This year, Wickersley Parish Council has put in place activities that make use of the fabulous facilities that we have on our doorstep. Throughout this newsletter you will see specific details about all the events being held. They are all FREE and include:

- Additional youth club openings and activities at the Bill Chafer Centre, as a result of Bramley and Wickersley Parish Councils working in partnership and pooling resources.
- The summer scheme for younger children at Bob Mason Recreation Ground, Sorby Way
- Expert bowling advice and tuition for all the family at Wickersley Village Bowling Club
- The annual Teddy Bears' Picnic in Wickersley Wood
- Walks around the parish, led by community volunteers and WalkRotherham

Alternatively, you can simply enjoy the recreation facilities at your leisure, as a family or a group of friends. That might include a football or hockey 'knock-about' at Bob Mason’s Recreation Ground, Sorby Way; a circuit of the fitness equipment in Wickersley Park; kite flying in the gorse, taking in the spectacular views over to Sheffield; or keeping an eye out for signs of giants in Wickersley Wood!

When you need a break from all that exertion, why not experience the warm welcome at the community tea rooms in Winthrop Gardens on Second Lane, and enjoy that well-earned ‘cuppa’. Whilst there, you can take a look at all the events taking place at Winthrop in their very full summer schedule.

So, all we need now is some glorious weather ………

I wish you all a wonderful summer!

Sue Ellis
Chair of Wickersley Parish Council

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**Dates of Future Council Meetings**

We welcome public attendance at our meetings, at which we discuss matters relating to the community. **Meetings are held at 7pm prompt. Next meetings are on:**

- 15th July
- 23rd September
- 21st October 2019
New Councillors

Meet the councillors who have recently joined Wickersley Parish Council

Sue Horsfield

I have lived in and around Wickersley for over 35 years and became interested in parish council matters through helping my husband, who was a councillor some years ago.

My background and interests are around cooking and baking, and I now work as a cook in a care home. I am also a member of Wickersley Village Bowling Club.

I am currently involved in the committees for Events, Recreation Grounds, including Wickersley Park Development, the Community Centre Association, as well as representing Wickersley on the Public Transport Committee.

I am enjoying my time as a councillor and I really want to see Wickersley thrive, and not just as a place to be at night.

Naveen Judah

I was born in Rotherham and currently live in Wickersley with my wife and son.

I am a retired accountant and ex-Further Education College Principal. I have worked as a finance director in mergers and acquisitions in a large multi-national company, and also as a senior business consultant in further education.

My interests include actively supporting local disability networks, advising special needs schools, and acting as an advocate for the NHS.

I currently serve on the Finance, Human Resources, and Recreation Grounds Committees and I am proud to be part of a team that will continue its work to make Wickersley the excellent and enviable parish that it is.

Active Kids

FREE Fun Activities in your Community!

A Wide Range of
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Come along & join in our FREE Multisport Activities
Age 5-13 years old
Bramley Bill Chafer centre, Flash Lane, S66 1TS
Every Tuesday & Friday from 23rd July to 30th August 2019
12noon- 4pm

BOOKING ESSENTIAL!
(2 days per week)

All Coaches are fully qualified and hold valid Enhanced DBS disclosures, Child Protection & First Aid Certificates

FOR MORE DETAILS OR TO BOOK ON, PLEASE CALL:
01909 510775

Find us on Facebook for more details about this event

WICKERSLEY VILLAGE BOWLING CLUB

In a corner of Wickersley Park, just behind the health centre is Wickersley Village Bowls Club.
We have a well maintained green with a pavilion on site. Tea, coffee and cold drinks available. There is plenty of seating, and toilets are provided.

If you don’t want to play, just pop in and watch or better still have a go!

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME BOTH YOUNG AND OLD COME AND JOIN US

A qualified bowls teacher is available to give free lessons on Saturday mornings, between 10am and 12 noon.

Why not come as a family and have a ‘taster session’ at the above times on Saturday 27th July or Saturday 3rd August?

for further information contact
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STEVE WINKS MEMORIALS
Fee-fi-fo-fum...

