

WINCHAM WORD



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A VISION FOR WINCHAM

Alison Dunabin

THE VISION IS ALMOST REALISED

After 18 months of hard work the final Parish Plan document will be sent to the printers at the beginning of June. The Plan sets out in detail an analysis of the responses to the questionnaire sent out to all residents last summer. At the end of each of the main sections, initially identified at the public meeting in October 2008, there is a comprehensive Action Plan which details the aspects of the village highlighted by you the residents as requiring ongoing work to benefit the whole community.

The Parish Plan launch party will take place on Wednesday 23 June at 7.30 pm at the Northwich Victoria Stadium and everyone is invited; light refreshments will be provided.

ACTION PLANS

At the launch party members of the steering group will present the detailed action plans. Three main areas have been identified which will require input from residents over the

next few years and where there is the potential to achieve lasting benefits for the community. These are Environment, Traffic and Transport and Sports and Leisure. A Parish Plan Implementation Group will be formed at the launch party and its objective will be to deliver the benefits identified in the Plan.

MAKING IT HAPPEN

Volunteers will be required in order to make this happen. This is your action plan and your input is required in order to make sure that its objectives are carried out. You have asked for these benefits for the village but there is no statutory body that we can turn to who will deliver them. The only way that these changes can be made will be if we collectively accept responsibility for ensuring that the objectives of the Action Plan are met. The steering group is committed to support the PPIG both in personnel and in other ways: giving details of available funding streams and how to apply for

grants, supplying contact information and giving direction. But what we need most are volunteers!!

WHAT IS INVOLVED

The type of work and skills required is extremely varied. For example: we need people who are happy to talk on the telephone to a CWAC contact during office hours, people who enjoy filling in forms, people with ideas, people who would be happy to walk along and survey the public rights of way in the village, people with horticultural skills. This is just a snapshot of the actions that will need to be carried out to achieve the detailed objectives of the Plan.

If you are interested in volunteering but know you will not be available to attend the launch please give me a call on 01565 733751 or email winchampc@btinternet.com. It would be helpful if you could indicate which of the three areas detailed above interests you most.

If we work together we can realise the vision! Thanks for your support.

WHAT'S SID BEEN UP TO?

Geoff Eden Chair of SID

A great deal has happened since the last Wincham Word. Almost 200 people attended an open meeting with George Osborne, we have held two highly successful fund raisers and SID has been investigating how we could improve Cheshire's recycling rate to render the proposed incinerator unnecessary.



In continuing the fight we are now focusing our efforts upon the Strategic Planning Committee, (SPC). We are continuing the letter writing campaign ensuring that each member of the committee is fully aware of the level of objection. Over 1100 objection letters have been registered to date!

Page 8 of this edition of Wincham Word shows the current situation regarding the application. The

next key date is when that application goes for consideration by the Strategic Planning Committee. The committee will discuss the application and decide whether or not to grant planning permission. That meeting is expected to be held in Northwich and a good deal of pressure can be applied by having a mass turnout to the meeting to physically demonstrate the level of opposition. As yet we do not have a date for the meeting. We will however have a minimum of 2 weeks notice and intend to distribute a leaflet giving the date, time, and location to allow as many people as possible to attend.

FUNDRAISING TO HELP SID

John Barnes

Many thanks to everyone who attended our recent fund raising events:

Curry & Quiz night

On Friday the 26 March, with the support of the Bengal Dynasty restaurant, we held a 'Curry & Quiz' night attended by over 90 people who enjoyed good food, good company and friendly rivalry. In addition to a trophy and prizes for the winners, wooden spoons for the 'must do better next time' team, everybody had an opportunity to win one of (or more than one in some cases!) the many superb raffle prizes kindly donated by local businesses and individuals.

Special thanks go to our quiz organisers and hosts for the evening – Ian and Debs May.

