

Winnersh Matters

The community newsletter for the residents of Winnersh and Sindlesham



Winnersh Parish
Council

Winnersh renews ties with Hurst

Works to strengthen the bridge crossing the A329M from Robinhood Lane are complete. The project started on 9 August and should have finished in early September, but over-ran, which caused considerable frustration to many.



Residents of Winnersh, never slow to action, contacted the parish council asking that Wokingham Borough Council keep our community informed of progress. Your parish councillors kept pressure on the borough council and the contractors to get the job finished as quickly as possible.

Christmas lights and fireworks

Friday 10 December at 6pm

Free mince pies, mulled wine and squash for the children

Carol singing and lots of fun for all the family

Christmas in Winnersh starts here, so be there!

Charity collection for *Berkshire Give a Child a Chance*

Bikers rev up for festive charity toy ride



Kind-hearted bikers will be revving up for their annual ride through Winnersh on Sunday 5 December to deliver Christmas presents to Barnardo's in Wokingham. Many of them dress festively for the occasion. Reading Christian Bikers organises the event, supported by the Lions Club of Reading.

They will start at the Foster Wheeler building at 1pm, running through Winnersh from approx 2:10 to 2:40pm

during which time the Reading Road may be closed to other traffic. For further information see www.readingtoyrun.org or call Jane and Ben on 0118 978 7095.

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Do you have a message that you need to get out to the community? Get in touch with the Parish Clerk.

Winnersh Parish Council

Winnersh Community Centre

New Road, Sindlesham,

Wokingham, RG41 5DU

Phone: 0118 978 0244

Email: clerk@winnersh.gov.uk

Website: www.winnersh.gov.uk

The **Winnersh Parish Website** recorded more than 4,000 separate visits since it was relaunched last year. For current information about council facilities, local news and back copies of *Winnersh Matters* visit www.winnersh.gov.uk

Chairman's Update



Hello everyone.

I am pleased to report that once again your Winnersh Village Fete was a great success due to the efforts of local groups and businesses that ran the stalls and performed in the arena, but there is still room for more local involvement, so come and join us in time for next year.

Looking ahead, preparations for the Christmas lights and carol singing are going well – dig out your winter woollies for 10 December.

On a serious note, I have two vacancies for parish councillors. I can assure you that being a Winnersh Parish Councillor is not for spectators – you will get involved and see your ideas flourish and help your community to grow and develop.

Initially, I would be happy to meet prospective councillors and arrange for them to visit the council offices and sit in on committees and full council meetings. Get in touch first by calling me at home on 0118 977 6893.

Finally, please remember that Winnersh Parish belongs to you and the success of our community is in your hands.

Sincerely

John Wakefield Chairman

New Councillor David Green was co-opted onto the Parish Council at its November meeting. He says “I was fortunate enough to obtain an allotment last year and this sparked my interest in becoming involved with the wider parish community.”



Our Nellie outlines her vision for Winnersh



PCSO C9512 Nellie Williams, aka ‘Our Nellie’, has a vision for Winnersh. As our Police Community Support Officer, she’s working towards an integrated community where everyone is responsible for their own behaviour. She wants antisocial behaviour to be a thing of the past and neighbours to assist the police in creating a more caring society.

So what about Nellie herself? As our PCSO, she makes an incalculable contribution to our village. Nellie grew up locally, is married and a mum to three children. She describes herself as having a “coach trip mentality” – she takes joy in the journey but she is ready for anything.

Greening Winnersh

High levels of insulation have been installed in the roof of the hall at Winnersh Community Centre to save money in these tough times.

All the lights in the offices and public areas are being converted to low energy fittings and ways of saving heat are being investigated.

Homes can also be made more efficient. For more information, please contact: The Energy Saving Trust, 21 Dartmouth Street, London, SW1H 9BP or at www.energysavingtrust.org.uk and for local advice call 0800 515 012.





