



The Village News

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Community Defibs for Old Windsor



Noreen Titmarsh, John Lee (Clerk)

The ambulance service is encouraging communities to buy and install AED's as they save lives and with the current pressure on the service can literally mean the difference between life and death. Other local communities and organisations have taken up the initiative and it is exciting that Old Windsor is now able to do so for its residents.

One will be placed outside the OWPC Hub on St Luke's Road and the other will be in the BT phone box outside of the Post Office/Budget Stores on Straight Road.

These machines are designed to be used by any member of the public in the event that a person suffers a cardiac arrest. They are very easy and straight forward to use as it is just a case of opening the lid and following the very clear instructions. Once they are in place then if a member of the public dials 999 from anywhere in the village the ambulance service will prompt them to go and get it and give them the code to open the box.

To ensure that as many people as possible feel confident to use the machine we are going to hold free training in CPR and the use of AED's in the next few months. We will also encourage all businesses in the village to send staff.

If you are interested in attending this free training which will be run various times including evenings and weekends please email the parish Clerk to register your interest together with an indication of what time of day, or day of the week/weekend you could attend. This training is open to all residents from the age of 9-90.

All of this is only possible because of the support and efforts of our residents.

Noreen Titmarsh (pictured) raised £1335.00 by cycling 112 miles around the Ring of Kerry and by participating in the Great River Race with crews from Wraysbury Skiff and Punting Club. She also received an individual contribution from Mr. Laurie Hatcher of £350. Our Borough Councillors Lynne Jones and Malcolm Beer contributed £750 each of their Discretionary Allowance, £250 from Old Windsor Tigers and £50 from the winner of a Fox & Castle quiz night, a huge thank you to you all.

We will be running our first 'How to use an AED and CPR' drop in session on Monday Dec 11th at the Memorial Hall, Straight Road between 6-8pm. This training will be carried out by qualified professional trainers.





come to the

Old Windsor Parish Council

Christmas

Fayre

4pm-6pm

Sunday 10th December 2017

*Outside the shops in the
St Luke's Road Shopping Area*

- ★ St. Peter's School Choir ★
- ★ Santa's Grotto ★ Kiddies' ride ★
- ★ Brass Band ★ Stalls ★
- ★ Street Entertainer ★

Fun for all!

Supported by the Old Windsor Club and Redwoods



Help and Support for our Older Residents



Debra Dulake Community Advisor

Old Windsor Parish Council are pleased to report that our free Community Advisor service has been a huge success. Debra Dulake (pictured) has so far helped around 150 elderly residents and their families and carers with a wide range of issues. Debra believes that if something is worrying an elderly resident she may well be able to advise and, in many situations, provide a suitable solution.

Debra currently works 16 hours per week and is flexible around the arranging of appointments allowing evening and weekend bookings when necessary.

As well as direct approaches Debra works very closely with Newton Court Medical Practice and receives referrals and endorsements about the support she provides.

We have received very positive feedback from users of the service and hope to continue the post through 2018.

Debra will be running a workshop on keeping safe and warm over the winter months, details of which will be circulated ahead of the event.

We urge you to continue to use this much valued resource by contacting Debra on 07392 749071, cas@owpc.co.uk or via the Hub on 01753 868842.

St Peters School Expansion

RBWM are consulting on whether to invest in expanding St Peters School by 30 pupils per year. The consultation is open until Tuesday December 19th 2017.

St Peters is currently the smallest Middle School in the borough (60 pupils per year group) compared with Trevelyan (150), Dedworth (120) and St Edwards (120). School funding is based on a per pupil figure and therefore the bigger the school, the more economies of scale and the more options there are for how the budget is spent. Facilities tend to be more comprehensive in larger schools due to the need for more learning space. Expansion would ensure the viability of St Peters for the future.

The one question the Parish Council has asked is 'What will be the impact on traffic?'

The answer is 'We don't really know.'

Obviously expansion would increase the number of children accessing Crimp Hill but we cannot predict the percentage of those that would travel by car. Currently about 80 children choose to go outside the village for middle school and some from outside Old Windsor commute to St Peters. If St Peters becomes the first choice of school for all village children then we could see less traffic from outside the village and more chance of children walking to school.

As a Parish Council we would urge RBWM to consider strategies to manage flow around school times and review the entrance arrangements at the school. We would also welcome the inclusion of an all weather pitch as that will allow for year round use.

You can register your views by emailing windsor.places@achievingforchildren.org.uk or by writing to Windsor Places Consultation, Zone B, Town Hall, Maidenhead, SL6 1RF.

You can also register your views on the RBWM website

https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/info/200295/school_development/876/education_consultations

Around and about the village



Planting and pruning

All of the winter bedding has been planted up and we're looking for new areas to further enhance the village.

Repairs and improvements

The tennis courts have been completed and by all accounts the improved facility has been well received and busy over the summer months.

Repairs to fencing in the Rec is due to start in January.

The lighting outside of the Youth Club has been upgraded providing a safer play area for the kids using the facility on Thursday nights. This also better illuminates the area for residents passing through the Rec between 6pm and 10pm.

The capacity of Crimp Hill Cemetery has been increased by adding a further 60 burial plots and 406 ashes plots.

The CCTV outside the Hub has been upgraded to full HD quality.

We are always interested to hear from residents about any additions to the play equipment on the Rec.

Advice from our Neighbourhood Police Team

Install low wattage timed security lighting that stays on throughout the night.

Make sure your house looks occupied even when it isn't.

Keep back and front doors shut and locked - even when you are at home.

Fit window locks and ensure French windows and patio doors are secure.

Never leave door keys, car keys or other valuables in reach of a letterbox or window.

Secure your garage and shed.

If you can, install a burglar alarm and set it every time you leave your home.

Call 101 and report any suspicious activity and get a URN number.

Old Windsor's 'Go to' Man



Many of you will already be familiar with Martin's regular morning weather reports. If you've ever wondered what he's doing up so early every day it's because he unlocks the Rec barrier at 7am. He's also responsible for unlocking the tennis courts and public loo and then reversing the process every evening at dusk.

Martin also runs the local Community Response Team on behalf of the parish council, particularly during flood or other extreme weather events. You will also see him out and about in the village supporting the emergency services and RBWM with road closures etc.

The latest string to his bow is that of lollipop man for the St Peters School crossing. This is a great relief to parents as the crossing was unattended for quite a while causing considerable concern.

Who knows where he'll pop up next!

We're getting ready for winter.

In the case of snow or icy conditions we have checked the salt bins throughout the village and made sure that are full.

The most likely waterway to flood parts of Old Windsor, other than the Thames, would be the Burfield Ditch so we have inspected it as far as access was possible. Our findings have been passed to the EA for reference and in addition they will be inspecting upstream in the Crimp Hill area.

HOW TO CONTACT US

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

Or at the Hub 8:30 - 2pm