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WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Parish Council act on Footpath Closure

The Parish Council believes that public footpaths should be preserved so that future generations of parishioners can enjoy the same rights of freedom of movement through the parish as previous generations.

The temporary closure of the footpath between Berry Gardens and Jacobean Court for health and safety reasons has prompted several parishioners to approach your parish councillors to ask what can be done to protect this asset which has been in use for over 150 years.

Apparently this footpath is not, at present, listed amongst the County's public rights of way. The Parish Council are, therefore, working hard to either prove the existence of an existing right of way or to show that the footpath has been in continuous use for over twenty years. Old maps of Winshill do clearly show that a footpath has been in existence since the middle of the nineteenth century and several parishioners are completing evidence forms to demonstrate that the path has been in continuous use for as long as they can remember.



WASPs news from your Borough Councillors

Each year your three ward councillors, Ann White, Pat Hancox and Dennis Fletcher, are responsible for the deployment of a sum of money allocated for community projects. So far this year we have funded four projects.

Newton road recreation ground has a new barbecue and Wheatley Lane Recreation has a new footpath and a pair of goal posts. In addition, a footpath from Brookside to the Wheatley Lane recreation ground has been upgraded so that no longer will it be a glutinous mess in Winter.

There is still some money left in the kitty which we intend to use to fund a fun day next Easter for the youngsters in the ward.

Can a money spider help you?

Money spider credit union has now opened a collection point at the Winshill Community Resource Centre and is operating every Friday from 9am to 11am.

A credit union is non profit making financial co-operative specialising in savings and loans. A credit union is owned and operated by its members for the benefit of its members. They operate through a unique system called a common bond. Money Spider Credit Union is open only to people who live or work in Burton & South Derbyshire.

Money Spider Credit Union already has 177 members and has made over 30 loans to its members.

Now is the time of year to get into the saving habit, to plan your finances on a more realistic and practical level and give yourself the ability to manage your debt in a way where you can have control.

Money Spider Credit Union is open for business so come along and see us at the centre-you can be assured of a warm welcome and we can explain to you exactly how credit unions can help you.

Alternatively you can call Ann Wright on **01283 214434**.



On the Launch Day of the Neighbourhood Resource Centre a colouring competition and a logo competition was opened for entries. We would like to say thank you to everyone who entered the competitions. The judging panel had never seen such quality drawings or so much glitter and so many sequins, it was wonderful.

It was difficult to judge but we have decided on the winners and their prizes are waiting at the Centre for collection.

The Logo Competition

1st Prize - Hajima Ali Khanon

2nd Prize - Emily Wallington

The Colouring Competition

1st Prize - Imogen Keyte

2nd Prize - Molly Wishlade

3rd Prize - Bethany Johnson

Community News

Winhill Methodist Church

Sunday 17th December: 10.45am Nativity Service; 6pm Carol Service

Sunday 24th December: 10.45am Morning Worship; 6pm Family Carol Service with a special visitor

Sunday 25th December: 9.45am Christmas Day Family Service

We are also going Carol Singing with friends from St Mark's Church and Holy Rosary Catholic Parish on Wednesday 20th December. If you would like to join us please meet outside the Catholic Church at 6.30pm

Redevelopment of the Premises

Our premises in High Bank Road are being redeveloped in the near future (exact dates are yet to be confirmed). We hope that this will mean that they are more accessible for community use. Our plans involve improving access throughout the building (i.e. addressing the problem of the different floor levels between rooms) modernising the toilet facilities and replacing the heating system and some of the windows. We are grateful to our friends at the Holy Rosary Catholic Parish who have offered us the use of their premises whilst the work is being carried out.



St Mark's Church

A warm welcome to Tower View school for their carol service in church on Monday 11th December at 2pm.

On Sunday 17th December we have a service of nine lessons and carols at 10.15am, (The story of Christmas read from the bible is interspersed with carols). The following Sunday is Christmas eve, when we have a Christingle service and the young members of the church will provide a nativity scene.

