



WIXAMS NEWSLETTER

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Eggstatic Litterpick 2022

We had over 70 residents, parents and children attend the litterpick on a sunny Easter weekend.

Thanks to all those that came, and special thanks to Robbin Brough, Parish Clerk and Sam Mardel, Parish Council Chair for their sterling efforts in arranging, setting up and supporting a well run event.

All the children got an Easter Egg and special prizes went to the three best/unusual finds- some children's tents, a printer and a lorry wheel arch!

Please take any litter home or use the various litter bins around Wixams - Thank you.

Let's keep Wixams the special place it is.



Upcoming Events

Send details of your local events to newsletter@wixams.org

| Event | Date | Location/Details |
|---|--|---------------------------|
| Wixams Community Group Committee Meeting | Saturday 14th May, 14.00pm | Lakeview Village Hall |
| Indoor Jumble Sale + Jumble Trail + Repair Cafe | Sunday 15th May, 12.00 | Lakeview Village Hall |
| Annual Parish Meeting | Tuesday 17th May at 7:30pm | Lakeview Village Hall |
| Annual Parish Council Meeting | Tuesday 17th May (to follow Annual Parish Meeting) | Lakeview Village Hall |
| Wixams WI | Wednesday 15th June, 19.45pm | Lakeview Village Hall |
| Wixams Parish Council Meeting | Tuesday 21st June, 19.30pm | Wixams Retirement Village |
| Wixams Summer Event | Saturday 2nd July, 12.00 | Lakeview Village Hall |
| Happy Circus (Lakeview PTA) | Saturday 16th July, 13.30pm | Lakeview Village Hall |

All upcoming events are correct at the time of publishing. Please check with the event organisers directly for more information.

Your local councils



DAVID WILSON HOMES



Planning applications submitted

Planning decisions

Councillors: 15 unpaid volunteers & 1 Clerk
Planning: Consultee on planning applications
Receive portion of Council Tax: Average household £42
Highways: Request borough council for improvements (Some spending powers)
Open spaces: Not parish council owned
Playgrounds: Not parish council owned
Grants: Award funding to local groups
Allotments: Owned by parish council – managed by allotment association
Street Ranger: Employee who keeps Wixams tidy
Other spending powers: (landowner must approve – borough council or developer)
 Entrance signs, benches, speed signs, bins, salt bins, noticeboards, CCTV, Xmas tree... (not full list).

Councillors: 27 wards represented by 40 paid councillors (2 for Wixams)
Planning: Decision maker & enforcement (National & Local Policies)
£106 funding (infrastructure provision): Negotiates with developer (e.g. Rail station, community buildings)
Council tax: Average household £2059 (inc. Fire/Police)
Highways: Maintenance & improvements (Responsible body & wide spending powers)
Adopts streets from developer and becomes responsible for
Open spaces: Adopts from developer and becomes responsible for
Playgrounds: Adopts from developer and becomes responsible for

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| Bins & bin emptying | Electoral services | Libraries | Streetlights |
| Youth services | Anti-social behaviour (Dogs, neighbour nuisances, flytipping) | Parking enforcement | Environmental |
| | | | Education |
| | | | ...lots more... |



Councillor Graeme Coombes

Graeme is the Wilshamstead Borough Councillor. Reporting to Wixams (April 2022)

The recent application by Aldi to expand their regional distribution centre at Wixams, which if approved will likely lead to yet more HGVs coming through Wixams, highlights the urgent need for a local HGV management plan from the Borough Council.

The seemingly endless growth in warehouse developments at Wixams, apart from being inappropriate for a residential area, has resulted in a regular stream HGVs coming through Wixams at all times of the day and night. Occasionally HGV drivers get lost in the centre of the village and can be found having to turn around and go back again.

The Borough Council has routinely ignored the views of local people on the warehousing issue and it seems that the Mayor's desire to raise cash from business rates outweighs the considerations of local residents who endure the daily blight of noise and pollution, not to mention the daily danger of trying to cross the road.

Whilst I hope the Borough Council will see sense and reject the Aldi expansion, a local HGV management is still long overdue. This should include banning HGVs from those parts of Wixams where they are not meant to be, with clearly designated routes where developers are obliged to bring large vehicles into Wixams to undertake construction work. There should be clear signage, making HGV drivers fully aware of the designated routes.

I have pressed for this for some time, but as usual, Bedford Council is slow to respond, despite the urgent need. Other Bedford villages have bans on HGVs. Why is the Borough Council so incapable of getting its act together in Wixams?

