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Village Newsletter

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What's on in Winterton

| <u>Event</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Details</u> |
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| Bingo | Sat 6 April | 1pm | Church Room | See page 6 |
| Winterton Bowls Green reopens for the season | Fri 19 April | | | See page 3 |
| Parish Council Meeting | Thurs 18 April | 7.30 pm | Village Hall | All welcome. |
| Bag2School Collection | Fri 19 April | 9 am | School | 393218 for details. |
| Parish Council Surgery | Sat 20 April | 10am-11am | Village Hall | All welcome. |
| Table Top Sale | Sat 20 April | 9am-12 noon | Church Room | 393480 for details |
| FOWS Fish & Chips Quiz Night | Sat 27 April | 7pm | School | 393218 for details. |
| Table Top Sale | Sat 4 May | 11am-1pm | School | 393218 for details |
| Annual Parish Meeting | Thurs 9 May | 7.30 pm | Village Hall | All welcome. |
| Learn the Basics of Flower Arranging | Tues 21 May | 10am-3pm | Church Room | Tickets avail from Paula on 01493 393555 |
| Cream Tea Afternoon | Fri 24 May | 3.30 pm | School | 393218 for details |
| Coffee Morning | Fri 7 June | | | See page 7 |
| Church Garden Party | Sat 16 June | | Rectory | See page 7 |
| Grand Summer Fete | Fri 5 July | 6pm-8.30pm | School | 393218 for details |
| Summer Concert with Chorus of St Cecilia | Fri 5 July | | Church | Call 01493 393480 or 01502 733625 for tickets |
| In Bloom – Open Gardens + Scarecrow Competition | Sun 14 July | | | More info to follow soon |
| Village Garage Sale | Sun 28 July | | | More next month |
| Church Flower Festival | Sat 3/Sun 4 Aug | | Church | |

PLEASE SEE CLUB CORNER FOR DETAILS OF VILLAGE GROUPS ACTIVITIES

MESSAGE FROM THE OUTGOING EDITOR

It has been a pleasure editing the Village Newsletter, receiving updates from the various Groups and individuals who want to let everybody else know what's going on in our village - and there is always something going on, so surely there is no excuse not to get involved and join in and be part of our community. But I am now handing over to a new Editor and from next month Stephanie will be taking over as Editor and I hope you'll give her all the support and friendship you've all given to me over the past 5 years. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who have helped deliver your Newsletter to every home in the village every month in all weathers.

