Winster Village Magazine July 2025

50p non-residents

Secret Gardens of Winster

Gardens, cream teas, live music, plant sales, illuminated mine shaft, vintage cars

Saturday 19th July and Sunday 20th July

£6 per person gets you into more than 20 enchanting gardens. £9 per person gives you access on both days

Secret Gardens of Winster

Advance Notice of Event Road Closure for Through Traffic – East Bank and West Bank

In view of event safety and to improve the experience of visitors, volunteers and residents during the event, the Secret Gardens of Winster Committee has applied to the District Council for the closure of both East and West Bank on **Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th July between 1:00pm to 6.00pm.**

During these times, road closures will be in place at the bottom of East Bank and West Bank (both adjacent to Main Street), and at the top of West Bank (adjacent to the Poor House). Please be assured that volunteers based at the road closure signs will allow access to residents, emergency vehicles and event minibuses at all times. A diversion will be set up via the Elton crossroads for through traffic to avoid East Bank and West Bank.

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If you have any questions about the road closure, please contact Nick Bradley on 01629 650204.

Many thanks, the Secret Gardens of Winster Committee.

Regular Village Activities including Mobile Library

Stay and Play, Primary School, Friday's—term time only 9:30-11:30, for parents and carers of infants and young children. Free. Refreshments provided. Contact: Kerry McClay 07760161785

Senior Club, Burton Institute, Fridays, 10am - 12noon **will continue throughout the summer by popular demand**

Yoga, Burton Institute, Tuesdays 6.15-7.45pm, June Hine 650994

Chair Based Exercise -every Thursday **1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m**. Burton Institute - please note change of start and end times - effective immediately

~~**Morris Dancers Practice,** Burton Institute, Tuesdays 8pm~~
Practice has ended - back in October. Now it's performance time! Events will be featured in the magazine

Shorter walks of 4-6 miles, first & third Tuesday of each month, easy pace. Meet at the Old Bowling Green at 9.45am. Bring own drink & snack. Usually ending with pub or café lunch. Contact: Anthea Rawlence: a.j.rawlence@btinternet.com or 01629 650480 or 07860140435

Longer walks of approx. 8 miles, second Tuesday of each month, meeting at the Old Bowling Green at 9.45am. Bring own drink, snack & packed lunch. Contact: Steve Edgar: steve.edgar1@btinternet.com or 07977148748 or Katharine Edgar: katharine.edgar@btinternet.com or 07875655243

~~**Winster Community Café Hub** - Jubilee Room, Wednesdays, 10.30 am - 12.30 pm~~ **Closed until Autumn - last Hub was April 30th**

Parish Council Meeting - First Monday of the month, 7pm, Burton Institute

Post Office Closed - Every Tuesday and Thursday

The Cafe in the Church - St John's Every Saturday and Sunday 1pm to 4pm

Pickleball **- weather permitting -** Call Anthea 07860 140435
10:30 – 12:30 **Saturdays**.
19:00 - 21:00 **Tuesday and Thursday evenings**

Barre Fitness Classes at the Burton Institute. Wednesdays 9.15am, 10.30am & 5.45pm. Various classes to suit your ability. Contact **Samantha** on 07852299927

Winster Sunday Sing, Say & Play! The Church Inn, Churchtown, Darley Dale. Every 1st Sunday evening 8pm start. Come and have a sing – all welcome – great for your health!

Community E-Bike Rides - Free to Winster residents with an e-bike. Dates in the diary Thursday 24th July and Thursday 18th September - Meeting 10am at the Bank Top Cafe. Contact Andrew Talbot on 07525 464003 for more info

Mobile Library Friday
9:30 -10:00 am

opposite village shop

4th Jul,
1st Aug,
29th Aug

Village Organisations and Contacts

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Post Office: Sub-Postmistress:	Carolyn Ludlam - **postoffice@winster.org**	650668
Opening Hours:	Mon, Wed, Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 9am-12.30pm	
Doctors Surgery:	Mon, Wed 8.30am-12pm, 2pm-6pm.	650207
Opening Hours:	Tues, Thurs 8.30am-12.30pm. Fri 8.30am-1pm.	
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Treasurer:	Keith Deacon **keith@winster.org**	
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Winster Dial-a-Ride:	Deborah Hofman **deborah.hofman@icloud.com**	07785 547819

Wakes Week Hill Run – 3rd July

Calling all runners and fun runners

The pre-registration for this year's Hill Run is open on-line by going to the village website

winster.org/pages/winster-hill-race

It's £5.00 or pre-entry or £7.00 on the night. You don't pay until you come to collect your number before the race so it's cheaper to pre-enter. Pre-registration closes at midnight on 2nd July.

