

# WINCHAM WORD

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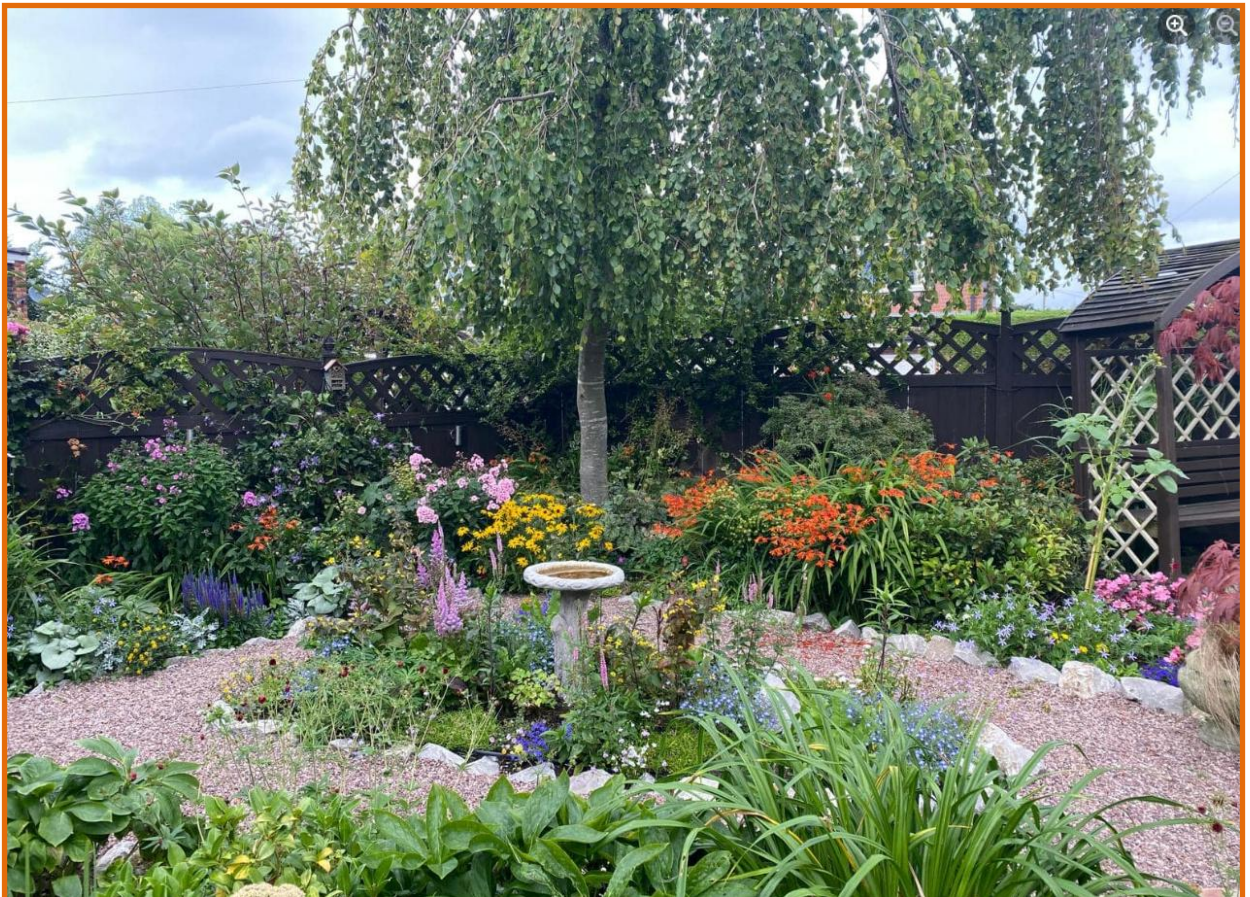
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**From Wincham Parish Council  
Delivered free to every home & business  
in Wincham**

*News and information about our village  
and close neighbours*



**Wincham Best Kept Front Garden Competition 2024**

# **Chairman's Words** **by** **Councillor Kenton Barker**



Welcome to the Autumn and Winter edition of Wincham Word, brought to you by the team of community volunteers and Wincham Parish Council. It always amazes me how much work and many people are involved in producing this quarterly booklet, from the contributors, to the editorial team, the printer and our amazing deliverers. Thank you from us all, our Wincham Word is the envy of many villages and parishes!

Well this year has been a bit of a whirlwind, and now we are heading into winter, without summer really starting, and plans are already afoot for the winter activities. These include our Remembrance Service on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November and then our Christmas events - the annual lantern parade, Santa visiting the village and the Light up to Brighten up Competition. I hope to see you at these events.

I do hope you have seen and heard about the Fitness and Wellbeing Trail planned for the Linnards Lane Playing Fields. Our Working Party is made up of members of the community and the Parish Council. We are busy raising money and applying for grants from various organisations and hope to start the works in 2025. If you know anyone who could help with the fundraising, please do get in touch. We are delighted to announce that our Spacehive application has been successful and CWaC have generously donated £10,000 from the Community Fund towards our project.

Please watch this space for more details as the project progresses. We will continue to promote it in the Wincham Word, Wincham Parish Post on Facebook and on [www.winchamvillage.co.uk](http://www.winchamvillage.co.uk). There is an article on page 11 with more information.

## Chairman's Words continued

One of our Councillors, Debra Kelly, has stepped down from the Parish Council. I would like to thank her for her contribution to the village and the council and we wish her all the best in the future.

There is now a vacancy on the Parish Council; if you would like to know more about becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact Naomi Morris, our Parish Clerk.

With the nights drawing in, and central heating being turned on, I hope we can all stay safe and stay warm.

Kind regards  
Kenton



### Great News

Wincham Community Centre (Registered Charity) are delighted to announce that they have received a Cheshire West and Chester Community Building Capital Grant (UKSPF) to refurbish the main hall wooden floor.

The project will involve sanding the existing floor back to bare wood and resealing it with a low maintenance finish. This will form a hard barrier that will minimise contraction and expansion and thus reduce drafts, which will also help towards reducing the carbon footprint.

The floor space is 250 square metres so this is no small, nor cheap, task and allowing for the seal to cure, this project will take approximately 7 days to complete.

