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CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Hello and welcome!

We're delighted to share our very first newsletter with you all. Last year, we introduced my Chair's report from our Full Council meetings online, but we know those can sometimes be a bit heavy reading.

With the newsletter, we aim to bring you simpler, more engaging updates on what's happening around the Parish. Expect news, project updates, event information, and other handy bits that affect our community - all with a focus on what your Parish Council is working on.

As autumn arrives, we're busy preparing for Christmas across our three villages, setting next year's budget, and moving forward with important projects such as improving green spaces, maintaining our cemeteries, and securing future allotment provision. I'm also happy to report that we're in a strong financial position, confirmed by a recent audit.

We'd love to hear your feedback on the newsletter; our aim is to keep you informed and continue making our parish an even better place to live.

Best Wishes. *Alf.*



Key updates from my latest Chair Report:

- **Green light given to replace the playground at Windmill Field in Windlesham.**
- **WPC awards a grant to Surrey Heath Neighbourhood Watch.**
- **Updates on the Christmas tree and festive light plans for the three villages.**

To find out more and read the full report please visit our website.

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ABOUT WINDLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Consisting of 3 villages (Bagshot, Lightwater and Windlesham), Windlesham Parish Council is one of the oldest parish councils in England

Located in the Borough of Surrey Heath, Windlesham Parish Council serves a community of around 17,000 people across the villages of Bagshot, Lightwater, and Windlesham.

The Parish boasts well-maintained parks and open spaces, along with heritage landmarks like Bagshot Chapel and three Grade II listed War Memorials. Each village, nestled in picturesque countryside, has its own distinct character and a vibrant sense of community.

Functions of Windlesham Parish Council include, but are not limited to:



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

**FREEMANTLE PLAYGROUND IN BAGSHOT HAS A SUCCESSFUL GRAND
OPENING!**



On Friday 2nd August, the much-anticipated Grand Opening of Freemantle Playground in Bagshot took place.

The playground, which now features a climbing frame with slide, swings, see-saw, rock 'n' bowl roundabout, springies and an attractive sensory totem pole, was enjoyed by an array of children during the sunny afternoon.



As well as having lots of fun in the park, Windlesham Parish Council provided a professional face-painter for the children. There were lots of happy faces and fun designs!

The afternoon was a great success, and it was wonderful to see so many families enjoying the freshly updated space.



PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE PARISH THIS SUMMER!



The wildflowering at Windmill Field, Windlesham, looked fantastic this year! It provides essential habitats for bees, butterflies, and other pollinators.



Lightwater memorial garden looking lovely in the sunshine. A perfect spot for a moment of reflection.



The Bagshot WI created a wonderful Wimbledon themed Postbox topper.

WPC SUMMER DRAWING COMPETITION

We thoroughly enjoyed seeing the amazing creations from the young artists in our villages!



Eleanor age 10



Isabella age 9



Lola age 7



Harrison age 10

We're delighted to showcase a selection of the winning entries from the six-week break. A big thank you to everyone who participated!



Lily age 6



Oliver age 10



Rosie age 4



Jack age 10



Ava age 7



Becky age 10



Ben age 7

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

NEW TREES AT WINDLESHAM CEMETERY THRIVE



Windlesham Cemetery welcomed the addition of four new trees earlier this year. The Parish Council is pleased to announce that the two Hornbeam trees (*Carpinus betulus*) and two Tulip trees (*Liriodendron tulipifera*) planted at the cemetery are thriving.

The Hornbeam trees, known for their dense foliage and striking autumn colours, and the Tulip trees, celebrated for their distinctive tulip-shaped flowers and vibrant leaves, have already begun to establish themselves, creating a pretty environment for visitors.



COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES SIGN PROUDLY ON DISPLAY AT OUR CEMETERIES



We are proud to announce that Windlesham Cemetery, Bagshot Cemetery, and Lightwater Cemetery now proudly display the official Commonwealth War Graves signs. These signs mark the cemeteries as sites where the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) maintains the graves of those who gave their lives during the World Wars.

Across our parish there are 17 war graves in total. Windlesham Cemetery is the resting place of 12 of these servicemen and women, Bagshot Cemetery holds two, and Lightwater Cemetery has three. Each grave is a poignant reminder of the ultimate price paid for freedom.



For more information about the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and their ongoing work, please visit their official website: www.cwgc.org

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

HERITAGE OPEN DAY AT BAGSHOT CHAPEL DRAWS IN OVER 60 VISITORS!

The historic Bagshot Chapel opened its doors on Saturday 14th September for the annual Heritage Open Day, welcoming more than 60 visitors from the local community and beyond. The event, which highlights the 17th-century chapel's rich history and architectural charm, was a resounding success.

Councillor Valerie White of Windlesham Parish Council, who has hosted the event for several years, expressed her gratitude to those who attended: "Thank you to everyone who visited Bagshot Chapel this weekend. We were delighted to welcome over 60 visitors, and as always, I had some wonderful conversations with both past and present residents. I never tire of hearing your memories." Councillor White also extended her thanks to Councillor Frank Du Cann and Councillor Andrew Willgoss for their help on the day.

The Heritage Open Day is part of a nationwide initiative celebrating historic sites, offering a rare opportunity for visitors to explore Bagshot Chapel and learn more about its past. The event continues to draw both locals and visitors from further afield, eager to experience this unique piece of local history.

The next event at Bagshot Chapel will be the much anticipated Christmas Carols. Details will be shared on our website and social media channels, so stay tuned for updates!



UPCOMING EVENTS

1st Lightwater Scouts presents
BONFIRE NIGHT
SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

Field behind All Saints' Church, Lightwater GU18 5SA Gates open 6:00pm Bonfire lit 7:00pm Fireworks 7:30pm

THEMED BONFIRE • FIREWORKS DISPLAY • BBQ
TEA TENT • GLOW STICKS • DJ CAPTAIN KURT

Please don't bring any sparklers or alcohol

lightwaterscouts.org.uk

Entrance: Adult - £7
Senior - £5
Child - £5 (aged 5-16)
Family - £20 (2 adults and up to 3 children)
Under 5s are free

Scouts
1st Lightwater

BONFIRE NIGHT AT LIGHTWATER RECREATION GROUND

This popular event will take place on Saturday 2nd November

Gates open at 6pm



Come along and support the Lightwater Scouts

Scouts

FAYRE IN THE SQUARE 2024

30TH NOV 2024
3.30 PM - 8 PM

A row of colorful stalls representing various food and craft vendors, including a hot dog stand, a pizza stand, and a stall with various goods.

FOOD & CRAFT STALLS IN THE LIGHTWATER SQUARE IN FRONT OF THE CO-OP GU18 5SA
THIS IS A LIGHTWATER SOCIETY EVENT - LIGHTWATEREVENTS@MARK.COM

CHRISTMAS IN THE THREE VILLAGES



There's plenty to look forward to this festive season, including:

- Christmas lights switch-on events in Bagshot, Lightwater, and Windlesham - dates and times tbc.
- Christmas Carols at Bagshot Chapel - Friday 20th December at 6:00pm

Keep an eye on our website and social media pages for key information on these events!

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Christmas Drawing Competition

Do you have what it takes to draw a festive masterpiece for our Parish Newsletter, website and Social Media channels?

To enter:
Send your drawing with your name, age, and contact details to:
clerk@windleshampc.gov.uk
or drop it off at the council offices in Lightwater.

Closing date:
Friday 6th December
Good Luck!

Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place!

A festive winter scene featuring a snowman, evergreen trees, and a sign that says 'Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place!'.