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WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



Fun for the over 50s Group

Winshill Over 50s group are shown leaving the Neighbourhood Resource Centre last December on a trip to Derby's pantomime Cinderella.

Everyone had a great time at this event which was subsidised by the Parish Council. We hope to repeat the event this year.

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WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL SUMMER FAYRE 4th July 2010

We are proud to announce that this year we shall be holding a Parish Fayre on 4th July 2010. We hope that it will be very successful and will become an annual event. This year the fayre will run alongside Winshill Football Club's Annual Soccer Tournament and Abbot Beyne School's Namibia Project Fund Raising Event.

The Fayre and the Namibia Project Fund raising will run from 12 noon until 4 pm whilst the soccer tournament will start at 10.30 am. All events will be held at Abbot Beyne School.

Amongst the attractions will be: -

Bucking Inflatable Bull

Surf Simulator

6 Hole Crazy Golf

2 bouncy castles for any age

Bouncy Castle and Slide

Ice cream, candy floss and popcorn will be on sale together with various other food items and, of course, there will be lots of stalls.

Does your organisation wish to run a stall?

Charitable organisations, churches and local groups can run their own stall free of charge. To book your stall, please contact Peter Rose on 536545 or e-mail peter.rose10@btinternet.com or Dennis Fletcher on 568218 or e-mail fletcher99@ic24.net The final date for booking your stall is Monday 24th May 2010. Tables will be offered on a first come first served basis so please book early.

Does your group wish to perform?

Again, contact Peter Rose or Dennis Fletcher

Can you help?

If you can help at the Summer Fayre in any way, setting it up on the day or looking after one of the events (e.g. Bouncy Castle) for a short while then contact Peter Rose or Dennis Fletcher.

Winshill churches working together

The Anglican, Methodist and Roman Catholic churches in Winshill will be sharing a stand at the Parish Fair on 4th July, demonstrating the strength and variety of Christian mission in our community. All will be welcome to say hello, find out what we are about, or just to enjoy some fun activities and displays.

Gardening Competitions

If you are interested, please contact Margaret Fletcher on [568218](tel:568218) for an entry form.

Best hanging basket or small tub in Winshill

The Parish Council is offering a trophy for the best hanging basket and/or tub in Winshill. Entries are invited from organisations and individuals in Winshill and will be judged at the same time as Burton in Bloom in July.

Adopt a tub

Would you like to plant up and look after one of the many tubs around Winshill? All plants will be provided and a prize will be given for the best kept tub.

Have Your Say

Parish Design Statement

In brief, a Parish Design Statement (PDS) describes the distinctive character of a parish and its surrounding area and sets out principles to demonstrate how local character can be protected and enhanced. A parish design statement does not necessarily stop change from happening but can help to define features, whether buildings or landscape, that should be conserved.

To those of you who have volunteered to be on the working group the first meeting will be called shortly, although we are still looking for volunteers.

Citizens Panel

Do you believe your opinion is as good as the next person's?

Would you like to be consulted on issues affecting this Parish?

Do you have an e-mail address?

If your answer to these questions is yes then join our Citizen's Panel. Then from time to time you will be e-mailed to ask for your ideas or opinions and if you wish to reply you just e-mail us back. It is as simple as that.

Interested in either of the above? Contact Dennis Fletcher by e-mailing fletcher99@ic24.net



Winshill Football Club

Winshill Football Club are a FA Charter Standard Football Club that provides children with the chance to join them to play in one of their 21 teams. We cater for kids from Year 2 through to Year 11. Once the kids are put into a team they can look forward to playing weekly fixtures in the local Burton Junior Football League.

The training takes place at Abbot Beyne School at the Evershed site on Mill Hill Lane in Winshill. We train on a Sunday morning through the winter and on a Tuesday evening from May through to September. All of our coaching staff have a FA qualification which includes Child Protection Training, First Aid and a CRB check.

If you want to know more about the biggest Junior Football Club in Burton, please contact Gary Dunne on [567416](tel:567416) or by email on GARYDUNNE3@sky.com.

In April, 6 of our coaches will fly to Burundi in Central Africa to help run a football academy for 100 street kids – full report next time.

Enrichment Week at Abbot Beyne School

In February 2010, pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 took part in our second successful Enrichment Week. We chose the theme of China and all lessons during the week included an aspect of the country, the people, the language or the culture of China.

In English, pupils wrote descriptive accounts of the animals in the Chinese Zodiac, while Maths and Science looked at the arts of kite-making and origami.

Pupils enjoyed themselves doing the 5-minute pre-school warm up exercises which are part of the normal school day as well as learning greeting and numbers in Mandarin (and the odd march around Evershed Yard!).