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Thursdays @ Bearwood Primary School 7.30 pm

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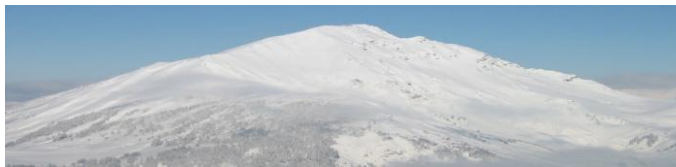


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- You want to improve your posture
- You know your flexibility is not as good as it was
- You have tension in your life

Classes available at:

Bearwood Recreation Ground (main hall), Mole Rd Sindlesham
Methodist Church, Rose St, Wokingham

NEW BEGINNERS PILATES CLASS

When? Thursday 6 January 2011 at 6.30pm

Where? Methodist Church,
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Nick Forgham (3rd Dan)

Tel: Reading (0118) 935 2695, 0777 625 8366

Relive the Wonderful Winnersh Fete 2010



Bearwood Primary School raises funds for school projects

The annual Winnersh Village Fete saw a 30 per cent rise in the number of organisations that wanted to be involved and the numbers of people attending the event is rising steadily.

This core event is now an accepted part of the community fun that happens in 'Wonderful Winnersh' every year.

Next year the fete will be on **Saturday 18 June** and the Parish Council plans to involve even more of our community in activities, competitions and exhibitions, so volunteer now before someone volunteers you later.

Big band music and plenty of brass was a real hit with everyone



There was dancing and some of us were taken back to our youth. Contact the Parish Council to find out about classes and start a new lease of life this winter



Have you ever considered how the pyramids were started?



Karen supervises the Winnersh World Challenge – See you there next year!

Inside the hall, War Games were all the rage



Even local radio could not stay away

Our sincere thanks go to the following local companies that gave donations or prizes for the fete in 2010 ...

... and to all the stallholders and arena performers that made the fete such a great success:

AVC Catering
Bearwood Primary School
Berkshire Group of N Gauge Society
Blood Transfusion Service
Carol Baker
Cats Protection League
Citrus Studio
Community Wardens (WBC)
Diana Brimblecombe Animal Rescue Centre
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Greenwood Pre-school
Guide Dogs
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LEAD Dog Agility (Arborfield)
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Rainbow Community Centre
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Reading War Games Club
Readinginfo
RNLI
Rock 'N' Roll Dancers
Royal British Legion (RBL)
RBL Riders' Branch
SALGO
St Sebastian's Wokingham Brass Band
Samaritans of Reading
Scouts (1st Winnersh)
Sindlesham Baptist Church
Steve Herbert
St Catherine's Church
St Mary's Church
Tailor Made Chef

Be Smart Dry Cleaning
Charlotte Broster Photography
Citrus Studio
Monkey Mates
Nirvana Spa
Sainsbury's
The Mill at Sonning
Winnersh Dental Practice
Winnersh Garden Centre

Thames Valley Goldwings
The Finishing Touch
Theatretrain
Tiddlywinks Mother & Toddler Group
Tumbletots
Usborne Books
Winnersh & District Historical Society
Winnersh NAG
Winnersh Rangers Football Club
Winnersh Women's Institute
Wokingham & District Veteran Trees Association

Winnersh residents to receive flood protection aid



The Environment Agency gave details of the measures it's taking to reduce the risk of flooding in Winnersh and protect affected properties at a drop-in session at Winnersh Community Centre on 12 November.

The meeting follows a detailed topographic survey by the Environment Agency earlier this year, which identified 134 affected properties. The survey concluded that 49 Winnersh properties – residential and business – have a 1 in 50 chance of flooding in any given year, while the rest of those identified have a 1 in 100 risk.

Residents attending the meeting also spoke to members of the new Winnersh Flood Action Group (FLAG) and the National Flood Forum (NFF), which will give a voice to community concerns about building on flood plains.

The Environment Agency's measures include arranging for individual properties in the 1 in 50 flood plain to have free flood protection measures, paid for by local levy funding. They will be surveyed over the next few months and, depending on the

results, will be issued with airbrick defences and/or floodgates.

Residents of properties within the 1 in 100 flood zone were given information about the Environment Agency's Floodline Warnings Direct Service, advice on making their properties more flood-resistant and guidance on what to do before, during and after a flood.

