

Winshill Parish Council leads the way on litter

Another first for Winshill. We have appointed a lengthsman, Steve Stone, who will become a familiar face around the area as he carries out his environmental duties. His job is to keep Winshill clean and tidy, initially keeping the streets free of litter and graffiti, and as his role develops maintaining the verges and green areas.

We believe that no other parish council in the town has provided this service for its residents. Already several shoppers have recognised Steve in his yellow jacket, which says Winshill Parish Council on the back, and come up with helpful suggestions. In order to help make Winshill a place that we can be proud of Mr Stone's role will develop over time as the council takes on the responsibilities at a local level for providing those services needed to make Winshill a cleaner and tidier place.



Pictured are Parish Council Chairman Dennis Fletcher, Janet Dean, Councillor Jim Muir and the new lengthsman Steve Stone.

Borough Council News/Ward Action Service Plan (WASP)

Your local East Staffordshire Borough councillors have put the WASP scheme monies to a number of good uses:

- Contribution towards Bulk Waste collections. See page 4 for details
- A path has been built in Newton Road and Wheatley Lane recreational grounds
- A barbeque area is being built in Newton

Road Recreational Ground.

Work on both recreational grounds should be starting soon including refurbishment of the toilets in Newton Road.

The next WASPs meeting will be held at Bend Oak School at 6.30 pm on 23rd June. Please come along with your ideas on how to spend your councillors' annual allocation.

County Councillor Jim Muir looks back over the last 24 years

"Back in 1981 Abbot Beyne's Chadwick Building stood in Mill Hill Lane where The Greenway is now, and although it was only 15 years old, it was subsiding and had to be demolished. Winshill Infants had outside toilets, and in the winter I used to receive calls from the caretaker asking permission for the school to close as the cisterns were frozen. I remember the state of Buckingham Court, where residents used to have polythene sheets fixed over the balconies to stop the freezing winds penetrating the metal window frames. But it wasn't winter all the time, and during the summer our Youth Service used to organise a fishing competition opposite the Sump Hole, at about the same time that the Abbot Beyne held a fair organised by the parents.

Things weren't too bad then, but they're a lot better now. Our schools are performing better than ever, with GCSE results climbing, and the fabric of the buildings being repaired and modernised. Recently I have been pleased to oversee the greatest shake-up of library services for the past 40 years, introducing a mobile library to Winshill and the complete refurbishment of the Burton Library. I know that the years ahead will see the Parish Council generate real benefits for the people of Winshill, and look forward to the challenge."

Playgroup expands

Winshill Pre-School Playgroup is based at the site of Tower View Primary School but operates independently & is a registered charity. It has been providing pre-school education for 3-4 year olds since 1967. It offers Full Day Care & has 48 children registered .

It is expanding even further from September 2005 to accommodate almost double the number of pre-school age children. The proposals include:

1. Hiring an additional room to meet the increase in numbers.
2. Refurbishing & equipping this new Playgroup room.
3. Building toilet facilities in existing Playgroup room.
4. Increasing staff numbers to accommodate almost double the current number of children.
5. Building on existing links with Tower View school & improving the children's transition from Playgroup to Tower View Reception classes by using the services of the local primary school's Early Years practitioners in a fixed term consultancy role.

For more information contact Amanda Millington Tel: 07778 462866

New Primary School for Winshill

Bend Oak Junior and Winshill Infants will amalgamate in September, and the new school, **Winshill Village Primary**, will have a Nursery attached. There are lots of exciting ideas for building and refurbishment on the Bend Oak site. The new buildings may not be ready for September so the Infants and the Nursery will be temporarily housed on the existing Infants site.

Parents wishing to enrol their children for the nursery should contact Tina Shakles at Winshill Infants School (Tel: 239526)

Primary School Events

TOWER VIEW

SUMMER FAYRE JUNE 24 6PM-8PM

WINSHILL INFANTS

SPRING FAYRE FRIDAY 29TH APRIL 2.30-4.30PM

MAY DAY PARADE FRIDAY MAY 6TH AT 10AM

BEND OAK

SUMMER FAYRE SATURDAY JUNE 18TH 12-4PM

ELIZABETH COURT OPEN DAY SATURDAY 4TH JUNE AT ELIZABETH COURT AND BEND OAK SCHOOL

New Headteacher for Abbot Beyne

In February, Abbot Beyne bade a fond farewell to its headteacher, Mr David Marriot. The school is grateful for Mr Marriot's strong leadership during his seven year reign; it was his drive which resulted in the school becoming a specialist Art College. We wish him well in his new position as Deputy Director of Education for Nottinghamshire.

