

# Wincham Word

Autumn 2012

## Wincham Neighbourhood Plan

The launch of our Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) took place on the 26<sup>th</sup> September and over thirty villagers turned up.

The evening consisted of a brief fascinating history of the village from the doomsday book to present day given by Alison Dunabin, this was followed by a talk given by Brenda Yates on the advantages a NDP would give our greenspaces and public footpaths. Before Kenton Barker (our Parish Council Vice Chairman) gave a presentation on what a NDP is we heard a passionate plea by resident Sue Statham on why Wincham needs a NDP. The evening was then handed over to the residents who were in attendance. Using aerial photographs of Wincham, villagers gave their views on how they see Wincham; what they like or dislike and what facilities are needed for the future.

We will now collate all these ideas and present them to the village on the 7<sup>th</sup> November, so please make a note in your diaries and try to attend this event. (More details will follow).

Whilst being pleased with the numbers at the event one disappointment was the lack of younger residents from within the village.

*I cannot emphasize enough on how important a NDP is to us all within the village. As part of the Localism Bill this is our one and only chance to influence the way the village develops for the next twenty years. Once formulated, a NDP will become a statutory document. I make no apology for keep banging on about this as I feel this is the single most important thing we can do to protect our village. We need as much help from as many varied residents as we can. The Parish Council cannot undertake this task on its own and failure to get a NDP will mean Wincham will be left to the mercy of Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC), with planning decisions coming from the bowels of a posh building in distant Chester paying little or no heed to what we want until 2030.*

So please please please get involved, anything from helping in leaflet drops; talking to your neighbours and passing us their views; document writing; IT skills; planning experience; absolutely anything.....

**Your Village Needs You!** (We will not get another chance.)

**By Pete O'Halloran**



## **Chairman's Words**

**By Pete O'Halloran**



Planning is the dominating theme, at present we've had the disappointment of the Wincham Urban Village being passed for 1050 houses and the social housing scheme on Linnards Lane being taken to appeal.

By the time you read this our Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) launch will have taken place and I can't stress enough how important it is for as many people as possible to take part. This is our one and only chance for the people of Wincham to express their views on future planning within the village. A NDP will become a statutory document but will take a lot of work to produce, so we really need your help.

**If we fail due to lack of support all future planning within the village will be taken out of our hands and decisions will be made in the bowels of Chester by Cheshire West and Chester council.** If you didn't come to the launch but now wish to get involved please contact me.

Elsewhere this summer we've had the successful Diamond Jubilee celebrations and I am pleased to tell you that our playing fields on Linnards Lane have been designated as Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Playing Fields. This means that the field has to remain a playing field in perpetuity; no one will ever be allowed to build on it.

Also our PCSO Phil Hambleton ran a very successful drivers day at the school. This involved anybody committing a motoring offence on Church Street being given the choice of a fixed penalty or facing a panel of school children. I went before them as a mobile phone user (I hasten to add for the experience not for the offence) and I have to say they were extremely good, it made me think twice and I hadn't even done anything.

If anybody has any concerns or would like to become more involved in the village please feel free to contact any member of the Parish Council (our contact details are on the website [winchamvillage.co.uk](http://winchamvillage.co.uk) and this issue.) Together we might not change the world but we can try and keep Wincham as a nice place to live.

## *Northwich Library*

The Mobile Library visits Wincham every other Wednesday as follows: 1.35 p.m - 2 p.m. Ash Wood Park; 2.10 - 3.15 p.m Green Lane.

Northwich Library has **Story and Rhyme Time** every Tuesday morning at 11 - aimed at the under 5s; and **Baby Bounce and Rhyme** every Thursday at 11, for babies aged up to about 12 months. There are simple crafts for children every Saturday from 10 - 12.

Every Monday at 2 p.m. there is a **Wellbeing Reading Group** where people can simply come to enjoy informal reading and chat. There is also a monthly **Reading Group** which meets on the last Thursday of the month from 11 a.m. till noon.



