

WINSHAM E-LETTER

Hi All,

The last couple of years have been taken up with the discussions and plans relating to the future of the village shop and ,very importantly, the post office.

Next Wednesday the Area West Planning Committee meets to decide their future.

Not everyone supports the plans prepared by the Winsham Shop Management Committee, and their views must be respected. However there is a very strong body of opinion supporting the proposals, backed by some £300,000 of promised investment.

At best, rejection of the plans would represent a very uncertain future for an enterprise that has served the village for over 170 years from the same location-it has had a post office since 1850-you could have purchased a Penny Black over the counter!

In the absence of any other proposals viewed as viable by the majority of residents, the shop, in my view, a 'No' decision-subject to a possible appeal- will cause it to close-sooner rather than later.

Such a decision by Area West would represent a hammer blow to our community, and likely to have negative consequences in all sorts of ways, especially for those who cannot easily get to Chard. This is to say nothing about the loss of the social , information and general welfare centre it represents. Its location at the centre of the village is a vital aspect of this. 'The George' is the only location available that can match this benefit, while offering the possibility to extend the shop's activities with the purpose of improving its commercial viability and therefore its medium to long term future.

Details of how you can attend this meeting of the Area West Planning Meeting at the Guild Hall in Chard can be accessed below, or by clicking on the picture. Shared cars to Chard and back are available-tell the shop on Monday, if you need one, and you haven't done so already.

I am sure that everyone who knows Liz Earl will want to join the e-letter in sending her our best wishes for a speedy recovery after her bicycle accident near Wayford. At present she is still in hospital in Bristol.

Lots of other things to see in the E-Letter below! And not a mention of Brexit!

John

PS The history of Winsham Shop and Post Office since 1850 makes interesting reading and it is dealt with in some detail in the Winsham Web Museum. Click [HERE](#)

PPS Don't forget it is Jubilee Cafe week!

PROUD TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY SHOP

This is the poster that has been appearing in many windows over the last week, signifying support for 'The George Project'. The decision on planning approval will be made by the Area West Planning Meeting next week on Wednesday, 20th February. Click on the poster above for more details.


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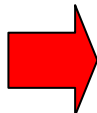
16th February, 2019



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<u>Winsham Shop and Post Office</u>	<u>Meeting of Area West Planning Committee</u> <u>Guildhall, Chard</u> <u>Wednesday, 20th February</u>	Click HERE
<u>WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL</u>	<u>PUBLIC MEETING</u> <u>'What is the future for Winsham Parish Council?'</u> <u>Monday, 4th March,</u> <u>7.00pm, Jubilee Hall</u>	Click HERE for details
<u>The Bell</u>	Countryman's Supper Night Saturday, 2nd March	Click HERE for details
<u>Something for the Farmers!</u>	Grants for Water Management	Click HERE for details
	Cake Decorating Classes Start March 9th Jubilee Hall	Click HERE for details
<u>Winsham Art Club</u>	Spring Programme	Click HERE
<u>JUBILEE HALL LOTTERY 2019</u>	<u>Tickets now on sale at Winsham Shop and Post Office</u> <u>Special Offer!</u>	Click HERE for details
<u>JUBILEE HALL</u>	<u>Charity Bridge Afternoon</u> <u>Jubilee Hall</u> <u>Thursday, 14th March</u>	Click HERE for details
<u>Winsham Walkers</u>	<u>Meet at the Bell</u> <u>10.15am</u> <u>Thursday ,7th February</u>	
<u>Nature Lovers Diary 2018</u> <u>Winsham Web Museum</u>	<u>Liz Earl's third diary about her experiences with Winsham's Flora and Fauna in 2018</u>	Click HERE

<p><u>Winsham Shop and Post Office</u></p>	<p><u>Bulletin from Winsham Shop Management Committee relating to what happens next</u></p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p><u>Winsham Street Fair Committee Updated</u></p>	<p>NEW Portal Page on Parish Web Site -See future events at foot of e-letter</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p><u>Winsham Music and Poetry Groups</u></p>	<p>Poetry Group 2019 Programme -- Music Group 20th Feb</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p>Winsham  Neighbourhood Watch</p>	<p>Visit the new Portal Page Computer Scam 15th Feb-Request for witnesses</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p>Hawkchurch Film Nights</p>	<p>Spring 2019 Programme</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p>JUBILEE CAFE THIS WEEK! Discuss the Night before!!</p>	<p>11.00am-12.30 Jubilee Hall, Thursday, 21st February</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p>St.Stephen's Church </p>	<p>Details of February and March Services *** Fund Raising Coffee Morning 10.30am Wednesday, 27th February in the Church</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p>WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL</p>	<p>Public Meeting 'What is the future for Winsham Parish Council' *** Water Pollution in Somerset can result in substantial fines. ***</p>	<p>Click HERE for all items Don't forget to scroll down the page to find the item you want</p>

	<p>Latest Somerset Waste Partnership Newsletter (January)</p> <p>---</p> <p>New Traffic and Travel Web site</p> <p>---</p>	
<p>The NEW Winsham Market Place</p> <p>A new year begins!</p>	<p>Support your local suppliers</p>	<p>Click HERE for details</p>
<p>Your essential Guide to Winsham Parish Web Site Content UPDATED</p>	<p>Please read to get the most from the Winsham Parish Web Site</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p>Information Hub for older residents</p> 	<p>Ongoing service information service for older residents, their family and friends and those who care</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p><u>For all newcomers to the Parish</u></p>	<p>WINSHAM'S 'WELCOME PACK'</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p>Somerset Museums UPDATED-a really useful web site.</p>	<p>Gives you details of most of the Museums in Somerset.</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
	<p>FUTURE EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY</p>	
<p>CHANGE </p>	<p>St.Stephen's PCC Wednesday, 13th March. Midday, Jubilee Hall LENT LUNCH</p> <p>---</p> <p>Saturday, 16th March-BIG BREAKFAST Jubilee Hall</p> <p>---</p> <p>Saturday, 4th May</p>	

10.30am-Jubilee Hall
Winsham Hort. Soc.
PLANT SALE
(Get there early!)

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Saturday 29th June
FAMILY EVENT

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Wednesday, 3rd July
Winsham Hort. Soc.
9.00am

Coach Trip to Rosemoor

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Winsham Hort. Soc.
2.00pm , Saturday,
August 24th,
Sports and Social Club
ANNUAL SHOW

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Saturday, 4th October.
7.30pm, Jubilee Hall
St.Stephen's PCC
HARVEST SUPPER

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Saturday 12th October

Street Fair Committee
RACE NIGHT



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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