



Wixams News

Neighbourhood
Watch

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Wixams NW National Award
for Community Cohesion
London June 2014

Caring for the community - Without Prejudice

First day for Wixams Academy and Wixams Tree Primary school



Paul Spyropoulos, Principal of Wixams Academy,
welcomes the new students and parents



Wixams Tree
Primary
school
in the
foreground

Friday Sept 29th
**WORLD'S
BIGGEST
COFFEE
MORNING**



WE ARE
MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

The fifth Wixams coffee morning raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support will take place at Lakeview Village Hall on **Friday 29th September, 10am-12pm**. We really need your donations of cake to make this event a success. Please email Steph.little@talktalk.net if you would like to donate your time. We look forward to seeing lots of you for coffee, cake and chatter to support this amazing cause.

Local police contact



PC Kerry Jones

Kerry is based at Riseley. See page 2 for the main police contact details:

- 999 for emergency
- 101 for non-emergency

Otherwise, to contact Kerry directly, telephone Riseley (01234) 842865 or 842864. Note that as Kerry is often out on duty the phone will often be on voicemail.

Wixams Parish Council

Defibrillator Training



In partnership with The Rotary Club of Bedford Castle, Wixams Parish Council organised the recent training session on how to use our new defibrillator. The session was led by Martin from The Community Heartbeat Trust who gave a very informative, yet fun, introduction to using the device. Although turnout was less than we had hoped, I'm sure that it was enjoyed by those who did attend.

Questionnaire

Jemma McLean from BRCC will be attending our September Parish Council Meeting to present their findings after our recent **Wixams Parish Action Plan questionnaire**. We received over 100 responses so many thanks to those of you who took the time to complete this survey.

Vacancy

Wixams Parish Council has a vacancy for a Councillor! If you are over 18, live in the village and are interested in the community – please do consider putting yourself forward for the position of Councillor. Please contact our Chairman, Councillor Tony Pedder on 07858 366608 or our Clerk, Diane Robins on 07563 108666 for further details. We will be looking to co-opt our new Councillor at our next Parish Council meeting in September.

CCTV



At our meeting earlier this month, it was agreed that the Parish Council liaise with our CCTV supplier regarding the installation of two further cameras in the village. We will be considering coverage and suitable sites as well as purchasing further signage advertising its use within the village in an effort to deter 'opportunistic' criminals.

Next Parish Council Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 19th September 2017 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: wixamsparishcouncil.bedsparishes.gov.uk (or just Google 'Wixams Parish Council')

Diane Robins
Clerk to the Council
Wixams Parish Council
wixamspc@gmail.com
Phone number 07563 108 666

We welcome suggestions from residents regarding suitable sites for additional cameras to be installed. Please contact the Clerk with your ideas

Cont.

Reported crime

Crimes reported in Wixams

June

30/6 19:00-01/7 06:00 Linnet Lane, malicious wounding

July

01/7 21:00-21:12 Brooklands Ave, assault occasioning actual bodily harm

01/7 17:00-17:30 Brooklands Ave, common assault

01/7 17:30 Brooklands Avenue, criminal damage - to vehicles

06/7 00:30-03:10 sexual

07/7 17:20-10/7 07:00 Bedford Rd, burglary - business and community

17/7 domestic

08/7 11:00-11:34 Woodpecker Gds, criminal damage to dwellings

10/7 12:45-13:00 Kenneth Way, burglary - business and community

25/7 harassment

August

01/8 08:50-09:32 Peacock Gardens, assault occasioning actual bodily harm

07/8 00:00 harassment

14/8 01:30 Bluebird Gardens, theft in a dwelling

14/8 19:30 Brooklands Avenue, theft from shops and stalls

18/8 16:48 Brooklands Avenue, attempted burglary residential dwelling

19/8 21:00 - 21:07 A6 Road, unauthorised taking of motor vehicle

26/8 10:30-11:30 Brooklands Ave, assault occasioning actual bodily harm

The crime report is provided by Bedfordshire Police with volunteer help from Bedford & District Neighbourhood Watch.