Some of the latest fiction titles in the library:

### **The Age of Miracles** by *Karen Thompson Walker*

One morning, Julia and her parents wake up in their suburban home in California to discover, along with the rest of the world, that the rotation of the earth is noticeably slowing. The enormity of this is almost beyond comprehension. And yet, even if the world is, in fact, coming to an end, as some assert, day-to-day life must go on. Julia, facing the loneliness and despair of an awkward adolescence, witnesses the impact of this phenomenon on the world, on the community, on her family and on herself.

### **Merivel** by *Rose Tremain*

The gaudy years of the Restoration are long gone. Robert Merivel, physician and courtier to Charles II, loved for his ability to turn sorrow into laughter, now faces the agitations and anxieties of middle age. Questions crowd his mind: has he been a good father? Is he a fair master? Is he the King's friend or the King's slave? In search of answers, Merivel sets off for the French court. Merivel is a uniquely brilliant creation, soulful, funny, outrageous and achingly sad. He is Everyman. His unmistakable, self-mocking voice speaks directly to us down the centuries.

### **The Splintered Kingdom** by *James Aitcheson*

The story begins on the Welsh Marches, where Tancred has been given land by his new lord, Robert Malet, in return for his services in the battle for York. Now a lord in his own right, he has knights of his own to command and a manor to call home. But all is far from peaceful. The Welsh are joining forces with the English against the Normans and when skirmishes turn into a full scale battle at Shrewsbury, Tancred is betrayed by a rival border lord and taken prisoner by the Welsh.

## *Letters*

*Send your letters and comments to [winchampc@talktalk.net](mailto:winchampc@talktalk.net)*

*(We reserve the right to edit.)*

Dear Editor

We are trying to put together a file showing that the field in Linnards Lane, known as Keats Field, has been used over the last 30 years for recreational purposes such as dog walking. If you have any photographs or can make a statement confirming this usage please e-mail them to [winchampc@talktalk.net](mailto:winchampc@talktalk.net)

*(Name and address supplied)*

## *Doorstep Crime*

There has recently been a Distraction Burglary where the bogus callers claimed to be from the 'Water Board'. After gaining access, one of the callers distracted the resident by entering into conversation whilst the other searched the house and a substantial amount of cash and jewellery was taken from their home.

Other reports of similar attempts to enter houses have been received. Remember there is no such organisation as the water board, the water company for this area is now United Utilities and their employees will always carry identification.

As with all unexpected callers always ask to see ID and if necessary ask them to wait outside whilst you verify the ID with their company. (Do not use the telephone number on the ID, look it up in the telephone directory). Although there are other excuses used, 'the man from the water board' is the most common.

### **Don't lose your chance to have your say in the first Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) elections!**

Over the last two months, households across West Cheshire will have received a voter registration form which must be returned by 31st October. This year's canvass has been brought forward to ensure that registers for the PCC elections taking place on 15th November are as up to date as possible. Canvassers will shortly begin visiting households that have not yet returned their voter registration forms. Anyone who has not received or has lost the form can print off another at: [www.aboutmyvote.co.uk](http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk) or telephone 01244 977084.

## *Nature on your Doorstep*

*By Amanda Pritchard*

*Greenspace Ranger*

*Cheshire West and Chester Council, Marbury Country Park and Northwich Woodlands*

Ashton's and Neumann's Flashes are pretty special in this area – providing habitat for many rare and unusual species of wildlife and wildflowers. Yet these areas are a result of disaster and intensive local industry.

Back in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, there were numerous pits for the mining of rock salt across the area that is now the Flashes. At that time, Ashton's Flash and the adjacent landfill site were known as Dunkirk. On 6<sup>th</sup> December 1880, just before the miners were due to begin their working day, the Platts Hill Salt Mine collapsed. Whilst parts of Ashton's salt works began to tumble into the newly appeared craters, the subsidence also caused water to pour in from the River Weaver and Witton Brook, creating bubbling cauldrons of water blasting up through the ground. The road collapsed, houses on Warrington Road, including a Public House the Townshend Arms (or Witch and Devil) subsided and slowly sank.

