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The Parish News wishes all our readers, advertisers and volunteer distributors a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Trinity Rotary Club King's Lynn



Child Safety - Crucial Crew

Crucial Crew was set up by the Norfolk Fire and Rescue services in 2003 to improve the safety of school year 6 children (10-11 year olds) by raising their awareness of safe practices and improve their understanding of legal issues. The pupils are bussed into the main fire station in King's Lynn and spend half a day there and over 1,100 attended this year.

In 2005 the Rotary Club of Kings Lynn Trinity took on the responsibility to coordinate the five Rotary Clubs in the West Norfolk Area who supply 50 volunteers to staff and help finance the week long event. The West Norfolk event is unique in its methods of using volunteers from Rotary Clubs and providing funding support.

Since 2003 some 14,000 pupils from schools all over West Norfolk have benefited from the training and experiences offered by professional organisations such as Fire services, Police, Ambulance, Young Offenders team, Coastguard, Environment Agency, St John's Ambulance, the Mathew Project, Gas Safety and Emotional Wellbeing.

Over the whole of Norfolk 70,000 pupils have attended Crucial Crew events. Each of the pupils experience workshops run by these organisations and leave with a toolbox of useful techniques and safety awareness. It has resulted in helping save lives throughout Norfolk over this 15 year long programme.

The workshop this year took place between 29 April and 3 May. It was run by Norfolk Constabulary and focused on mobile phones and social media. Of the 1,100 children who attended, some 98% owned their own mobile phones. Nearly all social media services require users to be at least 13 years of age to access and use their services; this includes Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter, Instagram, and Skype, yet 70% of the children admitted to having access to social media sites.

The Police pointed out the dangers of using these sites, and told the children that it was a criminal offence to post intimate pictures of themselves; adding that the age of criminal responsibility was ten.

Malcolm Wood King's Lynn Trinity Rotary Club 07710 762588



Nar Valley Ornithological Society (NarVOS)



Indoor meetings at the Barn Theatre, Sacred Heart Convent School, Swaffham. Access and parking from Sporle Road.

Please note that there is no NarVOS meeting in December.

Rural and Wildlife Crime with PC James Wonnacott

Tuesday 28th January, 7.30pm

James Wonnacott is a Rural and Wildlife Crime Officer with Norfolk Police. What does this role mean to you - dealing with sheep rustling, theft of wild birds' eggs, hare coursing, theft of farm machinery and perhaps much more? Come along to NarVOS to find out! Almost certainly you will be able to put your questions and observations to James.

Visitors most welcome at these meetings. Admission £4 on the night if you are not a NarVOS member. For more information about this meeting or NarVOS call Ian Black on 01760 724092.

A BIG "THANK YOU" FOR FOUR YEAR'S HARD WORK

Once again the community spirit in North Runcton has excelled.

For the fourth year running, on 12th October, 24 folk, including the North Runcton Scouts and Guides, gathered to complete the major "Tidy Up" of All Saints' Churchyard.

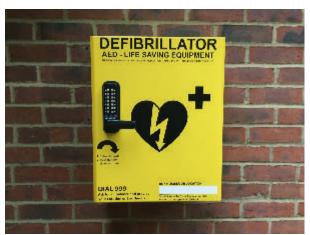
Over the years, the work has involved removing several tonnes of trimmings, dead wood and the ever present "Ivy". A special thank you goes to all the ladies who provided a wonderful array of cakes, sausage rolls and drinks to sustain the workers. This annual event has also provided the opportunity for folk to catch up on village news and to get acquainted, particularly those who are relatively new in the village.

All that is needed now, in order to keep the churchyard tidy, is an annual "light trim" to keep the Ivy and the large Western hedge at bay, thus maintaining this great setting for our wonderful church.

Any volunteers for 2020?

Ken Matthews Churchwarden

NEW DEFIBRILLATOR FOR MIDDLETON



Residents of Middleton now have 24 hour access to a defibrillator recently installed at Middleton Hall Golf Club. The defibrillator is located in a secure cabinet to the right of the Clubhouse main entrance door.

To access the cabinet you need to enter a code, this is available from the clubhouse staff or shop during opening hours.

