



Wixams News

Neighbourhood
Watch

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Wixams NW National Award
for Community Cohesion
London June 2014

Caring for the community - Without Prejudice



Dementia Awareness Talk

The newly formed Wixams Community Group is hosting a free talk by Sarah Russell from the Tibbs Dementia Foundation in the village hall on 15th August at 1930.

Sarah will talk about some of the impacts dementia has on sufferers and how the support, advice and vast array of services Tibbs offer can make a difference. All are welcome to attend this insightful talk about an issue which will affect many of us at some point in our lives.

The Wixams Community Group hopes to bring more talks in the future, along with other projects for the benefit of the community. Find out more on wixams.org/community-group or get in touch community@wixams.org



WIXAMS SUMMER PARTY

George
aged 2yrs



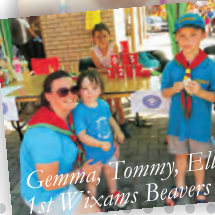
Amelia aged
3½yrs



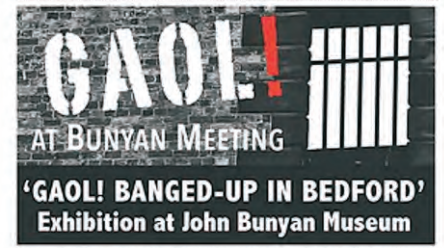
Nyla



Sophie and Grace



Gemma, Tommy, Ella,
1st Wixams Beavers



**Tuesday 2nd July to Saturday 27th
October 2019 Tues-Sat 11am-4pm**



Wixams Parish Council



COMPETITION! DESIGN THE ENTRANCE SIGNS FOR WIXAMS

Extended deadline and open to more entrants!

The winning design will be interpreted by the sign makers for the new entrance signs. Entrants must be children (aged 16 and under) and be living in Wixams, or attending a Wixams school. Design needs to be A4 landscape size in any format (painted/drawn/computer designed). Multiple entries are allowed. Must include the words "Welcome to Wixams". Winner to be decided by Parish Council vote. The prize will be an Apple iPad 32GB.

Entry closes midnight 31st July 2019.

Good luck!

Win an iPad 32GB!

Your design to be
on the new
Wixams' entrance
signs

Extended deadline

31st July 2019

Designs must be
representative of
Wixams

POST TO:

17 Swan Road, Wixams

MK42 6BW

www.wixams.org

New councillor – Ashley Carr



Ashley moved to Wixams in January 2019 with his wife Kelly, 3 young children and his very excitable Dalmatian. Ashley is currently serving in the Royal Air Force

and has done so for the last 13 years.

He is passionate about protecting the environment and ensuring that Wixams continues to build on its already excellent community spirit and making it a great place to live for all its residents.

Councillor vacancies

With Ashley on-board we are now up to 8 councillors from a possible 15 – let's try to boost our numbers! If you are interested in becoming a councillor then please email the Clerk; it's an easy application process. Meetings are once a month and occur in the evening. No prior experience is required.

Reported crime

Crimes reported in Wixams

June 2019

10th 14:00-14:50 Wixams

Breach of non-molestation order

1st-3rd 06:00 Kenneth Way

Burglary - Business And Community

9th 14:20-14:30 Southern Cross

Causing int harassment, alarm or distress

August 2018-12th June Wixams

Harassment - without violence

13th 17:20-17:36 Wixams

Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety, Malicious Comms Act

13th 00:00 Wixams

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17th 17:40 Brooklands Avenue

Theft if not classified elsewhere

18th 15:30-19th 07:00 Kenneth Way

Burglary - Business And Community

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.



when you walk down the street

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

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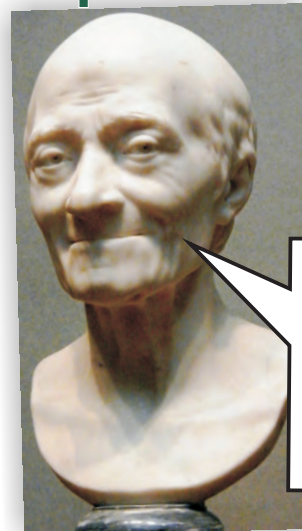
For further information on **Wixams Neighbourhood Watch** see www.wixams.org.uk/wnw, facebook, or email Alan at wnw@wixams.org.uk

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.

Experienced Accountant available to prepare Accounts, support Self-Assessment submissions (paper deadline 31st October, online 31st January 2020), help small businesses grow or act as a Part Time Finance Director. Initial review free, call me now Saqhib Ali on 07758 157051 or saqhib.ali@gmail.com

Opinion



Voltaire, by Jean-Antoine Houdon, 1778 (National Gallery of Art, USA) Photo credit: Sarah Stierch, Flickr

I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it

The famous quote on free speech and toleration attributed to Voltaire, the French Enlightenment writer and philosopher.

