

Hi All,

The start of another new year. One of my New Year Resolutions is to give both the Winsham Web Museum and the Parish Web site a thorough 'spring clean'. The web museum especially is in need of some serious maintenance work, and some of the galleries need reorganisation. The same applies to the Parish Web site, although not to the same extent.

I have started on this, and already there are already some changes to be seen - follow the links in the e-letter. This work will continue over the next few months.

The funeral arrangements for Phil Kershaw can also be found in the e-letter. I expect that a lot of people will be attending the Memorial Service to pay their last respects, and show their support for Diana and her family.

The Heritage Gate (aka Lych Gate) Appeal is building up steam, with pledges now reaching towards the £7,000 mark. However, we are not at the halfway mark yet, so a good deal of further support is needed. A Public Meeting has been arranged for Tuesday, 16th February, in the Jubilee Hall. Not unrelated to this, one of the additions to the Winsham Web Museum, in the 'Researching your Family' gallery, is a map of the grave spaces in Winsham cemetery, showing the names of those interred. Burials go back to 1891. The year previously, the St Stephen's Church Yard was closed specifically by an 'Order in Council' by Queen Victoria, in Court at Osborne House. A bit special! Our cemetery, and the memory of those who lay within its boundaries, deserves something better as an entrance than an old farm gate!

Happy New Year!

John



*In recent weeks, the heavy rainfall has caused many problems in parts of the UK. Winsham has not been as badly affected as some areas, but in places it was bad enough. Picture by Thomas Harris.*

# WINSHAM E-LETTER



<p><b>Philip Kershaw RIP</b></p>	<p>Funeral: Yeovil Crematorium 12.50pm Wed. 13th January Memorial Service: St.Stephen's, Winsham, 2.00pm. Light Refreshments; Jubilee Hall, Winsham, 3.00pm</p>	
<p><b>WINSHAM POST OFFICE</b></p>	<p>The Post Office will be closed between January 11th and January 15th, and on Thursday 21st January, due to unavoidable circumstances.</p>	
<p><b>'THE BELL'</b></p>	<p><b>BURNS NIGHT</b> Friday, 22nd January</p>	<p><a href="#">Click HERE for details</a></p>
<p><b>WINSHAM WEB MUSEUM</b> - <b>The first stage of a major update of the Web Museum</b></p>	<p>New 'Winsham on the Web' Gallery - Parish Council Index updated - All back numbers of the e-Letter since 2006 can now be viewed - Map of grave spaces in Winsham Cemetery</p>	<p><a href="#">Click HERE</a> - <a href="#">Click HERE</a> - <a href="#">Click HERE</a> - <a href="#">Click HERE</a></p>
<p><b>Heritage Gate Proposal for Winsham Cemetery</b></p>	<p>Public Meeting Jubilee Hall, 7.00pm. Tuesday, 16th February</p>	<p><a href="#">Click HERE for details of proposal</a></p>
<p><b>Jubilee Hall Cafe Come and experience the new windows!</b></p>	<p>Jubilee Hall, Thursday, 21st January 11.00am-12.30pm</p>	<p><a href="#">Click HERE</a></p>

<b>SSDC 'YOUR AREA'</b>	Interactive map and property information	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>
<b>9th Annual Drimpton Potato Day</b>	Drimpton Village Hall Saturday,6th February	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>
<b>Bus Service and Concessionary Fares Consultation</b>	<b>Concerns future transport funding NOW URGENT Closes 11th January</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>
<b>NEW! Winsham Parish Council has its own Web site. Now functioning</b>	Managed and edited by Teresa Pinder, Parish Clerk	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>
<b>Follow Parish Council Meetings-read the Minutes</b>		<a href="#">Click HERE</a>
<b>NEW! Winsham-Make it better A new Parish Council initiative</b>	A 'MUST' read for everyone.	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>
<b>COMMUNITY MATTERS</b>	In response to new Parish Council Web Site, the Parish Web site has changed.	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>
<b>WINSHAM GETS A DEFIBRILLATOR</b>	Another good reason for popping along to 'The Bell'	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>
<b>CLAPTON &amp; WAYFORD FILM SOC.</b>	Programme for 2015-2016	<a href="#">Click HERE for details</a>
<b>HAWKCHURCH FILM NIGHTS</b>	<b>NEW Programme January-April 2016</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>
<b><u>Market Place</u> on the Parish web Site Lots of new ads!</b>	Sponsored by Winsham Shop-see lots of new ads by local suppliers	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>

<p><b><u>For all newcomers to the Parish</u></b></p>	<p>WINSHAM'S 'WELCOME PACK'</p>	<p><a href="#">Click HERE</a></p>
<p><b>St.Stephen's Church Details of services for January, and information about coming Church events.</b></p> <p>-</p> <p><b>Have you visited St.Stephen's new Facebook Page?</b></p>		<p><a href="#">Click HERE for Church Index</a></p> <p>-</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>
<p>Drimpton Village</p>		<p><a href="#">Click HERE</a></p>
<p>Thorncombe Village Trust</p>		<p><a href="#">Click HERE for link</a></p>
<p>Thorncombe Parish Web Site</p>		<p><a href="#">Click HERE for link</a></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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