

WINSHAM E-LETTER

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Hi All,

Those of us who braved the terrible weather yesterday evening to visit the Father Christmas Grotto , the lighting of the Christmas Tree and enjoy the mulled wine and mince pies, were well rewarded for the effort.

The Grotto was beautiful-that is the only word for it, and the Christmas Tree as festive as the conditions would allow, and the Chard Concert Brass , who moved into the Jubilee Hall for the event, brightened the whole evening with their carol playing (it was nice to see Gillian Grabham in their ranks).

A really nice evening, and although the numbers were down, due to the weather, it was a delightful start to the run-up to Christmas. Thank you to the Street Fair Committee who put so much energy and creativity into organising the events.

I hope to be able to post more pictures than shown below during the week. You will be able to access these from the Christmas Events Calendar and the Notice board.

The other encouraging is that the renovations to Winsham Shop and Post Office are running to plan, **and the probable date for re-opening is Wednesday, 18th December, although this is subject to confirmation nearer the time.** Great news-just in time for those last minute Christmas items, Incidentally, you can get your Christmas postage stamps from the 'Pop-Up' shop in the Parish Office. I got mine a couple of days ago.

On Election Day-Thursday-spare a thought for Sandy Wells, the Jubilee Hall's Bookings Secretary, who has to be up well before dawn to ensure that the Jubilee Hall Polling Station is open in time for the queues of voters waiting to get in to cast their vote at 7.00am! If Sandy forgets to set her alarm clock, and the doors are not opened on time, then the whole of our democratic process could be called into question. What's more , she has to close the Hall after the Polling Station closes at 10.00pm, and when the last ballot boxes have disappeared into the night. I hope this responsibility does not weigh too heavily on her shoulders. She deserves our thanks.

Lots more new stuff relating to Winsham's Christmas activities (including two up-dates from 'The Bell') can be found on the Christmas Events Calendar, but sorry, there is still no sound-at least on my PC. If anyone is getting the catchy little jingle, please let me know. The Server people think we should be receiving it-they even changed **their** software at no charge, but , for me, all remains quiet! Meanwhile the new file transfer software I mentioned a couple of weeks ago is working well, and it has encouraged me to carry out a few improvements and repairs to the Home Page. See the link below.

Also Linda Vijeh, our County Councillor sends her Christmas greetings-look on the Parish Council Portal Page.

Hope I haven't forgotten anything.

'Bye, John



A new feature: *Each week we will dip into a part of the Winsham Web Museum .*

This week: Click on the WWM logo on the left to read the recollections of Dennis Summers, who painted a fascinating picture of his life as a young boy in Winsham, during WWII.








Just four pictures taken yesterday evening. Sorry about the Christmas tree, but conditions for photography were not good! Something to do with an absence of light, and the mulled wine!



General Election Thursday, 12th December	Polling Station: Main Hall, Jubilee Hall, Church Street, Winsham Open: 7.00am-10.00pm	
Parish Web Site See the new information links. NEW ENTRIES TO VIEW	Christmas Calendar of Events	Click HERE
PARISH WEB SITE	Additions and improvements to Parish Web Site Home Page	Click HERE
Christmas Card Delivery Service	Delivery to Winsham village only Closing date 18th December	Click HERE for details
St. Stephen's Church See new Poster. This Sunday!	CHRISTMAS SERVICES	Click HERE for details of Services
WINSHAM VILLAGE SHOP & POST OFFICE	Likely re-opening date 18th December-subject to confirmation	Click HERE

	as date gets nearer.	
Winsham Village Calendar	Pre-order now only by calling Sally Lines on 30168,or...	winshamstreetfair@gmail.com
Pop-up-Shop in Jubilee Hall-Parish Office	Pop in to the Pop-up-Shop! Opens 8am - Closes 5pm Different on Saturdays and Sundays	Click HERE
THE BELL- SEE NEW EVENTS Christmas and New Year opening times	Christmas Lunches Menu and other events inc. Pensioner's Christmas Meal	Click HERE
Winsham Players	'Revue' Jubilee Hall, Saturday, 14th December, 6.30 for 7.00pm	Click HERE for details
Clapton & Wayford Film Society	2019-2020 Film Programme	Click Here for details
N'bourhood Watch	Watch out for latest Scam	Click HERE
Zoe's Mobile Catering	Monday evenings-Western Way	Click HERE
St.Stephen's Church  See new poster	Revised details of, November & December Services. Details of Harvest Thanksgiving celebrations	Click HERE Click HERE
WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL	Road Closure notices are sometimes not specific as to dates. This web site (follow link) does give details of actual road closures. Try Link *** Season's Greetings from Linda Vjeh-County Councillor See new Appeals *** Winsham Parish Council Surgeries start on 16th November *** Road Works at Roundham Straight-W. Crewkerne *** Road works at Two Ash Hill ***	Click HERE-Scroll down as necessary

	<p align="center">Road works at South Chard ***</p> <p align="center">New Traffic and Travel Web site</p>	
<p align="center">The NEW Winsham Market Place</p>	Support your local suppliers	<p>Click HERE</p> 
<p align="center">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>Ongoing service information service for older residents, their family and friends and those who care</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p align="center"><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>NEW LINK</p>
	<p>FUTURE EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY</p>	



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