A huge thank you goes to Cheshire West and Chester and to Cheshire Community Action Group for administrating this on their behalf.

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## Ongoing issues and updates

### **SUCCESS – BLACK GREYHOUND CROSSROADS!**

We have been very concerned about the lack of white lines there, potentially leading to an accident on this very busy road. We are delighted to advise you that after a long, long time chasing and chasing again, Highways have finally been able to repaint the white lines.

### **DOG FOULING**

Dog fouling continues to be a problem all over the village and residents feel it is getting worse. We are receiving regular complaints, especially about 'mess' on the playing fields. Please remember children play there! Please be responsible. Poo from dogs can carry bacteria and parasites that can make people very ill. It can also contaminate waterways and harm the environment. It is illegal to leave your dog's poo lying in a public area.



If the dog is in your care you must clean up any mess it makes. Being unaware that the dog has fouled, or not having anything to clean up the mess, is not an excuse. **Pick up your dog's poo.** If you own a dog, it is your responsibility to clear up after it.

### **PARKING ON PAVEMENTS**

Please help to keep pedestrians safe.

Residents of all ages should be able to pass freely along the pavements without having to step out into the road because of a parked vehicle – it's easy to forget how important this is for everyone, and especially for older and younger people or those with children, buggies, wheelchairs or dogs.

## Ongoing issues and updates

### **LINNARDS LANE AND CHAPEL STREET PLAYING FIELDS**

Every month, the Parish Councillors take it in turn to inspect the playing fields and complete a RoSPA form. If however you see something in the playing fields that you feel needs urgent attention, please contact our Parish Clerk (details back page)

### **PICKMERE LAKE**

Pickmere Parish Council were hosts recently for the new Police and Crime Commissioner, Dan Price's, special multi-agency meeting to address key issues related to Pickmere Lake.

The series of meetings, held at the historic Pickmere Village Hall, was originally initiated by the previous commissioner in response to growing concerns surrounding the unauthorized use of Pickmere Lake for water sports, with the resulting increase in anti-social and criminal activity and risk to life.

The P&C Commissioner for Cheshire invited attendees from The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, The Office of the Rt Hon Esther McVey MP, delegated representatives from Pickmere, Wincham and Marston Parish Councils, Ward Councillors for Marston, Police Inspectors from Knutsford and Northwich Police, Cheshire Fire and Rescue plus representatives of both Cheshire East and Cheshire West and Chester Councils.

The Parish Council has been, and still is, urging all residents, local businesses and stakeholders to report all anti-social and criminal activity.

Pickmere Parish Council Chairman Ewan Campbell said "This meeting is a critical step in ensuring the long-term management of Pickmere Lake and protecting this asset for residents, future generations, and the wildlife we share this picturesque space with. I am sure all residents around the lake welcome the support and input of such a comprehensive multi-agency task force."

## Ongoing issues and updates

### **GRASS CUTTING ON VERGES MANAGED BY CWaC**

The StreetCare team recently sent an update on their service schedules, including grass cutting:

*Grass - Our teams are progressing well across the borough and, in most areas, are completing the sixth cut. Whenever possible, pedestrian teams are now backing up the ride-on machines with trimmers to cut hard to reach areas around verge obstacles such as road signs.*

*Earlier this year, we experienced some delay in these schedules due to unforeseen circumstances including weather, machine breakdown, and staff absence, but the service has worked hard to catch up and we are now confident of a good end to the mowing season which will stand us in good stead for the coming spring of 2025.*

*You can find out when grass is due to be cut by visiting our website: [Grass and grounds maintenance | Cheshire West and Chester Council](#)*

## Calling Chapel Street Gardeners!

Chapel Street play area could do with a little love and gardening care! The plot is managed by Wincham Parish Council, who employ contractors when major works need doing, such as cutting back the overhanging trees or mowing the grass. However, the day to day gardening side of things is not well catered for.

We were wondering if anyone from the Chapel Street area might like to team up to keep the Chapel Street play area weed-free and tidy. Guidance can be given as to what can and can't be done on the plot. The Parish Council is happy to consider requests for funding to enhance public areas.

Sounds like something you might be interested in? Please contact our Parish Clerk, Naomi, and we'll get back to you.

## Wincham Best Kept Front Garden Competition 2024

After much deliberation from the judges, the winner was chosen. We were delighted to have 14 entries and they were all wonderful and all so different.

The gardens were judged in 7 categories - overall design, cleanliness and neatness, cultivation, variety, care for the environment, recycling and sustainability

The judges chose Pat and Tony Psaila who live on Shores Green Drive. Pat and Tony were presented with an engraved glass vase and some flowers. They were delighted but extremely surprised. The judges' comments included 'Stunning, immaculate garden with packed borders of a variety colourful plants. Lots of plants to encourage bees, birds and insects. Excellent planning and layout. Peaceful, a real oasis. Lovely mix of seating, sleepers, plants, paths and fences.'

Many, many congratulations Pat and Tony.



# Wincham Best Kept Front Garden Competition 2024

Here are some photos of the other gardens that were in the competition. If these pictures have inspired you, please do enter next year. Or if you see a gorgeous garden in the village, you can nominate them. Once again, thank you everyone for taking part and certainly keeping Wincham 'blooming lovely'!



## Wincham Parish Council Working Parties

Your Parish Councillors are a small band of (unpaid!) volunteers who do their best to improve all aspects of life in the village – but they can't do it all on their own! They are assisted by several Working Parties.

Please get in touch with Naomi, our Parish Clerk, if you are interested in finding out more and joining a Working Party.

## Wincham Parish Council Road Safety Working Party

As the residents of Chapel Street are more than aware, HGV lorries continue to flout the 7.5 tonnes weight limit which applies from New Warrington Road as far as the canal bridge. The council have asked both the Highways department and the police for help in implementing the limit but, to date, to no avail.

We continue to monitor the traffic and give feedback to the companies involved. Some of them come back and agree to warn their drivers to obey the limit but the majority ignore the appeals.

We are also trying to discourage HGV drivers to not come down Chapel Street in the other direction as this is just as dangerous. We are hoping to put more signs opposite the exits from the various companies on Wincham Lane and Wincham Avenue advising them to go up to the Black Greyhound instead.