His successor, Mrs Christine Thompson took

up the post immediately after Easter. She returns to the school having left ten years ago when she was known as Christine Daniels. Now she has gained a wealth of experience in Headship and the Inspectorate. We have eagerly awaited her arrival and look forward to another exciting phase in the history of the school.

Margaret Fletcher
Chair of Governors

Your local representatives



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Jim Muir
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Borough Councillor
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Borough Councillor
Ann White
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WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Winshill Parish Council meets on the 4th Thursday of each month, except August and December, at Bend Oak School starting at 7.30 p.m..

If you are interested in seeing local democracy in action then please come along. There is a short session at the start of each meeting where members of the public can make their views known.

Your Parish Councillors are : -

Fran Bartram	533190
David Bartram	512547
Mike Costello	566801
Dennis Fletcher	568218
Margaret Fletcher	568218
Mike Gale	562161
Jim Muir	544477
Ram Patel	535336
Peter Rose	536545
John Scotland	562831
Ann White	512660

Bulk Waste

BULKY WASTE COLLECTION

Struggling to dispose of that large bulky item? Do you need some help?

After the success of the scheme last year, your Borough Councillors, Pat Hancox, Ann White and Dennis Fletcher have used some of their money from the WASP initiative to offer the residents of Winshill a FREE collection of up to 4 large items –

Electrical Goods, e.g. fridges/freezers, televisions

Furniture, e.g. bed/mattress, 3 piece suite, table, cupboard

Cardboard (dry and clean)

NB: 3 piece suite will count as 3 items.

We will not take rubble or any other waste not listed above. Nor will we take garden waste which should be placed in the brown bin provided for this service where it will go for composting and to help the environment.

COLLECTION WILL BE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Please ring 0800 269098 to arrange your free collection or write to:

Waste Management (Winshill WASP), East Staffordshire Borough Council, FREEPOST DY834, BURTON UPON TRENT, Staffordshire DE14 1BR

or email us at waste.management@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk, marking your e-mail WINSHILL WASP INITIATIVE in the subject box.

Please contact before FRIDAY 20th May to reserve a booking.

Community News

Winshill Housing Office will be closing at the end of March 2006 and will become available for community use from that date. If your organisation is in need of premises why not come along to a meeting to discuss the future use of the office at 7pm on Monday 16th May 2005 at Bend Oak Junior School, or contact Councillor Ann White.

Welcome to Winshill is a local community group that brings people together who live, school or work in the local area. To date the group has established a variety of activities including a 50+ Stretch and Relaxation class, a Health Walk that runs every Thursday at 10.00 am outside the Community Café on Hawfield Lane. The walks are short walks around the local community and the current walker and Walk Leaders would like more company, so pop along if you can. A Neighbourhood Watch project has also taken place where households were issued with a marker pen to identify property and safety information.

The group provides an opportunity for information sharing for organisations working in the local community such as East Staffordshire Borough Council, the Health Centre, SARAC, Churches and community groups to tell people what is going on in the local community.

If you would like to join the group or have some ideas of what you would like to see in your area please contact:

Sara Turner-Sutton, Community Health Development Officer, East Staffordshire Borough Council on (01283) 505 917.

Collection of Large items

The next collection day and date will be Saturday 14 May 2005. The first stop will be at North Street Car Park opposite The Queens Chip Shop from 9am to 11.20am. The last stop will be at Empire Road in the Central Parking areas from 11.30am to 2pm. Residents are asked to take their rubbish to the vehicle when it is there and not before. No rubbish should be left before the times stated. The following items cannot be included in the collection: Fridges/Freezers, Paints, Oils, Liquid Waste, Asbestos, Tyres or any Hazardous Materials.

Advertising Rates

To advertise in a future edition of this newsletter contact Steve Taylor on 704178. Rates based on £50 for a quarter page

Scouts, Cubs and Beavers

The 22nd Burton (St Marks) Scout Group meet weekly at their headquarters in Church Hill Street next to the Church Hall. Over two nights a variety of scouting sessions are run, providing a balanced programme of activities tailored to suit the ages of the young people involved. The weekly timetable of meetings is: -

Beavers (boys and girls aged between 5.5 and 8) on Wednesday between 6.15 and 7.30pm.

