

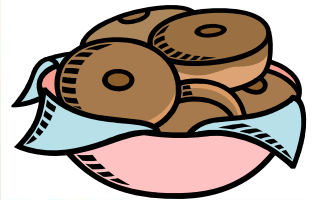
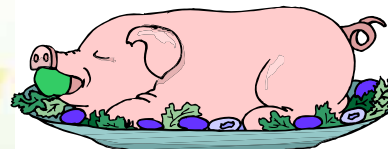
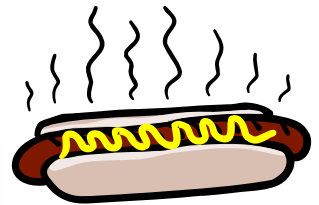
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WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Come and join us at  
our 4th Parish Fayre



Caribbean theme and limbo  
Hog roast and Refreshments

Bouncy Castle, Inflatable slide and assault course  
5 a side, speed shooting and penalty shoot out  
Robbo's Roadshow, music, dancing and magic shows  
Fancy dress and cupcake competitions

If you would like to enter a team in the 5 a side football, have a stall, have a singing or dance group/band and would like to join in the fun or have any queries please contact Kim Smith on **01283 740871** or **07919872964** or email [wnc12@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wnc12@hotmail.co.uk)

## “WINSHILL WELLBEING”

### WINSHILL PARISH PLAN 2013-2018 SUMMARY

Winshill Parish Council has based its latest Parish Plan on what you have told us in various ways, including through three public consultations over the last year.

Our theme is to improve the wellbeing of Winshill residents by helping you meet your core needs of

- making good livelihoods
- having positive community relationships
- getting good local services and facilities
- living in a pleasant environment

We have planned to do this by using these four needs as headings to address specific community issues that you have told us are important to you. The main actions are listed below, and these give a good idea of what the latest Parish Plan is trying to do.

**Livelihood Needs**—we aim to help Winshill residents make the best possible livelihood by supporting -

- services helping those seeking work
- services giving impartial benefits or financial advice
- those owning or employed in local retail businesses
- those working from a ‘home office’ or running a self-employed business or trade from home

**Relationship Needs** – we aim to ensure Winshill has positive community relationships by being -

- a community with a strong local identity
- a safe community
- a community that can meet together
- a community that is engaged and consulted on matters affecting our community

**Services and Facilities Needs** – we aim to ensure that Winshill has a good local range of

- leisure and recreational facilities that take account of different age groups and interests
- satisfactory shops and other retail services
- good health and welfare services
- satisfactory transport services

**Environmental Needs** – we aim to ensure that Winshill remains a pleasant place by -

- establishing and keeping an attractive environmental appearance
- ensuring Winshill is clean and tidy
- promoting environmental conservation
- addressing significant traffic issues
- engaging fully with planning and development processes to keep Winshill’s special physical qualities that you like

The Parish Plan is the basis for a lot of work to support everyone’s wellbeing over the coming years. For instance, there are actually 89 specific actions in the Plan. Behind these there are even more practical tasks to be undertaken by the Parish Council, usually with its many partner organisations. And our work priorities must be balanced against our limited resources and wider constraints beyond our control. Over the next five years we expect to have to adjust our Plan as community circumstances change and new matters are brought to our attention.

You can get a fuller version of the Parish Plan on our website [www.winshill.info/parish\\_council](http://www.winshill.info/parish_council), or by visiting the Neighbourhood Resource Centre in Canterbury Road for a free copy. If you have comments or suggestions, please get in touch. You can put your points to individual Parish Councillors, to the Parish Clerk, by coming to a monthly Parish Council Meeting to tell us, or send a letter or leave a note for the Parish Council at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre in Canterbury Road.

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## **GROW IT AND EAT IT—HEALTHY EATING PROJECT**

### **Growing Your Own**

Raised beds at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre are again available free of charge for groups or individuals to grow their own vegetables. Please apply to Kim Smith at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre if you are interested on [01283 740871](tel:01283740871) or [07919872964](tel:07919872964) or email [wnrc12@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wnrc12@hotmail.co.uk).

### **Cookery Workshops**

Linked with the above Vegetable growing projects, we intend to hold some cookery workshops at the centre to help you to cook your vegetables in a way which will ensure healthy eating.