This would also stop lorries from coming down Chapel Street and turning towards Marston which has its own problem with HGVs. Watch this space for further developments! If you have any concerns, do not hesitate to contact me:  
[peter.broder@winchampc.co.uk](mailto:peter.broder@winchampc.co.uk)

Cllr Peter Broder – Chair of the Road Safety Working Party

# Wincham Parish Council

## Well-Being & Fitness Trail Working Party

Wincham Parish Council (WPC) continues with the plan to enhance the Linnards Lane Playing Field. The WB&FT Working Party of Parish Councillors and residents has continued to work towards the final objective.

The good news is that the funds that the Parish Council set aside to undertake some of this work have been nearly doubled by Section 106 funds awarded from the building of the Brook View estate on New Warrington Road.

The Working Group has been concentrating on applying for grants from several organisations to bridge the funding gap. At present we are working on a list of seventeen different potential grant applications. So far eight have been submitted and we are eagerly awaiting to hear whether we have been successful.

It is still hoped that the refurbishment and enhancement of the Linnards Lane Playing Field will be realised in 2025, subject to successful grant applications.



The main scope of the refurbishment and enhancement works includes:

- Building a fitness track which will include the installation of a variety of outdoor exercise equipment
- Relocation of the football pitch and goals within the boundary of the fitness track
- Renewal and widening of the existing path to modern standards
- Installation of path lighting
- Refurbishment of the War Memorial bark area



## Wincham Parish Council – WB&FT WP



As you will appreciate, we will not be successful with all the grant applications and therefore need to apply for grants in excess of the estimated required funding.

If you know of any charitable bodies or local businesses that could be possible funding partners, please let the Parish Council know. All suggestions will be welcomed.

If you can help or have any comments or suggestions, please contact our Parish Clerk, Naomi Morris.

Tony Psaila  
Project Manager



Armistice Day has been observed every year since 1919 with a two-minute silence at **11am on 11 November** across the nation.

This year, the Royal British Legion are asking the nation to pause - mute your phone, close your laptop, switch off the telly – for just two minutes and pay your respects to our Armed Forces community, past and present.

# Wincham Parish Council

## War Memorial Garden Working Party

The Wincham War Memorial Garden Working Party met up in September. We discussed and planned for Remembrance Sunday and the next few months.

Since then the team have been working so hard to de-weed and replace with lots of stunning colour in readiness for 10th November. New bark will be delivered to fill a few of the holes. But the garden does look lovely, thank you for all your hard work.

Next year, as part of the Well-Being and Fitness Trail project, the membrane floor and bark will be replaced.

If you are a keen gardener and would like to join the team please get in touch with Naomi, our Parish Clerk.

The team are still on the look out for any more red sandstone blocks. We have already received many kindly donated rocks so far which have been used to extend the 'rockery' and retain soil. But if you have some taking up space in your garden, please do contact Naomi and she will ask one of the Working Party to be in touch.



## Hedge Helpers needed!



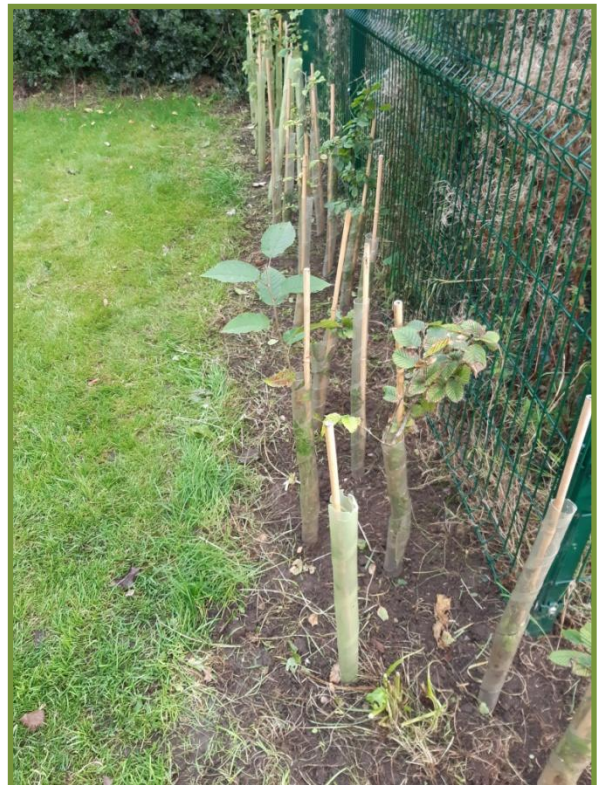
Anyone out there able to give a little time on a regular basis to do a spot of weeding please? Nothing too onerous, but the hedge on Linnards Lane Playing Field, on the boundary with the new houses, needs the weeds kept down until it gets established.

The hedge plants, actually tiny trees, were donated to us by Mersey Forest at the end of last winter, later than we would normally plant a hedge - but we weren't about to turn down the offer!

Volunteers kindly prepared the ground, planted them and watered them over the summer with water supplied by the developers next door.

Some plants are thriving, some are struggling; in time, we will fill any gaps with new plants.

It would be great if a few people could form a team to keep the hedge weed-free as it develops, so that it doesn't have to compete for light and nutrients in the soil. Please contact Naomi, our Parish Clerk, if you would consider being involved.



# Wincham Parish Council

## Grounds Maintenance Working Party

The Grounds Maintenance Working Party, consisting of five Parish Councillors and a resident, meets regularly to deal with issues relating to all aspects of the maintenance of Linnards Lane Playing Field and the Chapel Street Play Area.

The Working Party does a lot of background work – checking out what is needed, obtaining quotes etc - before making recommendations to the full Parish Council for actions. Meetings invariably cover a very wide range of topics.

In October, the group discussed the maintenance, cleaning and safety of the play equipment and teen shelter, lines on the MUGA (Multi–Use Games Area), fences, railings and hedges, tree and grass maintenance, park rules, the grit bin, signs and anti-social behaviour.

We are always looking out for suitably qualified, experienced and appropriately insured local tradespeople to carry out tasks large and small. Please get in touch with Naomi, our Parish Clerk, if you can offer services which would be of use in the areas mentioned above.



‘Please remember that the police can only act upon information provide to us. It is important to us that we know about the issues that cause you concern.’

### Contacting Cheshire Police



Abuse of the 999 system is an offence and may lead to prosecution.

