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MORE INFO CONTACT JACQUIE 01629 650183 OR Jacquie@jacquiesalfield.com



Just a regular day in the village... ;-) More photos on page 19

Winster Village Diary

Sat, 2nd April	House Concert featuring Will Pound in Winster, 8pm
Mon, 4th April	Winster Parish Council Meeting, 7pm Burton Institute
Thurs, 7th April	Winster Parish Council Village Meeting Drop-In Session, Bowling Green, 6.30-8pm
Saturday, 9th April	Easter fun afternoon at St John's and the Dower House – 2 – 5pm, Church and Dower House An Evening of Music and Dance, hosted by Winster Morris, 7.30pm Burton Institute
Mon, 11th April	Mobile Library Service 9.30-10am opposite shop
Mon, 18th April	Village Magazine copy deadline by 6pm please
Thurs, 21st April	Jubilee Street Party Meeting, 7.30pm Miners Standard
Saturday, 23rd April	Village Litter Pick, from 9.30am, meet at Recreation Ground by Woodhouse Lane Play Area Café In the Church: Grand Opening, 11am-3pm, Church Craft Sale: Hobbycraft Materials, 10am-4pm BI
Mon, 25th April	Winster Local History Group: Guided tour round the New Bath Hotel, meet there at 7pm

Regular Events

Baby and Toddler Group, Village School - School Term Fridays 10-11.30am Contact School on 650238 or contact Hannah Master via Facebook or 650344

Yoga, Burton Institute, Tuesdays 6.15-7.45 from 5th October, Judy Hine, 650994

Tea and Toast, Village Church, 4th Thursday of the month, 10am-12noon

Morris Dancers Practice, Tuesdays 8pm Burton Institute, Mike Hatfield 650468

Fortnightly walk - First and third Mondays of the month:

A 5 - 6 mile walk, taken at an easy pace, exploring the Peak District within about a 10 mile radius of Winster. Often finishing with a pub lunch.

For more details contact Judy - judy.hinsliff@gmail.com or 01620 650119

Monthly Walk - Second Tuesday of the month - meet at 10am outside the Bowling Green Pub. Contact Marg: marg.orchardmine@gmail.com or tel 650090

*** Please email me your updates: mag@winster.org***

*Welcome to the April edition
of the Winster Village Magazine*

At last! Sunshine, budding trees and vast seas of flowers again. The Orchard Group and other wonderful volunteers have sown quite a few wildflowers and bulbs in the orchard areas over the last two years, so why not go for a little walk there sometime to see what you can spot. If you 'dig flowers' (as the youth would say) and are an avid gardening fan, we have got a gardening group in the village which is currently gauging which direction they are going - so why not join them and contribute with your ideas? The centre spread contains the Winster Grassland Enhancement Proposal which looks at creating high-diversity grass meadows and wildflower areas to benefit both wildlife and humans - for you to comment on. We are indeed very lucky to live in beautiful and peaceful surroundings. A number of villagers and the Parish Council said they are keen to support those people who are struggling with circumstances beyond their control. More about this in the magazine. May we all hear about an improvement of their situation soon!

Keep well, *Jabi*

Please email your signed articles, updates on groups, important dates and other items to:

mag@winster.org

Send items by **18th of month by 6pm** for the following edition.

Exception: copy date is 11th December for X-mas edition.



Chris Aykroyd is exploring the possibility of housing refugees in Winster. Anyone who might be interested and willing to be a host please get in touch. If we could get several households to do this, there would be scope to offer better practical and social support. nanawinster1@gmail.com

Two Road closures in Winster (and Elton)

The Common, top of East Bank Closed 28 March to 4 April 2022 for electric cable reinforcement. West Bank closed, near the Burton Institute 12 to 14 April 2022 for electric supply. And Chadwick Hill, as you go into Elton, will be closed 1st to 7th April 2022. Plus the other end of Elton will be closed 28 March to 15 April 2022.

Anthea

Ukrainian Refugees

Through a contact of our daughter in London, we are sponsoring a mother and her daughter from Odessa to come and stay with us.

We are wondering if others in the village are considering hosting. Winstar would be a wonderful haven with its warm and welcoming community. If the village was able to offer refuge to a number of individuals or families we think it would be helpful and comforting for them to have familiar faces around...

Not everyone will be able to host, but there are plenty of other ways to support both refugees and hosts; for example, cooking a meal, inviting guests for a brew, helping find employment and assisting with official paperwork.

If you are interested to help in any shape or form, please call us on 07785 547819 or email

Hofmanfamily@btinternet.com. We'd be very happy to chat and co-ordinate a village response.

Martin and Deborah Hofman, Underwood House, Main St

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Reminder:
House concert
featuring Will
Pound in Winstar.
Saturday, April 2nd –
Start 8 p.m.
Please contact
Sylvia Needham
(Phone: 01629-
650129 – email: [der-](mailto:derbyewe@gmail.com)
[byewe@gmail.com](mailto:derbyewe@gmail.com))
for details of tickets
and venue.



