



WIXAMS NEWSLETTER

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Wixams Parish Council News

Crime

The parish council has been notified of perceived drug activity in the 3G car park off Harrier Leys. This has been flagged to the police who are carrying out patrols. The area is the responsibility of the borough council who have the area controlled by CCTV surveillance and who have agreed to keep the car park locked during lockdown as the facilities are not in use.

Precept

The parish council has resolved to keep the parish council element of council tax unchanged for individual households for the coming year – it will remain at £42.12 for the year for a Band D property. We are looking at new ideas for inclusion in the existing budget, including ideas such as youth projects, events, Christmas lighting, gym trails and more.

Planning

We have recently received large-scale planning applications for villages 2 and 3 to comment on. The theme of our comments has generally been the same: that we expect the facilities to be provided in line with what was originally outlined for Wixams. That the promised

retail space is provided, including a full-size supermarket, and that health care and school provisions are adequate and thought-out, amongst other items.

Electric Vehicle charging points

The borough council, in conjunction with an EV charging provider, are carrying out a review in the Bedford area to determine locations for public charging units. We have requested that Wixams is considered for these and flagged up the current lack of provision.

Speed feedback signs

We provided the data taken from the vehicle-activated speed feedback signs last month to the police, who have confirmed they have added us to the list of sites for speed checks. The borough council have now also confirmed they can allocate time from the Community SpeedWatch van, but first need to carry out a site visit to check the locations for suitability.

Facebook group

Reminder that the parish council now has a Facebook group for sharing information. Search for "Wixams Parish Council". Correspondence with the parish council from

residents should remain via email/letter/phone call directly to the clerk.

Grants

The council has funding of £10,000 in total each year to fund local groups. To apply for a grant you must be a community group or local voluntary organisation with a dedicated bank account, operating or providing a service to the community of Wixams. 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 15th February and 15th March at 7.30pm. We are currently meeting using Zoom video conferencing. Please email the clerk if you wish to attend. Our agendas will always be published on our website at least 3 working days before the meeting.

Contact details:

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What will you see in the Big Garden Birdwatch?

World's largest garden wildlife survey returns, 29-31 January 2021

Over its four decades, Big Garden Birdwatch has highlighted the winners and losers in the garden bird world.

In 2020, nearly half a million people took part, counting almost eight million birds over a three-day period.

For many people, garden birds provide an important connection to nature and bring joy and comfort as well as being vital for our mental health and wellbeing.

Hundreds of thousands of people

across the UK will celebrate their love of nature and unite to watch and count the nation's garden birds over the last weekend in January for the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch.

This year, we've seen how important the natural world is to our mental health and wellbeing. There has been a surge in interest in the nature on our doorsteps and many people have come to rely on garden birds to bring joy and comfort in these unsettling times.

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Crime Stats

- 7/12/20 - Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety, Malicious Communications Act 1988
- 8/12/20 - Assault without Injury - Common assault and battery - Woodpecker Gardens
- 8/12/20 - Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000) - Woodpecker Gardens
- 10/12/20 - Theft if not classified elsewhere - Brooklands Avenue
- 14/12/20 - Burglary - Residential - Dwelling - Tawny Avenue
- 14/12/20 - Burglary - Residential - Dwelling - Tawny Avenue
- 15/12/20 - Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (ABH) - Dunlin Grove
- 21/12/20 - Assault without Injury - Common assault and battery - Zander Way
- 22/12/20 - Theft if not classified elsewhere - Peacock Gardens
- 23/12/20 - Sexual Offence (20A)
- 24/12/20 - Burglary - Residential - Dwelling - Bedford Road
- 28/12/20 - Harassment - without violence (course of conduct)
- 28/12/20 - Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle - Bedford Road

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Wixams Retirement Village

This months contribution is from Ferial and Mike Hyde who told us that they were a part of a group of early birds that moved into WRV in June 2019:

"A step into the unknown for all of us, selling up and moving away from our homes, families and friends of many years. Quite courageous really when looking back.

