

WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

- (1) **Parish Council Surgeries** are back! If you've got anything you want to ask, have any ideas for improving any aspect of life in Winsham, or want to offer your help (all of the organisations in Winsham always need volunteers!) – then please drop in for an informal chat. Here's the current rota:

Day	Date	Time	Location	Cllr 1	Cllr 2
Saturday	16/09/2017	12pm - 2pm	Winsham Sports & Social Club	Cllr Mary Haggard	Cllr Trevor Harris
Saturday	14/10/2017	12pm - 2pm	The Bell	Cllr Jason Stevens	Cllr Rita Miller
Saturday	18/11/2017	12pm - 2pm	Winsham Sports & Social Club	Cllr Nigel Eastick	Cllr Stu Davie
<i>No December surgery</i>					
Saturday	13/01/2018	12pm - 2pm	The Bell	Cllr Diane Wallbridge	Cllr Andrew Simkins
Saturday	17/02/2018	12pm - 2pm	Winsham Sports & Social Club	Cllr Mary Haggard	Cllr Trevor Harris
Saturday	17/03/2018	12pm - 2pm	The Bell	Cllr Jason Stevens	Cllr Rita Miller
Saturday	14/04/2018	12pm - 2pm	Winsham Sports & Social Club	TBC	Cllr Stu Davie

(2) NHS Health Checks in the Jubilee Hall

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 25th 9am – 5pm

Pre-booking essential

If you are aged between 40 & 74, the Parish Council, in conjunction with 'ToHealth' and Somerset County Council, are offering (to men and women) a free health "MOT". This will be a great opportunity for a check up on your potential risks, with advice on how to stay healthy, in a 20 minute assessment. They will measure blood pressure, cholesterol, BMI and lifestyle. These are then assessed by a healthcare professional. They will clearly explain to you your results, and you can then be referred immediately into appropriate lifestyle services where requested.

Please pre-book your appointment by either **telephoning 01823 261 794** or by going online at:

<http://www.somersethealthchecks.co.uk/winsham/>



Stay healthy for those that you love!
Are you at risk of developing heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes, kidney disease or certain forms of dementia?

 **Book an NHS Health Check now!**

- (3) The 'phone mast' in the Playing Fields is still not active, but this long delay is down to internal issues between constructor and operator, not down to any lack of action or pressure on our part. Once we know the live date, we will communicate this out. (The networks on the mast are (provisionally) Vodafone, O2, Tesco and Giff Gaff, and it will bring improved signal and 4G).

OTHER NEWS

Please remember that all Parish Council meetings are open to the public – they are not 'closed shops' and there is always a public forum at the beginning of the meeting too. So you are all more than welcome to attend! It's usually the first Wednesday of every month, in the Committee Room at the back of the Jubilee Hall, and they start promptly at 7:30pm. Check the Parish Council website for details, for this, all our news, services and documentation:

<http://www.winshamparishcouncil.org.uk/>

Kids & Teens Activities - money off!

PARENTS READ THIS: You can get subsidies for any activities booked through Active Learning and Skills (ALS).

IF YOU ARE UNDER 18 READ THIS: Tell your parents/guardians that you really, really want to be going out and making new friends and trying new activities. Suggest ALS, and you can get some cash from the Parish Council towards it.

For further information, please visit:

<http://www.winshamparishcouncil.org.uk/Youth Club and Facilities 10068.aspx>

Community Grants – DEADLINE APPROACHES!

The deadline for applications from our "super pot" of £5,000 in grants is rapidly approaching at the end of August (31st). Don't miss out! You must be a Winsham parish based charity and/or constituted organisation, and you must demonstrate how this will be of benefit to the community of Winsham. Please read the grant awarding policy and application form (carefully), both of which can be found here: <http://www.winshamparishcouncil.org.uk/Community Grants 10071.aspx>

Somerset Community Oil Scheme

For those of us who rely on oil for heating, this is a bulk buying scheme which covers the whole of the county. Bulk purchasing should make significant savings as collectively ordering reduces the cost of the oil. The scheme is open to individuals, community groups and businesses. For full information and to download the application form, please follow this link:

http://somerstrcc.org.uk/our_work/community-information/somerset-community-oil-buying-scheme/

Special Recognition / Community Service Award

The Parish Council will give an award to member(s) of the Community who deserve special recognition. We know there are many heroes in Winsham who give many hours to the community, so now we think it time some of them get recognition for it on behalf of us all. **We** won't be handing out the prize(s) for this until the Annual Parish Meeting in May 2018, but it doesn't mean you should leave your nominations until the last minute!

To send your nominations please complete the application form which can be downloaded by visiting: http://www.winshamparishcouncil.org.uk/Community_Service_Award_13634.aspx

Council contact details

All the information you can see is accessible from our web site, however, if you have limited access to computers, and would like to complete paper forms, please contact the Clerk.

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Thank you for your time and patience in reading this article.

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