



# Wixams News

Neighbourhood  
Watch

June 2018

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Wixams NW National Award  
for Community Cohesion  
June 2014

Caring for the community - Without Prejudice



Flags celebrating  
the Royal Wedding  
at Dane Dane play  
area  
- by the Brownies

## Water safety lessons in Wixams



On the 13 April Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service came to the Wixams to demonstrate water rescue and share water safety lessons. It may seem tempting to go for a swim, especially in the summer months, but there are hidden dangers which can catch even the strongest of swimmers off guard. In 2014 there were 633 water related deaths nationally. For safety advice, go to [www.bedsfire.com/CommunitySafety/WaterSafety](http://www.bedsfire.com/CommunitySafety/WaterSafety)

## Wixams station update



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

- The financial costs of the project are currently being evaluated
- The Borough and Gallagher are in discussion about the 2019 deadline for their £13.4m contribution via S106
- Wixams Station has featured as part of a presentation the Borough Council had made to the Rail Minister
- Identifying the funding and then getting support from Network Rail are the two main stages to go through
- They hoped to have more news by the end of May
- A Borough representative will attend the Wixams Open Forum on 12th July to explain to residents and interested parties, where things currently stand.

*Taken from Cllr Coombes' Report May 2018*

## Wixams Parish Council

### Parish Council Elections

At our annual Parish Council meeting on 22nd May, Wixams Parish Council was delighted to re-elect Cllr Tony Pedder as Chairman for the ensuing year. Cllr Charlotte Day was welcomed as the new Vice-Chair.

### Street Ranger

Wixams Parish Council is again recruiting for a Street Ranger to litterpick throughout the parish for approximately 12 hours/week. Further details can be obtained from the Clerk.



### Farewell

Sadly, we have to bid a fond farewell to Councillor **Peter Webb** who resigned at the May meeting. Peter was instrumental in the formation of the Parish Action Plan (PAP) Group and his work will be carried on by the rest of the team (see details about our upcoming Open Forum in July, below). This means that we have a vacancy on the Parish Council. Anyone interested should contact either the Chairman or the Clerk for further details.

Also leaving after just over 2 years is our current Clerk, **Diane Robins** who is reducing her hours to spend more time with her family.

It is an ongoing process to recruit a replacement Clerk but, in the meantime, we will be ably assisted by a temporary cover Clerk, **Robbin Brough** who started on Monday, 4th June 2018. Contact details remain the same – anyone wishing to get in touch with Robbin should either e-mail her at: [wixamspc@gmail.com](mailto:wixamspc@gmail.com) or telephone her on 07563 108666.

### Public Open Forum

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. This will be circulated in pamphlet form to all residents during the month of June.

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 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.

### Grants

Calling all local clubs and societies - We have up to £5,000 available each year to fund local capital projects. Please contact the Clerk for further details

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# Reported crime

## Crimes reported in Wixams

### April 2018

27/4/2018 08:00-08:21

Domestic dispute/incident

### May 2018

03/5/2018 00:01-13:30 Brooklands Avenue

Theft from motor vehicle,

05/5/2018 23:00-06/5/2018 02:00

Harassment

09/5/2018 09:00-15:00 Green Lane

Thefts

10/5/2018 15:10 School Lane

Common assault

14/5/2018 20:30 non crime recordable

16/5/2018 19:00-19:58

Domestic dispute/incident

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



Dr Mehrdad Mokhtari and his daughter Ematice are climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in September 2018. Mehrdad, who is a dentist, is raising money for Oral Cancer Awareness - see [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mehrdad-mokhtari1](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mehrdad-mokhtari1) Ematice is raising money for the charity "Rights of Women" - see [uk.virginmoneygiving.com/EmaticeMokhtari](http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/EmaticeMokhtari)

## 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](http://www.bedfordshire.police.uk/report)

Additional contact methods can be found at [www.bedfordshire.police.uk/contact.aspx](http://www.bedfordshire.police.uk/contact.aspx) See also [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk)

**Crimestoppers** - 0800 555 111  
[crimestoppers-uk.org](http://crimestoppers-uk.org)

For further information on **Wixams Neighbourhood Watch** see [www.wixams.org.uk/wnw](http://www.wixams.org.uk/wnw), facebook, or email Alan at [wnw@wixams.org.uk](mailto:wnw@wixams.org.uk)

**Bedford & District Neighbourhood Watch** - [bedfordnhw.ourwatch.org.uk](http://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

We meet every third Wednesday of the month 7.45 to 9.45 pm 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  
20 June Gin Tasting and Nibbles (email [wixams.vixens@mail.com](mailto:wixams.vixens@mail.com) by 17 June)  
18 July Needle felt your very own Vixen  
Look out for details on facebook.

## Wixams Parish Council cont. Applications are invited

Applications are invited for the post of Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer for Wixams Parish Council.

A sound knowledge of local government law and procedures is essential, and the successful candidate will be expected to have the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA). The post is for 20 hours a week (inclusive of evening meetings) within the salary range (£23,398 – £25,951 (pro rata, pay award pending)). Applicants will be required to be flexible to meet the operational requirements of the council's work and will be required to attend some evening meetings. For an informal chat about this role, job description and further details, please contact the Parish Council Chairman, Tony Pedder, on 01234 743564 or via [anthonypedder@hotmail.com](mailto:anthonypedder@hotmail.com).