But we needn't have worried, as apart from our lovely apartments, we have moved in with a group of the nicest people imaginable. A group that has grown over the months into a real community in which friendships have been formed, talents have been revealed, volunteers have come forward and organised a choir, film club, gardening club, wine club, yoga sessions, French lessons, and memorable coach trips. Add to this a charming and thoughtful staff, all in all making moving here our best decision ever."

Both are keen walkers and Mike can also be seen cycling around for recreation and exercise whilst Ferial organises quiz evenings when allowed and also volunteers to assist in the WRV shop.



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Concerned About Speeding Vehicles In Your Area?

Motorists speeding through our towns and villages often appear unaware of the danger they pose to other road users and pedestrians; especially the younger ones being encouraged to walk to school. Neither do they appear aware of the impact their actions have on the quality of life of residents.

Community Speed Watch is a scheme to help residents reduce the dangers, and impact, of traffic speeding through their neighbourhood.



Bedfordshire Community Speed Watch Groups

Bedfordshire has an increasing number of Town and Village Speed Watch Groups; each one formed of local community volunteers, with the aim of making their, and your, community a safer, better, place to live.

The volunteers, all police trained and insured, attempt to achieve the Speed Watch aims by:

- Monitoring, with the use of a police supplied speed indicator device (SID) the speed of passing vehicles, hoping to encourage adherence to relevant speed limits, and the promotion of traffic calming in their towns and villages.
- Assisting Bedfordshire Police by promoting effective communications and prompt reporting of agreed and appropriate details of speeding vehicles, and any other relevant information.
- Encouraging, in line with the aims of the Bedfordshire Road Safety Partnership, the acceptance that speed limit adherence improves road safety, traffic calming, and the quality of life of town and village residents.

Want To Get Involved?

More information can be obtained from Juliet Wright, Watch Scheme Development Co-ordinator by emailing Juliet.Wright@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk

YOUTH CORNER *by Ellie*

Hello, youth of Wixams! Lockdown has been hard on all of us and homeschooling has taken its toll too. (We've all had enough WiFi glitches, I'm sure!) But not everything is bad about lockdown; it'll save many lives, and remember that this pandemic will go down in the history books - our generation will be remembered for years to come! Embrace the outdoors and time spent with your family. Don't forget, you can go out on a social distanced walk with one person outside of your household, but you must be sure to keep 2 metres apart at all times.

Exercise is good for our mental health as well as physical, and will help us get through these tough times. Your friends can also speak to you through the phone or laptop, or if you don't have either, your parents can perhaps arrange a call on their phones for you. Perhaps you could arrange a virtual quiz or game of Kahoot! with your friends or classmates. If you are having any problems, your teachers are still there for you as well as your parents - reach out to someone who can help. We are all in this together. We'll be sitting in the school canteens before we know it! Just remember that lockdown is not forever, and to keep social distancing, washing hands, and wearing your mask.

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Lakeview Pre-School





The children in Butterfiles and Bumblebees have been exploring our frozen theme and our Ladybirds have been excited to discover their role - play supermarket.

Follow us on facebook for weekly updates: Dawn Til Dusk Lakeview Preschool

February Holiday Club

We hope to soon be taking bookings for our February Holiday Clubs for children aged 7yrs and under

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USEFUL NUMBERS

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
- Contacting local police officer
- Getting update reported crime
- Suspicious incidents

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Big Garden Birdwatch

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This year's event takes place on 29th, 30th and 31st January 2021. The public is asked to spend just one hour watching and recording the birds in their garden, balcony or local park, then send their results to the RSPB. Close to half-a-million people join in the Birdwatch every year.

Just one hour every year, for the last four decades, has made the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch the largest garden wildlife citizen science project. Now in its 42nd year, 144 million birds have been counted giving the RSPB an astonishing amount of insight into how our wildlife is faring.