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 Facebook: Cllr. Graeme Coombes



Councillor Tim Hill's Report

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

State of A6 A421 roundabout and road surface - I have reported to the Borough Highways Manager, the awful state of the A6/A421 roundabout and the road surface around it. I have asked him to investigate the issues and let me know his proposals to sort this out.

Link Road from A6 to Fisherwood Road – When I last chased up an update on this much needed Link Road, I was informed that a scheme was being drawn up and funding for it was being identified. I have asked Borough Highways for a further update.

Planning Application Wixams PC ALDI APPLICATION NO: 22/00532/MAR – I have successfully requested a “Call-In” of this Planning Application for the following reasons:
 I wish this Reserved Matters Application as it stands, to be Refused.

There is only one way in and out, creating a burden on the current infrastructure (The Causeway). It will lead to HGVs using The Causeway 24/7, going past the Wixams Retirement Village. WRV is occupied by elderly residents. As a CIL benefit from this application should it unfortunately be successful, ALDI should pay a substantial sum towards the cost of a link road from the A6 to Fisherswood Road.

The application has an unacceptably large increase in the size/amount of loading bays, so there are environmental concerns for residents with even more vehicle movements than originally planned.

A “Call-In” means that if the Application is recommended for approval by Officers, it automatically goes to Planning Committee for it to decide. If the Application is recommended for refusal by Officers, it will stand as refused and won't go to Planning Committee.

As this site is in Elstow Parish, but affects far more Wixams Parish, I have asked both Wixams and Elstow Parish Councils, and the Wixams Community Group to attend if necessary, the Planning Committee meeting to make their comments about why it should be refused.



Wixams Community Watch

Please continue to email and send messages to WCW for advice or help. If we can point you in the right direction we will do.

Facebook: Wixams Community Watch - Email: Wixamscommunitywatch@gmail.com

Meet our Street Watch Volunteers

This month we did a Q & A with two of the Street Watch Members – Anthony and Ash

Here's their feedback from joining Street Watch. Hopefully this will encourage more people to come and join our team.

1. What was the reason for you joining Street Watch?

- Two reasons really. I was looking for ways to get involved in and contribute to my new community, and this sounded like a great way to do just that, and it does wonders for your monthly step count figure!

- Wanting to contribute to keeping the community safe.

2. How are you managing your everyday commitments with the 2 hours that are needed per month to patrol your community?

- You're free to do your 2 hours a month at times which suit you, so I tend to go for my walks in the evening (done with work for the day, and the kids are in bed). Plus, the team have a shared calendar to help organise the walks, which is handy.

- Its 2 hours! It doesn't really factor into my commitments.

3. How do you think Street Watch can encourage a younger generation to get involved?

- Continue to maintain a presence, promote what the group is about, and let people know how easy it is to join. As the community grows, I'm sure more and more people of all age groups will join.

- Continue to advertise and promote within local community groups and try to engage with as many locals when on patrol.

4. What do you enjoy most from being part of Street Watch?

- I can't single out one! I am meeting new people, helping my neighbours, and getting around Wixams. It is quite a rewarding experience.

- It's nice to walk around the village and meet new people. Building community relationships.

5. What do you feel the benefits are to having Street Watch in our Community?

- Visible presence of security measures hopefully provides some reassurance to members of the community that the village is being looked after the best it can.

- It's an excellent way for members of the community to work together in a bid to keep our area safe.



What is Fix My Street?

Fix My Street is primarily for reporting things such as broken, damaged, dumped in need of fixing, cleaning, and clearing things. Such as graffiti, dog fouling, potholes, or streetlights for example.

Fix My Street is an independent website. Its main purpose is to report problem within your community even if you do not know who to report them to. Fix My Street does this all for you. You report the problem, and they send it to the relevant people whose job it is to fix it.

Fix My Street does send reports direct to the Borough Council. It also publishes them online so others within the community can read, discuss, and offer advice.

Find Fix My Street is available at <https://www.fixmystreet.com/> or Available as an APP for iOS and Android.