DCC MOBILE LIBRARY BUS in Winstar every 4 weeks.

Next time & date:

MONDAY 11 April 9.30am–10am (due to Friday being Good Friday that week). The bus makes only ONE STOP in Winstar - this is the road side near Winstar Village Shop. Please support this useful facility in order to keep it running.

Winster Local History Group Next Meetings

Monday 25 April at 7pm at the New Bath Hotel, Matlock Bath

Guided tour round the New Bath Hotel and its Spa, by John Legg

John is a very interesting man. He was once footman to the Queen Mother and the Duke of Norfolk (among others) and is a natural raconteur with an amazing memory. He is now gardener at the New Bath Hotel, whose thermal waters have been used perhaps since Roman times. Their heyday was in Georgian and Victorian times. John has intimate knowledge of the hotel and spa, and can reel off a list of famous people who once stayed there (Defoe, Mary Shelley, Sir Robert Peel, Ruskin, Disraeli, Cassius Clay, etc.). He will guide us round the pool and grounds and show us the spring, which also now feeds what is perhaps the best warm lido in the country, now lovingly restored.

Numbers have to be restricted, so please register your interest on a first-come basis by emailing geoff.orchardmine@gmail.com. And please note the earlier starting time of 7pm prompt at the hotel in Matlock Bath, DE4 3PX.



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Winster Parish Council - Village Meeting

The Parish Council is holding a consultation meeting at the **Bowling Green Pub on Thurs 7th April 18.30 to 20.00.**

There are a small number of featured topics for which we would appreciate village input.

Wild Flower Meadows – The Derbyshire Wildlife Trust have made an Ecological Assessment and offered advice on how to manage the open spaces in Winster to increase biodiversity. The full report is available on the new look Parish Council Website: *Winsterparishcouncil.gov.uk*

You will find it in the Documents category and then Environment. In addition there is the draft Mowing and Maintenance Plan for 2022 and it would be great to hear your feedback.

Dog Mess – Residents are getting increasingly concerned about dog fouling on the pavements, through the graveyard and the grassed areas within the village. We welcome your suggestion on how to best manage this and encourage dog owners, both residents and visitors to become more responsible.

Ukrainian Refuge Crisis – there are a number of residents expressing interest in supporting the efforts to house refugees. This forum would give interested residents the opportunity to connect with each other to consider sponsorship, but also discuss the wider consideration such as schooling, employment, transport and how to ensure the government funding of £10K per refugee is then directed to the appropriate areas of local government services.

Consider this your meeting so please bring along any topics that interest you.



Winster Parish Council

Winster Parish Council - Annual Forum

The Parish Council is looking to run a village forum in the **Burton Institute on the afternoon of Saturday 14th May.**

All village groups will be invited to attend and represent their interests and activities to the wider community. It will be a great way to let the village know what you are doing, and get interest from either new volunteers or participants. There are many new people that have come to live in the village during the pandemic so it will be a good opportunity for everyone to meet in person (hopefully in great May weather) and hear about: the Platinum Jubilee, Winster Wakes, Secret Gardens – oh no the list is endless - probably best to attend.

We will be reaching out directly to village groups about attendance, but if it has peaked your interest then please contact me on Moira@toddtalks.co.uk or 07876 141756 on behalf of the Parish Council Communications Working Group.

Winster Parish Council Grazing land to let for 2022

The council is inviting offers for grazing/mowing land at two locations within the parish between 25th May and 31st October 2022 Ashmore Pingle, situated on the north side of Winster Cemetery, offers 0.84 acres or thereabouts of pasture. Westhills, situated on the north side of Pikehall Lane, offers 7 acres or thereabouts of meadow/pasture. Restrictive licences will be concluded with the successful bidder.

Further details and how to apply can be found at <https://winsterparishcouncil.gov.uk/documents/page/2/>

Closing date for expression of interests is 8th April 2022.



Winster Village Shop
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Winster Shop Opening Hours:

Monday to Saturday 8am – 6pm — Sunday & Bank Holidays: 8am – 4pm

Shop Disruption

Please note you will see some disruption in the shop on Sunday 27th March early evening until Wednesday morning 30th March, this is due to us putting the Shop and Post Office back to the original layout. From Wednesday 30th March you will be able to access the Post Office through the main shop door. Thank you for your patience.

Happy Easter

Coming soon a selection of small and medium Easter eggs for sale.



Spring is on its way, keep an eye out for our bedding plants which are due in soon.



Look out for special offers in April!!

From Jayne, Katrina and all the Staff and Volunteers



Winster Post Office Opening Hours:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9am-12.30 & 13.30-17.00
Thursday, Saturday: 9am-12.30 (closed in the afternoon)
Tel: 01629 650668

Winster Village Shop Association - Shop Current Status and Outlook for 2022

I am pleased to report a positive performance of the shop over the last year. Final sales will be IRO of £480,000. In real terms, this is a 2.4% increase over prior year. In terms of profit, the final figures are still to be verified but we are expecting to have generated a modest surplus for the year.

