

WINCHAM WORD



PARISH PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Alison Dunabin

LAUNCH

The Parish Plan for Wincham—the Vision— was launched on 23 June. Many residents and representatives of local agencies came to the Open Meeting to hear about and discuss the major goals identified from the consultation process. With your help the goals will be achieved over the next 3 to 5 years. The Parish Plan Steering Group has worked hard to analyse all the responses to the questionnaire sent out last summer, and has identified actions that residents said were important to improve the village for all. The goals have been grouped into three categories: Environment, Planning and Development; Leisure and Communication; and Policing, Safety, Transport and Highways.

WEBSITE

Following on from the launch, a meeting was held on 30 June which drew together a number of people who, having received their copy of the plan, were ready to be involved in the implementation of it. One of the early results is that a village website is being developed. To be known as the 'Wincham Web', this website will be

launched in mid September and further details will be available in the next edition of the 'Word'. But if you Google 'Wincham Web' you will probably find it before then.

PEOPLE POWER

Twenty six goals were identified from the results of the questionnaire. All of these need 'People Power' to achieve them. We have had a heartening number of volunteers so far but there are all sorts of tasks that need to be done—large and small—and where people of all ages and abilities can have a positive impact. I mentioned the number of the Public Rights of Way in Wincham at the launch—if you love to walk, checking the state of these public rights of way would be an ideal thing for you to do. This is more important than you might think—and is something that can be dealt with relatively quickly and easily if the relevant people in CWAC are informed. A neighbourhood watch scheme was regarded by many as an excellent thing for the village to adopt—again this would be simple to do it just needs someone to take ownership of it. Speeding is a concern that we in Wincham have had for

years—we need to lobby our CWAC member councillors so that this is at the forefront of the highways agenda.

YOUNG PEOPLE

The young people in Wincham are neglected. Many villages of this size have a Brownie pack, Beavers, Cubs, Guides and Scouts not to mention sports clubs which many of our young people told us they were interested in. A village Sports Hall has to be a priority so that our youngsters (and older ones!) can keep fit by playing badminton, dancing, playing table tennis, doing Keep Fit classes and lots of other sporting activities that are not currently available in the village.

We have launched the Parish Plan: more grants are available to help us to achieve the goals that you—the residents of Wincham have identified—if anyone is interested in being involved please contact me on 01565 733751 or email: winchampc@btinternet.com.

The next meeting of the implementation team is on 7 September at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre. You are most welcome to join us!



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Wasn't the RRS proposal for an incinerator rejected by the planning committee? Isn't that all over?

Yes, the planning application submitted by RRS was rejected on 17 June. But the fight is far from over.

Firstly a massive 'thank you' to everyone who attended the Strategic Planning Committee meeting at the Northwich Victoria Stadium to protest against the RRS proposal to build an incinerator in the middle of Wincham. We are sure that the committee, and indeed RRS themselves, were surprised at the level of informed community opposition to the proposal and the support for SID. The unanimous rejection was a great achievement for our community.

The decision by the committee to reject was made on a number of grounds: proximity to housing, over capacity within Cheshire, transport infrastructure, and the proposed sight not being allocated under the Cheshire Waste plan. This was all heartening but we cannot afford to be complacent. RRS can appeal against the decision within the next 6 months and given the value of the Waste contract at stake this is quite likely.

This is why the campaign needs to continue; to ensure that we are ready to oppose any possible appeal. We need to continue to involve our ward members in the campaign. In addition, we must continue to take the campaign to councillors who are members of the SPC and to councillors who are members of the Joint Waste Board who, along with their colleagues from Cheshire East, will make the actual decision to award the waste contract. The next meeting of the Joint Waste Board is to be on 24 September and the Waste contract is scheduled to be on the agenda to allow a preferred bidder to be recommended. This will then have to be agreed by the Cheshire East Cabinet and our own Cheshire West and Chester Executive on 29th September 2010. Should RRS be nominated as the preferred bidder, even without planning permission, we will need to show our opposition again at the CWAC Executive meeting.

As a result, we need to be ready to act whenever RRS do appeal and so the fund raising campaign must continue. Please come along and enjoy the family Barn Dance on Saturday 4th September 2010 at the community centre.

Thanks to everyone for your continued support.

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CHAIRMAN'S WORDS

Kenton Barker

What an eventful time it has been since the last Wincham Word was produced! When I joined the Parish Council, I had no idea what interesting and diverse areas would come to the fore.

- Cheshire West and Chester Council saw sense and did not approve the application for the Incinerator at the New Cheshire Business Park on Wincham Lane.
- Wincham Parish Plan was launched receiving a great reception.
- Wincham School Fayre, held on a lovely July day, a great family day out for all.
- Wincham Urban Village, now renamed Wincham Park is being developed.

