

Winnersh Matters

The community newsletter for the residents of Winnersh and Sindlesham



Winnersh Parish
Council

WINNERSH SUMMER FETE

*Saturday 20th June 1:00 – 4:30pm
at the Bearwood Recreation Ground,
Sindlesham*



It's fete time again: join us for all the fun of a traditional family fete. Now in its eighth year the fete has become a focal point for Winnersh residents to get together in the summer. About 50 local voluntary groups, charities and businesses will be providing an enjoyable afternoon for us all.

Attractions include a climbing wall, large bouncy castle, jousting pole, obstacle course, Circus Scene, Hands-On Arts Pavilion, dog agility display, Hurst Morris dancers, wheelbarrow races, jazz band, war games display, model railway and much more!

Catering options will include burgers from the Scouts, tea and cakes from Winnersh Churches, crepes from the Lions, Indian food stall, ice creams and the Sindlesham Room bar.

As well as the Grand Raffle for which some great prizes have been donated, a silent auction will be held for two major experiences: a Porsche VIP driving experience at Silverstone and a round of golf for four at Bearwood Lakes Golf Club. All proceeds will go to Guide Dogs and Dementia UK.

And if your voluntary group hasn't yet signed up we can make space for you: contact us now at fete@winnersh.gov.uk.

***FREE ENTRY, parking and children's attractions
Make a note of the date: 20 June!***

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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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Reading Road Cycle Way

Work has started on the next phase of the £2 million cycle way that will eventually run the length of Wokingham Borough's section of the A329, from the Three Tuns junction to the Coppid Beech roundabout. This second phase will create 1.5 metre cycle lanes on each side of the A329 Reading Road between the Showcase Cinema roundabout and Winnersh Crossroads junctions. In addition to the cycle way footpaths will be resurfaced, existing off-road cycle routes improved, and two new Toucan crossings installed.

The first phase of the Wokingham Borough Council works focused on the stretch between the Three Tuns Junction and Showcase Cinema roundabout. Phase 2 will connect to Winnersh Triangle Business Park and The Forest School. Phase 3, which is hoped will start later this year, will link to The Emmbrook and The Holt Schools. Phase 4, earmarked for 2016, will link to St Crispin's School as well as reach into the new Montague Park on London Road close to Coppid Beech roundabout.

The Parish Council is concerned at the loss of the right filter lanes and that the road level has been raised without the kerbs having been raised as the road descends towards the Loddon. Increased amounts of water have been observed running off the road into drives and side roads during recent heavy rainfall. The Council has made representations to the Borough Council about these issues. Although some of the right turn lanes are unlikely to be reinstated in the near future, it is to be hoped that mitigation of the rainfall runoff will be considered if it can be shown to be a serious problem.