There are several factors which have contributed to this performance, and which include:

- More residents staying in the village and spending more in the shop all year round
- Significant tourist trade over the peak holiday period with increased revenues
- Good stock management and efficient sourcing of goods by the shop team

This surplus comes at a much-needed time. The Shop will face a number of financial challenges in the forthcoming year. The RPI rate of inflation in February was 7.8% - this will impact on the cost of goods we purchase. The National Minimum Wage will be increased by over 6%. Our electricity costs will increase by around £200 per month. The business therefore needs to increase sales from customers by more than 5% in financial value to maintain a sustainable position.

The WVSA Board and Shop Managers have discussed plans for the next 12 months. To achieve the required levels of sales and profit to maintain this sustainability of the business, the following will be undertaken:

- The retention of current opening hours
- The return to the “pre-Covid” layout of the shop which is scheduled for the end of March
- The introduction of new quality beverages and foods: A new coffee & tea machine for take away drinks, dispensing high-quality beverages & a new range of quality ready meals
- Maintaining an attractive display of plants and flowers at the shop front (a consistent best-seller!)
- Consideration of a savings scheme for customers
- Increasing the profile in the shop of local products – maps, books, jams, local produced handcrafted items
- Reviewing our expenditure on utilities and insurance with a view to reducing these costs
- Reviewing the viability and charges for newspaper deliveries
- Increasing the visibility of the shop to visitors and holiday makers
- Pro-actively approaching local camping and caravan sites and other similar establishments to offer a means of supply of our products.

Volunteers remain a key part of the successful working of Winster Shop. Rachel Miller has done a first-rate job of providing an excellent structure to support the needs of the Managers, and we are delighted to welcome some new faces to support the shop alongside our established and much appreciated team. None of the above is possible without the consistent support of residents, purchasing regularly from the shop all year round. We actively encourage all local people to show as much support as they can - buying a few items alongside the regular newspaper, ordering or buying your meat, eggs, bread, yoghurt or cake from Winster Shop rather than the supermarket. Making a few small changes in how you shop helps the village to keep its valuable community asset viable over the coming years and supports the Board and Managers in meeting the challenges ahead. The holiday maker and visitor trade is important, but the fundamental basis of our business comes from local customers.

To all our customers – thank you for your continued support.

Alistair Wright, Chair -WVSA Board of Directors

JUBILEE SHOP WINDOW

Hello Again!

Last month I mentioned that I'd be collecting pictures and art work to be considered for display in the shop window.

Now is the time to start on your ideas as I'd like to have them all in by the 22nd May. I have already had lots of enquiries, so to be clear, the pieces can be drawn, painted, collage, needlework, (all A4 size please) and even 3D objects, such as sculpture, pottery or woodwork as long as they are not bigger than a shoebox.

The subject is anything which we could closely connect to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. Think crowns, regalia, golden coach, horses, corgis, portraits, royal residences, thrones...the choice is huge.

If we have a lot of entries, we could do more than one display, maybe even taking it into the BI for a while, who knows? I can hardly wait to see what comes in. Call, text or WhatsApp me on 07836512149

While we're on the subject of the Winster Community Shop window, I hope you've all been taking notice of the wonderful, new displays going in, all thanks to the volunteers coming forward in response to my plea two months ago. I still need this year's Summer holidays and Autumn windows filling and also other ideas for maybe Halloween or Bonfire Night? Call, text or WhatsApp 07836512149. I'd be thrilled to help if you just want a little pointer here and there. I have quite a stash of bits and pieces which could be used to help you start.

The aim is to get the shop window something that everyone feels proud of because everyone can contribute. Don't be shy. Just get in touch.

Your Lady In Waiting :-) Ali Carter.

Village Litter Pick

This bi-annual event will take place on Saturday 23 April from 9.30am at the Recreation Ground off Woodhouse Lane. Please wear suitable clothing, shoes and gloves! The Pond & Community Orchard Group will provide litter pickers, bags and high viz jackets.

No need to let us know you are coming and all ages welcome, but parents must accompany children. Thanks

The group takes on different parts of the village and this time we will have a map of Winster to avoid duplication – well that's the plan!

Any queries please to Anthea Rawlence Tel 650480 or email a.j.rawlence@btinternet.com.

Winster Garden & Countryside Group

Now that Spring is rising up all around us, the days are lengthening and we seem to be set fair for a few days of warm weather, I am sending out a little memory jogger to see if there is any interest in reviving the Winster Garden & Countryside Group, after the group had to be officially put into cold storage in November 2021. This situation arose due to the imminent departure from the village of two of the founder members of the Group; Lesley and Glyn Peat, who acted as Chairman and Treasurer respectively. Other members of the Committee also resigned at this time.

