

Winnersh Matters

The community newsletter for the residents of Winnersh and Sindlesham



Winnersh Parish
Council

WINNERSH SUMMER FETE

**Saturday 17th June 1:00 – 4:30pm
at the Bearwood Recreation Ground**

This year sees the Winnersh Summer Fete reach its tenth anniversary. On Saturday 17th June many Winnersh and Sindlesham residents, and quite a few from further afield, will gather for our annual community get-together and enjoy all the fun of a traditional family fete. Over fifty local charities, voluntary groups and businesses will be there to provide a great afternoon for us all.



Free attractions will include a climbing wall, bouncy castles for all ages, a mega-slide and the ever popular Circus Scene. A stilt walker and children's magician will be circulating around the fete to amuse and there will be the opportunity for pony rides and to play mini-golf. A falconry display, Morris dancing and dog agility display are all back by popular demand, supported by local performing groups, and you can get involved by entering the wheelbarrow races or the tug of war Contest. The Scouts will be catering for those who enjoy a burger or two while the Winnersh Churches will be providing hot drinks and cakes. Ice cream, candy floss and sandwiches will also be available as will drinks from the Community Hall bar.

This year we are supporting Just Around the Corner and Winnersh in Need as our main charities. We are pleased to thank Prospect Estate Agency, Bovis Homes, Balfour Beatty and the Wokingham Borough Council Tenant Involvement Team for sponsoring some of the free activities.



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**FREE ENTRY, parking and children's attractions
Make a note of the date: 17th 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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Christmas Lights Switch On

The annual Christmas lights Switch-on took place in early December and this year was bigger and better thanks to generous sponsorship from Bovis and Prospect Estate Agents. New lights were purchased, a fire eater act entertained everybody before the switch-on and there was a bigger firework display to end the evening.

The choir of Winnersh Primary School, ably led by their teachers, performed a varied selection of Christmas carols and songs which were well received. Our thanks to the Head Mistress and teachers for organising and rehearsing the choir and the pupils for an enthusiastic and enjoyable performance.

The Christmas Lights Switch-on was performed by the Mayor of Wokingham, Councillor Bob Pitts to much applause.

Free hot mulled wine and mince pies went down well with the adult attendees while there were soft drinks and biscuits for the children. Our thanks to the ladies of Winnersh Churches for again dispensing the hot mulled wine and mince pies and offering a range of other refreshments.

Be Prepared! Floods do happen in Winnersh

Parts of Winnersh near to the River Loddon or the Emmbrook are at risk of flooding from these water courses which has happened on a number of occasions in the past. In addition, exceptionally heavy downpours can swamp the drains and the surface water runs off and collects in unexpected areas or floods homes.

A significant number of properties across Winnersh are in or near areas where there are risks of flooding from surface water. So even if you are nowhere near to the Loddon, Emm or any stream, it is well worth checking the surface water flooding risk in the area around your home.

To help you, the Environment Agency has a new free service giving on-line information about the long term flood risk assessments which affect individual properties.

Visit <https://www.gov.uk/check-flood-risk> and click on 'flood maps'. The website includes maps, which can 'zoom' into individual homes, and show the assessed risks from river or surface water flooding.

If your home is at risk of flooding, you can sign up to get free flood warnings by phone, email or text message.

<https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>

The website also gives a wealth of useful information about making your own action plan of what to do if your home is threatened by flooding.

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 £13.50 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 the Parish Clerk
0118 978 0244

Winnersh Adopt-a-Street Scheme

Join our Adopt-a-Street scheme

Help keep your neighbourhood green and litter free by joining the Council backed Adopt-a-Street scheme.

What can I do?

You can pick up litter in your area at any time convenient to you.

We'll provide you with a litter picker and rubbish bags.

What should I do with the litter I collect?

You can leave bags out for collection with your normal household rubbish.

Find out more. Contact:

david@opendoorconsulting.co.uk

David Baker 07802448756



Local Children's Charity needs your help?