Bev Kay

CLUB CORNER

| Organisation | What we've been up to | What's Coming Up |
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| Garden Club Michael/Valerie 393749 2 nd Weds 7.30 pm Church Room | At the March meeting Geoff Freeman from Ormesby gave us a insight into the world of plant breeding, with some fascinating tales of plant genetics and how our favourite flowers are carefully selected and bred for specific colour, height, vigour etc and handed out some free seed packets from his company Simply Seeds and Plants. | Weds 10th April Is our Annual Fish & Chip supper with delicious desserts and wine/juice. And no doubt Bob will have some devious quiz to test our brains too. |
| In Bloom Pam Allen 394365 Jean Neve 393682 | Yet again we are struggling to get out and about in the Village because of the awful weather, although we have managed to get some tidying and dead heading done. Bulmer Pit has now been cleared and shrubs and perennials planted together with spring bulbs. We have also scattered wild flower seed which should provide a lovely show of colour throughout the spring and summer. Many thanks to all those who turned out in horrible weather to complete this task. We will also be planting more later in the year to surround the pond. No doubt those of you who are keen gardeners are wondering when it will be possible to get outside and start on all the jobs that need doing, and those of us in the In Bloom are keen to get the Village looking tip top for Easter and looking forward to being out and about meeting up with everyone for a good chat. Part of the fun of being in the In Bloom is being able to meet and get to know more of the residents that perhaps we would not meet under normal circumstances. We still need more members so do please contact either Pam or Jean if you are able to help in any way. | |
| Quiz Nights 8pm Hermanus Mark Cox – 393302 | The last Quiz raised £65 which was donated to In Bloom. | Next Quiz – Thursday 11th April Join us and raise money for Village Groups |
| WI Joyce Pitchford 393415 3 rd Tues monthly 7.30 pm – Church Room | As our scheduled speaker was unable to attend, Bob Mann of St John Ambulance (and Coastwatch) kindly stepped in and told us all about the history of Resuscitation through the ages. They had some very strange ideas how to revive people in years gone by! Bob also told us how he had obtained a Defibrillator to be kept at the Coastwatch Station and that all the Coastwatch and Dunes Café staff have been trained to use it. But money is still needed to ensure it is maintained (spare battery and replacement pads are needed). The speaker's fee was donated to this fund. | Next Meeting – Tues 16th April Birthday Party + Music from the 50's-90's with Patsy Rose. Sat 27th July – Change of date for the visit to How Hill Summer Fete. £8.50 per person. Departing Winterton 12.15 and departing How Hill 4pm. |
| 901 Troop Marine Cadets Capt Paul Dodson 748395 | Interested in joining the Troop, we're a friendly bunch – visit our website www.ts-fearless.org.uk | |
| WOS Lifeboat Restoration Group Bev Kay – 394954 Volunteer Work parties are held on Saturdays from 9.30 am. | We have finally had the old metal keel removed so now the Edward Birkbeck looks a little more like she would have looked when she was operational at the Lifeboat Shed in Winterton Dunes. We need to finish scraping the inside of the hull and then hopefully soon will be able to start more on restoring than on removing. Thanks to all who came along to our 1 st Anniversary presentation last week and we hope you learned more about the heritage we want to protect – and enjoyed the cakes! Next step is to finalise a planning application to GYBC for a Heritage Visitor Centre to house the Edward Birkbeck on a permanent basis on the site of the old Lifeboat Shed in the Dunes. New volunteers are always very welcome. No specific skills are needed, just a willingness to muck in and help | VISIT OUR WEBSITE www.wintertonlifeboatrestoration.org JOIN US ON FACEBOOK http://www.facebook.com/WintertonOnSeaLifeboatRestorationGroup We are currently working on two more fundraising events – watch this space! |

Prayer and Praise in the Village Hall - first Tuesday of every month - 7.30 to 9.00 Led by Rev Chris Shreeve. All welcome. Any enquiries regarding the Methodist Chapel and it's outreach (baptisms, weddings, funerals) Please contact Rev Chris Shreeve on 01493 740237 or e-m: encmartham1410@btinternet.com

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WINTERTON BOWLS CLUB

The bowls green, which is situated on the playing fields in Somerton Road, will open (weather permitting) on Friday 19th April at 2pm for the 2013 season.



We are a small, friendly Club which has been in existence since 1978 and we currently have around 34 members. We play in two local Leagues with all matches being played in the evening, but some of our members prefer not to play in the League but to enjoy bowling at our informal roll-ups which take place every Friday and Saturday afternoon at 2pm (weather permitting). As well as these scheduled meetings, all members have access to the green and are able to have a roll-up at any time - once again weather permitting and at the discretion of the green keeper.

We would love to recruit some new members and whether you are an experienced bowler or a complete beginner you can be sure of a very warm welcome. There are always bowls you can borrow on that day and some tuition is always on offer for those that want it. Bowls is a game suitable for all the family as there appear to be no upper or lower age limits, so why not come along to meet the members one Friday or Saturday afternoon and have a cup of tea and a biscuit with us and give bowls a try. Both villagers and friends outside the village will be made welcome.

If you are interested in giving us a try please ring one of the members listed below:

Secretary - Mrs Val Green - 01493 393544
Chairman - Mrs Janet Middleton - 01493 393389
Recruitment - Paul Green - 01493 7220992



HELP NEEDED PLEASE!

Our Village Hall Committee needs a new Chairman. Could it be you?! If you are willing to offer your services or would like to know more about what is involved call Gill on 393306



Please make sure you put the following dates in your diary!