## United Utilities

Mike Gauterin (UU Customer Service Director) continues to attend many of our monthly Parish Council meetings to give us an update on the work that UU is doing to benefit Wincham.

The Water Supply Working Party meet a week prior to the Parish Council as well.

Mike Gauterin writes 'we are committed to service improvements in the Wincham area and have invested in pressure management and supply in the area. We continue to look at other improvements we can make and to work collaboratively with the Wincham Parish Council Working Party.

As shared with the council, the works close to the Slow and Easy pub were unsuccessful due to the mains configuration being slightly different to expected after we excavated, and our models have since been updated.

Going forward we are looking at options to take larger users off the network (and into other networks) and we will also be looking at the 10-year plan for the area. We will be able to share more information about this after our regulatory determination in December.

We continue to work with large water users and regularly monitor pressures to ensure we are delivering the best service we can and are above minimum required standards .

We ask residents in any individual properties that have localised low pressure to let us know as soon as possible by calling our network enquiries contact centre or go online:

<https://www.unitedutilities.com/help-and-support/> .'

Mike Gauterin  
Customer Services and Technology Director

Contact Centre – 0345 672 3723  
Billing and accounts – 0345 672 2888



# Camp International Costa Rica 2025 – an update from Elliott and Tyler



Firstly, a big thank you – we are over half way to raising our target amount to travel to Costa Rica for four weeks, working with communities to help them build a better life.

Our Quiz Night saw the Quizmasters, Ian and Debs May, come out of quiz retirement - thank you to you both, it was a great night!

Our sales of homemade cakes and donations from Danielle at The Little Cake Shop have proved popular. Throughout winter our cake sale will be hosted at Wincham Community Centre every second Saturday of the month, 11am – 1pm, with tea and proper coffee, games, raffles ...

We are very pleased to announce a Christmas Extravaganza at Wincham Community Centre on 14th December 4–7 pm. See next page for more details.

If you are a business owner and would be interested in a stall, please do get in touch via facebook or message Erica on 07800 837 859.

Please look out for posters on the notice boards around Wincham and follow us on Facebook **@ElliottandTylerCostaRica2025**.

Got an idea for an event in Wincham? Drop us a suggestion!

Elliott & Tyler

## Dates for your diary



**CHRISTMAS  
EXTRAVAGANZA**

**DECEMBER 14TH, 4PM - 7PM**  
**@ WINCHAM COMUNITY CENTRE**

**MULLED WINE**      **FOOD**  
**BOUNCY CASTLE**      **RAFFLE**  
**GLITTER TATTOOS**      **CHRISTMAS STALLS**  
**MUSIC**



*Royal Cheshire*  
**SHOWGROUND**

FLITTOGATE LANE, TABLEY, KNUTSFORD, WA16 0HU

**25<sup>TH</sup> NOV ~ 24<sup>TH</sup> DEC**

*Christmas*  
**FARMERS MARKET**

**NOW ACCEPTING STALL APPLICATIONS**

**PLEASE CONTACT NAOMI FOR FURTHER INFO**  
**07779 790321 NAOMI@KKPL.CO.UK**



## Dates for your diary

The SALT WORKS Sessions

# THE BREATH

*"Raw, soulful, often mesmeric..."*  
*"Folk roots but different horizons..."*



**Saturday 16th November 2024**  
**LION SALT WORKS, Marston, Northwich**

Tickets £18 from  
<https://www.wegotickets.com/event/628176>



## Dates for your diary

**Cheshire's Salt Towns – A Glittering Roman Legacy**  
**8 October 2024 to 26 January 2025**

‘Visit us at The Lion Salt Works to see our brand new exhibition all about Cheshire's Salt Towns.’

# CHESHIRE'S SALT TOWNS

A GLITTERING  
ROMAN LEGACY

8 OCTOBER 2024 - 26 JANUARY 2025



PART OF  
**WEST CHESHIRE  
MUSEUMS**



This exhibition explores how and why the Romans exploited salt in Cheshire and the legacy of salt-producing towns they left behind.

## Day Trippers Club Coach Trips

Lostock Gralam resident Brian Appleton started organising coach trips for local people eight years ago when, retired and struggling to come to terms with the loss of his mother, he felt the need to do something positive with his time.

‘All sorts of people come on the trips’ he says. ‘Many are regulars. People living on their own tell me the days out are a godsend for them; they get to know each other and make new friends.

The coach is the best in the Holmeswood/Walker’s fleet, and we always have the same driver.



There’s room for wheelchairs, small scooters, shopping trolleys ...’ Brian points out that there are four steps up into the coach; there’s a toilet on board if needed.

He suggests booking early.

There are currently seats available for Liverpool on December 11<sup>th</sup> at a cost of £14, picking up at Ashwood Park, Brio Leisure Centre and in front of the Slow and Easy between 9.00 and 9.15 and dropping off at the Albert Dock; departure from Liverpool is at 4 pm.

Brian posts his trips on Facebook Northwich Life and takes bookings on 07554 788698, with payment three or four weeks before departure.

# WINCHAM WAR MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

**10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024**

**10.45am**

The Remembrance Committee met recently to plan the way Wincham will be honouring this year's Remembrance Day.

We are delighted that the children from Wincham School are joining us again this year. We do hope that you can join us too.

From early November, we will be attaching large poppies to the lamp posts surrounding the park and around the village.

**Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November**

Wincham Parish Councillors will come to the War Memorial for 10.45am and lead the Service. We will then lay the five commemorative wreaths whilst reading out the 24 names of our War Heroes.