Crime Stats

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| 1/03/2022 | Controlling or coercive behaviour | Brooklands Avenue |
| 2/03/2022 | Other criminal damage | Roe Deer Place |
| 2/03/2022 | Trafficking of drugs | Swan Road |
| 5/03/2022 | Theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle | Bluebird Gardens |
| 7/03/2022 | Assault with injury | Fieldfare View |
| 9/03/2022 | Obscene publications etc | |
| 10/03/2022 | Assault with injury | Green Lane |
| 14/03/2022 | Harassment | Thistle Lane |
| 14/03/2022 | Malicious communications | Thistle Lane |
| 17/03/2022 | Harassment | Tawny Avenue |
| 17/03/2022 | Malicious communications | Green Lane |
| 18/03/2022 | Shoplifting | Brooklands Avenue |
| 21/03/2022 | Burglary (business & community) | Southern Cross |

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DPF CLEANING

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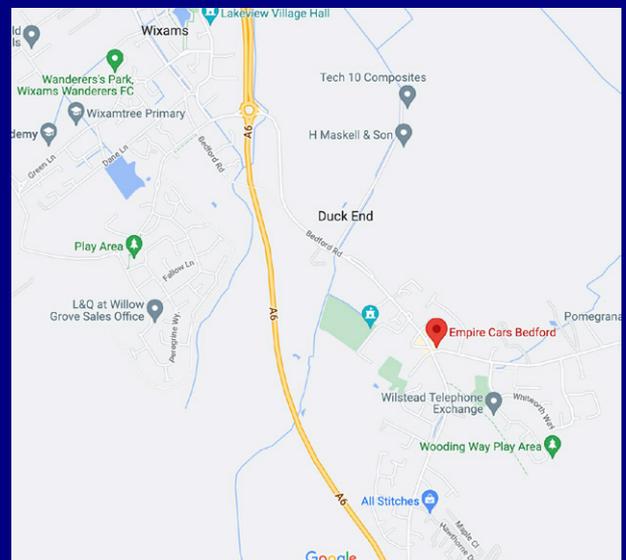
ALLOY WHEEL REPAIRS

DENT REMOVALS

MINOR SCUFFS OR SCRATCHES

HOW TO FIND US

WE ARE LOCATED AT THE CROSSROADS IN THE CENTRE OF WILSTEAD VILLAGE, JUST OPPOSITE WIXAMS AND TWO MINUTES FROM A6 ENTER WILSTEAD ON THE BEDFORD ROAD AND WE ARE ON THE LEFT NEXT TO WOOLPACK PUBLIC HOUSE.





Wixams Community Group

www.wixams.org/community-group



**SUNDAY
15TH MAY**

Wixams Indoor Jumble Sale

WWW.WIXAMS.ORG/JUMBLE-SALE

SUNDAY 15th MAY 2022, 1-3 PM

LAKEVIEW VILLAGE HALL, BROOKLANDS AVENUE, MK42 6AB

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BOOK A TABLE AND FIND INFORMATION ON WEBPAGE ABOVE

Some of the items you might want to buy/sell:

- Clothes, Shoes, Trainers & Boots
- Sports Equipment
- Board Games, Puzzles, Lego/Construction Toys
- Dolls, Figures & Accessories
- Books & Magazines, DVDs & Blu-rays
- Xbox, Playstation & Switch Games
- Household Items, Kitchenware & Unwanted Gifts
- Unwanted/Unused Tools & Equipment

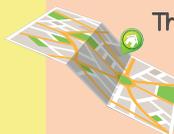


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+ Wixams Jumble Trail

The last trail was such a success, so why not join organiser Sarah for another Wixams Jumble Trail.

Set up a stall on your doorstep and sell on your unwanted items or come have a look around our village following the map to find those bargains.



This time Sarah is raising funds for the local scout group 1st Wixams.

Sunday 15th May, 12-4 pm

• Stalls £5 • Maps 50p

Get your map at the Lakeview Village Hall from 11:45

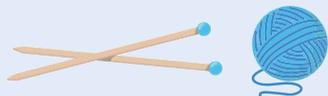
For more information email sarahperry47@yahoo.com

+ Repair Café

Got broken toys, games, electricals or household items? Bring them to the repair cafe and we'll see if our volunteers can help fix them.



Sunday 15th May, Swan Room, 1-3 pm



Wixams Yarn Bombers



After a donation from Barratt/David Wilson Homes, in April we set up a new yarn bombing group and already things are in full swing! Two meetings have been held so far and the group is very keen to create displays for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June. This will include some crocheted/knitted bunting and paperchains, plus a central display which may be based around a tree theme in support of the Queen's Green Canopy project. See the photos below for some great creations which have been made so far.

There's a real mixture of abilities in the group; we have some complete novices, a few 'Master Knitters', and everything in between. **It's easy and fun to learn so if you'd like to take part please just pop along and someone will show you the ropes.**

If you'd like to take part in the current project, a paperchain is an easy piece to start off with, each strip is 8 stitches and 15cm (6in) long using garter stitch for the chain, so a great way to learn the basic techniques before moving onto something more challenging.