In response to reports of strange things happening in Wickersley Wood, over 160 children and adults assembled there on Easter Saturday to investigate.

What they found was, indeed, very strange – lots of over-sized items, including a huge toothbrush, a massive note book and pencils, and a pair of 3 feet knitting needles, to name just a few.

This convinced everyone that there must have been friendly giants living in the woods – after all nasty giants don’t clean their teeth and do their homework!

Sadly, though, it looks like they have been scared off as all their belongings seem to have disappeared. Perhaps they were just visiting our woods for the Easter holidays and to make the most of the beautiful weather that weekend? Maybe we’ll find out one day.

If you happen to be in the woods and meet one of these friendly giants, be sure to give them a warm Wickersley Welcome and say ‘hello’ from me…..

Sue Ellis

Teddy Bears’ Picnic

If you go down to **Wickersley Gorse on Saturday 13th July 2019** you’re sure of a big surprise

If you go down to the woods at **12 noon**
you’d better go in disguise!

For every bear that ever there was will gather there for certain because that’s the day the Teddy Bears have their picnic.

Meet at entrance on Air Mount Close, off Bawtry Road. Bring own picnic. Free Cold Drinks provided. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

For further information contact 01709 703270

BRING YOUR BOOTS!

**Wickersley Walks**

**NO NEED TO BOOK, JUST TURN UP!**

Join us on a 4 mile walk around one of the area’s hidden gems. Explore the beautiful local countryside and enjoy some gentle exercise.

**Wickersley Woods to Northern Road Fields**

Sunday 28th July 2019 - 2pm

With Pat Beighton

**Listerale Woods to Silverwood Nature Reserve**

Sunday 25th Aug 2019 - 2pm

With Andy Shaw

Meet Outside Wickersley Community Centre & Library, Bawtry Road, Wickersley

For further information contact 01709 703270

The walks include some hill walking on uneven terrain so are not suitable for wheelchairs/pushchairs.
Winthrop Gardens  
Our ‘hidden gem’ at the end of Second Lane, off Morthen Road.

Winthrop, with the Gardens, Tea Rooms and Curiosity Corner is having an amazing Summer Season!! And that means a huge thanks to all our friends, supporters and regular visitors from the local community as well as those coming from further afield and for the first time. Our ‘hidden gem’ is becoming less well hidden!

Thanks to everyone who entered the ‘Great Winthrop Bake Off’– our youngest entrant was 4 years old and our oldest was over 80! We had a record number of 59 entries from 35 people – just amazing!! Huge thanks must go to the Wickersley WI members who were our Judges again – what a job they had! We were also delighted to welcome the Mayor and Mayoress who presented the prizes and spent time talking to our guests.

Mayor Alan Buckley presents Dorothy Roe with First prize in Scones and Biscuits category

Our annual Bear Hunt was a great success yet again – so much so that there will probably be another later in the year! Follow us on Facebook or sign up for our newsletter at www.winthropgardens.org.uk to be sure to find out.

But without our amazing team of volunteers none of this would have been possible and without them there would be no Winthrop!!! They are at the absolute heart of everything we do and from the feedback we receive their efforts are really appreciated. If you’d like to join our happy team do please get in touch with our Organiser down at Winthrop or call 07397 039226 – we’re having a very busy summer and any extra pairs of hands would be very much appreciated!!

Regular activities at Winthrop:-

- Our monthly Memory Cafe on the first Friday of the month between 12noon and 3pm is very well attended and seems to be meeting a real need in our community. It’s organised and supported by our volunteers and our guests enjoy refreshments and a different theme each month. In July our theme will be ‘Summer Holidays – past and present’ and in August we’ll be having our own ‘Yorkshire Day’ – with some tasty Yorkshire Treats and a Yorkshire Quiz!

- We always look forward to the monthly visit of the ‘Sight and Sound’ group of blind and partially sighted people who are guided on a local walk by our volunteers followed by lunch back at Winthrop.

