



Wixams News

Neighbourhood
Watch

May 2018

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Wixams NW National Award for Community Cohesion London June 2014

Caring for the community - Without Prejudice

789 have signed the Wixams Station petition. There is still time
go to www.wixamsstation.co.uk



Lily & Elspeth



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



George



Evie



Maisie, Darcie, Esme



Luca & Anabelle



Joseph



William & Arthur

Wixams Parish Council



Oliver, William, Sienna, Angel



Nicholas, Scarlet, James

Wixams Litter Pick

Wixams Parish Council would like to say a big thank you to everyone involved in our recent litter pick. The event was very successful with almost 50 bags of rubbish collected. Let's all make a concerted effort to keep our village clean and tidy!



Thomas, Chloe, Hannah



Nathaniel, Naomi, Yvonne



Abigail & Neil



Lily



Jude



Siofra, Katie, Nathan

Annual Parish Meeting for the Electors of Wixams on Tuesday, 22nd May at 6:30pm in The Swan Room
(see p2 for Parish Council AGM, 7.30pm)

Speed Watch

The Speed Watch initiative is where a group of volunteers pass on information about speeding vehicles to the police. Data is gathered using a road side SID (speed indicating device). Some training to use the SID will be required and is offered free of charge by Bedfordshire Police. Anyone interested should contact the Clerk in the first instance.

Cont.

Reported crime

Crimes reported in Wixams

March 2018

03 13:00- 13:15 A6 Road Assault
Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm
03 13:00-13:15 A6 Road Common Assault
04 23:00-23:59 Domestic Dispute/inci
05 11:00-07 19:00 Goldfinch Gardens
Burglary Residential - Dwelling
19 20:00-21:00 Sexual
22 15:30-22:00 Bluebird Gardens
Criminal Damage - To Vehicles
22 08:45-09:00 Sexual
28 00:00 Sending Letters Etc With Intent
To Cause Distress Or Anxiety
30 15:00-01/4 02:37 Harassment
31 12:30-12:39 Dunlin Grove Assault
Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm

April 2018

01 08:00-10:15 Brooklands Avenue
Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm
06 17:30-07/4 06:45 Green Lane Burglary
07 21:59-22:28 Sending Letters Etc With
Intent To Cause Distress Or Anxiety
11 17:00-17:45 Merlin Meadows
Threats To Kill
13 17:00-16/4 07:00 Southern Cross
Theft
15 18:00-16/4 08:00 Partridge Place
Theft From Motor Vehicle
15 22:00-16/4 12:00 Fieldfare View Theft
From Motor Vehicle
16 04:00-04:10 Green Lane
Theft From Motor Vehicle
16 00:00-07:50 Avocet Road
Theft From Motor Vehicle
16 16:00-19/4 10:00 Harassment
18 08:40-08:45 Brooklands Avenue
Harassment, Alarm Or Distress

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

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

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

16 May Flower Arranging Workshop

20 June Gin Tasting and Nibbles

18 July Needle felt your very own Vixen

Look out for us at the Wixams Summer Event and for details of the next Jumble Trail on fb.

Wixams News



President J F Kennedy, 1961 Inaugural address "And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country." Our village needs Parish Councillors. How about you?

Please sign Wixams station petition now at www.wixamsstation.co.uk

'Please deliver on Wixams Station now before funding is lost'

Reporting crimes, incidents to police
Options available for reporting crime and incidents:

- 1) **101** for non urgent calls that do not require an emergency response
- 2) **999** when it is an emergency, crime in progress
- 3) **Online** reporting on the web www.bedfordshire.police.uk
- 4) **Crimestoppers** -0800 555 111 crimestoppers-uk.org

Thanks - Alan



Wixams News deadline - Thursday

31st May 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 June.

Wixams Parish Council cont.

Co-option

Wixams Parish Council co-opted **Tracy Flower** onto the Parish Council. We welcome Tracy onto the team and look forward to working with her in the future.

Wixams Train Station

Wixams Parish Council wrote to the Chief Executive of Bedford Borough Council requesting an urgent meeting with key personnel to discuss how to push this forward.

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

Next Parish Council Meeting

Our next meeting will be the **Annual General Meeting**, on Tuesday, **22 May 2018** from 7:30pm at Lakeview Village Hall— 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').

Diane Robins

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Gardening



Hello Wixams Gardeners.

Spring is here again and the garden needs attention so here are a few tips to help you on your way.

First of all in Wixams you have a particular issue. Before building commenced the site was capped with a thick layer of clay to prevent any escape of nasties from when there was a munitions factory there during WW2. So if you plan to plant any expensive trees and shrubs it would be a good idea to dig through this cap and you will find some good soil. Mix in some planting compost and you will have a good planting hole to establish your plants.

The shallower rooted perennials etc. will be happy enough in the top soil provided they don't need any special attention other than some compost and plant feed.

Daffodils will probably be going over now so it is best to leave the green tops on and don't be tempted to tie them up as this will encourage disease. The tops will feed the bulbs for a display next year.

Lawns will benefit from a raking and spiking followed by a proprietary Spring feed.

Just a word of warning—weeds are now lying in wait!

Enjoy your garden

Michael White

Please sign
the Station
petition now

Cycling



Now that spring has finally got underway it's a great time to get out and about by bike. If your bike hasn't been used for some months then it will need checking for safety.