70s and 80s Disco

On Friday 23 April, with the support of Northwich Victoria Stadium, over 70 people boogied on down to some great 70s and 80s music. There was a fabulous atmosphere, with many in fancy dress (or in my case – clothes straight from the wardrobe!).



Highlight of the evening was a surprise appearance, straight from the Barbican in London, of Bongo Eddie (remember Kid Creole and the Coconuts?) who gave a live performance of many 70s and 80s hits.

Overall both events, as well as providing great entertainment, have raised over £700 towards SID's campaign fund.

Possible future events for the summer: Family barn dance and family BBQ/hog roast – watch this space for details!

Why does SID need this money?

As our chairman Geoff has said 'the fight goes on'. We need to maintain the high profile that our campaign has already achieved and can now fund the purchase of high visibility banners to be placed in strategic locations around the village.

In addition we are planning to arrange transport for as many local residents as possible to attend the appropriate Council and Planning meetings at which the planning application will be considered.

For further details please contact me on 01565 733921 or www.help-sid.com.

A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Kenton Barker

Firstly may I take the opportunity to thank our outgoing Chairman Kevin Davies for 2 years of service as Wincham Parish Council's Chairman. We are sorry to see him go and we wish him all the best in all his future endeavours.

This edition of Wincham Word covers a number of serious issues from the proposed Incinerator and the progress of local action Group SID, to the embryonic proposals for the Wincham Urban Village that could more than double the size of the village over the next 20 years. We urge you to look out for further information as it is made available over the coming months.

Our outgoing Chairman Kevin Davies was actively involved in the development of the Parish Plan which will be launched on 23 June and will then be delivered to each household within Wincham. I hope to see as many of you as possible at the launch.

This call for public support brings me to another request for your attendance at the Planning meeting expected in June to try to prevent RRS' application to build a waste treatment plant in Wincham gaining planning permission. Contrary to common belief this is not a dead issue, and I am sure that the SID team are getting this message across, however it cannot be stressed strongly enough that your attendance is needed to show the level of objection within the village; don't leave it to other people as without public support the SID campaign may backfire.

Finally, Wincham Parish Council is undergoing a change of personnel and as such we are on the look out for people to join the council. New councillors are needed to enable us to continue to work on your behalf to improve the village environment. If you are interested, please contact our parish clerk Alison Dunabin on winchampc@btinternet.com or call 01565 733751. I would like to remind everyone that the first fifteen minutes of every Parish Council meeting is a public forum where residents can come along and raise issues of concern to them. This would also give anyone thinking of volunteering to be a Parish Councillor a valuable insight into the Council's work.

VILLAGE PLAYING FIELDS

The Parish Council has awarded the annual contract for litter picking and grass cutting on the village playing fields to Northwich Town Council and I am sure you will agree that a difference is already visible. Taking on board the comments of the judges in last year's Community Pride competition and comments made in the Parish Plan questionnaire about the unacceptable amount of litter within the village, the Parish Council was determined to improve the situation for the community and for this year's competition.



Photograph courtesy of David Casson

The Parish Council is committed to restoring swings to the Linnards Lane Playing Field and has applied to COMMA for a grant. This organisation awards grants for community projects in areas which have been affected by aggregate extraction. The nearest quarry to Wincham is New Platt wood. If the application is successful we will also replace the toddler swings on the Linnards Lane Playing Field. The project will be match funded by the grant received from Thor last year and by the Parish Council.

Some of the litter and dog waste bins will be renewed and a company has been asked to quote for re-coating some of the benches.

OUR LONDON MARATHON

By Paula Perry

Simon and I set off from the red start crossing the official start line around 10.05 am taking extra care not to trip on all the discarded bin bags and ponchos that had been keeping us all dry earlier. From the start, the crowds were amazing. People lined the streets playing music, ringing bells, sounding horns and cheering our names as we ran. Complete strangers would scream out your name, willing you on like they'd known you all their lives.