For four decades, Big Garden Birdwatch has highlighted the winners and losers in the garden bird world. The house sparrow remained at the top of the Big Garden Birdwatch rankings as the most commonly seen garden bird with nearly 1.3 million sighted in 2020. Starlings held down the second spot once more, with the blue tit completing the top three.

While house sparrows and starlings may be the UK's most commonly sighted birds, a closer look at Big Garden Birdwatch data shows that numbers have in fact dropped dramatically since the Birdwatch began in 1979. House sparrows are down 53% while starlings are down 80%. It's a pattern echoed by two more garden favourites, with blackbirds and robins down 46% and 32% respectively.

To take part in the Big Garden Birdwatch 2021, watch the birds in your garden or local park for one hour at some point over the three days. Only count the birds that land, not those flying over. Tell us the highest number of each bird species you see at any one time – not the total you see in the hour.

For your **FREE Big Garden Birdwatch guide**, which includes a **bird identification chart**, **top tips for your birdwatch**, **RSPB shop voucher**, plus **advice on how to help you attract wildlife to your garden**, text **BIRD to 70030** or visit www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch



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Lakeview Primary School

I am delighted to have been appointed Head Teacher of Lakeview Primary School and I am very much looking forward to the opportunity to lead and further develop Lakeview on the next stage of its exciting journey.

I have to admit, that when I was appointed, I did not anticipate that my first three weeks in school would be quite as eventful as they have been with everyone being put back into lockdown and home learning.

Our pupils, staff and families have all stepped up to the mark superbly and are doing a great job during this challenging time.

On a personal level, it has been delightful to meet some of our Lakeview families in person and online, joining daily live sessions. I believe that our children and adults are at the heart of our school; and that our school is at the heart of our community.

In an already thriving school which has a strong culture of belonging and family, whilst striving for success, my ambition is that Lakeview continually develops and becomes a consistently high achieving school to which everyone aspires to attend.

I have had the privilege of working in a number of schools across Buckinghamshire and Northamptonshire since becoming a teacher; and I have taught children in every year group from Early Years Foundation stage up to Year 6.

It will be wonderful when we can safely get back to some kind of normal and then I can meet everyone in person and resume our exciting full school lives.



Jackie Normanton

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Wilshamstead Borough Councillor GRAEME COOMBES
Reporting to Wixams (February 2021)

Planning and its impact is becoming an ever more important issue for the people of Wixams. The framework for the Wixams development was provided by the "Elstow New Settlement Planning and Development Brief (1999)". This document set out the high level development principles for the site and established how the provision of community facilities would be determined in relation to the village approach. Subsequent to this document was the approval of the Wixams Master Plan itself.

The Master Plan set out in clear detail what Wixams would look like: a community of 4 separate villages, with homes, green space, community facilities and sports pitches, employment zones, a health centre, a station, shops and a town centre. Of course, a community is much more than just that. New developments are not just drawings on a board, they are the people who live, work and learn in them.

Increasingly though, I am finding that the original concept of Wixams is becoming more distant. That the grand design of a liveable, sustainable community is receding, as poor planning decisions are made and it becomes a piecemeal rather than joined-up process, with poorly designed road layouts, a lack of safe spaces to cross, inappropriate warehousing next to residential homes and an endless procession of HGVS driving past people's homes.

Planning is a subject where the decisions made are unlikely to always please everyone, but it should never be a subject that is the cause of repeated controversy, annoyance and anger to so many. Despite recent planning setbacks, we must continue as a community to challenge Bedford Council to do better.

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How long have you been a counsellor for?

I have worked in mental health for over 18 years. I opened my practice, part time, in Wixams in December 2019 and became full time in July 2020. I really enjoy being out of the 'rat race' and being able to work with my client without the red tape, assessments, and reports! Its just me and my clients!

Where did you study?

