

SO MANY LOVELY WAKES, CARNIVAL AND SECRET GARDENS PHOTOGRAPHS, IT'S BEEN A REAL PROBLEM CHOOSING. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SENT THEM IN AND I APOLOGISE IF YOURS ARE NOT INCLUDED. THE MONTERUBBIANO FLAG WAVERS WERE THE HIGHLIGHT OF CARNIVAL FOR MANY PEOPLE SO THEY GET PRIDE OF PLACE ON THE FRONT COVER. HEAD ON INSIDE WHERE YOU WILL FIND MANY MORE PHOTOS OF JULY'S EVENTS

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WINSTER WAKES 2025

Wakes week was an absolute blast! During the week, from organisation to supporters, everyone played a vital role. It was lovely to see some new events alongside the more established ones. Thank you to anyone who helped; from the people who spent months of planning to the ones who walked by and said 'do you need a hand'. It doesn't go unnoticed. It takes a team to make amazing things happen.

The king of 'tug of war' over the years, Sam Slater - you never disappoint. You did an amazing job organising the tug of war. The problem with the rope was quickly sorted, and the pulling could started, what fun and enjoyable experience for all participants and spectators.

Thanks again to Winster Morris, Goathland Morris, Claire Dobson School of Dance, Monterubbiano Flag Wavers, the bubble man who had a large following when I saw him, and Ashbourne Town Band for the fantastic entertainment on Saturday.

Wakes week is a shining example of what a great community Winster is.

We, the committee, would like to hear all your feed back. Things can't change if it's not voiced. We also like to hear of new ideas and love it when people like to get involved. Everyone is welcome.

Hope you all had a fabulous time and made some amazing memories. It would be lovely to see some on the Winster wakes/carnival Facebook page.

Enjoy the summer and see you all next year - 28th June to 4th July.

From all the Wakes Committee 2025

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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~~ **taking a summer break - back 5th September**

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

1st Aug,
29th Aug

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS AND CONTACTS

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PARISH COUNCIL MESSAGES

1. Carnival Success

What a fantastic week Carnival was, supported by large crowds and glorious weather, it has been suggested it was the best Wakes Week for years. As ever this could not happen without the hard work of so many people, especially the Carnival Committee, and of course the many organisers and helpers of the many events without which the week could not succeed. The Parish Council on behalf of Winster residents expresses its' gratitude to all involved.

2. Audit and The Common

The PC has received the bill from the auditors and the cost of the audit challenge is £3378.48. Although this is less than it could have been (due to the auditors not charging us fully for time spent) it is still money that could have been spent elsewhere.

The working group set-up to establish the ownership of the Common has concluded that the PC does not own the Common nor are there any registered owners. Further the legal advice is that there are insufficient grounds in law for the Parish Council to claim ownership through possessory title. Because the Land is registered common land the Parish Council is entitled, but is not obliged, to take action to prevent damage to the Land.

As the land is not owned by the PC it is restricted in how much it can spend on its' maintenance. Any spend on it would be under Section 137 discretionary powers which is limited each year to an amount per elector, this year that being £11.10, equating to approximately £5250 in total. This spend though is a total amount and would include any expenditure the PC was to incur on areas it does not have direct powers to fund. The idea of Section 137 is that it allows for Parish Councils to support local initiatives that might not otherwise be eligible for funding. As such, in using this power, the PC needs to be able to justify its spend as being beneficial for the Community and having widespread support.

A few years ago the PC began a grassland enhancement/wildflower project for the Common, the aim being not to leave it the uncontrolled mess it is now but to enhance the area for wildlife and create a more pleasant area for people to enjoy by creating seating areas. The first couple of years were expected to be the hardest in terms of the cost of cut and collect mowing with savings expected in future years. At the same time, surveys of the Common would establish which wildflowers were present and where, and to inform which areas could be mown conventionally and where paths and seating areas could be created.

In 2024 the quotes for the cut and collect regime were significantly reduced as the area became easier to manage and more potential contractors were found. This reduction in costs would leave a surplus (compared to the old mowing costs) to then spend on paths and seating areas and scarifying areas to allow for direct planting of wildflowers.

In summer 2024 though the PC then faced the audit challenge as to the legitimacy of ownership and thus spend on Common Land. The grassland enhancement and wildflower project has suffered significantly as the areas have become more overgrown than before. Indeed, this is negatively impacting the existing wildflowers.

