



The Village News

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Community Advice Service for Old Windsor

Old Windsor Parish Council are offering a new service. An outreach confidential advice and support service for older residents, their families and carers and for carers who reside in the village but care for someone outside. The service is delivered by a trusted, experienced and highly qualified professional, Debra Dulake. Debra has the full support of our GP Practice, RBWM and is funded by the Better Care Fund.

Debra's role is to be an approachable and easily contactable listening ear. Someone you can trust to give knowledgeable and timely guidance on a range of issues that can affect the quality of life of our older residents. It is easy to be overwhelmed by a problem and not be sure which support is required, how to find that support and how to approach matters. She has been in post since February and has already supported over 40 individuals and families.

Some of the areas of concern that Debra covers include:

Isolation and loneliness, packages of care to meet care needs, long term care placements, carer role, housing issues, family relationships, safety concerns, managing safely within your home, Assistive Technology, bereavement, Lasting Power of Attorney, capacity issues, dementia, accessing information about illnesses, accessing information about statutory and voluntary organisations.

If you think you or someone close to you could benefit from Debra's advice and support please contact her on 07392 749071 or by email cas@owpc.co.uk

Exciting 'Living made easy' event coming to Old Windsor



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choices for living



This event has been organised by Debra Dulake in conjunction with RBWM and is designed to give residents an overview of various services and facilities available to help make life a bit easier and safer. Come along and talk to and get information from;

LIVING MADE EASY IN OLD WINDSOR

This is a
FREE event,
open to
everyone

25th May 2017

11am – 3.30pm

Old Windsor Day Centre,
27b Straight Road,
Old Windsor, Berkshire SL4 2RW

NRS: Providers of mobility equipment for RBWM

Housing Solutions: Affordable housing, sheltered schemes and rentals for older people and people with disabilities. They have housing stock across the borough.

Public Health : Aims to improve the health and well being of residents.

Care Harmony: Personal alarm systems

Signal (Carers): Borough appointed carers support

Choose Care : One stop shop for people who need care and are self funders.

DIY Stand: Run by Debra & Michaela from RBWM to help identify Assistive Technology that people can purchase for themselves and that doesn't need paid for monitoring services.

Come to see simple tools and devices designed to help people with daily living activities. Free impartial information and advice available

Also find information to support unpaid carers and Public Health will provide support to make healthier choices and to minimise the risk and impact of illness.



Your Carnival Needs YOU!

Last June the 56th Old Windsor Carnival took place over a slightly damp weekend. Every year since 1961 the annual Carnival has involved several generations of many families in the village and has been enjoyed by many, many more, both villagers and visitors.

Over the years there have been a lot different events within the Carnival; Old Windsor's Got Talent, Party in the Rec, raft races, bingo, fun runs, tennis and netball tournaments, dances and lots of others. However, the stalwart events, the donkey derby, the procession, the centre ring and stalls on the Rec and the football competition have figured every year for many years. The Carnival Committee are always happy to consider including other events that will attract even more people to take part and/or attend.

The Carnival was originally started under the auspices of the Old Windsor Sports & Social Club. It was organised by four families who all remained involved for many years. Sadly only one of those eight persons is still alive today, Mrs Lilian Hartley, a still-interested 98 year-old and a Vice President of the Carnival.

The Carnival has always been about taking part and having fun. However, raising some money for good causes has been an aim too. The Committee chooses a national charity with some village connection every other year, with village charities and good causes receiving all the grants in the intervening years. Nowadays organisations are asked to apply for grants by specifying what the money is required for, which must be a 'project' rather than just 'running costs'.

Although fund raising is a secondary aim of the Carnival, no less that £116,911 has been distributed in the 56 years since 1961. Of that total, about £20k has been given to national charities and about £97k to local good causes. So Old Windsor should feel very proud of itself!

As with all long-running events, things change over the years – particularly costs! While insurance has been a steadily rising cost for the Carnival the really big change has been with the procession. Until 7 years ago there were no costs for the procession. Then the police were no longer allowed to control the traffic and we had to employ a qualified traffic management firm to do that for us and last year we also had to pay for the newspaper advertisement notifying the road closures. So, over 8 years, the procession has gone from being a fund raiser of about £1,400 to a net cost of about £1,300. Nevertheless, the procession, as an integral part of the Carnival Day, will go on.

The biggest problem that the Carnival Committee has is the reducing number, and increasing age, of the committee members. It has reached the point where many committee members are having to take on several Carnival jobs and, in particular, the setting up and taking down of the infrastructure on the Rec is becoming beyond our physical capabilities. The Carnival Committee desperately needs some new, younger and willing members to spread the load a bit. None of the jobs are particularly onerous and whatever your skills we will be able to use them. The Committee meets about 8 times a year – 6 times between January and June – at the Old Windsor Club, normally on a Monday evening, and we would love to greet anyone who would like to become involved with the Carnival.

Without more people to help, the 57th (2017) Old Windsor Carnival might be the last one – and that would be very sad.

Chris Simon

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New floor for Memorial Hall

After six decades of sterling service it has become clear in the last few years that the floor in the Memorial Hall has reached the end of its life. The management Committee looked at various options and decided on replacement with a wooden semi-sprung type dance floor which we believe will bring significant benefit to the community through dance classes and sports activities, hopefully attracting further users.