I completed my Masters degree at the University of Birmingham. It was a part time degree over three years. I won't lie, with a young family and working full time it was tough, but it was a labour of love! Before this, I studied Psychology, Psychotherapy and Counselling more locally in Bedford and Northampton over the years.

Do you have any tips for someone currently struggling in lockdown with their mental health?

My biggest tip - keep connected, keep talking. Share your worries and concerns with family, and friends. You may be surprised how many are feeling very similar! Its ok to feel unmotivated, low and have a sense of hopelessness...but be kind to yourself. This will pass. Recognise your feelings for what they are, talk to those around you. And trust that this won't last forever.

What do you love most about your job?

I love connecting with people. I am so privileged to be in the job I'm in. Clients trust me with their secrets, stories, and fears. The best part of my job is seeing client's progress. Seeing confidence and self-esteem grow is just fantastic!



Does someone need a referral to see you?

No, as a private counsellor you can contact me directly. I offer a 20-minute free conversation and visit to the practice. This allows you to see if you like me (!) and see the room. I am a 'person-centred' therapist which means I work with you with no agenda so you can choose (or we can discuss) how frequently you come to counselling. I offer one off, short-term, or long-term therapy. I do not contact your GP or employer. My service is completely confidential. No one needs to know you are coming to counselling. And please don't worry, if we bump into each other in Budgens, I will smile politely and walk on past!

How long have you lived in Wixams?

8 years in March. We moved from Luton when my girls were 2 and 4. We love Wixams and the community that has been built. We head off with Bailey (trainee therapy dog!) exploring the new parts of Wixams. It's great!

What do I like most about Winter?

Being tucked up on the sofa!! I really like the bright, cold days and getting wrapped up and taking Bailey for a walk. However, hugely different story when the wind and rain are blowing in your face!



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Councillor Rebecca Hares

Central Bedfordshire Independent Councillor

For those who are new to the area, my name is Rebecca Hares and I am your independent councillor on CBC.

After successful lobbying of developers and the council Juniper Drive finally had the road surface finished and waste/dog bins have been installed to alleviate resident's complaints of irresponsible dog ownership. I am still actively working with Rights of Way officers about the Thicket Lane access and am in discussions with highways officers regarding speed reduction.

I've also had confirmation this week that the footpath connections between Village 4 and the schools are still on track for delivery in April, which leads me swiftly onto the new development proposals. Those who follow my Facebook page may already be aware of the Wixams Park outline planning application this is for the delivery of 1200+ homes to be built alongside Wixams. I met with O&H to discuss this application at length and though they have agreed to create good footpath and cycle path connections this new development is a cul-de-sac design that will directly impact the road network at Meadow Road, Four Acre Drive and Juniper Drive. This application does not provide essential employment opportunities, nor does it include local amenities aside from a proposed public house. It is designed in line with a 2011 master plan and there is significant dispute as to whether this plan is outdated and its relevance in catering for current needs of Houghton Conquest and Wixams residents. It's still not clear to me how O&H expect residents to get from the new site to the A6, but residents of Houghton Conquest Village don't want to become a rat run and I'm sure existing and residents of Four Acre Drive and Brooklands Avenue don't either!

You can raise your concerns during the consultation period by emailing planning@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk citing reference CB/21/00148/OUT. Please copy me at bex.hares@gmail.com with your feedback



Councillor Tim Hill's Report

Tim is currently the Borough Councillor for Elstow, Stewartby, The Wixams Retirement Village and Kempston Hardwick

Parking Restrictions by Wixams Retirement Village

I am grateful to Wixams Parish Council for agreeing to match my contribution of £600 for the parking restrictions on Bedford Road by the Wixams Retirement Village. I am chasing these urgently needed restrictions.

Roadworks and pedestrian crossing

I'm really pleased to advise that three new resurfacing schemes that are of interest to the residents of my Ward and of the village of Wixams, have been now been designed and are currently planned to be done in Jan-Mar 21. The Causeway scheme also includes a pedestrian crossing for the residents of the Wixams Retirement Village.

