

WINSHAM

E-LETTER

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Hi All,

Things seem to be looking up! The weather is improving, and the lockdown is gradually releasing its grip.

The next parish council meeting will be in the flesh, not cyber space, and there are even intentions to hold a live Annual Parish Meeting on the evening of 25th May, although details of exactly when and where are not settled; no doubt they will be by the time of the next e-letter .

On the parish web site this week is Henk Beentje's third botany walk around the footpaths of Winsham. Be sure not to miss it-a real delight, with lovely photographs, which may help you identify the names of some of the amazing range of flora around us. Henk has also added some fascinating facts about our familiar plants which just adds to the charm of this feature.

The Winsham Parish Web site and Winsham Web Museum has, over the last twenty years been extremely fortunate in getting regular contributions on many matters relating to the Natural History and the flora and fauna of our parish. Fortunately, all these contributions are still able to be viewed.

It all started with the Paul Smith, who had an encyclopaedic knowledge of the local soil and wildlife, combined with a brilliant ability as an artist to portray animals, birds and nature's scenes with accuracy and often humour. He was followed by Liz and Carl Earl, and for a number of years Liz produced the annual Nature Diary. Now Liz is moving from the village, Henk has offered to continue with the Nature Diary, in addition to the Botany Walks.

For those interested, I have listed the links to these very informative and interesting contributions below-scroll down-they are near the end of the 'table'. I have also included 'Farming in Winsham'-a gallery written and illustrated by Paul Smith.

Also, to be found this week in the Parish Council area of the web site, is a summary of the business conducted at the May meeting.

With the relaxations in the Lockdown, Jubilee Hall bookings are going well, and although I have not heard from The Bell, they are no doubt looking forward to welcoming us all through their door from Monday, 17th May.

Next month we can look forward to the Scarecrow Competition and the 'Open Gardens'. All we need now is some warm, settled weather, so that we can all get around to planting out the annuals, and allotment holders can start reaping the fruits of their labours!

Cheers,

John




Learn more about local plants in Dr Henk Beentje's accounts of his botanical walks around Winsham.

PARISH INFORMATION

WAKE UP WINSHAM!	GRAND WINSHAM CHALLENGE 2021 Results soon! Judging now taking place!	Click HERE for details
Winsham Open Gardens and garage/yard sale	All over Winsham Saturday, 26th June, 11.00am-5.30 pm	Click HERE for details
Scarecrow Competition	Theme-‘Our Heroes’ On display during whole of June	Click HERE
For all nature lovers	Henk Beentje’s Winsham botany walks NEW-mid May	Click HERE
Useful for new residents and visitors	‘Welcome to Winsham’ An online guide for visitors and people new to the parish	Click HERE
Winsham United Charities	WUC are inviting applications for small grants to children and young	Click HERE for details

	people to help with educational and training needs.	
Current and future roadworks	Useful detail in some local roadworks	Click HERE for details
Winsham Street Fair	Postponed until 2022	Click HERE
WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL	Winsham Parish Survey 2021 On -line summary	Click HERE
Winsham Shop and Post Office	<p>OPEN LETTER TO SHOP MANAGEMENT, STAFF & VOLUNTEERS FRPM WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL</p> <p>***</p> <p>Shop & Post Office Hours of Opening</p> <p>***</p> <p>ON-LINE SHOPPING WEB SITE 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>	Click HERE for more information, and link to the new site
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>January 2021 Latest Somerset Waste Partnership Bulletin</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Henk Beentje's botany walks See latest May edition!</p> <p>.....</p> <p>'Welcome to Winsham' 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 remains open-normal opening hours. January 2021 Latest Somerset Waste Partnership Bulletin	Click HERE

<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! THERE ARE A LOT OF THEIVES OUT THERE 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>.</p> <p>Latest information on LOCKDOWN 3</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>April 2021 Meeting summary</p> <p>Follow SCC Covid reports from Linda Vijeh and Unitary Council proposal.</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>Click HERE- Scroll down as necessary</p>

<p>The NEW Winsham Market Place New Advertisers</p>	<p>Support your local suppliers! See details of locally based businesses! MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER!</p>	<p>Click HERE </p>
<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>Wildlife Diaries 2016-2020 Contributed by Liz Earl</p> <p>Butterfly Diary 2019 Contributed by Liz Earl & Henk Beentje</p> <p>Paul Smith's 'Bugs 'n' Bees' Index</p> <p>Natural Winsham Fossils, Flora & Fauna</p> <p>Paul Smith's reflections on farming, and his experience as a farmer in Winsham since 1921 until his passing in 2007. A unique record</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. LOCKDOWN RESTRICTIONS are easing, but check before you visit.</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>



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