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NEWSLETTER



The articles in this magazine written by Parish Councillors or people actively involved in the Parish are their own views and not necessarily the views of the Parish Council and have been published in good faith. Reference to goods and services does not constitute an endorsement.

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

CHAIR'S REPORT

I was delighted to have been selected to take the position as Chair of Windle Parish Council in November 2021.

I took on the role in difficult circumstances when the majority of the Parish Council resigned leaving the Parish Council in a precarious position. I'd like to take the opportunity to thank the Clerk, who in difficult circumstances, kept the Parish Council functioning, and to colleagues who stepped up and filled the vacancies to keep business going as usual.

Now that the Parish is back up and functioning properly, we look forward to working together in the best interests of the Parish.

CLLR MANCYIA UDDIN

CHAIR – November 2021-January 2023

DEPUTY CHAIR'S REPORT

It is with great pleasure that Windle Parish Council has been able to issue its first Parish Newsletter since 2019, largely down to Covid and some changes in the Parish Council make-up.

As Deputy Chair, and latterly Chair, through the past 12 months, I have represented the Parish Council at several enjoyable events.

Firstly, last November, it was an honour to lay the wreath at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday on behalf of the Parish. This seems to be growing in popularity each year, and it is wonderful to see so many young people paying their respects, both as part of families or whilst representing various organisations such as Scouts and Brownies.

Prior to that, in summer, I attended the Awards Assembly at Bleak Hill School, the first such assembly since 2019, and as always it was a joy to see the happiness and pride on children's faces as they were called out and named as award winners.

At the end of the year Parish Councillors and guests, plus the children and many parents cheered as the Bleak Hill Christmas tree lighting ceremony took place, again the first such event since 2019. The lights came on after a loud and excited countdown. I always feel that the illumination of the Christmas tree is a good marker for the start of Christmas.

The Parish Council works in a variety of ways to solve local problems, and as a link with Windle Ward Councillors, for example, it was rewarding to work with residents and the Environment Agency to deal with overgrown stretches of Windle Brook.

In closing, if anyone would like to submit any items, perhaps regarding local history, for publication in the next newsletter, please contact a member of the Parish Council.

CLLR ALLAN DOCKERTY

CHAIR – February 2023-present

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2022

The following statement represents the financial position of Windle Parish Council and reflects its income and expenditure during the year 2021-22:

	£
Balance brought forward 1 April 2021	18,035.35
Annual Precept	12,138.75
Other Receipts	<u>64.98</u>
Total Receipts	30,239.08
 Less payments	 8,766.93
 Balance carried forward 31 March 2022	 21,472.15

Janet Anderson
Clerk to Windle Parish Council

GARDENING COMPETITION NEWS

As you will be aware, because of Covid, the gardening competition has been withheld since 2019 but we are hopeful that it can be reinstated in some form next summer. Watch out for details!

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council normally meets on the third Tuesday of each month at Eccleston Village Hall (except in August). Agenda and approved 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 the shops at Coronation Road.

Copies of agenda and approved minutes are available on the Parish Council website:

windleparish.org.uk

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

Formal correspondence should be addressed to:

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WINDLE PARISH COUNCILLORS

The Parish is served by the following Councillors:

Cllr Nancy Ashcroft

26 Kiln Lane

Tel: 01744 24738

Cllr Richard Barton

54 Brookside Avenue, Eccleston

Tel: 01744 757913

Cllr Allan Dockerty (Chair)

23 Trapwood Close, Eccleston

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Cllr Andrew Donnelly

17 King Edward Road

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Cllr Roger Greateorex

119 Rainford Road, Windle

Tel: 01744 732571

Cllr Mancyia Uddin

cllrmuddin@sthelens.gov.uk

Tel: 07864 966628

Currently there is a vacancy for Councillor. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor in the Parish of Windle, and would like to be considered, please contact either the Chair or the Clerk.

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 Eccleston Village Hall at 7pm on the following dates:

18 April 2023

16 May 2023

20 June 2023

18 July 2023

No meeting in August

19 September 2023

17 October 2023

21 November 2023

19 December 2023

16 January 2024

20 February 2024

19 March 2024

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Agenda and approved minutes are also displayed on the noticeboard in Eccleston Library, Broadway as well as on the Parish Council website windleparish.org.uk.

WINDLE WARD COUNCILLORS

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

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Cllr Lynn Clarke

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Cllr Mancya 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 St Helens 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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BLEAK HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL



Bleak Hill is a successful, vibrant school, a school where children come first. Our children are excited to learn, be kind, polite and supportive of one another. We have a highly motivated, resourceful and committed team of staff and governors who care about and nurture the needs of every child.