Speed limit reduction

The speed limit on the stretch of Ampthill Road between the BCA roundabout and the new Wixams roundabout, for legacy reasons, is currently 40mph. As there is now a large residential estate off it with a new junction, the speed limit needs to be reduced to 30mph. Most of it is in Central Beds. I have been working with Central Beds Cllr Hares and Stewartby Parish Cllr Melville to get Central Beds with a contribution from Bedford Borough to fund and do the reduction in 2021.

Mobile Advice Surgery

My next Mobile Advice Surgery is planned for 12pm-12.30pm on Saturday 20th February 2021. As I type this Report, we're currently in a national lockdown. Tim will seek advice nearer the time on whether he can do an in-person Street Surgery for a local area or a Ward-wide "Virtual" one via Zoom for all of his Ward at the same time. Either way, this will be advertised via social media and by e-mail.

Other Village News

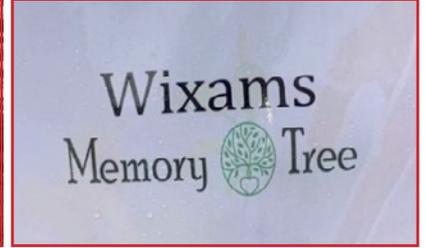
On behalf of Paula (Lakeview Village Hall Site Manager), Wixams Scouts, The Royal British Legion and the Football Education Academy we'd like to say 'Thank you' for everyone's generous donations to the Wixams Foodbank.

Your donations were transferred to Bedford Foodbank (Manton Lane Industrial estate) on the 19th December where it went on to supporting those people in need. For more information on Bedford Foodbank and their services, visit <https://bedford.foodbank.org.uk/>



Wixams Memory Stars

On behalf of Paula (Lakeview Village Hall Site Manager), thank you to everyone that purchased a memory star or donated to the Sue Ryder Foundation. A total of £215 was raised and will go towards their vital service of supporting people at difficult times of their lives. For more information on Sue Ryder visit <https://www.sueryder.org/>



Bedford Bumps

Would you like an opportunity to have a chat and make friends with other parents who are expecting a baby?

Come and join us for our Bedford Bumps sessions, designed for pregnant women (20 weeks and their partners). The sessions will be a relaxing, friendly, and a great opportunity to talk with other expectant parents about life in Bedfordshire, share experiences, and support each other. There will also be an opportunity to swap contact details should you wish to continue socialising.

Date	Time
Thursday 27 January 2021	9:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Thursday 28 January 2021	9:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Thursday 18 February 2021	9:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Thursday 25 February 2021	9:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Bookings in essential to ensure that we have the right number of places. Please be aware that this session is being conducted using the online platform 'Eventbrite'. In order to take part, you will need to have a device with a camera and microphone, such as a smartphone or tablet. We will also need to have your photo identification with you. Please also be aware that in order to attend this session, we ask that you register with our children's centres. If you are not registered, you will be contacted before the session to register over the phone. After booking, details of the meeting ID and password will be sent to you via email.

To book your place, please visit www.eventbrite.co.uk

Bedford Bumps

Are you expecting a baby and would like the opportunity to have a chat and make friends with other pregnant mums to be? Come and join us for our Bedford Bumps!

To book your place, please visit www.eventbrite.co.uk

Carers in Bedfordshire

Taking care of someone else and getting the right support for them often means that you forget about your own wellbeing. Carers whether it be a family member or friend may feel pressure in these difficult circumstances during Covid.

If you need support, please do get in touch with us on 0300 111 1919 or visit our website at www.carersinbeds.org.uk where you can find lots of resources and information which may be helpful to you.



