

Windle Parish Council

Chairman: Cllr Ken Roughley

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I, for my part, have tried to make sure that all the information is as accurate as possible and I apologise in advance for any mistakes. Janet Anderson - Clerk

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Ken Roughley



I have been selected to serve my third term of office as Chairman of Windle Parish Council, a position which I feel honoured to hold.

I am looking forward to acting on your behalf at several official functions and presentations.

I have served as a Windle Parish Councillor now for seventeen years and enjoyed every moment of it. I have a great passion for the area and will continue to fight to improve the facilities in Windle Parish.

May I take this opportunity to thank the retiring Chairman Cllr Ann Bate for all her hard work and dedication over the past year.

My first duty will be to present the Achievement Awards at Bleak Hill Primary School where, under the guidance of Mr Wellens and his staff, the school continues to go from strength to strength.

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ACROSS: 1 Plasma 7 Inactive 8 Shed 10 Futile 11 Refine
14 Ask 16 Alder 17 Term 19 Roomy 21 Calls 22 Tamed
23 Part 26 Steal 28 Lam 29 Nearly 30 Cinema 31 Open
32 Conjuror 33 Ensure

DOWN: 1 Profit 2 Schism 3 Aide 4 Screams 5 Livid 6
Refer 8 Star 9 Elk 12 Fly 13 Never 15 Roles 18 Elite 19
Ram 20 Old 21 Callous 22 Tar 23 Panels 24 Amen 25
Trance 26 Snack 27 Earns 28 Lip 30 Core

QUIZ

1. 60s
2. Trinidad
3. Federation
4. Cobbler
5. American Football
6. Their relatives
7. Coronation Street
8. Italy
9. Sheep
10. Red
11. Salman Rushdie
12. James Callaghan
13. Hockey
14. Tammy Wynette
15. Upper arm

The Parish Council holds a garden competition each year. This is a great community activity and we would love to have more people to enter their gardens for judging, you could win a prize.

We are pleased to report that we are reinstating the refurbished Millennium Bench at the Jim Malone Garden following completion of the roadworks at Windle Island. It is hoped that the road improvements make a difference to the safety of the East Lancs Road junction and the junction of Bleak Hill Road and Rainford Road.

We have brought forward this copy of the newsletter to be able to tell you about the Garden Competition. I do hope you enjoy reading our newsletter and contribute to it if you feel you can. Should you have any issues regarding Windle Parish do not hesitate to contact one of the Councillors, we are here to help you.

CLLR KEN ROUGHLEY

WALLY ASHCROFT – Parish Councillor



It is with great sadness that I have to report on the death of one of the great servants of Windle Parish Council and a past Ward Councillor for Windle on St Helens Council, Wally Ashcroft. Wally worked tirelessly in both these roles.

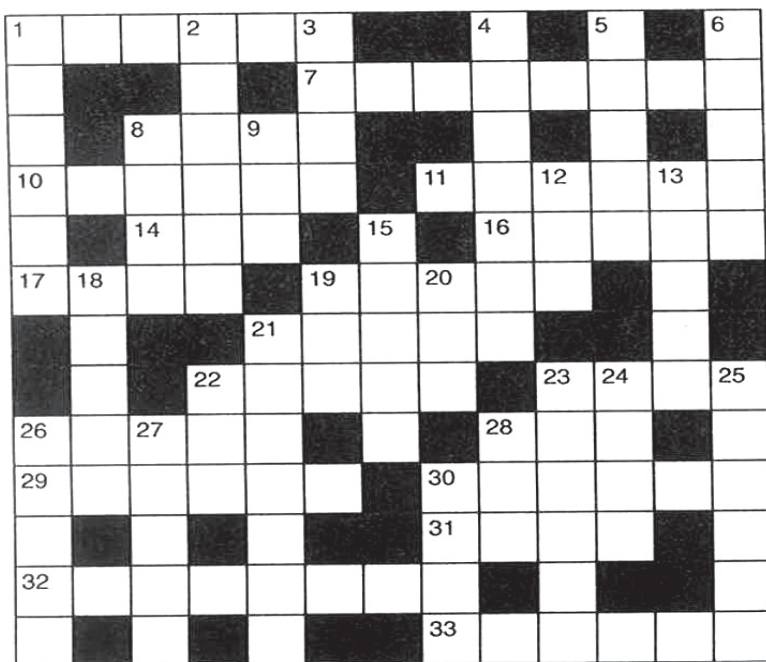
Wally was a great character and many will remember him as the owner of the Pets Emporium in College Street and the pet shop in Sutton which he ran together with his wife Nancy.