- We are also delighted to welcome and support two ‘crafty’ groups – Flossies Crafts every Tuesday 10.30 – 12.30 when Dawne introduces members to a new craft activity each week and our new ‘Create and Natter’ group each Thursday between 10am – 12.30pm led by Angela where guests bring their own knitting, sewing or crocheting and enjoy a natter as they craft!!!

- We also have U3A Italian, U3A Gardening and Reikh Share groups who meet regularly at Winthrop

- And we’re really pleased to announce our new ‘Winthrop Wednesday Walks’ – starting on 19th June, these weekly walks are being delivered in partnership with Walk Rotherham. Open to everyone and free of charge the circular walks will start at 10.30am every Wednesday at Winthrop and be around 3 miles and last between one hour and one and a half hours.

- And we have a continuing range of ‘Special Events’

- Our Summer Supper Night Season continues with a Spanish evening in July and an Italian theme in August and we’ll conclude the season with a Harvest Supper in September. Always very popular, details, dates and tickets are available from the Winthrop Tea Rooms or by calling 07397 039226. And an extra bonus is that because we don’t hold a license our guests can bring their own alcoholic drinks.

- We’ll be marking Yorkshire Day on Thursday 1st August with a Special Yorkshire Day Afternoon Tea – £10pp and places must be pre-booked by calling 07397 039 226. And if you don’t fancy a Yorkshire Afternoon Tea there will be some tasty Yorkshire treats – including ‘Winthrop Scallywags’ our version of the Fat Rascals found in other Tea Rooms in Yorkshire!!

- On Thursday 5th September we will be hosting an ‘Exclusive Evening of Mediumship with our Special Guest, Simon Goodfellow – Spiritual Medium and Clairvoyant’. Guests will arrive at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start and following Simon’s performance a supper of home-made pie and peas will be served. There will also be a free draw for a Winthrop Vintage Afternoon Tea voucher, a raffle and the opportunity for our guests to bring alcoholic drinks for their own consumption. This is an exclusive event with a limited number of tickets only. Tickets are £25 per person and must be pre-booked by calling 07397 039226.

- Our second Ladies Days of the year will be on Thursday 12th September. We like to cater for those who are too busy to go to the St Leger!! So get out your hats and join us for a Special ‘Ladies Day’ Vintage Afternoon Tea – places can be reserved at £10pp by calling 07397 039226

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Winthrop and the Co-op Community Fund

Winthrop Gardens has been chosen as one of the Co-op’s Community Fund projects for 2019.

This means that if you are a Co-op shopper and member – with a card or key card like this – not only do you get 5% ‘divvy’ on all you spend but you can donate an additional 1% from the Community Fund to a local project of your choice.

We’d be delighted if you chose Winthrop Gardens as we’ll use the money to create additional car parking to improve the accessibility of Winthrop to people in need. It’s very straightforward – just go to this webpage www.membership.coop.co.uk/causes/27807 and choose ‘Winthrop Gardens’.

You only have to do it once and from now until November 2019 Winthrop will benefit from 1% of all you spend on Co-op products!

A HUGE THANK YOU to all the friends and supporters of Winthrop in the local community who have raised an amazing £728.83 so far!

NEW from this summer

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Every Wednesday at 10:30 am
A circular walk from Winthrop Gardens, Second Lane, Wickersley, S66 1EE

Classed as an ‘easy’ walk, it’s around 3 miles and will take about an hour and a half to complete.

‘Winthrop Gardens Memory Café’

Held on the FIRST Friday of each month 12 noon - 3.00pm
Organised and supported by Winthrop volunteers, our Memory Café is specially for people living with dementia in Wickersley and the surrounding area.

Friday 5th July
Friday 2nd August
Friday 6th September
Friday 4th October
Friday 1st November

A different theme every month but a Warm Winthrop Welcome every time you come. We always serve homemade soup and freshly made sandwiches, lots of tea, coffee and lovely cakes made by our volunteers.

