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WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Parish Paragons in The National Forest

Throughout 2005 The National Forest Company will be celebrating its first decade of spearheading the creation of a new forest for the nation.

They would like to arrange special trees to be planted in honour of those "Parish Paragons" who, in the opinion of their local community have given special service to that parish in some capacity. The Parish Council has been asked to nominate someone who they feel has put particular effort into the community which is appreciated and whom we would like to see thanked in this way.

It is proposed to hold a special tree-planting event at a National Forest Company site in December to which invitations will be sent to all "Parish Paragons" and a special Certificate presented.

If you have someone you would like to nominate please contact the Clerk, Steve Taylor on 01283 704178 or e-mail to clerk@winshill.com



Mobile Skate Park

The Parish Council in conjunction with the Borough Council through its WASPS initiative have arranged for the hire of a mobile skate park for children in Winshill during the summer holidays. This will be located at Newton Road Recreation Ground from 10am until 4pm on Monday 1st August, Thursday 18th August and Wednesday 31st August.

The facility is professionally installed, fully insured and supported by accredited youth support workers.

The sessions are free for all children so hurry along kids and make the most of the opportunity to learn and show off your skills!

Summer Fun for Youngsters in Winshill

Sport East Staffs are encouraging youngsters from the Winshill area to come along and join in the holiday fun. There are three exciting programmes this year for 6-16 year olds.

The famous Sport in the Hood will be on every Monday except Bank Holiday from 11am-3pm at Newton Park. This free session is run by qualified sports coaches; the children register on the day and take part in a variety of activities like rounders, football, team skiing, tri-golf and parachute games. Just come along, give it a go!

Busy Bees is for the youngest members of the family and is aimed at 4-7 year olds, lots of fun and games to keep them occupied and make new friends. Join us at Winshill Methodist Church Hall on 31st August 2pm-3pm. Why not come to Playday at the Washlands on August 3rd 12noon- 3pm and meet all the other Busy Bees? We are having bouncy castles, arts and crafts, mini Olympics, face painting, games and lots more; all free; just behind Meadowside Leisure Centre, only a little walk from where you live! The Children's Fund project, School's Out, continues into the Summer, so for those who have already registered, you know you shouldn't miss out. Every Tuesday it's sport, on Wednesdays you can take part in the dance and drama and Thursdays give the multi-sport, games and fun a try out. It is from 11am-3pm each of the days at Tower View Primary School. See you there.

For a Sport East Staffs Summer Programme call 01283 505910.

Interested in playing Badminton?

Winshill Badminton Club meets on Monday nights at Tower View School and welcomes new members of all ages and abilities. Please phone Dave on 01283 542379

THIS NEWSLETTER
INCLUDES A 4 MILE
CIRCULAR WALK
AROUND WINSHILL



Church News

Harvest Festivals

11th September, 10.15am, St Marks Church.

25th September, 10.45am, Winhill Methodist Church.

At the evening services (6.00 pm) the congregations will worship together on 11th September at St Marks and 25th September at Winhill Methodist Church. All are welcome.

26th September, Harvest Supper 6.30pm, Winhill Methodist Church.

Resurfacing work

It is hoped that this Summer the drive and car park in St Marks churchyard will be resurfaced. If anyone would like to contribute to the cost, donations would be welcome. Contact Dr Mills on 565929.

Bingo resumes, after the Summer break, at St Marks church hall on Wednesday September 21st, eyes down 7-30pm. Come and join us.

The Winhill Gospel Hall on Hawfield Lane, warmly invites all OAPs to come along and have tea at the Gospel Hall on Sunday, September 18th at 5pm.

Join us and enjoy a free tea and sing some old favourite hymns.

Also from September 12th – 16th inclusive 7-8pm each evening there is a kids club. All kids are welcome !!!

Plenty of prizes and sweets to be won and quizzes to enjoy.

Winhill Methodist Church have organised a series of events over the coming months to raise funds in order to redevelop their premises including

Oct 8th. "50's, 60's & 70's Evening"

Oct 15th Craft Fair at 2pm.

Mime Workshop & Concert

Steve Murray, who uses the art of mime to portray the gospel message, is coming to Paulet School, Stapenhill on Saturday 17th September.

