on page 3.



Thanks - Alan

Wixams News deadline - Friday

31st August 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.

Open Forum for the public

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Wixams Parish Council cont. Councillor Tracey Flower



I've lived in Wixams for over 8 years and it's been interesting to see the changes in the Village, over the years. My son was at Lakeview

School when it was just one building, and now attends Wixams Academy.

Most days you'll find me out with my two Dobermans - which is why I'm passionate about getting a dedicated dog exercise area in our Village.

Say Hi if you see us about.

If you don't wish to carry this out in your own area then we have the option of swapping volunteers with Wilstead.

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Who's Who? Stanley Carter - piano teacher



Stanley Carter playing with the Bedfordshire Big Band at Twinwoods festival

"I really enjoy passing on my skills to students who are keen to learn and the best part of my job is seeing them flourish". Stanley Carter, who moved to Wixams because of its great facilities, events and most important of all great community, says that his passion has always been music and specifically playing and teaching the piano.

"It's worth it in the end because many children grow up to regret quitting the piano as it is a very rare skill which can make people stand out in all aspects of life." Stanley has now been teaching many genres of piano, including jazz, classical and popular for over 30 years.

I have been studying the piano with Stanley for two years. I am currently working on my grade 3 which is really hard, but I am able to go at my own pace which really helps me to understand the music I am learning more effectively. I really enjoy learning the piano because I have always enjoyed listening to music and being able to play music on the piano helps me to appreciate listening to music even more. *Article written by Ben Joseph*

Ed - Stanley can be contacted on 07732 642442

Wixams Church Events Diary:

First Sunday of the month, 10 am - 12 pm: Messy Café at Wixams Church meet for breakfast and an all-age exploration of what it means to be a disciple

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



Third Thursday of the month, term-time, 3:30 - 5:30 pm: Messy Church a way of being Church for families, involving fun, Bible Stories & a family meal together

**How deep the
Father's love
for us, How vast
beyond all
measure...**

For more info...

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Love 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. **Family** Welcome to Wixams Church. **Prayer** Expression of Faith. **Worship** Holy Spirit. **Life** Mission Serve. **Trinity** John 3:16



Councillor GRAEME COOMBES

Reporting to Wixams July 2018

Covanta

The campaign against the proposed Covanta 'Energy Recovery Facility' in Stewartby is to be taken to the High Court. American waste processor Covanta received a Development Consent Order from a joint committee of Parliament in 2012.

In January this year, it was provided with an Environmental Permit from the Environment Agency, allowing the development to proceed. The "Bedfordshire Against Covanta Incinerator" (BACI) group has now requested a judicial review of the Environment Agency's decision. BACI should be congratulated for their efforts.

The June meeting of Bedford Council's Environment Scrutiny Committee focussed solely on the issue of Covanta and it was decided to hold the meeting in Stewartby village rather than Borough Hall, so that local residents could be present. Councillors and members of the public had the opportunity to put questions to both Covanta as well as representatives from the Environment Agency.

Covanta had no answer to the charge that up to 594 vehicle movements a day would transport waste to the facility. Nearby residents will be exposed to particulates emanating not just from the incineration process but also from exhaust fumes from diesel vehicles.

Throughout the meeting, I heard nothing from either Covanta or the Environment Agency that convinced me the incinerator is either wanted or necessary. What I did hear reaffirmed my view that developing an enormous waste facility in Stewartby will be a disaster for the surrounding villages, including Wiltstead and Wixams. I remain opposed to the Covanta incinerator and hope a judicial review can play a role in halting it.

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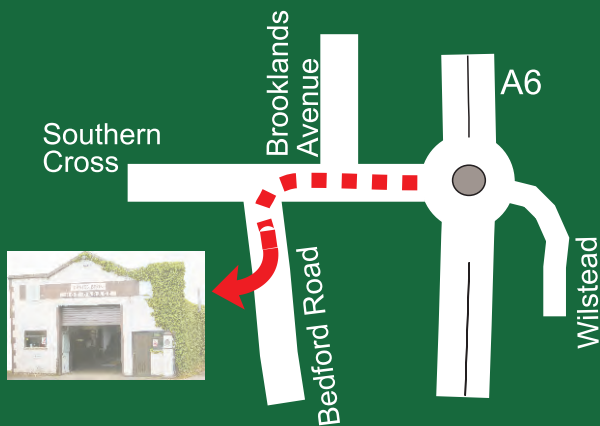
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every Sunday term time
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