In the 1930's local Alkali manufacturers needed somewhere to dispose of the lime waste by-product known as Distillery Blow Off (DBO). This was pumped into the areas now know as Neumann's and Ashton's Flashes and was then left to settle. The Flashes are not open for public access due to the obvious danger of soft, unstable ground, as the consistency remains like toothpaste in many areas.

Over the following years, lime tolerant plants began to appear, in turn welcoming wildlife species such as the rare Dingy Skipper Butterfly, which relies on the small yellow flowering Birds Foot Trefoil as its food source. Other species of plants include Fragrant Orchids, Marsh Helleborines and Purging (Fairy) Flax. The water body on Neumann's Flash provides an excellent food source for many water and wading birds, and so a favourite spot for birdwatchers to while away the hours spotting native and migrant bird species.



Fragrant Orchids



Marsh Helleborine

We are constantly battling scrub taking over the Flashes and crowding out the wildflowers, so over the winter months look out for the herd of hardy Hebridean Sheep which graze the Flashes to help keep the scrub down.

We also have a great team of Volunteers that help us out each week all across Northwich Woodlands with tasks to keep the park safe and welcoming to visitors, whilst also carrying out habitat and conservation management. If you haven't already – come and take a look around. We have free maps available at the Rangers Office at Marbury Country Park or online at [www.northwichwoodlands.org.uk](http://www.northwichwoodlands.org.uk). Most of our footpaths provide all-ability access across the 1,000 acre site, so you can leave the car at home, make a picnic and come and explore the nature on your doorstep. We look forward to seeing you soon.

## *East Cheshire Countryside Ranger Service*

Autumn is with us, there is a definite chill in the air and the Rangers are starting to gear up for 4 months of habitat conservation work at countryside sites across Cheshire East. If you'd like to know more about our work, at your local countryside site, we are always happy to discuss it when you see us out and about.

Please note that most of these events are bookable, so book your place early to avoid disappointment.



### **Saturday, October 20 - A walk through the woods**

Enjoy the autumn colours and learn how to identify trees at Astbury Mere Country Park. **Booking and payment in advance is essential. Adults £3, Children £2.**

**Time:** 1.30pm to 3.30pm

**Meeting point:** Astbury Mere Country Park, off Sandy Lane, off A34 Newcastle Road, Congleton, CW12 4FR (SJ846627)

**Leader:** Conservation Biologist Patti Pinto of Eco Learning, Congleton

**Booking:** Patti Pinto on 07757 611973

(Please wear suitable boots/clothing, Please leave your dog at home, Suitable for anyone over the age of 6, Places limited - please book in advance, Ideal for families & accompanied children, Children must be accompanied by an adult, Easy walking grade, There is a charge, payable in advance of event , Wildlife walk/event)



### **Saturday, October 27 - A walk through the woods**

Another chance to enjoy the autumn colours and learn how to identify trees at Astbury Mere Country Park. **Booking and payment in advance is essential. Adults £3, Children £2.**

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## Cheshire Rural Arts theatre is coming to Wincham this November

# BANE

1, 2 & 3



starring

Joe  
BONE

featuring live  
music from

Ben  
ROE

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## BANE 1 & 2

Wear your coat collar high and lurk in the shadows if you dare  
for Bane is out there...

Fall into the pages of a Raymond Chandler novel for this is multi-  
award winning one-man comedy show ... with a dark side..

Heavily inspired by film and graphic novels, the performance  
uses mime and gesture to conjure the setting and with all the sound  
effects you would expect from this genre (heartbeats, bullets,  
gurgling and driving, to name a few) and with multiple character  
switching to create a filmic tapestry on stage that is funny, engaging  
and at times moving. Writer and creator Joe Bone plays all of the  
characters across the trilogy, bringing his comic antihero and tale of  
bloody revenge to life with just his body, his voice and a stunning live  
guitar soundtrack from Ben Roe.

"Brilliant... perhaps the best crime movie never made". The  
Guardian.

"Joe Bone's performance is phenomenal... very funny" Time  
Out.

