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WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

What's happening in Winshill? Report of Dennis Fletcher, Chair of Parish Council

Welcome to this the fourth newsletter from the Parish Council. As you can see this is a joint venture with the WASPs newsletter. Elsewhere in the newsletter you will find information about an exciting project, "Cleaner, Healthier Winshill," which is due to take place in April and which demonstrates how your Parish and Borough Councillors work in close harmony.

You may have heard that the Parish Council is taking over management of the building formerly used by Trent and Dove Housing. The lease between Trent and Dove and the Parish Council has yet to be finalised and signed but we expect to take over the office sometime in March. Negotiations are well advanced to enable facilities to be used for the benefit of the whole community. The following organisations have already expressed an interest in the premises and have provided members to serve on the user group management committee: -

- Winshill Parish Council
- East Staffs Borough Council
- East Staffs Primary Care Trust
- CASES ((Community Action and Support – East Staffordshire)
- Staffordshire County Council
- Trent and Dove Housing
- Winshill Community Café
- Winshill Independent Residents Association
- Money Spider Credit Union



At the moment the building is to be called the "Winshill Community Resource Centre" but we would welcome alternative names. The Parish Council will give a £20 prize for the best suggestion if it is used.

We would be pleased to hear your views on the joint magazine as we may make this an annual joint production.

Dennis Fletcher

Orbit Housing Care & Repair

Handy Person Service

Are you a home owner?

Are you over 60 or disabled?

Are you worried about minor repairs to
your home?

If so contact us on 497415

Orbit Handy Person Service

The Parish Council recently invited Orbit Housing to a parish meeting to explain the Handy Person Service and to explore how, if at all, the Parish Council could further enhance the scheme for the benefit of Winshill residents.

At present the service covers minor repairs that affect everyday living within the home. It is available to the over 60s and disabled.

The current charges are

- * £5.00 per hour for people in receipt of income support
- * £9.00 per hour for people not receiving income support
- * Help with the cost of materials may be available in cases of hardship.

All that is required is a telephone call requesting a home visit.

Care and repair staff will then

- * Visit your home to see what needs to be done
- * Advise how much the work will cost
- * Arrange for the work to be carried out to a good standard

Good Friday Service Christian churches in Burton

Good Friday 14th April as united Christians we meet outside the Methodist church in High Bank Road. At 11.00am we walk down to Burton Market place, the leader carrying a simple cross. Christians from all over Burton converge in the memorial grounds by St Modwen's church. A short service is held to give thanks for Jesus' death on the cross. The Salvation Army band accompanies the singing to keep us in tune.

Winhill Gospel Hall

The Gospel Hall on Hawfield Lane gives a warm welcome to all. Kids of all ages are invited to kids club, every Sunday from 2.45 – 3.45.

Claim a prize on your first visit. Our family service is held on Sunday 23th April and May 28th both at 6pm.

Our Easter Sunday service is at 6.30pm. Come and hear why Jesus died, and how it affects you in 2006.

All OAP's are welcome to come to us for tea on Sunday 21st May at 5pm. Come and have a free tea and sing some favourite hymns.

St Mark's Church

March 26th is Mothering Sunday, and at 10.15am there will be a family service in which we give thanks for our mothers, and the children are given small posies for their mothers.

Easter week begins with Palm Sunday, 9th April. You may see the choir and some of the congregation walking in crocodile from the vicarage to church for the 10.15am service, reminding us of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and his welcome by the people.

Thursday 13th is Maundy Thursday, and the celebration of the last supper at church, 7.30pm Holy Communion.

Good Friday 14th, there will be a midday meditative service at St Marks, in addition to the Joint service.

Saturday 15th the church is decorated with spring flowers and commemorative lilies for Easter, and the Paschal candle is lit.

Sunday 16th Easter day, the resurrection is celebrated.

8am Holy Communion,

10.15am Family Holy Communion, and

6.00pm Evensong.

All are welcome to come to any of these activities.

If you walk through St Marks churchyard in late Feb/early March you will see a lovely show of snowdrops followed by Daffodils in March/April.

Church News

Winhill Methodist Church

The following services will be held at Winhill Methodist Church over the Easter period . . .

Maundy Thursday (13th April) 7pm Service of Holy Communion

Easter Sunday (16th April)

8am Easter Morning Service of Holy Communion followed by breakfast;

10.45 am Family Worship led by Rev'd Julie Coates;

6:00 p.m. Evening Service.

All welcome.

Half Term Holiday Club Report

Over 30 children attended the 'Jungle Jamboree' holiday club at Winhill Methodist Church in High Bank Road every morning during half term (13th - 17th February 2006).

All of the children were given a green T-shirt with the 'Jungle Jamboree' logo - and lots of opportunities to have fun through games, craft, drama and music.

The children were all in teams, which they themselves named 'The Loud Lions', 'The Perfect Parrots', 'The Extraordinary Energetic Elephants' and 'The Mad Monkeys'.

There were plenty of activities with a jungle theme as well as visits from the Wacky Watt Family and the two puppets, Luke Lively and Lucy Loo.

Throughout the week those present explored some of the stories Jesus told including the Good Samaritan and the Lost Sheep.

On the Friday morning there was a Prize Giving Ceremony at the Church when all of the children received a personalised special award.

We hope to follow this up by launching an after school club one evening a week in the near future. Contact Rev'd Julie Coates (568512) for further information.



22nd St Mark's Scout Group

Churchhill Street, (Behind St Marks Church Hall)

Leaders

Do you have a couple of hours to spare each week? If so, why not come along and join the adventure. The Scout Group are currently looking for extra leaders to join our successful leadership team. No qualifications are needed as a full training programme is available. You will however, require a sense of humour and be prepared for a challenge.

Join us

We currently have vacancies in all sections for both boys and girls aged between 6 years -14 years. If you would like to join the Group just come along on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evening or telephone the Scout Group Leader, Jim Wrigley on 01283 563020 for more information.

Beavers (5½- 8) - Meet on Wednesday evening 6.15pm to 7.30pm.

Cubs (8-10½) - Meet on Monday evening 6.30pm to 8.00pm.

Scouts (10½- 14) - Meet on Tuesday evening 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

Scout Building

The Scout Building is about to start a phase of refurbishment. Shortly, the Scout Hut will be having new windows along with a new front door. There are many plans which will involve converting an old office into a craft/resource room for the Scout Group to enjoy.

Fundraising

The Group will be organising lots of fundraising activities over the coming months and your help and support at these events is always welcome and very much appreciated.

School News

Tower View Primary School

Forthcoming Events

30th March - PTFA Easter Bingo 6.30pm
23rd June - PTFA Summer Fayre
29th June - School production 'The Snow Queen'

Winhill Village Primary

Forthcoming Events

April 2nd Charity Week
May 16th Beetle Drive
July 8th Summer Fate

Thanks to the Parish Council

Following the grant to 22nd St Mark's Scout Group the Parish gave a grant of £1000 to Winhill Methodist Church for the provision of disabled toilets, and the same figure to St Mark's Church towards the repair and resurfacing of the footpath around the church. Both churches have written to express their thanks.

If your organisation would like to apply for a grant to benefit the community contact any member of the Parish Council or the Parish Clerk.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Winhill 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 Chairman, Councillor Dennis Fletcher, 67 Scalpcliffe Road, Winhill, Burton upon Trent, DE15 9AB.

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WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Winshill Parish Council meets on the 4th Thursday of each month, except August and December, 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 : -

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