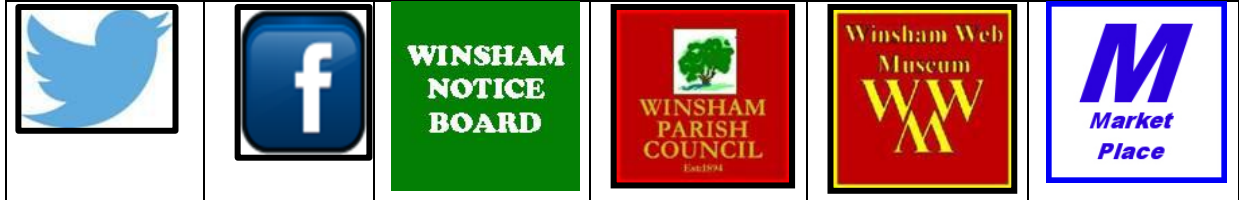


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WINSHAM
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**Your
Unwanted
Garden Tools**

If you have any clean, serviceable garden tools, planters, containers etc that you no longer use or need we'd love to hear from you as we'd like to sell them at the May Plant Sale. All the proceeds from the Plant Sale go towards the running costs of the Annual Show which means the revenue from your unwanted garden goodies will go towards a good cause. So when you get a spare 10 minutes have a rummage through your shed & greenhouse and give us a call if you find anything that you think fits the bill.

Many Thanks
Debbie 01480 432815
Chloe 01480 30032



***Just the excuse you need
for clearing out the shed!***

Hi All,

This week I am starting with the Corona virus.

First, let's talk about the Jubilee Hall. At a Committee Meeting earlier this week it was decided that for the present it would not take any steps to restrict its use. It will of course follow the guidance or rules laid down by government or its agencies as the virus spreads and our local situation will be under continuous review

Organisers of events must make their own judgements. The Jubilee Café will take place next week as usual, on the third Thursday of the month, unless

circumstances change. The 'Bridge Afternoon' fund raiser, also to be held next Thursday afternoon, in the Jubilee Hall, has been postponed due to a number of people who planned to support it raising concerns about coming into contact with people who have recently returned from infected areas abroad.

Some of our older residents and perhaps those with on-going health issues may feel inclined to reduce or stop their trips to local towns, such as Chard and Crewkerne to minimise the risk of contracting the infection, which holds particular risks for them. For example, Jan and I fall into this category on both counts.

This raises the problem of obtaining vital supplies of food, etc. Fortunately Winsham has its Shop and Post Office which provides a really local good option for many day-to-day food and household items, including meat and vegetables. You may not be able to get all your usual brands- a possible bonus is that you might find something you prefer, perhaps breaking a habit of a lifetime! Winsham Shop may also be able to order for you items that they do not usually stock.

I have spoken to Winsham Shops management, and, as always, they want to be helpful. They cannot offer a regular delivery service, as they are entirely dependent on volunteers. They suggest that those who are 'not good on their feet' and unable carry home bags of heavy shopping, ask an able bodied family member, friend or neighbour to help. If this is not possible, then call the Shop and they will do what they can.

Another option is to try to use the delivery services offered by some of the Supermarkets, but my own experience with Tesco is that it is currently difficult to get a convenient delivery slot under a week, and ordering a small number of items can be relatively expensive.

The message to everyone, especially the younger and fitter members of our community, who, it seems, are not so vulnerable to the worst effects of this pandemic, is to keep an eye on those older members of our community, particularly those who have mobility problems. Many already do. In doing so please remember the advice given to guard against passing on infection (not just the Corona virus).

As voluntary or suggested self-isolation becomes more prevalent as the situation becomes worse, remember that there are completely safe ways to communicate with one and other, and 'stay in the loop'. Virtually everyone has a telephone; most have access to some form of digital communication system-i.e. Mobile Phone, tablet, Alexa, laptop or tower and access to free software for texting,

Skype, e-mail and all the rest. Beats sending smoke signals with their associated global warming and carbon footprint considerations! Not to mention translation difficulties. 😞

Over the next few weeks, I will try to keep readers updated on developments as they affect events in the village through the weekly e- letter and also on the Home Page of the Parish Web Site, and on the Community Facebook page. I hope event organisers will remember that these are *the most effective means Winsham has of reaching the greatest number of people at short notice* -just send me an e-mail or call me (01460 30026).