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**WINNER – THREE WEEKS EDITORS AWARD 2010**

**WINNER – FRINGE REVIEW OUTSTANDING THEATRE AWARD 2009**

**WINNER – FRINGE GURU EDITORS CHOICE AWARD 2010**

**WINNER – JERSEY PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD 2011**

**WINNER – MERVYN STUTTERS SPIRIT OF THE FRINGE AWARD 2011**

**NOMINATED – BEST PLAY – LONDON FRINGE AWARDS 2011**

**NOMINATED – BEST SOLO PERFORMANCE – THE STAGE 2009**

Ticket reservations can be made from October

8th, [pakamak@btinternet.com](mailto:pakamak@btinternet.com) or phone 01565 73 4226. This

show is much in demand.

Our last CRTA production sold out, so please book early. Please

say if there is a sight or hearing problem or if you require

wheelchair space so. Remember, best seats go to the first

customers!



PLEASE PLEASE we need of help in the leisure group to continue activities for the village, such as craft fayres and cinema shows and travelling theatre events. Anyone willing to give it a try should contact Annie Makepeace at [pakamak@btinternet.com](mailto:pakamak@btinternet.com) or phone 01565 73 4226.

## The Friends of Anderton & Marbury

*Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November*      *The Shapes and Colours of Autumn – A Walk in Marbury Country Park*  
Come and enjoy the park at one of its most beautiful times of the year. A leisurely 1–2 hour walk.  
Meet: 10.00 am at the Rangers' Cabin, Marbury Country Park.

For information contact: Mary Jeeves 01606 77688

*Sunday 16th December*      *Christmas Decorations*  
A chance to create some stunning decorations from natural materials gathered in the woodlands.  
From: 10.00 am – 12.00 pm by the Rangers' Cabin, Marbury Country Park

For information contact: Joanne Redley 01606 44728



## Mid Cheshire Flower Club

Mid Cheshire Flower Club Open Meeting Demonstration will be held at Northwich Memorial Hall Wednesday 14th November. A Winter Wonderland display will be held at this meeting. Commencing 7.30pm – doors open 6.30pm.

Tickets £7.50 – contact Secretary 01606 75880 All raffle proceeds donated to St Luke's Hospice, Winsford.

**Wincham Community Centre** (Registered Charity No: 510439)

We are a charity that provides social and recreational activities for the residents of Wincham and its surrounding areas. The centre has been established for 26 years and the management is in the hands of a charity, registered with the Charity Commissioners. The Management Committee ensures that the Centre is run with the best interests of the local community

Three Rooms for Hire – A Large Hall (250 people)

A Clubroom - (25 people)

A Committee Room - (12 people)

Full kitchen and bar facilities are available. The centre has ample off road parking and disabled access.  
Contact Suzanne James: 01565 733193

**Currently these are the activities available:-**



- ❖ **Monday**
  - Parent & Toddler Group**  
9.15am –11.15am Laetitia Bridge - 01565 733049
  - Latinos Dance Group**  
(Latin, American & Modern). Frank Diamond - 01606 860921
- ❖ **Tuesday**
  - Latinos Dance Group**  
(Latin, American & Modern.) Frank Diamond - 01606 860921
  - Slimming World**  
Two sessions 5.30pm & 7.30pm. Sarah - 01606 884211
- ❖ **Wednesday**
  - Wednesday Club**  
1st Wednesday in the month. Jean Pomfret - 01565 733325.  
A social group for the retired, with a variety of activities.
- ❖ **Thursday**
  - Parent & Toddler Group**  
9.15am - 11.15am Laetitia Bridge - 01565 733049
  - Sequence Dancing**  
8pm – 10.30pm Jean Duncalf - 01565 733178
- ❖ **Saturday**
  - Breakaway Dance Club**  
(Sequence Dancing) twice a month. Malcolm Rutter - 01606 755661
  - Old Friends Club**  
1.30 – 4pm 1st Saturday in every month.  
Mrs Greenwood - 01606 44185  
A social group for the retired with a variety of activities.
- ❖ **Sunday**
  - Afternoon Tea Dances**  
2pm – 5pm once a month. Fred Boast - 01606 834492
  - Karate Club Age 6 + Inc. Seniors**  
Mr Harrison 01606 350314

## Northwich Community Learning Programme

October-December 2012

Are you looking at updating your skills?

