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WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

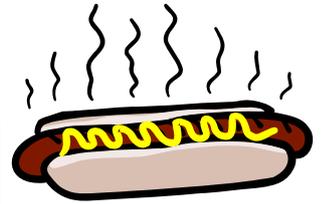
Come and join us at
our 6th Parish Fayre



Children's Fancy
Dress Competition
Superheroes and
Disney Characters



Winshill Parish Council
**Summer
Fayre**
Monday
25th May
12 - 4 pm
at
Canterbury Road
(next to Neighbourhood Resource Centre)



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Parish Council has engaged consultants to move the Neighbourhood Plan into its concluding stages. They have received grants to cover the cost of this so it is hoped there will be no need to use Parish Council funds. There was a good response from the house to house collection of the questionnaires which will now be analysed and a draft report presented to residents in the coming months. Once the legal process is gone through and our plan is incorporated into the Borough Council's Local Plan, the Parish Council will be able to call on funds from developers to spend on essential projects within Winshill.

DALEBROOK NATURE WALK

Recently bird, bat and owl boxes have been put up in time for the nesting season. A leaflet on the trees will be available with numbered plaques on the identified trees. The Parish Council is seeking funds to provide informative and illustrated boards at each end of the walk which it is hoped will be erected sometime in the Summer. In the meantime the booklets the Parish Council has produced for children 'I-Spy Nature in Dalebrook' and also 'I-Spy Nature in Newton Park' are available from the Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

Winhill Neighbourhood Resource Centre Report

The Centre is in the heart of the community and we have so many groups and organisations that work from there. We have Stay and Play on a Monday 10-11.30, this is a mother and baby/toddler group, run by a qualified worker with constructive play and crafts and also a snack. We have Slimming World at 5.30pm and 7.30pm with Kathy Brooks.

Tuesday 4-5.30pm- Healthy families project ran by Burton Albion Community Trust and the Citizens advice bureau, you can come and learn about healthy eating, enjoy some physical activity and have the chance to go to the Burton Albion Ground and meet the players and watch a game.

Wednesday -8.30-12pm Citizens advice bureau paid for the Winhill community by the Parish Council, drop in or ring for an appointment **01283 740871**

10.30-11.30 Chatter Tots ran by a qualified Speech and Language worker

12pm Luncheon Club for the over 50's everyone is welcome to come along for a social get together and meet new friends.

These are just some of the activities we have at the centre. If you wish to know more please pop in and get a timetable from reception.

Kim Smith



OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE COLTMAN VC PEACE WOOD

In a very moving ceremony which took place on the anniversary of William Coltman's birth, the Peace Wood was officially declared open by his four grandchildren on 17th November 2014.

Children from Coltman's old school at Rangemore sang *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*.

94 children from Tower View Primary School each laid a cross to represent the 94 men from Winhill who gave their lives in the First World War as the Salvation Army band played the *Evening Hymn* and *Sunset*.

The Mayor Cllr Ron Clarke unveiled a plaque for the year 1914 then dignitaries from East Staffs BC, the National Forest, Winhill Parish Council, the Staffordshire Regiment and the Royal British Legion laid wreaths. Eddie Toon from the Salvation Army played the *Last Post* and the Vicar of Winhill Rev Michael Mookerji said a benediction to bring the ceremony to a close.



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

From time to time over the next four years we will list the men from Winhill who gave their lives in the Great War. Their names are remembered in the Coltman VC Peace Wood.

2015

Arthur Bartlett - died 30th July (aged 22)
Frank Jackson - died 30th July (aged 35)
Fred Smith - died 8th August (aged 23)
Charles Gilbert - died 11th August (aged 27)
Percival Gorman - died 16th August (aged 26)
Ernest Litchfield - died 27th September (aged 25)

The Battle of Hohenzollern Redoubt took place during the Battle of Loos near Auchy-Les-Mines in France. The final British assault on 13th October 1915 failed and resulted in 3,643 casualties. Among them were six Winhill men: -

John Christelow (aged 38) a compositor at the Burton Mail
Harry Goodhead (aged 19) a brewer's labourer
Edward Washington (aged 30) a brewer's labourer
Frederick Iliff (aged 30) manager of Gear Box Cutting Works
Joseph Woodhead (aged 29) a brewer's labourer
Leslie Tooby (aged 25) a clerk



WINSHILL IN BLOOM

The Parish Council continues its efforts to make Winshill a better place to live by trying to improve the environment in many ways, some of which are highlighted below: -

Vancouver Drive Flower Meadow

Some of you may have noticed that a ten metre band has been ploughed on the open space in Vancouver Drive. This has now been sown with a mixture of perennial and annual plant seeds which should produce stunning results later this year and even more spectacular results next year as the perennial plants bloom.

