



The Occasional

Winscombe and Sandford Parish Council Newsletter Number 26 June 2018



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 by:

- calling at the Parish Office, Community Centre Building;
- (opening times Monday and Thursday 10am to noon);
- accessing our website: www.winscombeandsandfordpc.org.uk;
- telephoning: 01934 844 257;
- emailing: winscombecp@btconnect.com
- writing to **Lynne Rampton**, the Parish Clerk.



Think of our parish shops!
Use them or lose them!

*Need a
Ride?..*



Contact Scheme

The Winscombe Contact Scheme (WCS) is holding its AGM in the Winscombe Community Centre on the 5th June 2018 starting at 2.30pm. Refreshments will be provided and all are welcome.

WCS is a "good neighbour" organisation which provides transport to medical appointments for residents who are either unable to use public transport or for whom transport is not available. This facility is for Winscombe residents or patients of Winscombe (Hillyfields) Surgery. More information here: <http://www.winscombeandsandford.org.uk/wcs1.html> or by contacting the below:

Secretary, Carol Greaves 01934 843777 Chairman, Mike Bravery 01934 844115
Transport Co-ordinator. Mary Bendell 01934 842992

Open Gardens Saturday June 23rd & Sunday 24th.

We will have at least eight gardens open for your enjoyment over the weekend, some large and some small. Entry will be by programme costing £5.00 per person (children free), and will be available from local shops and the Church Office from the beginning of June so that you can plan your weekend. Delicious cream teas will be sold at The Church Hall.

All money raised will be shared between Macmillan Cancer Care, The Children's Society and Somewhere-to-Go, (a charity helping the homeless in Weston). So enjoy the event, marvel at all the scarecrows and have a brilliant weekend!

A Citizens Advice Rural Outreach Service takes place in Winscombe fortnightly on a Wednesday morning. To make an appointment either telephone or email the Parish Office.

The end of an era : senior Winscombe & Banwell GPs to retire.

Dr David John and Dr Kathryn Ruddell will be retiring for a well-earned retirement on 13th June this year after serving the communities of Winscombe and Banwell for over 65 years between them. During this time the number of patients registered has nearly doubled and the Practice has gone from strength to strength. We know they will be sorely missed.

The Practice is delighted to welcome two excellent GPs as replacements, Dr Ruth Colson and Dr Trudi Withey. Both are already working at the Practice, and will already be known to some of our patients.

We wish David and Kathy all the very best in their retirement.



Rubbish, Recycling, Litter and Dog Waste.

Household rubbish should be sorted into 'recycling', 'food waste' and 'non-recyclable' rubbish. Should you not have enough room in your boxes at home there is a recycling centre behind the Woodborough Inn. Household rubbish should **not** be placed in parish litter bins.

To see collection dates, what should go in which bins, recycling and reporting problems, go to <http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/waste>. At present about 46% of what goes into the black bins could be recycled.

Green Recycle Boxes, Food Caddies, Stickers and Nets (£2) to go over boxes to stop the wind blowing your recycling away are available from the Parish Office.



Our Litter Bins are emptied on Tuesdays and Fridays by NSC, who also empty the Dog Bins on The Strawberry Line. Other Dog Bins are emptied on a Friday by contractors employed by the Parish Council.

Dog waste can be placed in Litter Bins as well as Dog Bins provided, or, better, taken home. Discarding dog faeces haphazardly is evidently disgusting, and you can be fined for doing so.

On March 17th, volunteer repairers gathered to celebrate Winscombe Repair Café first birthday.

In the last year the Repair Café has repaired a wide variety of items including a toy dinosaur, a cuckoo clock and hair straighteners. The majority of repairs have been to small household electrical or electronic items but the expert repairers can also fix bicycles, clothing, small wooden items, bric a brac and jewellery. The Repair Café received 268 items in its first year: 69% were fixed; for 23% advice was given on parts, and people either completed the repair at home or returned with the new part the following month; and only 8% were not repaired either because they were beyond repair or because of designed obsolescence.



Claire King said "*Cheap mass produced items have encouraged people to throw away and replace things, this wastes precious resources and creates significant waste. Sharing how to repair changes the relationship people have with their belongings. It is a deliberate attempt to move away from the throw-away nature of society and to support people to cherish and repair their belongings, while having fun.*"

For repair advice or find out what you can bring items to the Repair Café join their Facebook group or pop along on the 3rd Saturday of the month, 10.30 at Lynch Chapel.

Planning Matters – the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

Since January 2018, developers in North Somerset are required to pay a CIL. This is a new charge on development to help fund infrastructure needed in North Somerset and will partially replace the current system of Section 106 planning obligations. In North Somerset the CIL applies primarily to retail and residential developments and the rates vary according to the size, location and type of development. There are exceptions for affordable housing and properties being built for the owner's own use (for example house extensions), as well as for charitable projects.



Fifteen per cent of the money paid by the developer will go to the Parish Council to spend on local facilities (capped at a maximum of £100 per pre-existing dwelling per annum), or 25 per cent, uncapped if an adopted Neighbourhood Plan is in place. The rest will go into a central pot at NSC so that they can decide how best to use it as part of a wider capital programme.

