

Hi All,

I have had an e-mail from Rachel White, with an heartfelt plea to the e-letter to emphasize the need for some way of controlling the speed of vehicles down Church Street.

As she is the mother of small children, this concern is entirely understandable, and elderly people, not perhaps as nimble as they were a few years ago, also feel at risk, sometimes feel nervous about crossing the road. So clearly there is a problem.

I spent 13 years on the Parish Council, and this matter frequently came up for discussion, and the present Parish Council is currently attempting a fresh assault on the problem, and it looks from their minutes of Meetings, they also are not having much success. They need fifteen volunteers to operate the 'Speed Check' exercise, and so far they only have eight! And what then? How do you enforce speed restrictions? Traffic bumps-they are expensive to install and not popular with everyone. I am not going through the litany of all the things that are possible. That is for Winsham Parish Council to consider.

A start would be for everyone who reads this e-letter, and who has occasion to drive along Church Street, to think about the risks to pedestrians, and possible vehicle collision. I resolved to do this some time ago and to keep my speed down to below twenty miles an hour, even when there are no obstructions.

*If you are interested in talking to Parish Councillors about road safety, or anything else relating to the parish, go along to the new Winsham Parish Council 'surgery', the first of which will be held at the Sports and Social Club , tomorrow, Saturday 16th September , between 12 Noon and 2.00pm.*

On a totally different note, I have just heard about the 'Dancing Dragonflies'- nothing to do with entomology- Weekly Dance classes for children-to be held at the Jubilee Hall-starting next week. More about it below.

Have fun!

John



*Henk Beentje , who live at Leigh, has been busy again with his camera, capturing this image of an Admiral butterfly (Vanessa atalanta) feasting on an autumn apple. See how well its protective colouration blends with the twigs of the tree. Thank you Henk-and please let us have more pictures from all of you.*

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<b>WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL</b>	<b>Meet a Parish Councillor and discuss your parish issues</b>	Starts Saturday, 16th September, 'Noon till Two' Sports and Social Club
<b>NEW! The Dancing Dragonflies</b>	<b>Weekly Dance Classes for Children at the Jubilee Hall</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE for details</a>
<b>Somerset Art Weeks</b>	<b>350 artists showcasing their work at 120 venues over 16days</b>	Support your local artists <a href="#">Click HERE</a> for more details and get your Guide to the events from Winsham Shop
<b>JUBILEE CAFE THIS COMING THURSDAY</b>	<b>Thursday,21st Sept Jubilee Hall, 11.00am-12.30pm</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>
<b>Winsham Walkers</b>	<b>Next walk: Meet-10.30 outside The Bell, Thursday,5th October</b>	All Welcome
<b>'THE GEORGE PROJECT'</b>	<b>Important Meeting-Wednesday,25th October</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>
<b>Winsham School</b>	<b>Need volunteers to help with reading practice</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>
<b>St.Stephen's</b>	<b>Harvest Supper Jubilee Hall, Saturday, 30th September,7.30pm</b>	Ticket-£5 from Winsham Shop
<b>St Stephen's</b>	<b>Harvest Festival Family Service, 10.30am Sunday,1st October</b>	More details in the Parish Magazine

<b>Winsham Shop</b>	<b>Volunteer Stock Takers needed</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE for details</a>
<b>Hawkchurch Film Nights</b>	<b>Autumn Programme</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE for details</a>
<b>THE BELL</b>	<b>New owners and management</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>
<b>Winsham Art Club</b>	<b>Autumn Programme</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>
<b>For Business Readers</b>	<b>Rural Survey</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE</a> for link to Parish Council Web Site Scroll down to bottom of Parish Council 'News' page
<b>FREE NHS HEALTH CHECK</b>	<b>Jubilee Hall, Wednesday, 25th October BOOK NOW!</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE for details</a>
<b>NEW! Parish Council Surgeries re-introduced</b>	<b>Winsham Parish Council Newsletter A 'must' read for Winsham residents.</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>
<b>St. Stephen's Service Rota</b>	<b>September and October Service Rota</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>

<b>St.Stephen's Tower Appeal</b>	Coffee Morning 10.30am in St Stephen's. Wednesday, 27th September All welcome	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>
<b><u>Market Place</u></b> on the Parish web Site Lots of new ads!	Sponsored by Winsham Shop-see lots of new ads by local suppliers	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>
<b><u>For all newcomers to the Parish</u></b>	WINSHAM'S 'WELCOME PACK'	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>
Somerset Museums UPDATED-a really useful web site.	Gives you details of most of the Museums in Somerset.	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>
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Thorncombe Village Trust		<a href="#">Click HERE for link</a>
Thorncombe Parish Web Site		<a href="#">Click HERE for link</a>
Tatworth & Forton Parish Web Site		<a href="#">Click HERE for link</a>



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