Royal Horticultural Society Greener Streets Better Lives Project

The RHS are keen to improve the street scene around Britain by encouraging individuals or groups to brighten a drab area by planting some colourful plants.

Is there a patch in your street which could be improved by planting? If so, the Parish Council can help you by supplying plants and seeds.

Interested? Please contact Dennis and Margaret Fletcher on 568218 or by e-mail

dennis.fletcher99@btinternet.com

Grow It and Eat It Healthy Eating Project supporting local schools

As well as providing raised allotment beds at the Resource Centre in Canterbury Road two of our local schools have been provided with raised beds (one for each class at Tower View and Winshill Village) using money from the Borough Councils WASP fund.

GARDENING COMPETITION 2015

BEST FLORAL FEATURE

As part of Winshill in Bloom, the Parish Council is again organising a competition for the Winshill area. It is for a floral feature (e.g. hanging basket, tub etc.) not the whole garden.

Again this year there will be three categories: -

Category 1 Best floral feature or tub entered by an individual

Category 2 Best floral feature entered by a non-commercial organisation (e.g. school, church)

Category 3 Best floral feature entered by a commercial organisation (e.g. pub, shop, business)

Winners in each category will receive a trophy and £50 in Garden vouchers and will be invited to collect their prize from the Mayor at the presentation evening in September at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre in Canterbury Road. All entrants will receive a certificate (Gold, Silver Gilt, Silver or Bronze) and will be invited to collect them at the presentation evening.

Entry forms can be obtained from Kim Smith at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre or by telephoning Margaret Fletcher on 568218 or e-mail m.fletcher99@btinternet.com

Winshill Bloomers

Winshill Bloomers are a group of volunteers supported by the Parish Council to enhance planting in Winshill. Recently they have planted over 30 baskets ready to go up around Winshill.



Thank You from Winshill Parish FC

Winshill Parish FC would like to thank everyone for their fantastic donations towards the treat hampers for Burton Hospital. They were so overwhelmed with donations that they donated toys and sweets to the Children's ward, a mini hamper to the assessment ward, 3 treat hampers to the cancer patient Chemotherapy Ward and £100 donation to the Snowdrop fund.

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations.



Winshill Youth Council

At its last meeting the Youth Council members made their decision on the type of equipment they would like to see on Winshill recreation Grounds.

They have opted for a Parkour Training Facility which is being funded by the Youth Council, the Borough Council and a grant from Consolidated Charity of Burton.

At their next meeting they will meet up with representatives from the firm who erect these facilities to decide the exact layout.

You can see Parkour equipment on You Tube.

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Your New Parish Council

We welcome our new Parish Council. 11 nominations were received for 11 seats so the Councillors were duly elected without the need for an election in the Parish.

You will see there are 4 new members and we offer them a warm welcome.

We say Goodbye and a massive Thank you to those councillors who did not stand for re-election.

Jim Muir, Ram Patel, Penny Perry and John Scotland, have given their time energy and enthusiasm to Winshill over many years. They will be greatly missed.



PARISH COUNCILLORS 2015

Stephen Beddows
Dennis Fletcher
Margaret Fletcher
Heidi Gaynor
Graham Lomas
Ian North
Jackie Norton
Elizabeth O'Mahoney
Peter Rose
Kim Smith
Ed Starmer



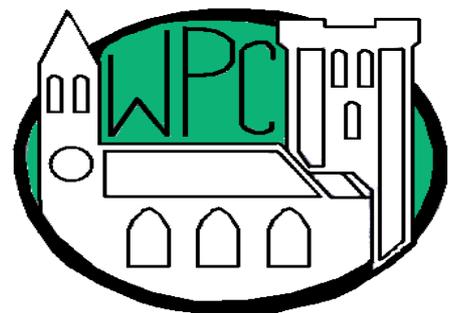
Website for Winshill

Why not try our website at 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 in Winshill?

Need some information about Winshill or its services?

Visit our website. We may be able to help you.



WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at the Winshill Neighbourhood Resource Centre starting at 7.30 pm. The exception being this May when the Annual Parish Meeting on the 14th will be at 7.00 pm followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 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.