The CIL Regulations state that a Town/Parish Council must use CIL receipts passed to it to support the development of the local council's area, or any part of that area, by funding:

- (a) the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or
- (b) anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.

This gives us considerable freedom to spend our proportion of CIL on the things that address the impacts of development on the area, although CIL cannot be used as a replacement for everyday Parish Council expenditure and misspent CIL can be claimed back by NSC.

The production of a Parish Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) can be a useful starting point for the prioritisation of infrastructure projects and the Parish Council will shortly start a consultation process to ensure that all members of the community are given an opportunity to contribute to determining how local CIL may be spent.

Scarecrow Extravaganza. June 23rd & 24th

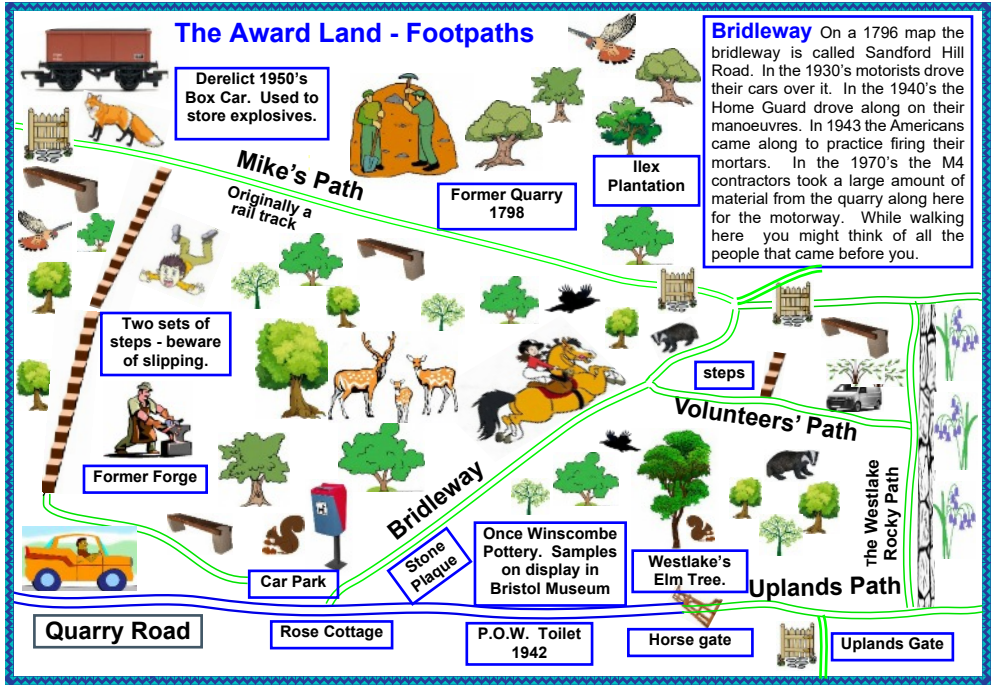


Tom the Tin Man - see photo - is looking forward to making you smile, when he will be seen during and just before the Scarecrow Extravaganza. Four years ago over 250 of his predecessors were displayed as a very mixed bunch, including one falling down a chimney, some climbing up walls, another digging for moles and several riding motorcycles. The variety was incredible and made good viewing.

Jane and Gerald Lloyd (01934 842468) will produce a map of where in the parish scarecrows are to be seen, all viewable from an adjacent road. The map will be freely available from the Church Hall on those two days. If you want to put your scarecrow on the map you should phone them to let them know where it is to be. Remember, there are no prizes, no theme, and that it is all just for fun! To see more examples of earlier scarecrows look on www.winscombeandsandfordpc.org.uk

Parish Council Award Land

This area, off Sandford Road and then Quarry Road, was given to the parish by parliament in 1798 for parishioners to gather stone and repair parish roads. This poster is now displayed on the Award Land. It is an excellent place for strolling, with wonderful views. Do try walking there!



Bridleway On a 1796 map the bridleway is called Sandford Hill Road. In the 1930's motorists drove their cars over it. In the 1940's the Home Guard drove along on their manoeuvres. In 1943 the Americans came along to practice firing their mortars. In the 1970's the M4 contractors took a large amount of material from the quarry along here for the motorway. While walking here you might think of all the people that came before you.

Parish Council meetings in Winscombe Community Centre or as shown. All start at 7.30pm (unless shown differently). All parishioners are welcome.

| Committee/Group | June | July | August |
|-----------------------------|--|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Full Parish Council | 25 th | 23 rd | No meeting |
| Cemetery/Allotments | 18 th 2.00 p.m. Ilex Lane Cem. | No meeting | No meeting |
| Employment/Finance/Policies | No meeting | No meeting | 6 th |
| Environment | No meeting | 9 th | No meeting |
| Planning | 4 th | 2 nd & 30 th | 20 th |
| War Mem. Grd. Ctee | 11 th (AGM) | No meeting | No meeting |

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 or use the panel on the 1st page of the parish council website:
www.winscombeandsandfordpc.org.uk



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