



WINCHAM WORD

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WHY A NEW 'WINCHAM WORD?'

This is no doubt the first thought that came to mind as you saw this!

Wincham Parish Council is determined to improve and protect the village environment, community awareness and create a village of which its residents can be proud.

Many of you may not know that Wincham came a resounding 'LAST' in its category in the 2007 'Community Pride' competition organized and run by Cheshire Community Action. The Parish Council took the decision not to take part in

2008. However part of this decision took the form of making a determined effort to instigate changes to the visual environment of Wincham and to set a target to achieve a much higher position in the competition next time the village enters.

A first step towards this is to engage members of the local community and to communicate the Parish Council's objectives.

Hence the new improved Wincham Word!

Wincham Parish Council hope

that residents will see the 'Wincham Word' as their local newsletter and will contribute articles and ideas to it.

We would like people to identify particular village 'grot spots' and let us know what they think the Parish Council should do about them.

All contact details are on the back page of the newsletter.

Please let any of the councillors, the chairman or the clerk know your views.

The 'Wincham Word' is Your Voice!

PARISH PLAN

A Public meeting was held on 9 October at Wincham School to discuss the Parish Plan; determine the most important issues for it to address and to ask for volunteers to be on the Steering committee. Bron Kerrigan from Cheshire Community Action spoke at the meeting to let everyone know what was involved in the process.

Many villages in Cheshire already have a Parish Plan. One of these is Plumley and Sybil Crossman, Chair of

Plumley Parish Council, illustrated the benefits of having a Parish Plan and how to survive the process.

Jeremy Owens, Head of Environmental Policy at Vale Royal Borough Council, told the audience that communities with a Parish Plan have a better negotiating position with the council. Parish Plans are influential documents. Cheshire West and Chester authority has been granted Growth Point Status and can now deliver greater levels of housing development. The

Wincham Urban Village has been resurrected as a potential site for delivering housing in the Northwich area. This is not a short term plan as it is a complex site. The development consortium is aware that community engagement is essential.

The meeting was well attended and residents voted to move forward and develop a Parish Plan. The next stage is to form a steering group. All volunteers will be contacted and the steering group will be put in place within the next two weeks.

Special points of interest:

- 'Communities with a Parish Plan are in a stronger position to negotiate with the council.'
- Cheshire West and Chester authority awarded Growth Point status.
- £80,000 raised to refurbish the Linnards Lane Playing Field

'BUILDING A STRONG AND AN ACTIVE COMMUNITY'

A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Kevin Davies



Firstly a quick introduction, my name is Kevin Davies and I am currently your Parish Council Chairman. I have lived in Lower Wincham for six years: I am married with a son and enjoy boring stuff like music, comedies, theatre and of course football, no, I am not going to tell you which team. I was elected onto the Parish Council just over a year ago and became Chairman this year. Why, you may ask? Well, to try and help is the short but definitive answer. Help to keep the community now and for our children's future; safe, happy, cleaner and a whole host of other ideals.

It has been decided to reintroduce 'Wincham 'Word' because we want to keep you as informed as possible on all aspects of village life, plans for the future and what actions your Parish Council are undertaking on matters of concern to you.

Please remember the Parish Council is YOUR council so if you have any issues then please speak to any member of the council who will be willing to help where possible.

Your Parish Council are all volunteers, and we have initiated the concept of a Parish Plan for Wincham and need you—volunteers from the whole community—to not only help; but to

bring ideas to what we believe will be an exciting challenge for our village.

There is currently a vacancy on the Parish Council. This is a fantastic opportunity for a keen and enthusiastic resident to help to make a real difference to the place in which they live. If you would like more details, please speak to myself the clerk or any councillor. Contact details are on the back page.

LINNARDS LANE PLAYING FIELD

By Christine Paterson

As you will hopefully have noticed the equipment on the playing field has changed significantly, thanks to the hard work of a group of four mums and the support of Wincham Parish Council.

In all just under £80,000 has been raised over three years, and it is wonderful to see so many of the children enjoying the new facilities that they helped to choose.

More could be done, and since the improvements have been made I have been approached by a number of people



about just that! - Improved lighting, landscaping, additional equipment, replacing the swings.... the list can go

on.

Please think about supporting a Parish Plan for Wincham and even volunteering to be part of the Steering Group if you would like to see Wincham continue to improve - not just the playing field but the area we live in.

Finally a big thank you to all the children who look after and respect the playing field - by encouraging other users of the field to do the same hopefully young people in the village will have something to enjoy for many years to come.

PROFILE OF 'A RESIDENT'

We would like to feature a local resident in each issue of the Wincham Word. Anyone young or old who has done something to help the community or promote it to the wider world in any way is worthy of inclusion in this section.

If you would like to nominate someone we will send an interviewer.

Also we would like you, our readers, to contribute, photos or articles and we are especially keen to hear from our younger readers. Please contact Alison by phone or email—details on the back

page. The next edition is scheduled for publication in February.