We ran through 10 miles quite comfortably heading back to Bermondsey down Jamaica road. We were entertained just watching some of the runners in costumes; rhinos, Mr Men, a dragon, apples, a person carrying the angel of the north on their back, and a man overtaking us (embarrassingly) with a real fridge on his back! Amazing! Street bands, steel drums, great smells of BBQ'd foods - it felt like a carnival. I remember starting to feel a little tired as we ran through 12 miles and then turned the corner on Tooley Street and caught sight of Tower Bridge up ahead. The cheering was deafening. I had to remember what the pro's had said - "take your time on Tower bridge - don't get swept away with the thousands of fans calling your name and regret it later".

We ran through (waving at the BBC camera's hoping you'd see us at home) and onto the Highway. Oh no, on the left you could see all the runners nearing the end, just another 8 miles and we'd be heading that way too. It felt so... far away! Still head up and keep on running onwards to Limehouse, onto the Isle of Dogs down Westferry Road. Thought I could feel a blister on the side of my heel, but it wasn't that sore so kept on going, hoping it wouldn't stop me later. Approaching 18 miles, just passed the Help for Heroes runners. Two of the bravest men I've seen, they have both lost limbs, and are running with prosthetic legs. One is in pain and has to keep stopping to rearrange his leg. I won't be letting any blister stop me!! Makes you realise how lucky you are. From there it is a bit of a blur. 19 miles to 20 miles - tough. I guess this was "the wall".

Don't stop. Don't stop. 20 Miles...just over 10K to go. That sounds possible. Starting to feel a bit better. Jelly Babies. Better still. Back along the other side of the highway. 22 Miles. 4 to go. Can't believe there is a man still walking on the other side in a full suit of armour! Under 7K. 23 Miles. "3 miles and you're part of history" sign on the bridge. Oh no. This is the furthest I have ever run. I feel dreadful. Pace drops. A few cheers and I think I can speed up, only to slow again moments later. Keep going. Nearly at Embankment. Mum, Dad and Jess will be at 24 miles, just before Big Ben.

Reached 24 miles, no sign of Big Ben yet, where are they? Can't wait to see Jess!! Not long now. Through 25 miles. There's Big Ben and there's Jess, Mum and Dad on the other side of the road, quick wave and blow a kiss. Have to keep going as am scared if I stop won't be able to get going again. Simon ran back behind the barriers with the crowd shouting "wrong way!!" Then he gives Jess a kiss to hear a scream of "Ahhh", then a quick sprint to catch me up which is always a crowd pleaser. Along Birdcage walk. Crowds were fantastic. Maybe 10 deep on both sides. Time passes - seems like an hour - it was probably 5 minutes!

I see the "600 metres to go" sign. Am I really nearly there? 'CHILDREN with LEUKAEMIA' Charity Supporters area on the right hand side. They go crazy - shouting, waving, cheering. I throw my arms in the air like I'm a superstar waving back at them. 400 Metres to go. Where's that '385 Yards to go' sign that you see on TV? There it is!! RUN! RUN! RUN! What an atmosphere, the DJ is playing the YMCA, where did we find the energy to join in, sheer elation at having finally reached the end. Straighten up number for photo. Arms in the air to cross the finish, hand in hand with Simon who coached me all the way.

Success. Achievement. Relief. Pain.....oh, dizziness. Legs STOP.

We went to get our medals (WOW!) few tears of joy and pride, and our photographs and then headed back to the charity reception. I was feeling really rough. Didn't hit me until later that I'd actually made it and completed the distance. Although I was a lot slower than I hoped (I was aiming for under 6 hours) I was so proud to have finished - no matter how slow - and crossed the line in 6 hours 15 minutes.

It was the most challenging experience yet the most amazing!!

A massive thank you to everyone who sponsored us! We have raised around £2,000 already for CHILDREN with LEUKAEMIA and with still more to be collected, hope to raise £3,000 in total. Thank you so much for your support.

