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WINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Recent Parish Council Successes

We have been delighted with the success of our partnership with Orbit Housing. Many local residents have used the Handy Person Service with the Council paying for the first hour for qualifying residents. For further information contact Orbit on 497415.

The planters were well-received by residents and have now been replanted with winter bedding by the Parish Council's Lengthsman.

Gold Award for Umbrella Club



The Umbrella Club is a playgroup for children aged 0-3 and their carers which runs every termtime Monday from 9.15am to 11am at Winshill Neighbourhood Resource Centre. Opening in December 2006, the group has gone from strength to strength and is now the proud holder of a Pre-School Learning Alliance Healthy Tots gold award, presented in October.

We have achieved the PLA gold award by working hard to meet all requirements, including providing healthy alternatives for the children at snacktime, opportunities for rhymes and singing and physical activities in all sessions. Users of our group receive information and ideas for fun activities which can be used to help their child with being healthy, talking and playing in a safe environment.

We have a lot of fun at Umbrella Club, and provide a safe, happy and stimulating environment for children and carers alike. New members are always welcome!

Parish Council Plan

The Parish Plan will be a document which plans for the future of the Parish of Winshill and will be drawn up following the widest consultation. It is our intention to contact every household and every organisation within the Parish to ask for their views.

If you know anyone in the parish with suitable experience in sending out questionnaires and collating the responses who might wish to be considered please contact the Chairman or Clerk who will provide further information on the tender process.

Winshill Residents Association

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 12th December 6pm at Winshill Neighbourhood Resource Centre in Canterbury Road. Free food hamper raffle.



Winshill CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 1st December 11am-2pm at Winshill Neighbourhood

Resource Centre, Canterbury Road, Winshill

There will be cake stalls, face painting, lucky dip, raffles,

Bric a Brac and Craft stalls.

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Busy Fingers

Tuesdays at 1-3pm at Winshill Neighbourhood Resource Centre in Canterbury Road.

We sew and knit and make craft items to sell and raise funds to put back into the Community.

Come and join us and learn new skills whilst having fun.

We pay 50p each week for refreshments.

Please ring Susan Edmonds on 01283 - 543485 for more details .

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Christmas Services

Ecumenical Carol Service

The churches of Winshill invite everyone to a Family Carol Service at St Mark's Church at 7pm on Wednesday 19th December.

St Mark's Church

Sunday 23rd December 10.15am Nine Lessons and Carols.

Monday 24th December 4pm Christingle service; 11.30pm Christmas Holy Communion.

Tuesday 25th December 10.15am Christmas Family Holy Communion with carols.

All are welcome to these services and to our regular Sunday services at 8am, 10.15am, 5pm (wintertime)
Vicar Rev. Michael Mookerji Tel: 545043

Catholic Church

The Catholic Community in Winshill is part of the parish of Holy Rosary, and there are two churches in our parish. The parish church is Holy Rosary, Main Street, Stapenhill, and the chapel of ease is St Joseph's, Mount Street, Winshill. All are welcome to our Christmas Services but please note carefully in which church it is taking place. Thank you.

Masses For Christmas Day, beginning Christmas eve (Monday December 24th) 6.30pm (First Mass of Christmas) in St Joseph's, Winshill, and 12 Midnight in Holy Rosary Church Stapenhill (Carols from 11.30pm)
Christmas Day (Tuesday 25th December) 9.30am in St Joseph's Church, Winshill.

The Parish Priest is Father Michael Gilligan. Tel: 564814.

Winshill Methodist Church

Our premises in High Bank Road are currently being redeveloped. We are grateful to our friends at the Holy Rosary Catholic Parish who have offered us the use of their premises whilst the work is being carried out. This means that our regular Sunday Services are currently being held at 11am at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Mount Street.

Our Christmas Services will also be held at St Joseph's.

Sunday 16th December, 11am Nativity Service

Sunday 23rd December, 11am Carol Service

There will be a Christmas Day Service at 9.45am at Short Street Methodist Church in Stapenhill.

For further information please contact Rev. J Coates Tel: 01283 568512

Winshill Gospel Hall

Sunday 16th December 6pm is our Christmas family service.

Come along and sing the Christmas carols and celebrate Christmas with us and hear why the Lord Jesus came into the world.

www.winshillgospelhall.org.uk

Christmas Greetings from the Parish Council

Welcome to this our ninth edition of the Winshill Parish Council Newsletter. May I 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.

Dennis Fletcher Chair of the Parish Council

Winshill Parish Council meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7.30pm