



# Winster Village Magazine

## December 2022

50p



**Come to the Winster Community Hub**  
to keep warm and socialise  
Wednesdays from 10am-1pm  
in the Burton Institute -  
Jubilee Room

### WINSTER VILLAGE CHURCH

# Christmas Craft



# Fair & Café

**SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER**  
**2PM - 5.30PM**

**AFTERNOON TEA AND CAKES**  
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## *Winster Village Diary*

Friday, 25th Nov	Mobile Library, 9.30 - 10am, Stops opposite Village Shop Village Quiz, 7.30pm, Burton Institute (BI)
Monday, 28th Nov	Winster School Open Morning - contact school for details Winster Local History Group: Lynn Willies, The Discovery and Raising of the Wills Founder Engine in Winster in 1976, Burton Institute
Friday, 2nd Dec	An Evening of Ghost Stories, 7.30pm, Burton Institute
Sunday, 4th Dec	Decoration of the Burton Institute - ring Pam on 650468 if you can help Lighting of the Christmas Tree, 6pm, outside the Market House
Sunday, 11th Dec	Copy date Winster Village Magazine - by 6pm
Friday, 16th Dec	Last Christmas orders for collection on Friday 23rd December
Sunday, 18th Dec	Café and Craft, 2pm - 5.30pm, Winster Church Village Carol Service, 6pm, Winster Church
Wednesday, 28th Dec	Pub Carol Singing at the Miners' Standard, 7pm
Thursday, 29th Dec	Christmas Fun Quiz, 7.30pm, Burton Institute

### *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

**Senior Club**, Burton Institute, Fridays, 10am - 12noon

**Yoga**, Burton Institute, Tuesdays 6.15-7.45 from 6th Sept - 13th Dec, June Hine, 650994

**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](mailto: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](mailto:marg.orchardmine@gmail.com) or tel 650090

**Winster Community Hub/Warm Space** - Wednesdays, 10am - 1pm, Jubilee Room, BI

**Parish Council Meeting** - 1st Monday of the month, 7pm, Burton Institute

# Welcome To The December Edition Of The Winsters Village Magazine

It seems like a good time to reflect on the year that is soon ending. The days are getting darker and gradually colder and mother nature starts to look rather bleak while she is preparing herself for hibernation. This year was once again a mixed bag. We've had a glorious hot summer (too hot for some!) with much needed catching up with our social connections and a very successful reappearance of our flagships Wakes Week and Secret Gardens and other fabulous village clubs and events. However there were rather depressing developments too, such as worries about paying the rising costs, people struggling with their physical and mental health and the ongoing war in the Ukraine. It's true, we cannot heal the world on our own, but we may be able to help with certain situations around us, either in small or in big ways. Some villagers have done just that and taken in Ukrainian refugees - people who have lost everything. More on page 14 & 15. I applaud all of you who have helped to improve things or are still helping!

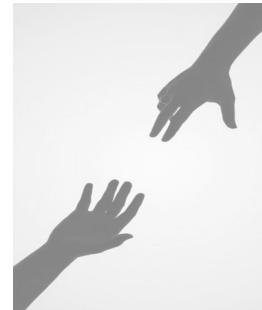
Keep well,  
*Jubi*

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

[mag@winster.org](mailto: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.**



**Next copy date: Sunday, 11 December - 1 week earlier**

## Christmas Wishes

are available now to appear in the January issue. Please email a short x-mas message before the next copy date on 11.12.2022 to [mag@winster.org](mailto:mag@winster.org)

The price is £5 b/w or £6.50 in colour for 1 x Christmas greetings with graphics. Pay Bev by BACS or cash.

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## **Winster Local History Group Next Meetings**

**Monday 28 November at 7.30 in the Burton Institute  
Lynn Willies, The Discovery and Raising of the Wills Founder  
Engine in Winster in 1976.**

**Monday 27 February at 7.30 in the Burton Institute  
Mark Dawson, Just Desserts: An Alternative History of  
Derbyshire in 3 Puds.**

This is a food history topic in memory of Glyn Hughes, who was previously booked to give us a talk on Fish and Chips.

Everyone welcome.

**Thank you to Ron and the foresters for their donation of £57.  
We raised £150 at the Whist Drive, thanks to all concerned.  
Sandra Purslow**

The PTFA committee would like to thank you for supporting the family BINGO event at the Burton Institute. Such a great turn out, hopefully you had an enjoyable evening too! We raised over £300, all going towards buying KS1 iPads for use in Winster Primary school.

