

# Winnersh Matters

The community newsletter for the residents of Winnersh and Sindlesham



Winnersh Parish  
Council

## WINNERSH CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

*Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm*



The clocks have been turned back and Christmas is fast approaching and with it Winnersh Parish Council is busy organising the annual Christmas Lights event at the Community Centre, Sindlesham. The event will take place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December commencing at 6pm.



Once again we are fortunate to have the local primary schools participating and they will entertain us all with a variety of popular seasonal songs to get us in the festive mood. Then the Christmas lights will be switched on at approximately 6:30pm.

As in previous years the Winnersh Church ladies will be on hand in the Pavilion to dispense free hot mulled wine and mince pies.

Get there early to avoid missing out on this Yuletide treat. Other snacks and refreshments will be available at a cost.

Once everybody has been entertained by the school choir and the lights have been switched on there will be a short firework display to end the evening.

## Update on Winnersh Relief Road Phase 2

Wokingham Borough Council's Planning Committee received a report at their meeting on 10th October 2018 related to Planning application 180760 Winnersh Relief Road Phase 2.

<https://wokingham.moderngov.co.uk/mgCalendarMonthView> go to October 10th Planning Committee item 42.

Winnersh Parish Council had reviewed the original application published in May/June 2018 and submitted 5 pages of objections and comments. Borough Councillors and residents also submitted objections. A revised application was published for consultation in September 2018 and the Parish Council submitted one page of objections and comments. Many of the parish council's objections and comments had been taken into account and the revised application improved as a result. However several concerns remain and these were explained to the meeting of the Borough Planning Committee by the parish's Planning Vice-Chairman.

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Contact the Parish Council  
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you need to get out to the  
community?  
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Clerk.

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## *New Vicar of Winnersh - Reverend James Warren*

I was born into a farming family in 1954 in Devon, educated at Crediton's famous Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School and then did a B.Ed course at what was St. Paul's College, Cheltenham (now the University of Gloucestershire) in the 1970s. In 1976 on the 6th July I graduated as a Bachelor of Education and four days later on 10th July married Jill, thus ensuring that I am the shortest serving 'bachelor' Bristol University has ever produced !

I then did almost 15 years teaching English in secondary schools in the Midlands but in the 1990s undertook ordination training in Cambridge. By then our family had grown to five and so they 'did time' with me as I moved around. In 1992 I served my title at St. Michael's, Boldmere and I was ordained Priest in Birmingham Cathedral in 1993. In 1995 I became Vicar of Torpoint in Cornwall, a place which served the Royal Navy and where I was an Honorary Chaplain at HMS Raleigh.



It was all quite 'Doc Martin' in Cornwall and left me with a lasting love for the county. In 2001 I became Vicar of Shottery, Stratford-upon-Avon, a thriving parish where I also took on chaplaincies with the Shakespeare Hospice, the Air Cadets, the Town & District Council and the High Sheriff of Warwickshire spread over the 17 years of my incumbency.

There comes a time to move on and I had been thinking about where this might be when the advertisement for Winnersh appeared. The name was one I had heard from my youngest daughter who moved to Wokingham at the beginning of 2018, although we wondered if the Winnersh Triangle was like the Bermuda Triangle ! After an interview in March it became clear I was being called to be Priest In Charge of Winnersh Parish. The Bishop of Reading licensed me in July 2018 – again the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the month and thus our 42<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary. We have been warmly welcomed by the congregations of St. Mary's Winnersh and St. Catherine's Bearwood and by local church leaders and we are finding our way around the area. The traffic and the roadworks help me exercise the Christian virtue of patience ! In the future my hope is to see more and more lay people offering themselves as leaders : to give pastoral care and support across the wider community; to lead worship and prayer; to teach discipleship in small groups as well as to preach; and to grow into the fullness of Christ as human beings. Enabling the gifts God has distributed amongst all of his people to be put to good use is absolutely central to the future health of the church.

As we approach Christmas at a time of Brexit uncertainty I would like to invite you to any of our special services and to come as openly as possible to meeting with God, the one who joined the human race as a baby and was born in a stable on a silent night long ago. In Him millions have since found true peace.

With every blessing at Christmas

Revd James.

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## *Local Plan Update*

An approved Local Plan enables Local Authorities such as Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) to plan and manage the development of additional housing in the Borough imposed by Central Government. It also helps WBC to resist speculative developments by developers. The current WBC Local Plan runs until 2026 and in 2015 WBC started the preparations for the next phase of the Local Plan to accommodate the additional housing development required from 2026 until 2036. The current quota for the Borough is 752 per annum over the lifetime of the Local Plan until 2036. This has been reduced from over 900 pa earlier this year but is expected to change in the future.

In 2016 WBC called for submissions of potential sites and received over 260 locations ranging from large areas to small ones. These sites were sorted on Suitability, Availability and Acceptability and WBC had face to face meetings with representatives of each of the 17 Parish and Town councils in the Borough to discuss their views on the potential sites in their Parish/Town and have now drawn up a list of Preferred Sites.

After briefing representatives of all the Parish and Town Councils at the beginning of November WBC embarked on the next stage of the Local Plan Update with the publication of a series of Public Engagement Events to allow residents to opportunity to have their say. The Public Engagement Events start at Winnersh on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018 from 7pm – 9pm and finishes at Woodley on 12th February 2019.

