

WINSHAM

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Hi all,

The week ahead has a sad beginning, with the funeral of Jean Spurdle. Always active in the parish, sadly, towards the end, her health was poor. Nevertheless, she attended whatever village events she could make. She was a regular visitor to the Jubilee Café, which gave her the opportunity to talk with friends, while enjoying a cup of something and a cake. She will be greatly missed.

To enable residents to pay their respects, the funeral cortege will make a short journey around the village on Monday, 14th June. The journey to Taunton will start at 10.15, from her home in Bakersfield and the travel up Back Street and return via Fore Street. The funeral service will take place at 11.30. Details of television coverage are, I believe on Facebook.

Bad news!

Oh dear, the news leaking out of Downing Street suggests that we will have to wait a little longer for a complete release from the Covid-19 lockdown. Like it or not, we will have to put up with it, and I suppose with lives potentially at risk, it is probably better to be safe than sorry; it doesn't mean that we have to like it!

Now the good news!

The village and parish is certainly brightening up. The Jubilee Hall has its hanging baskets out. The streets and houses are breaking out in brightly coloured pompoms, and all manner of strange insects, flowers, and birds.



Haven't seen any scarecrows yet, but perhaps I just haven't been in the right places. More pics on the web site.

Open Garden's preview

Jan, our daughter Kate, and I have just spent one of the most enjoyable few hours that we have had for a long time, getting a preview of the gardens that will be participating in the Open Gardens event in a couple of weeks' time; a privilege accorded to participants, as of course they will be unable to view the gardens on the day itself. Justified modesty precludes me from remarking on our Chapel House Garden, but what a delight, without exception, the others were. Yesterday was a beautiful day, which showed everything off to best advantage. The colours, the scents, and, on occasions, the truly beautiful settings. A glory to behold; small and big, they are all worth a visit. Below are just a few pictures in which I hope to have captured the flavour of the event to come.



Picture by Kate Patay-taken on her mobile!

There are some more pictures on the web site-Click on the link in the table below.

Another very encouraging event took place on Friday evening on Winsham Field at the newly established and refurbished Winsham Community Club House, where it established that it was open for use. The weather was not so encouraging, being rather overcast, but a reasonable number turned out-all ages, including the kids, and all enjoyed a barbecue. The club house does not yet have a drinks licence, but despite that, all welcomed the opportunity for a pleasant village get-together.

And now-at long last...you can enjoy the winning entries for the Grand Winsham Challenge-poetry, short story and picture winners can be enjoyed-just click on the link below. We must not forget Anne Beviss's incredible performance of achieving 95% in winning the difficult Winsham Quiz.

Certificates for the winners are being prepared, and hopefully this time around it will be possible to arrange a proper presentation by the Winsham Parish Council-something that the Lockdown prevented last year.

Also, the Joint Parish Magazine area on the Parish Web site has been substantially revised, giving a closer look into its long history, and what there was before. It also includes all the information you need if you wish to advertise or send in a contribution. Due to its very nature, being a monthly, it is rarely the first with the news; village gossip, the rumour mill, sometimes fuelled by the Community Facebook page and the e-letter, usually get in first! Nevertheless, it occupies a special spot in the way that information is passed around. It also serves Cricket St. Thomas and Thorncombe, so its editorial content is more widely spread, and not concentrated on Winsham alone. Nevertheless, it is very popular, and well worth its subscription cost -reduced from January 2022-to £5 pa-with free to-your-door delivery.

Finally, the monthly report from the Parish Council is on the web site, as are Linda Vijeh's County and Covid reports.

That's it for this week-enjoy the weather, and make sure you support the Open Garden's event-something that, I am sure, many will enjoy.

'Bye for now,

John




The first event organised by the Winsham Community Club took place on Friday, and despite the overcast weather, it was a very pleasant gathering, the first of many, we hope, with the barbecue doing good business.

PARISH INFORMATION

<p>At Last-what everyone has been waiting for!</p>	<p>GRAND WINSHAM CHALLENGE 2021 THE WINNERS' ENTRIES! Judge for yourself the quality of Winsham's creative talent</p>	<p>Click HERE for details</p>
<p>Winsham Recreational Trust</p>	<p>New dedicated Web Page, which includes Winsham Community Club. See pictures of the club's first event.</p>	<p>Click HERE for details Also available from New Portal icon on Home Page of Parish Web site Click HERE</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>Click HERE</p>
<p>Jubilee Hall Management Committee</p>	<p>Annual General Meeting 6.30pm, Tuesday, 22nd June, Main Hall This meeting will be subject to any Lockdown requirements operating at the time.</p>	
<p>Winsham Horticultural Society</p>	<p>See new updated Web Page, which outlines details of programme for rest of the year, and how to join.</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p>Winsham Open Gardens and garage/yard sale NEW!</p>	<p>All over Winsham Saturday, 26th June, 11.00am-5.30 pm See pictures of preview event for participants</p>	<p>Click HERE for NEW details Click HERE</p>
<p>Scarecrow Competition</p>	<p>Theme-'Our Heroes' On display during whole of June</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>For all nature lovers</p>	<p>Henk Beentje's Winsham botany walks NEW-mid May</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 Street Fair</p>	<p>Postponed until 2022</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p>WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL</p>	<p>Winsham Parish Survey 2021 On -line summary</p>	<p>Click HERE</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. *** 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>Winsham United Football Club</p>	<p>No fixtures at present due to Lockdown 3</p>	<p>Click HERE for all information</p>
<p>Community Matters Now carries a lot more items</p>	<p>..... Henk Beentje's botany walks See latest May edition! 'Welcome to Winsham' A guide for visitors and people coming to live in the parish</p>	<p>Click HERE When page loads, scroll down to find topic</p>

<p>Somerset Waste Partnership</p>	<p>Chard Re-cycling Centre -normal opening hours.</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p>Street Fair Committee</p>	<p>Latest news-two bulletins</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
	<p>Latest In formation</p> <p>***</p> <p>NOW OPEN!</p> <p>***</p>	<p>Click here for web page and Facebook link</p>
 <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 1st April</p> <p>Click HERE</p>
<p>St. Stephen's Church</p> 	<p>Details of June Services at St. Stephen's</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p>WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL</p>	<p>Open letter of thanks to Winsham Shop and Post Office</p> <p>***</p> <p>June 2021 Meeting summary</p> <p>Follow SCC Covid reports from Linda Vijeh and Unitary Council proposal.</p>	<p>Click HERE- Scroll down as necessary</p>

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<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. LOCKDOWN RESTRICTIONS are easing but check before you visit.</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>



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