Winster Primary PTFA has a Facebook page, please make sure you like and follow us to keep up to date with all of our events and activities.

### *Winster remembers its war dead ~ compiled by David Frederickson*

**Leo Williams:** The Parish Magazine February 1915: 'Many of our readers will be grieved to know that Leo Williams who joined the London Scottish Regiment at the outbreak of war was killed in action on January 22nd. He was in Winster in November last to say goodbye and it was noticed how keen he was to see active service. Those who knew him well can be assured that he died as he had lived a good and brave man'. Who was Leo Williams? It seems he must have been a Winster man but his name is not on the Winster war memorial.

## Winster Relief in Need Charity - Applications for Grant Aid

The objects of the charity allow for the income (after paying all costs inclusive of repairs, insurance, administration and management of the charity) to be applied in:

1. Relieving either generally or individually person resident in the parish of Winster who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress by making grants of money or providing or paying for items, services, or facilities calculated to reduce the need, hardship or distress of such persons.
2. Paying for such items, services or facilities by way of donations or subscriptions to institutions or organisations which provide or which undertake in return to provide such items, services or facilities for such persons.
3. In exceptional circumstances grant relief to persons otherwise eligible therefore who are resident immediately outside the parish of Winster.

Trustees would welcome requests for financial assistance.

Applications should be made in writing and delivered to:  
Rob Greatorex, Winster Relief in Need Charity, Ashton House, West Bank, Winster, or email: [rob.gtx68@outlook.com](mailto:rob.gtx68@outlook.com)  
before Friday 16th December 2022.


Applications from or on behalf of individuals will be treated in the strictest confidence.

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If you need a bit more fun before the  
end of the year come to the

**CHRISTMAS  
FUN QUIZ**

for adults and older children with

**Simon & Rachel Connor**

**Thursday 29 December**

**7.30**

**in the Burton Institute**

£4 for adults, £1 for under 16's

£1 for superb raffle

Bring your own drinks and snacks

No need to be part of a team

Raffle prizes welcome

**Proceeds to Winster School PTFA**

Warning: There may be games



## Shop Questionnaires

At our AGM we identified the continuing need to engage with more customers from Winster and surrounding villages. A sales support group was formed and early on they realised that we need to find

out more. We need to know what our customers like and don't like, and just as importantly, we need the views of our non-customers, the residents who like to see the shop in existence (if only because it enhances the value of their property) but don't use it or perhaps only use it very occasionally. We need your assistance to help us shape the shop that would best meet your needs going forward. There will be two questionnaires, one for existing customers and one for non-customers. If you are in doubt please complete them both!

During December they will be available in the shop, in the pubs and in the doctors' waiting room, together with boxes for their return. If you need any assistance or would like to discuss your answers with anyone please contact Rod Shiers on 650523

Your support is vital to our business planning. Please spare a few minutes to complete the survey.

## Winster Shop - Credit /debit card purchases

You may be aware that the shop has had to impose a minimum purchase value of £3 being made with credit and debit cards. The charges that are applied by our provider have required us to take this action and to prevent the business from making a loss on low value transactions.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Alistair Wright, Chair WVSA Board

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**Christmas** is just around the corner, pre-orders are now being taken please pick up an order form from the shop. Christmas orders **MUST** be in by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December for collection on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December. A member of staff will call you once your order is ready for collection. Please note bread will be delivered Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December.

We will have a selection of Christmas cakes in the shop for sale from Luke Evans or you can order now for Christmas. We are also stocking:

- ☆ Advent Calendars & Selection Boxes
- ☆ Mince Pies, Christmas Puddings
- ☆ Boxes of Biscuits
- ☆ A wide variety of Chocolates
- ☆ Boxed Local Beers
- ☆ Cards, Gift Wrap, Tags
- ☆ Local Crafted Gifts

**Normal Shop Opening Times:**

Mon – Sat	8.00am – 6.00pm
Sun & B/H	8.00am – 4.00pm

Hurry whilst stock last.

**Opening times over the Christmas period:**

- Christmas Eve - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 8.00 – 4.00
- Christmas Day - Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December – 9.00 – 12.00
- Boxing Day - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December – 9.00 – 3.00
- Bank Holiday - Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December - 8.00 – 4.00
- New Years Eve - Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December – 8.00 – 4.00
- New Years Day - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January – 9.00 – 3.00

Otherwise normal shop opening times

**From Jayne, Katrina, the Staff and all the Volunteers**



**DCC MOBILE LIBRARY BUS** in Winster every 4 weeks.  
 Next time & date:

**Friday, 25 November - 9.30am—10am.** The bus makes only ONE STOP in Winster - this is the road side near Winster Village Shop. Please support this useful facility in order to keep it running.

