



WIXAMS NEWSLETTER

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Halloween Decorations Competition **WINNER!**



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WIXAMS EVENTS GROUP PRESENTS

Wixams Winter Wonderland

SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER 2022
12PM - 6PM
LAKEVIEW VILLAGE HALL
BROOKLANDS AVENUE, WIXAMS, MK42 6AB

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ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE

Brooklands Avenue will be closed from 8am-8pm on Saturday 3rd from Green Lane through to Woodpecker Gardens. Resident access will still be available. There will still be pedestrian access to the shops.

For more information turn to page 5 or visit wixamsevents.uk

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

- Wixams Parish Council 07554 443800
- Lakeview Village Hall..... 07821 744848
- Lakeview School 01234 741653
- Wixams Tree..... 01234 608960
- Wixams Academy 01234 608950
- Houghton Conquest
Lower School 01234 740202
- Welcome (Wixams Co-Op)..... 01234 740404
- Portu Gallo's..... 01234 741116
- Lakeside Fish & Chips..... 01234 743942
- Wilstead Tandoori 01234 740904
- Wilstead 9th Kitchen..... 01234 740413
- The Red Lion 01234 402446
- The Woolpack..... 01234 742318
- NHS Direct..... 111
- Wilstead Pharmacy..... 01234 740609
- Bedford Hospital..... 01234 355122
- Doctors - London Road..... 01234 266866
- Doctors - Houghton Close 01525 300898
- Doctors - Greensand 01525 631390
- Doctors - Oliver St..... 01525 631395
- Doctors - Wootton..... 01234 762500
- Dentist - Cranfield..... 01234 752515
- Scotts Vets..... 01234 742423
- BPHA Customer Service..... 0330 100 0272
- Bedford Borough Council 01234 267422
- L&Q Estates..... 01926 339339
- Wilstead & Wixams Good
Neighbours Scheme 07807 408928
- Wilstead Post Office 01234 740210
- Seasons Garden Centre 01234 741909
- Houghton Conquest
Parish Council 01234 270016
- Houghton Conquest
Post Office 01234 740208
- Stewartby Parish Council..... 01908 397959

Wixams Parish Council

We will continue to post profiles of Wixams Parish Council councillors in each newsletter so you can get to know the members. So far we have introduced 7 of our councillors. Here are two more of our councillors:

Terry Christian

Terry.christian@wixams-pc.gov.uk



I've lived in Wixams for the past 5 years with my wife Charlotte (an intensive care sister), daughter Isabelle (7) and son Dexter (4).

I currently lead a team of Business Relationship Managers for Barclays where I've worked for the last 10 years, which has also included leading various mortgage teams as well as providing mortgage advice myself. Before that I graduated from university with a degree in Mathematical Sciences.

In our 5 years at Wixams, we've got to know many of the community (mainly through school, football, and taking part in a number of activities). I'd like to contribute to its representation, protecting its interests and provide support in its future development.

(Finance Committee and Green Spaces Working Group)

Clinton Taylor

clinton.taylor@wixams-pc.gov.uk



With a father in the Army I had a nomadic early life living in Cyprus, Malaysia and Germany. I worked in Banking in Bristol and London for many years and for the last 15 years I have been working from home for a national independent Social Research organisation to find out what people really think about important social issues and how Britain is run. I have strong ties to the area having lived in Bedfordshire since 1981 and my grandparents moved to the county over 80 years ago. My wife and I moved to Wixams in 2013 after moving from Bedford whilst 2 children were at university and they have since moved out to establish their own homes. I am keen to see our new village develop to provide as good an environment as possible.

(Planning Committee, Grants Committee and Finance Committee)

Youth Club:

4YP are looking forward to welcoming young people 13+ years to their first youth club meeting in the Swan Room at Lakeview Village Hall on Wednesday 2nd November from 5.30 – 7.30 pm. The club will be held every Wednesday in the Swan Room except for 30th November and 7th December because the hall is booked; alternative activities outside of the hall will be planned.



4YP have been working with a focus group at Wixams Academy to discuss the types of activities being planned for the youth club, and also to discover what young people would like to see in Wixams. If you would like to provide your own suggestions you can contact them directly at: WendyMillgate@4ypuk.com or 07780448599.