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.

Wixams News

Wixams Station



Clr Graeme Coombes reported in July that the Borough Council Officers have advised him that the Government have told them there can be no decision on Wixams Station until the route of the East West Rail Link is decided.

The East-West Rail link is backed by the government, and looking at the plans for the Bedford central section they seem to be at an early stage (see networkrail.co.uk/east-west-rail). Our thanks to Graeme who has pursued this issue indefatigably on behalf of Wixams residents. See his detailed report on his facebook page. So, don't let any of us give up. Never, never give up.

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Wixams CCTV

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.

Alan



Wixams News deadline - Friday 29th September 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 October.

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Lisa Yeats is getting ready for the European Strongwoman competition at the Arnold Classic in Barcelona 22-24 Sept. and in support of kidney research, the Andy Bolton Deadlift Challenge - see justgiving.com. To follow Lisa, see facebook.com/lisayeatsstrongwoman

Issues

We have received complaints about lorries delivering to the building site at Green Lane which are reversing into Nightingale Court to turn around despite there being ample room to turn on site. As well as damaging kerbs and leaving a mess, lorries are also queuing to turn and causing hold ups to local traffic. The absence of a footpath at the Court makes these kinds of manoeuvres dangerous to pedestrians.

Clr Coombes will be liaising with Gallaghers and the developers, Willmott Dixon to try and come up with a suitable solution.

Planning applications



www.publicaccess.bedford.gov.uk and wixamsparishcouncil.bedsparishes.gov.uk

We are currently receiving planning applications for Villages 2 and 4, please do check our website and noticeboards for further details of current applications. We have a limited response time and welcome comments from residents which can be passed on to the Planning Department at Bedford Borough Council.

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Gardening



The Mile Road Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association (MRALGA) is a really useful organisation.

Its aims are to protect, promote and preserve the Statutory allotment site at Mile Road, Bedford (over 300 plots!). But in doing so, it also provides lots of help to other gardeners in the area.

They aim to share skills and knowledge for the benefit of the community of Bedford borough and surrounding area. They do this with three open days a year: Annual plant Sale, National allotment week and members annual show and open day.

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 and covers composts & growing mediums, fertilizers & soil conditioners, canes, pots, trays etc, pest and weed controls, poultry feeds. (There is a small membership fee). See www.mralga.org

Note: With the success of the Wixams allotment plot holders over the last year, the Lakeview Allotment Association is being set up and will affiliate to The National Allotment Society - nsalg.org.uk and liaise with MRALGA.

Who's Who?

Anita Evans - Head teacher
at Lakeview Primary School



I joined the school in January 2017 and am really enjoying my time in the village and meeting members of the school and local community. I have been very impressed by the behaviour and positive attitudes of our children and families.

At the school we are building a rich curriculum, a mixture of academic, sporting and creative opportunities to ensure all children have the chance to shine.

We are full across all year groups and are well established within the Wixams Community.

Our year 6 children left in the summer and we were sad to see them go. Some of the children in the year group have been with us since the school opened and I am sure that they will leave us with many fond memories and well prepared for the next stage in their school career.

We have welcomed our new children this September and we are confident in the knowledge that the school is going from strength to strength.

www.lakeview.beds.sch.uk

Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

Acts 2:2-4

Events Diary:

Sunday mornings: watch this space for news of our new celebrations, launching in September!

Fridays, 10:30 am - 12 pm: Little Stars
a playgroup for babies & preschoolers with parents & carers



Thursday 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...

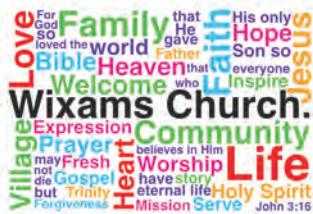
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Councillor GRAEME COOMBES

Reporting to Wixams - September 2017

New Wixams Schools

This month, two new schools – Wixams Academy and Wixams Tree Primary - open for the first time. I welcome these new additions to our Wixams community and wish the very best to all pupils and staff as they arrive at a key point in their education and academic careers. I am pleased to have been part of the discussion that helped put together the necessary funding to make these schools possible.