Geoff Eden, the Chairman of SID, has written about the current situation regarding the incinerator planned for the Cheshire Business Park. I would like to add my thanks to everyone for all the support especially at the Planning meeting at the Northwich Victoria Football ground.

Since the previous issue there have been exciting developments with the Parish Plan which was launched earlier in the Summer, and we now have teams identified with team leaders. I am sure through Wincham Word, and other media, everyone will be kept up to date. There are opportunities for people to get involved to whatever extent they have time for. This is a chance for residents to affect the lives of everyone in Wincham.

Since I became Chairman of the Parish Council in May, there has been a period of change, with a number of members of the council retiring. This has provided the opportunity for new blood on the Parish Council, one such member is Dominic Turner whom I would like to welcome to the Council. We still have a few positions available, and should you wish to help make a difference to the community please contact our Parish Clerk, Alison Dunabin. Her contact details are published in the magazine. For more details please see Linda Moss's article on page 8.

This is an exciting time for Wincham so why not be a part of the action?

I hope that I will get the opportunity to see a number of you at the SID Barn Dance and the Parish Plan meeting in September, and I hope you have all had pleasant summer breaks allowing you to recharge your batteries.

LIVING IN CHAPEL STREET DURING THE WAR YEARS

Some Reflections by Heather Holman

Living in Chapel Street then was very different to what it is now and I would like to take you through a journey of what life was really like during my childhood. I had two brothers, one older and one younger.

Prior to going to school my first recollection was standing outside the house where I lived watching men from Wincham and Marston walking home from work (New Cheshire) at lunchtime and then returning an hour later. They all used to speak to me – highlight of my day! Other early recollections were ice on the INSIDE of the bedroom window, only one cold water tap, toilet at bottom of the garden, paraffin lamps, washing took all day because first of all you had to light the fire under the boiler in the wash house which you also had to do when it was bath night – a tin bath in front of the fire.

The three of us had to walk to Victoria Road School every day on our own, over the Old Hole (which is now the Park). We would run up and down the banks at the side of the dirt road between the two flashes - because this made us get there quicker; past an Aviation Post (used for Searchlights during the war), past Marbury Lane, over Mill Bridge and up Warrington Road, into Forest Street, Orchard Avenue to Newmans Road and then school. We did this every day, hail, rain and snow. There were few cars in those days, in fact, only two cars in the whole of Chapel Street. We never missed school and we were not ill. We had to take our gas masks to school and several times had to go into air raid shelters which had been provided adjacent to the school. This was exciting: I was never scared.

On our way home from school we had to pass German prisoners of war from Marbury Camp marching to Northwich Station. I suppose they were being moved to another camp, I didn't know where they were going nobody told me. I was scared but needn't have been because it was all very peaceful. We ran even faster up and down the banks going home.

At the top of the hill and into Chapel Street there were two lock-up wooden shops, one was a newsagents (Mrs Felstead) and the other a cloggers (Clogger Greatbanks) which was very handy when tips came off my brothers' clogs because they used to 'spark' them. Mr Greatbanks used to knock the tips back on free. Next we had to negotiate the Level Crossing gates which closed when we had to wait for a train to go through which delivered coal to Marston and New Cheshire Salt Works.



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Next was the Co-op Store which was our super market – it sold everything. You had a number, bit like a PIN number, which you had to give with every purchase – I can still remember ours, it was 9524 even though I cannot remember my present day PIN numbers! If you wanted potatoes they came down a chute, sugar was weighed and butter sliced off a large slab and wrapped. Money was put in a container and sent on a high wire through the shop to the top floor where your change would be returned by the same procedure. Cost of items could also be put in ‘the book’ to be paid for later. You also collected ‘DIVI’, which I suppose was a bonus, every now and then but you had to queue (job for the kids) to collect this from the main Co-op in Northwich (now Iceland). Bert Williams was next and he charged accumulators which we needed for our wireless our only form of communication with the outside world. No TVs, iPods, computers. How did we manage? We use to rush home to listen to Dick Barton or Wilfrid Pickles – highlight of our day!

There was a large Methodist Chapel, a Chapel House and Sunday School situated where the playing field is – a bit to the right of it, which had a gallery and an organ. The Chapel and Sunday School were well attended – I remember we had to go twice on a Sunday. Also every year the main event was the Anniversary where the children had to sit in the gallery. All the girls had new frocks and the boys were in their Sunday best. Several sang – I always had to read the lesson because I couldn’t sing! All the children were presented with a book to mark the Anniversary.