Outside of these times, phone 999, give your location (Middleton Hall Golf Club, clubhouse main entrance) to the East of England Ambulance Service who will tell you the code.

The purchase of the defibrillator has been made possible by the generosity of the members of the golf club. Once the Parish Council's defibrillator has been installed at the Village Hall (see Mick Porter's report on page 5) it means that there will be access to a defibrillator on both sides of the busy A47.



Middleton Parish Council Chairman's Report

By Mick Porter

The main topic of discussion for the October and November Parish Council (PC) meetings was the loss of access onto the field adjacent to the allotments. For some time the field has been used by dog walkers taking their dogs for a walk. The new owners of the field have now fenced the whole area off denying access. After much discussion between dog walkers, the PC and the owners of the field a pathway between the East Winch Road and Sandy Lane has been created. The PC will investigate the cost of purchasing the land on which the pathway has been established and the ongoing insurance cost.

The fencing around the allotments consists of old pallets, the PC are of the opinion that they make the allotments look run down. Estimates are being sought to replace the pallets with proper fencing.

Funding for the Defibrillator has been received and it has been purchased along with its cabinet. As previously reported the defibrillator will be installed at the Village Hall, the PC will be seeking estimates for carrying out the installation.

The PC have been informed by the charity who own the telephone box in Blackborough End, that as a defibrillator will not be installed within it, they have no objections for it being used for some other purpose. Initially the PC will get the box cleaned up and repainted.

The fencing between the playing field and the adjacent land requires replacing as it is in poor condition and is made up of barbed wire. Estimates are being sought to replace the fencing.

Trees have been planted on the left side of the playing field in a bid to create a conservation area.

Various issues regarding Highway problems were reported, some of which have been reported previously and are now awaiting action from Highways. It was noted that the large

crack in Wormegay Road on the approach to High Bridge has been repaired but the lay-by is still coned off.

In my last report I said that the PC would support a Garage Sale in the parish if there was sufficient interest. To date the Parish Clerk has not received any emails showing interest and if none are received by the December PC meeting the matter will be dropped.



The annual bowls club dinner took place at, The Heron, Stowbridge recently. By all accounts everyone enjoyed themselves and came away at the end of the evening well fed and watered. The dinner was arranged by Wendy Bull, the social secretary.

The newly sown grass on the Green appears to sprouting well following the pre-winter maintenance carried out by committee and club members under the direction of Ken Manning and Jim Grant.

The daily Green sweeping operations have begun and will continue into Spring. The 6 day Sweeping rota consists of Geoff Nunn, Peter Jackson, Brian Parker, David Beckett, Jim Grant and David Skerritt. The 7th day is the day of rest. These essential sweeping operations prevent the growth of fungi which, if not removed, stems the growth of the newly sown grass.

Christmas will soon be upon us. Festive greetings are extended to all the readers of this magazine from the membership of West Winch Bowls Club. So why not buy your loved one an unusual gift? By this, I mean a one year membership to the bowls club. It only costs £17 and will solve one of your gift problems!

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News from North Runcton

LCAS Award: The Parish Council have been recognised by the Local Council Award Scheme for their 'high standard of performance and commitment to ongoing improvement' with the award of the LCAS Foundation level quality standard.

Rachel Curtis, clerk to the Parish Council said 'We are very pleased for this recognition – which for a small parish is quite an achievement. There are 113 Parish and Town Councils in Norfolk and we are only the 10th to gain the Foundation standard'.

In recent years the Council have raised more than £100,000 to renovate their village meeting place, opened 'the smallest art gallery and museum in Norfolk', and prepared a Neighbourhood Plan in conjunction with West Winch Parish. Recent initiatives include tackling traffic speed in the village, setting up a Conservation Volunteers group, tree and bulb planting, providing a defibrillator and resurfacing School Lane.

West Winch Growth Area: 10 years after it was first mooted the timetable for the start of development seems to be extending again. The latest reported programme, presented at a recent meeting with landowners, suggests a 'relief road' design to be presented for consultation next summer, (2020), with planning consent anticipated to be in 2021 and construction to start in 2022. It has been suggested that up to 300 houses will need to be completed before the new road is open.