Friday 19th April 9am – Bag2School collection
Saturday 27th April 7pm – Fish & Chip Quiz Night
Saturday 4th May 11am-1pm – Table Top Sale
Friday 24th May 3.30pm – Cream Tea afternoon
Friday 5th July 6pm-8.30pm – Grand Summer Fete

The Friends of Winterton School would like to thank Darrin and staff from the Fisherman's Return for a donation of £350 raised at their Christmas Quiz Night which will go into the fund for a new school stage. The Easter Fair raised £715, of which £125 was donated to Comic Relief along with a further £60 from the sale of red noses.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Winterton has joined the prestigious list of 30 favourite destinations, as nominated by the Rough Guides authors. Only four other English destinations are on the list. Amongst others on the worldwide list are New Orleans and Palm Springs, which means that others, besides the residents, appreciate the beauties of Winterton.

In January we were pleased to welcome Christine Illes as a new Councillor to the Parish Council. She has been in the village for just over two years and we are sure that she will be a great help to the Council. This brings the total number of Councillors to six out of the possible nine that we can have. We need extra Councillors to join the Parish Council. Will you join and help your village? There are things going on in the village that need your assistance. Speak to Gill, our Clerk, myself or any of the existing Councillors for more details.

MICHAEL BLAKE



APRIL EVENTS IN GREAT YARMOUTH

Tuesday 16 April - 2-3.30 pm at Northgate Room, Great Yarmouth Library, Tollhouse Street - British Wild Orchids: Gypsies, Tramps and Thieves
Orchids have an aura of rarity and glamour, but the realities of their ecology and reproduction are even more amazing than you might imagine. Come and hear Simon Harrap and discover more about orchids. Free. No need to book.

Saturday 20 April - 10am-3pm at The Priory Centre - Beginners' Guide to Tree Identification
By looking at their leaves, bark, buds, twigs and general shape Nick Acheson introduces you to tree identification. Free but booking essential - 01603 598333

Friday 26 April - 10am-4pm at Great Yarmouth Library, Tollhouse Street - How to Make Garden Willow Structures - Willow is an amazingly flexible natural material. Dr Tim will introduce some basic skills to help you start making willow structures. Free but booking is essential on 01603 598333.

Monday 29 April - 10am-3pm at The Priory Centre (with beach visit) - Beginners' Guide to Marine Wildlife - Rob Spray from SeaSearch East will introduce you to the wealth of marine wildlife found in Norfolk. Discover the amazing world of these hidden creatures and the beauty that lies beneath the waves. Free but booking essential on 01603 598333



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Winterton on Sea Parish Council

Three residents and Cllrs Jermany, Shrimplin and Weymouth were welcomed to the Parish Council meeting which took place on Thursday 21st March 2013 in the Village Hall.

1. **Public discussion:**

- It was reported that the Pumping Station on Low Road had once again flooded although Anglian Water officers were in attendance. Concern was expressed that flooding from the Pumping Station would contaminate Duffles Pond and the Chairman reported that previous testing of the water in Duffles Pond had not shown any signs of contamination. However, there was the possibility that ground water was being contaminated since Low Road was not metalled. Cllr Weymouth reported that flooding from the Pumping Station was now recorded in the Surface Water Management Plan and reiterated that all problems of flooding from the Station must be reported to her immediately so that water samples could be taken and tested without delay.

2. **To receive a report from the County/Borough Councillors**

- Cllr Weymouth reported that she dealt with a complaint by a resident concerning flooding on Low Road caused by the piling of earth around the Empsons Loke building site and the inadequacies of internal drainage ditches in the area.
- Cllr Weymouth also noted that another meeting of the Coastal Erosion group would be scheduled.
- Cllr Shrimplin noted that there had been no rate increases from Norfolk County Council and that a resident had complained to him about the problems of rain water pooling on King Street because of problems with the drain on the corner of The Lane/King Street. The Chairman noted that this had already been reported to him and that Highways had been informed.

