



## WINTER

*Longer nights  
Shorter days  
Mornings covered with a haze.*

*Starry nights  
Gloomy days  
Mornings sprinkled to amaze.*

*Colder nights  
Snowy days  
Morning shivers make us laze.*

**ELIZABETH TURNER (Winsham Resident)**

**(Winter officially starts 21<sup>st</sup> December at the time of the Winter Solstice)**

# WINSHAM E-LETTER

**No: 752**

**6th December 2024**

Hi all!

The Christmas celebrations got off to a very good start on Sunday, and the Christmas tree and the Christmas Grotto looked beautiful, and I am told that a good time was enjoyed by all. Sadly, I was unable to make it, but Caroline Buckley has sent me some lovely pictures which are on the web site.

The Christmas calendar-‘Winsham at Christmas-2024’ on the Parish Web site has also been well received, and most days, new events are popping up. Have a quick peep on a regular basis, and it will mean that you are not likely to miss anything that interests you. A new section relating to The Bell’s Christmas activities has just been added. See the link below.

What a relief that the roadworks have finished, even if their disruption was temporarily reintroduced by the broken-down camper van in Church Street on Tuesday afternoon. However, there are plenty more road-works going on around us, so no shortage of on-going aggravation, even if they are for a good cause.

Our long established Winsham Art Club has just published its Spring Calendar of Workshops, and this will be of interest to many. Maybe some will be ‘beginners’, others

have years of experience. Winsham Art Club is geared to meeting many levels of ability, and areas of interest, and people thinking about joining should just go along to a session that interests them. A warm welcome is assured. See the tabulated section below for more details.

Neighbourhood Watch are also featuring large on their web page, as regrettably, Christmas time is a time when the crooks and thieves prosper. There is also a timely warning about drink-driving.

The Jubilee Hall as always is especially busy at this time of year. A couple of items to note; The Christmas Jubilee café is on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December, with the final draws for the Jubilee Hall Lottery being made.

Another important booking is a private meeting on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm, for Shareholders in the Winsham Shop. It is AGM time! If you are not already a Shareholder and entitled to attend, you can become one if you buy a minimum of one share (cost £10). You can get an application form from the shop. This entitles you to have your say at the AGM, and most importantly it is a 'vote' in favour of the shop and an expression of support and thanks for the many people who work in the shop, a very large proportion of whom are volunteers.

Finally, let me 'wave the flag' for Jenny Clampett, who has been editing the Joint Parish Magazine for a good many years. I know for a fact that if Jenny had not volunteered for the job, it was likely that the JPM would have ceased publication, which would have been a great loss not only for the residents of Winsham, but also Thorncombe and Cricket St. Thomas.

In addition to her editorial skills, Jenny is also a very fine cook, and earlier this year opened Jenny's Café and Bistro at 38A Fore Steet Chard. ***It is proving to be very popular and has just been awarded the 'Café of the Year 2024' title by Chard and Ilminster News.*** Well done to Jenny and her great staff. Next stop Michelin!!?

Coincidentally, I treated my daughter Kate, and her husband Steve, to a 'thank-you' lunch for the help they have been to me over the last twelve months, at Jenny's, on the day that this was announced. A great meal in very pleasant surroundings at reasonable cost. Try it sometime!

That's it! I hope I haven't forgotten anything. Not sure if there will be another e-letter before the New Year. If not I wish all our readers a 'Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.' Keep warm and try not to get blown away!

John

*P.S. Between e-letters keep an eye on the 'Headlines' on the Home Page of Winsham Parish Web site, and the links from the Winsham Community Facebook page to help you make sure that you do not miss the latest news!*



*The lighting-up of the Christmas Tree last Sunday attracted a good crowd.*



## **PARISH EVENTS**

<p><i>Forthcoming events and reminders! New announcements, etc. in red</i></p>		
<p><b>Winsham Parish Web Site</b></p>	<p><b>HEADLINES</b> Always worth a visit. Most, but not everything, makes the E-letter or Facebook!</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Click HERE</u></a></p>
<p><b>WINSHAM AT CHRISTMAS-2024</b></p>	<p><b>See the Christmas Events Calendar- Updated 6<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Click HERE</u></a></p>