For those of you new to the village, the Group held monthly meetings, most of which comprised of talks by speakers conversant in various topics relevant to the Group, with one or two wonderful coach trips each season to visit open Gardens, usually within a couple of hours journey from Winster. We also held the odd workshop such as Christmas Wreath Making, and an Annual Group Dinner, usually around Christmastime. All of these events were organised and run by the Committee of the Group.

If anyone is now interested in trying to re-start the group, please let me know and we can look into whether it might be feasible to form a new Committee and be able to appoint the relevant Officers, all of which are needed to be able to run the Group officially.

My contact telephone number is 650237 or email; jane.wood24@btinternet.com.

Many thanks, Jane Wood (ex Secretary, Winster Garden & Countryside Group)



Over the years **Postcards of Winster** sold in the village shop have been popular and usually sell 600 every two years. Now after only nine months we have almost sold out and the shop has made £300, so need to have more printed in the early Summer.

Please look through your photographs or have your camera and take any picture around Winster which appeals to you. Send them, as last year to marg.orchardmine@gmail.com and help us to have a new vibrant collection of our photogenic village available.

Thank You, Marg Lester

The Jubilee Street Party – Sunday 5 June 2pm to 5pm

We have made more plans!

The party will be a bring your own food (sandwiches, cakes etc) but there will be food as well as folk have offered to provide for those on their own. Drinks can be bought at the shop or The Bowling Green.

Activities will be disco, singing, Morris dancing, games, live music, limbo dancing and more!

Tombola: Please can we have as many items as possible. These can be dropped off at Sandra's (Tonise hairdresser, Main Street) Anthea's Tite Cottage, Main Street and Kerry's 31 Leacroft.

Competitions: We are very grateful to the Foresters Friendly Society for their donation of £100 which we will spend on prizes.

Please dress up in fancy dress, maybe from the 50s, and wear decorated hats or crowns. There will be a Treasure Hunt for the children around the orchard.

We are also grateful to the Heathcote Trust for funding the commemorative gifts for the young of the village.

Got any queries – want to help – got some other ideas just let us know. Our next meeting is Thursday 21 April at the Miner's Standard 7.30pm.

Kerry: kerrywigley@gmail.com or Tel 07760161785

Anthea: a.j.rawlence@btinternet.com or Tel 650480

Winster Village Shop Association – Seeking a volunteer bookkeeper

The Winster Village Shop Association Directors are seeking a volunteer bookkeeper to support the operation of the shop. Ideally this person would have experience in bookkeeping or accountancy and be happy to contribute one-two hours per week. The role would comprise some work on the online financial software Xero, including summary sales data input, bank reconciliation and review of VAT and accountancy codes.

This person would be supporting and working with Keith Wiley, the Director on the Board currently responsible for compliance and finance. Full training, as required, will be given.

If you would be interested in this role, know someone locally who might be, or have any questions please email volunteer@winstervillageshop.com. Thank you.

CAFÉ IN THE CHURCH

Every Saturday and Sunday 11-3pm

Grand Opening 23 April

Please could the volunteers who have said they will help with the café and those who would like to, come to a meeting on Tuesday 29 March at 10.30am. in the church.

Everything will be explained and a rota organised

Thank you

Marion, Sharon, Katherine and Marg



Hosted by Winster Morris

AN EVENING OF MUSIC AND DANCE

Burton Institute
7.30pm

Enjoy dancing, music and songs.
with a hot meal and bar.

Saturday 9th April

Tickets £5
Available at the Post Office
and from Mike Hatfield



WINSTER VILLAGE QUIZ

From the six quizzes we have had since September over £700 has been raised for various village causes: the Village Shop, Twinning, the School, Luncheon Club, the Christmas Tree, the Jubilee Street Party and lastly Pickleball. Thank you to all the questioners and all the people who came for a fun evening's get-together. We would love to see more people of all ages when we start again on Friday 30 September, and we also need volunteer question-setters and requests of causes to support.

Chris Wright, Marg & Geoff Lester Tel. 650090



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Winners of the Pancake Races 2022 - Congratulations!

Toddlers	1st, 2nd, 3rd	Stevie Wright, Oliver Slater, Leo Marsden
Reception	1st	Eliza Knox-Holmes
Year 1	1st, 2nd	Charlotte Slater, Runa McKenzie,
Year 2	1st, 2nd, 3rd	Daisy Toplis, Ellis Greatorex, Ellie-May Setterfield
Year 3	1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th	Isaac Knox-Holmes, Layla Cooling, Leo Johannesmann-Brown, Leah Crowther
Year 4	1st	Katie Connor
Year 5	1st, 2nd, 3rd	Hannah Barron, Macy Roper, Taya Ashin
Year 6	1st, 2nd, 3rd	Josh Cooling, Finley Toplis, Clementine Brown
Women	1st, 2nd, 3rd	Connie Simpson, Irene Webster, Dinosaur (Kerry Mcclay)
Men	1st, 2nd, 3rd	Dale Gill, Richard Lee, David Mcclay
Over 60 Walking	1st, 2nd, 3rd	Samantha Shattack, Christine Wright, Christine Aykroyd
Biggest Tosser		Carol Ashin