For further information call 01629 533444, or email [ask.library@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:ask.library@derbyshire.gov.uk)

# An EVENING of GHOST STORIES

(to get Christmas started)

**On Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Burton Institute at 7.30pm**

**Stories read by David Frederickson**

**Music by Keith Kendrick and Sylvia Needham**

**Sorry we can't do a bar on this occasion, please bring your own chosen tipple**



**An evening of seasonal ghost stories to chill the blood and warm you up for the Christmas season all at once. Plus music from folk-song maestros Keith and Sylvia. We may even all have a sing, 'tis Christmas after all!**

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**PTEA Christmas Crafts**  
**At the Cafe in the Church**  
**Sunday 18th December**



**Winster Primary School**

**Open Morning on Monday,  
 28 November 2022**

*Enjoy a tour of the school  
 Learn about our class structure  
 Children are welcome to come along too  
 Chat with other parents and find out more  
 about our fantastic school*

**CONTACT US 01629 650238**

## Ring out those bells tonight! By Christina Bradstreet



In 2022, Winster's church bells rang out in joyous peals to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, tolled her death and funeral, and pealed once again for the accession of King Charles III. Well, OK, maybe not – we only occasionally hear them today. But in past centuries, they would have rung for such events of royal and national significance. For example, after the Battle of Trafalgar, in 1805, they likely tolled the death of Nelson between

peals of victory. On standby to warn of invasion or national emergency, their main use would of course, have been to summon the faithful to services, village weddings and funerals. Factor in Mayday, New Year, Rogationtide, 5<sup>th</sup> of November and the holidays marked in the Book of Common Prayer, and it's clear they would have been a key part of Winster's soundscape.

In England, it was also common for bells to chime out political allegiance, for example, conveying satisfaction or condemnation of election results. When Queen Caroline was acquitted in 1821 peals of joy rang out across the land, despite the church and government condemning their inappropriate use. Bells were often rung to show deference, celebrating the birthdays, coming of age or even passage through the village of local dignitaries. Yet, they also rang out resistance. In 1785, dumb peals (with the bells wrapped in leather to muffle them) rang, up and down the country, in response to William Pitt's Shop Tax. Our recent disastrous budget surely warranted this form of ironic 'slow clap.'

It's often claimed that Winster is one of the few places where the Curfew Bell is still rung. Clearly that's a myth, and Geoff Lester tells me that no-one living remembers it. It seems that it died out with the disruptions of the First World War, but that prior to that Bell 4 was rung at 8pm (7pm on Saturdays) between November and the end of February, each year. Curfew bells were rung to remind people to smother (not necessarily extinguish completely) their fires, before going to bed. William I brought them in by law to discourage rebellious meetings among the conquered English. Later, they simply marked time, but the tradition lingered on in the Peak because they occasionally saved lives – guiding walkers, lost on the hillsides, back to safety.

In the main, sound leaves no trace, so it's hard to know with certainty when the bells rang or how they made people think, feel or act. There tends to be just the odd written comment.



For example, Llewellyn Jewitt (historian, resident of Winster Hall, 1868-80) noted that they rang for Shrove Tuesday, prompting the school to recess for a 'half-holiday,' when 'every urchin went home to dine on that annual dish.' In 1897, the Winster Parochial Magazine describes how the morning of Queen Victoria's Jubilee 'was ushered in, as was most befitting, by the sound of the old Church Bells, which doubtless arose in the hearts of all that heard them an outburst of responsive gratitude and joy - a key-note, which, with sweet recurring strains, dominated the festivities of the day.' By May 1914, however, the Magazine tells us that that the peals were 'faulty' and 'unharmonic.'