"We are disappointed that a flood defence scheme is ruled out, as flooding doesn't just affect properties but anyone trying to get around Winnersh by foot or vehicle. However, we are delighted something is, at last, being done to protect residents and businesses at risk of flooding," said Alison Moore, co-chair of Winnersh FLAG. "The Environment Agency is on a tight timescale to introduce these measures before the end of the financial year and I urge residents to get in touch if they have questions about their flood risk status and what it means."

Call Alison (Winnersh FLAG) on 0118 967 4942 or Stuart (Environment Agency) on 01491 828521



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Cllr Ted Cooke puts his community first

Have you ever wondered who puts themselves forward to become a Winnersh Parish Councillor? We would like to introduce you to one of the unsung heroes of our community.

Ted Cooke lives at Bayley Court with his wife Ann. He used to work in logistics and is concerned for fellow members of the Winnersh community. He initially became a parish councillor about four years ago because he saw that the residents of Rainbow Park could make a very active contribution to the social life of Winnersh if they had leadership and opportunity.

Ted is an active member of the Centre Forward Group and is the deputy chair of the Recreation and Amenities committee at the parish council. If that was not enough, he is also a governor at Bearwood Primary School. Finally, Ted is part of the team that organises the Christmas lights – see him lighting the fireworks on 10 December at 6pm.



Allotment competitors blossom in annual awards



Mr Davies' daughter accepts the Winner's Certificate from Cllr John Wakefield, right, with judge Les Moody

The overall standard of the allotments has improved yet again this year according to Les Moody, judge for the annual Allotment Competition. Many of the plots are now achieving a high standard of cultivation and it is becoming even more difficult to choose a winner.

This year's awards go to: Bob Richards (first), Robert Wigley (second) and Terry Davies (third). Sue Taylor earned a special mention for most improved allotment.

The demand for allotments has continued to grow and the Parish Council is trying to acquire more land to increase their number. There is now a waiting list of over 50 Winnersh residents, so the Council has decided to offer half plots when allotments become available.

Winnersh & District Historical Society

Learn more about the way we act today by studying our past with the local history society

Have an evening out for just £2.50
(or £1.50 if you are a member)
including light refreshments.

The society meets on the third Monday of the month in Sindlesham. Presentations this year have included Women's Land Army, Berks Aviation History, Air Defence – WWII.

Details of the society, including programme, from Brian Eighteen (Chairman) on 0118 978 4499 or e-mail: b.eighteen@btinternet.com or visit: www.winnersh.gov.uk/wdhs/



Useful contacts

Thames Valley Police

Urgent calls: dial 999 – anything else: 0845 8 505 505
Local police: Sgt Tim Woolford, PCs Alistair Marman & Nicky Hamblin
PCSOs: Nellie Williams and Gary Johnson
Crime stoppers: 0800 555 111

Community Wardens

Emma Bacca and Susan McIntyre: 0118 974 3798
or email: emma.bacca@wokingham.gov.uk

Community Development, Rainbow Park

James Newman: 0118 989 4280

Floodline: 0845 988 1188

Winnersh FLAG (Flood Action Group): Alison Moore 0118 967 4942

Winnersh NAG (Neighbourhood Action Group)

winnersh.nag@talktalk.net or www.seeds.org.uk/winnersh.nag

Wokingham Borough Council

www.wokingham.gov.uk or Wokingham Direct 0118 974 6000

Sainsbury's shopping trolley hot line: 0800 316 1241

Council meetings

Winnersh Parish Council

meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday of each month (except August), commencing at 7.45 pm in the John Grobler Room at the Winnersh Community Centre, Mole Road, Sindlesham.

If you have issues that concern **Wokingham Borough Council** you can attend one of its meetings at Shute End in Wokingham. See the website for details: www.wokingham.gov.uk

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Winnersh Library: Winnersh has a well-stocked library in the grounds of Forest School in Robinhood Lane. The library is shared with the school but is open to all Winnersh residents during these hours:

Tuesday	2pm - 8pm
Wednesday	10am - 6pm
Thursday	2pm - 8pm
Friday	10am - 5pm
Saturday	10am - 1pm