WINSTER GRASSLAND ENHANCEMENT PROPOSAL: TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

BACKGROUND:

In 2019 Winster Parish Council (WPC) began to develop a plan for the maintenance of Winster's green spaces. Ideas included encouraging wildflowers on the Common and a programme of tree planting. We then sought the views of Winster residents and responses indicated a lot of support this approach. Before the 2021 election, WPC suspended the mowing contract for the Common areas in order to allow the incoming Council to plan a new maintenance regime. Derbyshire Wildlife Trust has helped us develop a new approach designed to enhance the grassland and increase floral diversity. We now want to inform residents of our substantive plan and provide an opportunity for feedback. The mowing work will then be tendered and the new programme will commence in Spring 2022.

WHY ESTABLISH A WILDFLOWER MEADOW?

Wildflower meadows offer a diverse and attractive habitat for the pleasure of all. Changes in agricultural policy, modern farming practices and the growth of housing development has caused a sharp decrease in the variety of wildflowers in the UK countryside. But recently awareness of environmental issues has grown and there is a renewed interest in wildflower habitats. Wildflower meadows with native grasses and flowering plants offer several advantages:

- Plant diversity attracts birds, mammals and insects and other invertebrates like butterflies, bees, spiders and millipedes;
- Flowering species give a changing colour palette throughout the seasons;

Community involvement in site management (e.g. mowing and seed collecting) fosters local ownership. Community engagement is vital because wildflower meadows can appear scruffy at certain times of the year. This may lead to negative local perceptions of the project. But educational and recreational opportunities abound (e.g. nature studies and art lessons).

THE CHALLENGES:

- The site needs to be appropriate for wildflowers in terms of the soil's depth, description and nutrient status.
- The management of a wildflower meadow is different from that of mown lawns or grasslands. Long-term goals and commitment are required to see a wildflower meadow established and flourishing.
- Wildflower seed is considerably more expensive than grass seed and the cost may need to be considered in light of the management program and its associated commitment.

Most semi-natural grasslands in the UK, including wildflower meadows, exist on nutrient-poor or seasonally waterlogged areas of land. On fertile soils wildflowers are rapidly smothered by stronger, faster-growing grasses and competing plants. So it is necessary to undertake a survey of the soil resource before attempting to establish a wildflower meadow. An annual management program will also be needed to encourage the wildflower meadow to establish and not be overrun by grasses, brambles and weeds like dock and thistle.

Where the soil nutrient level is too high for the establishment of wildflowers, several options may be considered:

- Establishment of an alternative habitat;
- Physical amelioration of the soil substrate (for example soil stripping or soil inversion);
- A carefully planned and executed program of mowing and removal of cuttings to reduce fertility slowly.

LOCAL AUTHORITY RESPONSIBILITY:

The Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 places the following biodiversity duty on all local authorities, including parish councils: “Every public authority must, in exercising its functions, have regard, so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of those functions, to the purpose of conserving biodiversity”. The aim is to make biodiversity an integral part of local decision-making. Going above and beyond what is required by law can further enhance and protect biodiversity, and also save money and resources. The UN says there is no pathway to net zero without the restoration of nature. The parish council believes that we must play our part in enhancing our local habitats on the land for which we are responsible. We must also consider the views of all residents and in particular, those who may be more directly impacted by such plans.

EXPERT ADVICE:

WPC has sought external expertise from Derbyshire Wildlife Trust (DWT) and in October 2019, Kieron Huston, White Peak Regional Manager met with councillors to discuss the proposals and then produced an outline of the first steps. Changes on WPC meant these plans were postponed, but floral surveys were undertaken by a small group of residents. In February 2022, WPC commissioned a more detailed study from DWT and all these reports form the basis of a draft management plan. Our project will not produce instant results and there will be a process to follow, but DWT will continue to support us going forward.

SUMMARY OF DWT REPORT:

The full report can be accessed in full via the council website, but here is a summary of key points:



Existing situation:

The sites consist of low-diversity grassland with a low number of species groups. Low floral diversity means that whilst the sites may be able to support some pollinators, the carrying capacity is limited. The sites form part of a small corridor which connects habitats in the wider landscape. By enhancing these grasslands and improving floral diversity, the overall quality of the corridor will improve, encouraging a wider variety of species.