Mostly, we are left with records tangential to the history of the sound itself. The magazine records the appointment of bellringers and the cost of recasting cracked bells. For example, 7p was paid on 29<sup>th</sup> December 1769 for mending 'the great bell' – just in time to ring in the New Year (according to 'chronicles' published in 1888), while £17, 6s, 6d was spent on a recast bell, new ropes, wheel, and carriage in 1892. According to Jewitt, bell no. 5 was sent off to Warner and Sons in London in 1859 to be recast, but it didn't return until 1865, when Ralph Staley (onetime landlord of the Bowling Green) arranged its delivery. The Church managed with four bells in the interim. And in June 1918, 'a regrettable accident in the belfry' occurred. In the village magazine, the vicar, W. H. Nixon, notes that Mr A. Roberts, the Parish Clerk, had 'rung the bells for 33 years and loved to get full tone out of them and was never happier than when ringing them.' That September, Nixon apologised for the inconvenience during Roberts' recovery and pleaded with parishioners to be 'patient' and 'not demand the impossible'. More detail is given by the Derbyshire Courier, who explains that Roberts severed four fingers of his left hand when 'the bell swung completely over, and the bell rope becoming completely entangled around the sexton's hand, he was drawn up to the belfry ceiling, and his hand was jammed in the narrow opening through which the rope passes.'

Perhaps the most interesting bell-related notice in the magazine, was placed in April 1893, in reference to the Burial Laws Amendment Act. It notes that 'the tolling of the Bell cannot be claimed a legal right - but is allowed solely by the courtesy of the incumbent.' This Act had given non-Anglican Christians the right to be buried in the churchyard, and so here we are informed that we should not expect the bells to toll at non-Conformist burials as a matter of course, and that this would be at the vicar's prerogative – one suspects for a fee. Non-Conformists wanting use of the church bells had been an issue of wider national debate for decades. Despite this tension, the bells played an important role in fostering village community, expressing, and rousing shared emotions and creating a sense of place.

Today it's the church clock (made in 1894 by Potts of Leeds – now Smiths of Derby) that we hear day-to-day. It's something we villagers share – its bells punctuate our days, marking the hours and the passing of each fifteen minutes. But how many of us realise that the clock needs rewinding every 5 days, and that this is a physical effort taking at least 15 minutes, using a chain to pull the clockwork back to the beginning, over 100 turns? There are three drums to wind, for the clock, hour and quarter past chimes, and each drum weighs several hundred kilos. The clock which preceded our current one is depicted in the painting that hangs in the church. With its birdcage movement, it would have needed winding daily.

Today, the role is shared by 10 people, however, over the course of the clock's history there have been those who have served this duty over long periods. Not least, Douglas Hawksworth (1895-1960 – Blacksmith of Mount View, West Bank), who pencilled his name into its cabinet doors multiple times between 1909 (aged 14) and 1944 (aged 49). This final signing was of course during the war, during which it is thought the clock was silenced, though the time maintained. How did Douglas know the correct time, in the days before internet and the speaking clock? Probably by updating the time on his pocket-watch at Darley station.

For all this work by unsung heroes, I probably only notice the clock chime once or twice a day. Just now, it struck eleven. Or was it noon? Did I miss a bell? Looking out over the rooftops of Winster, I wonder how many others heard them too. Suppose every time we notice the bells, we paused to think for a moment about others in the village and wished them well? If you are not asleep or too busy partying, why not do this when the bells strike midnight at New Year? We might start by thanking Bernard Bowler and the rest of the clock-winding team!

### **Learn bellringing**

In July, I had a go at bellringing at an open day at Elton Church. It's good exercise - the bells are heavy to pull and listening and coordination skills are developed. "Change ringing" takes years to learn. However, Elton church welcomes new bellringers and provides full training. They are a friendly team who round off their sessions in the pub!

### **Finally**

If you would like to know more about the dates of the bells and their inscriptions see Lewellyn Jewitt's description under the Winster entry at <https://www.whittingsociety.org.uk/old-ringing-books/jewitt-bells-derbyshire-file-01.pdf>

Many thanks to Jo Banks, Geoff Lester, Bernard Bowler, Steven White and Roland Corfield for their help with this article.

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### **Thank You Letter**

We a Ukrainian family, thank our hosts Marg and Geoff, Rod and Jan for hosting us. Thank you for your support, we worked together to achieve a really positive outcome.

We are also very happy that we have made first British good friends in Winster in the last 6 months. Thank you all for your contribution to our positive stay.

We have moved into our new house in Matlock and we hope to see you soon.

Best wishes

Anna, Kristina, Galyna and Peter

## **Thank you everybody for a magnificent response to the appeal**

In the May edition of this magazine we asked for your help to support those from Ukraine arriving to stay in Winster. Generosity flowed across the bar at The Old Bowling Green in the form of cash donations to the sum of just over £2560. Thanks go to Marilyn and David who acted as treasurers, kept the accounts and looked after the funds which have now been distributed to those who arrived. The Elton Quiz fundraising donations were given to the guests who arrived to stay both there and in Gratton.