The Parish Councils have not been officially advised of any of these latest plans. North Runcton Parish Council recently responded to the King's Lynn Transport Strategy consultation process and strongly stated that the commitment to developing forms of transport other than private car travel was wholly inadequate. Currently the northbound morning tailback on the A10 is regularly 5-6km long.

'Wildlife in Common' Project: The Parish Council and interested residents have continued to work with the Norfolk Wildlife Trust (NWT) on a number of initiatives. A fairly comprehensive biodiversity survey of North Runcton Common

and Sheep's Course Wood is now complete and a survey of Hardwick Common has been started. We are finalising some historical research on the commons and will soon publish this as a draft document.

Our fledgling 'North Runcton and Hardwick Conservation Volunteers' have had two successful workdays to introduce new management in Sheep's Course Wood and we will be planning a range of events next year. Anyone interested in joining can come along – please enquire first at the Parish Council website.

We have had a number of successful and educational field workshops and presentations and the well-attended 'Family Wildlife Day' last June. More talks are organised for the New Year (see item on Page 11). The NWT project will end next spring, but our work in North Runcton will continue and we hope to work with NWT on new initiatives.

Speedwatch: North Runcton Speedwatch started in October with a group of seven volunteers sharing the rota across New Road, Rectory Lane and Common Lane. The group was established because of residents' concerns about the speed of traffic through the village, particularly at commute times. To date, a total of seven sessions have been completed with a total of 18 vehicles being recorded at more than 35 mph. The aim of the scheme is primarily, over a period of time, to encourage motorists to observe the speed limit so we hope to be redundant one day!

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Sunday Afternoon Long Green Indoor Bowls Group

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NEW BOWLERS WELCOME, we have all the equipment. Any questions please call Valerie or Brian 01553 764897.

The Evergreens

Our Christmas Carol service is on **Thursday**, **19th December at 2.30 pm in the East Winch Village Hall**, followed by yuletide refreshments, and is open to all.

We are still welcoming new members - just a subscription of £7 for the year's membership.

The first meeting of the New Year 2020 will be on **Thursday, 16th January at 2.30 pm** in the East Winch Village Hall. For information please ring Kath Roberts on: 01553 636178.

East Winch Wildlife Garden

We continue to enjoy our volunteering work on the garden and have made good progress over the summer months.

The overgrown borders have been re-shaped and tidied. The planted wildflower seeds have bloomed. We are now beginning to put the garden to sleep for the winter, planting bulbs and shrubs for the wildlife insects to enjoy when they return in the Spring. As Autumn is now arriving, the leaves are falling and the berries ripen to provide much needed food for the winter months ahead.

We feel the Centre continues to provide an excellent service for all forms of wildlife. We applaud the workforce and volunteers for their devotion and dedication.

More news on the garden in the Spring.

Janet & Gerry Eason



New Year's Eve Party Dinner & Disco

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NORTH RUNCTON ART GROUP



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The Village Meeting Place The Green, North Runcton Village, PE33 0RB Wednesdays 1.30 – 4.30pm or Thursdays 2.00 – 4.00pm Membership £20 paid quarterly in advance For more information please contact Lyn (Organiser) 07872 464004 or Janet 01553 841514.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM REV'D RIAZ

Advent, Christmas and us (Luke 21:25-36)

The season of Advent offers the opportunity to reflect on the journey of the past year, to set goals, and to begin, with hope, the next chapter in the journey. This does not mean that this is the only time when one can have an experience that sets one on a new course. It is understood that a new journey can begin at any time and in any place-at that point where one's walk and God's purposes intersect. But today marks the advent of a new season and it lends itself to reflection on the role God plays in one's life.

This is a good time, then, to take stock of one's challenges and accomplishments as well as how one has responded during the past year. There is a saying, "Be patient, God is not finished with me yet." If one is a faithful participant in God's mission of reconciliation, what was one's response to God's call over the past twelve months? Specifically, how was one's faith expressed in life-affirming deeds?

