

WINSHAM E- LETTER

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Hi All,

After a month-long struggle, it is 'business as usual' for the Winsham Parish Web Site and its symbiotic partner, the Winsham E-Letter. It seems that the problem was at my end. I could not believe that some of the major components of my PC were well over ten years old and slowly deteriorating (like me). Anyway, it is working now, and that is all that matters.

The new 'Lockdown' is on everyone's minds at present, and inevitably, it features on the web site. Where there is news, I have indicated below where you should look.

Over the break I received a lovely picture of Jane Simkins, with her Certificate for Outstanding Achievement, awarded by Winsham Parish Council as the result of her winning five of the seven categories in the Grand Winsham Challenge, which ran during the first Lockdown in the Spring of last Year. You can see it below. This made me think that a competition of some sort might brighten things up during the next couple of months. We had a good level of interest last year. I would welcome your ideas for new challenges.

I continue to get calls from readers telling me about the of attempted telephone fraud and scam e-mails that they receive; I get them myself. My personal advice, not that I am an expert on these matters is:

On the telephone, the moment it sounds 'phony', cut off the call. I am ruthless. Basically, if I do not recognise the voice, name or organisation, or if there is a delay in the caller speaking, or have any doubts at all, I cut off. Most of these calls last no more than three or four seconds! Genuine calls ring back -that does not happen very often, if at all! I do not get involved in conversations-some of these people can be very plausible, and you can, unknowingly give away information that may be valuable to them, perhaps for a later attempt.

With e-mails that I suspect of being scams, I just look at the e-mail address of the sender. If it does not look right, I delete it immediately. If it really is genuine, they can send a letter-of course that can be a scam too, but much less likely, due to the cost of sending it. Nevertheless, you still must be careful, even with letters. Like with Covid-19, minimise the risk by keeping your distance (metaphorically!)

Incidentally, there are now scams going around offering early vaccination... all they need are your personal details (and money). Be warned!

The next few months are not likely to be packed with fun for anyone. We must just count our blessings. We live in a good community, and we can do our bit by keeping in touch with our

neighbours, even if it can only be by telephone, or Zoom, Skype or Smart Speakers like Alexa. We have our wonderful shop and post office as well, which is beyond value in these difficult times. Have you tried their web site yet? If not, why not-it is quite easy to use. The range of products available is good.

Also use our other local businesses as much as you can-and do not forget that 'The Bell' are still doing take-away meals. Lots of other information appears on our community Facebook page, and in the Joint Parish Magazine.

You can see the names of the winners in the last Quarter's draw of the Jubilee Hall Lottery 2020, including the lucky person who won the special Christmas prize of £50. Details of the 2021 Jubilee Hall Lottery will be out soon. Somethings never change!

Finally, just to remind you that pages on the Parish Web Site are liable to be updated at any time. So, remember to check this between E-Letters by going to the pages that interest you This can be done via a link on an e-letter, or by going to the Parish Web Site Home page. Make it a 'Favourite' or Bookmark it, depending on your Browser. I use 'History' (CTRL+H) a lot for this type of thing. Headlines on the Homepage are also a useful guide to new items of information. There is also a link to the Homepage from the community Facebook page, as well as the Icon Bar below.

Best Wishes for the New Year, be careful, and stay safe,



John



Jane Simkins received a Certificate of Achievement from Winsham Parish Council for winning five of the seven categories in last year's Grand Winsham Challenge



<p>Winsham Shop and Post Office</p>	<p>VIEW NEW UPDATE DETAILS RELATING TO LOCKDOWN 3 (6/1/2021) *** Shop & Post Office Hours of Opening *** LAUNCH OF NEW ON-LINE SHOPPING WEB SITE WINSHAM SHOP ONLINE *** The History of Winsham Shop and Post Office from 1850</p>	<p>Click HERE for more information, and link to the new site</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 Jubilee Hall Lottery 2020 Results -Last Quarter Draw</p>	<p>Click HERE 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>New section has been added to enable readers to give details of charitable appeals and sponsorship efforts</p>	<p>Click HERE When page loads, scroll</p>

**Latest Reports from Linda Vjeh
SCC County Councillor
Message from 'The Lord's
Larder'**

**Chard Recycling Centre remains
open**

Start-up Somerset

**Axminster & Lyme Cancer
Support**

St Margaret's Hospice

**Somerset Paste Partnership
Monthly Newsletter, Sept
Edition**

**Information on collections,
Recycling Centres, etc.**

Charitable Appeals

**Somerset Bereavement Support
Services**



**Volunteers needed for
SomersetSight**


Winsham-Make it Better

Winsham United Charities

Winsham on the Web

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topic

	Know Winsham -Link to SSDC	
Somerset Waste Partnership	Monthly Newsletter Exciting news about Somerset Re-cycling	Click HERE
Street Fair Committee	Latest news-two bulletins	Click HERE
	Latest In formation *** Take-away services continue during Lockdown 3 ***	Click here for web page and Facebook link
 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH EXTENDED TO COVER COVID-19	BE ON YOUR GUARD! THERE ARE A LOT OF THEIVES OUT THERE SEE LATEST TIPS TO BEAT THE E- MAIL SCAMMERS *** Read about Stewart Binns scamming experience-with local implications- see attached .pdf *** Be aware of new Vaccination Scams	Click HERE
St. Stephen's Church 	Latest information on LOCKDOWN 3	Click HERE
WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL Big changes to Format and content	November Meeting summary *** New-Summary of business conducted at WPC meeting, 1st September 2020 ***	Click HERE- Scroll down as necessary

	<p align="center">IMPORTANT STATEMENT FROM NEWLY FORMED WINSHAM RECREATIONAL TRUST-17th JULY</p> <p align="center">Plus, article which originally appeared in the August edition of the Joint Parish Magazine.</p> <p align="center">***</p> <p align="center">Easier access to Parish Council Web Site</p> <p align="center">***</p>	
<p align="center">The NEW Winsham Market Place</p>	<p align="center">Support your local suppliers See details of locally based businesses</p> <p align="center">MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER!</p>	<p align="center">Click HERE</p> 
<p align="center">Your essential Guide to Winsham Parish Web Site Content UPDATED</p>	<p align="center">Please read to get the most from the Winsham Parish Web Site</p>	<p align="center">Click HERE</p>
<p align="center"><u>For all newcomers to the Parish</u></p>	<p align="center">WINSHAM'S 'WELCOME PACK'</p>	<p align="center">Click HERE</p>
<p>Somerset Museums UPDATED-a really useful web site.</p>	<p align="center">Gives you details of most of the Museums in Somerset.</p> <p align="center">LOCKDOWN 3 RESTRICTIONS WILL APPLY</p> <p align="center">Closures likely due to Corona Virus Emergency</p>	<p align="center">Click HERE</p>



**Take a picture of your pet-you never know when you will wish you
had!**

The Winsham e- letter will always help find missing pets.

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