Since 2003 Me2 Club volunteers have enabled children and young people with additional needs and disabilities (aged 5-19 years) throughout the Wokingham Borough to attend a mainstream activity of their choice. We support young people in a wide range of activities including uniformed groups, ice-skating, swimming, sports, drama and dance sessions. The young people we support struggle to access these activities because of their needs, resulting in social isolation, lack of confidence and self-esteem.

Me2 Club works closely with mainstream activity leaders helping them to make their activities more accessible and welcoming by providing comprehensive Inclusion Training. Our Manager also works closely with partner agencies throughout the Wokingham Borough to ensure that the families who need our support hear about our work.

If you can help support our work, either with fundraising or by volunteering with us, please do get in touch via the contact details on our website www.me2club.org.uk. We would also love to hear from you if there is a child or young person in your family who would benefit from our help.

31st Annual Christmas Toy Run

The 31st Annual Christmas Toy Run organised by the Reading Christian Bikers took place on the afternoon of Sunday 4th December 2016. Starting at the Foster Wheeler building (Old Shire Hall) approximately 2000 bikers made their way through Winnersh shutting the Reading Road for about an hour as the cavalcade made its way slowly but noisily through the village to its destination in Wokingham. The Reading Road was lined with local residents, young and old, showing their appreciation and support for the Bikers. There was a variety of bikes from the mighty Harley Davidsons to the more humble Vespas. Each biker and their passengers were dressed in colourful outfits, Father Christmas, Elves, Fairies (and that was the guys!!) etc and decked with tinsel and even fairy lights. Each biker carried a toy to be distributed by Barnardo's to needy children in the area.



Winnersh Firsts and Lasts



One of two new electric car chargers in Winnersh Triangle Park and Ride. These 'rapid chargers' will charge any electric car to 80% within 30 minutes, after which the machine turns off and the car must be removed. Cost 36p per KWh.

This is now the last working telephone box in Winnersh, which is sited in Baslow Road RG41 5QX. All other telephone boxes in Winnersh were scarcely used and, after consultation by BT, have been closed.



The last weekday post collection in Winnersh is at 6pm from this letter box in Wharfedale Road in the Winnersh Triangle Business Park (by the Willows Nursery RG41 5RB). Saturday collections are at 11:30 am. A 4 pm (or later) collection is made from the new Winnersh Post Office in the 'Best One' store at 427 Reading Road. RG41 5HL. Saturday collections are at 11:45am.

Said to be the first completed home (at 1 Duffett Drive) in the new Hatchwood Mill estate on the Hatch Farm Dairy Development in Winnersh.



New Councillors required

Winnersh Parish Council would like to co-opt two Winnersh residents onto the Winnersh Parish Council as councillors to fill vacancies caused by recent resignations. Winnersh Parish Council sits monthly, apart from August, on the second Tuesday of the month. There are three Committees, Planning that meets every three weeks, Recreation and Amenities that meets monthly apart from August and Finance and General Purpose that meets quarterly in January, April, July and October. All meetings are held at the John Groblar Room at the Community Centre at Bearwood Rec and start at 19.45. The new councillors will be invited to sit on one of the Committees.

The new Councillors will also be invited to support and contribute to the two main events organised and sponsored by Winnersh Parish Council, the Summer Fete in June and the Christmas Lights Switch On in December as well as represent Winnersh Parish Council on various outside bodies.

So if you are interested in becoming part of Local Government and serving your local community then please register your interest with the Parish Clerk on 0118 9780244 or at clerk@winnersh.gov.uk

Want to get involved with your Parish, Help organise the next Summer Fete or Christmas Lights. Contact the Parish Clerk on 0118 978 0244 Or come along to a meeting !