Each year, we welcome five outside companies or charities to lay a wreath at the memorial on Remembrance Sunday. If you would like to lay a commemorative wreath, please contact Naomi, our Parish Clerk - [Clerk@winchampc.co.uk](mailto:Clerk@winchampc.co.uk) – 0161 926 8645

# Remembrance Sunday 2024

**Stoker Arthur Bannister Royal Navy**  
**Private Edward Bannister Cheshire Regiment**  
**Private Thomas Bramhall Cheshire Regiment**  
**Private Isaac Buckley Cheshire Regiment**

**Driver James Buckley Royal Army Service Corps**  
**Private Thomas Buckley Royal Army Ordnance Corps**  
**Private Harry Chesterson Royal Army Medical Corps**  
**Lance Corporal Edward Cook Cheshire Regiment**

**Private Thomas Davenport Canadian Infantry**  
**Sub Lieutenant Herbert Dean Royal Navy**  
**Private William Drinkwater Canadian Infantry**  
**Private James Gatley Manchester Regiment**

**Private Thomas Gillett South Lancashire Regiment**  
**Private Walter Gresty Cheshire Regiment**  
**Sapper George Heath Royal Engineers**  
**Private John Johnson King's Shropshire Light Infantry**

**Private W C Jones Cheshire Regiment**  
**Sapper Abraham Littler Royal Engineers**  
**Corporal George Riley Lancashire Fusiliers**  
**Private Thomas Riley Cheshire Regiment**

**Gunner William Rowe Royal Garrison Artillery**  
**Private James Spencer King's Shropshire Light Infantry**  
**Private Thomas Walker Cheshire Regiment**  
**Private Leonard White Cheshire Regiment**

# Becoming a Parish Councillor

Would you be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor? The Parish Council plays an active part in the community and works to improve the facilities and the quality of life within the village. Looking at the back page, you will see that we have a councillor vacancy currently.



But what is involved in being a Parish Councillor? We meet 10 times per year (not August or December) for the full Parish Council Meeting. At this meeting the items we discuss are wide ranging; for example at the last meeting the topics we discussed included planning issues (that there are at the moment), water pressure, speeding issues in the village, PCSO report, Working Party and Sub Committee updates, The War Memorial and the Well-Being and Fitness Trail. Prior to these meetings our Parish Clerk sends out all the paperwork and as Councillors, we need to read and prepare for the meetings.

We have a few Sub Committees – Finance, Planning and Personnel and then we have Working Parties that are formed to tackle specific issues. The current Working Parties include:

- ❖ Administration and Governance
- ❖ Events
- ❖ Fitness Trail
- ❖ Grounds Maintenance
- ❖ IT
- ❖ Memorial Garden
- ❖ New Councillors
- ❖ Pickmere Lake, Earles Lane & Moss Lane
- ❖ Resilience and Environmental Strategy
- ❖ Road Safety
- ❖ Water Supply

## Becoming a Parish Councillor cont'd

It is really important we have Councillors from all walks of life and also from all areas of the village. We have a number of projects that we are keen to progress e.g. the Neighbourhood Plan but we need extra councillors and a specific skill set to help us on a potential Working Party.

But it is not all work, we do have a laugh too and we are a good team with a single focus – Wincham Village. If you might be interested please contact our Parish Clerk, Naomi Morris.

## Pickmere and District WI

We meet monthly at Heyrose Golf Club, Tabley. We also go out for coffee or lunch once a month. We have members from Wincham, Pickmere and other areas and visitors are always welcome.

**Coffee morning - Tuesday 12th November 10.30am  
at Weaver Vale Garden centre Winnington**

**Wednesday 27th November - Heyrose Golf Club 7.30pm  
AGM plus talk by Rebecca about her career on Ballet**

**Tuesday 3rd December  
Christmas Open House at Chester 10.30am-3pm going early  
so we can also shop and go out for lunch**

**Wednesday 11th December  
Christmas party at Heyrose Golf Club 7pm start**

Happy Christmas from all the members of Pickmere and District WI!

Come and join us, you would be very welcome! Please phone me if you need more information on 07825 268138.

*Susan Ollier*



## Driving Safely on dark evenings

The end of October signals the start of one of the most difficult times of year to be driving.

Data from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) shows that each year when the clocks go back, there's a spike in the number of vulnerable road users killed or seriously injured.

To help you and others stay safe, RoSPA offers the following advice on driving in the dark.



Every driver should be prepared in case of emergency. A torch is very useful if you suffer a breakdown at night and need to inspect your car's engine or change a tyre. Even better – a head torch can free up your hands completely.

In case you get stranded or need to wait for assistance, it's advisable to keep a blanket or warm clothing in the boot. It's also a good idea to keep your mobile charged and carry an ice-scraper or de-icer to clear your windows if the temperature drops.

If you do break down, find a safe and well-lit place to stop and leave your hazard warning lights on while you wait for help.

# A Retrospective Look - Silver and Song

A large and enthusiastic audience enjoyed the performance of Barnton Silver Band and the Condate Singers at Wincham Community Centre in October.

A varied programme from the band included, amongst other items, William Rimer's 'Slaidburn', 'Beatles Medley No 1' arranged by Edrich Siebert and 'Angels' by Robbie Williams and Guy Chambers, arranged by Allan Fernie.

Highlights from the Condate Singers included A Choral Medley from 'The Phantom of the Opera' (Andrew Lloyd Webber arr. Ed Lojeski), Freddie Mercury's 'Bohemian Rhapsody' and Cy Coleman's 'Rhythm of Life'.

The evening finished with the audience joining both choir and band to sing 'Rule Britannia' and 'Land of Hope and Glory'! A lovely evening with the bonus of Wincham residents Karen and Chris Purdie performing in both the band and the choir.



*Photographs  
courtesy of Ewan  
Campbell*

*Extracts from the  
performance can be  
viewed on*

*[www.youtube.com/  
@pickmerelife](http://www.youtube.com/@pickmerelife).*



# Wincham Community Primary School



Discover the Wincham Difference!

Is your child starting school soon?  
Choosing the right school is a big decision!



At Wincham Community Primary School, we nurture happy, confident learners in a supportive and stimulating environment.

We offer:

- Excellent teaching
- A broad and engaging curriculum
- Strong pastoral care
- A vibrant and inclusive school community

See for yourself! We invite you to book a tour and experience the Wincham difference first hand. Call us at 01606 668380 or email [admin@winchamcp.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@winchamcp.cheshire.sch.uk) to schedule your visit.

## LOOKING FOR A RECEPTION PLACE?

**OFSTED: THE SCHOOL'S FOCUS ON PUPILS' WIDER DEVELOPMENT RUNS LIKE A GOLDEN THREAD FROM EARLY YEARS TO YEAR 6.**

**RING TO BOOK A SCHOOL TOUR NOW!**



**MORE INFORMATION**

**[WINCHAMCPSCHOOL.CO.UK](http://WINCHAMCPSCHOOL.CO.UK)**

**01606 668380**

# Wincham Community Primary School



**Laura Miller**



Year 2 Squirrels have been reading *The Tear Thief* by Carol Ann Duffy and practising writing past tense verbs. Each pupil in the class wrote and performed a poem to each other in the school library.