Wally always told a good tale about his various exploits with animals he cared for. He even took the Council to task when he was told to remove a charity collection box in the form of a dog for the RSPCA from the front of his shop. He won and the dog remained in situ.

Wally excelled at sport and played Rugby Union for Cowley School, Waterloo Rugby Club and Liverpool St Helens Moss Lane. In his later years he loved to play bowls at Windle Bowling Club and enjoyed a game of snooker. He also had an allotment in Alder Hey Road, and was a very competent artist, exhibiting some of his work in local galleries.

Please join with me and my fellow Parish Councillors in sending Nancy and her family our sincere condolences on her loss. They certainly threw away the mould when Wally was made. He will be sadly missed.

CLLR KEN ROUGHLEY
CHAIRMAN 2019-2020



ACROSS

- 1 Fluid part of the body (6)
- 7 Inert (8)
- 8 Cast off (4)
- 10 Pointless (6)
- 11 Purify (6)
- 14 Enquire (3)
- 16 Tree of the birch family (5)
- 17 Expression (4)
- 19 Spacious (5)
- 21 Visits (5)
- 22 Subdued (5)
- 23 Section (4)
- 26 Take unlawfully (5)
- 28 Hit (3)
- 29 Almost (6)
- 30 Picture-house (6)
- 31 Overt (4)
- 32 Magician (8)
- 33 Make certain (6)

DOWN

- 1 Gain (6)
- 2 Division (6)
- 3 Assistant (4)
- 4 Piercing cries (7)
- 5 Furious (5)
- 6 Allude (5)
- 8 Celebrity (4)
- 9 Large deer (3)
- 12 Go by air (3)
- 13 At no time (5)
- 15 Actor's parts (5)
- 18 Exclusive (5)
- 19 Male sheep (3)
- 20 Aged (3)
- 21 Uncaring (7)
- 22 By product of coal (3)
- 23 Flat section in a door etc (6)
- 24 So be it (4)
- 25 Hypnotic state (6)
- 26 Light meal (5)
- 27 Gains by labour (5)
- 28 Rim (3)
- 30 Heart (4)

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Bleak Hill Primary School **Academic Year Dates 2019-2020**

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Re-open after summer holidays	Wednesday 4th September 2019
Closes October half term	Friday 25th October 2019
Re-opens after October half term	Tuesday 5th November 2019
Close for the Christmas Holiday	Friday 20th December 2019

SPRING TERM 2019

Re-open after the Christmas Holiday	Monday 6th January 2020
Close for the Half-Term	Friday 14th February 2020
Re-open after the Half-Term	Monday 24th February 2020
Close for the Spring Break	Friday 3rd April 2020

SUMMER TERM 2019

Re-open after the Spring Break	Monday 20rd April 2020
Bank Holiday	Monday 4th May 2020
Close for the Half-Term	Friday 22nd May 2020
Staff In-Service Day	Monday 1st June 2020
Re-open after the Half-Term	Tuesday 2nd June 2020
Close for the Summer Holiday	Friday 17th July 2020

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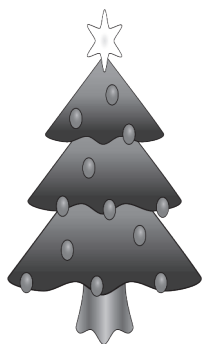
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2019

The following statement represents the financial position of Windle Parish Council and reflects its income and expenditure during the year 2018-19:

	£
Balance brought forward 1 April 2018	10934.11
Annual Precept	12176.10
Other Receipts	<u>222.97</u>
Total Receipts	23333.18
 Less payments	 13038.43
 Balance carried forward 31 March 2019	 10294.75

The Parish precept has remained the same for the year 2019-2020.