Next came Mrs Boden, what a lovely character she was, everyone knew her, she lived next to Rundle (which is Heath Lane - Heath Lane winds around Cranage and the brook and eventually comes out at Ann Street in Lostock) which leads to the farm where we use to collect our milk from. I remember collecting the milk one day in the billy-can and swinging it round and round which was OK, done it many a time, but this day it hit the wash-house roof in the entry and went everywhere. Was I in trouble! My eldest brother got in worse trouble when he turned the tap on the milk churn in the milkman’s van when he was delivering in the Street. It ran all down the gutter. Back to Mrs Boden, as I said she lived one side of Rundle but had a lock-up shop on the other side at the end of 3 terrace houses - not there now been demolished - and next to Joe Cross’ Haulage firm (now Roberts Scrap Yard). The shop sold everything, very cluttered but she knew where everything was and had got everything. Always wore a pinny down to her ankles and clogs. She was up at the crack of dawn to serve workers going to New Cheshire Salt Works and she was still there when they left at night.

Coming to the canal now and looking to the right along the canal you can still see derelict buildings which used to be the Rubber Works which employed mostly women in the manufacture of rubber soles and heels. The women used to be called ‘rubber dollies’ – my mother was one of them.

Crossing over the bridge was Wincham Hotel, now falling down, but it was hive of activity at one time. Horse drawn barges came up the canal from the potteries and the bargees used to tether their horses there for a rest whilst they had a beer. In my day I have seen many of these huge horses pulling barges along this canal – it was a grand sight.

Walking down the side of the bridge there was a row of terrace houses at right angles to the road. Bit further down was a pond we used to skate/slide on in winter and at other times we caught tiddlers in jam jars, all good fun. Bit different from the industry there now.



WINCHAM HOME GUARD—Let us know if you recognise anyone.

There was never a scrap yard in Wincham in my first memories. Where the shop and Ashwood Park is now was a huge orchard from which we used to nick apples and pears, no-one seemed to care! I really don't know who owned it. The dirt road at the side of the shop was called Claphatches and led to Cross Street in Marston. Quick way to the pub! You could also get to the back of the houses on Chapel Street and also to Georgie Kay's (Coalman) cottage.

Still continuing past the existing shop was Mrs Littler's bakery; you went in at the side door and her bakery was at the back. There was a butchers shop as well. Further down the Street where the bungalows are was Georgie Kay's Coal Yard. He delivered coal by horse and cart on which kids used to sneak a ride on the back. The last business in Chapel Street was John Anderson Furniture Removers who were and are still well known in the area.

Outside the coal yard during the war was an air raid shelter, which I don't think was used very much for what it was meant. As a young child I didn't worry about the war very much but I do remember the windows in our house were broken at one stage when a plane came down somewhere in the fields at the back of us. I can also remember looking through the window one night on hearing a funny noise and was told it was a 'doodlebug' but apart from that and the prisoners of war and later the Yanks at Marbury I was not affected by the war.

After school we use to play marbles in the gutter, top and whip (bottle top coloured with chalk and a stick with a leather lace fastened to it) hopscotch, flirting clay on a stick, catapult, trundling with bike tyre and a stick, conkers, birds egging – some of these would not be allowed today. Although there were no mod-cons we were never bored and we survived without convenience food, sweets, new clothing etc which were all rationed or required coupons.

PLASTICS RECYCLING INITIATIVE

Luise Crawford

Key facts; (latest figures, updated from the May WW)

Plastics consumption is growing by 4% annually and plastics make up approximately 11% of household waste, 40% of this being plastic bottles.

It takes **25 recycled two litre plastic drinks bottles** to make one fleece jacket. On average, each household in the UK uses 500 plastic bottles annually. That's 20 jackets!!!

ALL plastics are recyclable, it just depends on whether the local authority has a contract with a company who can use the plastics as a raw material.

There are 7 categories of plastics and these are denoted by the recycling triangle logo with a number 1 – 7 in the middle, relating to different types of plastics. Currently kerbside collections in our area can only take items made from plastics type 1 and 2.



In the last edition of the Word, one of the SID team wrote about the possibility of Wincham having a local waste plastics recycling initiative, that would focus on recycling all the plastics that cannot be collected in the current kerbside collection scheme, i.e plastic types 3 -7. The 11 members of the SID team ran a trial collection, just to see exactly how much currently non recyclable plastic could be collected in a 2 week period, and the results were quite staggering. The items collected included yogurt pots, margarine tubs, plastic meat trays, sandwich packs, fruit and vegetable punnets, cling film and plastic bags, and it mounted up very quickly!