Traffic/Parking on Green Lane and roads nearby

I have previously expressed concern about the absence of a parking and drop-off point outside the new Wixams schools. The planning applications made no provision for them. I have recently written to residents living nearby and have spoken to the Borough Council Highways Team, the Principal of Wixams Academy and Gallagher, to try and avoid traffic problems on roads nearby. At the time of writing, it's too early to tell what the impact on traffic will be, but I will monitor the situation over the coming weeks and address any traffic or parking issues with the appropriate body.

Dog Control orders – Wixams Play Areas

The Borough Council is adding new sites to its list of dog control orders. In general these are in children's play areas. Wixams Parish Council and I have requested that all Wixams play areas be included in the list. This covers children's play areas in: Kingfisher; Green Lane; the 3G MUGA; Lakeside Way; Brooklands Avenue; Dane Lane; and Pheasant Grove. I'm a huge animal fan, but it's only right that dogs and play areas are kept apart.

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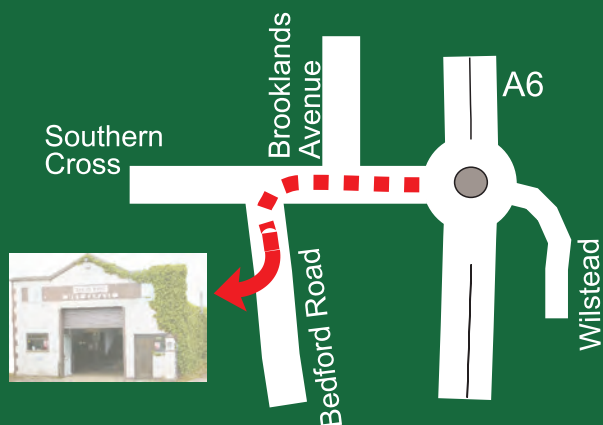
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(Wixams) Telephone: 01234 740252



Wixams Sunday Club 3 to 4pm every Sunday term time Lakeview Village Hall

Free songs, Bible stories, quizzes, prizes, competitions, learn about Jesus for children aged 4-11yrs

IGNITE Tuesdays 6.30-7.45pm all young people in years 5,6,7,8,9 welcome wixams.org.uk/ignite

Alan & Anne Pibworth, 47 Green Lane

www.wixams.org.uk/sundayclub

Wilstead Evangelical Church

Shine Theatre School

Classes in Acting, Singing, Musical Theatre, Ballet and Street Dance

Lakeview Village Hall, Wixams

www.shinetheatreschool.co.uk 07749091885 info@shinetheatreschool.co.uk

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

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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

DAWNUNTILDUSK BEFORE, AFTER SCHOOL & HOLIDAY CLUB

Dawn until Dusk are very pleased to be opening at Wixams Tree Primary in September 2017 - We will be open 7.30-9am and 3-6pm term time. We also have holiday clubs which are open at 8am-6pm at Shortstown and Balliol Primary schools.

Do you like having fun and working with children? If so, we want to hear from you! We are currently looking for Managers and Playworkers to work at our Breakfast & After school clubs.

The hours are 7.30am-9am and 3pm-6pm Mon-Fri term time only, with the option to work at our holiday club during school holidays. Free childcare, uniform and profit related bonus scheme.

For further info please call us on 01234 930505 or visit www.kidsdawnuntildusk.co.uk

HILLTOP SWIMMING CLUB

TEL - 01525 861281



Hilltop Swimming Club
 22 Back Street
 Clophill MK45 4BY

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 Parent & Toddler social £5 per session.
 Parent & Toddler structured £7 per session.
 Pre-school £7 per session.
 30min instruction.
 Aquafit £6.50 per session
 30min instruction.
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All of our instructors are a minimum of a level 2 qualified

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