We had to be cautious with distributions as we suspected arrivals would be staggered over time. It turned out to be exactly so with individuals and small groups coming into the village on different dates and in very different circumstances. All needed a place of safety in which to live, a warm welcome and emotional support. Your donations formed a very important part of this process by offering reassurance that there was both a welcome and immediate help for them to buy food and other essentials.

Some Ukrainian guests have now left for other parts of the country to work and continue in tertiary education while others remain in the area but not in the village. Adults have found work and children have settled into schools with skills in the English language improving so rapidly it is as though they have lived here for years rather than months.

Thanks to your enormous generosity we have been hugged and witnessed tears of gratitude from those you have helped. Please accept our thanks for all you have done to make it possible to materially support people living here as their own country is at war.

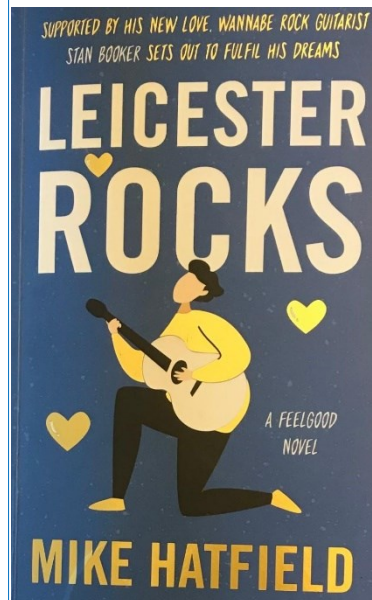
The small sum left over after equal division of the funds, all of which went to Ukrainian guests, was donated to Jigsaw Foodbank at the Village Shop as Jigsaw has been supporting arrivals with food.

Touchingly, one guest told us: 'Winster is now my Motherland in England'. Thank you to everyone who made it possible for a guest to feel such a strong emotional connection to the village. The fund has now closed but the memory of your generosity will linger on.

**WISHING ALL OF MY FRIENDS  
AND NEIGHBOURS IN WINSTER  
A HAPPY CHRISTMAS  
FROM HOWARD WEBSTER**



## Leicester Rocks the Musical 2 is coming



Mike's novel told in words  
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For one night only,  
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Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February  
at 7.30 pm

An eclectic mixture of pop and  
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local musicians:

The band: Martha and Sam  
Mckenzie, keyboard, guitar and  
vocals, Paul Tozer drums, Tim Freeman guitar, John  
Hawkins sax, John Grisswell bass guitar.  
Narrators: Sharon Hawkins and Mike Hatfield.

Bar available.

Tickets £9 will be available in early January from  
Winster Post Office or Mike Hatfield on 650468, or  
email [hatfieldmike65@yahoo.com](mailto:hatfieldmike65@yahoo.com)



*Janette and John Ashworth wish  
all their Winster friends and  
neighbours a very happy Christ-  
mas and a wonderful new year*

**Anne Walters, of Darley Dale, would  
like to wish all her friends a Very  
Merry Christmas and a Happy and  
Healthy New Year**



**Roland & Janet Corfield, of Darley  
Dale, would like to wish their  
friends a Very Merry Christmas  
and a Happy and Healthy New Year**

**Wishing a Happy Christmas  
and healthy New Year  
To all of our friends in Winster  
From Pam and Mike Hatfield**



**Pat Coleman and David  
Frederickson of West Bank wish  
everyone in Winster a Merry  
Christmas and a Happy New Year**



As some of you are aware I have negotiated with the Post Office to make closing Tuesdays and Thursdays permanent.

I have suffered with back, knee and joint pain (arthritis) problems for 39 years now. Already having had spinal surgery in 2000 and a new hip this year. My knees are kept at bay by steroid injections. Since the hip surgery my back hasn't settled down and I'm finding it very uncomfortable to stand and twisting in my little office for a full week. It is helping no end having those in-between days off and I must now put myself first.

