

Winnersh Matters

The community newsletter for the residents of Winnersh and Sindlesham



Winnersh Parish
Council

WINNERSH CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Friday 4th December at 6pm

Seasonal Greetings to all good citizens of Winnersh. The Festive season commences with the Winnersh Grand Christmas Lights Switch on on Friday 4th December at the Community Centre, Bearwood Rec, Sindlesham starting at 6pm. Come early to enjoy the hot mulled wine and mince pies. The choir of Winnersh Primary School will entertain with a selection of seasonal songs and carols before the Mayor of Wokingham, Councillor Parry Batth, switches on the lights. This will be followed by a firework display. So put a date in your diaries, Winnersh Christmas Lights, Friday 4th December at 6pm.



Winnersh History Project – Help Wanted

The parish council is currently working on a project to capture information and pictures on the history of Winnersh and make it available to anyone interested. Initially using information generously donated by former members of the Winnersh Historical Society, we expect to publish the information on a website and then encourage residents, researchers and schools to delve into and add to it. Please contact us if you would be interested in helping develop this project or have any material that you could contribute.

To Hire the Community Centre Hall for your event contact the office on 0118 978 0244

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Relief Caretaker Required

Winnersh Community Centre.
To cover the caretaker's day off (normally Thursday) and annual leave. Average 6 hours per day, £56.90 per day. Duties include cleaning the facilities and opening/closing of halls for hirers.

For further details please contact Clive Hudson, the Parish Clerk, on 0118 9780244 or email clerk@winnersh.gov.uk

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Out and About in Winnersh

North Wokingham Distributor Road

In 2014 Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) selected option B as the Preferred Route for the North Wokingham Distributor Road which is needed to facilitate the additional traffic from the 1500 new houses being built in North Wokingham. Since then WBC has conducted more detailed planning and in September submitted a revised route taking into account ecological and environmental concerns to WBC Executive for approval. This was approved on 24th September 2015. The main changes are around the Toutley Road area of the route. Now that the revised route has been approved WBC planners will now commence detailed discussions with the affected landowners and Network Rail to submit a final costed option for approval by the WBC Executive next summer. The detailed discussions will also include the future location of Winnersh allotments with Winnersh Parish Council. The current plan has an area allocated off the new distributor road, however, this is not convenient for many of the allotment holders and Winnersh Parish Council has submitted four alternative sites that are more convenient to the centre of the village. It is currently forecast that the new distributor road could be open in 2019/2020 with the allotments not moving for at least two years.

Reading Road Cycle Way

Phase 2 of the Cycle way from the Showcase Roundabout to Winnersh Crossroads was finally completed in September with the switching on of the two Toucan crossings replacing the temporary traffic lights. Phase 3 of the Cycle Way from Winnersh crossroads to Woosehill is now in the planning and consultation stage and work is expected to start next year.

Winnersh Fete

The 8th annual Winnersh Summer Fete took place on Saturday 20th June 2015 at Bearwood Rec, Sindlesham. The weather was not at its best but the fete was very well attended and there was a record number of stalls. Those attending were entertained by a variety of performers. There was a pianist in the bar, a jazz band playing outside and in the arena there was a full agenda of entertainment with local dance groups and with the Hurst Morris People taking the headline slots with an interesting and energetic selection of local dances. The afternoon in the arena was closed with the dog agility display which every year delights the audience with their control and enthusiastic manoeuvring round the obstacle course. Children and young people were well catered for with a bouncy castle and obstacle course and the Climbing Wall along with Circus World.

The fete raised a record amount for this year's chosen charities, Dementia UK and Guide Dogs. Thanks to all our sponsors and the local businesses who gave prizes for the raffle and particularly to Porsche who donated a Porsche Experience and Bearwood Lakes Golf Cub who donated a round of golf for four people.

WINNERSH COMMUNITY CENTRE



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 the Parish Clerk
0118 978 0244

Tenant Services - Community Fun Days

The Tenant and Leaseholder Involvement Team organised seven fun day events this year across the borough.

The purpose of the events was to provide lots of fun activities to families and also give on hand support and advice about all the different services we provide to our tenants and residents.