Mental Health Crisis Support

24hr mental health crisis support for all ages is available across Bedfordshire and Luton by calling NHS 111 - option 2. It will act as a first point of contact for any adults, children or young people in urgent need of mental health help. **Help is there for you.**

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The Little Local Book Hub project was born during the first lockdown, when shops, libraries and schools were closed, to give local communities access to reading material, when many people were struggling with loneliness, financial impact and their only activity an outdoor stroll.

A couple of girls set out boxes on the ends of their driveways, inviting neighbours and locals to stroll by, swap a book or two, and ensure they go home and sanitise hand afterwards. The project just took off, with people requesting more hubs in their areas, and more people willing to set them up.

I decided that Wixams should be part of The Little Local Book Hub because Wixams is such an incredible community and I wanted to do something that could help others during the pandemic. I knew there would be great support for the idea but I've been blown away with just how much support there has been.

The Wixams Little Local Book Hub is now up and running because of the amazing help from Sue De Quincey who very kindly donated the trolley we currently have to house the books, Paula Beirne Trigg for donating the books from the Village Hall Book Club and Michelle the manager of Budgens for allowing me to set up The Wixams Little Local Book Hub outside Budgens. Due to so many kind donations from so many people, we've already outgrown our lovely trolley and Mike James Prew has unbelievably offered to make a bigger book trolley which I hope will be ready soon.

The Wixams Little Local Book Hub is located outside Budgens, so pop down to borrow or swap a book.

The Little Local Book Hub, set up a central Facebook page, which the volunteers share, and have one central inbox where we receive many daily emails asking for locations, book stock, if they can come by and swap.

The feedback has been overwhelming and humbling, with people saying that the hubs have got them through lockdown, when they could not get out to buy books or could not afford them, and the connection on social media with the hub which we try to make fun, informative and an all round book-loving community across the UK.

We have used the hub social media presence to promote local authors, with interviews which you can read about on our main website www.littlelocalbookhub.uk and we have been endorsed on our page by Cathy Cassidy children's author who has written on her own blog about us, and actress Celia Imrie!

Please visit us at www.facebook.com/littlebookhub to find out more.

Covid guidelines have been followed and are also clearly displayed at all of The Little Local Book Hub

Puzzle Corner

Sudoku - Skill: Medium

	8	6		7	3	9		
				5				
3	4	9			1	6		
			5			1		
4		1				7		5
		8			9			
		2	1			4	7	6
				3				
		4	7	8		5	1	

Notes:

4	7	7	6	1	5	2	9	3
2	9	5	4	7	3	1	6	8
1	6	3	9	2	8	7	4	5
3	5	2	1	9	4	8	7	6
7	1	9	2	8	6	5	3	4
8	4	6	3	5	7	9	2	1
6	3	1	8	7	2	4	5	9
5	7	8	4	3	9	6	1	2
9	2	4	5	6	1	3	8	7

Last month's solution:

Greetings from Wixams Academy



It feels a little like 'Groundhog Day' here at the Academy, as we get on with the third National Lockdown. The Academy has been open to children of Keyworkers and to Vulnerable children throughout the pandemic and we pay tribute to all frontline workers in our community for the amazing work they are doing.

Our students are now working on a full 'live remote learning' programme, so they are not missing any lessons during this lockdown. Teachers, support staff and parents are doing amazing work to keep children happy, safe and engaged.

We very much look forward to safer times in the spring and the return of all students to the Academy. It is strange to travel around Wixams and not see children in our familiar primary and academy uniforms moving around the community!

Regards from us all.

Paul Spyropoulos, Principal



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Make sure to include your child's name and age with each entry.



UNDER 5's COLOURING COMPETITION

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AGES 5 - 8yrs

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N	S	T	U	H	C	H	X	E	Y
O	Z	A	B	O	E	S	C	P	D
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H	H	S	I	L	G	N	E	I	J
K	R	O	C	K	S	T	A	R	S



AGES 9 - 15yrs

HOME BAKING COMPETITION

Let's see your most creative bakes that you can make yourself!
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