Local News

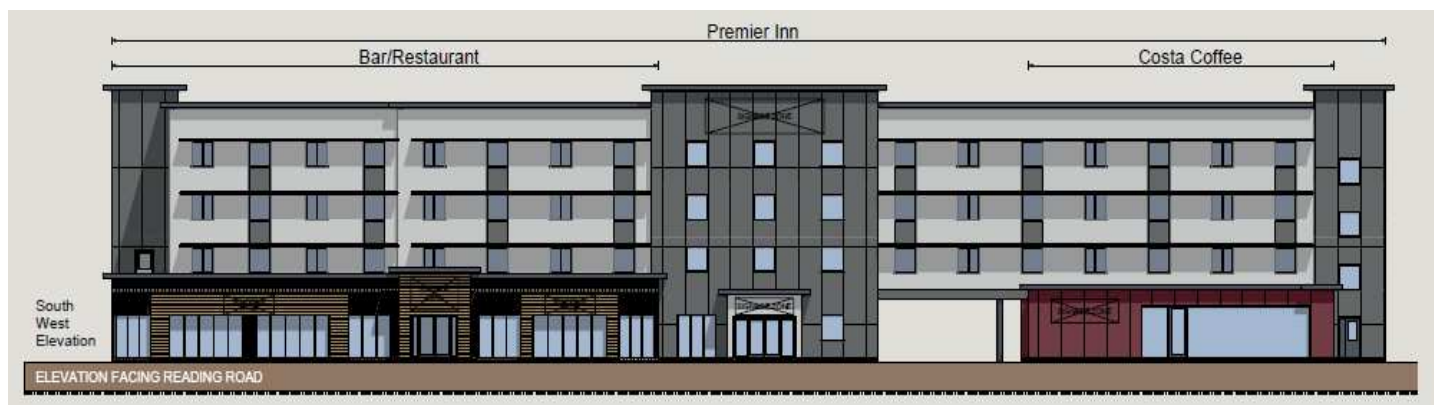
New Premier Inn at Oakdene Court

Whitbread Plc have submitted outline proposals to Wokingham Borough Council for the development of a 102 bedroom Premier Inn hotel together with a Beefeater restaurant and a drive-thru Costa Coffee and associated car parking at Oakdene Court (Vernalis) on the site of the old Merrell Dow Research Institute on the North East side of the Showcase roundabout in Winnersh. Since the old occupants moved out in 2012 the site has been vacant.

Whitbread's proposal positions the four storey building to the north east of the site to help alleviate the risk of flooding and to reduce the impact on nearby residents.. The integral hotel, restaurant/bar and Costa will take up a smaller footprint than the current buildings they will replace. The entrance, restaurant and Costa will occupy the ground floor and the bedrooms of the Premier Inn will occupy the other three floors.

The entrance/exit will remain in the current position on the Reading Road. There will be a new footpath built on the West side of the development to encourage customers to walk to the development from Winnersh Triangle Business Park.

It is proposed that the current trees and shrubs along the boundaries of the site be retained together with a landscaped patio in front of the restaurant to minimise the visual impact of the new development. Subject to planning permission it is expected that development will start in early 2018 and the hotel, restaurant and Costa drive-thru opening in early 2019.



Phase 4 of the Cycleway

Work commenced on 20th March 2017 on Phase 4 of the Cycleway and lasting approximately twenty weeks and which eventually is intended to stretch from Reading to Ascot along the route of the A329. Phase 1 was from the Three Tuns Crossroads in Earley to Loddon Bridge. Phase 2 continues to the Winnersh Crossroads and Phase 3 runs from Winnersh Crossroads to Woodward Close just before the M4 motorway bridge. The 1.5 kilometre Phase 4 commences at Landen Grove just past The Old Forest Road junction through the Woosehill Roundabout and will finish at Holt Lane. The stretch between Woodward Close and Landen Grove will be developed once the new roundabouts connecting the North Wokingham Distributor Road and the Winnersh Relief Road have been completed, currently scheduled for 2021. Work on Phase 4 will include the installation of new kerbs and the relaying of large sections of the footpath as well as the relaying of the road surface similar to Phases 1 to 3. The pedestrian islands and traffic lights do not need to be replaced reducing the impact on road users.