Crossing attendant:

The borough council are still recruiting for a school crossing attendant to be funded by the parish council. The work will be at school times and be in the region of 7.5 hours a week. Full training will be provided. Please drop me an email if you are interested.

Next Parish Council Meetings

Our next meetings will be on 15th November and 20th of December at 7.45pm in Lakeview Village Hall

clerk@wixams-pc.gov.uk • www.wixams-pc.gov.uk



Lakeview Village Hall
Management Committee



Notice of Annual General Meeting

All are welcome

Saturday 26th November
10.00am – 12.00pm
Swan Room
Lakeview Village Hall

Come and meet the
Committee Members
Find out more about how
you can get involved

Why not join the Committee
The Village Hall Management Committee is run by a small group of volunteers from Wixams. We are looking for more people to get involved to help support the management and development of the hall. To find out more contact the Chairman

Can't make the AGM and would like to join the Committee or find out more, please contact the Chairman

secretary@lakeviewvillagehall.co.uk



Councillor Graeme Coombes

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

This is the first article I've ever written on bus timetables, but before your eyes glaze over, it is a subject that has recently been the cause of some concern.

Earlier this month, a number of Wixams residents were in touch about changes to timetables for Wixams buses. The 81 service has been replaced by route MK1, with a new timetable that came into effect on 30th October. Whilst notionally we've had a small increase in the number of daily buses through Wixams, the earliest MK1 service into Bedford now leaves the Green Lane stop at 08:19 whereas previously it had departed at 08:04.

Whilst 15 minutes may seem a relatively small difference, it has a huge impact on those trying to get into Bedford early, either to get to work, or to school, or to make train connections.

The earliest bus in the opposite direction, towards Luton, previously left at 06:33, and now departs at 05:36 despite most passengers seemingly wanting to go in the direction of Bedford, rather than Luton.

The additional services part appears in the evening, where the last MK1 into Bedford now departs Green Lane at 23:19 (previously 21:09). Whilst I would never want to discourage people visiting the town centre, quite why additional services are required to Bedford after 11pm on a Monday is beyond me.

I have written to Stagecoach asking for an explanation into the thinking behind the timetable changes and three weeks later, at the time of writing, have still not received a reply.

Whatever the reason, it seems the views of bus users are being completely ignored. Bedford Council has influence is the bus services operating across the Borough and needs to get tougher with those companies that blatantly ignore passenger demand.

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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

Queen Elizabeth 11 Passes Away – To mark the passing of Queen Elizabeth II on 8th September 2022, it has been my honour and privilege to attend on behalf of the residents of my Ward, the following events:

- 10th September 2022 - I signed the Borough Book Of Condolence in the Harpur Suite.
- 11th September 2022 - I attended the Borough Local Proclamation Ceremony on Harpur Square.
- 18th September 2022 – I attended the 1 minute vigil at Stewartby Village Hall and signed the local Book Of Condolence. Many thanks to Stewartby and Kempston Hardwick Parish Council for organising the event.

Mayor Dave Hodgson Set Sights on Speeders – Mayor Dave Hodgson is making progress on his plans to slam the brakes on reckless driving by installing 15 sets of new average speed cameras across Bedford Borough this year. The average speed cameras are being installed in speeding hot spots across Bedford, Kempston, Wilstead, Wixams, Wymington and on the A6. These 15 sites will add to the other 31 locations across the Borough where average speed cameras have already been installed. In addition to the current plans, Bedford Borough Council has identified more than 70 sites across the local area that meet the criteria for installing average speed cameras. Average speed cameras are an incredibly effective way of discouraging drivers from both speeding and from having accidents on the road. In fact, research from the RAC Foundation has suggested that the number of fatal and serious collisions decrease by up to 36% following the introduction of average speed cameras. Surprisingly, although they are responsible for installing and maintaining average speed cameras, Bedford Borough Council does not get to keep the fines collected from road users who are caught speeding. The locations of the new Average Speed Cameras include:

- A6 south of Bedford
- B530 - Kempston Hardwick
- Ampthill Road, Bedford
- Cotton End, Wilstead
- Bedford Road, Wixams

Parish Issues.

