



Winslow Town Crier

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News and views from Winslow Town Council

Formal opening of new Town Park

On Saturday 19th November at 11.00 am, Tomkins Park and Arboretum will be officially opened by Julian Tomkins, son of Sir Edward and Lady Tomkins, past owners of Winslow Hall.

There will be a children's treasure hunt and a barn owl display in the morning (10.00 - 12.00) and all are welcome to attend.

The purchase of the land was funded by a grant from Aylesbury Vale District Council's New Homes Bonus fund, which also paid for much needed remedial work. Some diseased trees had to be felled and some of this wood will be used for the construction of picnic tables and benches. The park has been described as "an arboretum of county-wide significance." The laurel leaved oak in the park is believed to be the only mature specimen in Buckinghamshire.



WINSLOW CHRISTMAS FAYRE

This year's Winslow Christmas Fayre will take place on Thursday 24th November between 5.30pm and 8.30pm.

The Christmas Lights, which include some new displays, will be switched on at 6.00pm by two children from the Combined School who won a competition set by the Mayor.

Santa Clause will be making a special early visit and his reindeer will be in the market square while he gives out presents to children at his Grotto next to the St Laurence Room. There'll be lots of stalls, with food, refreshments and presents to buy and the usual children's rides. Shops will be competing for the 'Best Christmas Window' award and offering lots of tempting gifts for Christmas. Don't miss it!

HELP DESIGN OUR NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE

Winslow will grow by 50% over the next fifteen years so the Town Council needs to develop new and improved facilities including a Community Centre. The Public Hall has served us well since the 1970's but can't cope with the increasing demand. We've already had some initial ideas from our architect but now need input from the community. We need to know what you might want to see included such as function rooms, facilities and equipment. So, come along to a drop-in session and give us YOUR ideas. Just turn up when convenient.

DROP-IN SESSIONS

**At the Public Hall on Saturday 3rd
December, 11.00am until 3.00pm
and at the Town Council Office
Wednesday 7th December
6.30pm until 9.00pm**

EDITORIAL

The Town Council has a membership of twelve unpaid volunteers who have responsibility for a wide range of community services and issues. From street lighting to managing the burial ground and from providing leisure facilities to commenting on planning applications: the list is wide and varied. You might think that we have an army of staff but, in fact, we only have two part-time administrative staff. Keeping residents informed of what we are up to is a difficult task but one we are determined to address and the Town Crier is just one step toward that. This first edition is mainly about events coming up which the Town Council has organised but future quarterly editions, which will be delivered to every home in Winslow, will cover any issues which are current at the time.

In the new year we also plan a re-vamp of the design and management of our website so that we can publish information more quickly. We want to make the website a truly interactive communication tool for the community.

We have a vacancy on the Town Council and to fill this we have to go through a statutory process. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Charles Loch on 01296 712448 or email clerk@winslowtowncouncil.gov.uk



Every year the Town Council supports the Theatre in the Villages project by hosting a performance and this year we're doing something specially for children.

Join storytellers Libetta, Mabe and Ru as they tell the classic tale of The Snow Queen, set against an Eastern European backdrop during WW1. Story telling, original music and song combine in this captivating children's piece of music theatre for everyone aged 5+

Approx 80 minutes played in two acts including an interval.

Winslow Public Hall

Elmfields Gate, Winslow, MK18 3JG

**11th December 1400,
performance at 1430**

£3.00 adults, £1.00 children

Subsidised by Winslow Town Council

**Tickets from Divine Diva, 01296 712728
76B High Street, Winslow, MK18 3DQ**

The Rumour Mill



In all walks of life there are rumours about things that are supposed to be happening and often they have no basis in fact or are the result of

mis-information or poor communication. Recently there seems to have been a surge in rumours about things the Town Council has said, or plans to do, and that's partly why we have launched the Town Crier. So, for the record, there's not going to be a Supermarket built on the cricket pitch and there are no plans to turn Three Hills into a Skate Park.



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The full Council normally meets on the first Thursday of every month but the December meeting will be on 8th. All meetings of Council and committees start at 7.00pm and are held at the Council Office.

Dates of committee meetings and their agendas are posted on the notice board outside the Council Office. All meetings of the Council and its committees are open to the public and each has a session for members of the public to speak, so do come along.