

### All the fun of the Fayre!

On Sunday, 4th July, the Fayre came to Winshill in the shape of the first ever Parish Fayre. There were twenty stalls booked by local groups and numerous attractions including bouncy castles, crazy golf, an inflatable slide, a Velcro wall, assault course, surf simulator and an inflatable bucking bull as shown in the following pictures.



The Surf Simulator was very popular and required a good sense of balance from those daring enough to have a go. If you did manage to stay on you could enjoy wonderful views over the Trent Valley or you could enjoy the football competition going on in the field below.



Equally tricky was the inflatable bucking bull. This was an activity where you soon found out who your friends were as they tried to unseat you.



Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, eating burgers and hot dogs, ice cream, popcorn and candy floss.

The younger children made badges, took part in the penalty shoot out and had their faces painted. There were bargains and fun to be had on the various stalls, tombolas etc. We were all entertained with performances by Touch of Life Dance Troupe, Winshill Village Primary Hula Hoopers and Tower View Skipping Display. The event was compered by Touch FM's Drive Time presenter Mark O Sullivan. The day was windy but we managed to escape any rain. We hope to repeat and improve upon the Fayre in 2011.



Perhaps the most popular activity was the Inflatable Slide. Here one child found an unconventional way of descending.



## Parish Youth Council Winshill leads the way

The politicians of the future were on display at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre in Canterbury Road last month when members of the School Councils of each of the schools in Winshill (Abbot Beyne, Holy Rosary, Tower View and Winshill Village) were guests of the Parish Council to thank them for their help in a consultation on how we can improve Winshill for young people.

Having consulted with, and received the blessing of, the headteachers of the schools the idea of a Parish Youth Council was put to the young people and was greeted with enthusiasm. Consequently, we hope to have elections at each of the schools and at Winshill Youth Club some time in the Autumn Term.

The Youth Council will have its own Parish Clerk and be responsible for its own budget. This will be the first Youth Council of its kind in East Staffordshire and we have been promised support from the Borough Council and from Trent and Dove Housing.

What do you think about the idea of a Youth Council? Let us know your views by e-mailing us at the following address: - [fletcher99@ic24.net](mailto:fletcher99@ic24.net)

## Congratulations to Winshill's star debaters

The elected representatives of the future were also on display with Abbot Beyne 6<sup>th</sup> Form Debating Team retaining the Burton Civic Society's Debating Championship against stiff opposition. Following successful heats against Stapenhill Post-16 Centre and de Ferrers, the team progressed to the final at Burton Library where they had to propose that *Burton would benefit from an elected mayor with powers similar to that of London's Mayor*.

## Abbot Beyne get the gardening bug

Abbot Beyne's Year 10 Asdan Students added their bit to the horticultural improvement of Winshill by learning all about the art of planting hanging baskets from Paul Steed at the Horticultural Centre and then putting their new skills to good use. The resulting baskets which have been entered into the Parish Council's Gardening Competition can be seen decorating the front of the Linnell Building.



## Gardening Competition

We have been pleased with the number of entries for our first ever gardening competition.

The category for the best hanging basket or tub entered by an organisation (Pub, shop, church, school etc) attracted 6 entries and the category for the best hanging basket or tub entered by an individual, 8 entries.

Winners in each category will receive a trophy and £50 in Garden vouchers and the winners will be invited to collect their prize and enjoy a meal at the *Burton in Bloom Presentation Evening* at Byrkley Garden Centre on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2010.

Judging will take place between 5<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July. The results will be posted in our next issue.

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## Restoration of Hope, Burundi, in conjunction with Winhill FC



Almost a year ago, an unusual partnership started forming between Winhill FC and the Church in Burton, around an exciting venture supporting the Restoration of Hope charity in Burundi, Central Africa. Having raised money through charity football matches for several years, the Church in Burton were challenged to do more by Libby Ford, a local lady who moved out to Burundi ten years ago to run a number of orphanages in what was then a war zone. Phil Pusey, using his links with Winhill FC, helped to bring the partnership together through the idea of running a football academy. Gary Dunne, Secretary of Winhill FC said "I have wanted to do something like this since I was 16, and feel as if someone has opened a window of opportunity I thought had passed me by"

On April 2nd 2010, 6 Winhill FC coaches and 2 members of the Church in Burton flew out to visit Restoration of Hope, running a 5 day football academy for street kids. The week began with about 200 young people participating, but by the Friday this had risen to 350! Homelessness is one of the biggest challenges facing Burundi, and the charity is working directly to alleviate this issue by housing around 40 lads, providing them with school fees, clothing and regular meals, as well as pastoral support.

The highlight of the trip was a visit to Sabe village, home to around 1500 extremely poor people. Just 18 months ago the whole village was under 4 feet of water due to high rainfall. Restoration of Hope have provided free clean water for drinking, washing, cooking, etc., as well as food programmes particularly focusing on the children. The day we left they opened a school for 70 children which includes providing a porridge breakfast to enable the children to concentrate during the day.

The group raised and took £7000 over, and have since raised a further £3000 through sponsored events, charity football matches and involving schools and groups. Future events include a golf day and a sportsman's dinner which should raise more money. Many donations of food, clothing, football equipment, comics, washing items and medical aid were also taken over. A big thank you to all you supported this project in any way. There is talk of another visit next year sometime, so watch this space.

For more details on the project visit [www.rofh.org](http://www.rofh.org) or contact Phil Pusey via [philpusey@aol.com](mailto:philpusey@aol.com) . Phil said "This was a fantastic project to be involved with, life changing for all who went, and I am sure much more will be heard about this in future months and years."



*Paul Slater with shirts donated by Newhall FC*



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## Giving Winshill the wow factor

The beds around Winshill have been extended and then tidied up by the lengthsman, Kevin Pryde and following this were planted up by Parish Concillors together with John and David from Epworth House. John also planted up the tubs at the bottom of Melbourne Avenue.

The tubs outside the Resource Centre were planted up by Winshill Village Primary, those on the corner of Canterbury Road and Vancouver Drive by Tower View Primary, the square planters on the level by Holy Rosary Primary and the ones at the bottom of Dalebrook Road by Bladon House School.

The volunteers at the Horticultural Centre planted up the hanging baskets outside the Hawfield Lane shops.



Bearwood Hill Road Planters

The tubs were planted up by pupils of the Holy Rosary School. The hanging baskets were supplied by English Landscapes.

All the tubs have been entered into the "Adopt a tub competition" organised by the Parish Council who are giving prize of £50 in gardening vouchers to the winners.

John and David planting up one of the beds in Empire Road

## WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Winshill Parish Council meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at the Winshill Neighbourhood Resource Centre, Canterbury Road starting at 7.30pm.

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.