Phases 1 to 3 were developed and paid for under the governments Sustainable Transport Fund. Phases 4 and 5 will be developed under the £4.2m Local Economic Partnership.

Winnersh Relief Road

The new Winnersh Relief road will be constructed in two major steps. Part 1 of the Relief Road will be built by Bovis and it will be between King Street Lane and Lower Earley Way. The King Street Lane junction was subcontracted by Bovis and is being built by Hope and Clay. The work started on 7th April and it is scheduled to be finished in 17 weeks from then. The second intersection (Lower Earley Way) is being built by a Persimmon subcontractor, work will commence after completion of King Street Lane intersection. WBC has no plans to open the first part of the Relief Road as a through road before the second part of the Relief Road to the Reading Road is completed.

The Second part of the Relief Road (from the end of Longdon Road to the Reading Road) will be built by WBC. At this time it is scheduled to be opened in 2021. It may be opened a little earlier than that. The Second part of the Relief Road will include a roundabout on the Reading Road. At this point WBC owns the land that the road will be built on and has a grant to build the road. A planning application will be submitted for these works sometime either late Spring or the Summer of 2017.

WBC has decided to put the roundabout for the North Wokingham Distributor Road into this project as well to decrease the disruption to residents. This will be built in the present location of the allotments and behind the BP station. In addition Reading Road will be lowered under the M4 overpass as part of this project and the Reading Road will be closed while the lowering of the road takes place.

Traffic signals will be installed on King Street Lane and Lower Earley Way intersections but WBC has no plans, at this time, to turn the signals on until the Relief Road is fully open.

The two roundabouts on the Reading Road are not planned to have any signals and operate as a roundabout. The last part indirectly attached to this project is construction of a left turn lane (for up to 4 cars) on Old Forest Road and the Reading Road. The planned traffic signals at this intersection will not be built, even though this was a condition on the Matthews Green Planning application according to WBC Highways, because of the additional cost and complexity of unmapped utilities under the junction.

Litter Pick 2017

On a bright and sunny Sunday morning on 2nd April thirty volunteers gathered in the carpark of St Marys Church to take part in the annual WBC Litter Pick. Organised locally by Winnersh Parish Council the volunteers were provided with high viz vests, litter pickers and two plastic bags, one for general waste and one for recyclable waste such as plastic and glass bottles and metal cans. After a briefing the volunteers set off on their allocated routes along the main streets in Winnersh. They returned later with forty bags of rubbish that were collected later by WBC.

Our thanks to St Marys Church for the use of their carpark and the ladies of St Marys for providing the refreshments, much appreciated.

Fly Tipping

Wokingham Borough needs help in stopping and catching fly tippers. Please report any fly tipping in your area using the special web page on the council website. If the fly-tipping or dumped rubbish is dangerous contact Wokingham Borough Council by phone immediately:

Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm - 0118 974 6000

Outside these hours (emergencies) - 0800 212 111

Fly tipping in ditches and streams often leads to flooding of nearby homes.



Winnersh Allotments

Winnersh Parish Council invites residents to register for an allotment. The allotments are situated on the Reading Road behind the BP garage. There are a few Full and Half plot allotments available for immediate occupancy and they will be allocated on a first come first served basis to those residents that have registered an interest.

Contact the Parish Clerk on 0118 978 0244 or clerk@winnersh.gov.uk.





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Useful contacts

Thames Valley Police

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

To contact your local policing team:

<https://www.police.uk/thames-valley/N401/>

Community Wardens

Telephone: 0118 974 3798

or email: communitywardens@wokingham.gov.uk

Community Development, Rainbow Park

0118 989 4280

Winnersh Neighbourhood Action Group

www.winnersh-nag.org.uk

Floodline: 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

Wokingham Borough Council

Telephone : 0118 974 6000 or online at

www.wokingham.gov.uk/contact-us

Website: www.wokingham.gov.uk

Veolia

To order 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

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