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WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

ALL THE FUN OF THE FAYRE!!



The decision to move the second Parish Summer Fayre to the Canterbury Road Park proved to be inspired. The atmosphere was much cosier and added to the excitement of the event which was opened by Betty Brewer. There was plenty to do and lots of fun to be had in the warm sunshine.



Winshill in Bloom Competition 2011

Winshill looked stunning again this year, according to comments we have received from the public, and the hanging baskets and tubs were better than ever. The judges of the Winshill in Bloom competition praised the quality of entries and described the great difficulty in choosing winners. Judge Park Ranger Curtis Wright said, "On another day we may well have made different choices, such was the quality of the entries." A big thank you to all those who entered and congratulations to the winners.

Mrs Sue Rose of Ashby Road won Best Floral Feature by an individual; Busy Fingers Craft Group are shown with their winning tub, and for the second year running the prize for Best Floral Feature by an Organisation went to Epworth House.

We would like to thank all the groups who have planted the tubs ready for the Winter.



New Headteacher for Abbot Beyne

The Parish Council offers a warm welcome to Mrs Annabel Stoddart, the new headteacher at Winshill's Abbot Beyne School and are delighted to print the following message from her: -

I was delighted to be appointed Headteacher at Abbot Beyne School and have been made to feel really welcome. Abbot Beyne is a truly community school – every member of the school goes out of their way to help each other and I have been bowled over by everyone's friendliness.

It is a privilege and an honour to be the new Headteacher of Abbot Beyne. I felt this most keenly as I welcomed the new Year 7 students to their first day at secondary school and we were all new together. The next stage of their learning journey has begun successfully and their newness is now a distant memory as they have settled so well to life at Abbot Beyne.

Before joining Abbot Beyne I was a Deputy Headteacher in Hong Kong and then in Tamworth. In both schools I have worked to make the curriculum and lessons relevant to all young people and ensure that every student can achieve their best. Achievements are not important in the classroom alone, but on the stage, the playfield and out in the community. To this end I have always embraced learning in the widest sense. A key role of mine at Abbot Beyne is to develop a learning environment in which students become increasingly independent and autonomous and are able to be active partners in their learning rather than passive receivers of information. We ended our first half term with an Enrichment Week. During this week normal lessons were replaced with cross-curricular learning and lessons were often longer than an hour. We used Spain and developing literacy skills as our focus. Students wrote newspaper articles, learnt to dance the flamenco, created travel brochures and researched features of Spain, including their food. Our older students spent half a day learning how to revise in a series of workshops. Many began thinking of revision as boring and by the end could see that some creative approaches could be fun. Students relished the change from their normal timetable, and the buzz of learning was palpable.

Youth Council News

Members of the Youth Council visited Shobnall Link Park, Shobnall Skateboard Park, Tutbury Mill Park and Markeaton Park, Derby to see for themselves the variety of play equipment that is constructed for use by young people. They hope to use some of the ideas in developing a play area in Winshill. The trip, organised by the Parish Council, took place at the start of the Summer holidays.

Members of the Youth Council were invited to the Meadowside Centre to give young peoples perspective on how the Washlands could be better utilised and developed. Their contributions were appreciated by the many organisations involved in the event.



Tell us what you think of Winshill

As we promised in our last issue, here is your chance to help make Winshill a better place. You have seen the improvements we have made over the past few years from tidying our streets to adding floral beds and displays; from providing bench seats to organising our Summer Fayre. So what would you like to see next? More of the same or something completely different? Please tell us what you would like to see by filling in the questionnaire and sending it to us by FREEPOST (No stamp required) to: -

FREEPOST RRHR-EKKT-TJUJ

Winshill Parish Council

Neighbourhood Resource Centre

Canterbury Road

Burton upon Trent

DE15 0HD

Or fill in the questionnaire on our Web site at Winshill.info.

The Questionnaire (Add extra sheets for your answers if you wish)

Please answer the following questions deleting as appropriate. You do not have to answer every question if you do not wish to: -

1. What do you like about Winshill? _____

2. What do you dislike about Winshill? _____

3. Would you like to see more floral features in Winshill? YES/NO

4. If you answered Yes, where would you like to see them? _____

5. Would you like to see more bench seats around Winshill? YES/NO

6. If you answered Yes, where would you like to see them? _____

7. Would you like us to organise more events like the Summer Fayre? YES/NO

8. If your answer is Yes, what type of event would you like us to organise? _____

9. Can you make any suggestions as to how our parks and open spaces can be improved? _____

10. Please make any other suggestions as to how Winshill may be improved. _____

THANK YOU

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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.

Listening to you

In the New Year we will continue our consultation on improving Winshill by visiting every street to hear *your* views on *your* street.

We will give you notice of our visit by putting a leaflet through your door telling you the date and time we will be in your area. If you wish us to take note of your views all you have to do is place our leaflet in your front window on the chosen day and we will call on you.

As part of our plans to improve Winshill we have made a bid to the Borough Council for grant aid to help us produce a Neighbourhood Plan. In our street by street consultation we will seek your advice on how you would like to see Winshill developed and what aspects you would wish to be protected.

A Neighbourhood Plan would enable us to determine the types of development which would be allowed in Winshill and help us to successfully oppose developments which are not in keeping with the character of the area. It would also give designers and developers positive guidance on design acceptable to the community which can help avoid conflict in future planning applications.

Welcome back to Winshill for Anna Roebuck

We are pleased to welcome Anna Roebuck back to Winshill Together with her "*Bags 2 Riches*" business which is sited in *The Making House* on Bearwood Hill Road.

Anna recycles bits of junk and waste to make unique gifts and crafts and at her shop, which sells Bags2Riches products, she runs workshops to help people of all ages express themselves through making objects and art.

Ex Abbot Beyne pupil and daughter of the late Vic Roebuck, Anna says she is delighted to have returned to her roots and looks forward to meeting up with old friends.

University of the Third Age

It is a self-help organisation for ordinary people no longer in full time employment, providing educational, creative and leisure opportunities in a friendly environment. Burton U3A is a learning cooperative, which draws upon the knowledge, experience and skills of their own members to organise and provide interest groups in accordance with the wishes of the membership. Our groups at this time are Art Appreciation, Art Painting, Bridge, Computers, Craft, Creative Writing, Family History, French, Gardening, German, History, Italian, Latin, Line Dancing, Long Walks, Music Appreciation, Natural History, Philosophy, Photography, Poetry/Books, Short Walks, and Singing. But if you would like to check if there are other groups commencing then look on the internet for '<http://u3asites.org.uk/burton-on-trent>' where you will see all the current information that you could possibly need. To find out more contact Lesley on 0795 1477 943 or by email at u3alesley@btinternet.com

Christmas Greetings from the Parish Council

Welcome to this our twentieth edition of the Winshill Parish Council Newsletter. 2011 has been a busy year for the newly elected Parish Council. May we take this opportunity to thank you for your contributions to the life of the parish, and to wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.