



As a result of the request of a parishioner for a decision, North Somerset Council has stated that it owns Yadley Way, the land having formed part of the original transfer of the adjoining Strawberry Line from the British Railways Board in 1983.

However, as this parcel of land was not included within the registration of the Strawberry Line, Yadley Way remains unregistered. For the sake of completeness we would also confirm that Yadley Way is both an unadopted road and a public bridleway.

A few thoughts from a parish family.

We were sent this note - "Can you or the PC think of a different, better solution to the growing issue of litter in the village? It's encouraging that many people seem to use our street litter bins, so it seems rather counterproductive not to empty them more often, even with the efforts of street volunteers.



Another thought - in our local experience, a great deal of street litter is simple overflow from green recycling bins. Some folks are surprisingly thoughtless (unconscious, no doubt) by not packing their bins sensibly.

Perhaps the PC could organise a village circular suggesting ways of tackling the issue, however obvious it may seem! For example, crush all plastic containers, like large plastic milk cartons, to save space and place all flattened cardboard packing, such as cereal boxes, into some other container, (it's extraordinary how many don't do this).

You could also suggest that we all pick up two or three bits of rubbish outside our properties, even if they're not our own, thus keeping our neighbourhoods as we'd wish it."

We think that there are lots of good ideas here! **What do you think?**



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Parish Council Meetings

Winscombe Community Centre 7.30pm.
June 23rd and July 28th 2014



**The Occasional
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Hopefully this Newsletter will enable you:

- to find out what your Parish Council is doing and thinking of doing;
- to tell us what needs doing;
- to find information about the parish;
- to make contact with North Somerset District Council.

We like to hear of your concerns and of any issues that you wish to bring to our notice. You can do so using any of the following:

- calling at the Parish Office, Community Centre Building;
(open Monday and Thursday 10.00 am - 12.00 noon);
- telephoning, (01934 844257);
- Emailing, (winscombecp@lineone.net);
- or writing to Lynne Rampton, our Parish Clerk.

John Westlake - 50 years a parish councillor

While on the last train out of Winscombe in September 1963 John, aged 34, was persuaded to join the, then, Winscombe Parish Council in 1964.



He recalls helping to set up a flood relief fund in 1968, Winscombe and Sandford having just suffered severe flooding, with a female drowning just off Nye Road, a flooded bowling green and water deep along The Lynch. He vividly remembers what he calls the 'Sandford Riots', which took place over the positioning of a travellers' camp on one of three possible sites - all eventually being rejected - after much stress!

In the early 70's the parish had few pavements and few street lights. The Council planned to introduce them, including at Sidcot Lane, Greenhill Road and Station Road. Initially funded by Somerset County Council, the continuing work, after a year, was stopped by the new Avon County Council, much to everyone's dismay. Many years of Council effort were required before they were in position. He remembers that during this time the parish lost its Police House/Station and resident village police officer - a sad loss.

John was Chairman of the Parish Council from 1984 -1998. While being a councillor, a parish office, a community centre, developments to our huge recreation ground, allotments and a cemetery all appeared. Not bad going!

However, what he considers his major achievement is the development of 'The Award Land'. This area was given to the parish in 1798, even before John's time, so that parishioners could collect stones to repair village roads. It is now a most pleasant area to walk and view the surrounding countryside.

Our parish has much to be grateful for his fifty years. **Thank you John!**

Dr John Haynes - newly co-opted councillor.

We are very pleased to welcome John, who writes: we have lived in the Parish for over 30 years. Our three children all attended Winscombe Primary and then Churchill Secondary. Our two youngest spent their sixth form years at Sidcot.



I am very keen to retain and protect the rural nature of the Parish and in particular its green spaces. I am also very much in favour of trying to ensure that we have the facilities that we need for our everyday lives. After I retired I worked part-time in Axbridge for several years and during that time it was very clear that we are poorly served by a very low Internet bandwidth. This is certainly an area that I would like to see if we could expedite any improvement.

