



Wixams News

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Graeme Coombes

Election of Borough Councillor

Name	Description	Votes
ALI, Saqhib	Labour Party	212
COOMBES, Graeme	Conservative Party	992
SMITH, Malcolm	Liberal Democrat	140

Election on May 2nd. Graeme Coombes elected as Borough Councillor for the Wilshamstead Ward (Wilstead & Wixams).
Electorate: 3992. Turnout: 34.8%.



Wixams cygnets

EU Parliament elections on Thursday 23 May as at 8/5/19

Parties nominating candidates in EU election in UK Eastern Region in which 7 members are elected to EU Parliament

EU elections on 23 May

Following a UK referendum held on 23 June 2016 when 17.4 million people voted to leave the EU, the Government started a two-year process which was due to conclude with the UK's exit on 29 March 2019. Because the UK has failed to leave the EU there is an EU election. See www.bedford.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/elections-and-voting/european-elections

■ Brexit Party

thebrexitparty.org
Leader: Nigel Farage

■ Change UK The Independent Group

vote4change.uk
■ Conservative Party
www.conservatives.com
Leader: Theresa May

■ Attila Csordas, Independent

■ English Democrats
www.englishdemocrats.party

■ Green Party

www.greenparty.org.uk
Leaders: Siân Berry and Jonathan Bartley

■ Labour Party

labour.org.uk
Leader: Jeremy Corbyn

■ Liberal Democrats Party

www.libdems.org.uk
Leader: Vince Cable

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www.ukip.org
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Entry closes midnight 30th June 2019.

Good luck!

Tony Pedder - Chairman for Wixams Parish Council

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Wixams' entrance
signs

Entries Close
30th June 2019

Designs must be
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Wixams

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May 2019 elections

Democratic Services at Borough Council confirmed the election for Parish Councillors was uncontested.

This means there was no election for Parish Councillors on 2nd May as we had fewer applicants than positions (7 out of 15).

The councillors remaining for the next four-year term of office are Chairman Tony Pedder, Saqhib Ali, Graeme Coombes, Charlotte Day, Samantha Mardel, Tracey Flower and Janine Alli-Balogun.

We were sad that Laetitia Gamble and Chris Martin chose not to stand as councillors again and we thank them for the time they invested in the council.

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

February 2019

4th - 11th Sexual

March 2019

1st 18:00-2nd 07:00 Kenneth Way

Burglary - Business And Community

1st 15:00-4th 07:15 Kenneth Way

Burglary - Business And Community

3rd 00:00 Brooklands Avenue

Assault without Injury

5th 03:46 Brooklands Avenue

Attempted Burglary - Business And Comm

8th 23:30-9th 08:00 Brooklands Avenue

Theft of a motor vehicle

13th 15:30-15:45 Green Lane

POA Int harassment, alarm or distress

14th 00:00 Avocet Road

Assault without Injury

18th 00:00 Kingfisher Road

Assault without Injury

21st 10:00-12:00 Brooklands Avenue

Theft from shops and stalls

April 2019

2nd 15:00-15:20 Green Lane

Assault without Injury

2nd 17:15-3rd 06:30 Bedford Road

Burglary - Business And Community

8th 17:00-09th 07:30 The Causeway

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.

Our local police station:

Police HQ, Woburn Road,
Kempston MK43 9AX

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 8am-8pm

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.

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Opinion

Political leaders are servants of the people

"Government of the people, by the people, for the people" - Gettysburg address. It sums up how leaders should conduct themselves - as servants of the people and taking responsibility with courage, integrity and humility.



English Radical History
@EnglishRadical 14 March

"[The government's] obligation must be to serve the people, not rule over them. We have to insist on this principle. It is not a matter of left or right, Tory or Labour."

- Tony Benn

Six months before her Coronation in 1953, Princess Elizabeth asked the people of the United Kingdom and Commonwealth to:

*Pray that God may give me wisdom
and strength to carry out the solemn promises
I shall be making, and that I may faithfully
serve Him and you, all the days of my life.*

Queen Elizabeth II is rightly known as the Servant Queen. May all our leaders be exactly that - 'servant leaders'.



Thanks Alan

Wixams News deadline - Friday

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.

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 **21st May** 2019 (Annual Parish meeting 6.30pm, Annual Parish Council meeting 7.30pm), **17th June** and **15th July** 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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Who's Who? Rachael - Street Ranger



Winter and summer, rain or sunshine, Rachael keeps the streets in Wixams free of litter.

Rachael works as a Street Ranger 12 hours a week and has now done the job for exactly one year. She is employed by Wixams Parish Council.

The best part of the job? "Just being out and about in fresh air, meeting different people and making Wixams as clean as possible."

The worst part of the job? "Two things: people leaving dog poo where children could be playing, e.g. next to a bench. Secondly, people asking me to pick up litter in their own front gardens!"

Rachael's request to us all: "Be more respectful of our community". And the best thing about Wixams? "The community spirit".

Rachael is one of the people who make Wixams a great place to live. Thank you ☺



Councillor GRAEME COOMBES

Reporting to Wixams May 2019

I'd like to start this month by thanking the people for re-electing me as the Councillor for Wixams and Wilstead for another four years. It is a huge honour and a privilege to represent the area that I live in and to be able to speak up for our community on those things that matter to us.

During the course of the last few weeks, speaking to people across the ward, there were two issues that came up repeatedly:

- The need for a local medical facility or GP surgery to serve the needs of Wixams residents
- Action on speeding traffic and bad parking

Both of these were covered in my priorities for the next term and I look forward to raising both issues with the appropriate people in the Borough Council and health service.

The incumbent Mayor was also re-elected and whilst we have crossed swords on many occasions, particularly with regard to Wixams Station, I will continue to engage with him to ensure that he holds to his promise on the station funding.

So, a new term and already there is much to do. I will as always continue to keep people informed of what is happening, via Wixams News.

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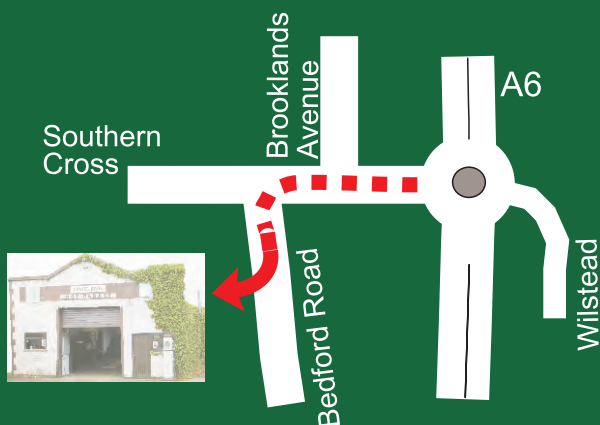
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