What is tolerance? Tolerance is the ability to live with people whose opinions and behaviour you don't agree with. And if you don't have free speech and toleration, then you don't have a very kind and free community and democracy is gone!

I want to recommend **Fidelity printers** (Bedford Road > Watson Way > Kenneth Way). I use them regularly. They are helpful, professional and quick. See the ad on page 3.



Have a good summer :-)

Thanks Alan

Wixams News deadline - Friday 6th 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.

Grants

We have grant funding of £10,000 each year to fund local groups. To apply for a grant you must be a charity, community group or local voluntary organisation with a dedicated bank account, operating or providing a service to the community of Wixams. The Council defines a voluntary group as a not-for-profit organisation, set up and run by a voluntary, unpaid management committee. Grants can be offered on a one-off basis to support a particular project or the purchase of equipment, to new groups wishing to start up, or as a contribution towards running costs. Please contact the Clerk for further details.

Next Parish Council Meetings

Our next meetings will be on 29th July 2019 (Note the change of meeting date!), there is no August meeting, then 16th September at Lakeview Village Hall – members of the public are very welcome. 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')

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Wixams Events Team - Christmas Tree update



Last Christmas the Events Team had a lot of Health and Safety issues with the Christmas Tree and lights. So for this year we needed to find a safer and more secure solution. As you know, our initial thoughts were to purchase an artificial

tree that would last for many years to come. With this in mind we set up a JustGiving funding page. As the amount required is substantial we have looked into other options that are available to us which would mean that the Village would still have a tree and that it would be safe and secure.

Our Committee Meeting on 30 May was open to the village to come and give their thoughts and ideas. Following this it has been agreed that the best solution for this year would be to purchase some brackets which would be secured to the Village Hall wall in order to secure the tree. In addition, we will need to purchase new Christmas Lights as the old ones were damaged and could not be saved. We are also hoping to place Christmas Lights on the trees outside the shops and the lake if we have enough funds to do this.

Our JustGiving site is still open and we will continue to raise money to **Light up Wixams**. We have made several applications for funding to other organisations and are hoping that we will be successful.



Caterpillars and Space Rockets

We've had a fabulous start to our final term of the year. The children are fascinated monitoring our caterpillars as they observe the miracle of metamorphosis. We are so excited for the day we can release them as butterflies.

We have also been exploring facts about space, splatter painting a space scene in the style of Jackson Pollock and we launched our very own space rocket into the sky.

Facebook: Dawn Til Dusk Lakeview Preschool

Our Pre-School leavers are now getting ready to start school in September and we have been busy supporting them with this transition. Whilst our Pre-School leavers open up some spaces for new children, many of these spaces have now been filled. However, there are a few afternoon spaces still available. Please visit, call in or check our website for more information.

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Councillor GRAEME COOMBES

Reporting to Wixams July 2019

On 22nd July, work is due to begin resurfacing the A6 between Wixams and Wilstead. Last year a routine inspection discovered serious problems with the road surface and a 40mph speed restriction has been in place ever since.

The foundations of this stretch of the A6 have collapsed and it has become too dangerous for normal road use. In October 2018, Bedford Council agreed £2.75m to resurface the A6 along this 2m stretch, which carries up to 19,000 vehicles a day.

This is a complete rebuild of the road together with replacement of the drainage system. The works are programmed to take around five months and will require the section of the A6 that bypasses Wilstead to be closed for a large part of this period, from the Bedford Road/Southern Cross junction in the north to the Luton Road, Wilstead junction in the south.

A diversion route will be signed, via the A507 and A600 through Cotton End, although it will be necessary to allow access to Wilstead during the project. To ensure traffic speeds through Wilstead are kept to a minimum during the work, average speed cameras are being installed in the village. This project will mean disruption for those in Wixams who normally travel south along the A6 each day and my advice would be to plan an alternative route along the proposed diversion.

Electronic signage will be installed in advance of the road being closed, and remain in place throughout the works to keep road users informed. All residents of Wilstead and Wixams villages will soon be receiving a leaflet from Henderson & Taylor and Bedford Borough Council about this project, the road closure and required diversion route.

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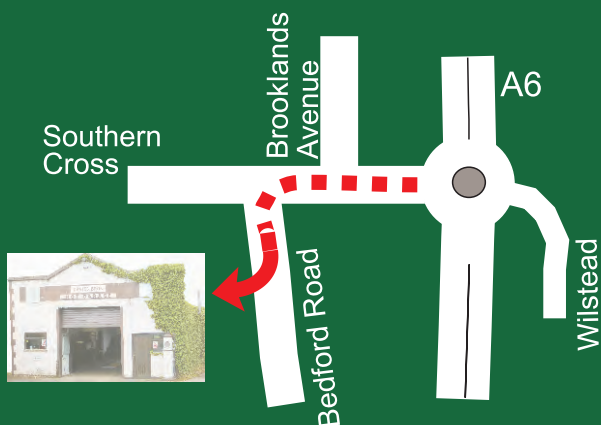
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