Would you like to see a letters page? Is there anything else you would like to see included. Please let us know.

This is after all YOUR newsletter.

WINCHAM COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Wincham Community Primary School will be holding an Open Morning on Thursday 23 October from 9.00 am to 10.30 am. If your child is starting school in September 2009 you are very welcome to come and have a look round at that time. You and your child will be given a guided tour of the school and its facilities.

LOCAL GROUPS

Girl Guides—all girls ages 10–14 welcome to join—great activities.

Held at Lostock Youth Club, Works Lane 7.30–9 pm every Wednesday in term time.

Call Linda 01606 352013 for more information.

Lostock Youth Club—all children in Wincham welcome; indoor court, pool tables, games and activities. Every Thursday in term time.

6.15–7.30 pm for ages 5 to 11

7.30 pm–9.00pm for ages 12 to 16

Works Lane, Lostock

We are always looking for new helpers to supervise the sessions.

Beavers—Boys ages 6 to 8 years

Contact Beaver Leader, Lesley Bithall 01606 41867

Witton Albion Soccer School Open to boys and girls aged 3 to 8 at Sir John Deane's college on Saturday mornings

9.30–10.30 Under 5s

10.30–11.30 Under 6s

11.30–1.00 Under 7s

1.30–3.30 Under 8s

We emphasise fun, skills and simple

game play to develop each player's potential. Contact Nick 07805343702

Or visit wjfc.org.uk for information.

Pickmere and Wincham Methodist Church Holds services every Sunday 10.45 am. Family service first Sunday of every month incorporating special children's Sunday School Class.

Joint Christingle Service 13 December 4 pm at Wincham Community Centre.

For information call Carol Lynch 01565 733328 or visit

www.pickmereandwinchammethodistchurch.org.uk

WINCHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Parent and toddler	Tuesdays and Thursdays	9.30–11.30	Alison Barton	01565 733977
Slimming World	Tuesday	6.00–9.00	TBA	TBA
Wednesday Club	Wednesday	1.30 -3.30	Mrs Whitby	01565 733517
Wincham and Pickmere Old Friends	First Saturday each month	2.00–4.00	Mrs Greenwood	01606 44815
Indoor Bowling	Sept–April		Mr Whitby	01565 733517
Wincham Parish	Third Wednesday each month	7.30 pm	Alison Dunabin	01565 733751
Latinos Dancing	Monday and Tuesday	8.00–1.00	Frank Diamond	01606 860921
Sequence dancing	Thursday	8.00–10.30	Mr Roughsedge	01606 782937
Old Time Dancing	Sunday once a month	8.00–10.30	Mr Boast	01606 834492
Breakaway Dance Club	Saturday once a month	7.30 on-	Mr M Rutter	01606 75566

THE ELMS, PICKMERE

A traditional family run pub, supporting the local community – we offer a warm welcome to families, excellent food and real ale.

Home cooked food, Daily specials & our famous home made "real" chips

Served Tues – Sat 12-2.30pm & 5.30-8.30pm/Sunday 12 - 8pm

Fabulous Sunday Roast with a selection of meats from £6.50 an adult

Cash Quiz every Thursday 9pm,

Play your Cards Right with a jackpot of £500

Live Music & Entertainment every Friday night

Occasional Saturday entertainment, full listings in pub

Special events: Spooky Halloween Fancy Dress

31st October

Fantastic live singers for Xmas and New Years Eve

Christmas menus available for December

Please come in and see Jan, Sue or Ken if you would like to make a booking or call 01565 733395. We are happy to accommodate special requests and bookings for any parties or celebrations and look forward to seeing you!



WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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PCSO Jones will be holding drop in surgeries at the Community Centre on the following dates at 6.30 pm:

Wednesday 15 October

Tuesday 28 October

Tuesday 18 November

Please come along and share any problems or worries you may have with PCSO Jones.

0845 - 4586392

CESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER COUNCILLOR DETAILS

Members of the Shadow Cabinet

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We would like to thank the residents of Wincham for their votes in this year's elections.

Ann McEllin
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Annie Makepeace
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will continue to represent
Lostock and Wincham Ward
until 1 April 2009.

News from our Councillors

Lower Wincham

Things move ahead for Lower Wincham development. After the Government has given the green light for more housing in the region, it looks likely that the proposed housing development at Lower Wincham could move a step closer.

Landowners have formed a consortium, which will shortly be consulting with the Parish Council and local people about plans to redevelop the Lower Wincham area. Local representatives see this as a positive move for a part of the village that has suffered from heavy industry and the attendant traffic problems in the past. Proposals include

affordable housing, leisure facilities, open space, new roads and better public transport. Watch this space!

All Change in Cheshire!

In April 2009 Vale Royal Borough Council and Cheshire County Council will cease to exist. Wincham will become part of Cheshire West and Chester Council. Residents should receive information about the new authority including contact information and details of the services on offer. The new Council is Conservative controlled and will take decisions on many local issues, such as the proposed incinerator in Griffiths Road, Lostock Gralam.