For more info and future meeting dates please visit:

www.wixams.org/yarn-bombing

Or join our Facebook group "Wixams Yarn Bombers" for patterns, photos and updates.

The group will meet fortnightly in the Swan Room at Lakeview Village Hall on Wednesdays at 7pm, the next meeting dates are:

- 4th May
- 18th May
- 25th May (last meeting before the Jubilee)





Youth Services Meeting - Update

In collaboration with the **Wixams Community Watch** we held a meeting on 20th April to discuss the issues with the lack of things to do and places to go for our younger residents. There was a good turnout and lots of great ideas were suggested. Unfortunately only one teenage resident was at the meeting but she had some fantastic ideas and good feedback from the comments made by her friends.

Some other points which were discussed:

- The youngsters of Wixams are regularly being told off for hanging around in playparks and elsewhere and would like somewhere to go that's their own. A skatepark is apparently a very popular idea, as well as somewhere indoors with things like beanbags and games to play.
- The facilities planned for Wixams include: 5 more football pitches, 6 tennis courts, one of which to double as a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA), 1 cricket pitch, and some outdoor gym equipment. No dedicated facilities for teens are planned at all.
- Bedford Borough Council is working with an organisation called Groundwork to set up youth groups in the borough. The Wixams Parish Council (WPC) clerk has engaged with BBC to look into whether they could provide services in Wixams too for a fee.
- A youth club could be run by members of the community and the WPC have previously said they would potentially fund a group like this. However, when the WPC asked for volunteers only 1 person came forward.

Guidance provided by Bedford Borough Council says that projects for the benefit of youngsters needs to be youth-led, so the next stages are to find out what the teenagers of Wixams would like and get them involved. At the meeting we put together a mindmap of the suggestions and ideas and this will be used to form a survey so we can get the evidence needed to move onto the next steps.

Some ideas from the mindmap:

Facilities

- Skatepark • Outdoor gym • Basketball court
- Minigolf • Outdoor cinema • Table tennis
- Youth shelter • Leisure centre • Trim trail
- Dedicated room/hut (e.g. for Brownies, youth club)

Groups

- Youth club • Brownies etc. • Drama group
- Art project/Graffiti • Geek retreat/board games
- Coding club • Chess club
- Video gaming • Sports groups/teams

If you would like to get involved please drop us an email:
community@wixams.org



Wixams Community Café



The Wilstead & Wixams Good Neighbours Scheme are pleased to announce the opening of the Wixams Community Café starting on Tuesday 3rd May.

The café will be open weekly from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm and for **just £2 each** you get unlimited tea, coffee, squash and biscuits. Kids under 5 go free!

Everyone is welcome so why not pop in for cuppa and a natter?

Tuesday mornings

10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Swan Room, Lakeview Village Hall



Lakeview Village Hall Activities

In line with new Government regulations, all hirers and visitors to Lakeview Village Hall are required to wear face coverings



The groups advertised below are correct at the time of publishing. Some groups run term time only. Please contact the group directly for their class running times and further information.



