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WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

WINSHILL NEWS—MORE WINS FOR WINSHILL IN 2012!!

WINSHILL SUCCESSES IN TRENT AND DOVE HOUSING IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY AWARDS

Every year, Trent and Dove Housing Association make awards to individuals or Groups who make an impact on the community. Altogether there are thirteen categories and this year groups from Winshill won in three of the categories: -

The category for Impact on Young People was won by Winshill Parish Football Club

The Best Community Project was won by Wishes for Winshill

and a Special Recognition award was won by the Grow It and Eat It Healthy Lifestyle Project.

HEART OF ENGLAND IN BLOOM

Winshill entered Heart of England in Bloom in its own right in the Urban Category and gained a very creditable Silver Award. Not bad for a first attempt.

SUMMER FAYRE DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



There was a real buzz about this year's Summer Fayre with so much to do and enjoy as you can see from the photographs. We were of course helped by the beautiful weather. Many people described it as our best ever venture. Our thanks go to the many individuals and groups who worked so hard to make it a success. If you would like to be involved in next year's Summer Fayre then contact Kim Smith on [740871](tel:740871) or call to see her at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre. More photographs of the Summer Fayre are on display at the Centre.



NEW COORDINATOR FOR THE RESOURCE CENTRE

We are pleased to announce that Kim Smith has been appointed as the new Centre Co-ordinator at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre. Kim is well known in Winshill for her involvement in many community projects so she will be a great asset to the Centre.



Winshill in Bloom Competition 2012

This year's Winshill in bloom Competition was judged by Gerard Proudlove from The Landscape Group who provided prizes of garden tools for some of the winners. There was also a new category of Best Floral Feature by a Commercial Organisation. For the first time we held our own Presentation Evening at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre in Canterbury Road. Certificates and prizes were presented by the Mayor, Councillor Len Milner and by Paul Steed from the East Staffordshire Greenhouse. The full list of winners is: -

Best Floral Feature by an Individual

Best Floral Feature by a Group (Joint Winners)

Best Floral Feature by a Commercial Organisation

Adopt A Tub Competition

Mrs Sue Rose, Ashby Road

Holy Rosary School

Tower View School

Anglesey Arms

Abbot Beyne School



A Neighbourhood Plan for Winshill?

The Parish Council continues to draw up the Village Design Statement and now there is an opportunity to develop it into a Neighbourhood Plan. If this is accepted by the Borough Council, it can be incorporated into the overall Borough Plan and the developers will have to take notice of it when they draw up any plans however big or small in Winshill.

The plan needs your help. Are there parts of Winshill, individual buildings or the street scene, open spaces, special landscaped areas or views which you think are special and should be preserved or developed further? If so can you tell us, and even send us your photographs. You can send your comments or photographs to Councillor Penny Perry at the address on the back page or by e-mail to winshillclerk@live.co.uk.



Improvements to Newton Road Recreation Ground

There is now a new playground at Newton Road replacing the one formerly on the tennis courts which was removed last year. The new equipment is great for children aged up to 11 years.

If you live at the top of Winshill why not walk down to the new playground down Dalebrook. You join the path at the bottom of Wheatley Lane and follow the brook down through the wooded area to

Brookside and the turn onto Dalebrook Road. At Newton Road turn left and go past the old mill to the Recreation Ground.

If you want to return by a different route, stay in the Rec and go along the river bank to join Newton Road via the rear service road between the houses near the bottom of Bearwood Hill Road. Cross Ashby Road at the lights and go along Stapenhill Road to just past the Cemetery. Go right up Elms Road to the top and then go over the grassy bank into the footpath which passes Tower Woods (and another great play area) and reach Tower Road and then onto Ashby Road.



Nuisance Phone Calls

Article by Cllr Jim Muir

There seem to have been a marked increase in nuisance phone calls recently, and there are several scams that we should all be aware of. Many of these callers obtain your number from the telephone directory or by gearing a computer to dial random numbers (these are the ones that fall silent when you pick up the phone, but once you have picked up the receiver the contact is noted for future use). "Claim back your PPI". PPI stands for Payment Protection Insurance, which was insurance attached to a loan or credit card to cover loan payments should you fall ill or become unemployed. These were often miss-sold and where this was the case the banks have to pay back the money. There are many companies which will contact you offering to act on your behalf and indicate that you should use their services. You don't need to do so, just go to the bank or contact the credit card company. They will reimburse you all of the money you have paid together with interest. These companies do little more than pass on a form which you have to fill in and then demand 30% of what you are owed.

"We're doing a survey". This is a cover excuse to get information about you and your family. Do not do the survey. The caller will pass on all your details to others who will pester you in the future.

"There's a problem with your computer". Actually you know that there isn't a problem. The caller will ask you to type a set of 'configuration codes' into your computer and if you do so he will be able to access your personal details including passwords and bank details.

"You owe money from an un-paid bill". Often these are the nastiest calls. The caller may use violently abusing language telling you to pay them over the phone NOW or they will send the bailiffs to cease your belongings. They can sound very convincing and these calls can be terrifying, especially if you are alone. Do not pay, put the phone down and inform the police. No real company will contact you in this way.

"You have won a competition". My own mother was caught by this one. A caller says that you have won a prize in a competition and all you have to pay is £10 for the postage. Do not send the money and do not let the caller have your visa or credit card number and the security code.

GROW IT AND EAT IT Healthy Eating Project



Many of you will have noticed the raised beds at the back of the Resource Centre. This is part of a project developed jointly by the Parish Council and Trent and Dove Housing to encourage healthy lifestyles. The idea is that any group can adopt one of the beds to grow healthy food which can then, of course, be eaten.

Next March we will be running courses on growing vegetables at the Greenhouse in Stapenhill Road (next to the cemetery) Paul Steed will be there to advise and to give opportunities for sowing vegetable seeds which can later be transplanted into the raised beds.

If you are part of a group that would like to take over one of the raised beds then please contact Kim Smith at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre (Tel: [740871](tel:740871)) or Dawn Maddin at Trent and Dove Housing (Tel: [528652](tel:528652)).

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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.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

There is currently a vacancy on the Parish Council. Are you:
Interested in making a difference to Winshill?
Prepared to give of your time and effort?
Interested in people and ideas?

Then you are just the person we are looking for. Please write to the Parish Clerk giving brief details about yourself at the following address or e-mail to winshillclerk@live.co.uk

FREEPOST RRHR-EKKT-TJJJ

Winshill Parish Council
Neighbourhood Resource Centre
Canterbury Road
Burton upon Trent



Listening to you

Invitation to a Public Meeting

Following the consultation recently carried out there will be a public meeting to look at the proposed parish plan on Thursday 16 January 2013 at 7.00 pm at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

Christmas Greetings from the Parish Council

Welcome to this our twenty second edition of the Winshill Parish Council Newsletter. The Jubilee Year of 2012 has been a busy year for the 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.