The advice of the working party is that the PC encourages an independent group to undertake its management in the long term. Any spend from the PC must be justified through widespread community support. We are aware that opinions range from simply leaving the area and not spending any tax payers money at all; to having it mowed conventionally as regularly as money allows; a balance of areas being mowed regularly and some left for wildflowers.

As such the PC will consult widely later in the year on if and how the land should be managed.

Secret Gardens of Winster





After the heat-wave in the previous week, it was so sad to watch the weather forecast sliding from worrying to depressing in the days running up to Secret Gardens. Those of us who had spent hours watering our parched gardens spent much of the weekend dodging the rain that would have been so much more welcome a few days earlier.

It could have been a lot worse. As stalwarts at the Sunday evening BBQ can confirm, the predictions of thunderstorms weren't wrong – and whilst the two afternoons saw plenty of rain, the real deluge didn't hit us until around 9pm on the Sunday night.

But our real salvation has been the doggedness of our garden-openers and helpers, and the loyalty of our customers.

Last year was our most successful event ever, and we had 1,750 visitors. So having 750 turn up this year has to count as an amazing achievement. And perhaps even more impressive was the willingness of visitors to sit in the rain and eat and drink the refreshments we were offering. Comments in our visitor books have been unfailingly very positive that we delivered a really good afternoon out.



Secret Gardens has a lot of fixed costs, so we won't have made a big surplus this year. But we have to take the rough with the smooth, and we have delivered a good experience for our returning visitors.

An enormous thank you to everyone who helped make Secret Gardens happen – well over 100 people involved in one way or another, which is amazing for a population of 550. The enthusiasm and professionalism of our effort isn't lost on our visitors. Let's just hope for a drier time next year.

Gill Geddes
Chair, Secret Gardens of Winster

WINSTER HILL RACE 2025 RESULTS

Alison Briddon, Anna Brown and Sharon Talbot picked up the reins from Youlgreave's John Wadelin who had organised the Winster Hill Race for the last 3 years (picking it up after the Covid break). Whilst John had done a fabulous job, he found that not living in Winster gave him difficulty in recruiting volunteers.

With Alison as main volunteer co-ordinator, Anna as chief buyer and Sharon as timing organiser a dream team was formed with Alison's house acting as Winster Hill Race HQ and all parties recruiting the highest quality volunteers at any opportunity. Thankfully, when asked face to face, volunteers were very forthcoming which is just as well given that the number of volunteers to run such an event exceeded thirty, around half of which were out on the course directing, cheering and taking photos.

The 4 mile race had perfect weather conditions - about 19 degrees and sunny, and attracted 137 runners.

The male course record is 22:30 and this year the first finisher was James Fisher from Longeaton Running Club in 25:02; the ladies record is 25:54 and this year the first female finisher was Harriet Winfield from Dark Peak Fell Runners 29:04. Our 15 local runners put on a fine show, with Elliot Newsam taking the first local male trophy in a time of 27:23 and earning him 7th place overall. The Winster Hill Race is also proud to have had our first blind runner in the start list, her feedback for the race and the support she received whilst running was very positive.

Thank you to everyone who helped, ran in or attended the event as a spectator; full results link is on the Winster Hill Race page on Winster website. Local results below:









1st local Male	1st local Female	1st local Male U18	1st local Female U18
Elliot Newsam	Hatty Heany	Noah Bradley	Bethany Bradley

PET SHOW 2025 RESULTS

The Winster Wakes Pet Show took place in extreme heat on Monday 30th June. Thanks to all who turned out with their pets. Proceedings were kept as short as possible to enable all pets and owners to retreat to cooler areas as soon as possible, but not before some excellent entrants were judged. As usual, there were many very cute and talented animals. Many thanks to Bakewell Veterinary Clinic for sponsoring the event and to Helen Smith from Stankirk Boarding Kennels, who so ably performed the difficult task of judging the different categories. Thanks, finally, to Kate Conner, the carnival queen, who presented the awards.