Wider benefits:

Several priority and high quality habitats have been recorded within 1km of site. These habitats consist of semi-natural broadleaved woodland, neutral and calcareous grassland. By improving the overall quality of the Common areas, the mosaic of local habitats will be enhanced, thereby improving overall habitat quality. In particular, by increasing the amount of high-quality grassland habitat, the existing corridor formed by the grassland is increased, providing a larger resource for invertebrates, small mammals and passerine birds that are reliant on this habitat type.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Enhance existing grassland features to improve floral diversity and provide a resource for pollinators;
- Establish hedgerows and lines of trees along the boundaries that already contain these features, to allow the creation of a woodland/scrub corridor whilst maintaining open habitat;
- Provide space and resources for additional species, such as maintaining small patches of bare ground for invertebrates and establishing hibernacula for reptiles and amphibians;
- Test the soil;
- Identify the most appropriate management method: (a) no seed sowing or creation, following low intensity enhancement methods (not recommended) or (b) scarification of 50 – 75% and seed sowing; or spreading of green hay (highly recommended).
- If seeding, identify appropriate seed mix. If using green hay, identify a donor landowner from a high-quality grassland site through DWT.
- Sow the seeds in August – October;
- From year two, cut the grassland in late Feb/early March and again in late summer, once the seeds have dropped, leaving small areas of long grassland over winter.

OUTCOMES:

Following the implementation of a sympathetic management regime, within five years the small sites will be bursting with native wildflowers, providing an essential resource to pollinators and allowing sites to be alive with butterflies, moths, bees and hoverflies. This invertebrate population combined with the tussocky grasses, woodland edge and tree lines will in turn support birds, reptiles and small mammals alike with amphibians moving through site to the nearby ponds and birds displaying from the treetops.



The site will be valued not just by wildlife but by the public and will allow a space for people to reconnect with nature and improve their own mental wellbeing.

ENHANCEMENT AND MAINTENANCE PROPOSAL:

Taking into consideration DWT advice and the views expressed by residents, WPC proposes the following maintenance programme, seeking to achieve a compromise between our aim of grassland enhancement, and (a) the safety of pedestrians and highway users, (b) the positive appearance of the village to residents and visitors alike and (c) access to the areas included in the project. This will not be achieved in one season, nor will it be achieved without some adjustment to people's long-standing expectations of grassland maintenance.

MANAGEMENT IN 2022:

- (a) Mow mid/late march. No initial 'collect', although this may become an option if appropriate specialist contractors can be found;
- (b) Maintain buffer strips on boundaries, visibility splays, playground and verges throughout the grass growing season; monthly mowing;
- (c) Cut and collect the long grass in mid to late July;
- (d) Scarify some bare patches and seed with yellow rattle and green hay or wildflower seed in August/September.

The Common and the Griffin: Maintain a 1-2m verge around the common grassed areas and a 5-6m buffer on the boundary with adjacent properties, thus keeping the footpath to Wyntor Rocks clear. The playground area will be maintained, including the verges that access it from the car park.

Bank Top and Town Meir: Maintain a 1-2m verge on the roadside boundary and the pond. WPC will replace the wooden bollards on Bank Top.

Ore House and verge to Miners Standard: These areas will be maintained throughout the growing season.

Woodhouse Lane: Grass will be mown, as usual, towards the end of August. The Winster Pond and Community Orchard Group will manage the orchard grassland and the areas adjacent to the outdoor gym and the playground.

FUTURE YEARS:

The management plan will be reviewed and adapted as the grassland develops. In future years WPC hopes to add additional seating and interpretation boards.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK:

Please send us your comments on these proposals to: daveandhes@gmail.com . We will also be talking about this issue at our next open evening at the Bowling Green on April 7th at 7.30pm. Please come and tell us what you think.

**Cllr Dave Robinson
Leader of Environment Working Group
Winster Parish Council**

**Winster Pancake Races 2022 -
It was flippin' good fun!
BIG THANKS to Geoff Lester for organising**



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The parish council have become increasingly aware that the problem of dog mess in the village has become unacceptable and that it is causing distress and concern to many residents. Dog mess is the most unacceptable and offensive type of litter in our village. Dog fouling is not only deeply unpleasant, but also dangerous. Whilst rare, contact with dog excrement can cause toxocariasis – a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizures.


While most dog owners are caring, responsible individuals, there are still some people who do not clean up after their pets. Anyone who fails to clear up after their dog can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100. If the case goes to court this

could cost the owner or person in charge of the animal up to £1,000. Incidents of dog fouling can be reported to Derbyshire Dales District Council via their website at <https://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/environment-and-waste/roads/street-care-and-cleaning/dog-fouling>. The law states that being unaware a dog has fouled or not having a suitable bag is not a reasonable excuse.


While there are several dedicated dog-fouling bins around the village, any public bin can take the waste. There is no excuse to leave it. Nor is there any excuse to discard full bags in the local environment, which is equally as anti-social.

The parish council will be dedicating time to develop strategies to tackle this problem, you are invited to share your thoughts and ideas with us.

Please feel free to attend the drop in session at 6.30pm on Thursday 7th April at the Bowling Green, or contact the clerk at clerk@winsterparishcouncil.gov.uk.




