



Wixams News

Neighbourhood
Watch

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Caring for the community - Without Prejudice

Advice to ensure your bonfire night is a safe one

- Only buy Fireworks marked Bs7114
- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks
- Keep fireworks in closed boxes
- Follow the instructions on each firework
- Light them at arms length using a taper
- Stand well back
- Never go near a lit firework-even if it doesn't go off it could still explode
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them
- Always supervise children around fireworks
- Light Sparklers one at a time and wear gloves
- Never give sparklers to a child under five
- Keep pets indoors
- Don't let off noisy fireworks after 11pm



If you see anything suspicious then report it to the police. Dial 101

See Fireworks Advice Info by Env Health & Trading Standards @ bedford.gov.uk



Dear Readers, last year at All Saints Church, Wilstead we checked and sent off 997

beautifully wrapped shoeboxes to children's homes in the Crimea.

Due to the enormity of the operation, this year All Saints church will not become a warehouse, however for those still wishing to take part in **Operation Christmas Child** Tracy Hutton & Jane Wooding will accept boxes and ensure they are taken to the Woburn warehouse.

This year we will be making donations to the **Keech children's hospice** in Luton. For those wishing to make a donation there is a donation box in All Saints church. Thank you for all of your generosity and kindness over the last 5 years and for making Christmas a magical time for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Shoe boxes can be delivered to 18 Armstrong Close or 100 Cotton End Road, Wilstead.

Thank you - The OCC Team

Wixams Parish Council

Rubbish

Mayor Hodgson has announced that, as from November, black bins will only be emptied fortnightly. This initiative is to save the Council money and also to encourage more recycling. Did you know that you can recycle the following items?



Newspapers, magazines, junk mail, envelopes (including window envelopes), cereal boxes, corrugated card, greeting cards, food and drink cartons (Tetra Paks), ready meal boxes, cardboard packaging



Plastic food containers, plastic packaging, plastic bags (e.g. carrier bags, bread and fruit bags), plastic bottles (including bottle tops), yoghurt pots and lids, margarine tubs, meat trays, fruit punnets, plastic film

Food tins, drinks cans, aluminium foil and trays, empty aerosols.

For a comprehensive list of recyclable items, please visit www.bedford.gov.uk to download their Waste and Recycling Guide.

We can only hope that this decision does not result in an increase of flytipping, but if you do see rubbish has been dumped, please contact Bedford Borough Council on: 01234 718060 to report as soon as possible.

Trees



Unfortunately, trees around the village are struggling to thrive possibly due to unsuitable soil conditions. The Parish Council are trying to determine which trees need urgent attention or, in some cases, removal and replacing. If you know of a tree that is dead or dying, please contact either our Clerk or our Borough Councillor Graeme Coombes with further details.

Community Projects

Don't forget that if you have any ideas for community projects to be undertaken by the Parish Council, please do contact us so that we can consider including them in our budget for 2017/2018

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