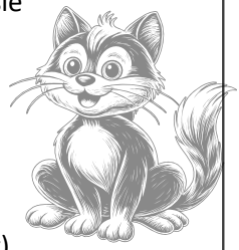
Dog with the Waggiest Tail

1. Poppy (Steve Cheesmond)
2. Hector (Rosie Strauss)
3. Teddy (Lucy Taylor)



Dog with the Best Trick

1. Mishou (Millie Salt)
2. Dora (Marg Lester)
3. Hector (Rosie Strauss)



Cat with the Biggest Grin

1. Minnie (Charlotte Slater)

Rabbit with the Biggest Ears

No Rabbits

Cutest Hamster, Guinea Pig or Gerbil

No Hamsters, Guinea Pigs or Gerbils

Most Unusual Pet

Dizzy the Lamb (Eva Slater)

Best in Show

Poppy the Dog (Steve Cheesmond)

Special Award from Stankirk Boarding Kennels

Dizzy the Lamb
(Eva Slater)



A BIG thank you to Judy Hinsliff for letting me and a team of volunteers take over her lovely cottage for the Wakes café. An ideal position and much appreciated by the Wakes committee.

Thank you Judy.

Jean Sheppard.

To all those fabulous people; visitors, entrants and volunteers who made the trek up the track to the tent, thank you! Didn't we have a lovely day? The sun shone, which was so much better than the gale we had last year.

We started the day taking in entries at 8.30am while members of the committee got the tables out and the bunting up. Bev got the cups and saucers ready as we waited for Kerry to arrive with the new boiler. Kerry actually arrived with a loud bang, having got a hole in her tyre the size of a fist. However the show must go on and she calmly unloaded the new boiler and got a new tyre organised at the same time.

Entries then started to arrive in a flurry. We had woodwork, paintings, jam, origami, beautiful flowers, needlework and knitting, ingenious door decorations and a huge table groaning with the most delicious cakes you ever saw. It showed again what we always knew; that Winster is home to some amazingly creative and productive people. Our Winster School children brought their mums and grannies alongside their entries and stayed with us for a drink and a biscuit.

When all the entries were in and the tent flaps fastened, the judges had a very hard time trying to pick winners, for the cake category particularly, but waded through manfully and womanfully until they reached their decisions. After all this was done, they were allowed to have lunch, when we all sat down together to mull over the morning.

The afternoon saw the arrival of all our visitors, who had a good look around at the entries before sitting down to a cuppa and a well-anticipated piece of the gorgeous sweet treats on display. It really was a super day and enjoyed by all who came. Why not start thinking about your entry for next year? We will be bringing back the produce section after the success of Alison Gray's beautiful exhibition hamper (pictured right). You could start by digging yourself your next vegetable patch!

I thought you might like to know who won what this year, so the list is to be found on the page 10.



See you soon and watch this space...

Ali Carter

Artwork A framed painting, drawing or collage in any medium.
1st - Christine Lewzey 2nd - Christine Lewzey 3rd - Julie Edwardson

Paper craft An artwork or sculpture using only paper or light card
1st - Sheldon Talbot

Yarn work Knitting, crochet, weaving, tapestry, macramé
1st - Gill Wharton 2nd - Katharine Edgar 3rd - Gill Wharton

Decorative Sewing Machine or hand embroidery, Fabric collage
1st - Janette Ashworth 2nd - Joan Mason 3rd - Gill Wharton

Woodwork No constraints
1st - Rod Shiers
KS2 - Leo Johannesmann

Flower Arranging a posy of garden flowers in an undecorated jam jar
1st - Christine Lewzey 2nd - Gill Wharton 3rd - Alison Grey
KS1 - Leo M and Ollie M

a door decoration using recycled or recyclable materials
1st - Gill Wharton 2nd - Gwen Grove 3rd - Connie Simpson

an arrangement of garden foliage
1st - Gwen Grove & Wendy Kirton

Baking a celebration cake (which tastes as good as it looks)
1st - Carol Ashin 2nd - Kerry McClay 3rd - Alistair Barron

a traybake cut and ready to serve
1st - Gill Wharton 2nd - Pam Hatfield 3rd - Katharine Edgar

a plain, undecorated sponge cake, filled with the jam of your choice.
1st - Gwen Grove 2nd - Claire Matthews

Jams and Jellies in a sealed jar
1st - Alison Grey 2nd - Alison Grey 3rd - Pam Hatfield

