



Wixams News

Neighbourhood
Watch

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Caring for the community - Without Prejudice

Police Officer for Wixams



Sadly, it has been reported that lifebuoy rings are regularly being thrown into the lake for no reason. This means that these potential life savers may be unavailable in times of emergency.

If you see anyone tampering with these, please call Bedfordshire Police on 101. If you spot a lifebuoy ring in the water, please contact the Parish Clerk as soon as possible.



I have been a Police Officer working for Bedfordshire Police for the past 3 and ½ years. Prior to that I was a PCSO for a number of years, so I have lots of experience working within Community Policing. I am looking forward to working with you all. If you do have any questions for me I am happy for you to get in contact with me via 101.

Kind Regards,
Charlotte Norris
PC 6270

Please sign
the Station
petition now



Saturday 24 March



Please sign the Station petition

<https://tinyurl.com/y95t9nrh>

Please deliver on Wixams Station
now before funding is lost

Wixams Parish Council

Wixams Train Station



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

Cllr Coombes advised that the s106 agreement with Gallaghers to put aside £13.4m to build a train station runs out in 2019. Network Rail think £27m is required for the build the bulk of which is needed to realign the track and install overhead cables. This leaves a short fall of approx. £13.5m. BBC needs to ask CBC for further funding but Cllr Coombes suggests BBC is not trying hard enough to secure the station.

The proposal for a new train station near Sharnbrook that has arisen from the BBC's Local Plan 2035 could also have an impact on the project. Cllr Coombes urged residents to object to the proposed Colworth site and demand that Wixams train station is prioritized.

The deadline for the Local Plan 2035 consultation has been extended until 29th March 2018 and you can find further information on how to comment by searching for 'Local Plan 2035 consultation' in the BBC website at: www.bedford.gov.uk

It was resolved that Cllr Coombes circulate a draft letter to the Chief Executive to Councillors in which he will be asking for key personnel to meet in order to move forward with Wixams train station as soon as possible.

It was also resolved that the Clerk draft a similar letter to the Chief Executive on behalf of Wixams Parish Council.

It was also agreed to involve surrounding parishes who would benefit from a local train station.

Cllr Ali agreed to liaise with others in order to organize an on-line petition.

Should residents wish to write to the Mayor and/or Chief Executive about the train station their contact details are as follows:

Mayor Dave Hodgson –
dave.hodgson@bedford.gov.uk
Tel: 01234 718620
Philip Simkins, Chief Executive –
philip.simpkins@bedford.gov.uk

Community Litter Pick



Unfortunately, due to adverse weather conditions, our Community Litter Pick planned for Saturday, 3rd March had to be postponed. Please pencil **Saturday, 24th March** in your diaries – further information to follow.

Next Parish Council Meeting

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, 19th March 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')

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Clerk to the Council
Wixams Parish Council
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Cont.

Reported crime

Crimes reported in Wixams

February 2018

31/1/2018 15:36 Green Lane

Assault occasioning actual bodily harm

31/1 09:45-10:00 Brooklands Avenue

Theft from motor vehicle

31/1 09:45-10:00 Southern Cross

Crime non recordable

17/2 16:30-18/2 11:20 Brooklands Ave

Theft from motor vehicle

21/2 22:00-22/2 05:30 Brooklands Ave

Theft from motor vehicle

21/2 22:00-22/2 06:30 Swan Road

Theft from motor vehicle

21/2 21:00-22/2 07:45 Waterside Way

Theft from motor vehicle

26/2 20:20 Brooklands Avenue

Theft from shops and stalls

26/2 18:20-18:38

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

Wixams Vixens WI Meetings

2018 Dates for your diary:

21st February	Helping the homeless <small>With The Soupervan, YMCA and Dine On The Streets</small>
21st March	Chocolate workshop
18th April	Flower arranging
16th May	Make your own 'royal' bunting
20th June	Cocktails and mocktails
18th July	DIY kitchen beauty
15th August	Family 'Craft Bomb'

Follow us on Social Media to find out more!



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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

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.

Sparkles Clean

Is housework the last thing you want to think about when you get home? Here at Sparkles Clean I do the work so you don't have to. I am reliable, friendly, fully insured, DBS checked, have references you are welcome to read, and live in the Wixams. Call Louise today 07746907110

Wixams News



Bedford Road/Dane Lane
Saturday 21st April 1.30pm until 2.30pm

Please sign Wixams station petition now
<https://tinyurl.com/y95t9nrh>

We need help to deliver Wixams News

- 2-38 Brooklands Avenue, Little Causeway, Millbrook Close, Lakeside Way.
 - Goldfinch Gardens & new Lindum homes
- The next Wixams News is in May.

Litter pick

See you at the rescheduled community litter pick on Saturday 24th March. ☺

Search & Rescue, Ignite Holiday Clubs

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, first week of the school holidays. Search&Rescue 10-12 in the morning for ages 4-10; Ignite in the afternoon for sch yrs 5,6,7,8,9. Organised by Christ the Word church, Wixams. Free. See www.wixams.org.uk/rescue

Happy Easter



Alan



Wixams News deadline - Friday

27th April 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 May.

Wixams Parish Council cont.

Co-option

Wixams Parish Council is currently looking for new Parish Councillors. A Parish Councillor is not an employee or volunteer but an elected representative who volunteers their time for free to work on behalf of their community. There is a legal requirement to attend Parish Council meetings and to abide by the Code of Conduct. Councillors, as individuals, have no power to make decisions on behalf of the Parish Council. We have one vacancy at the moment with further vacancies arising in the next few months. If you are over 18, live in, or within 3 miles of, Wixams and would like to consider applying please check our website for further details and a job description or contact either the Clerk or our Chairman for an informal chat.