Denise Grice is the Beaver Section Leader (Narla) and can be contacted on (01283) 512450.

Cubs (boys and girls aged between 8 and 10.5) on Tuesday between 6.30 and 8pm. Sue Duffill is the Cub Section Leader (Akela) and can be contacted on (01283) 512450.

Scouts (boys and girls between 10.5 and 14) on Tuesday between 7 and 9pm.

Mike Griffin is the Scout Section Leader (Skip) and can be contacted on (01283) 561079.

In addition to the weekly sessions, each group is involved in many scouting activities, including camping, tobogganing, hiking, swimming, cycling, mountaineering, first aid, abseiling and shooting to name but a few.

For more information you can call a leader, drop in to the scout headquarters or visit the web

www.22ndscoutgroup.org.uk.

Activities for Children in

Winshill

'Schools Out' and 'Weekenders' projects are run by ESBC and funded by the Children's Fund. Both projects create over 15 hours of free activity in Winshill per week for children aged 8-13. Since February 2004 over 120 children in Winshill have taken part. Activities for Schools Out are sports and arts based.

Weekenders are gardening based. Both groups are working towards improving teamwork, self-esteem and confidence of the participating children.

Weekenders

Meet at Winshill Health Centre 11am

Schools Out

Tues 3.30-5.30pm Tower View

Thurs 3.30-5.30pm Bend Oak

Fri 3.30-5.30pm Abbot Beyne

Sports Clubs

Winshill Cricket Club is looking forward to another season, with the first eleven looking to consolidate their position in the Premier Division of the Burton and District Cricket League. Following a steady season in the second division in 2004, the second eleven will look to improve in the months ahead. The main focus this year will be on the long awaited ground improvements. The levelling of the outfield will transform the playing surface, removing the bumps and hollows and providing an excellent playing surface both for the Club itself and for visiting teams. Once completed, the work will also help the Club to achieve its ambition of promoting "Kwik Cricket" with the very young players, not only within the Club but also at the local primary schools.

The proposed return fixture against the England Women Cricket Team is provisionally booked for Thursday 2nd June, with proceeds being allocated to a charity supporting research into "cot deaths". On Monday July 11th, we are holding our annual Sportsman's Dinner, and we are pleased to announce that this year the former Australian fast bowler Merv Hughes will be the main speaker, with radio and TV announcer John Inverdale acting as compere. Should you wish to know more about the Club and view its 2005 fixture list, please visit our web site at www.winshillcc.co.uk or call Tim Mallender on (01283) 531915.

Winshill Bowls Club play on the green behind the Anglesey Arms public house, which was opened in 1908. The 2005 season started on 9th April and the club welcomes new members. If you are interested in trying your hand at the sport ring Arthur Emmerson on 534085.

St Mark's Parish Church, Winshill

Services are held at church every Sunday.
 8am, Holy Communion (a said service).
 10.15am, Family Communion,(with singing).
 On 1st 3rd & 4th Sundays in the month.
 Family service on 2nd Sunday of month (with some exceptions, please watch the magazine and notice board).
 6pm in summer, evensong on 1st 3rd & 4th Sundays. Evening Eucharist Holy Communion on 2nd Sundays.
 Children's church meets at 10.15am in church on Sundays. Refreshments are served after 10.15am service in church and the

10.15am service in church hall on Wednesdays.
 Parish magazine published every month price 25p with update news of events in parish. It is available in church and at Metro, (now Co-op), Melbourne Ave shop, (previously post office), and at PT news.

Forthcoming Events

May 7th 7.30pm. "40's Night" in church hall.
 May 15th -21st Christian Aid Week, house to house collection.

Winshill Methodist Church

Winshill Methodist Church in High Bank Road.

Sunday Services are held at 10.45 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. Sunday School runs alongside the morning service. There is a Communion Service at 6:45 p.m. every Friday evening. We have a monthly Children's Club (5-11year olds), a fortnightly Women's Meeting, a Bible Study & Prayer Group and a weekly Toddler Group. The Circuit Youth Fellowship and the Circuit Choir meet at the church. A warm welcome awaits you. For more information about any of the above activities please contact Rev'd Julie Coates 568512 or Deacon Anne Howard 564439.

Winshill Gospel Hall

Winshill Gospel Hall Hawfield Lane

The Gospel Hall has a number of activities to suit all ages. For children there is the tots and dots group which meets each Thursday from 9.15am.
 Sunday School is at 3.45pm. Choruses, Quizzes and prizes. On a Sunday a Gospel meeting is held at 6.30pm, and on the fourth Sunday at 6pm.
 For the senior citizens there is a tea held every two months. The dates for the next two teas are May 15th and July 24th.
 All are welcome to these activities.