Curriculum: We craft and teach an engaging, broad and balanced curriculum with exciting learning journeys and opportunities that build on the children's interests and stimulate and deepen their understanding. We intend to prepare our children socially, spiritually, and academically so that when they leave us, they have a lifelong love of learning and take our Bleak Hill values into the wider world.

Culture Capital: Cultural capital is the accumulation of knowledge, behaviours, and skills that a child can draw upon and which demonstrates their cultural awareness, knowledge and competence. We plan carefully for children to have progressively richer experiences throughout their school life at Bleak Hill. Recently this included a WHOLE SCHOOL trip to Chester Zoo, where every year group planned focused activities for the children. It was an amazing experience and the children have applied their new learning in many ways! Throughout the year we carefully plan a range of trips and in-school visitors to enhance the children's knowledge and understanding of the wider world!

Extra-curricular Offer: Our learning continues beyond the classroom and the normal school day, as we offer a variety of extra-curricular clubs. There are a variety of clubs on offer throughout the year, some are offered exclusively to particular year groups (based on age or specific curriculum focus) whereas others are open to all year groups. We offer clubs from judo to dance, brass instruments to board games and musical theatre to gymnastics – there is something for everyone!

You are very welcome to come and visit us and please visit our website for more information! bleakhill.st-helens.sch.uk

We have a range of events throughout the year including events run by our brilliant 'Friends of Bleak Hill' such as our upcoming Summer Gala!



BLEAK HILL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

SUMMER TERM 2023

Re-open the morning of
Bank Holiday – Spring
Bank Holiday – Coronation
Half-Term: Close on the evening of:
Staff In-Service Day
Staff In-Service Day
Re-open the morning of:
Summer: close the evening of:

Monday 17th April 2023
Monday 1st May 2023
Monday 8th May 2023
Friday 26th May 2023
Monday 5th June 2023
Tuesday 6th June 2023
Wednesday 7th June 2023
Wednesday 19th July 2023

AUTUMN TERM 2023

Staff In-Service Day
Re-open the morning of:
Half-Term: close the evening of:
Re-open the morning of:
Christmas: close the evening of:

Monday 4th September 2023
Tuesday 5th September 2023
Friday 27th October 2023
Monday 6th November 2023
Friday 22nd December 2023

SPRING TERM 2024

Re-open the morning of:
Half-Term: close the evening of:
Re-open the morning of:
Close Spring Break on the evening of:
Bank Holiday – Good Friday

Monday 8th January 2024
Friday 9th February 2024
Monday 19th February 2024
Thursday 28th March 2024
Friday 29th March 2024

SUMMER TERM 2024

Re-open the morning of:
Bank Holiday – Spring
Half-Term: close the evening of:
Staff In-Service Day
Staff In-Service Day
Re-open the morning of:
Close the evening of:

Monday 15th April 2024
Monday 6th May 2024
Friday 24th May 2024
Monday 3rd June 2024
Tuesday 4th June 2024
Wednesday 5th June 2024
Friday 19th July 2024

ST HELENS QUIZ

1. Who is currently the Mayor of St Helens?
2. Where is the Central Library located at the moment whilst renovations take place at the Gamble Building?
3. What is Jaume Plensa's contribution to the St Helens skyline?
4. What will be located in the building under construction next to the rugby stadium (2-word answer)?
5. Richard Seddon, born in Eccleston, became the Prime Minister of which country?
6. Which Saints player holds the record for Super League appearances?
7. Which area of St Helens is an anagram of SNOB MASK?
8. Which local writer helped create the opening ceremony for the 2012 Olympics?
9. Who came second in Britain's Got Talent 2022 with his friend 'Chuck'?
10. To the nearest 5,000, what is the population of St Helens according to the 2021 census?

Answers on page 18

WINDLE WITCH

Retold by local resident JG,
who has resided in the Parish for over 90 years

As a small boy I was walking along Rainford Road with my father. After we had passed Cockleshell Cottages (still there) we were in open countryside. We walked along until we came to a side road (Bleak Hill Road). This led to Eccleston and Prescott. The last building on the other side of the road was a wheelwrights. An important place of agricultural engineering which made wheels for all the horse drawn carts. On the other side of the road (now occupied by Tesco) was a small row of cottages, the last of these was a blacksmith's – more agricultural engineering – traders were very rare in the early 1930s. Just to the left of Bleak Hill Road junction was a small lane – Moss Lane. Later this would be bisected with the construction of a major new road. On the other side of Rainford Road was another junction, this was Crank Road. One hundred yards up this road there was a sharp left turn. By this turn was a very small white cottage in a decent sized vegetable patch. My father said that once a witch had lived there. With the arrogance of a seven-year-old, I said that was a load of rubbish as witches, like fairies, did not exist.