Wixams Residents Social Group Mini Bus – The Social Group has said they are having problems with the BRCC (Beds Rural Community Charity), their current Mini Bus provider and have asked if I know of any alternatives. As I am a Director of the BRCC, I've raised the issue with BRCC. The BRCC Chief Officer is working with the Social Group to resolve this issue. I've searched the internet and I can't find any alternative Charity Mini Bus providers. So, I've asked the Public Transport Team at Borough Hall, who operates the "Flittabus" service, as it operates from Bedford to Wilstead and Cotton End, so it may be of some help: <https://www.bedford.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-travel/public-transport/timetables-and-maps/>

WIXAMS NEWSLETTER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Wixams Newsletter seeks volunteers across Villages 1,2 and 4 to help with stories, regular columns, proof reading and delivery

Please contact newsletter@wixams.org

Upcoming Events & Things to do

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

| Event | Date | Location/Details |
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| Wixams Newsletter AGM | Tuesday 8th November, 8:00pm | Swan Room, Lakeview Village Hall |
| Wixams Parish Council Meeting | Tuesday 15th November, 7:30pm | Lakeview Village Hall |
| Wixams WI | Wednesday 16th November, 7:45 pm | Lakeview Village Hall |
| Wixams Community Group Committee Meeting | Saturday, 19th November, 2:00pm | Lakeview Village Hall |
| Play Group (run by Early Childhood Partnership) | Monday 21st November, 9:30am | Lakeview Village Hall Runs 1st & 3rd Monday of the month Term time only |
| Bedford Christmas Light switch On | Sunday 24th November 2022 | The Embankment https://allevents.in/online/bedford-christmas-lights-switch-on/200022985170536 |
| The Amazing 80s tribute night | Friday 25th November, 7:00pm | The Forest Centre, Marston Moretaine https://www.marstonvale.org/Event/amazing-80s-tribute-2022 |
| Lakeview Village Hall Annual General Meeting | Saturday 26th November, 10:00am | Swan Room, Lakeview Village Hall |
| Christmas lunches at the Forest Centre | 1st December – 22nd December 12:00pm – 3:00pm | Runs Tuesdays & Thursdays The Forest Centre, Marston Moretaine https://www.marstonvale.org/Event/christmas-lunch-2021 |
| Self-Weighing Group (run by Early Childhood Partnership) | Monday 1st December, 1:30pm | Lakeview Village Hall Runs 1st Thursday of the month Booking required – 0300 323 0245 |
| Christmas Party Night | Friday 2nd December, 7:00pm | The Forest Centre, Marston Moretaine For more information visit; https://www.marstonvale.org/Event/christmas-party-night-friday-2-december-2022 |
| Wixams Winter Wonderland | Saturday 3rd December 2022 | Lakeview Village Hall |
| Play Group (run by Early Childhood Partnership) | Monday 5th December, 9:30am | Lakeview Village Hall Runs 1st & 3rd Monday of the month Term time only |
| Christmas Wreath Workshop | Saturday 10th December 10:00am & 1:00pm | Herring Green Activity Farm, Wistead https://birdsofpreycentre.co.uk/product/christmas-wreath-work-shop-december-10th-10-00/ |
| Christmas Nativity Barn | Saturday 10th December 10.30am & 12.30pm & 14.30pm | Herring Green Activity Farm, Wistead https://birdsofpreycentre.co.uk/product/christmas-nativity-barn-december-10th-10-30-12-30-2-30-2/ |
| | Saturday 11th December 10:30am & 12:30pm & 2:30pm | Herring Green Activity Farm, Wistead https://birdsofpreycentre.co.uk/product/christmas-nativity-barn-december-11th-10-30-12-30-2-30/ |
| Kids Christmas Disco at the Forest Centre | Friday 16th December, 5:00pm | The Forest Centre, Marston Moretaine https://www.marstonvale.org/Event/kids-christmas-disco-16-december-2022 |
| Party with a Princess at Christmas | Tuesday 20th December, 12:00pm | The Forest Centre, Marston Moretaine https://www.marstonvale.org/Event/xmas-princess-party-tuesday-20-december-2022 |
| Wixams Parish Council Meeting | Tuesday 20th December, 7:30pm | Lakeview Village Hall |
| Wixams WI | Wednesday 21st December, 7:45pm | Lakeview Village Hall |

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

Wixams Vixens WI

Come and join us for our next Wixams Vixens WI Meeting on Wednesday 16 November in the Munson Room, Lakeview Village Hall, Brooklands Avenue, Wixams at 19.45 to 21.45. This will be our annual Wreath Making Event. Members £12.50 guests £17.50. All you have to bring is greenery, secateurs or scissors and any extra decorations you might want to use, ribbon, baubles etc.