Citrus Marmalades in a sealed jar
1st - Liz and Phil Greenstone 2nd - Gerrard Barron 3rd - Rod Shiers

Pre school and KS1 a door decoration using recycled or recyclable materials
1st - Archie and Granny 2nd - Leo M 3rd - Ollie

KS2 a door decoration using recycled or recyclable materials
1st - Ellie-May 2nd - Ellis 3rd - Leo J

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CARNIVAL CAFÉ

Once again – by virtue of having a wide pavement outside – my house was given over to the Carnival Café! Jean and Dave Sheppard are a fantastic team transforming the house with tables, cakes, crockery and absolutely everything necessary for a pop up café. Together with the outside teams of helpers who set out chairs and tables and erected gazebos, everything came together – even the flower fairy, as always, decorated all the tables with fresh flowers.

Particular thanks are due to the waiting staff and the washers up who made everything run so smoothly and, of course, to everyone who donated such delicious cakes.

Our takings were up on last year and I believe Carnival Day was generally held to be one of the most successful.

Immense thanks are due to all those people who come together to make it happen – and to clear it all away afterwards. Magically by the time I emerged the next morning Main Street was back to normal, with not a sign of any litter, no clue of what had taken place the day before.

Roll on 2026.

Judy Hinsliff

SENIOR CLUB RECESS

Friday 11th July marked the end of the summer session. It's been great fun with laughs and gaffs aplenty. The autumn session begins on 5th September.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

Under proposals currently out for consultation, local government in Derbyshire will move from a 'two-tier' structure (where service provision is split between County and District level) to a 'unitary' structure with only one local council providing all services to our village. The aim is for a simpler system where the new Councils provide better value for money, are closer to the communities they serve and deliver more 'joined-up' services.

The question is how to divide up the current populations in Derbyshire. Last March, our eight Districts submitted a joint proposal that there should be two new bodies – a northern Council and a southern Council. There are three options as to how the County will divide between the two. In each case Derbyshire Dales falls into the northern area.

We are encouraged to examine these options on the Derbyshire Dales Council website and comment on them. The consultation is open until August 10th. There is also much more information about the proposals on the Derbyshire Dales website and Winster Parish Council hopes as many people as possible will want to examine and comment on them.

Go to: derbyshiredales.gov.uk/your-council/local-government-reorganisation/about-local-government-reorganisation

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

3rd Aug

10 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Mary's

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

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

10th Aug

8 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) at St. Helen's

10 a.m Family Service at St. Mary's

17th Aug

10 a.m. Holy Communion at St. John's

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

24th Aug

10 a.m. Morning worship at St. Mary's

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

31st Aug

10 a.m. United Service at St. Giles Matlock

Collection for Ashgate Hospice at the Wakes Service.

Thanks to all who contributed to the offering at the service - £275 has been sent to the Hospice which is great.

WINSTER WAKES AND CARNIVAL ARCHIVE

We were really pleased with the turn-out to the "Archive at Home" session in the Burton Institute on the Monday of Wakes Week. Lots of villagers came to look at photographs, newspaper cuttings and other items from past carnivals, dating from the early 1900's up to more recent years, and some helped with dating when some photographs would have been taken and identifying the people in them. Visitors were able to see in operation the equipment purchased with the Lottery Heritage Fund grant which now belongs to the village, and a demonstration of our website (winsterwakesarchive.org.uk) which has interesting content being accessed from overseas as well as the UK and locally.

Although we already have masses of items to work through, we are still keen to receive more, either as a donation, or, if you want to keep it, we can copy (digitise) it and return it to you. To digitise photographs and paper items, we scan them and are then able to save them as a computer record. Perhaps surprisingly, we are short of photographs of Wakes in this century because, of course, we now take pictures on our phones and store them on our computers. If anyone does have an interesting collection they are willing to copy and let us have we can give you a new memory stick on which to do this.

We hope to provide more opportunities for people to come and see how the Archive is developing. In addition, and even more important, are the memories that you may be able to share which will improve the accuracy and expand the details and stories behind the photographs and documents.