| Day | Time | Group | Room | Contact | Website/Facebook |
|---------------|------------------------|---|----------|-------------------------------|--|
| Monday | 15:45 - 16:45 | Shine Dance Drama, Dance & Singing | Lakeview | Luisa Hodges - 07749091885 | facebook.com/Shine-Theatre-School shinetheatreschool.co.uk |
| | 18:30 - 20:00 | Wixams Tang Soo Do | Lakeview | Nick | facebook.com/WixamsTSD |
| | 20:00 - 21:00 | Go box fitness | Lakeview | 07727113285 | facebook.com/goboxfit |
| Tuesday | 17:00 & 18:30 | Slimming World | Lakeview | Holly - 07968719951 | www.slimmingworld.co.uk/group/558255 |
| | 18:30 - 19:30 | Yoga | Munson | 07825561569 | www.livyoga.co.uk |
| | 18:30 - 19:30 | Christ the Word Ignite Club for yrs 6, 7, 8 and 9 | Swan | Alan - 07879716958 | facebook.com/christthewordwixams www.christthewordwixams.org.uk |
| Wednesday | 09:45 - 13:05 | Baby Sensory Different groups running | Lakeview | Samantha - 07538502587 | facebook.com/babysensorybeds www.babysensory.com/beds |
| | 17:45 - 20:00 | Irish Dancing Primary, Intermediate & Open classes | Lakeview | Katie | facebook.com/stuartirishdancebedford |
| | 17:00 - 18:00 | Rainbows | Munson | | |
| Thursday | 18:15 - 19:30 | Brownies | Munson | | |
| | 09:45 - 14:00 | Toddler Sensory Different groups running | Lakeview | Samantha - 07538 502587 | facebook.com/toddlersensebeds www.toddlersense.com/bedfordshire |
| | 18:15 - 19:00 | Go box fitness for kids | Lakeview | 07727113285 | facebook.com/goboxfit |
| | 18:30 - 19:00 | QI Gong Class Mind-Body-Spirit Exercises | Munson | 07908006677 | Email: innertherapy@gmail.com |
| 19:30 - 20:30 | Meditation Magic Class | Munson | | | |
| Friday | 18:00 - 20:00 | Scouts | Lakeview | | facebook.com/1stwixamscouting www.1stwixamsscouts.org.uk |
| Saturday | 09:00 - 10:15 | Shine Dance Drama, Dance & Singing | Munson | Louisa Hodges - 07749091885 | facebook.com/Shine-Theatre-School www.shinetheatreschool.co.uk |
| | 09:30 - 11:30 | Irish Dancing Beginners classes for all ages | Lakeview | Katie | facebook.com/stuartirishdancebedford |
| Sunday | 08:30 - 09:30 | Go box fitness | Lakeview | 07727113285 | facebook.com/goboxfit |
| | 10:30 - 11:30 | Christ the Word Church Services | Lakeview | Alan - 07879716958 | facebook.com/christthewordwixams www.christthewordwixams.org.uk |
| | 15:00 - 16:00 | Christ the Word Sunday Club For children aged 4-10 years | Munson | | |

ROLL UP! ROLL UP! THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO TOWN!!

Happy's Circus company are coming to Lakeview School on Saturday 16th July!



Tickets are now on sale

£10 per person

For more information and to book your tickets visit:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/lakeviewbedford/>

Happy's Circus provides a professional all human (no animals) 2.5 hour themed experience presented by a 16 strong touring team in a colourful Big Top seating 600.

Please be aware that under 3s are free BUT must be sat on an adults lap to ensure enough seating for everyone.

All under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.

Health and Wellbeing

Mental Health Awareness Week

Monday 9th May - Sunday 15th May 2022

Loneliness

Mental Health Awareness Week is an annual event when there is an opportunity for the whole of the UK to focus on achieving good mental health. The Mental Health Foundation started the event 21 years ago. Each year the Foundation continues to set the theme, organise and host the week.

The theme for 2022 is 'Loneliness'.

Loneliness is affecting more and more of us in the UK and has had a huge impact on our physical and mental health during the pandemic. Our connection to other people and our community is fundamental to protecting our mental health and we need to find better ways of tackling the epidemic of loneliness. We can all play a part in this <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week>

Feeling lonely can also have a negative impact on your mental health, especially if these feelings have lasted a long time. Some research suggests that loneliness is associated with an increased risk of certain mental health problems, including depression, anxiety, low self-esteem, sleep problems and increased stress.

What causes loneliness?

Loneliness has many different causes, which vary from person to person. We don't always understand what it is about an experience that makes us feel lonely. For some people, certain life events may mean they feel lonely, such as:

- experiencing a bereavement
- going through a relationship break-up
- retiring and losing the social contact you had at work
- changing jobs and feeling isolated from your co-workers
- starting at university
- moving to a new area or country without family, friends or community networks
- Other people find they feel lonely at certain times of the year, such as around Christmas
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Things we can do to help manage loneliness

1) Make new connections

- Try to join a class or group based on your hobbies or interests. This could include online groups if you can't attend things in person.
- If you are able to, volunteering is a good way of meeting people. Helping others can also really help improve your mental health.



2) Access local Peer Support Services

- Try a befriender service. Various charities offer telephone befriender services, which put volunteer befrienders in touch with people feeling lonely.
- Join an online community. These communities can provide a place to listen and share with others who have similar experiences. They are available 24/7, most are free and you

3) Practice Self-Care

Feeling lonely can be very stressful and can have a big impact on your general wellbeing, which might make it even harder to make positive steps to feeling better.

