

Winnersh Matters

The community newsletter for the residents of Winnersh and Sindlesham



Winnersh Parish
Council

Christmas Lights

That time of year is nearly upon us, so make a date in your diary for the Winnersh Christmas lights. This year the switching on of the lights will be held on Friday 5th December at Winnersh Community Centre. The Borough Mayor Cllr Ullakarin Clark will be pressing the button to light up Bearwood Recreation Ground for the festive period. Mince pies, mulled wine and soft drinks will be available courtesy of Sainsbury's and Christmas carols will be sung by the pupils of Bearwood Primary School. The festivities will start at 6pm and end with a Raffle and Fireworks.



Winnersh Fete Success

The Winnersh Summer Fete was held on Saturday 21st June on the Bearwood Recreation Ground. This year's event was a raging success, not only down to the wonderful array of activities but the weather helped make it an enjoyable day for all who attended. Plans are already underway for next year's fete which we hope will be even bigger and better, so make a date in your diary for Saturday 20th June 2015. This year Age Concern (Slough & Berkshire East) and Thames Valley Air Ambulance were the chosen charities and the fete raised £1169.64.



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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.

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Civic Awards for Service to our Community

During the Summer Fete held in June, Winnersh Parish Civic Awards were presented to Sally Whittaker (right) and Liz Walker (below) by our MP John Redwood. Sally Whittaker is a volunteer for Home-Start Wokingham. She has given her time and support to various families around the district and in particular to a local family needing help during an especially difficult time over the past two years.

Liz Walker has been a Unit Guider in charge of the Winnersh Guide Unit for over 10 years. Liz has led the guide meetings every week and also taken the girls on camping and adventure holidays. Known in her guide unit as “Giraffe”, Liz is stepping down this year and so it is with particular pleasure that we recognise her work over the past decade.



Winnersh Civic Awards 2015

*Do you know someone who
Deserves some Recognition
for all the work they do
in the Community?*

*Then why not nominate them for an
award?*

Contact the Parish Clerk

WINNERSH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Big play area for children aged 3 to 15
Outdoor gym equipment
Extensive play grounds
Table Tennis meeting rooms

Many different groups hire our facilities
Lots of activities for all ages

Car parking available

**Why not hire our hall, bar or other
rooms for your group, family or
company event?**

Call the Council Office on 0118 978 0244 for details and availability. For smaller events or meetings the John Grobler or Sindlesham Rooms can be hired for as little as £13 an hour.



WINNERSH COMMUNITY CENTRE HALL

Recently decorated throughout
Licensed bar
Capacity for 190 people (150 seated)
Kitchen facilities
Professional catering available
Car parking
Facilities for disabled
A pleasant green field setting
For hire costs contact Parish Clerk
0118 978 0244

Local News

Wokingham Flood Risk Management Strategy (LFRMS)

Wokingham Borough Council's Draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (LFRMS) is an important new tool to help authorities, individuals, communities and businesses within the Borough understand and manage local flood risk. The Strategy focuses on flood risk from surface water, groundwater and streams and ditches, as well as how these local sources interact with each other and river flooding.

The Wokingham Local Flood Risk Management Strategy sets out the following:

- Explains how partners are working together to reduce flood risk
- Provides an overview of the ongoing flood risk management work underway across the Borough
- Outlines which organisations are responsible for different types of flooding to ensure a common understanding of roles, responsibilities and priorities within the Borough
- Sets out our objectives in relation to flood risk
- Outlines potential sources of funding

You can download the draft Flood Risk strategy document from the Wokingham Borough website.

Third Primary School Opens in Winnersh

Winnersh's new primary school opened on the 4th September. A single form entry school, Wheatfield Primary currently has 28 4-5 year old pupils. Another year group will be added each year until the school has a maximum of 210 pupils after 6 years. Head teacher Mrs Beverley Homer recently welcomed local councillors to the school and showed them the excellent facilities. During the visit the children were enjoying a tasty lunch – there is a 100% take up of school lunch at Wheatfield. Mrs Homer said "We are very pleased to be part of the local community and would welcome any local residents who would like to visit the school." The school can be contacted on Tel. 0118 989 6950.