No need to register or book to attend please just come along!
Your Library... at a glance

Summer’s finally on its way and Wickersley Library can’t wait! We’ve got lots of exciting groups and sessions on offer to make your Summer a memorable experience. Plus, there’s all of our other fantastic services and activities – from free Wi-Fi to e-books, e-magazines and e-audiobooks – there’s so much on offer so do check out our programme of events below! Keep a lookout for details in the library and also check out the Library Service’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/rotherhamlibraries for more information. Don’t forget to simply pop into the library or call us on 01709 544134 for more details or to book a place for any of these sessions.

- The Summer Reading Challenge is just around the corner along with plenty of summer craft fun, so remember to encourage your 4-11 year olds to join in! Further details will be available in the library and on our Facebook page nearer the Summer holidays...

- Attention all crime lovers! We are about to launch Coffee, Cake & Crime – our very first crime readers group – and are recruiting now! Contact the library for more information. Places are limited so hurry!

- Enjoy a Therapeutic Thursday and take some time out by colouring for mindfulness! Unwind and explore your creativity any time, every Thursday, totally FREE with no need to book.

- Rotherham College is still offering a programme of short courses at the library covering crafts, cupcake decorating, beauty, textiles and healthy eating plus much more. Dates and times for future sessions are still tbc so contact us on 01709 544134 to register your interest. Courses last approximately 6-8 weeks and are FREE if over 19 years of age.

- Improve your health and wellbeing with your local Get Healthy Coach at Wickersley Library! Take the opportunity to have an NHS health check and create a personal health plan. Every Monday from 1pm until 5pm, appointments are by referral on the following number: 01709 718720 or alternatively just drop-in for an informal chat.

- If family history’s your thing, continue your search every Tuesday or Thursday from 5pm until 6:30pm and share experiences and tips with others!

- Scrabble Club is now every Thursday morning from 10:30am so come along and flex your wordplay muscles at this free session with no need to book! Alternatively, our Scrabble board is always available to use in the library during the rest of the week.

- Feeling crafty? Why not try your hand at a different craft each month with our Which Craft sessions on the 4th Tuesday of the month from 5pm until 7pm. Booking is essential, and there’s a small fee to cover the cost of resources. Contact the library for details.

- If you’re looking to expand your reading experience then join one of our readers groups! Contact the library for further details on dates and times.

- If knitting is your thing then come and have a natter with your fellow knitters at our weekly Thursday night Knit & Natter group, from 5pm!

And for the grown-ups, we have plenty to keep you busy!

- Basic IT sessions run every Monday at 10am-11am & 11am-12noon, and Thursday at 11am-12noon. Perfect for absolute beginners! Contact us for details and to book your place!

- Know the IT basics but would like to learn how to get more out of your laptop, tablet or PC? Perhaps you’d like help getting to grips with our e-books? Bring yourself and your questions to our IT Clinic every Monday between 10am-12noon. No need to book but first come first served so don’t be late!

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#### Your Library – Your Views?

**Rotherham Borough Council is seeking views on how libraries could look in the future.**

The Council wants to make sure that all Rotherham libraries are based in the heart of local communities, and that they are well used, cost effective and responsive to the changing needs of the public. It wants to ensure that the services offered reflect the needs and make up of Rotherham’s communities, and wants libraries to be recognised as neighbourhood hubs aimed at improving the quality of life of local residents.

The Council wants to hear the views of all library users, residents and families to ensure they have the libraries in the right locations and they are offering the right services which are beneficial to those accessing them.

Cllr Sue Ellis, Chairman of Wickersley Parish Council, says that “We all recognise the excellent services that the Community Library in Wickersley provides. It is not just a place from which to borrow books. It serves the community in many other ways, which we value enormously. Please take the time to have your say about the future of your library”

Library users and non-library users can complete a short survey online at www.rotherham.gov.uk/consultations. Anyone visiting the library can also complete the survey with the help of library staff.

The consultation closes on July 14th, 2019.