Look forward to seeing you there.

If you are attending please email WixamsVixensWI@gmail.com



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BROOKLANDS AVENUE, WIXAMS, MK42 6AB

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Wellbeing: Keeping Warm in the Colder Months



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With the rise in the cost of living and increased energy bills many people may find themselves struggling with heating bills and facing tough decisions about when they can afford to heat their home.

In light of the cost of living crisis, Bedford Borough Council in partnership with local voluntary and community groups, has launched its Warm Spaces Network. The aim of the Warm Spaces Network is to offer free, non-judgemental spaces where people can go to stay warm and maybe enjoy some company and a hot drink, or simply spend time reading a magazine or book.

Bedford Borough Council have developed an online directory to help you choose a Warm Space based on location, opening hours and the facilities on offer, such as refreshments, free Wi-Fi, TV, books, magazines and games or you may want to simply spend time chatting with others over a hot drink. Please check opening hours and the different offers before visiting as they will vary.

You can find some of the local facilities listed below.

For a full list of warm spaces visit www.bedford.gov.uk/warm-spaces.

Local libraries are also offering a warm space. For more information on opening times for libraries visit: <https://www.bedford.gov.uk/libraries/your-library/your-local-library-opening-times-facilities-and-activities>

| Venue name, address and contact details | Opening days and times | What is available | Other information |
|--|--|--|--|
| Bedford Beacon, Bedford Wellbeing Centre, 3A Woburn Road, Bedford MK40 1EG <i>elft.recoverycollege@nhs.net</i> | Every Thursday 5.30pm to 9pm | Group activities, one to one support, opportunities to make friends, hot drinks and snacks, chill-out space | |
| Church of the Transfiguration, 132 Bedford Rd, Kempston, Bedford MK42 8BQ 01234 635721 | Monday: 11am to 5pm Tuesday: 9.30am to 5pm Thursday: 9.30am to 5pm | Hot drinks and biscuits available Monday, Tuesday and Thursday – out of café hours as well. Tuesday and Thursday: Free lunch 12pm to 2pm Sunday: Church services may be on | Free Christmas lunch on 25 December from 12pm. Email Andrea@transfigchurch.org or call 07881 046255 to register. |
| St Andrews Church, Kimbolton Road, MK40 2PF 01234 216881 <i>info@standrewsbedford.org</i> | From 31 October: Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm | Hot drinks, money advice, Wi-Fi, sockets for charging mobile devices | Accessible entrance Accessible toilets |
| St Marys Church, Church Lane, Goldington, MK41 0AP (for sat nav use MK41 0HN) 01234 351920 <i>office@stmarygoldington.org.uk</i> | Every Monday 1pm to 3pm | Tea/coffee/refreshments, chat, jigsaws/tombola/games, snack (if required), Wi-Fi, sockets for charging mobile devices | Accessible entrance Accessible toilets |



Wixams Community Group

www.wixams.org/community-group



Wixams Indoor Jumble Sale

www.wixams.org/jumble-sale

**FREE
ENTRY!**

SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2022, 2-4 PM

LAKEVIEW VILLAGE HALL, BROOKLANDS AVENUE, MK42 6AB

**FREE
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£5 PER TABLE

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



Christmas Decorations Competition 2022

www.wixams.org/christmas-competition

It's that time of the year soon and we have joined forces yet again with the Wixams Events Team to run the annual Christmas Decorations Competition. We're looking out for those homes where people have gone the extra mile to make their house look special and we'll be awarding the best one with a hamper full of goodies worth around £100, donated by Co-op Wixams. We look forward to seeing your displays!



To take part in the competition, please register your house on the page above by **11th December**



Wanna get involved in community activities?