Theo Gibson-Clarke's poem is below, and you can scan the QR code to see and hear him reading it.



Bubbles flew in the sadness  
Boy cried love  
Bottle opened with bubbles  
Mum knelt on the floor  
Bath was full of bubbles  
Sadness flew to the mum



# Pickmere and Wincham Methodist Church

Pickmere Lane, Pickmere, WA16 0JP  
Minister: Rev Allen Mojo  
Tel: 01606 554017  
Church contact number: 01565 733543



We have a service at 10.45am each Sunday, and all are welcome. The first Sunday of each month is an all-age service.

Special Services this quarter are:





Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance service 10.45am  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Carol service – 10.45am

Our community rooms are available for hire for children's parties and other groups. Contact the number below for information.

Details of our church, services, contact details and other events as the situation progresses will be publicised by our posters and on our website [www.pickmereandwinchammethodistchurch.org](http://www.pickmereandwinchammethodistchurch.org) and our facebook page [@PickmereAndWinchamMethodistChurch](https://www.facebook.com/PickmereAndWinchamMethodistChurch) or telephone 01565-733543, which is also our contact number if we can give any spiritual help (or contact our minister on the number above).

## Defibrillator (AED)

For use on an unconscious, non-breathing casualty.

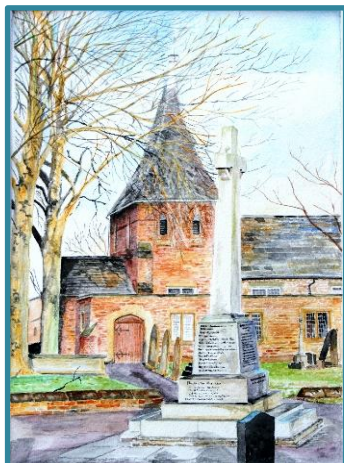
<b>Step 1</b> Call 999 	<b>Step 2</b> Start CPR 30 compressions 2 rescue breaths 
<b>Step 3</b> Switch on defibrillator 	<b>Step 4</b> Follow the visual and verbal prompts 

AED can be used by anyone, no training required.

**Location:** by the main entrance to Wincham Community Centre, Church Street, by the school

**Accessible:** 24 hours  
Anyone can use these machines.  
Call 999 & follow the instructions.

# The Parish of Lostock Gralam



**Vicar: Revd Andrew Ridley, The Vicarage,  
Church Road, Northwich 01606 42943**  
[arridley1@gmail.com](mailto:arridley1@gmail.com)

**For more info** - Graham Sheen 01606 42940  
Mob: 07718758444 [grahams53@btinternet.com](mailto:grahams53@btinternet.com)

You are invited to worship  
**Every Sunday at St John's at 11.00am**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday - Worship Together Communion – refreshments afterwards

2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Holy Communion – refreshments afterwards

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday - Café Church in the Church Hall with tea/coffee and toast.

**Messy Church for families** in the Church Hall, 2.00 - 3.30pm

*November 10<sup>th</sup>, December 8<sup>th</sup>, January 12<sup>th</sup>.*

Mondays at 2.00pm in Church Hall - CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other) – tea & chat.

Tuesdays at 9.30am in Lostock Gralam Church – Open Church – tea, toast, chat, light a candle.

1<sup>st</sup> Fridays - PRIZE BINGO in the Church Hall. Eyes down at 7.30 pm.

**Autumn Fair on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2.00pm - 4.00pm**

## **Christmas Services at St John's**

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 6.00pm - Carol Service.

Christmas Eve at 3.00pm - Crib Service.

Christmas Eve at 9.30pm – Christmas Communion.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00am – Christmas Communion.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January - 11.00am – Epiphany Worship Together Communion.

**Reader**– Joyce Kenrick 01606 891765 [joyce.kenrick@btinternet.com](mailto:joyce.kenrick@btinternet.com)

**Churchwarden** – Ian Cliff 01606 44991 [ian\\_cliff@live.com](mailto:ian_cliff@live.com)

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As usual the friendly elves from Wincham Community Primary School Family and Friends have been working closely with Wincham Parish Council to come up with fun plans for the festive season. A number of activities and dates are not as yet confirmed, so we ask you to keep an eye on the Wincham noticeboards and our facebook pages.

### **Friday 6<sup>th</sup>/Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

#### **Christmas Tree Lighting at Chapel Street Play Area**

Peter and Will (Parish Councillors) have offered to dress the tree and area and light up Chapel Street for us.

### **Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> December**

#### **Christmas Lantern Parade and Tree Lighting on Linnards Lane Playing Field**

Join us at 5pm near the Memorial on Linnards Lane Playing Field with your lantern. We will have a Lantern Parade around the streets, then light up the Christmas Tree and sing a few carols. Fingers crossed the weather will be kind to us. You can order your lantern kit through Wincham School during November. Watch out for the order forms.

#### **Santa and the Round Table – Date to be confirmed**

Round Table have confirmed that Santa will be coming to visit the children in Wincham this year. But the date, exact start time and the route are yet to be confirmed; once we get the details, we will share them with everyone.

# Christmas in Wincham

**From Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December**

## **Light up to Brighten up**

Thank you everyone for your wonderful decorations last year. It really made the village look so festive. Once again we are holding a competition.

The front garden Christmas decorations/lights competition will be judged during the week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> December. We have six prize categories this year – Colourful, Exciting, Traditional and three Judges' Choice.

We can't wait to see your entries!

**Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> December**

## **Ring in Christmas Eve**

This has become a lovely Christmas tradition in Wincham now. So let's make it even louder and more joyous in 2024.

Continue to spread the Christmas Spirit and help Santa fly extra fast.

Ring your bell on your doorstep at 6pm on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> December.





**The Friends of Anderton and Marbury**  
Caring for and celebrating Northwich Woodlands



***Northwich Woodlands  
Friends of Anderton and Marbury  
FoAM and Rangers' Events Programme***

The events and activities in this leaflet are organised in conjunction with Cheshire West Rangers and run by **volunteers** from the **Friends of Anderton and Marbury (FoAM)**, a registered charity, now celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year.