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**Friday night saw Officers from the Rotherham South NHP Team carry out a passive drug dog operation in the Maltby and Wickersley area. A number of licensed establishments were visited during the evening. The Knife Arch was also deployed in relation to concerns raised by local residents regarding persons carrying offensive weapons.**

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**Christian greetings from Wickersley Methodist Church.**

We meet together for worship every Sunday from 10.30am – 11.30am. Holy Communion is included on the third Sunday of each month. We offer you all a warm welcome.

**Weekly Events:**

| Monday | Wives’ Group |
| Tuesday | ‘Drop in’ Holy Communion 10.00am – 10.30am (1st Tuesday in the month) Creative Crafts Social Stop Café - open to all. Girls’ Brigade |
| Wednesday | Music Bugs - for preschool children Brownies |
| Thursday | Wickersley Art Group Fellowship Meeting 2.00pm |
| Friday | Coffee Mornings 10.00am ‘Forge- me-not’ Memory Café 2.00pm – 4.00pm (2nd Friday in the month) Scouts, Cubs and Beavers |
| Saturday | Breakfast Club for Social Stop Staff |
| Sunday | Worship and JAM (Jesus And Me) Club |

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**Blessed Trinity Catholic Church**

Fr Richard Gomersall is our resident priest and if a priest is needed in an emergency he can be contacted on 01709 546441.

Sunday Mass takes place at 9.30 am, and weekday Masses will usually be at 7.30pm on Wednesdays and 10.30 am on Fridays. However these may be subject to change or cancellation but all details for the current week will be displayed on the small notice board at the left hand side of the porch.

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On Saturday 6th July there will be a Coffee and Cake event in our church hall between 1pm and 3pm. There will also be a bric-a-brac sale and a raffle. The proceeds from this event will go towards funding building work at our twin parish in Nigeria. **Everybody is welcome**
Neighbourhood Watch News

Wickersley and Bramley Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) incorporates Brecks, Listerdale, Sunnyside, Flanderwell and Stag and includes 19 NHW groups organised on a street basis, each with its own coordinator. We are part of the wider Rotherham NHW and affiliated to the South Yorkshire Neighbourhood Watch Association and the national Neighbourhood Watch network.

Whilst NHW enjoys excellent relations with the Police, especially our Neighbourhood Policing Teams, we are not part of the Police and are entirely self-funded.

Our purpose is to make our communities safer by
• Encouraging neighbourliness and mutual help,
• Improving our security by being watchful,
• Reporting suspicious activity, and
• Reducing crime by encouraging our communities to be aware of crime trends and crime prevention measures.

Many NHW groups receive on-line information from the Police via the ‘Alerts’ system which is shared with members. Signs erected by the local authority indicate where there are active NHW groups and serve as a deterrent to criminals.

Setting up and coordinating a NHW group is not difficult and will not require a big time commitment. The benefit in terms of enhanced feeling of community and wellbeing are considerable, so why not give it a go?

If you would like further information about setting up a NHW Group please contact David Buxton, Chairperson and Secretary of Wickersley and Bramley Neighbourhood Watch on 07751 518488.

Walking for Health with #WalkRotherham

By far, one of the most underestimated forms of physical activity is walking. It's so simple and easy to do, our bodies are built for it, one foot in front of the other and we're away.

The #WalkRotherham team has helped thousands of people living and working in Rotherham find their feet and improve their fitness levels. We offer free support on the “Walk2School” project to both primary and secondary schools and help them improve the health and wellbeing of pupils through active commutes. We also work with local businesses and in the community to provide healthy interventions through walking.

Why not try one of our Step Challenges by scanning the QR Code below to receive a tailor made challenge, tips and motivation straight to your inbox? If you still need convincing, here are a few positive things that walking can do for your health.
• Help your heart and lungs work better.
• Lower your blood pressure.
• Keep your weight down.
• Lighten your mood.
• Keep your joints, muscles and bones strong.
• Increase ‘good’ cholesterol.

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