Come along to our next committee meeting to find out more about our group and how you can support our amazing community.

We're also looking for judges for the Christmas competition!

**Saturday 19th November
2 pm
Swan Room
Lakeview Village Hall**



WIXAMS COMMUNITY WATCH

NOVEMBER CONTENT BY: NICK EDWARDS

FACEBOOK: WIXAMS COMMUNITY WATCH

EMAIL: WIXAMSCOMMUNITYWATCH@GMAIL.COM

SAFETY WHEN RUNNING

We have now hit that time of year where the nights are drawing in much earlier in the evening. As a runner myself I would typically run trails by following the public footpaths around the farmland that surround Wixams & Wilstead.

This time of year, I tend to change my route completely in favour of more well-lit areas with a flatter terrain.

Running in the darker evenings can not only bring some feelings of uneasiness but also increases the risk of injury. That being said it is a great form of exercise and the lack of sunlight should not deter anyone that wishes to get out.

Wixams is a safe area with clear routes a friendly community spirit and there are usually a good handful of runners out in the evenings. There are a couple of areas around the lakes that have no lighting, but most parts have good street lighting and CCTV. That said here are my top safety tips for running in the winter evenings;

- Invest in a quality headtorch, this is an obvious one to help you see the route ahead.
- Wear clothing with reflective strips as it helps you to be seen by traffic.
- Run with a partner or group.
- Stick to well-lit areas where possible.
- Plan your route in advance.
- If running alone let a family member or friend know your route
- Turn on your phone's safety features, e.g., you can share your location on iPhone via the 'find my' app this allows someone to track where you are in real time.

WIXAMS WINTER WONDERLAND



As a community group we will of course, once again be attending the Wixams Winter Wonderland event. This will be held on December 3rd in the Lakeview area of village 1.

This year we will be holding a raffle for some great prizes to be won just in time for Christmas. You will be able to start collecting raffle tickets now or on the day at our stall. Keep an eye on our Facebook group for more information.

STREET WATCH

The street watch initiative started in January of this year and so far, our volunteers have racked up **152 hours** of walking patrols.

Street Watch welcomes new members all the time, please let us know if you would like to join us by contact Juliet Wright or WCW.

Juliet.Wright@beds.police.uk or contact us at WCW email address above.

CRIME STATS

| | | |
|------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| 19/10/2022 | ASSAULT WITH INJURY | Hedgehog Mead |
| 09/10/2022 | ASSAULT WITH INJURY | Tawny Avenue |
| 03/10/2022 | ASSAULT WITH INJURY | Roe Deer Place |
| 20/10/2022 | ASSAULT WITHOUT INJURY | Green Lane |
| 20/10/2022 | CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO A VEHICLE | Hedgehog Mead |
| 15/10/2022 | HARASSMENT | |
| 04/10/2022 | KIDNAPPING | |
| 03/10/2022 | MALICIOUS COMMUNICATIONS | Bedford Road |
| 18/10/2022 | OBSCENE PUBLICATIONS ETC | |
| 26/10/2022 | OTHER THEFT | Bluewater Quay |
| 20/10/2022 | STALKING | |



We would like to say a big thank you to Barratt Homes for their recent sponsorship.

if you are a local business & would like to know more about sponsoring the Community Watch, please contact us.

JOIN US

The Wixams Community Watch team of volunteers is growing, but we are still open to new members.

It's a great way to contribute to your community, so if you are interested, contact us at the email address at the top of the page or by scanning the QR code



