

WINSHAM

E-LETTER

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Hi all,

The first major parish events since the lockdown started some fifteen or so months ago were a real success; the weather, against the odds, was kind to us, providing an ideal combination of gentle warmth and sunshine, encouraging both Winsham residents and others from far and wide to enjoy themselves, albeit in a calm relaxed manner.

The Open Gardens event, and the Scarecrow Competition which happened yesterday might not have had the vitality and excitement of the Winsham Street Fair that had originally been scheduled for the weekend, had not Covid -19 intervened, but they did break the isolation 'spell' under which we have all been living to some degree or other for a very long time. What's more we have other events on the calendar for the end of August to which we can all look forward.

The winners of the 'My Hero' Scarecrow competition can be found below, provided very quickly to the E-letter by Sally Lines; Deborah Murray will be providing information about the success of Winsham Horticultural Society's Open Garden's event next week. We must be grateful to both for the enormous energy that they invested to ensure the success of the events. Thanks also to all the other people too, who made the effort to enter their gardens or used their imagination and skill to construct the scarecrows, or who helped in some way to make the day a bit special.

On Tuesday evening the Jubilee Hall Management Committee convened the first AGM since the Coronavirus outbreak in early 2020. Last year the Jubilee Hall Annual Report 2019/2020 was published on-line, but the public meeting was at first postponed and then abandoned. The Annual Report 2020/2021 that was presented to the meeting in precis form-due to the continuing need to wear masks-was published in full on the Parish Web site, including accounts, shortly before the meeting. The committee remains unchanged, and at the Ordinary Meeting that followed, the existing Officers agreed to continue with their responsibilities.

The Minutes of both meetings will be published as soon as possible, but my web software has been attacked by gremlins, and it is not one of the minor skirmishes that I often have; this looks like a full-blown war, which eventually I shall win, but I would not like to speculate as to when! At present there is a strategic withdrawal on my part, which means that none of the last fifteen years of minutes are accessible on the web site. I will keep you posted as to progress. Both the Hon. Sec-Sarah Gleadell and I have copies, which can be inspected on request. Only the web site is affected.

Henk Beentje's articles and pictures, describing his themed botanical walks around the parish continue with his contribution for June. They are proving to be very popular. Sadly, Liz Earl is leaving the village, so Henk has agreed to extend the botany observations to include some of the fauna as well. We all remember the butterfly census on which both Liz and Henk collaborated in 2019 for Winsham Web Museum.

On the Parish Council, Jim Everard is the new Chairman of the Council, and it is hoped that we really do get an easing of the restrictions in July, so that the August meeting may well be back to something close to normal. It is hoped that the Certificates for the winners of the various elements of the Grand Winsham Challenge 2021 will be presented with their certificates at the September meeting.

On Monday morning the new system for collecting Rubbish will start. No doubt most people know about it, as leaflets have been pushed through letterboxes, and big blue bags distributed. However, there is a useful link to a newsletter from Somerset Waste Partnership on the Parish Council Portal Page, or from the link below.

Finally, the draw for the **Jubilee Hall Lottery** was held on Tuesday evening , at the committee meeting, and the results can be found from the link below.

Enjoy,

John

The 'MY HERO' Scarecrow Competition Winners



'Bet the Vet'-by Jacqui Weller



The Postman'-The Fowler family



'DPD Doug'-Jan & Steve Llewellyn

PARISH INFORMATION

<p>At Last-what everyone has been waiting for!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">GRAND WINSHAM CHALLENGE 2021 THE WINNERS' ENTRIES!</p> <p>Judge for yourself the quality of Winsham's creative talent.</p> <p>Certificates will be presented to category winners at the September parish council meeting.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Click HERE for details</u></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Winsham Recreational Trust</p>	<p>New dedicated Web Page, which includes Winsham Community Club.</p> <p>See pictures of the club's first event.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Click HERE for details</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Also available from New Portal icon on Home Page of Parish Web site</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Click HERE</u></p>
<p>Joint Parish Magazine</p>	<p>View the new JPM area on the Parish Web Site. Lot's more on its history, and latest information for contributors and advertisers.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Click HERE</u></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Jubilee Hall Management Committee</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Annual General Meeting See Annual Report and Accounts 2020-2021</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lottery Draw-2nd Quarter 2021 Winners</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Click HERE</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Click HERE</u></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Winsham Horticultural Society</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Annual Flower Show-Saturday. 28th August.</p> <p>See new updated Web Page, which outlines details of programme for rest of the year, and how to join.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Click HERE</u></p>

<p>Winsham Open Gardens and garage/yard sale</p>	<p>Event was a great success-more details soon. See pictures of preview event for participants</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p>Scarecrow Competition</p>	<p>Theme-‘Our Heroes’ See the winning entries above. More pictures will be appearing on the Parish Web site over the next few days. Keep an eye open for them!</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p>Winsham Street Fair Committee Arts & Crafts event</p>	<p>See the pictures , and find out more</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p>Winsham Art Club</p>	<p>Annual Exhibition 28-30th August, Jubilee Hall</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p>For all nature lovers</p>	<p>Henk Beentje’s Winsham botany walks NEW-mid JUNE</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>OPEN LETTER TO SHOP MANAGEMENT, STAFF & VOLUNTEERS FRPM WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL *** Shop & Post Office Hours of Opening *** ON-LINE SHOPPING WEB SITE Try it! Let it help you with your shopping list. ***</p>	<p>Click HERE for more information, and link to the new site</p>

	The History of Winsham Shop and Post Office from 1850	
Winsham United Football Club	No fixtures at present due to Lockdown 3	Click HERE for all information
Community Matters Now carries a lot more items	<p>.....</p> <p>Henk Beentje's botany walks</p> <p>See latest June edition!</p> <p>.....</p> <p>'Welcome to Winsham'</p> <p>A guide for visitors and people coming to live in the parish</p>	Click HERE When page loads, scroll down to find topic
Somerset Waste Partnership	Chard Re-cycling Centre -normal opening hours.	Click HERE
Street Fair Committee	Latest news-two bulletins	Click HERE
	<p>Latest In formation</p> <p>***</p> <p>NOW OPEN!</p> <p>***</p>	Click here for web page and Facebook link
 <p>NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH</p>	<p>BE ON YOUR GUARD!</p> <p>THERE ARE A LOT OF THEIVES OUT THERE</p> <p>SEE LATEST TIPS TO BEAT THE E- MAIL SCAMMERS</p> <p>***</p> <p>Protect your pet dog.</p> <p>***</p> <p>Important Government information about Covid-19 scams.</p> <p>***</p>	<p>UPDATED</p> <p>27th June 2021</p> <p>Click HERE</p>
St. Stephen's Church	.	Click HERE

	A unique record	
Your essential Guide to Winsham Parish Web Site Content UPDATED	Please read to get the most from the Winsham Parish Web Site	Click HERE
Somerset Museums UPDATED-a really useful web site.	Gives you details of most of the Museums in Somerset. LOCKDOWN RESTRICTIONS are easing but check before you visit.	Click HERE



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