Check your tyres are pumped up adequately and brakes are in good working order. For a full safety check and service you can pop it into a local bicycle shop such as Cycleworx based in Flitwick.

For family cycling it's a good idea to check your youngster's bikes for size, a well fitted bike will make cycling so much easier and a lot more enjoyable. Saddles should

be raised so that the rider can touch the floor with just the toes. Handlebars can also be raised on most bikes to suit. Just make sure you don't exceed the safety lines stamped onto seatposts/handlebars; when you reach the limit its time for the next size up. Priory Marina Bedford (route 51) and Marston Vale country park are a great couple of places to ride locally for all the family. See www.gps-routes.co.uk and www.sustrans.org.uk

Tom at Cycleworx

Brookes Road, Flitwick MK45 1BX

Tel: 01525 721599 www.cycleworxflitwick.com

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](http://www.wixamschurch.org.uk)

e-mail: hello@wixamschurch.org.uk

facebook.com/WixamsChurch

@WixamsChurch

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. John 3:16

Family Love Bible Heaven Welcome Wixams Church Expression Prayer Worship Life Village Gospel Trinity Mission Serve



Councillor GRAEME COOMBES

From the Councillor's Report, April 2018

1.Wixams Station – Meeting with Bedford Council Chief Executive, 26th March

After my letter to the Borough Council Chief Executive, expressing my concern over the lack of a visible plan to deliver the station, I had a meeting with him on 26th March. I reiterated the points that I had made in my letter of 7th March, and asked him to take a lead in trying to ensure a more robust course of action for successful and timely delivery of the station. I also expressed the view that the Borough Council should be more transparent with Wixams Parish Council and local residents, to keep everyone up to date.

I am pleased to say that the discussion was positive and that Council officers are now actively engaged with stakeholders and attempting to seek a solution and looking at the financial routes to delivery. They are aware of approaching deadlines and that the absence of a financial package to deliver is currently the principal issue holding things up.

A meeting between the Chief Executive and Wixams Parish Council has also been scheduled for 2nd May.

2.Litter along the A6

I requested again that the Borough Council address the appalling litter problem along the A6, suggesting that they address the matter with the Shanks depot, near the roundabout and also that they consider getting their new 'litter enforcement' team, Kingdom, to see if they could clock anyone throwing litter from vehicles and issue them with a ticket. (The Government has recently allowed local councils to increase the maximum penalty for littering).

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Facebook: Cllr. Graeme Coombes

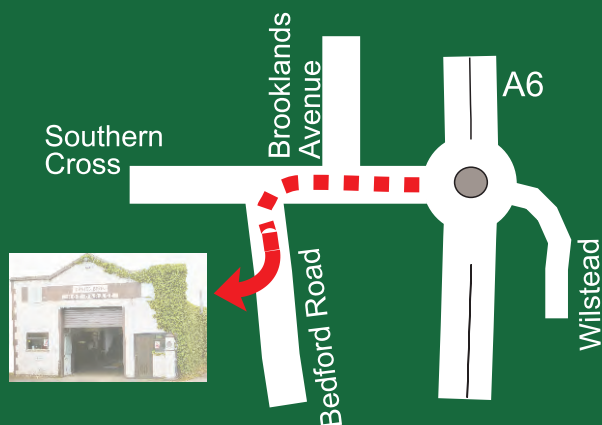
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 Saturdays 8.30am - 1pm (March-Sept)

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(Wixams) Telephone: 01234 740252



every 2nd & 4th Sunday
 everyone is
 Welcome to
Christ the Word Wixams
 church service
10.30-11.30am
 Munson Room, Lakeview Village Hall
www.wixams.org.uk/christtheword

Wixams Sunday Club
 ages 4-10, 3 to 4pm
 every Sunday term time
 Lakeview Village Hall
IGNITE
 Ages 10-14, Tuesday
 6.30 - 7.45pm
 Alan & Anne Pibworth
 Chris & Becca Clarke
word@wixams.org.uk

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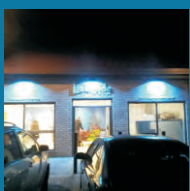
Lakeside offers a variety of fresh and homemade choices for all the family.

Fish wraps and fish tacos if you are in the mood for something different or mini meals for those who want a lighter option.

Do come in and give us a try if you haven't already.

We look forward to meeting and feeding you soon.

Mark & Helen



Opening Times
 Lunch Tues-Fri
 11am-2pm
 Dinner Mon-Fri
 4.30pm-9pm
 Open all day Saturday
 12-9pm



Tel: 01234 743 942
www.lakesidewixams.co.uk

Litterpick, 24th March
 Naima, Olivia, Bella, Dylan
 Kelly, Helen

Wixams Events Team have a few tickets available for the **Great Yarmouth Coach trip**, Sunday 1st July. £10 per adult £5 per child - E-mail wixamstickets@gmail.com or contact Dave Owens on 07930 356452 to reserve tickets.

Slimming World
 Holly is thrilled to be relaunching the Wixams Slimming group at Lakeview Village Hall on **Tuesdays** starting in May at 5.30pm & 7.30pm
 tel Holly Snoxell 07968719951

Please sign the Station petition now
 Wixams News delivered by 25 members of Wixams Neighbourhood Watch