Art and Design and Technology lessons allowed pupils to sample Chinese food and paint Chinese Dragon heads and Year 8 in particular were given the opportunity to spend a day in lessons with members of the Burton Chinese Community.

The positive comments from both staff and pupils together with the fantastic displays of the work produced have made this week a huge success and we look forward to the next Enrichment Week in June.

An international dimension to Tower View School

In 2007 Tower View established an international link with a school in Egypt, which has been so successful that they are one of only a very few schools in the whole country invited to join a pilot project run by the British Council, focused on reading: Chatterbooks!

Children in Tower View and Mostafa Kamel have read the same books about climate change and the environment. They have shared their opinions about the stories and the issues involved, and have exchanged art work and poems inspired by their reading. There is a display of their work in Burton Library and in the local library near the school in Cairo!

Next term the theme will be books about sport, which we hope will be another exciting topic for the children in both schools. The children were thrilled when they had a live web chat with an author, with children from both schools asking questions. The link gives the children in both countries a better understanding of each others' cultures, as well as being great fun!

Listening to young people

In our consultations with the Youth Club and the School Councils of Holy Rosary Primary, Tower View Primary, Winshill Village Primary and Abbot Beyne Secondary School, we have been absolutely delighted with the quality of their ideas, all of which will be fed into our Parish Plan. We are so pleased in fact, that we are considering forming a Youth Parish Council with its own budget. What do you feel about that idea?

Please let us know.

Contact The Parish Clerk,
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Canterbury Road, Burton upon
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Drop In!

Winshill Youth Lounge
Opposite the Co-op on Church Hill St.

Tuesdays—11.30 am until 1.30 pm

For young people aged 16—25

**Bored during the day...?
Want something to do...?
Somewhere to go...?
Someone to talk to...?**

Come and meet other young people....
Have a game of pool...
Use the Internet Café...
Free food and drinks.....
Get information, advice or guidance about pretty much anything!
Get help finding a job, some training or a place at college.....

STAFFORDSHIRE youth service
Burton on Trent YFC
connexions
For more details contact:
Susan on 01283 239529
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Good Friday Walk for Christ

There is a united service in Burton and Winshill people walk to town leaving Winshill Methodist church at 11 am.
All are welcome.

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Parish Council News

It is now 12 months since our Parish Plan was first published and we are really quite proud of what has been achieved.

Planting

We hope you have enjoyed the planted tubs, flower beds and hanging baskets. This year we intend to improve on that. Most of the flower beds will be increased in size and re-planted. The planters on Bearwood Hill Road will have poles installed, each with four hanging baskets for the summer. Extra poles with hanging baskets are to be installed in Canterbury Road and outside the shops in Hawfield Lane.

A community group to work at the Horticultural Centre has been formed and will meet each Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock to prepare plants ready for the beds and baskets. More volunteers would be welcome. Phone Pat Hancox on [517895](tel:517895) for more information or to volunteer.

Street Furniture

You may have noticed a number of extra rubbish bins or dog poop bins. We are always looking for more places to put them. Or maybe you've enjoyed the use of the two seats on Bearwood Hill or the one on Winhill Rec.

Grant Aid

The Parish Council has given grant aid to various organisations over the past few years. An application form for grant aid can be found on the Parish Council's website, www.winhill.com

Other achievements

Progress towards setting up a Citizens Panel and a Youth Panel.

Parish Councillors meet regularly with the Youth Club which has now opened an internet café.

Poop bags are available free from the Neighbourhood Resource Centre. Wardens will target areas where dog fouling is a problem.

Drainage problems around Winhill Rec play area have been solved by ESBC.

Floodlighting for the teen shelter on Canterbury Rd recreation area is to be in place soon.

A book lending facility runs at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre. Please donate any spare books you may have.

Introducing the new lengthsman

The new Lengthsman (Parish Handyman) is Kevin Pryde who lives in Winhill. You will see him litter picking, edging, hoeing, strimming, hedge cutting – in fact, whatever it needs to make Winhill look better. And you can help by reporting problem areas to the Neighbourhood Resource Centre, Tel [740871](tel:740871).

Now you have seen what can be achieved, tell us what to do next. What can we do to make Winhill the best Parish in the borough?

Suggestions please to: -

The Parish Clerk, FREEPOST RRHR-EKKT-TJUU, Winhill Parish Council, Neighbourhood Resource Centre, Canterbury Road, Burton upon Trent, DE15 0HD, or e-mail winhillclerk@live.co.uk

WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Winhill Parish Council meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at the Winhill Neighbourhood Resource Centre starting at 7.30 pm

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.