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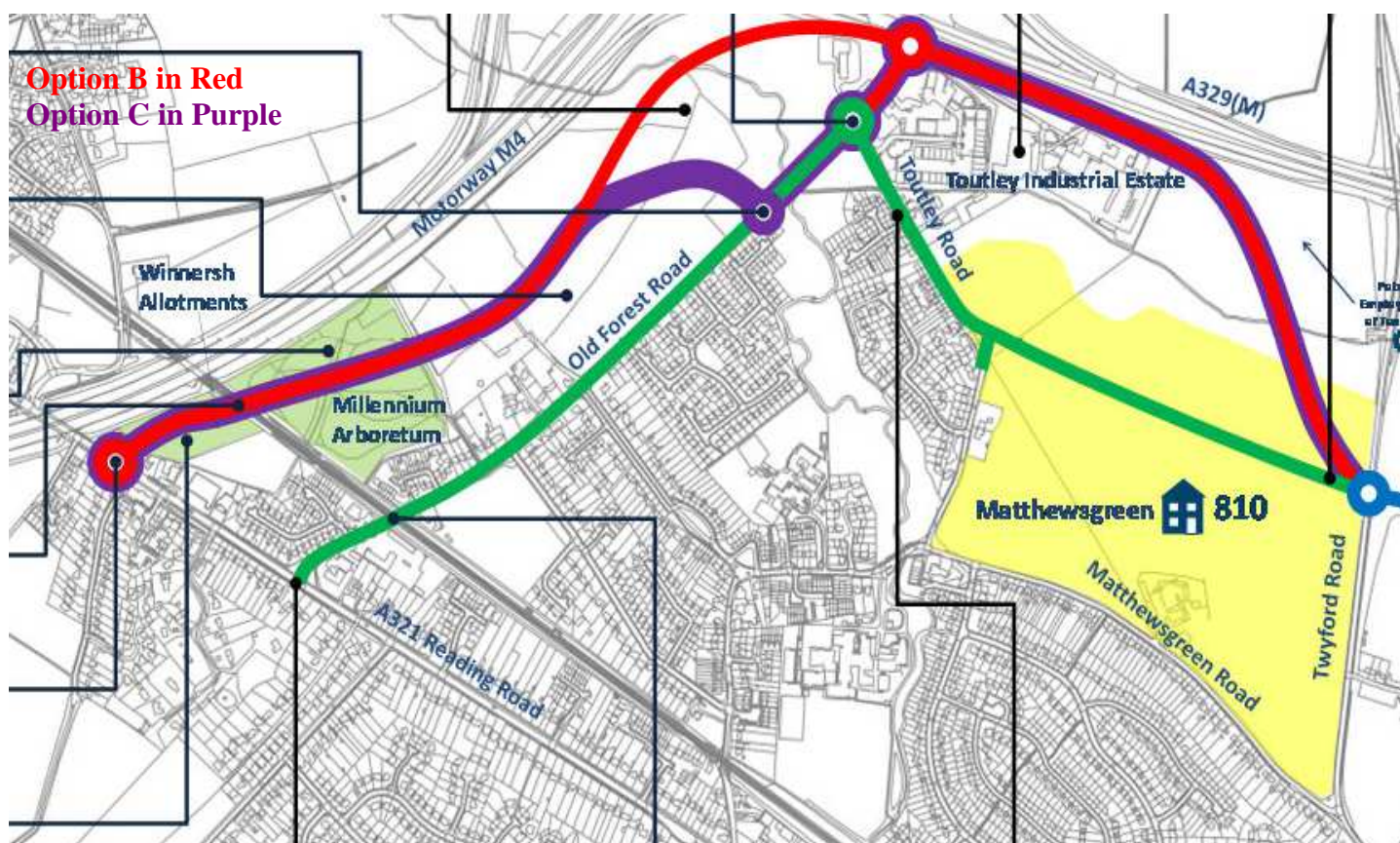
North Wokingham Distributor Road Update

A year ago Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) announced that Option B would be the preferred option for the North Wokingham Distributor Road which is intended to facilitate the additional traffic from the 1500 new houses being built in North Wokingham by 2026. The route for option B would take it from the roundabout on the Twyford Road alongside the A329(M) curving south over the Emmbrook, through the Arboretum, over the railway line, through the Winnersh allotments joining the A329 Reading Road at a new roundabout between the BP garage and the M4 bridge. Following this announcement WBC planners would undertake further detailed consultation and planning with a final decision on the route to be made in March 2015. The decision was delayed and at a recent meeting in April arranged by the Winnersh borough councillors the WBC planners updated both Winnersh borough and parish councillors on their progress to date. Option B is not a viable option due to environmental and technical issues mainly concerned with the Emmbrook and so further work has been undertaken on Option C which is similar to Option B but comes down the Old Forest Road before rejoining the route via a new roundabout south of the Emmbrook.

This route will mean that part of the Arboretum will be lost but WBC intend to make up any land used for the new road by planting additional trees between the new road and the M4.

Winnersh allotments will also be lost with a new embankment rising through the allotment land and over the railway line and down an embankment the other side. The embankment is likely to be the height of the current M4 embankment and will be planted with trees to reduce the impact.

The current WBC plans are for the Winnersh allotments to be moved to an area off the new road north of the Arboretum. This would have the same number of plots as at present with all the facilities, ie water, parking etc. The Winnersh councillors expressed some concern about the positioning of the new allotment site as it will only be accessible by car from the new road and this would mean many of the current plot holders who do not drive would only be able to continue with difficulty. Unfortunately Winnersh no longer has many open green spaces suitable for allotments and Winnersh Parish Council and WBC are working together to identify alternative suitable sites. The proposed new route is expected to be announced shortly and then it will go to the WBC Executive for final approval. At this stage negotiations will commence with Network Rail regarding the bridge over the railway line with the road planned to be in place by 2020.