Lakeview Village Hall Activities



f Lakeview Village Hall

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 | 09:30 - 11:00 | Playgroup | Lakeview | | 1st and 3rd Monday of the month (term time) |
| | 16:00 - 17:00 | Shine Theatre School | Munson | Luisa Hodges - 07749 091885 | facebook.com/Shine-Theatre-School shinetheatreschool.co.uk |
| | 17:15 - 18:15 | Rainbows | Munson | | |
| | 18:15 - 19:30 | Brownies | Munson | | |
| | 18:30 - 20:00 | Wixams Tang Soo Do | Lakeview | Nick | facebook.com/WixamsTSD |
| Tuesday | 20:00 - 21:00 | Go box fitness | Lakeview | 07727 113285 | facebook.com/goboxfit |
| | 10:30 - 12:00 | Wixams Community Cafe | Swan | | www.slimmingworld.co.uk/group/558255 |
| | 18:30 - 19:30 | Yoga | Munson | 07825 561569 | www.livyoga.co.uk |
| Wednesday | 18:30 - 19:30 | Christ the Word Ignite Club for yrs 6, 7, 8 and 9 | Lakeview | 07879 716958 | facebook.com/christthewordwixams www.christthewordwixams.org.uk |
| | 17:30 - 20:00 | Irish Dancing | 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 |
| | 16:30 - 17:15 | Entertainia Dance Class Class 1 (4-7 years) | Lakeview | Nina | entertainiatheatreschool@gmail.com |
| | 17:15 - 18:00 | Entertainia Dance Class Class 2 (7-11 years) | Lakeview | | |
| | 18:30 - 19:15 | Go box fitness for kids | Lakeview | 07727 113285 | facebook.com/goboxfit |
| Friday | 18:30 - 19:30 | QI Gong Class Mind-Body-Spirit Exercises | Munson | 07908 006677 | Email: innertherapy@gmail.com |
| | 10:00 - 11:00 | Little Stars | Swan | | |
| | 18:00 - 20:00 | Scouts | Lakeview | | facebook.com/1stwixamscouting www.1stwixamsscouts.org.uk |
| Saturday | 19:00 - 20:45 | AA | Munson | | |
| | 09:15 - 10:00 | Shine Theatre School | Munson | Louisa Hodges - 07749 091885 | 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 | 09:45 - 11:15 | AA | Munson | | |
| | 10:30 - 11:30 | Christ the Word Church Services | Lakeview | | |
| | 15:00 - 16:00 | Christ the Word Sunday Club For children aged 4-10 years | Munson | Alan - 07879 716958 | facebook.com/christthewordwixams www.christthewordwixams.org.uk |

Play & Learn

0-5 years

1st & 3rd Monday of the month
(term time only)

Lakeview village hall
155-160 Brooklands Avenue
Wixams
Mk42 6BE

*We ask for a contribution towards the hall hire

See our full timetable here!

Booking required
0300 323 0245

Self-Weighing Group

1:30 - 3:00pm
1st Thursday of the month

Lakeview village hall
155-160 Brooklands Avenue
Wixams
Mk42 6BE

Baby area available if you want to stay and play

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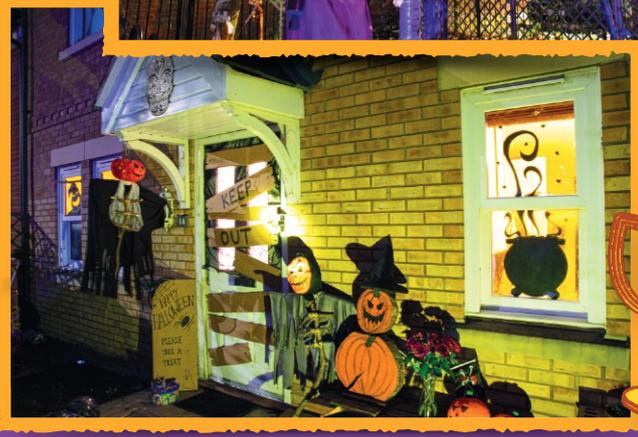


Another Halloween has passed in Wixams and the atmosphere of magic and spooky business everywhere, the creativity of decorations and costumes, and the generosity of our community and their tubs of sweets made the evening of 31st October very special again. The decorated homes all around had so much ingenuity and originality, that it was difficult for our competition judges to pick one winner!

1ST PRIZE



We are pleased to announce that this year's winner is the Smith family on Pheasant Grove! We were wowed by the sheer number of props they had created and the overall effect was something really spooky and special. The props, including a giant spider in the tree, were mostly hand made from bits of old wood and bin liners. The result was a really impressive display. We hope they enjoy the prize, a big 2-part hamper worth £100, which was kindly donated by Welcome Co-op. Congratulations!