*Applications cont.* The closing date for receipt of applications by the Chairman is 27th July 2018 (CVs should be no longer than 2 pages of A4.)

## Next Parish Council Meeting

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, 18th June 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](http://www.wixamsparishcouncil.bedsparishes.gov.uk) (or just Google 'Wixams Parish Council').

# Wixams News

“Love is not selfish and self-centred. Love can be sacrificial, and in so doing, becomes redemptive. And that way of unselfish, sacrificial, redemptive love changes lives, and it can change this world.

If you don't believe me, just stop and imagine. Think and imagine a world where love is the way. Imagine our homes and families where love is the way. Imagine our neighbourhoods and communities where love is the way...” Michael Curry



Thanks - Alan

**Wixams News deadline - Friday 29th June** for any copy, news adverts or changes to existing adverts. Contact [wnw@wixams.org.uk](mailto:wnw@wixams.org.uk) 47 Green Lane, Wixams, Bedford, MK42 6DA [www.wixams.org.uk/wnw](http://www.wixams.org.uk/wnw) The next Wixams News will be published mid July.

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## Cars

I have been asked to advise again but this time on looking after your cars over the summer period. At the risk of repeating myself, in summer and winter the rules are pretty much the same. Make sure you continue to check your oil levels, fluid levels, tyre pressures and tyre treads.

These are always imperative for safety but also on a practical level as at some time during this season you will undoubtedly be making longer journeys, such as holidays or visiting relatives etc.

Make sure you keep on top of servicing and MOT your vehicles. We are very fortunate in Wiltstead and Wixams to have several garages and three MOT stations, so help is never far away. Your car needs to be safe and reliable and I am sure if you need a quick check on your levels and/or tyre pressures, most will do this for free or at a reasonable cost.

Whilst frost is not an issue, flies and bugs definitely are, so washers and wiper blades need to work properly. The roads will be even busier at this time of year so a well looked after car will save you time, money and ensure you can make the most of the sunshine.

Contributed by Bob Burr of Burr's Garage Ltd. Ivy Lane, Wiltstead - 01234 741167 / 07777 656767



## Who's Who? Lakeview Dawn until Dusk



Well done to Lakeview Dawn until Dusk who have been graded 'Outstanding' again by Ofsted for the third time since they opened in 2010.

The Dawn until Dusk team, based at Lakeview village hall, work extremely hard to ensure the care and safety of the children is paramount. Their innovative ideas for play are inspirational along with growing their own organic food which they eat each week alongside their tea. For further details read the latest Ofsted inspection report which can be found at [reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/CARE/EY499659\\_Breakfast and After school club space](https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/CARE/EY499659_Breakfast%20and%20After%20school%20club%20space) are still available. For further details please call the club Managers Hayley & Tina on 07913352569

## 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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Expression Prayer Community  
may Fresh believes in Him  
not die Gospel have story  
but Trinity eternal life Holy Spirit  
Forgiveness Mission Serve John 3:16



**Councillor GRAEME COOMBES**

Reporting to Wixams June 2018

Yellow lines have recently been painted on roads around the approach to Lakeview School. This is the result of a long campaign by parents, the school, the Parish Council and myself to improve road safety in the area and allow children and parents a safe space to cross the road to get to school.

A no-parking zone outside the school has been in place for a number of years, but has been frequently ignored by bad drivers. On occasion, this has led to altercations between drivers and pedestrians, whilst council officers trying to enforce no-parking have been verbally abused.

Last year, I met Borough Council Highways Officers outside the school with Parish Councillors and school staff. After much pressure, including a week-long protest by parents, the Council has finally taken notice and agreed to properly enforce the no-parking zone by applying yellow lines.

An enforcement camera has also been put in place, which will take photos of anyone parking on the yellow lines, and these will be relayed back to the Borough Council for issuing fixed-penalty notices.

The Council Planning Committee recently approved permission for a nursery right next to Lakeview school, so it is even more urgent that the parking issue is brought under control.

Children and parents must be able to cross the road safely and local residents should not be inconvenienced by careless and inconsiderate drivers. This enhanced parking enforcement should result in better and safer parking outside Lakeview School.

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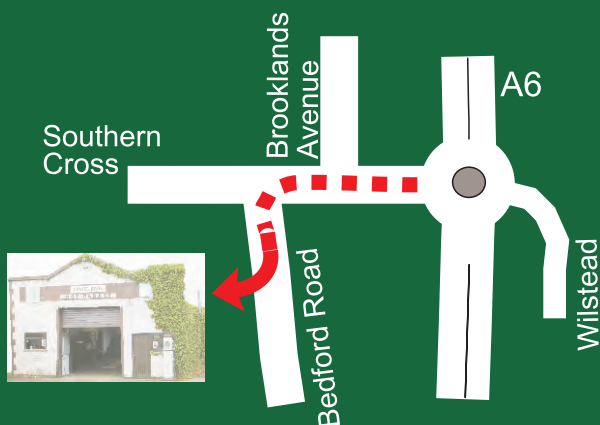
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[www.wixams.org.uk/christtheword](http://www.wixams.org.uk/christtheword)

**Wixams Sunday Club**  
ages 4-10, 3 to 4pm  
every Sunday term time  
Lakeview Village Hall

**IGNITE**  
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We look forward to meeting and feeding you soon.

Mark & Helen



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