Pat Coleman

ROYCE DAKIN, BOYHOOD MEMORIES OF WINSTER VILLAGE SHOP

My first memories would have been about 1953/54, just as rationing was coming to an end. Prior to that my mother, Doris, had said how hard things had been for everyone during the war years. My uncle, Harold Mosley, had been away at war in the RAF leaving Aunty Gladys to run the shop with help from a young Ken Marshall, and our family and friends, who did what they could. Aunty Gladys drove their little black Austin van along with Harold's father, 'Curly.' on delivery and collection duties. She also ran the shop and handled the distribution of rations etc. I remember everyone being relieved to be able to buy, say, a piece of cheese that was bigger than an Oxo cube.

The shop I remember was packed with all sorts of groceries, sides of bacon, large round pieces of cheese from Hartington, big sacks of flour, sugar and salt, etc. With there being nothing pre-packaged then, everything had to be cut, weighed and wrapped individually. Harold would remove the bones from the half pigs and these would be put on one side (the reason I'll get to shortly). Harold didn't need sell-by dates, just a squeeze and a sniff was all that was required.

Down the side of the shop was the garage/corn store, which housed every type of animal feed in massive bags delivered from Johnson's flour mills in Darley Dale. Also there was his pride and joy, an Austin Princess Vanden Plas car, which was only rolled out when he went to see Derby County play and for family weddings. My wife, Anne, and myself was carried to and from our nuptials in that beauty. The garage was also used by his son, Alan, myself and our friends for indoor games amongst the sacks of corn.

The shop was then, as it is today, a community hub, but not quite as important as our present shop, because at that time there was many various shops in the village that all played a part in the community. As we got older, Alan and myself would go out with Harold round the local villages delivering groceries. Each village had its delivery day: Elton Monday, Aldwark Tuesday Birchover Wednesday, and so on. We even ventured the other side of the river to Darley and Hackney. Deliveries were also made to outlying farms and small rural communities. The aforementioned bones was used to placate the many farm dogs we encountered running free in the farmyard. Each delivery took a long time, as cups of tea or something a little stronger got involved. Deliveries would start about 4pm and go on till 8 or 9 pm.

As I remember half-day closing was on Thursday, with Saturday afternoon and Sunday closed. Many regular customers had their own little red book, which the person on the till would enter the goods and price of the items purchased. The week's total would then be totted up by Aunty Gladys and presented for payment to the customer, mainly on payday. The main items in the shop was groceries, as there was an abundance of butchers, Harry Webster's dairy and, of course, Baker Boden, who made very tasty bread, cakes, iced buns, etc. As time went on and these businesses closed down, more various products was found in the shop. Fruit and veg was fetched from Edge Bros, who had a small unit by the river on Dale Road at Matlock. As Harold picked his produce the squeeze and sniff principle was applied rigorously.

The shop layout changed little over his tenure, with a storeroom directly above the shop, which was reached by a narrow twisting staircase which was located inside at the side of the shop's present side door. The front half of the first floor above the shop was used as a storeroom, while the rear was a flat

occupied by a Mrs Wagstaff. Additional storage was available in the cellar of Harold's House, 'Woodhayes,' which sits just behind the shop. The cellar was accessed by a side door onto Woodhouse (Pump) Lane. It was mainly used for storage of liquids, pop, fizzy drinks, which was delivered from Whittaker's pop factory at Matlock Bath. In those days all glass bottles had a return surcharge on, so if you came across one lying about it was quite a find. If you could convince Harold you bought the contents at the shop, you got the penny return fee. Over time, an off-licence was added plus a trade partnership with the Spar grocery group.

When we left school Cousin Alan worked full time at the shop for a few years, but his first love was always farming and animals. Harold came to terms with the fact Alan had no intention of carrying on the business, so with his advancing years he decided to sell the shop. Uncle Harold was determined to sell the shop to someone who would run it and keep it as a village shop for the local community. To this end he rejected quite a few lucrative offers, the majority of who had plans to turn our shop into four self-contained flats. He held fast and eventually the late Glyn Yates purchased it and the shop began a new era as GB stores.

THANK YOU FROM THE WALTERS

Ros & Ivan would like to thank everyone for their good wishes, cards & gifts on the occasion of their wedding on 14th June 2025.

We had a fantastic day and were truly overwhelmed by everyone's kindness and all the support we received.

Thanks to all those who helped make it such a memorable & special day and everything we wanted it to be.

