



# The Occasional

## Winscombe and Sandford Parish Council Newsletter

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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 10.00 to 12.00)
- accessing our website: [www.winscombeandsandford-pc.gov.uk](http://www.winscombeandsandford-pc.gov.uk);
- telephoning: 01934 844 257;
- emailing: [clerk@winscombeandsandford-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@winscombeandsandford-pc.gov.uk);
- writing to Lynne Rampton, the Parish Clerk.

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

### Parish Christmas Trees.

The funding of a fully decorated and positioned Christmas tree for two of the parish villages has been sought by the Parish Council and approximately 50% of the necessary costs have been promised by donations. The Parish Council matched this donation by providing £1100 and so a tree will be positioned outside the Woodborough Inn in Winscombe and outside the Spar shop in Sandford, both fully decorated. The trees have now been ordered and, hopefully by this time, put into position.



### Main Road Closure



For the Christmas Late Night Shopping Evening on 3<sup>rd</sup> December the offer was made to local clubs for the opportunity to man the road closure points and receive a contribution of £250 towards club funds. When more than one club volunteers it has been the custom of the Council to vary the recipient from that of a previous year. The road will be closed from 18.00 to 21.00.

### Toilet Refurbishment.

When you read this it is hoped that the refurbishment of the toilets in Woodborough Road will have been completed. This work has caused the toilets to be put out of action for several days. We hope you see the need for this closure and appreciate the improvements.

Meet Father Christmas  
6.15pm

Listen to the Choir

Enjoy the Bouncy Castle

Chat with Chums

Christmas at Winscombe  
Late night shopping  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
6.00pm to 9.00pm  
Road will be closed

Try Something Tasty

Listen to the Handbells

Ride on the Carousel

Chat to the Firemen

Eat a little (too much!)

Do Lots of Shopping

Dance to the Music

Buy some Raffle Tickets

**RAFFLE**

### Advice from a North Somerset Ward Councillor



Karin Haverson, a Ward Councillor for Banwell and Winscombe, will be holding a Surgery regarding North Somerset Council issues on the fourth Thursday in every month from 10.00 to 12.00 in the Link Room, adjacent to the Parish Council Office, Winscombe Community Centre.

### Police Surgery

Avon and Somerset Drop in Surgery will be held in Winscombe Community Centre from 10.00-12.00 on December 5th and December 19th 2019.

### Assets of Community Value



The re-registration as assets of Community Value for the NSC car parks at Brown's Corner, Sandford Road, and at Hillyfields Way, behind the Woodborough Inn, was considered by the Parish Council. The re-registration was agreed as being essential and an application has been made.

### Illegal parking

Several parishioners have pointed out that there are problems with illegal parking throughout the parish, and not only those listed in the illegal parking piece in The Occasional 31, Appletree Drive and Woodborough Drive are two of several additional examples of where problem parking occurs.



## Parish Website Accessibility

### Our Intention

With the assistance of VisionICT we planned that as many people as possible, when using the Website, will be able to find better ease of use.

### At present you can:

- zoom in up to 300% without the text spilling off the screen
- navigate mostly by using either a touch screen or a keyboard
- navigate most of the website using speech recognition software
- listen to the content of most of the website using a screen reader with the most recent versions of JAWS, HND A and VoiceOver.

In addition we have made the website text as simple as possible to understand.

### Access to free help.

If you have a disability and you wish to discover ways of improving the ease of using your computer, there is a very extensive free service to help you. To reach this site, key in 'abilitynet.org.uk and then, in particular, 'free resources'. You can also gain help at home quite freely through this abilitynet service.

Abilitynet pamphlets are available from the Parish Office and on the parish website under 'News'.

Help is also available from on the 'abilitynet' free-phone 0800 269 545

For further details regarding the website's accessibility, go to its homepage and click on the bottom line 'website accessibility'.

## Winscombe and Sandford Remembers



The W&S R committee agreed to record the events of 2018 as a Legacy to reflect the past and for future generations.

We have been busy preparing a W&S R YouTube Channel containing all the videos of speakers and the Old Time Music Hall acts (OTMH) who have given their permission.

Using your search engine go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search for Winscombeandsandford then you will see the list of video clips available.

Also we have produced a hard copy 'Legacy Booklet' which names all the speakers, their titles of talks and all the OTMH Acts and includes a selection of photos.

The Legacy Booklet at £3 is available from the Church Office.

We are very grateful to the Winscombe Festival Committee and Parish Council, for their Financial support to the Project.

## Replacement Gates



On footpath AX29/26, from Church Road to Max Mills Farm, there are five rickety stiles. The Parish Council has decided to replace these stiles with new gates. The cost, £575, is to be split 50/50 with North Somerset Council. This will considerably assist a number of walkers. It has been agreed with Woodspring Rambler Volunteers that they will install the gates.

## Recreation Ground Skate Park



If you have visited the Recreation Ground recently, you will have noticed the addition of two new pieces of play equipment. Firstly, a new half-pipe skate ramp has been added that completes ramps for the existing skate-park. The park was originally installed at the grounds around 15 years ago.



Secondly, a 6 m high space net climber has been installed that we are told is suitable for users from age 5 to 55 years. These pieces of equipment have been largely funded from Section 106 monies (a planning obligation) from the adjacent 'The Chestnuts' new housing development.

## Dog Bins.



Several of our dog bins are continually overflowing. It seems that some people are collecting their dog faeces from their own gardens and putting these in the Parish Council owned dog bins rather than in their own home's black wheelie bin. While it is acceptable to put dog waste in your black bins, it is only acceptable to put your dog faeces in Parish Council dog bins when out walking with your dog. If these bins are abused they will be lost.

## Parish Allotments

Now is a good time for anyone wishing to take on an allotment to add their name to the waiting list as the list is very short at this time.

**Parish Council Meetings.** All are normally held (unless shown differently) in Winscombe Community Centre and usually start at 7.30pm

Committee/Group	December	January	February
Full Parish Council	No meeting	27 <sup>th</sup> Sidcot Scl. Art Centre	24 <sup>th</sup> Sandford Village Hall
Cemetery/Allotments	2 <sup>nd</sup> at 2.00 pm	No meeting	No meeting
Employ./Finance/Policies	No meeting	20 <sup>th</sup>	No meeting
Environment	16 <sup>th</sup>	No meeting	No meeting
Planning	9 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
War Memorial Ground	No Meeting	No Meeting	10 <sup>th</sup> Cricket Club

## Enrolment/Comments/Advice



To add your name to the list of those willing to receive an extended email version of this newsletter or to provide comments/criticism/advice about its colour, contents, style, etc. email Councillor Gerald Lloyd, the editor, via

[lloyd@winscombeandsandford-pc.gov.uk](mailto:lloyd@winscombeandsandford-pc.gov.uk)