



To Autumn.

*Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun - John Keats*

WINSHAM E-LETTER

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Hi All,

A bit early this week-I was unable to get an e-letter out last week. Noticed our new look! Jan thought the old header was a bit dull. The banner was designed by my daughter Kate and ties in with the seasonal Parish Web site.

This week I would like to tell you about a new project that is being started for the Winsham Web Museum. An attempt is being made to record how the parish was affected by Covid-19, and the Lockdowns, and the aftermath- which we have not fully experienced yet. Additions are likely later, but the plan is to launch Part 1 early next year.

Covid-19 and the pandemic is a massive issue and will be covered on the Internet in great detail for many years to come. Wikipedia will probably go into overdrive! Winsham Web Museum will concentrate on how it affected Winsham. Fortunately, we did not have many cases, but the Lockdowns disrupted everyone's life in one way or another. The Museum is looking for your stories and anecdotes to reflect their impact on individuals and families living in our small community. The Museum would like to hear from our readers on their experiences and hopes for a good response. How to do this, and find out more find out more, follow the link below.

Jubilee Café is back! It reopens on the 21st of October, back in its usual spot of the third Thursday of each month. A great sign that village life is returning to normal. See the details below.

The Bell is also promising everyone a warm welcome during the winter months. It is organising special events like 'Anderson's Antarctic Antics' on this Saturday evening, and all sorts of other delights; Pensioners lunches, Monthly specials, Big Breakfasts, Skittles, Darts, a location for club events-they are also planning Christmas meals for December-and lots more. Visit their web page from the link below. Another great sign that we are getting back to life as it should be.

Yet another event on the near horizon is the Winsham Christmas Fayre- I haven't been sent a poster but I gather it will be supported by the finest small, local and independent businesses! Mulled wine will be on offer, and you are invited to come along to the Jubilee Hall on Saturday, November 6th between 10am and 3pm to mingle and browse the beauties on offer! I got that off the poster on the Winsham Community Facebook page. The mind boggles! I wonder who they are?

Another sign of how Winsham is hopefully putting the last eighteen months behind it is shown on Jubilee Hall Booking list, which appears each month on a link from the Jubilee Hall Portal page on the Parish Web site. Always worth a look when you plan your month or are thinking about organising an event. It is rapidly filling up. Fortunately,

Winsham now has two extra possible venues, especially for smaller events, 'The Bell', and Winsham Community Club in Bakersfield. For a small village, we have good resources-support them all you can!

Talking of resources, the AGM rota for village organisations has been disrupted over the last eighteen months or so. Never mind, the Winsham Community Club is holding its first on Monday, 25th October at 7.30pm. Click on the link below for details, and also information about new opening hours.

I was very sorry to learn from his obituary in the Daily Telegraph of the passing of Mark Roper, of Forde Abbey. I met him once, when he gave a talk, as part of the fund raising for the Jubilee Hall renovation. We owe him a great deal for putting Forde Abbey and our area on the tourist map. In doing so he helped secure the future of a wonderful building with lovely gardens, and in doing so providing jobs, directly and indirectly, for quite a few people, over the fifty years that he was the custodian of the historic estate. I am sure everyone will join the E-letter in expressing sympathy to the family.

That's it for this week. I think I have remembered everything. Enjoy the weather-while it lasts,



John



*Back at last, after a break of eighteen months.
All will be very welcome*

PARISH EVENTS

Entries in red indicate first appearance in the e-letter, or indicate changes or additions to an existing entry or link

<p>Jubilee Café reopens</p>	<p>11.00-12.15pm, Thursday, 21st October, Main Hall Everyone welcome!</p>	
<p>Winsham Web Museum</p>	<p>Help the Winsham Web Museum make history</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
	<p>Talk by Paul Anderson 'Anderson's Antarctic Antics' The Bell Saturday, 16th October 7.00pm ***</p> <p>See new winter programme</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p>Winsham Music Group</p>	<p>Next meeting Wednesday, 20th October</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p>Winsham Community Club</p>	<p>New opening hours and details of AGM on 25th October</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p>Jubilee Hall Bookings</p>	<p>Check on what is going on in October</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p>St. Stephen's</p> 	<p>Programme for next few weeks, including Service timetable and rota</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p>Winsham Calendar 2022</p>	<p>Order yours from Winsham Shop NOW!</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p>Jubilee Hall Lottery</p>	<p>Winners in 3rd Quarter Draw</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>

<p>Winsham Community Club TA20 4JN</p>	<p>Fancy Dress Halloween Party Saturday 30th October 5.00pm onwards</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p>For all nature lovers</p>	<p>Henk Beentje's Winsham botany walks NEW-September</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p>Useful for new residents and visitors</p>	<p>'Welcome to Winsham' An online guide for visitors and people new to the parish</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p>Winsham United Charities</p>	<p>WUC are inviting applications for small grants to children and young people to help with educational and training needs.</p>	<p>Click HERE for details</p>
<p>Winsham Shop and Post Office</p>	<p>Post-Covid policy on facemasks</p> <p>***</p> <p>Shop & Post Office Hours of Opening</p> <p>***</p> <p>ON-LINE SHOPPING WEB SITE</p> <p>Try it! Let it help you with your shopping list.</p> <p>***</p> <p>The History of Winsham Shop and Post Office from 1850</p>	<p>Click HERE for more information, and link to the new site</p>
<p>Community Matters Now carries a lot more items</p>	<p>.....</p> <p>Henk Beentje's botany walks</p> <p>.....</p> <p>'Welcome to Winsham' A guide for visitors and people coming to live in the parish</p>	<p>Click HERE</p> <p>When page loads, scroll down to find topic</p>



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WATCH
NEW!**

**BE ON YOUR GUARD!
THERE ARE A LOT OF
THIEVES OUT THERE
SEE LATEST TIPS TO
BEAT THE E- MAIL
SCAMMERS**

Protect your jewellery

Money Scams

Help for dementia sufferers

Gift Cards

Protect your pet dog.

Important Government
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scams.

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**WINSHAM
PARISH
COUNCIL**


**Garden Waste collections
re-instated**

**Report on September
Parish Council Meeting**

***Somerset to become a
single statutory authority**

**Follow SCC Covid reports
from Linda Vjeh and
Unitary Council proposal.
See latest report- Sept2021**

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<p>Nature Lovers Guide to Winsham</p>	<p>Visit accounts of Winsham Flora and Fauna , dating back to 2002.</p> <p>Botany walks with Henk Beentje.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Wildlife Diaries 2016-2020 Contributed by Liz Earl</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Butterfly Diary 2019 Contributed by Liz Earl & Henk Beentje</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Paul Smith's 'Bugs 'n' Bees' Index</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Natural Winsham Fossils, Flora & Fauna</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Paul Smith's reflections on farming, and his experience as a farmer in Winsham since 1921 until his passing in 2007.</p> <p>A unique record</p>	<p>Click HERE</p> <p>Click HERE</p> <p>Click HERE</p> <p>Click HERE</p> <p>Click HERE</p> <p>Click HERE</p> <p>Click HERE</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>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>



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