

Winwick ^{really} Matters

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The Newsletter of Winwick Parish Council, covering Winwick Village, Winwick Park, Houghton Green, Hermitage Green, "White City", part Grasmere/Greenwood Estate and part of Cinnamon Brow/Fearnhead

Winwick Parish Council hope that you have a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



2007 Citizen of the Year

And the winner is!

The format of this years Best Kept Garden competition was changed from previous years, in that the gardens which were judged were nominated by Parish Councillors following their annual walkabout of the Parish.

This years winners were:-

1st E Runcorn-Winwick Village

2nd P Johnson-Winwick Park

3rd A Appleton-Winwick Village

Cheshire Community Pride Competition 2007

Winwick came 4th out of nine similar sized Villages in this years Community Pride competition. The judges comments were very encouraging with no aspects of the area being considered as poor. Excellent / very good grading was given for the following :- Tidiness of verges & hedges, conservation & environment, adequacy of litter bins, lack of litter, graffiti, dog fouling, weeds and chewing gum, condition of bus shelters, exterior of school and playing fields, notice boards, the children's play area, recreation ground, churchyard and memorials.

Parkside Action Group

www.parksideactiongroup.org.uk
PO Box 17, Newton-le-Willows. WA3 3WX

Update on the fight against the Rail Freight Terminal

Newton Park Farm (NPF) decision overturned

Last month (October 18th) Hazel Blears the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government overturned the NPF decision. The original Inspector's May 2007 decision had granted planning permission for Interland UK to develop NPF for housing use as.. '..the proposed development (NPF) would not prejudice the development of a Strategic Rail decision to allow housing on the site, citing inappropriate development in the Green Belt and as Parkside being a potential location for a SRFI. This decision seems to indicate that the Government supports the proposed rail freight terminal.

If you oppose the development of Parkside PAG would urge you to write quoting APP/H4315/V/06/1200474 to Hazel Blears Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Zone 3/ J1 Eland House, Bressenden Place, London. SW1E 5DU or email maria.stasiak@communities.gsi.gov.uk.

St. Helens Local Development Framework (LDF) is now open for public consultation from 8/11/07 – contact: jonathonoad@sthelens.gov.uk or 01744 456117 website www.sthelens.gov.uk. PAG plan to produce an A4 flyer to underline the importance of the LDF to residents. PAG would welcome volunteers to distribute flyer.

All submissions regarding the LDF either by post or email need to be in by 19/12/07.

St. Helens and Warrington Councils will be contacting residents once Astral have submitted the amended Traffic and Environmental assessments. Volunteers also needed to distribute newsletter.

Dave Watts MP for St Helens North is heavily involved with Vista Road opposition and lobbied Hazel Blears to reject Newton Park Farm as it would be inappropriate development in the Green Belt!! Parkside would be 194 times the size of NPF? Who is he meant to be working for: his St. Helens North constituents or Astral Developments?



Winwick Parish Council is working in partnership with PAG in it's opposition to the Parkside Rail Freight Terminal

PAG Website has been updated – take a look

Going Green

Winwick Parish Council has asked the Clerk to the Council to put forward proposals to develop a "green policy" for the Council.

The Council has a proven track record in the protection of the environment with the creation of the Community Woodland and wild flower meadow at Radley Common, it's high standards of maintenance of Myddleton Lane recreation ground, Swan Green and the area central area of Winwick Park. It also provides recycling facilities at Winwicl Leisure Centre.

In a positive move to be proactive to the green agenda this year will be the last the Parish Council will provide a cut Christmas tree in the grounds of the Parish Church. In 2008 it will be planting a mature live tree in the Church grounds which will continue to be decorated each Christmas.

The Parish Council would like to thank ST Oswalds PCC for their permission To carry out the planting.

A programme of energy efficiency measures is also planned for Winwick Leisure Centre.

We would welcome your help by supporting the Parish Council in developing their plans, by letting us have any ideas you may have on how Winwick can reduce it's carbon footprint . Please contact the Clerk to the Council whose details are given on page 4.

If you would like to know more about energy efficiency and climate change visit www.direct.gov.uk and go to the section for environment and green living.