Janet Anderson
Clerk to Windle Parish Council

ST ANDREWS SCOUTS (and wider)



It's been a busy time at 15th St Helens (St Andrews) Scout group with Liam Gilbert receiving his Wood Badge Training Award and 5 years' service award together with his fellow Leader, Miles Cheshire - well done!

District Commissioner Chris Valentine-Burrows (top) and Group Scout Leader Terry Gregson (below) presenting the awards.

We have two very active Scout Groups in Windle, one at St Andrews, Dartmouth Drive and the 23rd Eccleston which meets at Bleak Hill Primary School. Both groups could take in more youngsters if they had more adult helpers. If you feel that you could help please go to the website www.sthelensscouts.org.uk for more details. We are still looking for a District Treasurer to look after our financial requirements. Please help if you can.

CLLR KEN ROUGHLEY

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WINDLE PARISH COUNCIL

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Windle Parish Council hold meetings every month on the third Tuesday except in August when the Council is in recess.

Meetings will be held at Ecclestone Village Hall at 7pm on the following dates:

18 June 2019

16 July 2019

No meeting in August

17 September 2019

15 October 2019

19 November 2019

17 December 2019

21 January 2020

18 February 2020

17 March 2020

21 April 2020

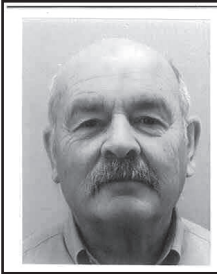
19 May 2020

16 June 2020

Notice of Meeting and Agenda are displayed on the 2 noticeboards in the Parish: Windle Island and Coronation Road.

Agenda and minutes are also displayed on the noticeboard at Ecclestone Library, Broadway.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF WINDLE



In 2018 St Helens celebrated 150 years since becoming a borough, but its history as a settlement goes back a lot further than that. Windle was one of four townships which joined to form St Helens, the others being Eccleston, Parr and Sutton.

Over the centuries, the spelling has changed to include Wyndhill, Wyndill and Wyndale, very likely all deriving from Windle Hill, but not forgetting that most literate people spelled names according to their sound. Some maps also showed this as Bleak or Blake's Hill. The township of Windle stretched east to west for more than four miles; the south east part of it being called Hardshaw, where the modern town of St Helens developed around St Helens chapel. To the north of the township was Windleshaw, with Cowley Hill and Dentons Green to the west. On the south side, a brook divides Windle from Eccleston, and this is joined by Rainford Brook, which runs across Windle.

An early mention of Windle came after the Battle of Hastings with the victorious William the Conqueror rewarding leaders of his army with land. Roger Montgomery, a leader in the vanguard at Hastings was given 398 manors throughout the country, one of them being Windle. Montgomery made Pain de Vilars the first Baron of Warrington and Windle became part of his lands. Names of some of the powerful families of those far off days include Windle, Gerard, Burnhill, Parr (Kathryn Parr was, of course, Henry VIII's surviving wife) and de Calaye, later to become Cowley. Some of these names are still with us today and are shown also in some place names: Cowley Hill, Gerard Arms, Martindale Road and Parr, to name but a few.

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QUIZ

1. In which decade of the 20th century was Rory Bremner born?
2. In which country is the city of Port of Spain?
3. In the initials FIFA, what does the first F stand for?
4. What is the only English anagram of CLOBBER?
5. What sport is played by the Miami Dolphins?
6. A nepotist favours what type of people?
7. The character Denise Osbourne appeared in which TV soap?
8. Which country did Galileo come from?
9. In Australia what is a jumbuck?
10. On a Monopoly board, what colour is Fleet Street?
11. Who wrote the controversial novel *Satanic Verses*?
12. Who was the outgoing Prime Minister when Margaret Thatcher took office?
13. Janet Sixsmith is associated with which sport?
14. How is the country singer Virginia Pugh better known?
15. The humerus is in what part of the body?