Traffic and parking remains problematical throughout the Parish and we need to remain alert to these problems. It will be interesting to see how the changes made to the on street parking in the centre of Winscombe turn out.

Road Improvements

North Somerset Council's Area Officer Newsletter lists:

Well Close has been resurfaced;

Moorham Road has had footway work completed and kerbing replaced where necessary;

various locations have had patching and carriageway repairs, these areas include; **Shipham Lane, Hill Road, Woodborough Drive, Sandmead Road, Mead Lane and Maxmills Lane;**

flailing of hedges on **Hill Road** has been carried out by our Green Team allowing ease of view and opening up the carriageway to its full width;

to alleviate flooding a gully jetter has visited locations across the parish including; **Shipham Lane and Woodborough Road.**

University of the Third Age i

U3A, now operating in Winscombe, is not an academic organisation. No qualifications or certificates are required to join, membership being open to all, regardless of age, race or religion.

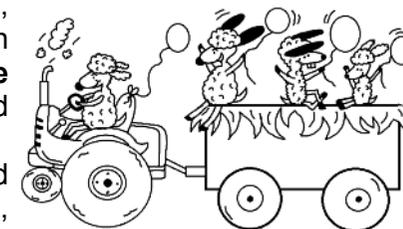
Winscombe District U3A is to hold monthly meetings with an opportunity to exchange information regarding new and proposed groups, welcome new members and arrange future events.

Annual membership at £12.00 covers capitation, insurance, accommodation and administrative costs. Enrolled members may join as many groups as they wish at no additional charge. Groups usually meet in members' homes with a nominal charge for refreshments. Potential members and others interested will be welcome. It is now possible to enrol and join groups. These include Art Appreciation, Computing, French, History, Leisure Cycling, Musical Appreciation, Quilting and Walking.

Additional information from Bernard Openshaw - tel. 01934 820954.

Winscombe and Sandford Festival 2014

The Festival Programme is now available, **free**, from the Wine Shop in Woodborough Road. The programme contains details of **more than 60 events**, mostly between June 21 and July 6.



The events cover a range of interests and activities - sports and other outdoor pursuits, music (4 concerts), painting and other arts (2 art exhibitions), antiques, local and natural history, gardens, food and much more.

Lots of scarecrows will be on display - there were 255 in Festival 2010.

There will be a large marquee at the cricket ground, providing space for a concert by the Community Choir; a Window on Winscombe and Sandford event; an RNLI event for young people and a Fun Day for even younger people; a talk by Paul Atterbury 'Behind the Scenes of the Antiques Roadshow'; a fashion show - and lots more. A WW1 Commemorative Dinner and Charity Ball is being held, with fundraising for Help for Heroes.

Most events are free and do not need tickets - just come along at the time in the Programme. Some events are ticketed. These are expected to be very popular so it is advisable to buy your tickets early - from the Event Organiser or from the Wine Shop.

Details of all of the events, dates and times, ticket prices etc. are in the programme.

Our Parish - A Recycling Champion!



Our parish is one of North Somerset's leading recyclers of waste electrical and electronic equipment. After Winscombe WEEE Amnesty Event, we donated over two tonnes of waste equipment, out of a total of eight tonnes from all of the North Somerset WEEE events.

The NSC Recycling & Waste Support Officer wrote. 'It is in the Recycling and Waste Collection contract that the contractors, Kier, keep all the revenue from recycling, but it was part of the agreement as they keep the recycling income we can buy into cheaper contracts. With it costing £100 per tonne to send waste to landfill there still would have been an £800 saving from not having to dispose of all the electrical waste collected. Our collection provided the council with about £200 savings.'

So, apart from the income generated for the contractors, the saving to NSC is in being able to negotiate cheaper disposal costs, and a saving in landfill costs. There is also the satisfaction of knowing we have diverted two tonnes of waste from landfill, and helped its re-use.

There will be another **WEEE Event 8.30 am to 11.30 am Thursday 19th June, Car Park, Winscombe Community Association. Do join in!**