Proposed Nursery at land adjacent to Lakeview School, School Lane

Wixams Parish Council has now received the planning application for the proposed nursery and will be considering a response at our next Planning meeting on Monday, 19th March at 7:00pm. The application can be viewed on the BBC website at:

<http://edrms.bedford.gov.uk/SearchResults.aspx?appNumber=18/00386/DC3>

We welcome comments from residents prior to this meeting. Please contact the Clerk directly.

Street Lights

Please do continue to notify our Clerk about faulty street lights, but bear with us – at the moment responsibility for the maintenance of each street light can be BBC, Gallagher's or other developers.

Wixams Parish Councillors

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Gardening

The **Royal Horticultural Society** have lots of helpful advice on what to do in the garden and on the allotment each month of the year. They list the most important jobs for March. See www.rhs.org.uk/advice/in-month/march

Top 10 jobs this month

1. Protect new spring shoots from slugs
2. Plant shallots, onion sets and early potatoes
3. Plant summer-flowering bulbs
4. Lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials
5. Top dress containers with fresh compost
6. Mow the lawn on dry days (if needed)
7. Cut back Cornus (dogwood) and Salix (willow) grown for colourful winter stems
8. Hoe and mulch weeds to keep them under control early
9. Start feeding fish and using the pond fountain; remove pond heaters
10. Prune bush and climbing roses

The **Royal Horticultural Society** is a UK charity established to share the best in gardening - "We want to enrich everyone's life through plants, and make the UK a greener and more beautiful place."



The Mile Road Allotment and Leisure

Gardeners Association (MRALGA) is a really useful organisation. What is especially useful is the Members Trading hut, open Thursday, Saturdays and Sundays 10-12 noon, just three miles away, MK42 9UP. The Trading Hut price list is on their website. See www.mralga.org (There is a small membership fee).

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Lakeview School World Book Day



To celebrate World Book Day at Lakeview Primary School, children and staff were inspired to dress up as a book character!

This sparked some fantastic discussions and has encouraged many children to explore books with which they were not familiar.

Thank you to Mrs Heeley (Literacy Leader) for organising the event.

Anita Evans
Head Teacher

easter

Events Diary:

Sunday 18th March & 1st April, 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)



Thursday 15th March & 19th April 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

f: facebook.com/WixamsChurch

t: @WixamsChurch

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life. John 3:16

Family Love Bible Heaven Welcome Prayer Worship Life

Village Love Expression Prayer Worship Life

Wixams Church Community

Mission Serve



Councillor GRAEME COOMBES

Reporting to Wixams - March 2018

Green Bin collections started again this month, after a four month break over winter. After comments from residents, I have repeatedly asked in Council for an additional green waste collection over the winter period, arguing that despite the downturn in garden activity, four months is far too long to wait between collections. To date the Mayor has declined to address this point.

Plans by Aldi and B&M Stores for large distribution centres on the Wixams Northern Expansion Zone, are due to be approved by Bedford Council Planning Officers shortly. I am pleased to say that many of the issues I raised with council officers, regarding noise, environmental impact, encouraging cycling to work and creating a barrier between the buildings and nearby housing, have been addressed in the latest plans that I have seen. **There still remains the issue of vehicles accessing the site via The Causeway**, which hasn't yet been resolved and which would cause all kinds of noise and environment issues. Therefore, I shall continue to make the case for an alternative access route.

Covanta was given the go ahead by the Environment Agency last month, when their permit was approved. Construction of the incinerator is planned to start later this year. Whilst this is disappointing to the many residents concerned at the close proximity of the incinerator to Wixams, the Council's Environment Committee, of which I am a member, is due to meet Covanta in March and raise a number of questions about the proposed facility. To date, Covanta's response to local concerns has not been convincing.

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Facebook: Cllr. Graeme Coombes

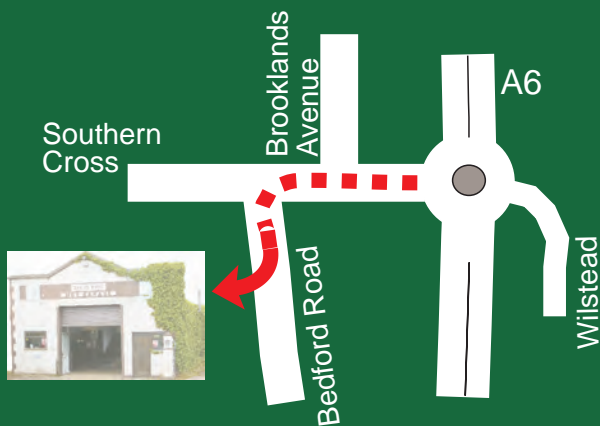
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 Saturdays 8.30am - 1pm (March-Sept)

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



Free Easter holidays
 Tue 3, Wed 4, Thu 5 April
 10am-12noon

SEARCH & RESCUE

Holiday Club

Lakeview Village Hall
 All children welcome
 aged 4-10yrs
wixams.org.uk/irescue

games, crafts, quizzes,
 prizes, competitions, egg hunt
 Bible stories & songs about Jesus

Organised by Christ the Word church, Wixams
 Alan & Anne Pibworth, Chris & Becca Clarke

IGNITE
 Tue 3, Wed 4, Thur 5 April
 2pm-4pm, Lakeview
 Village Hall all young
 people in school years
 5,6,7,8,9 welcome
wixams.org.uk/ignitehc

members of Wilstead Evangelical Church

Shine Theatre School
www.shinetheatreschool.co.uk

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We look forward to meeting and feeding you soon.

Mark & Helen



Opening Times
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 11am-2pm
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 12-9pm



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