PLASTIC RECYCLING INITIATIVE

Russ Wintle



At the last Public Meeting George Osborne MP described the fight ahead of us against the RRS incinerator proposal and a number of people raised points about recycling more. Since then SID has been looking at how we can tackle both aspects.

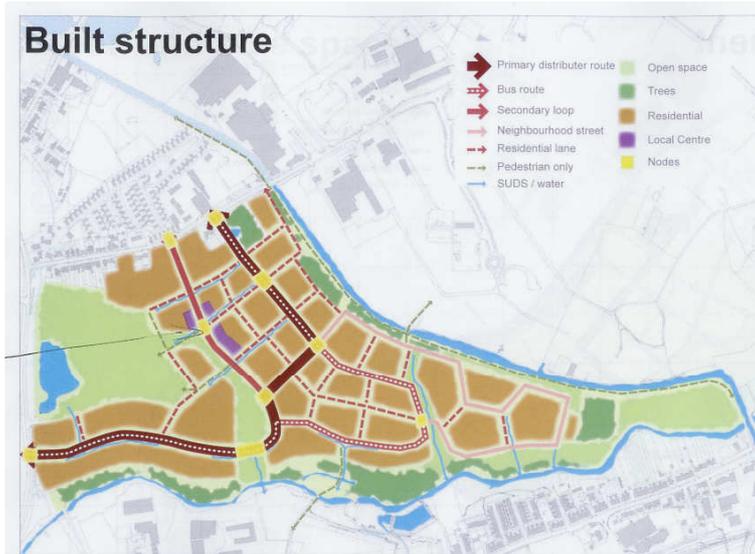
About 7% of household waste is plastic currently going to landfill. Removing this plastic would have a huge impact on the viability of the RRS operation as if plastics are not present in the feedstock the optimum operating temperature cannot be reached as the calorific value is not there to make the process work. (This could well be RRS' 'Achilles Heel').

SID has identified a company, Omnia Recycling, who have a unique process which can recycle most plastics and convert them into useful items such as planters, benches, fencing, play equipment etc. marketed by British Recycled Products. We are investigating the practicalities of collecting plastic waste within the village, (other than that collected kerbside) and having it processed by Omnia into items of our choice that could be used to improve the appearance and/or facilities available in our community spaces such as these planters.



If we could demonstrate the success of such a scheme within Wincham, we might be able to convince the Council that there *are* alternatives to landfill and incineration and get them to implement it as part of the kerbside collection service on a wider scale. Further details will follow but if you would like to find out more about SID's plans for this project, please contact the SID team via www.help-sid.com.

WINCHAM URBAN VILLAGE



Draft design concept

The development consortium formed to develop the Wincham Urban Village in conjunction with their consultants, Emery Planning Partnership, gave a presentation to the Parish Council in March followed by the launch of the public consultation. It is important that the residents of Wincham 'have their say' as part of the process. The Parish Council were concerned to see that the number of houses has significantly increased from the plans presented to residents in 2004 and the amount of green space has been consequently reduced. In addition the location of the main access road has been altered. These and other areas of concern have been advised to the development consortium. As yet the date when the planning application is to be lodged

has not been determined. For those who would like to see more details of the plans a website has been set up www.epp-planning.co.uk/wincham.

Latest news on the Urban Village is that the consortium has updated the plans following comments made at the public consultation and representation from the Parish Council. It is hoped that these updates will be presented to the Parish Council at the meeting in June prior to the application itself being lodged with Cheshire West and Chester Council.

JIM BATE

Christine Paterson

The Parish Council meeting in May brought about a new era. A new chair and vice chair were elected to take the Parish Council forward but also with regret the Parish Council accepted the resignation of a long standing and dedicated member of our village council, Mr Jim Bate.