3. **To receive a report from the PCSO:**

PC Potter had sent his apologies and the Chairman noted the following - one crime had been reported in the village - the stealing of heating oil.

4. **To consider planning applications and review planning permissions: -**

Planning Applications:

06/13/0093/F Repowering of Wind Turbines, Blood Hill, Somerton. The Chairman reported that the ten existing wind turbines would be decommissioned and replaced by two new ones. He noted that the new turbines would be half a metre taller than the existing ones and a resident informed the meeting that the new turbines would be noisier. It was agreed that there were no objections to this application with the condition that the old bases be completely removed. The Chairman noted that there was a public meeting concerning the application on Tuesday 26th March at 7.00 p.m. in Somerton Village Hall.

Decisions

06/13/0011/F New lean-to extension to accommodate bio mass boiler and pellet store. Mill Farm Barn, Hemsby Road. **GYBC Approved**

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – THURSDAY 18TH APRIL 2013 – 7.30 PM – VILLAGE HALL
NEXT PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY – SATURDAY 20TH APRIL – 10-11 AM – VILLAGE HALL
ALL WELCOME**

Contact details for your Parish Councillors

Parish Clerk: Gill Lack – 393306

[PLEASE NOTE THE CLERK'S WORKING HOURS ARE MONDAY TO THURSDAY 10AM TO 1PM]

Chairman: Michael Blake – 393749

Bev Kay – 394954 Mike Ross - 394996

Ayeshia Hammond – 394174 John Allen – 394365 Christine Iles - 393224

DUFFLES POND – REFURBISHMENT

Thank you to those who have been attending at weekends to help with the refurbishment project. Your help has been invaluable and we hope that you have found it worthwhile. As we go to print, outstanding work is to replace the broken fence along the allotment side, handrails on the pond-dipping platform and planting of wild flowers and pond plants. Further funds have been found to remove the silt taken from the pond in order to help re-landscape the area. We are aware that many people have been concerned at what they see at present, but please bear in mind that this is still a work in progress and with enough help, we can complete the transformation and the area will get better once properly cleared up and re-planted. Please give it time .



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BINGO - SATURDAY 6th April 1PM - Church Room
PRIZES TO BE WON!

£1 for 10 games and tea + biscuits. Just turn up - no need to book.
In aid of the Royal British Legion. Any queries call 394118

The annual Winterton Village Garage Sale returns this year on Sunday 28th July. Look out for the booking form in next month's Newsletter if you want to join in and sell off all those unwanted items filling up your garage or your loft!





WINTERTON PARISH CHURCH

Morning Prayer 9.00am Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday.
Mass Sundays 9.00am

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday April 18th 7pm - **Annual General Meeting** - Church Room

Saturday 20th April 9am-12noon - **Table Top Sale** – Church Room

Tuesday 21st May 10am-3pm – **Learn the Basics of Flower Arranging** – Church Room. Have you always wanted to learn, here is your chance including care of flowers, what greenery to use, how to prepare your containers. With an opportunity to make at least 4 designs to take home. £20 for the day including tea/coffee, buffet lunch and all the flowers you need to use. To book – call Paula on 01493 393555. Proceeds to Church Tower Fund.

Friday 7th June – **Coffee Morning.** Details to follow.

Sunday 16th June – **Garden Party at The Rectory.** Details to follow.

Friday 5th July – **Summer Concert with The Chorus of St Cecilia + Guests** – Winterton Church. For tickets call 01493 393480 or 01502 733625

Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th August – **Annual Flower Festival.** This year's theme is "Sweet Temptation" (confectionery). A second Planning Meeting will be held at 2pm on **Monday 23rd April** at Ash Lodge, Back Path. Offers of help welcome.