Answers on page 26

One rather infamous name is still remembered after just over 400 years. In 1612 evidence was given against Isobel Roby of Windle, in front of Sir Thomas Gerard. She was accused of upsetting the ship which was bringing to England Princess Anne of Denmark, the bride of James I. Isobel was listed with the Pendle and Salmesbury witches at Lancaster Assizes and was tried and hanged on the same day, 20 August 1612.

The cottage where she was reported to have lived has long been demolished, but was situated on Crank Road near Windle lights. A bungalow now stands on the spot.

Windle was primarily a rural settlement, some would say it still is today, in part. However, some industrial activities have taken place over the years. Coal mining was mentioned as far back as 1610, and the lords of the manor were keen to have their coal exploited: these were the Bolds of Sutton, the Byroms of Parr, the Ecclestons of Eccleston as well as the Gerards in Windle. The Tarbuck brothers, Robert and John, sank mines in Windle in the 1740s and worked them for about 10 years. Charles Dagnall opened coal mines at Windle Ashes, but the colliery was put up for sale in 1765. The Dagnall family was involved in other businesses including the manufacture of ivory combs. They were first shown as comb makers as soon as Liverpool became involved in the Africa trade, and the importing of ivory. Richard Dagnall, a maker of horn combs in Windle, was made a Freeman of Liverpool in 1701. The name Dagnall was also associated with an iron foundry and there is a Dagnall's bridge over Rainford Brook on Crank Road.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF WINDLE continued

There is mention of a brewing industry in the area and in the 18th century Dentons Green Brewery was active. Two inns at Windle have been operating for around 300 years, these being The Abbey Hotel and The Gerard Arms. The 'Abbey' is rather a misnomer as the building the name refers to was not an Abbey, but Windle Chantry, the remains of which can still be seen in the older part of the cemetery. This Chantry was probably built by Sir Thomas Gerard on his return from Agincourt in 1415.

Also, nearby in the cemetery, is St Thomas' Well, now covered, which was reputed to have curative properties for eye problems. Though a lot of Windle's houses are relatively modern, some older buildings do remain, notably Cockleshell Cottage on Rainford Road. The date over the door is 1742, with initials J and AC, for John and Alice Cross. The date signifies the year of their marriage.

I wonder if any of our current buildings will still be standing in 250 years? Will Windle still exist then, or will it have been overrun by increasing urbanisation?

With thanks to the local history section of Ecclestone library, particularly Mr F W Free's book 'Our Heritage in Windle'.

CLLR ALLAN DOCKERTY

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Windle Parish Council



Garden Competition 2019

It's that time of year again. How quickly the time passes. It doesn't seem two minutes since last year's competition.

Twelve months ago, we were all in dismay as the 'Beast from the East' caused havoc in the garden, followed by the hottest, driest summer.

This year, however, we have been fortunate to have experienced a very mild Winter, resulting in many plants maturing far earlier than usual.

This year we have included the entry form overleaf. This can be cut out or photocopied before forwarding to me. Alternatively, you can enter by sending an email to:- annbate@sky.com together with your details.

Good luck!
CLLR ANN BATE



WINDLE PARISH COUNCIL GARDEN COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

FRIDAY 5TH JULY 2019

Closing date for entry Friday 28th June

I wish to enter the Garden Competition in the category stated (tick box)

Front Garden

☐

Rear Garden

☐

Courtyard Garden

☐

Hanging Baskets/Pots

☐☐

Please tick this box if you agree to your garden being
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Cash prizes will be awarded to the winner and runner-up in each category.
The Marie McNulty Rose Bowl will be awarded for the Chairman's choice of
garden.

Name.....

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Telephone Number

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Signature.....

Please return the completed entry forms to Cllr Ann Bate, 45 Bleak
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If you think someone has malicious control/access of a device in your home, you should perform a factory reset.

Getting rid of your device

If you decide to sell or give your device to someone else, you should first perform a factory reset. This will return the device to its original settings and should also remove all your personal data from the device.

If something goes wrong

If you are aware of an incident, eg in the media, and you think your device is affected:

visit the manufacturer's website to see if there is information available on what you should do.

