



# The Village News

## Old Windsor Parish Council Newsletter

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Old Windsor Parish Council

# Old Windsor Christmas Fayre

4pm-6pm  
Sunday 9th December 2018

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

- ★ Waltham St Lawrence Silver Band ★
- ★ Stalls ★ Street Entertainer ★
- ★ Santa's Grotto ★
- ★ Food ★ Crafts ★

*Fun for all!*

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## My Archaeological Adventure

Between 1953 and 1958 Dr Brian Hope-Taylor carried out a series of excavations in Old Windsor. A site of a Saxon palace was discovered, in which the Saxon and Norman kings regularly held court. By testing the pattern of the timbers discovered in the “great ditch”, a method called dendrochronology, the first firm date of the sites’ habitation was identified as being AD 690. It has been suggested that it could pre date this as the landscape pattern revealed by the excavation could reflect that of a Romano-British villa estate, this possibility was further strengthened by the discovery of Roman tiles during the dig.

Other than the most famous discovery, the Kingsbury Beast, which Old Windsor Parish Council adopted as their emblem, most of the other findings of the excavation had never been examined or archived. Due to a lack of funding the discoveries were packed away and sent to a storage area belonging to Reading University that had



remained untouched and sat in storage for over 60 years. A grant by Historic England to Wessex and Berkshire Archaeology changed all this and there was a call for volunteers to examine and archive the discoveries.

As a secret history ”geek” I jumped at the chance to explore the discoveries of the excavation. I’m no Indiana Jones and did not expect to find the Ark of the Covenant but nonetheless I was very excited! The other volunteers from the area, and myself, gathered together in Reading. We had a brief training session on archiving and discovery and then dived straight in. I was not disappointed.

What we found in the old boxes was amazing. Pieces of shell tempered pottery, apparently made for the upper classes of society of the time. Some of the artefacts were still so intact that you could actually see the thumbprints from when it had been crafted. An almost entire cup was amongst the boxes as was an intricately decorated water vessel.

Large pieces of pottery were contained in the boxes and the experts from the archaeological society managed to piece them together to form complete clay pots which gave us a clear insight into how people lived in Anglo Saxon times. Remains from the herds of cattle that surrounded the settlement were plentiful and included deer and cattle skulls and boars tusks which used to be adapted to sew the animal hides or used as tools. I felt so lucky to be able to hold, feel and touch things that had been used centuries ago and helped shape the society of the time

The whole experience was fascinating, just amazing and I feel fortunate and blessed not only to have been a tiny part of this voyage but also to live in an area with such a rich history, much of which is yet to be discovered.



## Bye Bye Stewart

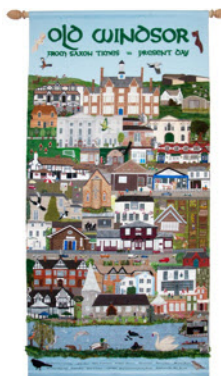


After 35 years of loyal service we're sorry to have to announce that Stewart Amor, our Parish Grounds man is retiring. Over the years Stewart has been responsible for everything from cutting the grass in the cemeteries, maintaining footpaths, planting flowerbeds to putting up the Christmas tree. Stewart has been a big part of the village since March 1983 and I'm sure, along with us, many of you will be sorry to see him go.

The Parish Council is currently taking steps to fill those big boots.

## Neighbourhood Plan Moves to Next Stage

### Old Windsor Neighbourhood Plan (2018-2033) Submission version (Regulation 16) Consultation



Old Windsor Parish Council, on behalf of the Parish Council and the steering group, has submitted a neighbourhood plan for the Old Windsor neighbourhood area. The plan aims to manage the development coming forward in the neighbourhood area to better reflect the wishes of the community in the area and to take greater account of what makes the area special to the community. It sets out a number of objectives for the area and planning policies to guide future development and to help determine planning applications in the area.

The group has prepared a Neighbourhood Plan for the designated area of Old Windsor. The Regulation 16 "Submission" Consultation commences on **Monday 19 November 2018** and will run until **Friday 18 January 2019**.

**Please remember that the examiner will only be assessing whether the plan meets the basic conditions and other relevant legal requirements as laid out in the Localism Act 2011.**

Your representation should cover all of the supporting information and evidence necessary to justify your response. After this stage, further representations will only be at the request of the Examiner, based on the matters and issues identified in the examination.

### Making Comments or Representations:

Comments or representations can be made in any of the following ways:

1. Via our online
2. By completing the [Regulation 16 Consultation Form](#), then print and post the completed form to FREEPOST RBWM PLANNING POLICY

The Old Windsor Neighbourhood Plan - Submission Plan 2018 - 2033 can also be viewed at the following locations during their usual opening hours:

- [Maidenhead Library](#), St Ives Road, Maidenhead, SL6 1QU
- [Windsor Library](#), Bachelors Acre, Windsor, SL4 1ER
- [Old Windsor Library](#), Straight Road, SL4 2RN
- The office for [Old Windsor Parish Council](#)



**Save the Date: Jan 30th 7:30 Old Windsor Memorial Hall**

**Sex, Drugs & Social Media**

**The Parish Council would like to invite you to an evening of information and support for parents and carers .**

**3 Speaker presentations, each an expert in their field followed by a moderated Q & A.**

The purpose of this event is to raise awareness of the various challenges and dangers that children may be exposed to and how to spot and then deal with them. There is a natural tendency to think that our child hasn't got a problem, it's other people's children, but obviously it could well be our child. This is an opportunity to gain knowledge and understanding of the various scenarios at play here that is not only valuable to us as parents and carers but ultimately to our children. It's the age-old axiom of prevention better than cure!

The event is ultimately about face-to-face community engagement and support in finding ways to keep all of our children safe and happy.

We look forward to seeing you.

**New Parish Council Sponsored Support Group**

**Snowdrops (together in grief)**

No Rule book, no time frame, no judgement.

Are you struggling with the loss of a loved one?

If so, please join us for regular coffee mornings to meet others who have also experienced loss.

These coffee mornings will be guided by the individual needs of those who attend, be it just a coffee, a group chat, or a 1-1 in a warm and welcoming environment – please come and join us. We aim to also have information, guidance and advice. Venue: The Youth Club –Recreation ground Old Windsor

From: 11am – 12.30

Dates: Starting Wednesday December 5th, then December 19th, (extra meeting), January 9th and 30th, February 20th, March 13th, April 3rd and 24th. (Dates to follow

For more information please contact Karen on 07775 904869 or Debra (Old Windsor Community Advisor) on 07392749071.

**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 salt bins are located by the Youth Club in the Rec, at either end of the Parish Path through the Rec, on the S bend at the end of Church Rd, in the Memorial Hall, car park and outside of the Almshouses on Crimp Hill.

**HOW TO CONTACT US**

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You can also contact us via the Parish Council website [www.owpc.co.uk](http://www.owpc.co.uk)

Or at the Hub 8:30 - 2pm