Many Winster residents and locals have done the race over the years and it's well worth entering whether you are a regular or it's a once only event. I fell into the latter category and came in a resounding last in my 50th year – but I'm still really glad I did it, and I got a good cheer when I crossed the finish line. You wouldn't be the only one walking some stretches of Birchover and Dudwood Lanes, if you need a breather.

For those more competitive souls the course record currently stands at 22 minutes 30 seconds for the men and 25 minutes 54 seconds for women – can you beat it?

To enable us to hold this event within England Athletics guidance for race operators', entrants for the race must be 14 years on or before race day to compete.

Registration desks will be open outside the Market House as usual, from 5.45pm closing at 6.50pm for runners to either enter on the night, or collect and pay for their number if they have pre-registered. Cash payments only please.

For those who permanently live within the Winster Parish Boundary there is the additional chance to win the 'Fastest Local' trophy – so please join in if you can.

Calling all Volunteers

If you would be willing to come and help Marshall the race or operate the registration desks we'd love to hear from you.

It does take a considerable number of volunteers to enable this event to succeed so your help is needed and would be very much appreciated.

If you are interested in volunteering on the evening then either, email **winsterhillrace@gmail.com** or call Alison on 01629 650613

Many thanks - Hill Race Organisers

Winster Pickleball Update

From now on Pickleball will be played three times a week – Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings.

All welcome – we have spare paddles and happy to show you the game. Contact Anthea tel 650480 or 07860 140435.

During Carnival Week there will only be Pickleball on Saturday morning.

Secret Gardens - 19th and 20th July - Can you help?

We have had a wonderful response from garden openers this year, with some new gardens, some returners, and many loyal gardeners who have opened their gardens year on year, and have become much loved favourites with our visitors. We have some lovely additional attractions this year including crafts, vintage cars, musical performances, the art exhibition in the church and for the first time this year, an illuminated mine shaft.

If you are not opening your garden, but could spare a few hours over the weekend of 19th and 20th July, we would love to hear from you as we still need more volunteers to help at our refreshment venues, to help set up equipment and to clear down afterwards.

ROADS CLOSED AROUND WINSTER

A: At Wensley Road, for water repairs

B: Between Winster and Wensley, for resurfacing

C: Main Street, for Carnival

D: East Bank and West Bank (resident access not affected), for Secret Gardens

Tuesday	**24 Jun**	**A**	From 0800 …
Wednesday	**25 Jun**	**A**	[closed 24 hours]
Thursday	**26 Jun**	**A**	… to 1600

Special arrangements have been made, for school pupils only, on these dates. Other bus users will see no service on Tuesday or Wednesday. Services will resume after 1600 Thursday (or sooner if works finish early).

Tuesday	**1 Jul**	**B**	0900-1500, 1600-**1800**
Wednesday	**2 Jul**	**B**	0900-1500, 1600-2000
Saturday	**5 Jul**	**C**	1300-1700
Sunday	**13 Jul**	**B**	"All Day"
Monday	**14 Jul**	**B**	0900-1500, 1600-2000
Tuesday	**15 Jul**	**B**	0900-1500, 1600-2000
Saturday	**19 Jul**	**D**	1300-1800
Sunday	**20 Jul**	**D**	1300-1800

Andrew's buses tell us that while the road is closed, no buses will call at Winster and the nearest stop will be at Elton Crossroads.

Dates in red: Despite repeated requests, neither Andrew's nor Derbyshire County Council have been able to tell us which afternoon buses will run on these days. Parents of pupils at Highfields and Lady Manners should ask the school for confirmation of how their children will get home on these dates.

Winster Parish Council
18 Jun 2025

To offer your help, please get in touch with Gill Wharton (650608) or Pam Hatfield (650468), as they are sorting the volunteer teams.

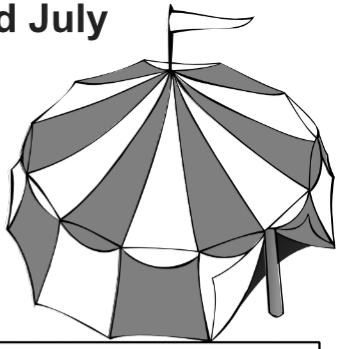
Do please encourage your friends and relatives to come to Secret Gardens - and help us raise much needed funds for so many good causes across Winster.