Some events need to be booked as spaces are limited. Please see the event description for more details and contact numbers. Events are free unless otherwise stated. Donations to **FoAM** are always welcome and help to fund future activities and park projects.

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1.30 pm – 3.00 pm**

**Owl Pellets - Celebrating our Wildlife**

The Northwich Woodlands is home to several different species of owl. This afternoon we are exploring what they eat as we dissect some pellets (the regurgitated, undigested part of their food) to discover and identify the fur and bones left behind. Suitable for older children and adults.

For information contact [melanie.bradley@cheshirewest.gov.uk](mailto:melanie.bradley@cheshirewest.gov.uk)

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

**FoAM's Christmas Decorations Workshop – Celebrating Winter Foliage**

Come to our annual workshop to create some stunning decorations for your home from natural materials gathered in the woodlands.

No charge, but donations welcome. **Booking essential.**

From: 10.00 am – 12.00 pm by the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge

For information and to book a place contact: Joanne Redley email:

[jarhillcliffe223@aol.com](mailto:jarhillcliffe223@aol.com)



## **FoAM's 2024 Photographic Competition**

Just a reminder that the closing date for entries for the above competition is 31 December 2024.

This is a competition for any photographs taken in the Northwich Woodlands. Entries are invited from photographers of all ages and abilities. Entry to the competition is free.

An exhibition of all entries will be held at Comberbach Village Hall early in 2025 (date to be announced).

Rules for the competition can be found using the following link:

<https://foam.merseyforest.uk/?cat=44>

Take a look at the notice board in the park for some examples of previous entries.

## Wincham, Pickmere and District Astronomy Group

Guest speaker Federico Panichi gave a fascinating talk at the October meeting of Wincham Astronomy Group. In an illustrated presentation, he explained to the audience how mathematicians and early astronomers such as William Herschel and his sister Caroline used calculations as well as observations to indicate the presence of previously unknown planets.

More recently the Hubble and other telescopes have allowed astronomers to discover exoplanets, which orbit suns outside our solar system. Various techniques have been used to verify the existence of exoplanets - for example, observing an exoplanet's transit in front of its sun. The James Webb telescope has provided detailed information which can prove that planets exist even if they cannot be seen.

Federico's lively presentation covered a wide range of material and provided an enjoyable and informative evening for all, from novices to the well informed. For further information about the group, please contact Ged Birbeck: [gedb@talktalk.net](mailto:gedb@talktalk.net)



**We meet the first Thursday  
of (nearly) every month in  
Wincham Community Centre  
Church St, Wincham,  
CW9 6EP  
7pm to 9pm  
All Welcome**

**Hot drinks and biscuits (sometimes cake!) are provided.**

**Your first visit to the club is free,  
then £4 per person thereafter.**

**[www.facebook.com/WAPASTRO/](https://www.facebook.com/WAPASTRO/)**

**[www.astronomyclubs.co.uk/Clubs/Details.aspx?ClubId=426](http://www.astronomyclubs.co.uk/Clubs/Details.aspx?ClubId=426)**

## Our PCSO – Diana Wiggins

[Diana.Wiggins@cheshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Diana.Wiggins@cheshire.pnn.police.uk)

Mobile – 07989 671047

Or ring 101 in a non-emergency

999 for all emergencies & 111 for NHS



### **JUST A FEW WORDS ABOUT PERSONAL SAFETY:**

1. When going out you should always plan how you are going to get home.
2. Prepare for your day before you leave and consider what you might need, phone, money etc.
3. Update someone on your plans and always make sure someone is aware of where you are.
4. Plan your journey. Google Street View is useful for identifying places in an unknown area before you set off.
5. When it gets dark, keep to busy, well-lit streets, walkways and paths.
6. Be aware when using a cash point machine. If there are signs of tampering or people acting suspiciously, do not use it.
7. Try not to keep all your valuables in one place.
8. Only take licensed taxis or minicabs booked by phone or a mobile phone app.
9. Install an app such as [Hollie Guard – Personal Safety App](#) on your smart phone or consider carrying a personal alarm.
10. Confidence - you are less likely to be targeted if you look confident.

## Mobile Library

The mobile library stops in Wincham every three weeks on a Tuesday.  
Green Lane 2pm - 2.45pm and Ashwood Park 2.55pm - 3.10pm.

[www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/libraries/find-a-library/mobile-library-service](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/libraries/find-a-library/mobile-library-service)

# Wincham Community Centre



Registered Charity No: 510439



## Monday

### Pop Choir – New Members Welcome

7.15pm – 9.15pm Text Heather: 07743 031923

Or email: [info@cheshirepopchoirs.co.uk](mailto:info@cheshirepopchoirs.co.uk)



### Parent & Toddler Group: Ages 0–4 year olds

9.15am – 11.15am. Contact Melanie: 07778 648449



## Tuesday

### LEGO CLUB: A club for like-minded adult Lego fans

Held once a month on a Tuesday 7pm – 9pm. Interested?

Email Nicola: [Nicola.kleiser@gmail.com](mailto:Nicola.kleiser@gmail.com)



## Wednesday

### Knutsford Musical Theatre Co. 7.30pm – 10pm.

Contact: 07775 706847

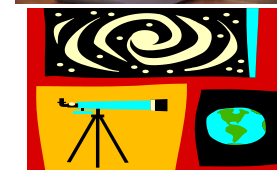


## Thursday

### Adult Yoga - Absolutely no experience necessary!

5.15 pm–6.15pm.

Contact Catherine: 07860 130032



### Wincham & Pickmere Astronomy Club

1st Thursday of the month (except August)

7pm – 9pm Contact Ged: 07884 382830



## Saturday

### Old Friends Club

A social group for the retired

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 1.30pm – 4.00pm

Contact Lesley: 01606 44185



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## Wincham Community Centre continued

Are you a member of a club or charity who needs a regular meeting place? If so, why not make enquiries to hire one of our refurbished meeting rooms?

We have a village representative vacancy. Interested in joining? Please get in touch you will be made very welcome.

