

WINSHAM E-LETTER

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HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL

Hi All,

A number of people that I have been speaking to over the last week have use the word 'surreal' in describing how they feel about the present situation in which we find ourselves living. The comfort we all derive from 'normality' seems to have gone on holiday. This feeling seems to be enhanced by the beautiful weather we have been enjoying over the last few days.

But life goes on, and the problems of to-day will pass. Meanwhile we just have to cope, and be grateful we live in a wonderful community which is working together to mitigate the problems we are all experiencing.

This preamble to the e-letter is a bit long, but there is a lot to tell you about. I have attempted to break it up, so you can miss out the bits that do not interest you

Denise Nicholls.


The news of the passing of Denise Nicholls in the week was very sad. Well known by many, perhaps mainly through the many years with which she was associated with Winsham Shop. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends. Her death was not Corona virus related.

Keeping Occupied.

As you will know, Winsham Parish Council is sponsoring the area on the web site relating to providing activity and stimulus to many in our community that are self isolating, by choice or necessity.

A great deal of work is going into generating material for this area, by many people.

However, I have a problem-how do I refer to it in the e-letter. The file name I use for web site technicalities is 'Self Isolation portal'. Its formal name at the head of the web page that you see is 'Winsham's answer to Self Isolation'. I think you will agree that a shorter name is required for general use. So after hours of thought and reflection, I have decided to refer to it simply as 'Stir Crazy Korner'. The other references will of course continue to be used, in the appropriate contexts!

Another point and I would like readers' views on this. Stir Krazy Korner is all on one web page, and although I use links to go to quiz items, etc, it is already taking a lot of scrolling down to reach all the items. Would you prefer it I was to break the page as it is now into several pages? Would this make life easier for you, or would you prefer for it to remain as it is, enjoying its continuity? 

Launch of Junior version of 'Winsham Grand Challenge'.

To help our younger members to be entertained and occupied during the 'lock-down' period, the Winsham Parish Council are sponsoring the 'junior' version of the Grand Winsham Challenge introduced last week. Designed for 'pre-teenage' young people, it offers some challenges that we hope they will find interesting and challenging. Click on the link below. And scroll down. You will soon find it.

Quizzes.

The answers to last week's junior and senior quizzes will be found in Stir Krazy Korner, together with this week's quizzes. I hope you are enjoying them, and if you see Brian Turner, please thank him for all the work he is doing on these.

One week soon I hope to introduce the virtual pub quiz which I mentioned last week-have you thought of making up teams yet?

FANTASTIC FOTOS.

Over the last week I have had some super photographs sent into me, in response to my appeal last week. Many thanks. I have started to use them, and many of the others will make an appearance in the weeks ahead. They are in use in many parts of the Winsham Parish Web Site. Please keep them coming in.

When taking pictures of our beautiful parish, please remember to keep to Public Footpaths, and respect private property.

Jubilee Hall Lottery 2020.

The 1st Quarter draw for the Jubilee Hall Lottery has been delayed due to unforeseeable circumstances. It was due to take place on this coming Thursday. It will happen quite soon, but we are not sure when.

The reason is that our Kate Morgan, who generously oversees the selling of tickets at Winsham Shop, locked her office before taking herself into self-isolation due to her catching Corbid -19. Inside were the details of the last few tickets that were sold.

Until she returns, the area is to remain locked. I am pleased to tell you that her good recovery continues, but it is likely to a little time before we see her back. The draw cannot take place until she returns and Bryan Goodman is able to retrieve the details of the last few tickets.

The Joint Parish Magazine.

The Joint Parish Magazine will cease publication until further notice.

This regrettable situation is due to circumstances which makes publication impossible until the current crisis has passed.

One problem is that the distribution team are vulnerable to the impact of infection, as well as the lockdown restrictions on movement. The ability to get the magazine printed is a second problem. Availability of paper is just of the difficulties faced by the printer.

The Joint Parish Magazine was started sometime in the 1980s. It is a very special publication, with a circulation in the region of 500 copies each month

For nearly forty years it has been a platform that has served parish church and parish secular interests in a sympathetic and satisfactory manner-I think the word is symbiotic-both benefit from the relationship. In addition both aspects of the editorial content are shared with the parishes of Cricket St Thomas and Thorncombe.

Jenny Clampett is the current Editor, and has been for quite a number of years, combining a busy working life, and the pressures of a family with editing the magazine every month. She leads a small team of volunteers who help on editorial and production.

Over the years the role of the Joint Parish Magazine has changed, and the more immediate news is distributed on the Social Media such as the Winsham Community Facebook page and the weekly Winsham E-letter with its links to the Winsham Parish web Site.

Although, by any standards, the distribution of news about events throughout the parish must be considered as good, no one platform reaches everyone. For this reason steps are being taken to distribute printed copies of Winsham E-letter to those members of the community who are not, for whatever reason, on the Internet. Initially, at least they will be distributed in Davies Close and Bakersfield. If any readers know of somebody who would value this free service, please let me know.

These steps will not lessen the sense of loss caused by this stoppage, and I am sure that everyone will look forward to publication re-starting as soon as possible.

Phew! I do go on a bit! Still, all in a good cause,
Keep safe, stay cheerful-even if it is a bit hard at times,

John 








The Way of the Cross-an innovative way of making the most of an Easter without St. Stephen's playing its usual role. Chloe Besley made it happen.



Each week we dip into a part of the Winsham Web Museum. See the snap-shot of life in Winsham during the Millennium Year This week: Click on the logo.

WINSHAM SHOP & POST OFFICE Important-visit this link on a regular basis	NEW BULLETIN Friday, 3 rd April	Click HERE for details
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Sponsored by Winsham Parish Council	JUNIOR WINSHAM GRAND CHALLENGE	Click HERE
COVID -19 Support Group	Call 01460 239567 for help for self-isolation during this emergency period. Variety of services including collection of medicines.	Click HERE

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<p>NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH EXTENDED TO COVER HEALTH EMERGENCY</p>	<p>Beware of CORVID-19 Scams Updated 3rd April *** Tips and ideas for avoiding cross contamination</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p>Zoe's Mobile Catering Still operating</p>	<p>Monday evenings-Western Way</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p>St.Stephen's Church</p> 	<p>Two Benefice Weekly Newsletter See latest-11th April 2020, together with other new items</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p>WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL</p>	<p>Briefing from County Cllr. Linda Piggott-Vijeh *** Bus Information *** CORONA VIRUS IMPORTANT INFORMATION *** Annual Parish Meeting Likely to be delayed *** Allotments available *** St. Margaret's Hospice need volunteers *** Travel Somerset Web Links ***</p>	<p>Click HERE- Scroll down as necessary</p>

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Somerset Museums UPDATED -a really useful web site.	Gives you details of most of the Museums in Somerset. Closures likely due to Corona Virus Emergency	Click HERE NEW LINK
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