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WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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The successful candidates in the Parish Youth Council Elections seen here with some of the Parish Councillors who attended the count.

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Introducing the Youth Councillors

The following were elected as members of Winshill's first Parish Youth Council

Abbot Beyne

Harry Duckworth Y7
Tyia Henninham Y8
Paige Swindell Y9
Michael Norton Y11
Farihah Khalid Y12

Holy Rosary

Joshua Lowe Y4
Niamh Hurst Y5
Jake Freathy-O'Toole Y6

Tower View

Tiegan Parker Y4
Luke Higgs Y5
Rhys Jones Y6

Winshill Village

James Ratcliffe Y4
Libby Clements Y5
Ethan Owen Y6

Winshill Youth Centre

Annalieza Horton
Sarah Pastre
Jessica-Jayne Bailey

At its first meeting, the Council elected Michael Horton as Chair and Harry Duckworth as Vice-Chair.



PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL

Winshill Leads the Way

27th January was a historic day for the young people of Winshill who elected the very first Youth Council in Staffordshire.

Excited youngsters queued up at the polling stations at Abbot Beyne, Holy Rosary, Tower View and Winshill Village schools and at Winshill Youth Centre as they waited to cast their votes to elect a Youth Council.

The next day was even more exciting as eager candidates met at the town Hall to witness the count and to hear the results announced by the Returning Officer, Andy O'Brien, Chief Executive of ESBC. The polling stations were manned by members of the Town Hall Staff.

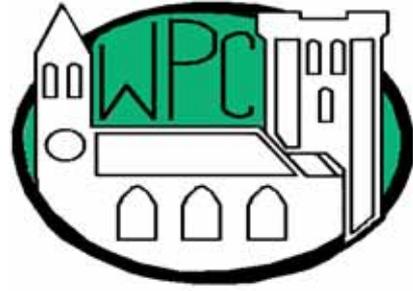
The count was also organised by the members of the Town Hall Electoral Office. Below, eager youngsters from Winshill Village Primary School look on as votes are counted.



Invitation to a Meeting about the Parish Plan

To read about the success of the Parish Plan please turn to the back page. Now we need to move forward. We seek your views about our success and we seek your ideas for a new plan.

To that end there will be a Public Meeting
at
Winshill Neighbourhood Resource Centre
Canterbury Road
on
Monday 18th April 2011
at 7.30pm



WINSHILL IN BLOOM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To pot on plug plants ready to grow on in our new poly-tunnel

To help plant up the tubs and beds around Winshill

Can you help?

Please telephone 568218
or e-mail fletcher99@ic24.net

Winshill winter wonderland!!



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL SUMMER FAYRE 2nd July 2011

We are proud to announce that this year we shall be holding the Parish Fayre on 2nd July 2011 from 1pm to 5pm. We hope that it will build on the success of last year's event. This year the fayre will be at Winshill Neighbourhood Resource Centre, Canterbury Road.

Amongst the attractions will be: -

Rodeo Bull Space run assault course Dino Slide Bouncy Castles

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. 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 Youth Community Games



Friday 15th April

12:00pm - 3:00pm

Abbot Beyne School
(Linnell Site)



A fun afternoon of activities including:

- Lazer Tag
- Archery
- Human Table Football,
- Climbing Wall,
- Gladiator Duel,
- Burton Albion Community Trust and appearances from BAFC players
- Horse riding, Tennis, canoeing and many more activities.



ALL FREE!!



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Parish Plan – A Huge Success Story

Since the Parish plan was produced in 2008, most of the work identified has been completed. Amongst our successes are: -

Environment

The Parish Lengthsman, Kevin Pryde keeps up the appearance of Winshill by litter picking, edging, hoeing, strimming, hedge cutting – in fact, whatever it needs to make Winshill look better. You may have noticed a number of extra rubbish bins or dog poop bins. We are always looking for more places to put them. Free poop bags are available from the Neighbourhood Resource Centre. Extra paths have been installed on Winshill Rec and drainage problems around the play area have been solved by East Staffordshire Borough Council after we highlighted the problem.

Health and Welfare

We now have a chemists attached to the Health Centre.
We hope you've enjoyed the use of the two seats on Bearwood Hill or the one on Winshill Rec.

Planting

The Parish Council has been responsible for installing 23 Flower beds and 23 tubs some of which have been combined together. Hanging baskets and up the pole planters complete the displays. Those on Bearwood Hill Road were particularly stunning last year. Volunteers, working at the Horticultural Centre helped prepare many of the plants. If you feel you could help with this activity see page 2

Grant Aid

The Parish Council has given grant aid to various local organisations over the past few years.

Young Children

The Neighbourhood Resource Centre is home for several groups catering for toddlers and young children.

Youth

Parish Councillors meet regularly with the Youth Club which has now opened an internet café and, of course, we now have Winshill Youth Council with its own budget, the first of its kind in Staffordshire. The long awaited floodlighting for the teen shelter and basketball court on Canterbury Rd recreation area will soon be in place.

The Elderly

The Parish Council is always looking for ways to involve people of more mature years and has organised theatre trips for them.

A book lending facility runs at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

Community Image

Last year we held the first ever Parish Summer Fayre which was a huge success despite the wind. Notice boards around Winshill make people more aware of what is happening in Winshill.

We like to think that the image of Winshill has much improved over the last few years as a result of our activities. What do you think? Come to the public meeting to be held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre (Details on page 2) and give us your views and ideas.

*John Scotland
Chair of the Parish Council*

WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Winshill Parish Council meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at the Winshill 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.