



The Occasional

Winscombe and Sandford Parish Council

Newsletter Number 18



Hopefully, this Newsletter will enable you to:

- find out what your PC is doing and planning to do;
- tell us what needs doing;
- find information about the parish;
- contact North Somerset Council - 01934 888 888

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;
- opening times: Monday and Thursday: 10am to noon;
- our website: www.winscombeandsandfordpc.org.uk;
- telephoning: 01934 844 257;
- emailing: winscombepc@btconnect.com



Michaelmas Fair – The Future

Last year many of you attended the 36th Michaelmas Fair and Show on 12th September. It is a great village event and the Committee would like to thank all of you who gave support over the past year. It is the main fund-raising event that contributes to keeping our Community Centre open and enjoyed by all.



This year will be the last one in which Jill Cureton and several of the present team will be organising the event. It would be a great pity for the village to lose this event in its calendar and we hope some of you will offer to take over the organisation of the Fair for 2017.

We already have a few new people joining the team so why not come and join us too. It is great fun and a way to meet and make new friends. The main show is organised through about five meetings in the year, and the work is ongoing, especially in the few weeks before the show.

If you are interested in helping but don't like committees there is still room for you. So become part of the team and don't let's lose this event.

Ring Jill 01934 843776 or Jo 844235 with any enquiries.

PS Former members will not be fleeing the village – and will still be around to provide help and support if required.

Parish Council Dates - all parishioners are welcome - we meet at 7.30pm

	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Meeting in Community Centre unless as shown			
Main Parish Council	27	25	–	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	
Cemetery/ Allotments	20 2.00pm	Ilex Lane Cemetery		Planning.	6	4	1 & 22
Employment/ Finance/Policies	–	–	15	Neighbour. Development	30	28	25
Environment	–	11	–	War Memorial	13	Cricket Club	



Grand Royal Winscombe and Sandford Litter-Pick Saturday 25th June

Many villages will celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday this year by improving the appearance of their parish. We thought a good way to do this is to organise a concentrated effort to clear unsightly litter. We do have a faithful team of parishioners who help us year-round, but **we would be overjoyed** if some more of you could help us at midsummer. We plan to provide some type of containers for the litter, and hold a small celebration for litter-pickers at lunch time on 25th, location to be decided.

If you can help, please contact Janet Corry -
on 842657 or corry@winscombeandsandfordpc.org.uk

Parish Council Grants

The Parish Council may award grants (up to a predetermined limit) to an organisation which it deems is in the interests of the parish or parts of it, or is in the interests of all or some of the inhabitants. Last year the Parish Council agreed a small grant to Vision North Somerset. This is a registered charity supporting blind and visually impaired people in North Somerset. This grant is intended to offer one-to-one training in Information Technology (IT) to visually impaired people and already has 45 members in the parish. Could they help you or someone you know who is visually impaired?

Information is available from: <https://visionnorthsomerset.wordpress.com/>
or at 3 Neva Road, Weston Super Mare, BS23, 1YD, or by telephone 01934 419393.



Winscombe Community Centre Development Update

We reported in March (Occasional no. 17) on work to consider future options for the Community Centre. We plan to come out with a consultation on ideas soon, although this will now be later in the summer.

Fresh Air and Fine Views?

One of the many outstanding features of our parish is how its southern boundary runs through the area of Wavering Down, an area freely available for all to explore and enjoy.

The area is owned by the National Trust who are responsible for its management and maintenance. Responsibilities range from controlling the grazing of livestock, to ensuring that the paths, tracks and boundaries are fit for purpose. Currently they are undertaking a significant project of rebuilding an important section of dry stone wall. Can you help?

The National Trust is actively seeking volunteers and, as they say, 'no experience needed.' Here is an opportunity to learn a new skill, help maintain a beautiful part of the countryside and work somewhere with exhilarating views of the surrounding area. If you are interested please



contact by telephone, 01934 844518, or my email: ian.clemmett@nationaltrust.org.uk

Winscombe & Banwell Surgery

Patient Access is the most direct way of ordering repeat medication and booking GP appointments for yourself online. All GP Practices now have this system in place.

For some time patients have been able to request medication and request appointments via our Practice website. We now have the more advanced Patient Access service in place which over the coming months will replace the website based system.

Patients need to register for Patient Access which works rather like internet banking. When you request to register, you are issued with a letter containing full instructions and your own "PIN" and Access code which allows you to log in to your own medical record in a very securely managed way.

Once logged into the system you can

1. View your **actual list of repeat medications in your medical record** and order whichever ones you need with a single click. This means there is no chance of you ordering the wrong medication or one which is not actually in your list of current repeat medication.
2. View those **GP appointments which are bookable on line** and select one of your choice.
3. View **aspects of your own medical record**, if you request this.

The Patient Access service is available to patients aged 16 and over.

If you want to register for Patient Access, ask for a Registration letter :

1. At Reception at either Surgery
2. By asking the Receptionist when you are next on the phone. **Please** try to avoid phoning at the busiest times (Friday afternoons and Monday mornings)

Please allow a couple of weeks from your request before calling in to collect your Registration letter from the Surgery in person.



Bookstart Rhymetime at Winscombe Library

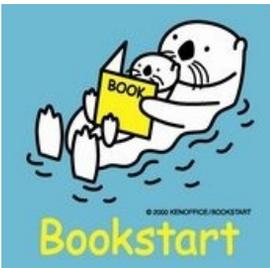
Bookstart Rhymetime is half-an-hour of songs, rhymes and music for very young children. Little ones are invited to bring a parent or carer along to Winscombe Library to join in the fun.

Our experienced volunteers will make sure you have an enjoyable time singing and making lots of noise with our musical instruments.

Babies and children who experience the pleasure of hearing stories and rhymes have a flying start when it comes to learning to read by themselves. Sessions include a mixture of songs rhymes, rhythm and movement and provide the opportunity to share games, novelty books and toys.

Bookstart Rhymetimes are held at Winscombe Library on the first and third Thursdays of the month at 9.15am. (term time only).

For further information contact Winscombe Library on 01934 426050 or on winscombe.library@n-somerset.gov.uk



This is the route through the parish of the soon-to-be-constructed and proposed water main from Barrow Gurney to Cheddar (and into Banwell).

The pipeline has been designed to offer the best value for money **while also considering its** impact on the environment and on major roads. With a scheme of this size there will inevitably be some disruption. However, where possible, the installation will mainly be across fields and use drilling techniques that minimise the impact on major routes.

The route will travel from Barrow Gurney via Backwell, Cleeve and Congresbury down to Sandford. From Sandford one pipe will head off to Banwell (blue line on map) with the other heading south through Winscombe towards Axbridge and Cheddar (thick green line on map).

So, the pipeline to Cheddar will travel across to the north of Sandford, crossing Nye Road (red line on the map), and then **under** the A368 to pass mostly across fields to the A371 near Mooseheart (Kildare). Here, it will pass **along** the A371 for a very few metres to move back

into and along the fields to pass **under** the A371 (thin light-green line on this map) into The Woodborough Farm Development fields. On leaving these fields, it will pass partly on or near the Strawberry Line to cross Winscombe Hill, where it will eventually leave the parish.

The earliest possible start for the scheme is late summer 2016. The completion target for the whole scheme is March 2018. You can keep up to date with the project via the website:



www.bristolwater.co.uk/work-in-your-area/13420-2/

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