WBC and Winnersh Parish Council strongly urge all Winnersh residents to either try and make the Public Engagement Event or have their say by responding to WBC either by email, by online form or by a paper form that can be posted. Details can be found on [www.wokingham.gov.uk](http://www.wokingham.gov.uk). Your views matter, make them heard.

## *Observing the Weather - Air Temperature*

The standard equipment for measuring air temperature has been using maximum, minimum, dry and wet bulb sheathed glass thermometers housed in a Stevenson screen (a white wooden box with doubled louvered sides and base) sited over short grass with the bulbs of the thermometers approximately at a height of 1.25m above the ground.

The rule for siting is similar to rain gauges 2x height (see May 2018 edition). However, the more open the better.

Why do we need 4 thermometers? The maximum thermometer reads the highest temperature recorded during the 'day'. The minimum thermometer records the lowest temperature during the 'day'. The dry bulb thermometer is used for recording the actual temperature at the time of any observation. the 'wet bulb' thermometer is similar to the dry bulb but with a muslin cloth wrapped around the 'bulb end' of the thermometer which is saturated with water from an adjacent bottle. Using tables, the 'dry bulb' and 'wet bulb' temperatures can be used to calculate the relative humidity.

Advanced technology has now provided us with electronic thermometers that can read the temperature every minute and calculate the relative humidity and the maximum and minimum temperature.

This data can be uploaded to the internet and read in Real Time. These are housed in a smaller screen (white section) and mounted on a tripod (see photo).

The standard 'day' starts at 9am GMT when the actual temperature is logged together with the relative humidity. In addition, the maximum temperature for the past 24 hours is logged and 'thrown back' to the previous day, which is normally when it occurred. The minimum temperature is also logged and is recorded on the day of the observation, as it has normally occurred after midnight and before the observation.

The advantage of electronic thermometers is that the time of the maximum and minimum can be logged together with any significant changes in temperature, such as passage of a cold front and introduction of Arctic Air, or how long the air temperature was above for example 30°C.

An air frost is when the temperature of the air has fallen below 0°C. With the electronic thermometers the start and finishing times of the air frost can be recorded together with its duration.



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## *Allotment Update*

It is with some sadness that the last growing season comes to an end at the current Winnersh allotments off the Reading Road. Next year work will commence on the North Wokingham Distributor Road (NWDR) that will go through the allotments, over a new bridge over the railway before making its way to a new junction with the Old Forest Road near the Emmbrook bridge.

However, it is not all doom and gloom. Since the NWDR was announced Winnersh Parish Council have been in negotiations with Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) over a new site for the allotments and after rejecting the original site offered as not acceptable for allotments were offered the current alternative site north of the M4 motorway off of Woodward Close behind the British Legion club.

The new site will have enhanced facilities compared to the current site. There will be a six feet security fence erected and there will be lockable gates on the pedestrian entrance by the railway bridge in Woodward Close and the vehicular entrance on the track between the Wheatfields Primary School and the British Legion Club and another at the vehicular entrance to the allotments themselves.

Unfortunately there has been delays in completing the work necessary to turn the current land into allotments and the latest estimate is that ploholders will not be allowed access to the new site until the end of February 2019, weather permitting. Not the best time to move allotments but allotment holders are resilient people and in no time the new site will be up and running and producing the quality of fruit and vegetables that the old site did.

**Attention to all you budding gardeners. There are a small number of vacant plots on the new site and now is the time to get your name down on the waiting list to secure a plot for yourselves. Don't worry if you have no experience, there are many experienced gardeners there who will be only be too pleased to advise if asked. To get your name on the shortlist email your name and details to [clerk@winnersh.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@winnersh.gov.uk).**

## Winnersh Fete goes from strength to strength

Winnersh Fete provides an annual focus for residents of Winnersh and Sindlesham to meet up and have a fun afternoon. Now in its eleventh year the fete took place in its regular slot of the third Saturday in June. A warm and sunny afternoon helped make the day and attracted a large attendance.

A record number of voluntary groups participated and many of them raised money for a variety of good causes. The Grand Raffle and donations from business participants meant that we were also able to donate £500 each to Cancer Research UK and the Wokingham Food Bank. Thank you to all who contributed.



Attractions included the small and large bouncy castles, a mega-slide and the ever-popular Circus Scene. The climbing wall was well used and a stilt walker entertained those less energetic. The arena again had a wide selection of 'acts' including dance, dog display and birds of prey. The wheelbarrow races and tug of war got people involved and caused great amusement.

Many thanks go to our many sponsors for helping to make the event possible: Prospect, Bovis, SGN, Balfour Beatty, WBC Tenant Involvement Team, Roy Wood Transits, Mayfields Guest House, I&G, Aqua-King, Joyful Journeys and the Walter Arms.

Preparations are already underway for the 2019 fete and anyone who would like to help please contact us at [fete@winnersh.gov.uk](mailto:fete@winnersh.gov.uk). **And make a note of the date for next year's fete: Saturday 15th June 2019.**

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**Charlotte has lost over 6  
and a half stone!**