New Green Space for Winnersh

In August the Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) planning department agreed to a proposal from two developers for the creation of a new green space in Winnersh under the SANG (Suitable Alternative Natural Green space) initiative. The site comprising approximately 6.7 hectares (roughly 16 acres) is located to the north west of Wokingham between Old Forest Road and the M4 and comprises primarily agricultural land, unmanaged landscaping comprising hedges and trees, and the Emmbrook watercourse which dissects the site. The proposal is to create an area of open space which will eventually serve the main development site at Matthews Green. At the current time there are no dates available as to when the work will commence or be ready for opening to the public.

Details can be found by searching www.wokingham.gov.uk for planning application **F/2014/1216**.

Out and About in Winnersh



Work is well under way to complete a 93 bedroom Travelodge in Wharfedale Road IQ Winnersh. The new hotel will include a bar and cafe facility with associated parking. The complex is expected to generate nine full-time and 20 part-time jobs.

Lower Earley Cycleway officially opened on the 29th September. This new 3 metre wide footway/cycleway is physically separated from the main carriageway and covers a 2.5 km stretch. This scheme is the missing link of cycleway which ties into the Shinfield (Black Boy Roundabout) and Winnersh (Showcase Roundabout) existing cycleways, as well as the Cutbush Lane Cycleway.



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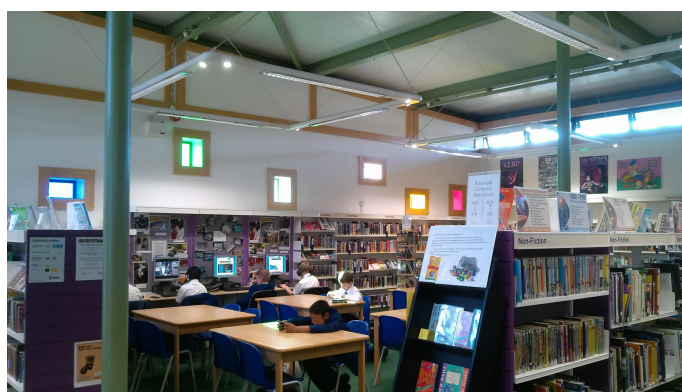
helen.davey@tumbletots.com

www.tumbletots.com/reading



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:

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





WHAT IS A NAG? The NAGs are a Government initiative rolled out by the Police to address community safety issues through Neighbourhood Policing and local resident involvement.

WHO MAKES UP A NAG? The Winnersh NAG is made up of local residents, Police and local organisations together with representatives of both the Borough and Parish Councils.

WHY? The purpose of the NAG is to help problem solve community safety issues, to reduce crime and disorder and help to bring about a greater sense of reassurance and community spirit.

HOW? The Winnersh NAG works in partnership with Wokingham Borough Council and Thames Valley Police, to address neighbourhood concerns. Members of the NAG are the conduit through which local issues concerning the whole community can be addressed; these issues are identified by the NAG surveys. These surveys are used to draw up a list of community priorities that the NAG can then act upon.

CAN YOU HELP? Yes you can! Why not join us? See contact details below.

This year the Winnersh NAG has been working with your Neighbourhood Policing Team, Thames Valley Police and Wokingham Borough Council and we have been successful in achieving some good results for residents.

Double Yellow lines – have been applied to **Danywern Drive** and **Cavendish Gardens** giving residents better visibility and making their roads a safer place to live.

Timed parking restrictions Work will soon commence in **Greenwood Grove** – making it a much safer place for the children going to Winnersh Primary School.

We are currently working on making the junction at Chatsworth Ave and Baslow Road safer, which is affecting all drivers travelling through **Baslow Road**.

Work commenced on 4th August converting steps into slopes on the railway bridge in **Robinhood Lane**. This will aid the wheelchair bound and Mums with buggies to use the bridge to continue their journey without having to cross a busy road.

Working with WBC to fully tarmac the footpath rear of **Winnersh Primary School** to aid with their travel plan.

If you have an issue concerning safety please do not hesitate to contact us.