The service starts at 4pm and the collection is for the "The Children's society". There will be a Holy Communion Service at 11.30pm leading us into Christmas morning.

On Christmas Day there will be a family Christmas Holy communion at 10.15am.

All are welcome to any of the services at St. Mark's.

Gospel Hall

Winhill Gospel Hall, Hawfield Lane Winhill, welcomes all to the following services:

Kids club every Sunday 2.45pm. It's free; come and enjoy the fun.

Christmas services on December 17th, 24th & 31st all at 2.45pm.

Come and hear about the world's greatest gift, sing the carols and hear why Jesus came into the world.

A free calendar for 2007 is available, please contact [07980 316056](tel:07980316056).

All OAPs are welcome on January 21st at 5pm, for a free tea and to enjoy singing some old favourite hymns.



News from Abbot Beyne School

The School had an excellent start to the year with 52% of students gaining 5 A*-C grades at GCSE. This is an improvement of 13% in two years. We have also seen the highest numbers of students joining our Sixth Form in over 8 years.

Our ambitious new Drama Room building project has at last begun with the balcony area in the main Evershed Hall being converted into a state of the art Drama space. We hope that the space will be in use by the beginning of the Spring Term.

The new school year timings have been well received by students, parents and teachers. Movement across our large 34 acre site has been reduced considerably and pupils are enjoying the opportunity to have more time for homework, leisure or extra curricular activities with the earlier finish.

Mother and Toddler

Exciting new Playgroup coming to Winhill, The Umbrella club opens on Monday 4th December at the Winhill Neighbourhood Resource Centre, Canterbury Road from 9.30am - 11am term time only.

Please come along and join in the fun, there will be games and crafts and drinks and snacks at just £1 per family. There will also be an opportunity for you to join our committee and have a say in how the Playgroup is run, we would welcome your involvement. Please contact Susan Edmonds on [0795 267 1746](tel:07952671746). Thank you.

A CHRISTMAS WALK AROUND WINSHILL

This walk, originally published in the July 2005 edition and repeated by request, 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 Winshill Village Primary 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 have 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 Gardens 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

At the time of going to press, the Parish Council is taking the first steps to producing a Parish Directory and a Parish Plan.

The Parish Directory will be a list of all organisations, clubs, societies, educational establishments, churches, commercial and other organisations who operate within the Winshill Parish. It will contain some information about each group together with contact names and telephone numbers. If you wish to ensure that your group is included, please e-mail us at clerk@winshill.com

The Parish Plan will be a document which plans for the future of the Parish of Winshill and will be drawn up following the widest consultation. It is our intention to contact every household and every organisation within the Parish Directory to ask the following questions.

- What do you think is good about Winshill?
- What do you think is bad about Winshill?
- Can you make three suggestions as to how Winshill can be improved?
- What contribution can you make towards improving Winshill?

We would welcome suggestions as to other questions we should be asking.

The consultation process should start early in the new year and is likely to last many months. In the meantime you are always welcome to make comment or suggestion on any issue which affects you. There is also an opportunity for public participation at the beginning of every Parish Council meeting. These are held at 7.30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of every month (except August and December) in the Parish Council's Neighbourhood Resource Centre in Canterbury Road (site of the old Area Housing Office)

Dennis Fletcher
Chair of the Parish Council



Grant Aid

We would like to remind any organisation working in the parish for the benefit of the community that grant aid may be available and application forms can be obtained from the Parish clerk or by contacting any of your parish councillors.

Watch this space!

On Wednesday 4th April 2007 your borough councillors are organising a day of fun building on last year's LEAP initiative. We will have a variety of activities including:

- 1) A climbing Tower
- 2) Skate Board Ramps
- 3) Sport for All
- 4) Fire Brigade safety display etc

Your next newsletter will give further information about this exciting event.