- **Try to get enough sleep.** Getting too little or too much sleep can have a big impact on how you feel.
- Eating regularly and keeping your blood sugar stable can make a difference to your mood and energy levels.
- **Try to do some physical activity.** Exercise can be really helpful for your mental wellbeing, and some people find it helps improve their self-esteem.
- **Join a workout class or running club** for exercise and social interaction
- **Spend time outside.** Spending time in green space can help your wellbeing.
- **Spend time with animals.** Some people find spending time around animals can help with feelings of loneliness, whether through owning a pet or spending time around animals in their natural environment.

4) Keep Busy

Do you have a hobby you've always wanted to take up or a home improvement project that's been lingering on your to-do list? Take some time to invest in yourself and your interests and keep your mind occupied in the process.

Resources

If you or someone you know is experiencing loneliness, there are organisations that can provide further information and support.

Mind BLMK

Website - <https://www.mind-blmk.org.uk/>

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/mindblmk>

Beds RCC

Website - <https://bedsrcc.org.uk/>

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/bedsrcc>

Bedfordshire & Luton Recovery College

Website - <https://www.elft.nhs.uk/services/bedfordshire-and-luton-recovery-college>

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/rcluton>

Age UK - <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/health-wellbeing/loneliness/>

Campaign to end loneliness -

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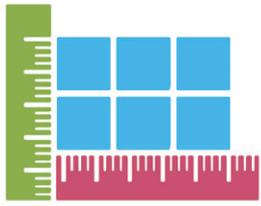
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May Garden Update

by Deirdre Wilcock

Deirdre is a RHS qualified gardener and owner of Green Hands. For more garden updates find Green Hands on Facebook @deirdregreenhands.



May is one of the best months in the gardening year! Trees will now be in full leaf and shrubs like Rhododendrons and Azaleas will be in full bloom! As your spring flowers die back you will need to start to think about what will go in their place. Garden centres and nurseries will be full of summer bedding plants so go and enjoy a couple of hours mooching around! The weather in May is usually quite settled and warmer but we can get the odd sharp frost early May, by the end of May it's all a go go! Just keep an eye on the weather and cover over any tender plants with horticultural fleece as required. For garden inspiration (and envy!) the RHS Chelsea Garden show begins Tuesday 24th May.

Get your mower out!

One of my favourite jobs of all in the garden is mowing the grass. Nothing beats a stripy lawn! Mowing the lawn should be a weekly job from May onwards if you want to keep your grass looking its best. May is the perfect month for any lawn renovations and applying a lawn feed to give the grass the best start to its growing season. A well-cared-for lawn really enhances the rest of your garden.

My top 5 star plants for May:

- Papaver orientale 'Cedric Morris' - pinky/white showy perennial poppy with dark centre
- Clematis montana f. grandiflora - vigorous climber with gorgeous blooms
- Digitalis x mertonensis - perennial foxglove that readily self seeds
- Exochorda x macrantha 'The Bride' - showy white flowers, deciduous shrub
- Allium hollandicum - my favourite flower that flowers in May.

Tasks for May:

- Keep newly planted plants watered well until they are established
- Keep weeds at bay, this month is easier to kill off any weeds this month than any other month. Keep on top of them now so they don't establish and self seed everywhere! Adding a layer of mulch will suppress weeds and keep moisture in
- Tie in new shoots on your climbers
- Keep an eye on roses for aphids
- May is the perfect month to take softwood cuttings,

take cutting of new shoots and you can do this up until around July to give you new and FREE plants!

- Give your plants a boost by applying a general fertiliser such as bonemeal. Top up any containers with a good mulch to restore nutrients
- Prune early flowering shrubs
- Sow perennials directly outside this month
- Hardening off summer bedding plants ready for planting out later this month
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Happy Gardening!



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18 May Learning knitting and crochet with a view to helping the Yarn Bombing group to Yarn Bomb the village for the Queens Platinum Jubilee

15 June Afternoon Tea Pot Luck

2 July Look out for our Stall at the Wixams Events Team Summer Event

20 July To be confirmed – watch this space

17 August No Meeting

21 September Cake and Biscuit decorating

19 October Wet Felt Poppy Making

16 November Christmas Wreath Making – including Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

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18 January Heart Bomb – Making hearts for Valentines

February Date to be confirmed – decorating the villages with hearts for Valentines Day

15 March How to Embroider

All meetings are held at Lakeview Village Hall, Brooklands Avenue, Wixams in the Munson Room from 07.45 to 09.45 – please look out for details on how to register on Facebook Wixams Vixens WI, Spotted and the Wixams Community Group. If you don't want to join its £5 per guest. For further information e-mail: wixamsvixenswi@gmail.com.



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