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SO MANY GOOD CAUSES !

Recently some of you have asked at the shop whether we should be collecting money for Ukrainian refugees, or for Ashgate Hospice – both of which are causes so deserving of our help and support. How should we choose?

When the Shop Charities Group was set up it was to be a conduit for whichever charity local people wanted to support; the only mandate was that people wanted to help charities that could potentially benefit local people.

The horrific situation in **Ukraine** unfolding before our eyes nightly on the news seems utterly overwhelming and of course most of us want to know how we can best help. Should we offer our spare rooms for six months to a traumatized Ukrainian family? Or give blankets, clothes and food? Or donate money? All of those things are undoubtedly desperately needed – and will continue to be so for the foreseeable future.

If we decide to collect money for Ukraine we would, of course, need to choose a specific charity to pay it to, such as the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) or Red Cross – or in fact any of the main charities which are campaigning for funds at the moment.

This would not, of course, comply with the policy of supporting local people. Maybe we can best help by donating individually to one of the above charities which can quickly get help to where it is most urgently needed?

Ashgate Hospice, on the outskirts of Chesterfield, is one of the hospices working in Derbyshire Dales and North Derbyshire, doing the most amazing work providing specialist end-of-life care to patients with complex palliative needs, also offering much needed support to their loved ones. They are not an NHS hospice and rely entirely on sales from their retail shops, fundraising, with just occasional emergency government money. It is a precarious funding model. Probably most of us never want to think about it, but hope that they will be there should we need their very valuable services.

And then there is **Jigsaw foodbank**, which we have been supporting for the last two years. Once again they are entirely run by volunteers and are dependent on donations of surplus food from shops, cash donations and the food we have been able to provide for the last couple of years. A separate article in the Mag tells more about how grateful they have been for our support. Every donation to Jigsaw also benefits the shop. Once again, they can also help local people.

So you see the problem – how to choose. We feel it is best to support only one charity at a time, so we need you to let us know BY WEDNESDAY 6TH APRIL which charity we should support via Winster Village Shop.

Would you do that please, either by popping a note through Liz Jones' door (Moot House opposite the Shop) or by emailing:
lizmjones25@gmail.com or judy.hinsliff@gmail.com or derbyewe@gmail.com

Winster Charities Group (Liz, Judy & Sylvia)

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Wordsearch! Words around Spring

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- How does the Easter Bunny feel the day after Easter? – Eggsausted!
- What's the best way to make Easter easier? – Put an "i" where the "t" is!
- What type of jewellery does the Easter Bunny wear? – 14 Carrot Gold!
- Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg a joke? – It might crack up!
- Why does the Easter Bunny look so good? He uses hare spray!
- What's the Easter Bunny's favourite type of music? – Hip Hop!



What kind of parents let their children get tattoos?



Sudoku

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THANK YOU FROM JIGSAW

For two years now we have been supporting our local foodbank in Matlock (not to mention benefitting our own shop at the same time). Ruth, at Jigsaw, is able to let us know which items they would particularly welcome so that Jayne and Katrina can then put in a separate order to the wholesalers.

When we make the delivery to Matlock they never fail to tell us how much they appreciate the generosity of the people of Winster. Below is a recent comment from Jigsaw, with one or two stories from some of the people they have helped:

The ongoing demand for support through Jigsaw Foodbank is certainly not diminishing. Since the start of 2022 we have supported between 75-80 households every week which amounts to feeding approximately 180 people each week, many of them children. The increase in the cost of food, uncertainty of employment, the impending rise in fuel costs all contribute to the pressures we are all facing at the moment. These pressures are even greater when the money coming into the home is significantly reduced – take for example family B:

Two parents, both on zero hours contracts with three young children under seven. As a result of Covid working its way through the children in January one parent was unable to work, so received no income for that month. A garage bill for the family car (needed to get to work) has eaten up any spare money. The family have no savings and have used up their surplus store cupboard foods and now find themselves with very little money to feed themselves and their children until the end of the month which is a desperate situation for anyone to find themselves in.

We are now seeing more families turn to us for support, many of whom will say “I never in a million years dreamt I would be in need of a foodbank. I’m usually putting donations into the supermarket collecting boxes – I cannot believe how quickly things have changed which has meant we need your help. I feel totally ashamed as we should be able to manage, but when everything comes at once and there seems to be no way out we find ourselves in need and asking for your help. When we get back on our feet I promise we will do everything we can to repay your kindness.”

Or, from another mother:

“I had my first delivery this morning and I just wanted to say thank you so much. The delivery people were so lovely and the quality and range of food is incredible. I keep staring at it in my cupboard, it just so warms my heart there are such kind people out there.”

Jigsaw is helping households in an area stretching approximately from Wirksworth to Bakewell and all the surrounding villages. For more information, please see the link

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News from St. John's

Easter fun afternoon at St John's and the Dower House – Sat 9th April 2 – 5pm



The afternoon will begin at 2pm in church with a short time of reflection on Easter.