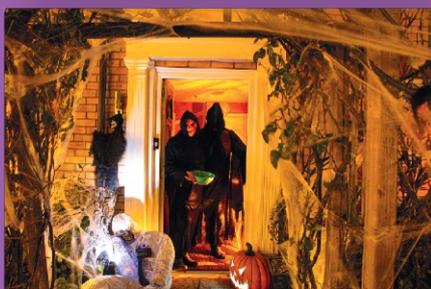
We want to thank all of the participants in this year's competition for their hard work. This year really was exceptional and we saw some particularly fantastic new ideas! Please visit the webpage above for our writeup and more photos.

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Here are photos of the other 15 competitors and their fantastic Halloween creations!



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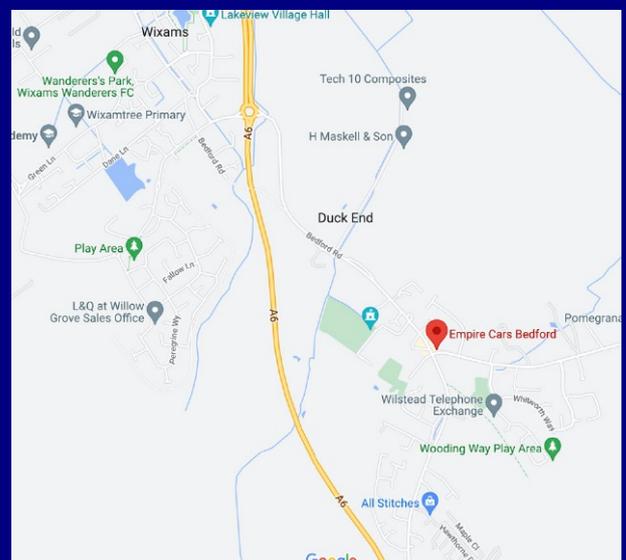
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November Garden Update

by Deirdre Wilcock

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



November is the month to make the most of any late Autumn colour. It's been fairly mild start to Autumn this year so you may be still lucky to have some flowers in your garden such as roses and Nerines.

Whilst plant growth slows, now is the time to take stock and think about the garden for next year. Are your plants where you want them to be? Have they own grown their space? Early November is the perfect month to have a jiggle about in the garden and revamp the space ready for next year. Plants can be moved and re-homed whilst dormant. November is also a great time of year to grab a bargain. Many garden centres have hugely marked down plants as they make way for their stock currently growing for next year.

It's all in the preparation

This month is all about getting prepared. Whilst the garden goes to sleep it's time for you to get ready for next years garden. If you haven't already done so then get your bulbs planted for Spring. You have up until December to plant Spring flowering bulbs but as the year draws to a close the ground will become more waterlogged and even frozen making it difficult to dig and plant. Clean up the greenhouse if your lucky enough to own one, clean out pots and seed trays ready for next year. Sharpen and disinfect any tools and just have a good old tidy up. Don't forget the lawnmower, it's likely the blade will need sharpening and book it in for service if it's required. November is ideal for planting bare-root stock. From November onwards bare-root stock becomes available. Bare-root is where the plant is dormant and comes just as it is (not in a pot with soil as you would typically see in the garden centre throughout the year) Bare-root is much more cost effective way of buying plants such as shrubs, trees and roses. If you want to plant several trees or start a hedge this is a great cost effect way to do it.

My top 5 star plants for November:

- **Viburnum x bodnantense 'Charles Lamont'** - pink blossom which can flower from October right through winter. Sweetly scented
- **Miscanthus sinensis 'Graziella'** Perennial grass make a delightful autumnal display with it's arching leaves
- **Euonymus alatus**- dense, bushy deciduous shrub with bright fruits and leaves
- **Cortaderia selloana 'Sunningdale Silver'**- Pampas grass. Feathery, silver/white plumes.
- **Cimicifuga simplex 'White Pearl'** - Autumn flowering herbaceous perennial

Tasks for November:

- Clean out bird boxes of old nesting material, this will encourage birds to nest again next year
- Clear leaves off your lawn to prevent pest and diseases setting up camp over the winter. Keep the leaves and make leafmould or put them on your border but keep them away from the base of your plants. Leaves will break down and provide a really good FREE soil conditioner
- Check and stake trees ready for the winter gales
- Try to keep off the lawn as much as possible over winter especially when it's frozen
- Divide overgrown perennials
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