

# **WINSHAM**

## **E-LETTER**

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Hi All,

Here we are here again, after a week's break. Last week there really was little to tell you about. What a difference a week can make.

### **Covid-19**

Let's start with Covid-19 and the lockdown. The advice coming from Community Council for Somerset to the Jubilee Hall is that it could re-open on April 12 for events involving selling. This means that events such as the Horticultural Society Plant Sale could take place, although, understandably, will not. On May 17<sup>th</sup> sports activities could restart - good news for Ki-Aikido, who I know are very keen to get started again; it would also include Tai Chi, and possibly ballet and yoga. From June 12<sup>th</sup> it seems that most of the rest of hall activities should be able to restart. Good news, but it must be remembered that this is what the government's road map indicates, and this is all subject to regular review, and depends on the progress made in cutting the incidence of the virus. Regardless of this, social distancing and the wearing masks may still apply.

In a nutshell, there is still a lot of uncertainty. However, there are clear signals that the time is approaching when we can begin to think about the future and begin to make plans. As stated previously, the Jubilee Hall will be led by demand, and the government rules. Should this relaxation of lockdown happen according to the roadmap, it will be up to hirers to decide if their events are viable, should social distancing, etc still apply.

I understand that it is the Winsham Horticultural Society's intention to hold the Annual Show at the end of August, so start ordering your seeds now.

They also plan an Open Gardens event, to run more or less concurrently with the Street Fair Committee's Scarecrow Competition. All this during and around the last weekend in June, when the delayed Street Fair was planned to take place.

This is a very welcome indication that things are slowly returning to some version of normality. I understand that the details of the Scarecrow Competition will be published in the Joint Parish Magazine next month, and no doubt shortly afterwards in the e-letter!

No doubt as the picture becomes clearer, the other village organisations will be announcing their plans, and they will be publicised in the E-letter, Parish web site, Joint Parish Magazine and on the community Facebook page.

### **New on the Winsham Parish Web site**

As I did not produce an e-letter last week, I used the time to work on several items on the parish web site, which I hope you will find useful and of interest.

**'Welcome to Winsham' is a new web page**, accessed from the 'Community Matters' area and the web site's Home Page. It is intended to help visitors and people coming to live in the parish, by guiding them towards information about the community that they might find useful. I get several calls, as no doubt do some of our readers, over the course of a year, from people who have just moved into the village, and have questions about all sorts of things.

## **'Henk Beentje's Winsham botany walks' - a new web page.**

Henk , as many will know is a botanist of repute. Check with Wikipedia! His speciality is East African plants. He also has a great interest in the plant-life around Winsham. Henk has agreed, from time-to-time, to produce a feature where he makes observations about aspects of local flora-often illustrated. His first article appears this week in the 'Community Matters' area-see the link below. I found it a delight, providing information that even a person like me, who is very ignorant about many matters relating to the natural world, has from time to time been curious about!

## **Jubilee Hall Lottery**

The closing date for buying tickets is 31<sup>st</sup> March, for this year's lottery. Ticket sales have gone well, and the prize money has been covered! However, some of us have put off buying tickets-mainly I suspect through procrastination. Now is the time to leap into action-put it off no longer. As soon as I have finished this e-letter, I shall write a cheque and thrust it into Bryan Goodman' letter box, or perhaps drop into the shop, and buy my ticket there. I shall probably do that on Monday. **NO!** There I go again! **I will do it now!** Procrastination is the thief of time!

Please support the cause-a well maintained Jubilee Hall is something that benefits the whole community. See the link below.

## **Grand Winsham Challenge**

Interest continues to grow-the Winsham Parish Council have even had a request from someone who lives not far outside the parish to enter, to which they , I understand , have agreed. Those of us who helped organise the challenge agreed that this was the right thing to do. So, for those who have not yet got around to it, now is the time to start putting on your thinking caps. The challenge ends at the end of April. Refresh your memory about the details by visiting the Grand Winsham Challenge web page-there is the link below. I can't wait to see the results of the Quiz.

## **Winsham Recreational Trust-Winsham Community Club**

Work on the Club House is progressing apace, and it is expected to open when the Covid-19 Lockdown regulations are fully relaxed. Winsham Parish Council would now like to hear from people willing to help run the new facility. Click on the link for more information and contact details.

## **Information from Linda Piggott-Vijeh, County Councillor**

All who know Linda are astonished by the vigour and enthusiasm she puts into her job. Each week I get a regular flow of information about what is going on a County Council level. This week I have posted what I regard as the most relevant material on what has become her own web page. It gives access to a wealth of information which includes important information on the on-going debate as to whether Somerset County Council should become a unitary authority, as well as the local information about Covid -19. Well worth a browse. See the link below.

## **Security and Scams**

One of the distressing things that I find about the present era is the pressure we all find placed upon us by internet and telephone crime. Last week Brian Turner told me that in one morning he had several attempted scam calls. We are all being subjected to this pressure and risk, and it is high time that it was stopped. Don't know how! One problem is that it costs villains virtually nothing to contact us, apart from time, so they play the numbers game. If they make a hundred calls, they will possibly trap someone into parting with money or information that can be sold to other crooks. We must be continuously vigilant. To help with this, visit the Neighbourhood Watch area-link below.

I think that is everything. Phew!

