

WINSHAM

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Hi All,

Lots of new information on all sorts of matters this week. No e-letter last week, as there was not much to tell. However, when I do get items of interest, I try to put them on the Parish Web site, and sometimes on the Winsham Community Facebook page, pretty well when I get them, so if you are particularly interested in a topic, it always pays to browse the web site and Facebook page.

I would also like to receive pictures from readers which portray Winsham at this (any) time of year, for inclusion on the Home Page of the Winsham Parish Web site. In April I used a photograph of the flowering cherry tree in our garden-the picture is still there although April is well past. I don't have anything suitable to replace it with.

Now to business! The Grand Winsham Challenge is now closed, and the entries are being collated before passing them to the judging panel. I hope we will be able to publish the names of the winners in a week or so. Until then, you will just have to contain your excitement.

At the end of last month, Winsham Parish Council took the unprecedented step of publishing an open letter to the Management Committee of Winsham Shop and Post Office. In the letter it thanked the shop for its outstanding efforts over the last twelve months of Lockdown, and their support for the community not just in providing provisions, but for their general effort with extra services, and unfailing cheerfulness during a very difficult time.

You can find a copy of the letter on both the Shop and Parish Council links below. And well done Winsham Parish Council for making this public acknowledgement. It reflects what many think. Of course, the best possible way of showing our support is to continue to use the shop and post-office as much as we can, even though the Lockdown is slowly easing.

The Street Fair Committee has been busy, as has been the Winsham Horticultural Society in preparing events for next month. There will be the Scarecrow Competition, and the Open Gardens Event.

These initiatives are especially important this year, when we need to shake off the torpor so many of us are feeling as a result of the long Covid-19 lockdown, which it is hoped will end on the 21st June, and the exceptionally cold and dry spring we are experiencing. Let's give the two organisations as much support as we can, for our own benefit, and as an acknowledgement of the sterling effort that has gone into making them happen, despite much uncertainty. You can find links to all the information you need , below.

Chloe Besley and Janet Smart, both energetic members of Winsham Horticultural Society have struggled against the vicissitudes of our weather, and tell us:

I (Chloe) have cherry tomatoes Gardeners' Delight, Sweet Aperiativ, Goldkrone (yellow) and Supersweet. I also have courgettes green and a few yellow.

Janet has other brands of tomatoes, courgettes, and other vegetables.

Janet's phone number is 30305 and mine is 30032. Proceeds from the sale of these veg will go to the Horticultural Society.

Well done, and very helpful, bearing in mind the annual Plant Sale, which usually takes place at the Jubilee Hall in early May, fell casualty, this year, to the Covid lockdown.

Road Works and Crime are always with us, and warnings about both can also be found from the links below.

Finally, the Jubilee Hall is open for business, and details of the bookings for May are now on the web site, in their usual place, and accessible from the Jubilee Hall link. Importantly for older people the Ad Hoc Fitness Group held on Thursday mornings is getting off to a fast start. If you want to take part, call Sandy Wells asap on 30579.

Keep well, stay cheerful and keep warm.

John



Did you meet Noah at the last Scarecrow Competition?

Soon, a lot of his relatives will be moving into the village. Be nice to them; they love to talk to people!

PARISH INFORMATION

WAKE UP WINSHAM!	GRAND WINSHAM CHALLENGE 2021 Results soon!	Click HERE for details
Winsham Open Gardens and garage/yard sale	All over Winsham Saturday, 26th June, 11.00am-5.30 pm	Click HERE for details
Scarecrow Competition	Theme-‘Our Heroes’ On display during whole of June	Click HERE

For all nature lovers	Henk Beentje's Winsham botany walks	Click HERE
Useful for new residents and visitors	'Welcome to Winsham' An online guide for visitors and people new to the parish	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
WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL	Winsham Parish Survey 2021 On -line summary	Click HERE
Winsham Shop and Post Office	<p>OPEN LETTER TO SHOP MANAGEMENT, STAFF & VOLUNTEERS FROM WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL</p> <p>***</p> <p>Shop & Post Office Hours of Opening</p> <p>***</p> <p>ON-LINE SHOPPING WEB SITE Try it! Let it help you with your shopping list.</p> <p>***</p> <p>The History of Winsham Shop and Post Office from 1850</p>	Click HERE for more information, and link to the new site
Winsham United Football Club	No fixtures at present due to Lockdown 3	Click HERE for all information
Community Matters Now carries a lot more items	<p>January 2021 Latest Somerset Waste Partnership Bulletin</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Henk Beentje's botany walks See latest April edition!</p> <p>.....</p> <p>'Welcome to Winsham'</p>	Click HERE When page loads, scroll down to find topic

	A guide for visitors and people coming to live in the parish	
Somerset Waste Partnership	Chard Re-cycling Centre remains open-normal opening hours. January 2021 Latest Somerset Waste Partnership Bulletin	Click HERE
Street Fair Committee	Latest news-two bulletins	Click HERE
	Latest In formation *** NOW OPEN! ***	Click here for web page and Facebook link
 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH	BE ON YOUR GUARD! THERE ARE A LOT OF THEIVES OUT THERE SEE LATEST TIPS TO BEAT THE E- MAIL SCAMMERS *** Protect your pet dog. *** Important Government information about Covid-19 scams. ***	UPDATED 1st April Click HERE
St. Stephen's Church 	Latest information on LOCKDOWN 3	Click HERE
WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL	Open letter of thanks to Winsham Shop and Post Office ***	Click HERE- Scroll down as necessary

	<p>April 2021 Meeting summary *** Follow SCC Covid reports from Linda Vjeh and Unitary Council proposal.</p> <p>.....</p>	
<p>The NEW Winsham Market Place New Advertisers</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</u> <u>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 RESTRICTIONS are easing, but check before you visit.</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>



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