

WINSHAM E-LETTER

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Hi All,

What a beautiful week we have had with the weather. Perhaps a little colder than we would have liked, but you can't have everything.

In contrast to most of the main-line media, the Winsham E-Letter intends to be a beacon of realistic optimism. We got the bad news out of the way last week, with all the closures and cancellations. When all this isolation business is over, when the epidemic passes, as it surely will, we will then be able to get on with things again. Meanwhile if you read on, there is nothing but positive news and information. We are very fortunate to live in Winsham.

Winsham Shop and Post Office

What a fantastic effort Winsham Shop management, staff and volunteers have been making over the last few weeks. The fruits of their labours are now revealed in a very comprehensive bulletin which is on the web site, and can be reached from the link below. It answers many of the questions about the volunteer based home delivery service for the vulnerable, and in doing so also reveals the potential for providing a much wider range of merchandise for everyone to benefit from. Be sure to click on the link below.

When all this virus business is over, I hope village customers will remember the great service Winsham Shop and Post Office provided at this difficult time, and as a result, they *continue to use the shop and post office for as many items as they can*. This will help ensure a stable financial basis for its continuation for many years to come. After all, we do own it!

Supermarkets have an important role to play, but so have smaller retail outlets, especially those in rural locations. Like ours!

Winsham Parish Council

The parish council made history last Tuesday by holding an emergency meeting by videoconference link. I understand that it worked well. Click on the link below.

Neighbourhood Watch

The Neighbourhood Watch area on the web site is spreading its wings. Considering that the epidemic is as much a threat our community as local crime, it is including all sorts of tips and advice on staying fit and avoiding cross-infection. It also continues to give information about scams to look out for. The ever creative criminal mind is inevitably moving in on Covid-19.

Be careful-stay safe.

St. Stephen's Church and Two Shires Benefice.

Although St.Stephen's is closed, along with other churches, the Benefice is staying in touch through its weekly newsletter. Among other items of news it gives details of volunteer based services which are available. Click on the link below.

Chard Covid-19 Support Group

I discovered this group a couple of days ago when I was told that I could be in for a long wait when I came in to collect a prescription for Jan (I have since learned that some people have waited over 90 minutes to be served!). Frankly, I just could not physically cope with that, apart from the associated risk of infection.

The pharmacy recommended this support group as a possible solution to my problem. It works in association with Chard Town Council. As a result, I spoke to them, and confirmed that Winsham is within their remit. They are collecting the prescription items from the pharmacy on Monday, when they will be ready, and deliver them to me at home. Nice friendly lot they are too. I asked if they minded if I told the Winsham community about them, and they were happy that I should do so. The link to their web site can be found below.

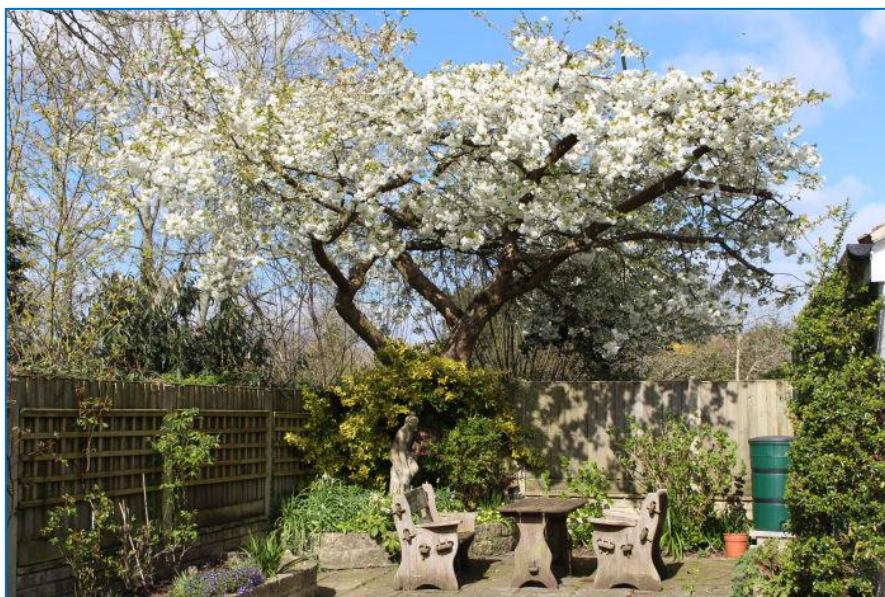
In closing....

Some fun ideas for keeping those in social isolation occupied will be announced next week, along with, no doubt other stuff as well. If you have taken any good photographs recently, please pass them on for use on the web site or the e-letter. I am in dire need.

Stay cheerful, and take care!




Bye for now,
John



If the wind dropped, we could sit out.



*Each week we dip into a part of the Winsham Web Museum.
This week: The Winsham Web Museum was first thought about some
twenty years ago, and started to evolve in a practical sense in about 2001.
Read about the early years. Click on the logo.*

WINSHAM SHOP & POST OFFICE Important-visit this link on a regular basis	NEW OPENING HOURS IMPORTANT BULLETIN PUBLISHED TO-DAY	Click HERE for details
COMMUNITY SUPPORT	Chard COVID-19 SUPPORT GROUP	Click HERE for details
Winsham Art Club	Cancelled till further notice	
Winsham Horticultural Society	Plant Sale likely to be relocated ** Give and Buy Sale likely to be relocated ** Report on Pruning Workshop	Click HERE for details
	Closed until further notice	Click here for web page and Facebook link
Winsham Aikido Club	Suspended for the time being	Click HERE
Winsham Street Fair Committee	Street Fair postponed until next year	Click HERE for details
WINSHAM ART CLUB	Postponed until further notice	Click HERE
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH EXTENDED TO COVER HEALTH EMERGENCY	Beware of COVID-19 Scams *** Tips and ideas for avoiding cross contamination	Click HERE
Zoe's Mobile Catering Still operating	Monday evenings-Western Way	Click HERE
St.Stephen's Church	Two Benefice Weekly Newsletter	Click HERE



WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

CORONA VIRUS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Annual Parish Meeting
Likely to be delayed**

Allotments available

**St. Margaret's Hospice need
volunteers**

**Travel Somerset
Web Links**

**Road Closure
Near Westport Lodge and Kilema
Farm**



Parish Councils Surgeries

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Winsham Parish Web
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the Winsham Parish Web Site**

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	<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. Closures likely due to Corona Virus Emergency</p>	<p>Click HERE NEW LINK</p>
	<p>FUTURE EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY</p>	
<p>Winsham Horticultural Society</p>	<p>Plant Sale Saturday, 2nd May Venue to be changed</p>	<p>Click HERE For details</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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