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WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

Opening of the Peace Wood

The official opening of the Peace Wood will take place at **11.00 am on Monday, 17th November**, the anniversary of William Coltman's birth. In attendance will be the Mayor, Cllr Ron Clarke, representatives from the Mercian Regiment and the Burton Branch of the British Legion, pupils from Rangemore and Tower View schools and members of the Salvation Army Band. The grandchildren of William Coltman will cut the ribbon and declare the Peace Wood Open and the Mayor will unveil the first of five plaques dedicated to each of the years 1914 to 1918.



First World War Exhibition

To coincide with the opening of the Peace Wood on 17th November, two exhibitions will be launched at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

One of the exhibitions will be about William Coltman – his life story as well as his military deeds. Included in this will be a book of Coltman memories to which I will welcome contributions.

The second exhibition is about all the men of Winshill who died in WW1 - not just those who are on the Roll of Honour in Winshill Church. It will tell their stories, where they lived, their occupations and about their families. (You may well find long lost relatives among those mentioned).

The exhibitions will be on portable display boards and will be available for anyone interested in local history to borrow (schools, pubs, care homes, shops etc.) or where there are groups meeting.

Over the next four years, commemorating WW1, they can be booked by contacting me, Margaret Fletcher on **568218** or e-mail m.fletcher99@btinternet.com

We Will Remember Them

From time to time over the next four years we will list men of Winshill who gave their lives in the Great War.

Charles Edward Harvey RN - died 13th October 1914 (age 25) as a result of revolver accident
Arthur James Cliffe RN – died 1st November, 1914 (age 26) when his ship sank at the Battle of Jutland

Charles Ernest Goodhead (Sth Staffs Regiment) – died 10th March 1915 (age 29) killed in action in France

Frank Taylor (North Staffs Regiment) – died 6th June 1915 (age 32) killed in action in France

Hugh Henry O'Sullivan (North Staffs Regiment) – died June 1915 (age 27) killed in action in France



WINSHILL NEWS—MORE WINS FOR WINSHILL IN 2014!!

RHS Heart of England in Bloom Awards Gold to Winshill

After three years of trying Winshill finally achieved the Gold standard in the Royal Horticultural Society's *Heart of England in Bloom* Urban Community category. Judges were particularly impressed with

- the baskets and planters in the *Grow It and Eat It* allotment area at the Resource Centre
- the Coltman VC Memorial Peace Wood
- the perennial beds and hanging baskets around Winshill
- plant workshops in conjunction with the Greenhouse Centre
- Dale Brook woodland walk and I-Spy Nature Trail leaflets
- Winshill Parish Council signs
- the Parish Lengthsman and the cleanliness and absence of litter
- Parish newsletter
- High level of engagement with local schools
- Grow it and Eat it fruit and vegetable recipe books



RHS Community Achievement Award

The judges also awarded Winshill a Community Achievement Award for its Coltman VC Peace Wood. In presenting the award the judges commented

"This project, which commemorates the bravery of William Coltman VC, has transformed an area of open space into woodland which includes 94 silver birch trees – one for each of the Winshill men who died in World War 1. It also contains a meadow area with poppies planted by volunteers and interpretation boards containing information on William Coltman (a stretcher bearer who never fired a shot but is the most decorated NCO of the Great War) and the roll of honour featuring the names of the 94 men who were killed in action. The site also has containers planted with roses provided by residents to remember relatives who fought in the war. Visiting the Peace Wood was a humbling and poignant experience."

Winshill In Bloom Presentation Evening

Groups and individuals who entered this years In Bloom competition had an enjoyable evening at the Resource Centre where they received there award certificates from the Mayor Cllr Ron Clarke.

The overall winners in each category also received a trophy and £50 in gardening vouchers. This year's winners were:-

- ◊ Best Floral Feature by a commercial group – Anglesey Arms
- ◊ Best Floral Feature by a non-commercial group Elizabeth Court
- ◊ Adopt a Tub – Winshill Guides (pictured right)
- ◊ Best Floral Feature by an individual – Joint Winners – Liz and Andrew O'Mahoney and Wendy Pryde



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RECYCLING IN WINSHILL

Report by Borough Councillor Dennis Fletcher

ESBC is to introduce a Waste and Recycling Communication Strategy to help improve the quality of recycling in the borough. The aim is to educate people on the correct use of bins in order to improve the quality of recycled materials.