**These are the permanent hours going forward commencing 1st of November 2022:**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9am-5pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>closed</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9am-5pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>closed</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9am-5pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9am-12.30pm</b>

If anyone has any questions, please email [postoffice@winster.org](mailto:postoffice@winster.org)  
Or call 01629650668, If I'm busy leave your name and number and I'll call you back. Thankyou, Carolyn

**Derbyshire Dales Impact Report**  
**April - September 2022**



<b>People accessing the Citizens Advice Service</b>	<b>905</b>
<b>Client contacts</b> (appointments and sessions carried out with clients)	<b>2,919</b>
<b>Clients' problems tackled</b>	<b>6,259</b>

The full report is too long for inclusion in the magazine, but I am happy to forward it to you. Please contact me at [mag@winster.org](mailto:mag@winster.org)— Gabi

## *Winster Parish Council*

### **Tree Work**

The parish council have approached Derbyshire Dales District Council regarding maintenance of the trees on the verge to the front of Leacroft Road. DDDC have since tendered and awarded a contract to undertake pruning works. The works include:

Prune 8 semi-mature limes

1. Canopy lift to provide 5m clearance over road,
2. Canopy lift to provide 3m clearance over grass,
3. Removal of lower stem epicormics,
4. Prune to provide 1m clearance from street lights,
5. Prune small diameter branches only (max cut diameter approx. 20mm) to prevent pressure on phone cables passing through canopies.

Prune 1 early-mature hawthorn:

6. Remove deadwood and prune remaining live wood to shape canopy and provide approx. 30cm clearance from bus stop shelter.

All arisings to be removed. Site to be left clean and tidy.

The works should be undertaken in the coming weeks. Please be aware that the contractors may request for vehicles parked on Wensley Road to be moved, in order to undertake the roadside work.

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### **CHAIR'S CHAT**

Winster Parish Council has joined forces with the Burton Institute Management Committee and the Café in the Church to launch a 'Winter Warmer' Café. To begin with this will be open in the Jubilee Room on one morning a week (Wednesday 10am to 1pm). There will be coffee and tea and other refreshments provided (I think that means cake) and we hope Winster people will want to come by and spend some time with friends and neighbours during the coming winter.

We want the Café to be for everybody, so we are linking up with the Lunc-eon Club and the Seniors Group who also hold their activities at the Burton Institute once a week and we will explore what other activities people might like to take part in. We have a screen so a film club has been suggested. The BI also has wi-fi so we can help with any online issues you may have. If you work from home and want a break or just want to share some time with friends and neighbours then we hope you will drop in and use the café.

We are applying for financial support for this from Derbyshire County Council's 'Warm Spaces' fund. We will use this to improve the Jubilee Room and make it a more comfortable and welcoming space to spend time in.

## Recipe Corner— Penny Pincher Mincemeat



This month's festive themed recipe is courtesy of resident Gwen Grove. It's a penny pincher, designed to stretch the pricier jars of mincemeat further, to create a multitude of festive puddings for less.

Take 2lbs of peeled diced apples (windfalls are fine) few drops of lemon juice, tsp cinnamon, couple pinches of mixed spice, 2 tbsp of sugar, few drops of vanilla essence, tbsp of any red jam. Cook gently on the hob until the apples have softened. Remove from heat and stir in 2 jars of ready made mincemeat. At this time you can add a few drop of your favourite tippie. This should fill 4 jars. Use just as you would your mincemeat (filling pies, or crumbles) and it makes a really delicious apple strudel too!

Thanks Gwen, not that any of us needed one but now we have double the excuse to eat delicious seasonal pud's !

Do you have a family favourite recipe to share with the mag? If so please get in touch, telling me why you like making it! [Rachel@winster.org](mailto:Rachel@winster.org)



I have a few items from the dismantled Halloween shop window. If they're yours, please get in touch so I can return them to you? [Rachel@winster.org](mailto:Rachel@winster.org). If you don't want them back, or no owner comes forward I'll pass them onto the kids Halloween party organiser for reuse in the Burton Institute. Thank you

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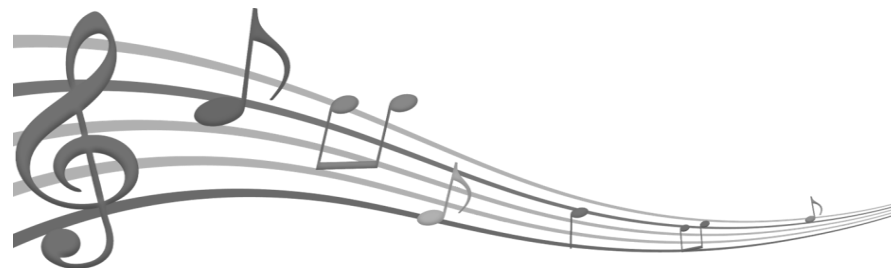
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## **SAVE THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY: FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY**

Why? Because that's when I'm organising in the Burton Institute a show called 'From Here to Absurdity: an Evening of Comic Songs with Paul Thompson'. This will be a mix of Jake Thackray, Flanders and Swann, Tom Lehrer, Richard Stilgoe and Victoria Wood.