The above map is an extract from the consultation process and is available in more detail online at:
www.wokingham.gov.uk/transport/roads/northwokinghamdistributor/

Out and About in Winnersh

New Look Sainsburys

Sainsburys have recently opened their expanded store with an extended range of non food items and a larger improved café. The work included extending the car park with a new layout and additional spaces for disabled customers.

New Parish Council Starts Work

A new parish council was 'elected' on 7th May. All parish councils come up for election every four years and 2015 is one of those years. This year 13 candidates put their names forward for the 15 places on the council and so were elected unopposed. The council intends to fill the two vacancies by co-option at its June meeting.

The new council had its first meeting on 14th May and elected its officers for the year. The new officers and councillors are:

John Southgate – Chairman, Geoff Harper – Vice-Chairman and Chairman of Recreation & Amenities, Frank Breedlove – Chairman of Finance & General Purposes, Clinton Taylor – Chairman of Planning, James Bray, Prue Bray, Jeremy Curtis, David Green, Shaun Hanna, Nick Kilby, Femi Obileye, Phil Ray and Rachelle Shepherd-Dubey.

The council welcomed James Bray, Jeremy Curtis and Nick Kilby who are new to the council, the others having served on the council prior to the election, and thanked retiring councillors for their work over past years, namely Richard Holdstock, David Hunt, Imogen Shepherd-Dubey and Ric Tilbe.



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Local News

Loddon Bridge Park and Ride

The new Loddon Bridge Park & Ride at Winnersh Triangle station is making good progress and is expected to open in July 2015. There will be approximately 400 parking spaces. The car park is shared with the rail passengers and a parking fee will be chargeable.

Winnersh Post Office

The current Winnersh Post Office in Reading Road will close shortly but will be replaced by a new Post Office within the Winnersh Food and Wine store further down the Reading Road towards the roundabout. The new Post Office will have two customer counters as the current one and will be open longer, extending hours of service to Winnersh residents. It will offer similar services and facilities to the current Post Office.

Reading Football Club

Reading Football Club has received planning permission from Wokingham Borough Council to turn what used to be Bearwood Golf Club on Mole Road into their training and academy facility. There will be thirteen training pitches, including an all weather flood lit pitch, plus indoor training facilities, offices and twenty six accommodation units for academy players etc.

Harley Davidson

Though not in Winnersh, the new Harley Davidson garage opened in April just across the road from the George at Loddon Bridge. With Triumph at the Bulldog garage at one end of the village and now Harley Davidson at the other end the residents of Winnersh are spoilt for choice of exotic motor cycles.



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News from the Allotments

What a difference a year makes. Twelve months ago one of the wettest winters on record left the soil wet and cold when spring came delaying the cultivation of the ground and sowing of crops.

Fortunately a warm and dry May and June meant the crops soon caught up and there were excellent results of both vegetables and fruit, although yet again a wet and warm July meant that most plot holders lost their tomatoes to blight. The seed companies are just releasing varieties of tomatoes that have resistance to blight but they are expensive at the moment.

This year the autumn and winter has been mild and dry and it has been possible to get the ground ready early and get off to a flying start to the growing season. However Mother Nature has a habit of catching people out who take too many liberties and plot holders who planted their early potatoes in early /mid March discovered the new leaves blackened and dying after a couple of heavy ground frosts in early April. No matter the plants will grow new leaves and crops should be unaffected

although probably a couple of weeks later than expected. There were also some disadvantages of the mild winter, weeds continued to grow almost continuously and needed constant hoeing or covering the ground to keep them under control. Also pests that would normally be killed off by cold weather flourished and there are already signs that the slug and snail population has survived largely unchecked.

At the annual renewal of tenancies last September there was an unprecedented fourteen plots available, a mixture of half and full plots and a waiting list of only nine. However, Winnersh Parish Council adopted a flexible approach to let them allowing existing half plot holders of good standing to take over the other half of the plot if vacant, this allowed all plots to be fully let.

It is with sadness to report that three of our long standing and dedicated plot holders are no longer with us. Their plots were always well tended and their advice and support especially to new plot holders will be sadly missed.

There is a short waiting list for allotments and if you fancy a plot then contact the Parish Clerk on 0118 9780244 or by email on clerk@winnersh.gov.uk or call in at the Community Centre at Bearwood Recreation Ground and speak to him personally.



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Winnersh Neighbourhood Action Group

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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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