Do you want to build your confidence and self esteem and meet new friends?

Course	Day/Time	Start Date	Location	Duration
Digital Champions	Tuesday 9:30am – 3:00pm	23rd October	New Vic	1 Day
Selling Yourself	Wednesday 9:30am – 12:30pm	10th October	Zone	1 session
Interview Techniques	Monday 9:30am – 12:30pm	15th October	Zone	1 session
Internet Job Search	Monday 1:00pm – 3:00pm	22nd October	Zone	1 session
Application Forms & Covering Letters	Wednesday 9:30am – 12:30pm	24th October	Zone	1 session
Get Creative for Christmas	Wednesday 1:00pm – 3:00pm	14th November	Zone	4 sessions
Introduction to Business Administration	Tuesday 9:30am – 2:30pm	13th, 14th & 16th November	New Vic	3 Days
The Office Package	Tuesday 1:00pm – 3.30pm	6th November	Zone	5 sessions
Winning People (Confidence Course)	Thursday 1.00 – 3.00pm	8th November	Zone	6 sessions
The Full Works – Motivation Course	14th November 10.00 – 3.00pm			Please call for further information

**To book a place or to find out further information please call one of our friendly staff:  
Zone Community Learning Centre, Northwich Station Buildings, Manchester Road, Northwich,  
CW9 5LY**

**01606 288540**

## Mid Cheshire College

**Below is a schedule of proposed College Courses (subject to numbers) to be held up to December 2012. Please contact: Pam Ford 01606 720694.**

Drawing and Watercolour Painting for Beginners	19/09/2012	12/12/2012	Wed	9.30-12pm	12 wks
Creative Crochet	28/09/2012	07/12/2012	Fri	1-3pm	10 wks
Creative Writing for Beginners	25/09/2012	04/12/2012	Tues	10-12pm	10 wks
Sign Language Introduction	24/09/2012	03/12/2012	Mon	1-3pm	10 wks

## **Wincham Parish Council**

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### **Parish Information sites** Linda Moss

- Visit our new website [www.winchamvillage.co.uk](http://www.winchamvillage.co.uk).

## Directory

### **Rural Bus** 01606 784100

The Rural Bus service will take you from your door to Northwich and back, if you register with them. It runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It picks up from our area around 10.00 am and returns from Northwich at 1.30 pm. The bus can accept wheelchairs and baby buggies. Once you are on the register, all you do is phone the day before, between 10.00am and 1.00pm, to tell them you need to be collected. It's free with a bus pass.

**Women's Safe Transport** 01606 784100 10am to 1pm. This is an evening door-to-door transport service operating on Wednesday and Thursday evenings that you book the day before your journey. It is open to any female of any age (and accompanying boys aged 13 or under) to help them travel safely in the evening.

The service is delivered by Cheshire Community Development Trust supported by Cheshire West and Chester Council. All vehicles are fully accessible for wheelchairs and baby buggies. The fare for a single journey is £2.60 or free with a pass. The service runs within the following areas – Northwich, Cuddington, Weaverham, Hartford, Barnton area, Marston, Wincham, Lostock, Rudheath and Davenham.



### **Zumba**

Contact Annie Makepeace on 01565 734226, by the end of November so that the group can start in January.

### **The Parish Council**

The Parish Council meets every month except August and December, usually on the third Wednesday of the month, at 7.30pm in the Community Centre. It is important you tell us your wishes and concerns. You can go to any Parish Council meeting and speak your mind at the start of every meeting. Alternatively, two council members on a rota basis will be there, with Phil, from 6.45 to 7.15pm.

**Wincham Word is considering accepting advertising in the form of businesscard –sized adverts that put go on this, the back page. If you have any thoughts on this or are interested in placing an advert, please contact Naomi Morris at [winchampc@talktalk.net](mailto:winchampc@talktalk.net)**