It's a brilliant afternoon out, and shows Winster at its very best.

Thank you

Secret Gardens of Winster Committee

Winster Country Show - 3rd July



Hello Winster People!

Today, as I write this for the July edition of the Winster Village Mag, it's only six weeks away from the Winster Country Show. By the time you read this, it may only be two weeks away. The old tempus fugit dunnit? Which is why I'm reminding you to get finishing your projects now.

Have you painted a picture? Have you grown some flowers? Have you got your plans for a door decoration? What about that bookshelf you were building? Are they nearly ready? The marquee is booked, the bunting is made, the judges are chosen, and the plans are all in place. It's going to be a lovely day.

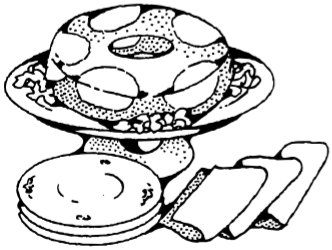
Here's a reminder of the timings

08.00-11.45 entries to be brought to the marquee

12.00-14.00 closed for judging

14.00 to 16.30 open for viewing and refreshments

Entry forms available online from Winster.org or the Winster Village Shop, both from 11th June



And now the BIG request...Cakes please! Buns, cookies, tray-bakes, gluten-free. We need them all for the refreshments. If you like baking but don't want to be in a competition, now is when we need you. Any cakes at all would be more than welcome.
We are hoping for a good crowd this year as we are opening up to our neighbours in the surrounding villages, so there will be a need for quite a few more of our goodies.

Please! We'll be very grateful.
Further enquiries to aliabsolute@hotmail.com

Exciting News!

At last...a Winster Tea Towel.

Has there ever been a Winster Tea Towel? Alison Briddon, Rose Welch and I have been here for many years and could not remember ever seeing or hearing about one.

We thought a tea towel would make a great fundraising item to benefit our Community Shop during its celebratory 20th anniversary year.

The Board of Winster Shop agreed to finance production costs with all proceeds from sales going directly to support the shop and Nick Clapham joined us partway through the design process to represent the views of The Board.

Designed in Winster and made in England, the printers hope to deliver the finished article to us in mid July which could mean the tea towels will be on sale in the shop in time for Secret Gardens.

Thank you to everyone who gave us permission to use their suggestions, drawings and photos free of charge. We couldn't use every one of these otherwise the tea towel would have ended up the size of a football pitch!

Jean Dugmore

Winster Wakes and Carnival Archive Project

On Monday 30th June, during Wakes Week, there is an opportunity to see and hear about how the work on preserving photographs, documents and memorabilia of the village during Wakes Week and Carnival is progressing. It will be in the Jubilee Room from 4.0 – 6.0 pm.

There will be the chance to see the website on the big screen. There will be pictures of past carnivals and other activities and some very interesting old photograph albums, and photos from the past that people have given to the project. There will also be demonstrations of the equipment we are using. Everyone is very welcome and some of you may spot past photos of yourself, friends and relatives during Wakes Week. There will be refreshments and some 'freebies' too.

Services at St. John's Winster, St. Mary's South Darley, St. Helen's Darley Dale

6th July: 10 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Mary's

11 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Helen's

2 p.m. Open Door at St. Helen's

4:15 p.m. Informal service at St. John's

13th July: 8 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) at St. Helen's

11 a.m All Age Community Service at St. Helen's

20th July: 10 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Mary's

` 11 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Helen's

27th July: 10 a.m. Morning worship at St. Mary's

11 a.m. New Beginnings at St. Helen's, cafe open 10:30

4:15 p.m. Informal Service at St. John's

Electoral Register Canvass Letters

The annual canvass is about to start which is a check on the accuracy and completeness of the electoral register.

Residents will be contacted by Derbyshire Dales District Council by letter around the 18 July 2025.

If the canvass form the household receives states that a response is required or if the information contained in the letter is incorrect or requires updating, please respond as soon as possible.

Full instructions on how to respond can be found within the form.

If there are new electors in a household their names should be added to any response.

Households should remember to add the names of any 16- or 17-year old's as they can and should register to vote (but they will not be able to vote until their 18th birthday).

If any households are unsure as to what to do or need any help completing their response, they should contact the District Council by calling 01629 761335 or emailing **electoral@derbyshiredales.gov.uk**

If they do not receive a response to the initial canvass communication a reminder, and therefore a response to the initial communication, would be appreciated.