As funding the total cost of the floor replacement was unachievable within the budget, grant funding was applied for and approved.

To date we are very grateful to have been awarded funding by the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead and also The Prince Philip Trust Fund. These have made the project possible and we are very excited to be getting started later in the year during the annual summer shutdown in August.

MH Management Committee

Community engagement opportunities from our local police team



My name is Sgt Rachel Jinks, and I have been the Neighbourhood Sgt for Windsor East (which encompasses Old Windsor Datchet, Horton, and Wraysbury) for several years now. Over this period we have worked extremely closely with members of the local community and Parish Council to address issues of concern and those causing high demand for services.

To improve our support locally we are seeking the “Active Involvement” of the Community of Old Windsor in the setting up of a new Neighbourhood Watch scheme. In particular we would love to hear from individuals willing to “chair” such meetings and coordinate

activities with the support of your local Neighbourhood Team.

We are also looking to support the start-up of a “Community Forum” or “Neighbourhood Action Group” where residents can work with Police and Key Partners to problem solve local issues and identify “Community Priorities” which we can assist with. Both of these schemes would meet on a quarterly basis and receive the support of your Neighbourhood Team. Priorities might include a range of issues such as burglary prevention/reduction, tackling of ASB and improving road safety.

Our main priorities over the past quarter have been focused on our response to burglaries and theft from motor vehicle offences. The below provides a brief summary of offences:

2 theft of vehicles, 11 theft from vehicles, 4 dwelling burglaries, 6 non-dwelling burglaries (garages/sheds/commercial properties).

3 people have been charged (during this period) in connection with their role in a commercial robbery in the area, and on 28/04/17 a stolen vehicle from one of the above burglaries was recovered in Slough.

To participate in the new NHW or “Community Forum” or highlight Priorities which you believe Police and partners should tackle over the next quarter, in the first instance please send your details to clerk@owpc.co.uk or pop into the Parish Council Hub and give them to John, the clerk. This information will then be collated and passed to us and an initial meeting arranged to set up the schemes. To help support residents wishing to ‘chair’ either initiative the parish council are happy to offer IT support and copying facilities along with access to a meeting room if required.

For general contact with the Team and to arrange crime prevention advice/a home security visit, please email : WindsorEastNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

For immediate Police assistance for a crime in progress (please call 999) or for a matter that requires urgent attendance. Please use 101 when you wish to report any suspicious behaviour, anti social behaviour or any other non urgent matter of concern. Always ask for a URN (unique reference number) to ensure your call has been logged.

Your local Police Contacts from June for the area are;

PS Rachel Jinks, PC Graham Slater, PCSO Ricky Khaliq and PCSO Les Bradfield. These Officers are supported by a wider Team of staff and managed by Inspector Louise Warbrick

Time to talk

PCSO Stuart Howarth will be available to talk to residents in the police post in the Hub between 18:00 - 19:00 on Friday May 26th.

Around and about the village

Planting and pruning

To lift our spirits and brighten our environment 58 hanging baskets and the village flower beds will be appearing over the next 2 to 3 weeks.

The tree surveys have been completed and any identified work has been carried out.

Repairs and improvements

The tennis courts will be closed between July 10th until August 10th, depending on the weather for complete refurbishment. This includes resurfacing including a new playing surface, nets and posts. Be sure to look out for the exciting new colour scheme.

We are also re-marking the multi-use games area.

The fence behind the Memorial Hall and Day Centre is being repaired this month.

To prevent lorries fly tipping on the allotments a height restriction barrier will also be installed within the next few weeks.

As soon as we've found a suitable solution to stop any climbing onto the toilet/youth club roof we are planning to install a drinking fountain. All being well in time for the summer holidays.

Notes from a novice allotment holder

In April 2016 I saw on Facebook that the Church Road allotment site had some vacant plots. In 55 years I had never thought of having one but wandered down to take a look and fell in love with a rather overgrown plot 83. I spent many pleasant hours tending my plot and was surprised that I successfully grew a variety of vegetables and fruit with zero knowledge but plenty of helpful and friendly advice from fellow allotment holders. I would encourage anybody with a love of fresh food and fresh air to consider this wonderful community asset by taking on a plot. This last year has been good exercise, good for my health and especially my well being. Luckily there are currently some plots available so if you are interest, just contact the Allotment Association on 01753 866479 or the parish council.

David

Defibrillators planned for the Village



The Parish Council in partnership with the Community Response Team are planning to provide 2 defibs with boxes, one on the Hub and one in the decommissioned phone box outside of the post office.

Each unit will cost £1500. So far we have raised £800 through donations and hope to raise more this year.

We will also be approaching the South Central and Southern Ambulance Service to see if they will help us as they do provide public access defibs in some areas so we are looking into alternative funding sources.

Once the defibs are in place we will run training courses for the village to ensure people know how to use them.

If you would like to make a donation please contact John Lee, details below.

How to outwit the scammers

Come along to the **Old Windsor Day Centre on May 23rd at 1pm** and find out how to protect yourself from the scammers.

A dedicated team from RBWM who have specialist knowledge of the various scam techniques in circulation will be giving a talk and supplying information to take away.

HOW TO CONTACT US

John Lee - Clerk

01753 868842 or email

Clerk@owpc.co.uk

You can also contact us via the Parish Council website www.owpc.co.uk

Or at the Hub 8:30 - 2pm