Posters are useful in reaching people not on the Internet-and of course, telling people you speak to.

Let's move on.....

Notice Boards

The notice boards in front of the Jubilee Hall have been looking a bit tatty for a while now. These are soon to undergo refurbishment, and the Perspex will be replaced with strengthened glass to improve visibility of the notices placed inside. It is intended that in future the fabric of the notice boards will get ongoing maintenance to ensure that they remain fit for purpose.

Tool Sale

Just to clarify something! The Winsham Horticultural Society Plant Sale will include a sale of pre-owned Garden tools, which it is hoped will be stocked by generous gardeners who are asked to clear their tool sheds of no longer used items-tools, containers, etc, and donate them to this sale. The money raised will go towards the cost of running the Annual Show towards the end of the summer. For more information, click on the poster picture above.

Elegant Movement

Carla has asked me to tell you that there are vacancies for beginners in one of her classes. If you are interested, please call her on 07866896978 or Sandy on 30795.


That's it for the present. Stay cheerful! It was worse in 1348!


John 




PS. If you haven't purchased your Jubilee Hall Lottery Ticket at Winsham Post Office, you still have a couple of weeks. But why delay?



*Each week we dip into a part of the Winsham Web Museum.
This week: Click on the WWM logo on the left.
Millennium Year-The weather!*

Jubilee Cafe	This coming Thursday, 11.00-12.30pm, Jubilee Hall	
Winsham Art Club	Annual Exhibition + Preview 20-22 nd March, Jubilee Hall	Click HERE for details
St. Margaret's Hospice	Need your help.	Click HERE for details
Winsham Horticultural Society	The WHS has a new portal page on which you find details of new events, pictures and reports on events past. Well worth a visit! ** Plant Sale ** Give and Buy Sale ** Report on Pruning Workshop	Click HERE for details
	The Bell's presence on the Home Page of the Parish Web site has been increased. For news of forthcoming events always check on the web page on this web site or go to their Facebook page Two NEW EVENTS to enjoy: Easter Bingo * Mothering Sunday Lunch	Click here for web page and Facebook link Click on link above and scroll down
Ilminster Literary Festival	Literary Quiz Friday, 24th April	Click HERE
Winsham Web Museum	Nature Diary 2019 The fourth diary by Liz Earl can now be viewed	Click HERE
Jubilee Hall	Jubilee Hall Lottery 2020	Click HERE for

	Tickets on sale at Winsham Post Office until 27th March	details
Winsham Aikido Club	Two members celebrate success	Click HERE
Winsham Street Fair Committee	Like to become a stall holder, or do some entertaining?	Click HERE for details
WINSHAM SHOP & POST OFFICE	Visit their web page and Winsham Community Facebook and Winsham Shop Facebook pages for the latest news	Click HERE for details
WINSHAM ART CLUB	Spring Programme for Members	Click HERE
Clapton & Wayford Film Society	2019-2020 Film Programme	Click Here for details
N'bourhood Watch	More telephone scams. Be warned! Be alert! Download 'Little Book of Big Scams	Click HERE
Zoe's Mobile Catering	Monday evenings-Western Way	Click HERE
St.Stephen's Church 	Details of February and March Services. ** Lent Lunch Jubilee Hall, 25 th March	Click HERE
WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL	Annual Parish Meeting *** Allotments available *** St. Margaret's Hospice need volunteers *** Travel Somerset Web Links *** Road Closure Near Westport Lodge and Kilema Farm ***	Click HERE- Scroll down as necessary

	 <p style="text-align: center;">*** Parish Councils Surgeries *** Somerset Health Walks ***</p>	
The NEW Winsham Market Place	Support your local suppliers See details for new advertisers	Click HERE 
Your essential Guide to Winsham Parish Web Site Content UPDATED	Please read to get the most from the Winsham Parish Web Site	Click HERE
	Ongoing service information service for older residents, their family and friends and those who care	Click HERE
<u>For all newcomers to the Parish</u>	WINSHAM'S 'WELCOME PACK'	Click HERE
Somerset Museums UPDATED-a really useful web site.	Gives you details of most of the Museums in Somerset.	Click HERE NEW LINK
	FUTURE EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY	
Winsham Horticultural Society	Plant Sale Saturday, 2 nd May	Click HERE For details

	 <p>More details soon</p>	
	<p>Street Fair-Open Gardens Details soon</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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