

WINSHAM

E-LETTER

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Hi All,

Parish web site

First all a 'thank you' to those of you who heeded my cry for help with photographs for use on the web site and the e-letter. A cornucopia of delights poured into my in-box, leaving me with the difficult task of deciding upon not so much as which to use so much as when or how to use them to best effect. One was from Henk Beentje- a frequent contributor-his contribution can be found on the Home page of the parish web site, but many were from new contributors, some newly arrived in the village. I start with a selection below and I hope to continue with this over the weeks ahead. Please continue to send in your pictures.

A few changes and additions to the Home page of the parish web site. Some new pictures, as mentioned and some new headlines, plus a new portal link to the school and pre-school. Remember that although the E-Letter and the community Facebook page provide immediate information, the web site is often the place where information with a less transient appeal and purpose lives. Browse it from time to time-it is always changing.

Winsham School and pre-school

In re-designing the Home page of the Parish Web Site a few months ago, I mistakenly overlooked the inclusion of the school. Of course, those with children or grandchildren at the school or pre-school know all about it, and what it does, and they are the ones who really count. And it is doing a good job, despite the difficult times. Nevertheless, it would be nice, and mutually beneficial, if it could share news of its activities and achievements with the wider community in the way that it used to; for example, the way Thorncombe School does with Thorncombe residents. Most months, news of their activities appears in the Joint Parish Magazine.

Perhaps when things get back to the 'new' normal somebody on the staff, or an involved parent could spend a few minutes each month to send news to the Parish Magazine and e-letter. I know that many people would be interested and supportive.

The Lockdown 'Road Map' and parish activity

No doubt most of us have read or heard about various aspects of the 'roadmap'. Inevitably it is a bit light on certainty, for reasons which are understandable. Nobody really knows which way the cookie will crumble in term of variants, etc. Nevertheless, there are grounds for optimism.

The E-Letter and the Joint Parish Magazine would like to hear from spokespersons for our many and varied organisations and clubs of their plans for later in the year, when hopefully things will be easier. For example, what are the thoughts of the Winsham Horticultural Society on their annual show, usually held at the end of August? What are Winsham Art Club's plans for the annual art exhibition, usually held in the Autumn? They are both significant events, and of course there are many others. I see from Facebook that there are plans for a scarecrow and an open gardens event, but, so far, I have not been sent any details. ***We all know that nothing can be guaranteed at present, but it would be nice to have some grounds for optimism. There will be life after lockdown!***

Jubilee Hall

For a moment I will put on my hat as Chairman of the Jubilee Hall Management Committee. I have spoken to the various officers of the committee and discussed our position. Broadly speaking we will be guided by Community Council for Somerset on best practice. However, our instincts are that we will not be able to get into business before

late summer / early autumn. This will be decided by demand, linked to future relaxations in the rules, resulting from better progress in controlling the virus than can be predicted at present.

We know that many people are keen for the Jubilee Café to restart as soon as possible, and our committee are also anxious to bring this about. However, we do not see how this can be done while practising social distancing or wearing masks. Rest assured we will do everything we can to safely re-open the Jubilee Hall as soon as possible.

One cause for excitement! We are planning to hold our Annual General Meeting in September; only four months late!! All residents will be welcome.

Winsham Grand Challenge 2021

Just a reminder. Entries are beginning to come in. Why not start thinking about yours , right now! Still, plenty of time. Yes, but you may forget. See the link below.

Jubilee Hall Lottery 2021.

Lots of you have bought tickets, but some, including myself have not got round to it yet. There is still a month to go before the closing date, so no need to panic. Read all about it from the link below, or just buy your ticket when next in Winsham Shop.

Keep you and your money safe.

Another day-another scam. Keep up to date with the latest nasty idea to separate you from your money, and while you are doing this, remind yourself of some of the older scams that are still circulating, by browsing down the web page. As if we didn't have enough to worry about! Click on the neighbourhood Watch link below.

On a brighter note....

David and Diane Lester have moved into Back Street just a couple of weeks ago. They have asked me to pass on this message to all our readers:

"My wife Diane & I have just moved into the village and have been pleased by the friendliness of total strangers that have passed by our new house in Back Street. We would like to thank all those who have taken time to stop and welcome us to the neighbourhood, we have found it very welcoming. We are both keen walkers and look forward to exploring the back roads, byways, and footpaths around the village and further afield once we have completed our unpacking and the weather allows. We look forward to meeting more villagers as time goes by.

Thank you and Regards,

David Lester"

Isn't that nice. Something positive on which to end this section of the E -Letter.