Winster Common

Do you value Winster Common?

Would you be interested in joining a group to manage and maintain the common in the future?

Historically, parts of Winster Common at Bank Top were used as a tip and later grazing land for both parishioners and drovers of cattle. These uses have effectively been abandoned for many years. No common rights of grazing were claimed at the time of the registration under the Commons Registration Act 1965.

The two parcels of common at Shothouse are privately owned, unlike the Bank Top parcels having no recorded landowner. Winster Parish Council has powers by virtue of Section 45 Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000 to protect the common against unlawful interference, but its powers to spend monies on maintenance or improvement is restricted by statute.

In 1989 a group of people from Winster came together and formed 'The Friends of Winster Common'. The group developed a plan and raised funding leading to the completion between 1989 & 1990 of extensive removal of areas overwhelmed by intrusive alien weeds, land reforming to address former unmanageable tip areas, seeding, tree planting and the provision of seating.

In recent years concerns have been expressed on how the common at Bank Top has been managed. I have been asked to consider reviving The Friends of Winster Common group with a view to managing the common in a sustainable, affordable way, in the future. I'm happy to do this and several Winster residents have offered to join the group.

If you would like to join the group, please drop me an email rob.gtx68@talktalk.net and let's see what happens.

Rob Greatorex

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Objection to Annual Accounts (2023-4)

The result of the external audit has been received and reported to Parish Council at the meeting on June 2nd. This work was only occasioned because of a challenge from a Winster resident to the Annual Accounts for 2023-4; an objection that could have been discussed and resolved with the Clerk if the objector had wanted to be helpful to the village.

Sadly, because of the objection, an external audit was required. The cost of this will be approximately £3,500 (including VAT). The auditor upheld five of the six objections, but took no further action after accepting the Parish Council's response to the issues raised and noting the changes we have already made to remedy the situation. The auditor was aware that it is the village that bears the cost and did not, therefore, charge us for all the hours she spent dealing with the matter.

The cost of this expensive and unnecessary piece of work will fall on Winster Parish Council. It is money wasted and each of us will have their own ideas of how it could have been better spent to the benefit of the village.

At its meeting on June 2nd Winster Parish Council noted the Audit report.

David Frederickson

Chair, Winster Parish Council

Reporting Suspected Gas Leaks

Following a recent serious gas leak to a property on Leacroft Road, could we please urge anyone who smells or suspects they smell gas, to report it immediately. Even if you smell it outside, it could be a serious issue and may come from a nearby property. Not everyone can smell gas and the resident therefore be unaware, or the property could be currently unoccupied. Reporting a gas leak is very easy, ring the emergency gas leak number on **0800 111 999**. The number can be found through any search of a similar term on the internet. The phone is answered immediately and someone will be at the location within the hour. There are ageing mains gas pipes in some locations in Winster, which were the culprit in this case, and the PC is pushing Cadent for dates for their replacement.

Parking to the road at the bottom of the triangle.

We understand that parking close to the junction at the bottom of the triangle opposite the Miners Standard continues to pose issues for residents. If vehicles are parked too close to the junction, it is often not possible to turn past them, and in attempting to do so, people can damage their own vehicles or to avoid it, have to reverse back out blind onto the main road. The PC has raised this issue multiple times with the police and PCSO in the past, hoping to get some markings or signage to prevent it. However, our concerns have been effectively ignored. Therefore, if residents could report these issues to police on the non-emergency number **101** when they occur, it may help to get some action taken.

Winster Pond & Community Orchard Group

The orchard looks fantastic and thanks to local volunteers and Alderwasley School 6th Form for the pruning. The Pond is the home to 5 moor chicks!

The Annual General Meeting will take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9th July 2024 at Ashlea, Woodhouse Lane, Winster DE4 2DN. All very welcome and we hope to be outside.

Any queries please contact Anthea on a.j.rawlence@btinternet.com or 650480.

On the agenda:

- Minutes of the previous AGM 2024
- Accounts including Plant Sale
- Update on management activities during the last year
- Litter picking activities
- Election of committee
- Any other business

The 2025-26 Winster Village Quiz

The new quiz season is calling all budding Magnus Magnussons, Chris Tarrants, Anne Robinsons, and 'QI' Elves!

Looking beyond the current outdoor delights of Winster, to the arrival of the Autumn (I know - too soon!), we have the new season of the Winster Quiz on the horizon.