We held our event at Rainbow Park Community Centre in

Winnersh on the 26th August and were able to go ahead despite the rain as we held a lot of the activities in the centre. We had a fab turnout considering the bad weather conditions with a great community feel. It was lovely to see so many of our residents

join in the fun and we are looking forward to next year's event which will take place in August, date to be confirmed. Our partner agencies supporting these events made them a real success and the Tenant and Leaseholder Involvement Team would like to thank them all for their fantastic input into these events.

We have started planning for next year's events so please look out for them in Housing Matters, Facebook page and the Wokingham Borough Council website <http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/housing-and-tenants/>



(Article submitted by Tenant Services, Wokingham Borough Council)

Guide Dogs Donation from Winnersh Summer Fete

Representatives from Guide Dogs attended the September meeting of Winnersh Parish Council to receive a donation from the proceeds of this year's Winnersh Summer Fete. Winnersh resident Jenny Pape gave a short overview of the work of Guide Dogs and explained how having a dog had dramatically changed her life. She said "I only wish I had realised what a fantastic difference having a guide dog would make – I would have got one years before!" She was accompanied by her dog Kashmir and also by puppy walker Janice Burns, with puppy in training Quiz, and Guide Dogs fund raiser Ann Worrall.

Council Chairman John Southgate presented a cheque for £620 to Guide Dogs, being half the money raised centrally at the fete. He said

that the other half of the money had been donated to Dementia UK and that many local groups had also benefited from the fete as they had kept all the proceeds made from their own stalls. He continued "We are very pleased to give this donation to such a deserving cause, especially as Guide Dogs now have a base in Winnersh on the Winnersh Triangle Business Park."



PHOTO: L to R: John Southgate, Janice Burns and Quiz, Ann Worrall, Jenny Pape and Kashmir



Would You Like To Make a Difference?

The Link Visiting Scheme is a befriending service for those in our community who feel isolated and lonely.

We are looking for friendly faces to cheer someone up and give some much needed quality time. Social isolation and lack of contact is more worrying to many elderly people than health or financial pressures.

Weekly visits from someone interested and willing to listen makes a huge difference to someone's life.

Please get in touch if you'd like to make a difference to someone's life. We would love to hear from you and welcome you into our team!

Contact: Mandi Eagle, Volunteer Coordinator 0118 9798019 or 07823 772716

Visit: www.linkvisiting.org or write to us 6, Shute End, Wokingham Berkshire. Charity no. 1139248

Loddon Bridge Park and Ride

The Park and Ride at Loddon Bridge transferred to its new location adjacent to Winnersh Triangle station on Wharfedale Road on Monday 26th October 2015. The new service is provided by Reading Buses. The car park has spaces for 400 vehicles for bus and rail travellers. Parking is included in the new bus fare but bus pass users will need to buy a £1 ticket on the bus. Bus tickets have a barcode which you scan at the ticket machine to exit the car park. See <http://www.reading-buses.co.uk/articles/new-winnersh-triangle-park-and-ride/>



New Post Office

The new post office opened in Winnersh Food and Wine at 487 Reading Road on Mon 12th Oct 2015. The Food and Wine store is open from 7 am to 11 pm and the Post Office from Mon to Sat between 9 am and 6 pm. Royal Mail has decided against a post box at the new post office as Winnersh is already well served but letters can be left at the counter for collection. Last collections are 4:45 pm Mon-Fri and 11:45 am Sat. The old post office at 427 Reading Road has closed and a planning application submitted for a fast food store. Our thanks to Vijah and Jhoti, who ran the old Post Office for many years.



Dates for the Diary

Winnersh Xmas Lights - Friday 4th Dec 15

Reading Bikers Toy Run - Sunday 6th Dec 15

Winnersh Litter Pick - Sunday 20th March 16

Winnersh Fete - Saturday 18th June 16

Useful contacts

Thames Valley Police

Emergency calls	dial 999
Non-emergency calls	dial 101
Crime Stoppers	0800 555 111
NHS Direct	dial 111

To find your next "Have Your Say" session with our local PCSOs. (Will Mather and Hanna Baughan)

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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Veolia

To rent a garden waste bin or to organise the collection of bulky items: 0118 909 9360 or Wokingham.enquiries@veolia.co.uk

Winnersh Adopt-a-Street Litter Pick Scheme

Telephone David Baker: 0118 978 6772

or email: david@opendoorconsulting.co.uk