Despair and hope go hand in hand. Luke's merger of the full despair of reality and the unbridled hope of faith is the message of the Gospel. In the midst of this life and the many events that evoke despair, it is the seed of hope in a bright future, a future in which God is made manifest, that provides a sense of confident faith. Faith is not a vaccine that prevents the disease of despair. Faith is the seed of new life from which hope can grow out of a winter of anguish and desolation. And this is the message of the final advent of God in Christ.

God never sends you into a situation alone. God goes before you. He stands beside you. He walks behind you. Whatever situation you have right now be confident God is with you.

And this is our hope and our faith.

In the name of Jesus Christ, who was and is and is yet to be. Amen.

Wish you all blessings for this Advent, & for the warmest Christmas and also for the New Year!

Rev'd Riaz Mubarak & family

NORTH RUNCTON PARISH COUNCIL

New Year Talks at North Runcton VMP

We are organising some winter talks as part of the 'Wildlife in Common' project.

Thursday 23rd January, 7:45pm The Nar Valley Ornithological Society Ornithology of Mid and West Norfolk

lan Black – NarVOS chairman

Thursday 20th February, 7:45pm

Managing Norfolk's National Nature Reserves in the 21st Century Tom Bolderstone – Senior Reserve Manager, Natural England

> Thursday 19th March, 7:45pm Speaker to be announced

Refreshments will be provided. A collection will be taken to cover expenses

For more information – see the Parish Council website <u>https://northrunctonpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/</u> or speak to a Parish Councillor



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Leziate, Ashwicken & Bawsey Women's Institute



We meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month from **2pm - 4pm at Leziate Village Hall** and welcome guests and new members.

At our meetings we have guest speakers who inform and entertain us on a variety of interesting topics. We also have social activities such as games, quizzes, competitions and lunch outings.

Our President, Ann, welcomed everyone to our October meeting and we all joined together to sing 'Jerusalem'. Our speaker, Lindsey Bavin, manager at True's Yard, was welcomed and we sat back to listen to 'King's Lynn - a tale of 2 towns'.

In 1101, Bishop Herbert de Losinga paid for St Margaret's Church (The Minster) to be built and authorised a Saturday Market. The town became prosperous as trade built up along the waterways and filled the space between the two rivers, Millfleet to the south and Purfleet to the north.

In the middle of the 12th century, Bishop Turbus extended the town to an area known as Newland, north of the Purfleet. This area had its own Market held on a Tuesday and St Nicholas Chapel was built as a chapel of ease to St Margaret's. St Nicholas Chapel served the population of the North End and was known as the Fishermen's Chapel. Both settlements were united under a royal charter in 1204 and became known as Bishop's Lynn.

True's Yard is a Community Museum and depicts the story of the old North End fishing quarter of Kings Lynn. Visitors can see a permanent collection of exhibits or book a tour of the North End.

Refreshments were then served by Roz and Ady. The raffle prize was won by Lin. Birthday gifts were given to Barbara, Valerie B. Anne and Ali. Members' gifts went to Jan, Wendy & Ali.

The competition for an item beginning with 'S' was won by Ann's star with Jan coming second with a tiny pair of shoes.

Future events:

17th December: Christmas Party. We will again be joined by Chris Dixon as, under his guidance, we attempt to ring out the carols with hand-bells. Great festive fun.

21st January: Celebrating the Group's 75th Birthday - another excuse for a party!

For further information or if you like to join our friendly and informal group for future meetings please phone Ali on 01553 841267.



MIDDLETON & DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Middleton & District RBL members are invited to attend the Branch Meeting on **Monday**, **2nd December** at the William Burt Social Club, starting at 7.30pm.

Everyone is welcome to join us on Wednesday, 11th December for our Christmas Evening Buffet at the William Burt Social Club starting at 6.30pm.

Please book early as places are limited. To book a place please contact Lilian Fisher on 01553 841852 or by email at <u>lilianfisher@talktalk.net.</u>

NORTH RUNCTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Copies of the minutes from North Runcton Parish Council meetings are available on the website:

www.northrunctonpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk.

However, if you would like a paper copy sent in the post then please contact Rachel Curtis – Clerk to North Runcton Parish Council Tel: 01553 673043.

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Community Car Scheme

The Community Car Scheme Is to help villagers who have no transport, who are elderly or disabled to attend at local doctors' or dentists' surgeries, opticians, health clinics or to keep hospital appointments.