It'll be 'bring your own food and drink' and cabaret seating, so numbers will be limited, first come first served. If you'd like to put your name on the list before I make tickets available to the general public, please email me and tell me how many to reserve, £10 each. Profits to Winster Twinning. Thanks.

Geoff Lester - [geoff.orchardmine@gmail.com](mailto:geoff.orchardmine@gmail.com)

### **Are you looking for something new to do? Do you want a little project? Why not volunteer to decorate the Winster Village Shop window?**

There are approximately 12 window changes to do each year. It's always interesting to see what the new display is, and it's good for the shop for the window to stay interesting and pertinent to the seasons and events in the village year. It really does bring in the customers and if we want to keep our shop, it must have its customers.

Right now, there are only a handful of people who are doing this and they could do with a bit of help. Amongst our recent volunteer window-dressers have been some of our wonderful children. Under a bit of adult supervision, they have come up with some fabulous displays, which we have all been able to enjoy. So, all children's ideas will be welcome and given consideration

Doing a window has been fun for a couple of families and it could be for yours too.

Maybe you have a particular event or group/society you would like to highlight? Perhaps you have some "local interest" treasures stashed away which you'd like other people to see.

If you have no idea of what to do, I could guide you and provide some basic decoration.

It isn't difficult and I will always help with advice. You only need to try once and you won't be committed for more, unless you want to be, of course!

At the moment the pressing need is for a "New Year 2023" display. If you would like to help out by doing this or any throughout the year, just let me know by phone 650303, text 07836512149 or by email [aliabsolute@hotmail.com](mailto:aliabsolute@hotmail.com), or just grab me as I'm out and about and I'll have a chat.



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# FUN & PUZZLE CORNER

Hidden words may run horizontally, vertically, diagonally, forwards and backwards!

Did you hear about the population of Ireland's capital? It's Dublin.

Why did the opera singer go sailing? She wanted to hit the high Cs.

What did the calculator say to the math student? You can count on me.

What kind of music do planets listen to? Nep-tunes.

Why did the golfer wear two pairs of pants? In case he got a hole in one.

How does the ocean say hello? It waves.

When is a car not a car? When it turns into a road.

How do you impress a female baker? Bring her flours.

## Wordsearch! Random Words

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## Sudoku

Don't forget a move is invalid if:

- ◆ Any row contains more than one of the same number from 1 to 9
- ◆ Any column contains more than one of the same number from 1 to 9
- ◆ Any 3x3 grid contains more than one of the same number from 1 to 9

Solutions on page 28

## *News from St. John's*

### **Cafe in the Church at St John's on 18<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

The Cafe in the Church will be taking place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec from 2pm so you can come and enjoy delicious cakes and scones again. Christmas craft activities will be available for children of all ages! This will be followed at 6pm by the Carol Service.



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

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am – morning prayer for Advent

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – 6pm – informal Christmas celebration when you can pick your own carols. Mince pies and drinks will be served.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 6pm – Carol Service

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 9pm – Christmas Eve Communion Service.



### **Services at St Mary's S. Darley and St Helen's Darley Dale**

There are several services in Dec at St Mary's and St Helen's. These include:

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 6pm Advent Carols at St Helen's, with Cromford Band.

Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 11am Holy Communion at St Helen's

Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 11am United Benefice Family Service at St Helen's

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 6pm Carol Service at St Helen's with the Cromford Band and Tinderbox Choir

Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 4pm Carol Service at St Mary's

Christmas Day – 11am Holy Communion at St Helen's

- 10am Family Service at St Mary's.

The Service on New Year's Day will be 11am at St Helen's.

**Happy  
Christmas**

### **Donations from Winster village**

We have had a letter from the Jigsaw Foodbank thanking St John's for the £203 which was given for them in the harvest service offering. Several carrier bags of food were also donated to them. A donation of £82 from the Remembrance Service collection has been sent to the British Legion. Twenty shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child have been donated.