Jim has served the Parish Council for over 30 years and brought a wealth of experience and knowledge to the table. But more than that Jim has been involved with many and various community and village projects over the years, the biggest being the concept of the Community Centre in the early 1970s, the subsequent fund raising events including 'It's a Knockout!', the building of the centre (Jim was actually part of the team involved with the bricks and mortar!) and the loving care and attention he has given it since its opening.

Over the years the village has enjoyed many celebrations and Jim has been involved in all of the committees and work forces. The Youth Club which was held in Wincham Old School/St Andrews church, the annual Wincham, Pickmere and Marston Horticultural society shows, the yearly Wincham Carnival with the lorry cavalcade from Chapel Street to Linnards Lane and the subsequent procession and fair on Linnards Lane Playing field plus many more too numerous to list.

It is due to Jim's dedication and commitment and the support of Jenny, that the village has benefited so widely over the past 30 years. On behalf of the Parish Council and the residents of Wincham I would like to thank Jim for all he has done and the time he has given, and wish both he and Jenny all the very best for the future.



WATER PRESSURE

Ros Casson

Here's an update on the problems with the low water pressure in Wincham.

I wrote to United Utilities following contacts from 20 residents in the village. I was subsequently visited by a Mr. Bradley and a Mr. Goodwin. On his last visit on 28.04.10, Mr. Goodwin said that a new 'PMV' has been fitted (something that regulates the pressure I think) and this should solve the problem. Mr. Bradley also explained why Wincham experiences the problems. They are as follows:

- Historically, there had been problems in the area, so a new regulator was fitted by the A556 last September that is designed to read the pressure every 15 mins and adjust flow accordingly.
- It took several months to get the settings right on this new regulator.
- Just when it was working well, the severe weather hit, which caused lots of bursts.
- One burst on Ollershaw Lane was particularly difficult to find and would have affected Wincham as the village is geographically higher than the surrounding area.
- Wincham is at the end of the line for water supply from the reservoir at Cotebrook.
- Bursts in Lostock and Marston will affect Wincham water pressure.
- The pipe work from the Black Greyhound is old and is therefore susceptible to bursts.
- The pressure should ideally be at "3 bars" and is set not to drop below "1 1/2 bars. It must not fall below 1 bar legally.



It is interesting that those who have contacted me all have similar experiences when ringing United Utilities. Dates when I know I rang to report a problem, others in the village have too, yet we are all told no one else has contacted them!

Please keep me informed of any future problems. alan_18c@live.co.uk, or ring/text 07818257043

WINCHAM CP SCHOOL PTA SUMMER FAYRE

Saturday, 10 July 2010

from 1.30 pm

Only a couple of months to go to this year's Summer Fayre. Where has the year gone? Lots and lots of planning and preparation is taking place to make sure that there will be a real feast of activities to entertain all ages on 10 July.

Children from Wincham School will open the event in the Grand Arena with The Maypole Dance. Other arena events will include music from local band *One Night Stand*, Debbie Street's Carriage Driving Donkeys (*back by popular request*), and a few other surprises.

Stalls include the traditional popular ones - Crazy Kitchen, Bouncy Slide, Bar Tent, Tattoos, Tea Tent, Burger Bar, and Plant Stall, plus a few new ones including Mario carts, 365 days a year, Whack the Rat and more.



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As always, we are looking for our community's support to:

- place an advert in the programme
- donate a grand draw or auction prize
- bake cakes for our cake stall or tea tent
- help set up the stalls
- help run a stall for part of the event.
- clear up after the Fayre

**Any skills, help and enthusiasm are very welcome so please contact
Debs May (Summer Fayre Co-ordinator)
01565 733706 or e-mail debs.may@hotmail.com**

Even if you are not able to help
please do come and support us on the day.

More than £7000 was raised last year for the school
we want to top that amount this year.

All proceeds go to Wincham CP School PTA

To contact PCSO Jones

Non-emergency 24-hr 0845 458 0000

Northwich Community Action Team Message Facility 0845 458 6392