**New Years Eve Party
at
Winwick Leisure Centre
Dancing till 1.00 am to "Bradley Thomas"
Top DJ & entertainer
Tickets cost £5 and are available from Winwick
Leisure Centre and Post Office
Free buffet & prize draw**

***Winwick Leisure Centre
Christmas & New Year
Opening Times***

Christmas Eve-12.00 pm-6.00 pm last orders 5.30 pm and 7.30 pm-12.00 am- last orders 11.30 pm.

Christmas day-12.00 pm-2.30 pm last orders 2.00pm.

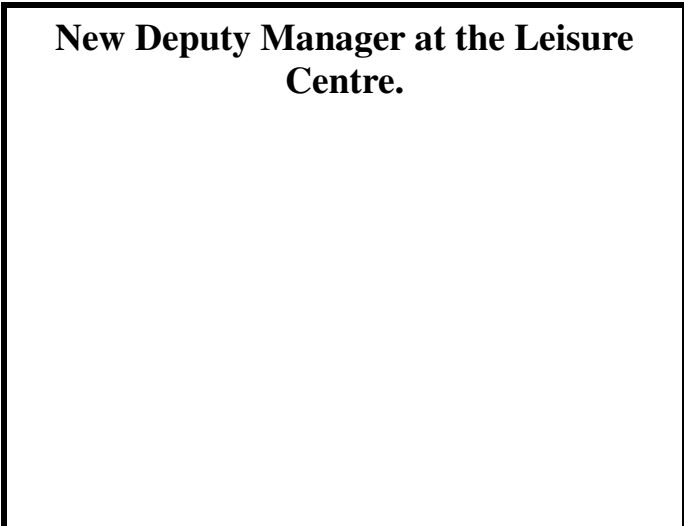
Boxing Day –Closed

**New Years Eve (Millennium Lounge only)
12.00 pm-5.00 pm last orders 4.30 pm.**

New Years Day-closed



New Deputy Manager at the Leisure Centre.

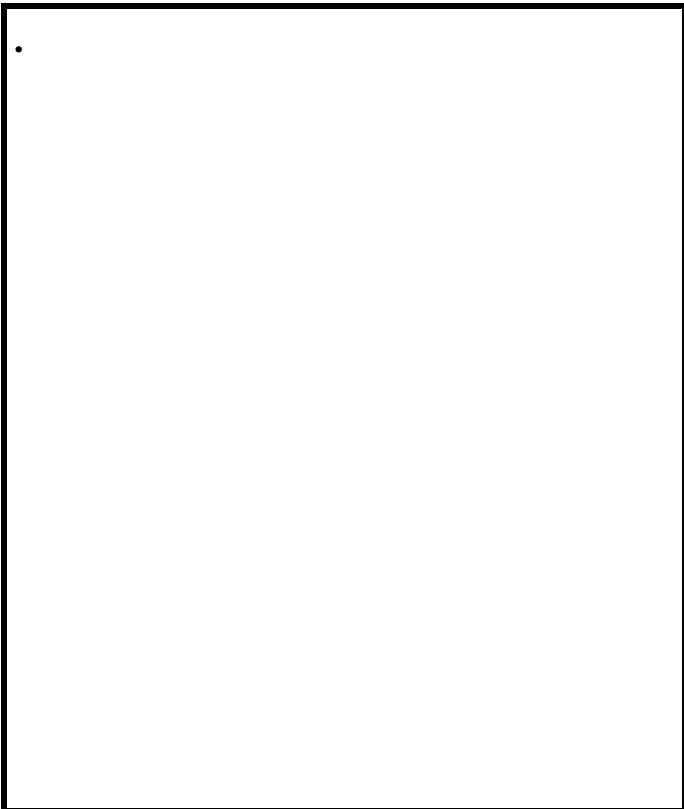


Winwick Leisure Centre

Our extensively stocked bar open 7 nights a week from 7.00 pm and 12.00 noon weekends

Rooms for hire at highly competitive rates for that special occasion or for your company training and seminars. We can supply training equipment and refreshments as well as arranging catering and DJ's

**For further information contact
Winwick Leisure Centre
Tel 01925 637490 or 07984 333723**



**If you have any comments, complaints or compliments regarding this Newsletter, or the work of the Parish Council please contact the Editor:-
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