Please keep your pictures coming in,

Keep cheerful, warm, and safe,



John



*An unusual picture taken by Keith Legg earlier this week-a murmuration of Starlings-something quite unusual for Winsham, although I do not know why this should be.*







*'Bottoms Up'-This delightful picture was taken in Ontario by Jan Little. Brrrrr-notice the ice? What are they- Geese, Ducks, Marine Ostriches?*

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<b>NEW!</b>	<b>'Welcome to Winsham' An online guide for visitors and people new to the parish</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>
<b>Winsham Recreational Trust</b>	<b>Winsham Community Club- a new facility is on its way-people needed to help</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>
<b>Winsham Primary School and pre-school</b>	<b>New link to Winsham school web site</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>
<b>Winsham United Charities</b>	<b>WUC are inviting applications for small grants to children and young people to help with educational and training needs.</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE for details</a>
<b>Current and future roadworks</b>	<b>Useful detail in some local roadworks</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE for details</a>
<b>Winsham Street Fair</b>	<b>Postponed until 2022</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>
<b>Joint Parish Magazine March edition</b>	<b>Normal Distribution continues to be disrupted due to Lockdown 3 Read for free via Winsham Parish Web site-including ads</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE For March edition</a>
<b>Winsham Web Museum</b>	<b>Nature Diary 2020 Plus, butterfly sightings</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>
<b>Jubilee Hall Lottery 2021</b>	<b>Tickets now on sale at Winsham Shop</b>	<a href="#">Click Here for full information</a>
<b>WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL</b>	<b>Winsham Parish Survey 2021 On -line summary</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>
<b>WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL</b>	<b>Introducing THE NEW WINSHAM GRAND CHALLENGE 2021 'Beat those winter Lockdown blues!'</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE For more information</a>
<b>Winsham Shop and Post Office</b>	<b>VIEW NEW UPDATE (19/2/2021) *** Shop &amp; Post Office Hours of Opening *** ON-LINE SHOPPING WEB SITE</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE</a> for more information, and link to the new site



	<p><b>Try it! Let it help you with your shopping list.</b></p> <p>***</p> <p><b>The History of Winsham Shop and Post Office from 1850</b></p>	
<b>Winsham United Football Club</b>	<b>No fixtures at present due to Lockdown 3</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE for all information</a>
<b>Jubilee Hall</b>	<p><b>All activities cancelled until further notice.</b></p> <p><b>Jubilee Hall Lottery 2020 Results -Last Quarter Draw</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Click HERE</a></p> <p><a href="#">Click HERE</a></p>
<b>Winsham Web Museum</b>	<b>Further updates to the history of Winsham Shop. 2016 until present</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>
<b>Community Matters</b> Now carries a lot more items	<p><b>January 2021</b></p> <p><b>Latest Somerset Waste Partnership Bulletin</b></p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>Henk Beentje's botany walks</b></p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>'Welcome to Winsham'</b></p> <p><b>A guide for visitors and people coming to live in the parish</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Click HERE</a></p> <p>When page loads, scroll down to find topic</p>
<b>Somerset Waste Partnership</b>	<p><b>Chard Re-cycling Centre remains open-normal opening hours.</b></p> <p><b>January 2021</b></p> <p><b>Latest Somerset Waste Partnership Bulletin</b></p>	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>
<b>Street Fair Committee</b>	<b>Latest news-two bulletins</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>

	<p align="center"><b>Latest Information</b></p> <p align="center">***</p> <p align="center"><b>Take-away services continue during Lockdown 3.</b></p> <p align="center">***</p>	<p align="center"><a href="#">Click here for web page and Facebook link</a></p>
 <p align="center"><b>NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH EXTENDED TO COVER COVID-19</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>BE ON YOUR GUARD! THERE ARE A LOT OF THEIVES OUT THERE SEE LATEST TIPS TO BEAT THE E- MAIL SCAMMERS</b></p> <p align="center">***</p> <p align="center">Protect your pet dog.</p> <p align="center">***</p> <p align="center">Important Government information about Covid-19 scams.</p> <p align="center">***</p>	<p align="center">UPDATED 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021</p> <p align="center"><a href="#">Click HERE</a></p>
<p><b>St. Stephen's Church</b></p> 	<p align="center">Latest information on LOCKDOWN 3</p>	<p align="center"><a href="#">Click HERE</a></p>
<p align="center"><b>WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>February 2021 Meeting summary</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Follow SCC Covid reports from Linda Vijeh and Unitary Council proposal.</b></p> <p align="center">.....</p>	<p align="center"><a href="#">Click HERE- Scroll down as necessary</a></p>
<p align="center"><b>The NEW Winsham Market Place</b></p>	<p align="center">Support your local suppliers! See details of locally based businesses!</p>	<p align="center">Click HERE</p> 

	MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER!	
<b>Your essential Guide to Winsham Parish Web Site Content UPDATED</b>	<b>Please read to get the most from the Winsham Parish Web Site</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>
<b><u>For all newcomers to the Parish</u></b>	WINSHAM'S 'WELCOME PACK'	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>
Somerset Museums UPDATED-a really useful web site.	Gives you details of most of the Museums in Somerset. <b>LOCKDOWN 3 RESTRICTIONS WILL APPLY</b>  Closures likely due to Corona Virus Emergency	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>



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