Thanks again & best wishes to you all, Ros & Ivan Walters



The Bonsall Narrowboat 'Burland'



Burland is a 50-foot, 6-berth narrowboat, professionally fitted out and fully equipped. It is owned by the Bonsall Boat Club, which consists of eleven families from villages in Derbyshire who each have a share. After the boat leaves its winter mooring, each family picks it up wherever it happens to be on the agreed handover day.

There are two costs involved: the cost of buying a share - which is refunded when the share is sold - and the non-refundable annual running costs (including the CRT licence, insurance, servicing and any repairs). These are divided pro-rata according to each family's shareholding. Everyone feels that Burland is their own boat when they are on board, and it is much cheaper than hiring a canal boat.

This year a 4-week shareholding has become available. If you would like more information, please get in touch with the group's Hon. Sec. Jane Smith on 01629 540428 or churchgates@yahoo.co.uk



Note: The sellers are Marg and Geoff Lester, but the sale has to be done through the club. Last year a 4-week share was sold for £5,000.



Jeremiah 1:5 – "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart…"

For many parents these last few months have been a roller-coaster. Waiting while our young people sit exams, and then waiting to move onto A levels; or degrees or Apprenticeship or employment. Yet the worries then leads us onto different worries in different years. I speak to grandparents who worry about their grandchildren – succeeding in work, places to live, relationships etc. I cannot say we don't worry because we are Christians. For the truth is we do worry because we are human. Worry and anxiety can be harmful to oneself. Yet it can also be an act of love. And as we know love is truly from God. God gives every believer spiritual gifts not just for personal growth but for building His Kingdom. Our potential often remains dormant until we step out in faith and service.

People often wonder about their children's faith and their future. I truly believe that often Faith grows in God's time not mine. So we have to be patient, and trust in the providence of God. You won't see your God-given potential without obedience. In the spiritual life Obedience is an important virtue but also a very challenging one at times. Many people sit on untapped spiritual gifts because fear or comfort holds them back. Potential isn't passive—it must be pursued. So, just as a young person has to work hard and in different ways the Christian has to work hard in the following ways:

Praying
Thinking about what we believe and why
Understanding Christian Morality
living radical – Compassion, kindness and love.

Being Christian is a journey and that journey is full of highs and lows. Full of challenges and potential. That is why we pray for guidance. Now, this translation is 'old English' But worth trying to own.

St. Jane Frances de Chantal wrote this **Prayer:**
O sovereign goodness of the sovereign Providence of my God! I abandon myself forever to Thy arms. Whether gentle or severe, lead me henceforth whither Thou wilt; I will not regard the way through which Thou wilt have me pass, but keep my eyes fixed upon Thee, my God, who guidest me. My soul finds no rest without the arms and the bosom of this heavenly Providence, my true Mother, my strength and my rampart.

Therefore I resolve with Thy divine assistance, O my Savior, to follow Thy desires and Thy ordinances, without regarding or examining why Thou dost this rather than that; but I will blindly follow Thee according to Thy divine will, without seeking my own inclinations.

Hence I am determined to leave all to Thee, taking no part therein save by keeping myself in peace in Thy arms, desiring nothing except as Thou incitest me to desire, to will, to wish. I offer Thee this desire, O my God, beseeching Thee to bless it; I undertake all it includes, relying on Thy goodness, liberality, and mercy, with entire confidence in Thee, distrust of myself, and knowledge of my infinite misery and infirmity.

Amen!

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WINSTER TWINNING 2025



The 2025 visit to Winster by our twinned town of Monterrubiano was confirmed at such late notice this year there was no time to appeal in the village mag for hosts. Our chief organiser in Monterrubiano had encountered significant health problems over the last year and this had hampered arrangements.

Once it had been confirmed that 13 Italians were to visit, including some flag wavers, hosts were found via facebook although details of who was visiting were scant. The Italians left their homes at midnight, arrived in Rome at 3am, flew at 6am and were met at 8.30am in the airport by a small Winster contingent to whisk them back to their twinned homeland.

First stop was a welcome meeting and lunch stop in the Miners where they were warmly welcomed.

The afternoon was chilling time for the tired Italians followed by the Winster Hill Race and Bowling Green BBQ, where again, they were welcomed, fed and watered.