Afterwards **refreshments** will be served in church and the garden in the Dower House next to church will be open for people to **play croquet** – instruction available!

The refreshments can also be taken to the Dower House garden if you want to watch the croquet while enjoying your afternoon tea, hopefully in the sunshine.

There will be some simple children's crafts available in church.

Many thanks to Sharon and John from the Dower House for offering to open their garden.

All are very welcome.



April Church Services

3rd April 10 a.m. Holy Communion at St. John's

10th April 10am **Palm Sunday** Service at St Mary's,
South Darley

14th April 7pm **Maundy Thursday** Service St Helen's

15th April **Good Friday**

- 10am family service at St Mary's
- 3pm Good Friday Meditation St Helen's
- 7pm Evening Service at St John's

17th April **Easter Sunday**

- 10am Joint Service at Wesleyan Reform Chapel Winstar
- 10am Holy Communion St Mary's
- 11am Holy Communion at St Helen's.

24th April 11 a.m. Morning Prayer at St Helen's.



On most Sundays there is an 11am service at St Helen's Churchtown, the exception being Palm Sunday. There is also a Sunday service at 2:30pm at the Wesleyan Reform Chapel on East Bank, except on Easter Sunday when they have kindly moved the service to 10am to accommodate a joint service with St John's. The village choir has been invited to sing at that service.

Letter from Reverend Stephen Monk

You are not what you do, although you do a lot. You are not what you have collected in terms of friendships and connections, although you might have many. You are not the popularity that you have received. You are not the success of your work. You are not what people say about you, whether they speak well or whether they speak poorly about you. All these things that keep you quite busy, quite occupied, and often quite preoccupied are not telling the truth about who you are. I am here to remind you in the name of God that you are the Beloved Daughters and Sons of God, and that God says to you, "I have called you from all eternity and you are engraved from all eternity in the palms of my hands. You are mine. You belong to me, and I love you with an everlasting love."

For many of us the words above from Henri Nouwen are very poignant. During lockdown and throughout the Covid pandemic and one in the ripple affect from the invasion of the Ukraine we can feel very afraid, very uncertain and also a lack of value of oneself. The Season of Lent isn't simply a time to beat ourselves up for our many sins and shortcomings etc. Many people spend a lot of time doing this anyway. One of the biggest challenges of my ministry is to really convince and assure people that they are of great value.

As Nouwen says above our value comes quite simply from who we are. But, friends who are we? I truly believe that we are all (not simply churchgoers) the children of God. Some churches don't reflect on our worth nor our brokenness and sinfulness at times. Yes, we are truly wonderful but sin is serious. I'd never normally ask you to judge other people but stop and spend five minutes thinking about what are the sins of President Putin? I really hope and pray during these coming days you and your loved ones will come to one of our churches and realise how costly God's love in Christ was to save us? Some many think that their own lives are so far outside the love of God that they have no chance. But Jesus' life, death and resurrection tells all of us that we are loved. From Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday we spend a lot of time in church – we remember in our services the events of Jesus' last few days on earth. Was he afraid, was he depressed and anxious? Yes, I think he was. But equally Jesus loved us so much it was His free choice to suffer and die for us. So, Come immerse yourselves in the services and stories of Jesus our Lord and Saviour – That may well sound too grand – let's say, our Crucified Saviour. God doesn't make mistakes and God certainly loves and values you. Please know that nothing you have done or are doing can separate you from God's love in Christ.

Jesus has run the race and paid the debt of our sins. All we have to do is step out in faith and we have to reach out and allow Christ to anoint us with His grace.

So, In fear of keeping repeating myself, You are loved and forgiven. You are also truly welcome to join us in remembering the Events which lead to all our us being Saved by the Crucified Lord. And remember the bottom line – You are not your job, or salary or car or even your greatest fault. No, you are truly the child chosen from eternity to love and value.
 May you all have a very Blessed Lent, and a Truly awe-inspiring Holy Week.
 And when it comes have a Happy Easter Alleluia

With Prayers & Kindest Regards.
 Revd Stephen Monk Rectory of Darley Dale, South Darley & Winster

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Winster School has a 'Spring' in its step!

The Spring term is always a busy one at Winster School and the pancake race through the village was the start of a very active term!

The children celebrated Shrove Tuesday by making and flipping their pancakes and the parents took the competition as seriously as the children!



The event hadn't been possible in recent years for obvious reasons, so it was great to see a good turnout and the weather was kind too. The children were even interviewed on Radio Derby!

World Book Day 2022!

We also celebrate World Book Day every March and it was lovely this year to join together with our federated school, Monyash to dress up as our favourite book characters and complete book related activities all day!

You would have thought the school had been transformed into an imaginary, interactive library where the characters had come to life from the pages of the books!