Catholic Churches

Holy Rosary

Weekend Mass 6.30 Saturday
 Holyday Mass 9.30 (term time)
 19.30

St Joseph the Worker

Sunday Masses 9.30
 18.30
 Holyday mass 9.30 (School holidays)

Mercia Cycling Club *by Councillor Peter Rose*

Many of you will have seen me cycling around Winshill so I have written something about the Mercia Cycling Club of which I have been a member since its foundation in 1965. The roots of the Club are to be found in the amalgamation of the old Rykneld Road Club, the Swadlincote Wheelers and the Overseal Cycling Club. We choose the title of Mercia as the nearby town of Repton was once the capital of the Saxon kingdom of the same name. Our headquarters are at the Shobnall Sports and Social Club where we run a regular series of events including quizzes, talks, slide shows, roller races and skittles evenings.

From October to April we have a regular Sunday morning run, starting at the Town Hall. The winter months see our reliability trials through the pleasant country roads west of Burton, and as the nights lighten we begin our time trials around the villages of Anslow and Yoxall. Some of the time trials are handicapped so that the slower riders have a chance of winning trophies or medals, which are presented at our annual dinner in February. Spring and Summer is a pretty full time, with 25 mile time trials organised in April and June, and rides of up to 200 kilometres with our colleagues of the Burton Cyclist's Touring Club.

Understandably, all who complete these runs through Derbyshire, Staffordshire, Leicestershire and Warwickshire within the qualifying time receive a medal.

Not all of our rides are quite so gruelling, and this summer we are organising a series of Saturday rides for novice cyclists, following on from the successful community bike ride of 10 miles funded by way of a County Council grant. That day saw over 30 riders of all ages, (including a baby boy in a child's seat), leave from the gates of St Mark's Church to ride through Stapenhill and through the Washlands to Stretton before rising to Anslow before returning via Henhurst Hill. For those of you who may enjoy an alternative form of bike riding, we are looking to organise a cyclo cross event in July, as part of our 40th Anniversary celebrations.

Should you be interested in taking part in this or joining in any other of our activities, please ring me on (01283) 536545.



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Winshill Parish Council are interested in your views on your parish, your council and this newsletter. Please add your comments below and send them to the Editor, Councillor Dennis Fletcher, 114 Wheatley Lane, Burton upon Trent, DE15 ODX.

Comments:-

Name, address, and phone number (optional):-

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Editorial

Welcome to this the first newsletter of Winshill Parish Council.

Winshill Parish Council exists for the benefit of the people of Winshill. Its aim is to make Winshill a better place to live in and for that we need your help. We need your suggestions as to what we can do for you to help improve your environment.

A list of your parish councillors is on page 3. Please feel free to contact them if you feel they can help you or if you have any suggestions as to how they can improve Winshill. Alternatively you can fill in the reply slip on page 7 or contact the Parish Clerk, Steve Taylor. Better still, come along to Parish Council Meetings – you will be most welcome and will have an opportunity to have your say.

Most of you will have seen our new lengthsman, Steve Stone as he moves around the parish trying to keep it clean. Steve carries a notebook around with him to make a note of any problems he encounters such as graffiti or vandalism and would be grateful for you to point out anything he may have missed. We would welcome your ideas on how we might make best use of Steve's talents or expand his role.

The Parish Council does have a small amount of money to give away as grant aid to clubs and organisations working for the benefit of the people of Winshill. Application forms can be obtained from the Parish Clerk.

We also have a small amount of money for improvements or developments in Winshill. Your views on how we can use this money would, again, be welcomed. Recently we formed a partnership with the Borough Council and the Community Centre Management Committee to fund the new path on Winshill Recreation Ground.

It is our intention to produce this newsletter on an annual basis for delivery to every household in the parish. There will be three other newsletters each year and these will be available in local shops, churches, schools, etc. If you wish to contribute to a future edition of the newsletter please contact the Parish Clerk.

Dennis Fletcher Chair of the Parish Council

Winshill Parish Council Website

Winshill Parish Council now has its own web site. Please check out the facility at www.winshill.com. It is intended to share all information of local interest across the Internet. Currently there are general contact details plus a Notice Board. To add any details or news about any