Keep safe, keep happy,



John



Jan and Chris Little live in Canada, on the shores of Lake Ontario, but have a second home in Winsham. In normal times they spend a part of the year here in the UK. One of the ways in which they keep in touch is through the E-letter. In winter, in Ontario, temperatures can drop to below -13C as this wonderful picture taken by Jan near their home illustrates. They hope to make their next trip to Winsham later in the year.



Penny and Peter Morrison moved to Winsham in September and have told me how extremely happy and content they are with their new home, and how they have been made to feel so welcome. Just the same feelings Jan and I experienced some twenty-seven years ago when we moved in. This picture taken by Penny gives an unusual view of Lime Kiln farmhouse. Cold by our standards-just below freezing-but not like Ontario!



A rare photograph of sheep on the move, taken by Jane Simkins. It is not often that you see a flock of sheep walking along a public road in Winsham to a new grazing area, and not a sheep dog in sight!



An early promise of Spring-sent in by Sue Fielding. A sight to give cheer to everyone.



Winsham Primary School and pre-school	New link to Winsham school web site	Click HERE
Winsham United Charities	WUC are inviting applications for small grants to children and young people to help with educational and training needs.	Click HERE for details
Current and future roadworks	Useful detail in some local roadworks	Click HERE for details
Winsham Street Fair	Postponed until 2022	Click HERE
Joint Parish Magazine March edition	Normal Distribution continues to be disrupted due to Lockdown 3 Arrangements for distribution will probably follow the system operated for the February edition. Read for free via Winsham Parish Web site-including ads	Click HERE For February edition
Winsham Web Museum	Nature Diary 2020 Plus, butterfly sightings	Click HERE
Jubilee Hall Lottery 2021	Tickets now on sale at Winsham Shop	Click Here for full information
WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL	Winsham Parish Survey 2021 On -line summary	Click HERE
WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL	Introducing THE NEW WINSHAM GRAND CHALLENGE 2021 'Beat those winter Lockdown blues!'	Click HERE For more information
Winsham Shop and Post Office	VIEW NEW UPDATE (19/2/2021) *** Shop & Post Office Hours of Opening ***	Click HERE for more information, and link to the new site

	<p>ON-LINE SHOPPING WEB SITE Try it! Let it help you with your shopping list. *** The History of Winsham Shop and Post Office from 1850</p>	
<p>Winsham United Football Club</p>	<p>No fixtures at present due to Lockdown 3</p>	<p>Click HERE for all information</p>
<p>Jubilee Hall</p>	<p>All activities cancelled until further notice.</p> <p>Jubilee Hall Lottery 2020 Results -Last Quarter Draw</p>	<p>Click HERE</p> <p>Click HERE</p>
<p>Winsham Web Museum</p>	<p>Further updates to the history of Winsham Shop. 2016 until present</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p>Community Matters Now carries a lot more items</p>	<p>Follow SCC Covid reports from Linda Vijeh.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>January 2021 Latest Somerset Waste Partnership Bulletin</p>	<p>Click HERE</p> <p>When page loads, scroll down to find topic</p>
<p>Somerset Waste Partnership</p>	<p>Chard Re-cycling Centre remains open-normal opening hours.</p> <p>January 2021 Latest Somerset Waste Partnership Bulletin</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p>Street Fair Committee</p>	<p>Latest news-two bulletins</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
	<p>Latest In formation</p> <p>***</p> <p>Take-away services continue during Lockdown 3.</p> <p>***</p>	<p>Click here for web page and Facebook link</p>

 <p>NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH EXTENDED TO COVER COVID-19</p>	<p>BE ON YOUR GUARD! THERE ARE A LOT OF THEIVES OUT THERE SEE LATEST TIPS TO BEAT THE E- MAIL SCAMMERS</p> <p>*** Protect your pet dog. ***</p> <p>Important Government information about Covid-19 scams. ***</p>	<p>UPDATED 26th Feb. 2021</p> <p>Click HERE</p>
<p>St. Stephen's Church</p> 	<p>Latest information on LOCKDOWN 3</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p>WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL</p>	<p>February 2021 Meeting summary</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Follow SCC Covid reports from Linda Vjeh.</p>	<p>Click HERE- Scroll down as necessary</p>
<p>The NEW Winsham Market Place</p>	<p>Support your local suppliers! See details of locally based businesses! MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER!</p>	<p>Click HERE</p> 
<p>Your essential Guide to Winsham Parish Web Site Content UPDATED</p>	<p>Please read to get the most from the Winsham Parish Web Site</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p><u>For all newcomers to the Parish</u></p>	<p>WINSHAM'S 'WELCOME PACK'</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>

<p>Somerset Museums UPDATED-a really useful web site.</p>	<p>Gives you details of most of the Museums in Somerset. LOCKDOWN 3 RESTRICTIONS WILL APPLY</p> <p>Closures likely due to Corona Virus Emergency</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
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had!**

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