At 2pm there will be a Mime Workshop for those aged between 11 and 101 who want to learn more about this art form.

This will be followed at 7.30pm by a Concert. Tickets £4 (children £2). All welcome - These events are not to be missed!!!

For more information/tickets contact 568512.

School News

Abbott Beyne School is delighted that further building work has commenced, which will enhance the learning resources for our students. By Christmas the replacement window programme, new student toilets and new drama block will be completed. Whilst over in Linnel Building one of the original science labs will be refurbished.

We were delighted that Daniel Leathers, a year 11 pupil, has received a Princess of Wales award for his contribution to the School Community in leading the School Council.

The highly regarded Beyne Upbeat Jazz Group is joining the Burton Youth Jazz Band for a visit to Salzburg, where they will perform at a number of venues in the area.

Congratulations to all involved.

Christine Thompson Headteacher

Winhill Village Primary School

The new primary school, formerly Winhill Infants School and Bend Oak Junior School will be one form entry (210 pupils on roll). The school will provide excellent primary education, with completely modernised, space age facilities including a computer suite, and interactive whiteboards and internet access in every classroom. The proposed Early Years facilities will provide complete wrap around care in brand new purpose built accommodation including baby facilities, mother and toddler group, pre-school playgroup and nursery. In addition the school will provide a breakfast club and a commitment to outdoor educational visits.

Make Poverty History

by Rev. Julie Coates Methodist Minister

My family (husband Neville, children Rachel, 16, and Duncan, 13) and I went to Edinburgh for the MakePovertyHistory March. We travelled by train. It was amazing to see the massive 'human' white band around the centre of the city and to be part of the minute's silence there at 3pm. We wore white clothing and took with us strips of white material with messages written on them by members of the local Methodist Churches. The messages were added to a massive display which was taken to the G8 leaders .

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I feel very conscious that 'MakePovertyHistory' or 'Drop the Debt' are not magic words - it's not like saying 'Abracadabra' and whoosh, everything's all right. Yes, we hope that the 8 hours of protest on the 2nd July will help to change the minds of 8 men and the lives of 800 million people. But, the real challenge is - are we willing to 'live more simply so that others may simply live'. Afterwards, the priority will be to ensure that appropriate aid goes to where it is most needed and not into the pockets of corrupt leaders.

We were extremely pleased that the 'Protest' was peaceful (as was the intention) . We pray that the outcome will be life changing!

Rev. Julie Coates

A WALK AROUND WINSHILL

This walk is described by a Winshill resident and is 4 miles long and takes approximately 2 hours to complete. It is often on grass and not on an even surface and may be narrowed by the lush growth of the trees and undergrowth. It is a circular walk and can be joined at any place on the route. There are three pubs en-route for refreshments- but allow more time for this!

1. Corner of Hawfield Lane and Sales Lane, near the shops. Turn down Sales Lane and walk past the rear of Bend Oak School Playing Fields to just past the last house in the road on the left.
2. Take the footpath which runs through a wooded area at the rear of the houses in Newton Leys until it opens out into a field. Keeping close to the rear gardens of Cherry Leys, find an opening in the hedge which joins the access road to the Mount Pleasant Residential Home.
3. Turn left to cross the ford and then turn right into Hollow Lane.
4. At the junction with Wheatley Lane, take the footpath opposite just to the right of the last house.
5. After about 100 metres take the right fork in the path to follow the Dalebrook. This brook is the boundary between East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire, between Staffordshire and Derbyshire and the East and West Midlands. The Winshill and Stapenhill parts of Burton belonged to Derbyshire until 1878 when they joined Burton and later Staffordshire in 1894.
6. The footpath joins Brookside and then turn right into Dalebrook Road and left onto Newton Road.
7. Walk along Newton Road to Newton Road Park. On the way you will notice the Mill. A water mill has been on this site for about 1000 years and over the years there has also been cotton, fulling and flint mills and a forge where Lloyds Foundry started in 1762. Greensmith's Mill ceased milling flour in over 15 years ago and at last it is being renovated and converted into homes. Next to the mill is the Sump, formerly called the Royal Oak.
8. Enter the park and turn right towards the Canoe Club hut and left to the riverbank. Walk the whole length of the bank towards the Burton Bridge. The park has National Forest planting which is now well grown. Over the other side of the river is more planting which can be accessed from Meadow Road on the Bridge. (It is possible now to walk along Meadow Road and then by reaching the other arm of the river cross by a new footbridge into Wetmore Community Park and up Wetmore Lane to the new Pirelli Stadium).
9. Leave Newton Park via the access road between the houses and cross Ashby Road and Stapenhill Road at the lights at the Swan to walk past the Rowing Clubhouses. Opposite on land next to the garage once stood the Winshill Gibbet.