Running from September to March, the Quiz occupies the last Friday of each month (December date debatable, depending on the festive season). It's a great chance to pit your wits against neighbours, get to know the village, enjoy the monthly raffle, and share in providing local causes with some resources - all whilst giving the 'little grey cells' a sauntering work out.

More on the dates, times, and information coming in the August issue onwards. For now, we need to find the next season's Quiz-setters!

If you'd like to set and host a quiz, we'd love to hear from you! Find out more about what this involves before you offer your quiz-devising services, by dropping the Winster Village Quiz team a line at ***winsterquiz@outlook.com*** *- and we'll come back to you as soon as we can.*

Please also get in touch if there is a local cause that you want to suggest as a beneficiary for the proceeds of a quiz night.

Otherwise, look out for more information about the new quiz season in the magazine! We can't wait to quiz with you this Autumn!

The Winster Village Quiz Team

Winster and Elton Luncheon Club 100 Club

Thank you to all those who have subscribed to our 25/26 100 Club which makes such an important contribution to our funds. Your support is very much appreciated by the members and volunteers. The winners in our monthly draws in 2024/05 were Wei Holmgren, Clive Newton, Jason Todd x 2, Sue Thompson, Helen Dalton, Chris Hine, Susan Mills, Mavis Barker, David Atkins, Geoff Lester and David Bentley.

Should anyone still wish to subscribe, please contact Martin Brassington or me. There are numbers left!

Many thanks

Mandy Boulton - Chair - Winster and Elton Luncheon Club

Thank You

Janet, Lee, and Andy Corfield would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended Roland's funeral.

Thanks to your generosity, the funeral raised **£620.00** for local Winster charities, including the Luncheon Club, Darby and Joan, Winster School, and the Matlock Hard of Hearing Club—of which Roland was a proud member—as well as Winster Church.

We would like to offer special thanks to:

- The **bell ringers**
- **Jonathan Francis** for playing the church organ so beautifully
- The **Winster Morris Dancers** for their moving guard of honour and musical interlude
- **Andrew Bridon** for carrying the cross
- **Rosamund Hessian** for the beautiful Bible reading
- **Rev. Stephen Monk** for his caring and thoughtful service

Our gratitude also goes to **Lyndsey and the staff at The Miner's Standard** for the lovely catering and warm hospitality, and to **Alex at Thomas Greatorex Funeral Directors** for their support and professionalism.

A very special thank you to **Gwen Gascoyne**, Mum's best friend, who was Janet's rock of support during Roland's time in Long Meadows—your daily conversations meant so much. And to **Velma**, for faithfully taking Mum to visit Dad every week in the care home—thank you.

With love and appreciation,
The Corfield Family

We would just like to say "Thank you" to all who came to Mum's (Chris Crowther) funeral. It was very much appreciated. The donations came to £682, to be split between for the Stroke Association and the Donkey Sanctuary.

from Ben, Liam and Leah

Community E-Bike rides 24th July and 18th September

Following the on-going popularity of our Community eBike rides we have the next 2 dates now planned

Our next Community ride will be on Thursday 24th July when our guided tour will be the 'Bakewell Pudding Run'. This is a relatively easy route of 16 miles but also involves a little bit of field and bridleway cycling. Tour starts at 10.30am in Winster up at The Miners Standard and we should be back for 2pm.

If you can't make that one or prefer a Matlock adventure we will be running the 'Discovering Matlock and Local Villages' on Thursday 18th September. A guided 19 mile easy tour. These events are free to Winster residents who have their own e-bike - or bikes may be hired.

Further information is available from Andrew Talbot on 07525 464003

Rev'd Monk's July message

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." Psalm 24:1

July is a mixture of things to reflect on. We have long days, and warm (sometimes too hot) evenings. Gardens in full bloom, and golden fields of various crops. Yes, the countryside is alive with colour. If you're going to certain parts of the country you'll see lavender fields, with a lovely scent and the hum of bees. There are hedgerows which carry lots of fruit and farmer's are preparing for signs of harvest. It's a beautiful month. God willing it will be a month of abundance, inviting us to pause and reflect on the generosity of God's creation.

In this season, we are reminded of the fruitfulness that comes from patient tending – both in the land around us and also in the land in our lives. Just as the crops don't grow over night neither do we as spiritual and psychological beings. Remember none of us grow in a void. In my 13 years serving our parishes you have helped me grow on many levels. Christians never really grow in isolation. It's no accident our normal way of being church is gathering in fellowship around a church or in a parish. The great idea concerning the parish model is God calls together some very different people. This can be a challenge or at least a bit stressful. Remember the first Pentecost, Jesus didn't call for uniformity but for unity. Pentecost called for the first of his followers, and still calls us, to work together. Diversity is truly a gift for the church and the world.