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## *Letter from Reverend Stephen Monk*

I'm writing on the 12<sup>th</sup> November and already I am sick of Christmas adverts!! Under all the good will and the sentimental adverts there's a root that just wants us to spend money. The church has been rightly criticised of various things in the last year and quite rightly so. But the church is made up of sinners who are trying to be better than they are. I'm a sinner, but I'm praying that I can be more like Jesus. More loving, caring and more compassionate. I want us to make our community and world better. We need the 'Christmas Spirit', not the ones in the adverts. but the real respect and care for each other. I know we're a long way off, but I also know we can do much better when we work together. Thing of the past few years?

During Covid – 19 there was an outpouring of kindness and compassion alongside the great and devastating wave of loss. But, as Henri Nouwen Said; *“Let us not underestimate how hard it is to be compassionate. Compassion is hard because it requires the inner disposition to go with others to a place where they are weak, vulnerable, lonely, and broken. But this is not our spontaneous response to suffering. What we desire most is to do away with suffering by fleeing from it or finding a quick cure for it.”* In a nice children story book that would be possible. But this isn't a child's story. Advent - these next few weeks in which the church invited us to be more aware of our common humanity and all the challenges this brings with it. The really amazing point is that Jesus freely chose, out of love for all humanity, yes, that includes you. You are so precious and so unique. For Christians this can be a bit of a challenge. For Jesus comes to save all people. This means we cannot rest on our pews but we have to be open to invite people to come and know the Lord. May I do that now? You are very precious and I'd like to invite you to come and know the Lord in a deeper way. Come and ask questions and come and sing carols and be part of our Christian family. And for all of us we need to be more compassionate and loving and a lot less judgemental and arrogant. As I tell my boys, 'they are no better than anyone else, and no one else is better than them.' This Advent, may we all be more compassionate to people of our community and to those abroad also in desperate need. Henri Nouwen continued in a sermon by saying; *“Compassion asks us to go where it hurts, to enter into the places of pain, to share in brokenness, fear, confusion, and anguish. Compassion challenges us to cry out with those in misery, to mourn with those who are lonely, to weep with those in tears. Compassion requires us to be weak with the weak, vulnerable with the vulnerable, and powerless with the powerless. Compassion means full immersion in the condition of being human.”*

*Jesus Christ came to our history to remind people of the truth; that every man, woman and child is so very special in God's sight and in Jesus' experience of our world he has an understanding of our brokenness. So, please join me in Advent is spending extra time in prayer and reading your bible. Equally, join me in giving money to the foodbank in Matlock. As Christians we sincerely believe in life before death.*

*And may I repeat my invitation to invite you to our services and Carol services. No one is outside the love of God and that is what we celebrate at Christmas time. Reminds us all of that. We celebrate this love and joy and challenge to walk with all people in need. Not just at Christmas but all year round. May I wish you and your loved ones peace and love this Christmas. God Bless you all..*

With Kind Regards and every prayer.

Rev'd Stephen Monk (Rector Darley Dale, South Darley & Winstor)

## The Bonsall Narrowboat

It's coming up to 20 years since the Bonsall Boat Club was formed in 2003 and, in that time, the families who own a share in the boat have cruised most of the waterways of England and Wales. The group consists of eight families who live in Bonsall and three other families who are friends.

We have found that shared ownership is a very affordable way to get afloat on the rivers and canals. There are two costs involved: the cost of buying a share, which is refunded if the share is sold; and the non-refundable annual running costs (including the Canal and River Trust licence, insurance, servicing and any repairs). These are divided pro-rata according to each family's shareholding and we have found that this is considerably cheaper than the cost of hiring a canal boat.

Burland is a 50-foot narrowboat, professionally fitted out in 1996 with six berths to accommodate larger families and/or guests. The bedroom has a double bed and the dining area and the sitting area, which has a stove, both convert into double beds. There is a kitchen (or galley), shower and separate toilet. It is fully equipped with all the pans, utensils, cutlery and crockery to prepare meals if families do not wish to eat out in the many waterside pubs and restaurants along the way.

When the boat leaves its winter mooring in March, each family picks it up wherever it happens to be on the agreed handover day. Everyone feels that Burland is their own boat when they are on board.

Overall, we see the shared boat as an excellent and affordable way to explore the waterways, especially for people who enjoy canal boating but might otherwise consider owning a narrowboat to be beyond their means.

This year, a shareholding has become available and if you would like more information, please get in touch with the group's Hon. Sec., **Peter Fellows**, on 01629 825267 or pfellows@btinternet.com.



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