



*See, Winter comes to rule the varied year,  
Sullen and sad, with all his rising train—  
James Thomson-The Seasons: Winter*

## WINSHAM E-LETTER

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Hi All,

Momentum is building up as we move towards Christmas. Apart from all the domestic jobs that take on a new urgency, Winsham's list of things to do and enjoy, gets longer and longer. Since the summary of Christmas events was published in last week's e-letter and on the Parish Web site, it has grown quite considerably. Don't worry however, it is all printed out below, and on [www.winsham.org.co.uk](http://www.winsham.org.co.uk).

The first big events start tomorrow with the lighting of the Christmas Tree-at this very moment (8.38am) Mark Pike and his band of 'little helpers' are moving the magnificent tree from Forde Abbey to its home for the next few weeks by the Market Cross in Back Street, ready to be dressed. Its lighting, at 6.30pm on Sunday evening, along with the other events which surround it, is surely the start of Winsham's Christmas; the weather looks good too! So be sure to attend the spectacle, wrap up warm-umbrellas should not be needed. And enjoy the festivities! Please take some pictures and send them to me.

For the many members of the Winsham Community Club, there is an important notice full of information about what is happening over Christmas-please be sure to read it. The link is below.

One of the many extra items added to the Christmas events list since last week is the Christmas Jubilee Café, on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> December. Highlight of this will be the draw for the last quarter of the Jubilee Lottery, with its additional Christmas Prizes. With my chairman's hat on-the Jubilee Hall Management Committee- I would like to thank everyone who regularly supports this Lottery. It is a fun event, which makes such an important contribution each year towards the running and maintenance costs associated with our lovely

old building. If you are new to the village, please start supporting this event next year-it makes such a difference. The details of the 2022 Lottery will be published next month.

Many of our readers will , at some time or other, over the last twenty-two years have taken part in a Winsham Walk held on the first Thursday of each month. The number of participants must run into the several thousand, (not to count the dogs who come along as well). Wind, rain or shine they have been led by Peter Pye, helped by Mary, Peter's wife. However, none of us get any younger, and Peter has decided to step down as leader, passing the responsibility, from January 2022 to Dave Lester. Thanks, Dave, for helping ensure that Winsham Walkers continues.

Many thanks, of course, must also go to Peter and Mary for the terrific effort they have put in over the years, and I am pleased to hear that they will continue to go on the walks-just not lead them.

Finally, let me refer you to Neighbourhood Watch, and a new scam, relating to the Omicron virus. The rogues never give up! And a tip. Be careful with Christmas candles-they are sometimes the source of household fires.

That's it . Hope to see you at the Christmas Tree tomorrow.

Stay warm and safe,

John



*A new way of looking at things.*

## **PARISH EVENTS**

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

**Quick guide to Winsham Christmas seasonal events\***


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<i>St. Stephen's</i>	<i>Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 10am Family Christingle Service</i>
<i>Craft Fair</i>	<i>The Bell, 2.30-5.00pm, Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> December</i>
<i>Santa's Grotto</i>	<i>The Jubilee Hall, 5-6pm, Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> December</i>
<i>Chard Brass band</i>	<i>At Christmas Tree from 6pm</i>
<i>Illumination of Christmas tree</i>	<i>Village Cross, Back Street, 6.30pm, Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> December</i>
<i>Turkey Bap at The Bell</i>	<i>The Bell, after the Christmas tree illumination gathering</i>
<i>Christmas Quiz at the Bell Prize for best festive hat</i>	<i>The Bell, Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, Teams of four. First Question 8pm</i>
<i>Christmas at the Jubilee Cafe</i>	<i>Jubilee Hall, Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> December, 11am Jubilee Hall Lottery Christmas Draw at Noon!</i>
<i>Children's Party, plus Santa's Grotto. FREE!</i>	<i>Winsham Community Club, Bakersfield, 6-8pm Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> December</i>
<i>St. Stephen's</i>	<i>Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols</i>
<i>St. Stephen's</i>	<i>Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 4.30pm Carols in the Churchyard (weather permitting)</i>
<i>St. Stephen's</i>	<i>Christmas Eve, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December, 4.00 pm Crib Service</i>
<i>Winsham Community Club</i>	<i>Christmas Eve, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December, Club House open from 6.00 pm. Draw for Christmas raffle.</i>
<i>St. Stephen's</i>	<i>Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> December, 11.30pm Midnight Mass</i>
<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> December</b>
<i>St. Stephen's</i>	<i>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December, 10.00am, Patronal Festival Holy Communion</i>

<b>Winsham Community Club</b>	<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December, Boxing Day, Open 4-8pm. Killer Skittles!</b>
<b>Winsham Community Club</b> <b>Members only Cocktail event</b> <b>(Previously arranged for 18th December)</b>	<b>Winsham Community Club-7.30pm until late, Saturday 27th December</b>

*\*Events will be added to the above, as information becomes available in future editions of the Winsham E-Letter between now and Christmas. Most of the above organisers have links below to the Parish Web site, which will often provide more information about the event .*

**Note to event organisers-send me your details if you are not included.**

<b>Important notice for all members of Winsham Community Club</b>	<b>Latest information on Christmas Timetable, including hours of opening</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>
<b>Winsham Street Fair Committee</b>	<b>Illumination of Winsham Christmas Tree Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm Weather forecast looks dry if a bit chilly!</b>	<a href="#">Click here for details and associated events</a>
<b>New Activity</b>	<b>‘No-Name-Group’</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE for details</a>
<b>Winsham United Football Club</b>	<b>Latest results, fixtures and Match Results</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>
<b>Winsham Web Museum</b>	<b>Help the Winsham Web Museum make history</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>
	<b>See new winter &amp; Christmas programme Updated Information</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>

<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>The NEW Winsham MARKET PLACE</b> </p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>New Winsham Market Place</b>  <b>Support your local suppliers of goods and services</b> </p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> <a href="#">Click HERE</a> </p>
<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Winsham Community Club</b> </p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>New opening hours</b> </p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> <a href="#">Click HERE</a> </p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Winsham Shop and Post Office</b> </p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Big ‘Thank you’ to Winsham Post Office</b>  ***    <b>Post-Covid policy on facemasks</b>    ***    <b>Shop &amp; Post Office Hours of Opening</b>  ***    <b>ON-LINE SHOPPING WEB SITE</b>    <b>Try it! Let it help you with your shopping list.</b>  ***    <b>The History of Winsham Shop and Post Office from 1850</b> </p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> <a href="#">Click HERE</a> for more information, and link to the new site </p>
<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Community Matters Now carries a lot more items</b> </p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Henk Beentje’s botany walks</b>  -----  <b>‘Welcome to Winsham’ A guide for visitors and people coming to live in the parish</b> </p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> <a href="#">Click HERE</a>  When page loads, scroll down to find topic </p>



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THIEVES OUT THERE  
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4th December](#)

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**Report on December Parish  
Council Meeting**

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

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**Take a picture of your pet-you never know when you will wish you had!**

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