Also check the National Cyber Security Centre and the Information Commissioner's Office for advice

www.gov.uk/government/publications/smart-devices-using-them-safely-in-your-home

SMART DEVICES – USING THEM SAFELY AT HOME

Smart devices are the everyday items that connect to the internet. This can include both 'hi-tech' items (smart speakers, fitness trackers and security cameras) and also household items (such as fridges, light bulbs and doorbells). Unlike conventional household items, you can't just switch on a smart device and forget it; you'll need to check a few simple things to protect yourself.

What is the risk from using Smart Devices?

Just like a smartphone, laptop or PC, smart devices can be hacked to leave your data and privacy at risk. Very rarely, devices have been controlled by somebody else managing the device - often to frighten the victim.

Check the default settings

Some devices may be insecure when they are first switched on, so you'll need to take some quick steps to protect yourself.

If the device comes with a password that looks easily guessable (for example admin or 00000), change it.

Easily guessable passwords can be discovered by cyber criminals, so make sure you choose a secure one.

BLEAK HILL ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB

This season we have grown from 200 to over 300 youngsters enjoying playing football each weekend. We are probably the biggest club in St Helens and one of the biggest in Merseyside but size is not our aim. We continue to try to provide football for every youngster, no matter how good they are.

Our teams are encouraged to play open football with a smile on their face whilst appreciating that we all want to win but not at any cost. Our coaches spend many hours planning and running training sessions as well as turning up each week to manage their game. The FA are introducing more and more regulations into youngsters' football and so we are continually having to adapt to the changes.

Almost every team has at least one qualified coach and every coach has been DBS checked and probably attended Safeguarding and Emergency Aid courses.

We have a really good working relationship with Liverpool County and the FA have recently awarded us the status of Standard Chartered Development Club.

We have a girls group known as Bleak Hill Rovers Wildcats who train each Sunday at 2pm on Bleak Hill School field and development group of over 30 Reception and Year 1 youngsters who train on a Saturday morning.

This season we have been running taster sessions for girls in Bleak Hill and Eccleston Mere Schools.

For more information about Bleak Hill Rovers please look at our website www.bleakhillrovers.com or our Facebook page.

CYRIL BARRATT

Chairman Bleak Hill Rovers

WINDLE WARD COUNCILLORS

The Ward Councillors for Windle Ward, St Helens Council are:

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Cllr Mancyia Uddin:

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WINDLE PARISH – WINDLE WARD

It should be recognised that the Parish of Windle is only part of the wider area of Windle Ward. It should also be noted that problems regarding services for which the Metropolitan Borough Council has responsibility should generally be referred to the Ward Councillors. The Parish Council hopes that the Ward Councillors will promote the interests of the Parish of Windle, and its residents, and Parish Councillors will assist wherever, and whenever, possible.

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THE PARISH COUNCIL 2019-2020

The Parish is served by the following Councillors:

Cllr Ken Roughley (Chairman)
13 Rainford Road, Dentons Green Tel: 01744 731459

Cllr Richard Barton
54 Brookside Avenue, Eccleston Tel: 01744 757913

Cllr Ann Bate
45 Bleak Hill Road, Eccleston Tel: 01744 758906

Cllr Stuart Bate
5 Lawrence Road, Windle Tel: 01744 730621

Cllr Allan Dockerty
23 Trapwod Close, Eccleston Tel: 01744 755250

Cllr Roger Greatorex
119 Rainford Road, Windle Tel: 01744 732571

Currently there is a vacancy for Councillor. If you would like to be considered please contact the Clerk or the Chairman.

The Parish Council normally meets on the third Tuesday of each month at Eccleston Village Hall (except in August). Agenda and minutes are displayed at Eccleston Library, Broadway. Notice of meeting and agenda are also displayed on the 2 noticeboards in the Parish which are: at Windle Island and at the shops at Coronation Road.

Parish Councillors are available for informal contact and will make every effort to respond to matters of concern.

Formal correspondence should be addressed to the Clerk to the Parish Council, Janet Anderson, 6 Gorsey Croft, Eccleston Park, Prescott, L34 2RT.

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