### **Cook Book**

Also linked with this we have asked several prominent Winshill citizens to come up with their own recipes which use vegetables. These will be reproduced in a booklet which will be available free to residents of Winshill. Look out for the contribution from the pub landlord who likes to include beer in his cooking!

## **HEART OF ENGLAND IN BLOOM**

Last year, Winshill entered Heart of England in Bloom for the first time and received a Silver Award for its efforts. This year we hope to go one better.

Judging will take place on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2013 and you can be sure that we will be making every effort to make Winshill look even better this year.

The Landscape Group will again be doing our hanging baskets on "The Level" and the "up the pole" planters outside Buckingham Court.

Heart of England in Bloom is about much more than just looking good. It's about protecting and enhancing our natural environment. It's also about involving the community which is why this year we will again be

inviting individuals, groups and commercial organisations to enter our Floral Features Competition.

### **Can You Help?**

We need volunteers to help prick out plants ready to grow them on in our poly tunnel at the Greenhouse Centre and plant up hanging baskets to display around Winshill.

Can you be a volunteer we can call on from time to time?

Are you a member of a group who can adopt one of our beds and keep it looking good?

IF YOU CAN HELP IN ANY WAY PLEASE RING Margaret or Dennis Fletcher on [568218](tel:568218).

## **WINSHILL IN BLOOM**

As in previous years we are encouraging individuals, groups and commercial organisations to enter our competitions for the best Floral Feature. The floral feature can be tubs, baskets or any quirky planting feature which you think will catch the judges' eye. The winners in each category will win gardening voucher for £50 which will be presented at our presentation evening in September.

Everyone who enters will receive a bronze, silver, silver gilt or gold award certificate and be invited to the presentation evening at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre where there will be a buffet prior to the presentations.

If you would like to enter one of our competitions, please ring [01283 568218](tel:01283568218) to request an entry form. The Adopt a Tub competition prizes will also be presented on this evening.

## **Driven mad by potholes?**

Help is at hand.

There is a help line for potholes. Ring [0300 111 8000](tel:03001118000) to report any pothole and Staffordshire County Council promise to come out and assess its priority within a few days.

They will then grade the pothole and, depending on how much of a problem it poses, guarantee to repair it within certain time limits.

## **Interested in health and wellbeing?**

Sessions are being run free of charge with different topics each week by Changes Burton at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre on Tuesday evening between 6.30 and 8.30. If you are interested and want further details or want to book a place please ring [01283 500805](tel:01283500805).

## **Need Help or Advice?**

Burton Citizen's Advice Bureau is now holding weekly sessions every Wednesday morning at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre. For further details contact the Centre on [01283 740871](tel:01283740871).

# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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## Out with the old—in with the new!

The Parish Council says goodbye to two councillors whilst welcoming two new ones.

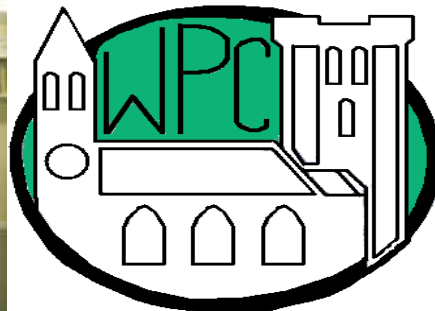
Susan Edmonds who has been a valuable member of the council since since 2007 has now retired. She contributed greatly to the debates at council meetings and supported all of our activities. We would like to thank her for her service to the council and wish her well for the future,

Kim Smith has resigned to take up her appointment as the new Co-ordinator for the Neighbourhood Resource Centre. However, she still retains her links with the council and will continue to support our activities. As well as overseeing activities at the centre, Kim will be co-ordinating this year's Parish Fayre on 27<sup>th</sup> May.

## PARISH COUNCILLORS

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John Scotland	562831
Ed Starmer	544143

We are pleased to welcome two new councillors who have been co-opted onto the Parish Council. They are Heidi Gaynor and Ed Starmer, pictured below, who commenced their duties at the council meeting on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2013.



## Website for Winshill

Why not try our web-site at [www.winshill.info](http://www.winshill.info) where you can find out all about the activities of the Parish Council and so much more. We hope to expand and improve upon it with your help.

Are you an organisation or business that would like to advertise its presence?

Need some information about Winshill or its services?

Visit our web-site. We may be able to help you.

## WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Winshill Parish Council meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.