Many decades later I obtained a Kindle – a wonderful device which opened the way to a great library of the printed word. In browsing through what was available I came across a book on the trials of the Lancashire witches. For a mere 99 pence, I downloaded the book. I had been vaguely aware of the Pendle Witches because the area was spread around the town of Clitheroe. When I eventually obtained a car we were frequent visitors as my wife visited her Grandfather who lived there. The book gave a detailed account of the trials of the eight alleged witches. The alleged witches had been sent from Clitheroe for trial before the King's judge sitting in Lancaster Castle. All eight were found guilty and sentenced to death.

To my surprise the book went on to give details of the trial of a ninth alleged witch. What caught my eye was that that witch came from Windle. She was the witch who had lived the little white cottage. Her name was Isobel Roby. She was brought before the local magistrate and the accusations were faithfully recorded by his clerk.

The accusations were really a load of rubbish but Isobel was duly sent for trial at Lancaster Castle. No witnesses were called at her trial. The case against her was just the transcript of the appearance before the magistrate. Nevertheless, she was found guilty and sentenced to death. It was really a travesty of justice.

One of the original eight witches died in prison but there was a mass execution of the eight on a hillside outside Lancaster. This was attended by a large crowd.

Of particular local interest to me was that two of Isobel's accusers came from Peasley Cross. They said that they had asked a good man to pray for them. The name of this good man was Glover. In those days people were often called by their occupation. A Glover was a skilled craftsman making leather goods. So, in 1612 there was a Glover living in Windle. There still is – me! Of course, there are others of that name living in Windle.

This is not exactly a pleasant tale but is part of the history of Windle and should be duly recorded.

JG
John Glover

ECCLESTON LIBRARY

Children's activities taking place at Eccleston Library:

Every Tuesday and Friday mornings 10.30am-11.00am there is Read and Rhyme time for the under 5 years, no booking required.

On a Monday, there is also a Baby Read and Rhyme time – one session from 10.30-11.00am and another session starts at 11.30-12 noon. These sessions are aimed at under 2-year-olds. Please be advised these sessions need to be booked in advance and are in blocks of 6 weeks.

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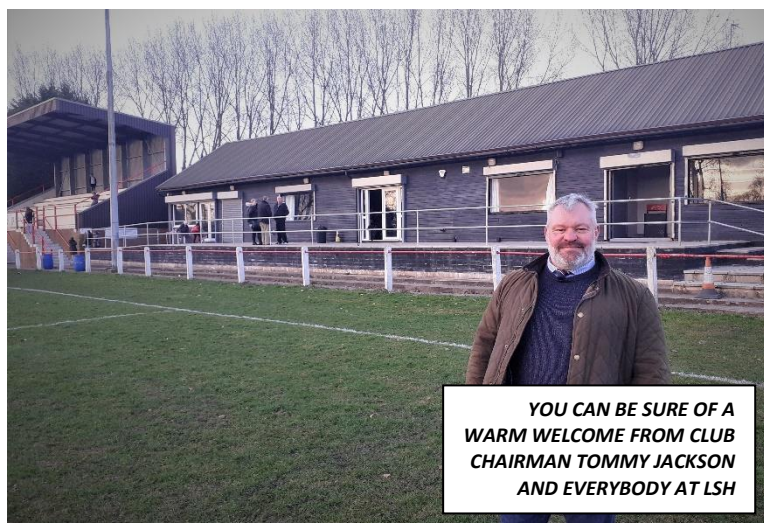
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It's one of the world's oldest rugby clubs – and it's right on your doorstep down Moss Lane, Windle.

The original Liverpool club was formed in 1857 and in 1986 merged with the Moss Lane club, itself founded in 1919, to become Liverpool St Helens. Cowley High School was a production line for the St Helens club, producing internationals such as Windle resident and former Cowley teacher Ray French.

LSH boasts four senior teams and a number of teams across the 5-17 age groups, so all ages and abilities are catered for. 'Minis' and 'micros'... juniors and youths ... girls and boys ... all enjoying and developing their game under the watchful eye of the club's RFU-qualified coaches and volunteers. For more information on LSH, visit liverpoolsthelensrugby.co.uk or @LSH_Rugby on Twitter.

And there's more to LSH than rugby. The club has another string to its bow – Moss Lane is the home of St Helens Archery Club. Find out more about them at sthelensarchers.co.uk.



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