Return of the Rector's Ramblings

Much of February and March were not spent as I had hoped, getting to know folk better. Instead I found myself suffering a bout of illness. During this time I have received many cards, prayers, flowers and cakes all offered with great love, support and affection. Thank you so much, everyone. Sadly, I did find myself very confused as to why looking at these gifts I struggled to see a light at the end of the tunnel for the way I was feeling. The time spent at home has given me the opportunity to catch up on some long overdue reading. Amongst those books were the Chronicles of Narnia, something I did not read in my younger years and wish I had; they take me back to my time of reading Enid Blyton and similar, now viewed as old-fashioned literature. I had read some C S Lewis before; *The Great Divorce*, *The Screwtape Letters* and *Surprised by Joy*. But it was not until I read *The Lion's World (A journey into the heart of Narnia)* by Rowan Williams our former Archbishop of Canterbury, that I realised that Lewis often talks of one theme, that you cannot force a person to accept love and that it can seem almost impossible to accept the gift of love when one has a set view of oneself and of the world one lives in. Over the past couple of months my view of the world had become monochrome and grey at that. When I started reading the Narnia books something opened up and my view began to change. What I began to see was a world and a kingdom both called Narnia and each the realm of Aslan the Lion and the goodness that he brings. Is Aslan, God? Well that would get us into deep and muddy territory if I were to try and debate that in this short piece. But what is certain is that the 'divine' nature of Aslan is worked out not in the parish church, or in any grand cathedral, for neither is present in Narnia. Instead the divine nature of the lion is explored in everyday living and specifically in rural settings; those which we find ourselves in, our world. As Easter takes its course and we remind ourselves of Christ's glorious resurrection let us also remind ourselves that Jesus burst the bounds of the tomb and was seen and found in the garden and the rural outskirts of the city. In our everyday lives, however mundane they may seem and no matter how monochrome, Christ exists to be found, discovered, embraced and loved. In the world of our everyday lives is where the divine nature of God's own Son exists. Something I have come to realise in some very dark moments. I hope you will find that divine nature too, this Easter season and beyond.

God bless

Eoin Buchanan



Age Concern Great Yarmouth is 65 this year.

That’s right; we started way back in 1948. We are an independent local charity “**working for the well-being of older people throughout the borough of Great Yarmouth to help make life a more fulfilling and enjoyable experience**”. In 2010 we received Lottery funding to employ an Older Peoples Development Worker - Jackie Tierney – whose role is to set up services for older people. The funding is for 5 years, and we are now in our 3rd year. Age Concern is for anyone over the age of 50 and our youngest member is 52 and our oldest is 102. We have wonderful volunteers who go out to visit people in their own homes as some often feel isolated and very lonely. Because the demand for this service is so high we also offer telephone befriending. Our most mature volunteer of 93 years has been with Age Concern for 30+ years. We are always in need of more volunteers and you can find out more by giving us a call. We have 5 Lunch Clubs in borough, at Great Yarmouth, Hopton, Caister, Belton and Martham where you can have a two course meal for £5.00 followed by a social afternoon. Our weekly Pop In operates at The Priory Centre, Great Yarmouth when anyone can just drop in for a cuppa and a biscuit for 50p. Every year we run a Turkey and Tinsel event at Hemsby over two days where we have around 700 older people come and spend a day full of great entertainment, good food and wonderful company. In April we have a reunion and this year will celebrate our 65 years. We offer individual/couples membership for £5.00. You will receive a copy of ACORN and be kept up to date with all other information and events around Age Concern.

We will be out and about in the borough during April so people to come and meet us and find out more about our services and what it is like to volunteer with Age Concern. We’ll be at Winterton Village Hall on **Tuesday 16th April 10am till 12 noon.**

Jackie Tierney - Older Peoples Development Worker Age Concern Great Yarmouth,
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Well done to Norwich City FC fan, Kevin Brown, who raised £100 for Comic Relief by wearing an Ipswich Town kit for a day as part of his fundraising. He was given a bit of a hard time by his NCFC friends at the Mencap Gateway Club over his choice of football strip!



There have a spate of thefts around the area recently. Please be sure that your heating oil tank is secure - with the price of oil, the last thing you need is somebody draining your tank, especially in this cold weather.

Any suspicious activity should be reported to the Police.