Pat Rowell – Chairman - Tel: 07903 280642

Winnersh British Legion

The Legion has operated from Woodward Close for approximately 30 years and prior to that from at least two other locations in Winnersh Parish. We boast two bars, pool tables and BT Sports with a variety of different interests catered for during the week:

Poker and crib on most Mondays
Men's darts on Tuesdays
Petanque practice on Wednesdays
Ladies darts on Thursdays

Men's darts on Fridays
Live music from 8.00pm most Saturdays
Bingo every Sunday from 8.00pm

Whilst we are a private members club, everyone is welcome and membership is available to all. We are open every evening from 7.00pm to 11.00pm plus all day opening on Saturday and Sunday from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. For information, please contact the Secretary (Cathy Marks) or the Chairman (Andrew Marks) via the Club. Woodward Close, Winnersh RG41 5LP Tel: (0118) 978 0307

News from the Allotments

As summer fades we can look back on another good growing season at the Winnersh allotments. A mild spring and hot months in June and July meant that crops developed well and had the sun and warmth to mature and ripen. Soft fruit, especially strawberries, raspberries and gooseberries, again had an excellent crop similar to last year, however, the blackcurrants were not as big and plump. Apples and plums flowered well and with no real frost in May the trees at the allotments are burdened with fruit.

Vegetables also cropped well and the early potatoes not only had a good number per plant but the potatoes were of a good size. Luckily for the second year in a row blight did not affect the potatoes so second early's and main crop were able to develop without check. Courgettes, peas and beans all benefited from the good summer weather and the plants were loaded with the produce. It goes without saying that the good growing conditions also produced a fine crop of weeds that meant many an hour with the hoe keeping them in check.

As crops finish and are cleared so the next job of preparing the ground for next year begins. Soil is being rough dug to allow the frost and rain to do their job so that next spring the ground can be raked flat and seeds sown in the fine tilth. Now is the time to top dress the soil with manure or organic compost for the weather and worms to work in and to help keep the weeds at bay.

The Winnersh Allotments Open Day held on 14th June was a limited success. A heavy shower of rain just as the gates opened deterred many people from attending, although when the sun came out later people did arrive. For many it was their first opportunity to view the allotments and talk to plot holders about how to do well with an allotment. The message is very simple, lots of hard work. The Parish Council, who supported the Open Day, intend to hold another one next year when hopefully the weather will be more kind.

Winnersh allotment holders are able to benefit from a central purchasing system as part of Winnersh Allotments membership with D.T.Brown, a well known seed merchant. The new seed catalogue is imminent and a pre-view shows some exciting ranges on offer. Catalogues will be available at the allotments together with order forms, they will be placed in a shed but notices at the allotments will indicate which one. Catalogues can be taken away for perusal sitting by the fire having a cup of tea at home. Please return them promptly with a completed order form when you have finished with them.

The reason for this is that we are able to take advantage of considerable discounts, up to 50%, on seeds and items on a scale relating to the total of our entire purchase. There will be a deadline for final orders as we do have to meet the grower's deadline for dispatch. Payment will be deferred until we have the final order value and know the level of discount, at this point you will be contacted for payment.

So, if you wish to take advantage of this arrangement keep your eyes peeled for the signs down at the allotments.

There is now a small number of vacant allotments so to get digging contact the Parish Clerk on 0118 9780244 or email him on admin@winnersh.gov.uk.

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Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111
NHS Direct dial 111

To find your next "Have Your Say" session with your local PCSO.

www.thamesvalley.police.uk/yournh-tvp-pol-area-n258-meet

Community Wardens

Telephone: 0118 974 3798

or email: communitywardens@wokingham.gov.uk

Community Development, Rainbow Park

Rose Green: 0118 989 4280

Winnersh Neighbourhood Action Group

www.winnersh-nag.org.uk

Floodline: 0845 988 1188 or 0345 988 1188

www.environment-agency.gov.uk

Winnersh Parish Council

The Parish Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except August), starting at 7.45 pm in the John Grobler Room at the Winnersh Community Centre, Mole Road, Sindlesham (by Bearwood Recreation Ground).

See www.winnersh.gov.uk

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