Friday saw a trip to the Great British Car Journey in Ambergate where the visitors, and some Winster folk kind enough to taxi, were allowed to view the fabulous classic cars on show before performing their first Flag Waving display for the audience which had gathered for the event; flag waving was challenged by the windy conditions but the sunshine and the fluttering flags made for some great

photos. A lovely lunch at the GBCJ was followed by some water sports run by Rapid Horizons next to GBCJ.The afternoon was rounded off by a whisky/gin tasting at White Peak Distillery just over the bridge from GBCJ where a number of souvenir bottles were purchased.

On Saturday morning the Italians were invited to play Pickleball; this went down well and was followed by Carl and Charlie Ashin bravely daring to cook pizza for the Italians, pickleballers and hosts; feedback from the Italians for pickleball and pizza was good. The Flag Wavers performed three times during carnival day; twice on Main St and finally at the Miners Standard.Following the final performance, a redrafted Winster/ Monterrubiano Twinning agreement was signed; we knew something important was about to happen when our very own Carnival Queen, Kate Connor, played the English and Italian national anthems on her cornet. The new agreement was one suitable for a post-brexit world and confirmed commitment from both sides to continue the relationship irrespective of political obstacles which might be faced.

After a farewell breakfast on Sunday the Italians were taken back to the airport in pouring rain. The Italians had been small in number but were big in heart and commitment to keep the arrangement going; we couldn't help but feel that the visit had reinvigorated the twinning spirit.

Many thanks to Secret Gardens who awarded a grant to Twinning to pay for the cost of drums, flags and outfits to be flown over. Thanks also to hosts, taxi-ers and everybody who welcomed our lovely guests.

Our next Twinning fundraiser will be the Oktoberfest later this year. If you wish to get more involved in Twinning please contact Sharon Talbot 0754 652 7214; the AGM will be in September.

PARISH COUNCIL -TWINNING

Winster's Twinning Committee took the opportunity of the visit of our friends from Monterubbiano during Wakes Week to strengthen the relationship between our two villages. As Chair of Winster Parish Council, I signed a new agreement between the two communities which aims to take the partnership between our villages further, strengthen our ties and encourage more contact between us.

The document was signed after a performance by the Sbandieratori at the Miner's Standard on the lovely sunny evening of Wakes Day.

Monterubbiano were, likewise, very keen to re-affirm their commitment to, what is now, a longstanding friendship between us and I was happy to respond positively on behalf of the village. I want to thank Sharon Talbot and the Winster Twinning Committee team for working so hard to make the Italian visitors welcome and for facilitating the renewal of the twinning relationship as well. Great job!















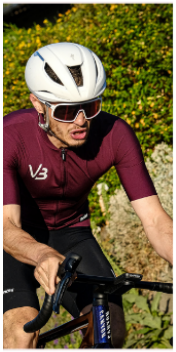





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THE HEATHCOTE CHARITY - APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS 2025

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To apply for a grant please contact the secretary for an application form; these will be available from **15th August 2025** Any application from or on behalf of individuals will be treated in the strictest confidence. All applications from village organisations must include a copy of the latest accounts and a recent statement of assets or accumulated funds.

The secretary must receive the completed application forms and any other relevant documentation no later than the **12th September 2025**

Secretary. Jackie Long

jackie.winster@gmail.com

Or C/O Sandra Purslow
Homelea
Main Street
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01629 650222

WINSTER POND & COMMUNITY ORCHARD GROUP

The Annual General Meeting will now take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 3 September 2025 at Ashlea, Woodhouse Lane, Winster DE4 2DN. All very welcome and we hope to be outside.

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

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

LIST OF VILLAGE ITEMS THAT CAN BE BORROWED/USED

Did you know of the following:

- Village Wheelchair – kept by the lift in the Burton Institute. Can be borrowed. **Contact John Geddes Tel 650364 or john@ winster.org**
- Village Sewing Machine – stored in the Jubilee Room
- Tripod ladders suitable for hedges and fruit picking. From Winster Pond & Community Orchard – small donation welcome. Stored at Tite Cottage **Contact Anthea Rawlence Tel 650480 or a.j.rawlence@btinternet.com**
- Village noticeboard keys – all kept at the Village Shop

I am sure there are other items too (and other questions!) If you would like to add to this list or have a query please contact **Anthea** and we will get this list put on the village website

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