A small charge is made to cover petrol expenses. If you require help or further information, or if you wish to volunteer help in any way, please contact Colin Skipper on 842448

KING'S LYNN WOODTURNERS CLUB

The club meets in Middleton Village Hall on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm. The club welcomes new members and if you would like further information please call them on 01553 841294.

Lunch Club usually meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at Middleton Hall Golf Club at 12.00 for 12.30pm.

For further details contact Olive Turpin 840623.



Needleworkers Circle

Fancy joining a sewing/knitting/craft circle? We are a very friendly & sociable group who would love for you to join us.

Where: Leziate Village Hall When: Tuesday, 10 December 10am - 1pm is our last meeting of the year. We resume on Tuesday, 14 January 2020 and then every fortnight. Cost: f2

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Middleton Badminton Club

Play badminton most Monday evenings (not Bank Holidays) at the Village Hall from 7pm to 9pm. The club is friendly and always welcomes new members.



Contact James Williamson (01485 600946) for more information.



Mothers' Union News

Our meetings are held at Church Farm Barn at 2.30pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

The meeting in December will be our annual Christmas Evening of readings, carols and seasonal refreshments. This will be held at 2.30pm on 17 December.

We do not meet in January, but will resume our programme in February.

Happy Christmas to all members and friends.

Hilary Hickman

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5 STAR AWARD & DEMENTIA FRIENDLY

Teamwork by staff and volunteers at the Magpie Centre, home of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Association, was recognized recently when the Centre was awarded a 5-star Licence, the highest accolade, by the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk.

In the last year, the Council's requirements for the Licence, for activities involving animals and hiring out of horses, have been revised and upgraded, so gaining the 5-star level is a great achievement.

Said WNRDA Chairwoman Rosie O'Grady: 'This is a tribute to our loyal staff and volunteers, who have worked so hard for many months to ensure that the Centre came out on top.'

Becoming Dementia Friendly

As well as supplying riding and carriage driving lessons to people of all ages and with a wide variety of physical and learning disabilities, the Magpie Centre is opening its doors to people living with dementia. As a first step, an Open Morning to enable those with dementia to meet and greet the ponies was held on Friday, 25 October.

The event allowed visitors to meet and greet the ponies, view a demonstration of the Centre's specially commissioned wheelchair-accessible carriage, and experience a 'sensory table', featuring grooming equipment, a sheepskin saddle, plus items of saddlery such as bits and stirrups.

This was followed by tea and cakes, allowing visitors to chat about the activities. A total of 12 visitors, each accompanied by a carer, participated, and Michael Owen, Activities Co-Ordinator at Dove Court Care Home, Wisbech, was enthusiastic about the benefits to his clients.

'The residents really enjoyed their visit to the Magpie Centre,' he said. 'It was very therapeutic and brought back to several of them their memories of horses from the past. They were very happy after their visit and some of them were talking about it for the next four days at least,' he added.

The following week saw a 'Becoming a Dementia Friend' training session at the Centre, attended by six members of the Centre's staff, plus 15 volunteers. This was delivered by Anne Cauvin, Volunteering Officer at the Alzheimer's Society, Norwich.

Going forward, Tea with a Pony sessions, aimed at people living with dementia and their carers, are projected for the New Year, and for these a cohort of volunteers will be needed to make and serve tea and cakes.

If you can help in any way, please contact the Centre on 01553 810202 for a Volunteer form and say that's the area of activity which appeals to you. If you can make cakes, but are unable to deliver them to the Centre, your help is still very welcome, so do let us know.

Our recent Quiz with Hog Roast Supper was the best ever. No fewer than 19 teams competed, and a total of £1,200 was raised for the Centre, which will provide riding and carriage driving lessons for people of all ages and disabilities. Many thanks to all who participated, provided raffle prizes and helped on the night. The next Quiz with Hog Roast is already booked for Stowbridge Village Hall on **Saturday, 4 April**: mark it in your diary now!

Christmas Pop Up Shop

4th - 16th December (closed 10th) 10am till 4pm each day.