Do you have a children's party imminent, but lack the space at home? Why not hold it here? We have a lovely large hall, ample seating, tables and car parking **Plus FREE use of our kitchen.**



**Check out our Website:**

[www.winchamcommunitycentre.org](http://www.winchamcommunitycentre.org)



**Find us on Facebook:**

[facebook.com/winchamcommunitycentre](https://facebook.com/winchamcommunitycentre)



**For bookings and info call Suzanne: 07547 539 310**

## Maintenance help needed around Wincham

At times we need maintenance work completed around the village. This could be painting a finger post or some railings, fixing some play equipment (we have play areas in Linnards Lane and on Chapel Street), mending noticeboards, digging, planting, replacing signs and so on.

This work would be ad hoc. Each job would be assessed on its merits and costs/pay would be agreed.

If you are a handy Jack or Jill, please do contact our Parish Clerk, Naomi (contact details on the back page). Naomi will talk you through the legalities of working with the Parish Council and the need for Public Liability Insurance, preparing appropriate Method Statements, Risk Assessments and Professional Indemnity Insurance (we have to protect members of the public).

## Notes from Lynn Gibbon Marbury Ward Councillor

### ALEXA

**You can now ask your Alexa for up to date information about Council services.**

A new, Alexa skill has been developed by CWaC meaning that residents can get quick and easy access to information and updates about services, using simple voice commands.

This additional Alexa feature provides real-time information, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, by responding to a series of questions or commands such as, when is my next bin collection?, what can I put in my recycling bin?, where's my nearest library?, when does the current school term start and much more.

The Alexa skill can be installed free of charge, and is accessible to anybody with an Alexa device or the free Alexa app. It's easy to set up, inclusive for people with mobility or visual impairments and it also demonstrates the Council's commitment to innovation and good customer service. As well as the new Alexa skill, the Council will continue to offer the more familiar ways to ask questions - including online, by telephone and in-person.

### General

Highways - work continues across the ward but not always as quickly as expected. We have arranged officer site visits to key areas to raise concerns across the ward

Marston and Wincham – we are arranging a meeting with Highways and Police to reduce HGV access down Ollershaw Lane and Chapel Street. Dealing with issues on the Cat 9 school bus i.e. late drivers not knowing route

**'Tartan rug' tables** which compare how each ward within CWaC compares with other wards across various themes and indicators, are now live on the refreshed ward profile pages:

Ward profiles | Cheshire West and Chester Council.

## Notes from Lynn Gibbon Marbury Ward Councillor

### **National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)**

CWaC and the Conservative Group submitted response to the consultation - Consultation feedback expected January 2024

Need to consider some areas where housing numbers to be increased from currently delivery of 1000 to 2100 per year

Further clarification required on increasing building in 'green' belt by naming areas 'grey' belt , which could be anything from a concrete base, glass house or garage.

### **Anderton Boat Lift Consultation**

Engineering the Future at Anderton Boat Lift and Visitor Centre , proposals for a major upgrade - make your thoughts known.

Councillors being interviewed for their thoughts.

Anderton Boat Lift: Engineering the Future project | Canal & River Trust ([canalrivertrust.org.uk](http://canalrivertrust.org.uk))

*(Link includes 04.22 video) – Very informative*

**Northwich Community Partnership** brings together a wide range of people and organisations with the aim of helping make the lives of everyone living and working in the Northwich area happier and healthier. This event will take place on **Wednesday 6th November 2024** at **Brio Leisure Northwich: Memorial Court 11am to 1pm**

### **Northwich Library Update**

A series of meetings has taken place over the last 7 weeks to better inform and develop the proposed detailed design for the building.

Updates will continue to be shared on the project webpage:

Northwich Library renovation | Cheshire West and Chester Council.

The library team are working hard to continue to 'build the audience' at Weaver Hall Museum and we have many events and activities bringing people into the library and museum.

## Useful Telephone Numbers

Abbeycroft Vets, Northwich	01606 40332
Age UK Cheshire	01606 881660
Alzheimer's Society	0300 369 0570
Buses: Northwich – Warrington Cat 9	01925 634296
Buses: Northwich – Knutsford No.89	01270 252970
CWaC General Enquiries	0300 123 8123
Eastfield Pharmacy, Lostock	01606 45485
Highways	0300 123 7036
Northwich Vets, Lostock	01606 359789
Pickmere & Wincham Playgroup	07921 075139
Pickmere Parent & Toddler Group	07970 318837
Pickmere & District WI	07825 268138
Police Non Emergency and PCSO	101
Red Lion, Pickmere	01565 733247
Salt Barge, Marston	01606 212525
Snow Angels	0300 666 6226
Street Scene	0300 123 7026
Wincham Old Friends Club	01606 44185
Wincham Parent & Toddler Group	07778 648449
Witton Albion Social Club	07841 792193

### Marbury Ward Councillors



**Cllr Norman Wright**  
**01606 74788**  
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These numbers are provided in good faith. Please advise us of any changes.



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# WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING At Wincham Community Centre

## Meetings for 2024 & 2025

**Tuesday, 19 November 2024**

**Tuesday, 21 January 2025**

**Tuesday, 25 February 2025**

**Tuesday, 18 March 2025**

**Tuesday, 22 April 2025**

**Tuesday, 20 May 2025**

**Tuesday, 17 June 2025**

**Tuesday, 8 July 2025**

**Tuesday, 16 September 2025**

**Tuesday, 21 October 2025**

**Tuesday, 18 November 2025**

Members of the public and press are most welcome.

Meetings commence at 7.30pm. Councillors are available for you to speak to from 7.15pm to 7.30pm.

The Parish Council Meeting full agenda will be available in advance of the meeting at [www.winchamvillage.co.uk](http://www.winchamvillage.co.uk). Plus past minutes, past copies of the Wincham Word and other information.

## Wincham Word

### Deadline for submissions for the next editions of Wincham Word

**Thurs, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – covering Feb, March & April 2025**

**Thurs, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – covering May, June and July 2025**

**Thurs, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – covering Aug, Sept and Oct 2025**

**Thurs, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025 – covering Nov, Dec 2025 & Jan 2026**

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We thank everyone for their contributions, we do appreciate them and will endeavour to include appropriate items in the next edition. As space is limited we might not be able to include your contribution or may need to shorten it.

# Your Wincham Parish Councillors



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