The main problems in some areas are: -

Putting incorrect materials in the blue and brown bins

Putting the wrong bins out

Overfilling bins or putting extra waste in bags outside the bins

Not taking part in recycling

As the Borough Council receives an income from its recycled materials and the amount received depends on the quality of that material, it is very important that the bins are not contaminated with inappropriate items. Winshill is not on the list of areas to be targeted so "Congratulations Winshill. Keep up the good work."

Provision for Young People

You will be aware of recent announcements regarding the County Council's decision to close our Youth Clubs and Children Centres. The Parish Council has expressed concern regarding the impact that the loss of provision might have in the area of Winshill. We await the outcome of consultation on these issues.

In the meantime, County Councillor Wileman assured the Parish Council at the October meeting that the Children's Centres at Winshill Village School and the Resource Centre will not be amongst those due to close.

Bright Futures

Pop UK Performance by Winshill schoolchildren



The Parish Council helped to fund a Bright Futures event at Abbot Beyne School. This involved performances from the three primary schools in Winshill (Holy Rosary, Tower View and Winshill Village) in a programme of pop songs which had been specially written for them by a group calling themselves "Pop UK".

Pop UK taught the children at their respective schools and then brought them together at Abbot Beyne for the concerts performed in front of parents, teachers, parish councillors and friends. On the evenings of Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 October children from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 stunned and delighted the audience with their enthusiasm and sheer joy of performance. It was a thoroughly emotional experience to watch over 200 children singing and dancing, and the Parish Council is pleased to have supported such a worthwhile event that was so obviously enjoyed by all.#

Overgrown paths not tended by anyone? Not sure who to call?

If any of these statements apply to areas of public land near to your house then we want to know.

Often it is the case that the local authorities are unsure of who should cut what and when and if the local authorities are made aware of these disputed areas then action can be taken.

We want your help to collate a collection of these areas in a series of photos so that we can investigate and inform the appropriate authorities.

So if you have an area of land in mind that isn't tended or perhaps presents a challenge to pushchairs or wheelchairs please contact us with your photos and any other information that you might have.

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Grants to Local Organisations

Over the course of this year the Parish Council have given grants to the following organisations to help support their work within the community:

Epworth House

Sanctuary Supported Living

Bright futures

Autumn Days

Winshill Parish Football Club

Wheatley Lane Allotments Association

If your organisation would like to apply for a grant towards a project that benefits members of the community in Winshill you can find a Grant Application form on the Parish Council website at www.Winshill.info



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Resource Centre News

We are now a collection point for the Salvation Army and people can drop donations of food/dried products and toiletries off at the centre reception.

The Royal Voluntary services have started an over 50s Luncheon Club every Wednesday from 12 o'clock. If you want further information or would like to come please ring Kim Smith, Centre Coordinator on 01283 740871 to book a place.

Winshill Parish FC is collecting for a Treat Hamper for The Burton Patient Chemotherapy Ward. The team, which was set up in memory of Roy Yeomans, who lost his battle with lung cancer, fundraise especially for those suffering from cancer. Last year they made a donation towards a recliner chair for the ward and this year the hamper will help to provide cakes/ sweets/puzzle books etc for patients who have to spend many hours having chemo during the Christmas period. If anyone would like to donate anything please drop it off at the centre - Thank you.

The annual Christmas party for the children of Winshill will be on Saturday 13th December. Further information will be provided closer to the time.

Children's Christmas Competitions

Would you like to enter our Christmas competition and/or prize draw? If so please **(1) complete the quiz** below and **(2) draw or paint something Christmassy**. Bring these to the Neighbourhood Resource centre by **13th December 2014**. Drawings will be put on display at the Centre and judged on 18th December at the Parish Council Meeting when the prize draw will also take place.

Where does Santa live?

What colour is Rudolf's nose?

Who helps Santa make the toys?

Who was born on Christmas Day?

Where was Jesus born?

How many Wise Men were there?

Name and Age:

Parent/Guardian:

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Report from the Chairman

Welcome to this our twenty sixth edition of the Winshill Parish Council Newsletter. 2014 has been another busy year for the Parish Council and we are pleased to bring you news of more awards and recognition for the work we do to improve our community. We are delighted that this month sees the formal opening of the Coltman Peace Wood.

We hope you enjoy our newsletter. The next edition is due in April 2015. Any contributions from local organisations or the people of Winshill would be gratefully received by the Editorial Team.

Councillor Ian North