Norfolk Creative Arts are hosting a Christmas Pop Up Shop. Showcasing 19 local artists and makers with daily demonstrations/talks and a special "Meet the Maker" evening on the 5th December 6.30pm till 9pm. For that night you get a special 10% discount off purchases over £30 with an individual maker and mulled wine and mince pies included. All Welcome. Find us at Church Hill School, 71 Gayton Road, Grimston.



Church Services in December & January

Sunday, 1 December 10.00am W Winch Benefice Eucharist

Sunday, 8 December 9.30am W Winch Holy Communion 10.30am E Winch Village Hall Morning Prayer 11.15am Middleton Holy Communion 3.00pm N Runcton Evening Prayer

Saturday, 14 December 3.00pm W Bilney Christmas Carols

Sunday, 15 December 9.30am W Winch Holy Communion 11.15am E Winch Village Hall Holy Communion

11.15am **Middleton** Morning Prayer 3.00pm **N Runcton** Evening Prayer

Saturday, 21 December 3.00pm E Winch Christingle

Sunday, 22 December

8.00am W Winch Holy Communion
10.30am W Winch Carol Service
11.15am E Winch Village Hall Holy
Communion
3.00pm N Runcton Holy Communion
4.00pm Middleton Carols & Crib

Tuesday, 24 December - Christmas Eve 6.00pm **W Winch** Crib Service 6.00pm **N Runcton** Christmas Carols 9.30pm **Middleton** Christmas Eve Holy Communion

Wednesday, 25 December - Christmas Day 10.00am W Winch Christmas Service

Sunday, 29 December 10.00am E Winch Village Hall Benefice Eucharist

Sunday, 5 January 2020 10.00am W Winch Benefice Eucharist

Sunday, 12 January 9.30am W Winch Holy Communion 10.30am E Winch Village Hall Morning Prayer 11.15am Middleton Holy Communion 3.00pm N Runcton Holy Communion

Sunday, 19 January

9.30am **W Winch** Holy Communion 11.15am **E Winch Village Hall** Holy Communion 11.15am **Middleton** Morning Prayer 3.00pm N Runcton Evening Prayer

Sunday, 26 January 8.00am W Winch Holy Communion 10.00am W Winch Morning Prayer 10.30am E Winch Village Hall Morning Prayer 11.15am Middleton Holy Communion 3.00pm N Runcton Evening Prayer

Morning Worship is held each Wednesday morning at 9.30 am at Church Farm. All are welcome to join us to pray for the needs of the village and then enjoy a cup of coffee.

Christingle East Winch Church Saturday 21st December at 3pm

This is a lovely service for children. Each child receives an orange with a candle in it, representing the world, and the light of Jesus shining over it. Sweets on sticks are stuck in as a sign of the good things God has given us.

Money raised at this service goes to the Children's Society, which works with children and young people in the UK in imaginative ways, researches how best to help them, and lobbies the Government for better children's services.

Mobile Library Timetable

The Mobile Library timetable for our area is once a month on **WEDNESDAYS** as follows:

22 JANUARY

North Runcton The Green	10:05 - 10:20
Blackborough End The Firs Blackborough Green	10:30 - 10:45 10:50 - 11:00
Middleton Oakdale/Village Hall St Mary's Crescent 42 Hall Orchards	11:05 - 11:30 11:35 - 11.45 11:50 - 12:00
Fair Green Park Hill Estate Graham Drive Paul Drive	12:05 - 12:20 12:25 - 12:40 12:45 - 13:00
East Winch Gayton Rd - Opp Windyridge Town Close Village Sign	15:15 - 15:25 15:30 - 15:50 15:55 - 16:05

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East Winch All Saints

Churchwardens: Mr S Dale 630167 and Mrs W Smith PCC Secretary: Mrs J Weavers 840510 Treasurer: Mrs W Smith 842281

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The Council meets on the first Wednesday of the month (except August) in the Village Hall at 7pm.

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Councillors: Chair: Mrs N Steele; Deputy Chair: Mr K Harrod;

Mr M Place; Mr N Velzeboer; Mr D Wright; Mr A Yarham

The Council meets every other month, normally on the first Monday of the month, at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

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