



Wixams News

Neighbourhood
Watch

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Caring for the community - Without Prejudice

Wixams
Join in the
community
Litter pick
Saturday 19 March
9.30-11.30am

The BIG Tidy up
CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN

Take pride in your village... Please come we need you!

Easter Egg prize for the wackiest litter picked up! (Park Rangers)

Receive voucher to buy Cone of chips for £1

Lakeside Fish & Chips

Organised by Bedford Borough Environmental Services, Park Rangers, bpha, Wixams Parish Council, Wixams Neighbourhood Watch

CERTIFICATE for children

With help from Bedford Sub-Aqua Club

Meet outside Lakeview village hall to sign in and receive equipment. All equipment provided, but if you have 'gardening' gloves please bring them. Please wear suitable clothing & sturdy footwear. Free refreshments

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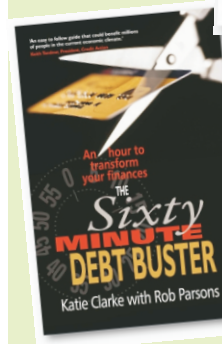
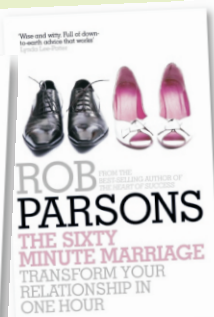
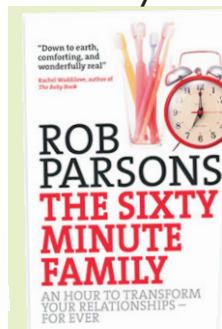


"Domestic Abuse is a priority for Bedfordshire Police, we receive calls about 30-35 incidents a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Protecting the public and tackling the complexity of this crime and its far-reaching effects is at the forefront of our efforts."

Bedfordshire Police facebook
Nov 26th 2015

See www.bedsdv.org.uk



Rob Parsons worked as a senior partner in a successful law practice before founding the charity 'Care for the Family' which works to strengthen family life. It provides parenting, relationship and bereavement support through events, resources, courses, training and volunteer networks - see www.careforthefamily.org.uk

Rob's books are also available online from Amazon. Alan Pibworth

Wixams Parish Council

Update from the chairman



As we hopefully leave winter and approach spring I would like to update you on some of the projects which we discussed last year and are now actively working on to complete.

Recently Cllr Stevens and I had our first meeting with the **Allotment working group**. We discussed many topics that have given tenants concern such as site security and access and achieved agreement as to how we can progress forward on many of the ideas raised by their committee. It was felt that we are all committed to ensure the success of the allotments and that members will be able to by their own efforts enjoy a sense of achievement by the end of the summer and beyond.

One area of discussion was the installation of **CCTV** on the main access routes into the village. Cllr Danny Amey has had many meetings with various Security Companies to come up with the most cost effective and practical options for this project. He makes regular reports to the Parish Council on his progress at the regular monthly meeting held and would welcome any resident to come along and request any further information during open forum at the start of the meetings. This issue has become even more of a priority particularly given the recent incident at Budgens and we hope that residents will continue to support this initiative.

I am sure we all care about the appearance of the public areas of Wixams. Although we have weekly refuse collections we do not have the resources at present to employ anyone to pick up litter which accumulates around the village and so have to rely on the good will of our residents. The Parish Council, working in conjunction with the Neighbourhood Watch/Bedford Borough Council/bpha and many other contributors have agreed that Saturday March 19th will be

a **community litter pick** day for 'Wixams Take Pride in your Village' (9.30 to 11.30). Please keep an eye out for your leaflet and adverts on social media.

Finally we really would like to see more of you at our meetings. You can get any information you need through these meetings first hand. At present, meetings take place on the first Monday of each month (with the exception of August) from 7.30pm, we look forward to seeing you there.

We plan if there is sufficient interest to hold weekly surgeries at The Village Hall where you can pop in and discuss any issues you might have or information you might want.

Cllr Anthony Pedder,
Chair of Wixams Parish Council

Allotments



We currently have limited availability for plots at the Lakeview Allotment site for Wixams residents. Available plot sizes are 6x5m or 10x5m. If you are interested in visiting the site or would like to find out more please contact the Clerk via email at wixamspc@gmail.com

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