But what stops us expressing the truth of the Gospel? What stops us talking about the love of God and his forgiveness for all people. Surely it's being 'arid', like when the soil in our gardens and beautiful county becomes so hard with lack of rain. When the rain comes down there's a real difficulty in getting the rain in the gardens and to the roots which need the water to live. We need both water to live and we need the water of God's grace to help us flourish and be the people we can be. God's grace always calls us to new life in Christ but also God calls us to go out from the safety of our churches to serve people where they are. Always remember the World is gifted to all people by God so may individuals and nations realise the Earth must be nurtured and shared with all, especially the poor, and with those countries which don't have a good infrastructure.

To be a life giving Christian we do need to prepare ourselves; just like gardens need preparing. So this July may you give yourselves time (as much as is possible) to rest, refresh, for renewal and prayer. But we all do those things to prepare ourselves to serve our Community, our World and God. May all people be led out from the desert to the life giving garden where God waits to pour His grace upon us.

May you have a restful and, for those travelling, a very safe holiday.

Love & Prayers.
Stephen Monk (Revd)

Thinking of our young people.

Let's keep praying for our young people who are waiting on exam results and also those waiting to move on to further education and employment.

Twinning News Summer 2025

Twinning has been through difficult times over the last few years with Brexit and Covid making life a little more tricky. Covid slowed down the momentum of the relationship by missing 2 years in our visiting cycle. The last time the Italians visited Winster was 2019. Brexit has affected twinning as EU grants for helping with the cost of visits have been slashed and this year, the Italians need to have passports and visas to travel to the UK (they have been previously able to travel using Identity Cards). Luckily, we have been able to counteract the reduction in EU grants by ramping up our fundraising and we are very grateful for the support we have received from the Winster community for our Burns Night and Oktoberfest events.

This year it has been difficult to confirm commitment from the Italians to visit Winster so at the beginning of June a delegation of Winster folk (14 of us) trekked over to Italy see our twinned town of Monterrubiano and see whether twinning had had its day. This was self-funded i.e. not funded by twinning - as such we stayed outside of Monterrubiano at a coastal town of Porto Sant'Elpidio.

A few weeks before our planned departure we got confirmation that a small troop of Italians (13 of them) will indeed visit Winster this year for Carnival, helped by a generous Secret Gardens grant to pay for the transport of drums, flags and costumes.

This confirmation provided a much more positive grounding for our visit to Italy. On visiting Monterrubiano the welcome was incredibly warm and a multi course feast was laid on for us like we were visiting royalty.

The marquee was decked out with Italian and Union Jack flags and the wine flowed. In the evening we saw the flag wavers rehearse their routine.

We all agreed that Twinning may change - Monterrubiano and Winster, as rural communities, experience similar problems with falling numbers of younger people and reducing numbers of children in their respective schools. For the foreseeable future it is unlikely that we will be exchanging a coachload of visitors but the essence of the relationship is still strong and there is definitely the will on both sides for it to continue.

If you see the Italians around please say a friendly "ciao"; most of them don't speak very much English but a smile and a friendly greeting will go a long way towards making them feel as welcomed as we felt on visiting their home.

The Italians will be visiting Winster 3rd July to 6th July and will be performing on the Saturday (see wakes program for details)Please contact Sharon Talbot 0754 652 7214 if you wish to be involved in twinning or are able to do taxi-ing duties during the Italian visit.

New Village Path

Winster Parish Council is delighted to announce that the eagerly awaited path linking Florence Gladwin Close to the Play Area at Woodhouse Lane has been completed.

We are very grateful to Derbyshire Environmental Trust, DET, for providing the Landfill Communities Fund grant of £2880 which covered the entire costs, and to Aca Cooper and team for completing the works.

The path was requested by residents who wanted to access Winster Surgery without using the main road, as the path is very narrow towards Leacroft Garage. It often meant people having to step out onto the road especially with; wheelchairs, prams or mobility scooters so this will be a far safer route.

It will also be great for the children to be able to get to the Play Area without going near traffic. The path has been created with a switchback to allow a shallower gradient and avoid the need for any steps.

Do take a look and we hope that you all enjoy using the new cut through.

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