SID has identified a company that has a unique process for using **all these** plastic items which has just entered into an agreement with Gwynedd Council to recycle their plastics. The company, Omnia, actually manufacture planters, benches and other items from the “waste” plastic, so it would be great if we could link this to our attempt at winning the Best Kept Village competition by having planters etc made from locally collected plastics.

We have started to lobby our Council to look at the alternatives to burning, such as this. Plastics should be treated as a commodity, not as an end product. The key to making this a success relies on us finding a suitable site in the village where the plastics can be taken to and stored, until we have sufficient to send to the recycling company. If anyone has any suggestions for this, please contact a member of the SID team via www.help-sid.com.

Wouldn't it be great if Wincham led the way and showed our Council what can be achieved?

We have been researching other community based schemes that focus on waste recycling, and there are a number of opportunities that we will be following up in the coming months, so watch this space.

Now that we have been successful in the first stage of our campaign, resulting in RRS' planning application for the waste incinerator being refused - although they may yet appeal - we must now take responsibility for our waste to ensure that any future proposals for any type of waste treatment facility in our village or indeed County are not required.

Remember; Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

LINNARDS LANE SWINGS

I know it seems like ages since the old swings were removed—and it is - but we have been trying to raise money from a number of sources which provide grants for play equipment! Anyway I am delighted to announce that we have now obtained some money from CWAC which together with the donation of £1000.00 from Thor and money from the Parish Council means that we will be able to go ahead and order new Junior Swings for the Linnards Lane Playing Field. We anticipate that the new swings will be available to use by October!

Mums and Dads whose children are due to start school in September 2011 will surely be interested in the Open Afternoon which is to be held at Wincham School on Friday 15 October from 1.30 pm—3.30 pm. You are very welcome to drop into school between these times when you will be treated to a guided tour by our enthusiastic Y6 children after which you will be free to ask any questions you like of staff, governors and Headteacher as well as enjoying a cuppa and a biscuit. Wincham school has been subjected to a lot of building work over the past twelve months; everything is now sorted out and we would love to welcome you and your child(ren) to our Open Afternoon. For more information on the school and its facilities please visit our informative website - www.winchamcp.cheshire.sch.uk

Wincham CP School PTA

Summer Fayre 2010

Report
by Debs May, Fayre Co-ordinator.

Going on from 2009 I said I would co-ordinate this year's fayre – little did I realise what a year I would have and the challenges I would face but with many willing and supportive friends – the Wincham School PTA Summer Fayre 2010 was an amazing triumph.

The week running up to the fayre added to the 'excitement' – with very changeable weather. As usual we prayed for sunshine and what a scorcher we got – one of the hottest days of the year! After many months of work 'creating' the Summer Fayre, there were so many rewards: the queue of happy, smiley faces waiting for the gates to open: the utter joy as a child successfully 'lobbed a loo roll' or 'hooked a lucky duck' and watching a parent win a bottle on the tombola rather than the beauty set they had previously donated!

The school Y6 leavers opened the Fayre. And were followed by the Maypole dancing from the Infants and Juniors.

We had a fun Tug of War – the boys won – but I am sure (and I have photos!) that there was a bit of cheating going on. Oh well – the girls must win next year.

Recession and redundancy have had an impact on all of us. We were amazed to work out that (once all the bean counting is complete) we will have raised about £6000. A wonderful result. Thank you to everyone who came, spent, helped, drank, cleared away and supported our event. Not sure at the moment if I will be back next year – not because I don't want to – but because Ian's work commitment has changed and that may affect me too. We shall see. What would I do with all my spare time if I didn't do the Summer Fayre.....now there is that novel I always wanted to write.....!!!!!!

... Thank You all, what a great day!

YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!

Linda Moss

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- Have worked in the Parish in the last 12 months



Kenton and Linda
aka Councillors Barker and Moss!

THANKS TO THE RED LION AND NORTHWICH VICS

The members of SID and the Parish Plan team have all been pleased and delighted with the support from Wincham villagers over the past few months. In addition two local businesses have given their support unstintingly throughout. Andy and his team at the Red Lion welcomed SID members as refugees from the Black Greyhound at the start of the year. SID's regular weekly meetings have taken place at the Lion and we now have our own 'table' at which we have deliberated cogently (and by 11 pm not quite so coherently!) on plans to defeat the RRS application.

Jim Rushe and Karl Stanway at the Vics stadium have allowed both SID and the PPSG to utilise their superb facilities. A grateful thanks to them and their team for whom nothing ever seems to be too much trouble.

We will continue to ask both businesses to accommodate us over the coming months and it would be great if all members of the community would support them as they have supported us during the course of this year.

Thanks guys for all your help and we look forward to continuing this fruitful partnership!

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