

# **WINSHAM**

## **E-LETTER**

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Hi All,

### **Jill Stone**

**It is with great sadness that we have to tell our readers that Jill Stone died on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, after a short illness. Her funeral will take place in St. Stephen's at 12 noon on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September, followed by her burial in Winsham cemetery. Jill was a lovely lady, who's very being touched many lives. She leaves a son, John. She will be much missed.**

### **Storm in a tea-cup?**

The weather is getting a bit changeable, and there are some storms about. Over Winsham these seem to be of the tea-cup variety. The most recent is the very long-awaited traffic calming/road safety proposals from Highways, and it didn't take long for rumours to be flooding around the village as to its contents, resulting in several anxious calls to me.

I haven't seen the report, and I have no wish to. I can guess most of it. It is now the parish councils' task to vet it, discuss it, and then decide which parts, if any, are of interest, or of practical value, after which there is likely to be a public consultation. As changes always cost money, and consensus is always difficult to reach, the prospect of anything substantial happening is not, in my personal view, high.

We have a good, elected council, and personally I have every confidence in them to do what is best. Between them they represent a wide sample of different views and opinions.

Most drivers are sensible and cautious; but some are not and probably will never be without the fear of sanctions for bad behaviour, and Winsham, with the low-level policing of traffic in the area, have difficulty in enforcing the rules that already exist. Even usually careful drivers can be distracted at times and that is why some precautions must be taken to reinforce areas of particular risk. But what should these be? Too many signs and they become a bit like health warnings on tobacco packaging- few smokers even notice them.

'The late for work' brigade will continue their morning rush through the village regardless! All a bit sad really.

### ***Now for the other news...***

Sue Osbourne, our District Councillor, has delivered some good news; the suspension of the Garden Waste Collection service is coming to an end on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> September. For full details, click on the link below. There is a caveat-ensure that your bin does not weigh more than 40 kg, and its lid is closed-otherwise it will not be collected. Such a threat throws up images of people enlisting their bathroom scales to verify that they comply, and the blind panic that ensues when they discover the scale's battery has gone flat or cannot remember how to change the readout from stones and pounds to kilograms. In the spirit of helpfulness, I can tell our readers that 40kg is 6 St. 4.2 lb. Sorry, can't help with flat batteries!

### **Parish Council Report- September meeting**

Read about the most recent deliberations-see link below

### **Changes to Winsham Street Fair Committee**

I have been asked to pass on the news that two of the existing members (Sally Lines and Jayne Smith) have retired from the committee, and that five new members have joined it. The details will be found from the link below. It really does show the enthusiasm about for the event next year after the delays caused by Covid.

I have done some work on the links to the 'Nature Lovers Guide to Winsham' below. It should all work a bit better now.

Have a good week,

John



*Church Street in 1938. Can you spot the car? Apart from that, not much has changed, apart from the fashions! The year of my birth, in London! See more pictures from 1938 in the Joyce Hayball Collection in Winsham Web Museum. Just Click on the picture.*



## PARISH INFORMATION

<p><b>Somerset Waste Partnership</b></p>	<p><b>Garden Waste Collections two weekly recycle restart on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Click HERE for details</a></p>
<p><b>Winsham Calendar 2022</b></p>	<p><b>Order yours from Winsham Shop NOW!</b></p> <p><b>Visit Winsham Community</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Click HERE</a></p>

	<b>Facebook Page to select your preference for pictures to be used</b>	
<b>Winsham Street Fair Committee</b>	<b>Changes to Committee-grows to twelve members in readiness for next year</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>
<b>Winsham Recreational Trust</b>	<b>Dedicated Web Page, which includes Winsham Community Club.</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE for details</a> Also available from New Portal icon on Home Page of Parish Web site <a href="#">Click HERE</a>
<b>For all nature lovers</b>	<b>Henk Beentje's Winsham botany walks NEW-August</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>
<b>Useful for new residents and visitors</b>	<b>'Welcome to Winsham' An online guide for visitors and people new to the parish</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>
<b>Winsham United Charities</b>	<b>WUC are inviting applications for small grants to children and young people to help with educational and training needs.</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE for details</a>
<b>Winsham Shop and Post Office</b>	<b>Post-Covid policy on facemasks</b>  *** <b>Shop &amp; Post Office Hours of Opening</b> *** <b>ON-LINE SHOPPING WEB SITE</b> <b>Try it! Let it help you with your shopping list.</b> ***	<a href="#">Click HERE</a> for more information, and link to the new site

	<p><b>The History of Winsham Shop and Post Office from 1850</b></p>	
<p><b>Community Matters</b> Now carries a lot more items</p>	<p><b>Henk Beentje's botany walks</b> <b>See latest August edition!</b></p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>'Welcome to Winsham'</b> A guide for visitors and people coming to live in the parish</p>	<p><a href="#">Click HERE</a> When page loads, scroll down to find topic</p>
	<p><b>TWO EXCITING EVENTS PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER</b></p> <p><b>BEER &amp; CIDER FESTIVAL</b></p> <p><b>MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING-</b> <b>'Cake Coffee and a good giggle'</b></p> <p><b>NOW OPEN as normal!</b> ***</p>	<p><a href="#">Click here for web page and Facebook link</a></p>
 <p><b>NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEW!</b></p>	<p><b>BE ON YOUR GUARD!</b> <b>THERE ARE A LOT OF THEIVES OUT THERE</b> <b>SEE LATEST TIPS TO BEAT THE E- MAIL SCAMMERS</b></p> <p>Protect your jewellery *** Money Scams *** Help for dementia sufferers</p>	<p><a href="#">UPDATED 4th September</a></p> <p><a href="#">Click HERE</a></p>

	<p>***</p> <p>Gift Cards</p> <p>***</p> <p>Protect your pet dog.</p> <p>***</p> <p>Important Government information about Covid-19 scams.</p> <p>***</p>	
<p><b>WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL</b></p>	<p><b>Garden Waste collections re-instated</b></p> <p>***</p> <p><b>Report on September Parish Council Meeting</b></p> <p>***</p> <p><b>*Somerset to become a single statutory authority</b></p> <p>***</p> <p><b>Follow SCC Covid reports from Linda Vijeh and Unitary Council proposal.</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Click HERE-Scroll down as necessary</a></p>
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<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</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Click HERE</a></p> <p><a href="#">Click HERE</a></p>

	<p><b>Contributed by Liz Earl</b>  .....  <b>Butterfly Diary 2019</b>  <b>Contributed by Liz Earl &amp; Henk Beentje</b>  .....  <b>Paul Smith's 'Bugs 'n' Bees'</b>  <b>Index</b>  .....  <b>Natural Winsham Fossils, Flora &amp; Fauna</b>  .....  <b>Paul Smith's reflections on farming, and his experience as a farmer in Winsham since 1921 until his passing in 2007.</b>  <b>A unique record</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Click HERE</a></p> <p><a href="#">Click HERE</a></p> <p><a href="#">Click HERE</a></p> <p><a href="#">Click HERE</a></p>
<p><b>Your essential Guide to Winsham Parish Web Site Content UPDATED</b></p>	<p><b>Please read to get the most from the Winsham Parish Web Site</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Click HERE</a></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="#">Click HERE</a></p>



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