<p><b>Winsham Neighbourhood Watch Important Up-dates. (6/12/2024)</b></p>	<p><b>Important information about security issues that could impact on you!</b></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Click HERE</u></a></p>
<p><b>Jubilee Hall Management Committee</b></p>	<p><b>The Christmas Jubilee Café will be on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December, when the draw for the last Quarter of Jubilee Hall Lottery, plus the Christmas Bonus prize</b></p>	
<p><b>Winsham Art Club</b></p>	<p><b>Details of Spring period Workshops</b></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Click HERE</u></a></p>
<p><b>Winsham Poetry Appreciation Group</b></p>	<p><b>Poetry Themes for 2025</b></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Click HERE</u></a></p>
<p><b>Jubilee Hall Bookings Helps you find activities which may interest you.</b></p>	<p><b>View future bookings of village groups and activities</b></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Click HERE</u></a></p>
<p><b>St. Stephen's</b></p> 	<p><b>St. Stephens Services</b></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Click HERE</u></a></p>
<p><b>Winsham Community Club</b></p> 	<p><b>Forthcoming events until the end of the year....with lots more to come</b></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Click HERE...</u></a></p> <p>...and scroll down for details of individual events</p>
<p><b>Winsham Walkers</b></p>	<p><b>All you need to know, Plus, an account of the December walk, with nice picture.</b></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Click HERE</u></a></p>

<b>JUBILEE HALL SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB</b>	Jubilee Hall, every Friday, 2.00pm New members welcome.	<a href="#"><u>Click HERE</u></a>
<b>JHMC</b>	Table Tennis at the Jubilee Hall Wednesday Mornings-10.am-11.00am	<a href="#"><u>Click HERE for details</u></a>
<b>Pilates Classes</b>	Weekly Pilates Classes Starting 10.15am every Monday Jubilee Hall First Class Free	<a href="#"><u>Click HERE</u></a>
<b>Hatha Yoga Classes</b>	YOGA in the Jubilee Hall Tuesdays 10.30-11.30am	<a href="#"><u>Click HERE for details</u></a> <a href="#"><u>First session free!</u></a>
<b>Winsham Ki Aikido Club</b>		<a href="#"><u>Click HERE</u></a>
<b><i>Community Information</i></b> <b><i>-new in red</i></b>		
<b>Winsham Parish Council Web Site</b>	Well worth of visit to see the detail of the Winsham Parish Council's work, with links to Somerset County Council unified services.	<a href="#"><u>Click HERE</u></a>
<b>Useful for new residents and visitors</b>	'Welcome to Winsham' An online guide for visitors and people new to the parish	<a href="#"><u>Click HERE</u></a>
<b><i>Village Interest Groups- New/coming week-in red</i></b>		



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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Winsham Parish Council</b></p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#"><u>Click HERE</u></a></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Catholic Parish of The English Martyrs, Chard</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">New link to web site</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#"><u>Click HERE</u></a></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Winsham Market Place</b></p>		
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>New Winsham Market Place</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Support your local suppliers of goods and services.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>See the new &amp; regular advertisers.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#"><u>Click HERE</u></a></p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEW!</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Addition to Loaring Family section by Jill Russell</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#"><u>Click HERE</u></a></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Changes to Home Page</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Changes to Home Page</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#"><u>Click HERE</u></a></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Winsham Web Museum</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Winsham and the Covid- 19 Pandemic</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#"><u>Click HERE</u></a></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Winsham Steet Fairs</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1984-2022</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#"><u>Click HERE</u></a></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Queen's Coronation Diamond Jubilee 2013 and the Diamond Jubilee of her accession in 2012</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Enjoy a trip down Memory Lane!</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#"><u>Click HERE</u></a></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Winsham Shop and Post Office</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The History of Winsham Shop and Post Office from 1850</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#"><u>Click HERE</u></a> for more information, and link to the new site</p>

<p><b>Nature Lovers Guide to Winsham</b></p>	<p><b>Visit accounts of Winsham Flora and Fauna , dating back to 2002.</b></p> <p><b>Botany walks with Henk Beentje.</b></p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>Wildlife Diaries 2016-2020 Contributed by Liz Earl</b></p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>Butterfly Diary 2019 Contributed by Liz Earl &amp; Henk Beentje</b></p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>Paul Smith's 'Bugs 'n' Bees' Index</b></p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>Natural Winsham Fossils, Flora &amp; Fauna</b></p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>Paul Smith's reflections on farming, and his experience as a farmer in Winsham since 1921 until his passing in 2007. A unique record</b></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Click HERE</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Click HERE</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Click HERE</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Click HERE</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Click HERE</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Click HERE</u></a></p>
<p><b><i>Miscellaneous</i></b></p>		
<p>Somerset Museums UPDATED-a really useful web site.</p>	<p>Gives you details of most of the Museums in Somerset.</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Click HERE</u></a></p>

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