10. Take the path into Stapenhill Garden and then the higher path through the wooded area, before re-crossing Stapenhill Road opposite the Elms Pub.

11. Walk up Elms Road alongside the Cemetery to the very top. There cross the grassed area to find a path which runs along the Cemetery fence. You will notice at the top of the Cemetery the Forget-Me-knot Garden, a peaceful area. As an alternative, on the right through the gap in the hedge there is a parallel track, which goes past the Tower Woods Play area. The open space was created with National Forest planting in the 1990s.

12. Rejoin the track and walk past the Water Tower and along Tower Road to Ashby Road. There cross over into Queensland Crescent. At the top of the road find a footpath in the right-hand corner (next to no.24). This joins one on the left which drops to Vancouver Drive. Take the steps down opposite into Kimberley Crescent. Turn right then left into Melbourne Crescent and onto the Sales Lane corner where the walk started.

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Editorial

Vision

In my first annual report last year I mentioned the Parish Council's vision of a cleaner, safer Winshill whose parks and open spaces were protected and developed for the benefit of the majority. I would like to share with you the three aims that we put forward in the belief that they would enable us achieve that vision. They were: -

- To make Winshill an area of which we can all be proud.
- To make Winshill an area in which all who live there feel they have a stake in their community and feel their opinions are valued.
- To represent the people of Winshill and put their hopes and aspirations at the top of our agenda.

I believe that in our second year we are making significant steps towards achieving those aims.

Environment

In January, we appointed a Lengthsman who is already well known in the community and can be easily recognised in his distinctive, high-vision jacket. We receive many complimentary comments about the impact he has on the environment. At this moment we are investigating ways of developing his role.

Communication

Communication between the Parish Council and the public is very high on our agenda. We wish to let the public know what we are doing and we want them to let us know of their needs and aspirations. The first Parish Newsletter was well received and I am delighted with the number of local groups and organisations who contribute to the magazine.

We now have a Parish web site at www.winshill.com. This site is used to advertise and publish the minutes of our meetings. A copy of the Parish Magazine has been pasted on the site. We are now looking to local groups to make their contributions to the site.

We have purchased a Parish Notice Board, which will soon be erected outside the Anglesey Arms. The Parish Council are also using the notice board on Newton Road Recreation Ground.

The ten-minute slot at the beginning of each meeting to allow the public to make their views known has continued and has been used very successfully on occasion.

Joint Working

During the year a new footpath was provided across Winshill Recreation Ground as a result of working together with the Borough and the management committee of the old Community Centre.

One of our roles has been to consider planning applications relevant to the Parish and to make our views known to the planning authority where appropriate.

Another has been to influence the Borough Council in its decision making, an example being the plan for concessionary travel that is now an improvement on the original proposals.

Assisting local organisations

A sum of money has also been made available to make grants to local organisations which operate predominantly for the benefit of residents of the Parish of Winshill and are non-profit making.

I am pleased to announce that the first grant has been made to 22nd Burton (St Mark's) Scout Group to help towards the renovation of their building in Church Hill Street.

Parish Plan

The Parish Council have a vision for Winshill that, with the help of you the public, we can achieve. We intend to produce a forward plan for Winshill in the Autumn. If you have any ideas about what you would like to see included in the plan please tell us before the September meeting where it will be discussed. Please email them to clerk@winshill.com or telephone the Clerk, Steve Taylor on 01283 704178.

Dennis Fletcher Chair of the Parish Council

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