



Pretty as a picture! The display of Christmas lights at Malthouse, at the end of Court Street, is as eye catching as ever. Get some exercise this Christmas and come and have a look for yourself.


Winsham E-Letter


*With kindest regards and seasonal greetings to all
our readers.*

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<p>FIRE RISKS AT CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR</p>	<p>Some sensible tips to minimise fire risk from Neighbourhood Watch</p>	<p>See at foot of this e-letter or Parish Notice Board</p>
	 <p>Christmas Events</p>	
<p>Sports & Social Club</p>	<p>CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY See the pictures of a brilliant event!</p>	<p>Click HERE for details</p>
<p>Squirrel Christmas & New Year Events</p>	<p>The Squirrel at Laymore</p>	<p>Click HERE for details</p>
<p>Christmas Opening Hours at Shop and Post Office</p>		<p>CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS</p>
<p>CHRISTMAS AT St. STEPHEN'S</p> <p>Crib Service →</p> <p>Forde Abbey →</p> <p>Family Communion →</p> <p>Trip to the Panto</p>	<p>Christmas Eve 4.00pm</p> <p>Carol Service, Christmas Eve 6.00pm</p> <p>Christmas Day 10.30am</p> <p>Wednesday 28th Dec</p>	
<p>Winsham Walkers</p>	<p>Meet outside The Bell, 5th January, 10.30am</p>	
<p>Message of Thanks</p>	<p>Winsham School</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p>Early Warning</p>	<p>Closure of Davies Close on January 24th for re-</p>	

	paving work	
Attention all Bus Users	Risk of reduction in services	Click HERE
POST OFFICE-NEW HOURS	Now in operation	Click HERE for details & picture
Local Homegrown Turkeys		Click HERE for details
Cleaning of War Memorial	The Winsham War Memorial has been cleaned.	Click HERE for information and the history of the Memorial that is now nearly 90years old.
	New look and many new and updated entries in the Market Place, with links to web sites	Click HERE
RUBBISH COLLECTION	SEVERE Weather arrangements	Click HERE
The Lord's Larder	APPEAL	Click HERE for details
Wanted	Opera Singers	Click HERE
Jubilee Hall Lottery Results	Last Quarter Draw including Bumper £50 Christmas Prize	Click HERE
Parish Council Survey		Click HERE for Info.
WINSHAM CALENDAR 2012	NOW ON SALE IN WINSHAM SHOP! PRICE £5	Click HERE for details
Winsham Parish Council	November Minutes & December Agenda	Click HERE

Magdalen Project		Latest Courses
St.Stephen's Rota of Services for December		Click HERE for details Please note that the Christmas Eve Carol Service at Forde Abbey is at 6.00pm and <u>not 6.30 as mistakenly stated in The Parish Magazine</u>
Update on our local police services		Click HERE for details
Clapton & Wayford Film Soc.	See the details the Program for 2011/2	Click HERE for details
WEB SITES OF INTEREST		
On line bite sized computer training-FREE		Click HERE for link
Khan Academy	Learn almost anything for FREE	Click HERE for link
Police Crime Map for Winsham		Click HERE for link
Do you have concerns about inappropriate content in the media? Do you have concerns about children having access to internet pornography and other 'adult material'?		Click HERE for Link for link to www.parentport.org.uk Click HERE for Link to www.safermedia.org.uk
Rural Services on Line		Click HERE for link
There is no regular day of publication for the e-letter, as really URGENT news of wide interest will go out as soon as possible after it is received. To avoid		

disappointment, the Friday before the week in which your event is happening is the latest date to send me information. Sooner than that is better! The Winsham E-Letter usually goes out at a weekend.

Here are some permanent links which may not always appear in the news columns.

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[Latest Parish Council Minutes & Agenda](#)

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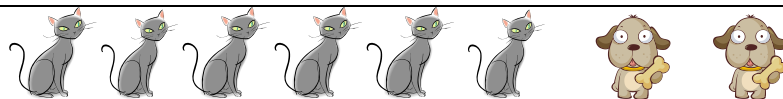
[Winsham FC](#)

[English Martyrs Roman Catholic Church, Chard](#)

[Avon & Somerset Constabulary](#)

[Winsham County Primary School](#)

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So far we have played a part in successfully looking for six lost cats and two lost dogs. Not all searches, sadly, have been fruitful. If you ever lose or mislay any pet, Winsham e-letter is always ready to help put the word around - with a picture if you have one - just call 30026 or E-Mail. **Why not keep a picture against this eventuality?**

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SEASONS GREETINGS AND A FIRE FREE CHRISTMAS

Christmas is approaching – hopefully we will all relax and unwind, forget our problems and responsibilities and get ready to party. Please make sure that the flow of party spirit doesn't lead to extra dangers at home or at work.

Just follow the Fire and Rescue Service's Christmas safety tips and we hope you will have a very merry Christmas.

- Streamers –** Christmas decorations are often made of combustible materials. Never attach decorations to lights or heaters or place garlands immediately above or around fireplaces.
- Ash -** Even in a non-smoking household, visiting family and guests may be smokers and it is important that ash is put into appropriate containers. Ensure that any smoking materials are extinguished properly. Beware of smokers falling asleep during the day and never smoke in bed. If you have an open fireplace but only use it at this time of the year, make sure the chimney has been cleaned and swept.
- Familiarisation –** If you are having overnight guests who may be unfamiliar with your home, ensure that they know their quickest escape route in the event of a fire. Take particular care to ensure that any children, elderly visitors or people with disabilities can escape safely. Make guests aware of any special features in your home, for example, how the front door opens from the inside.
- Electricity -** Christmas is often a time when extra appliances are used. As a general rule, one socket should accommodate one plug, but if you must use adapters and extension leads, do not overload them and ensure that leads and flexes are in good condition.
- Parties -** A house or office full of people always presents more hazards than usual, particularly in the kitchen and especially if the drink has been flowing. Take extra care. Never overcrowd office spaces. This may make escape difficult as there could be too many people using a limited number of exits.
- Rubbish -** Be aware that with lots of cards, decorations and wrapping paper around, there are more things to catch fire. Dispose of wrapping paper and packaging sooner rather than later.

- Alarms -** Never take the batteries from your smoke alarm to run toys and other gifts. Buy a stock of batteries before Christmas. Remember to test your smoke alarm as usual. If you have music at your office Christmas party, make sure you can still hear the fire alarm.
- Candles -** Never leave candles unattended and never put lit candles in or near a Christmas tree.
- Toys -** Try to avoid buying toys that look as if they are made from combustible materials. Buy toys from established retailers and manufacturers if you can.
- Illuminations -** Test Christmas lights before putting them on the tree. Make sure they are fused properly. Replace sets of old lights, especially those that are not in perfect working condition. Remember to turn them off at night and when you go out.
- Cooking -** If leaving a turkey to cook overnight, ensure that you are familiar with the timer controls on your cooker and that the temperature is set correctly. If setting light to the Christmas pudding, don't pour the alcohol straight from the bottle. Put a small amount of alcohol in a non-combustible container, such as an eggcup, and pour onto the pudding from there. Beware of adding more alcohol – if you add alcohol to a flame, you could get a 'flashback'.
- Enjoy -** By following the SAFE PRACTICE spelt out in this code you will have a Safe and Merry Christmas.

