

# **WINSHAM**

## **E-LETTER**

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*A picture by Henk Beentje, taken during one of his nature walks.  
See more by clicking on the picture.*

Hi all,

We have an interesting week ahead of us; the end of the government's Covid lockdown regulations!

There is guidance on the use of face masks, and some hedging of bets on a few other activities, but we are not likely to feel the heavy arm of the law on our shoulders if we forget or just feel obstinate. Also, a bit of a muddle on self-isolation if you are pinged, and I wouldn't fancy travelling to foreign lands regardless of their colours. I can't get images of chameleons out of my mind!

For those of us involved in managing village resources, we have to make up our mind where we stand on the mask and other Covid hygiene situations, to minimise the risk of transmission. **Make no mistake , Covid is still with us.** There is a real risk especially for younger people, who for one reason and another may not yet have been vaccinated.

Winsham Shop and Post Office are the first to announce their policy, and you can find out what this will be from the link below. The Jubilee Hall Management Committee are also giving active thought to the matter, which includes speaking to the major hirers, and also awaiting guidance from Community Council for Somerset, and ACRE (Association of Communities in Rural England); hopefully, it will be sorted out within the next few days. No doubt other village businesses and organisations will also take positions on this, depending on their circumstances, and make them known.

*It seems to me that we have to be sensible and practical about the problem, even if we have had double jabs. We also have to get on with our lives. How we reconcile both needs is a problem we have to work out for ourselves.*

Henk Beentje has been very busy in the last week, and one of the highlights of this week's e-letter is his description of his July walk around Winsham's lanes, commenting on the wildlife and plants he has spotted. He has also provided some excellent pictures. Can I give you a tip! I try to present these pictures as large as is practical, so that you can see the detail. Depending on the equipment you are using, on most of the bigger kit-Laptops and PC towers-you can reduce the page size by holding down the Ctrl button on your keyboard while you tap the 'minus' key. Likewise, you can increase the size by holding down the Ctrl button and tapping the plus button. This will change the need to scroll. Just a thought-you may enjoy scrolling-I don't! You can probably do this on mobile phones and tablets too. But I don't know how. So, I can't help!

Henk has also provided the summary of this month's business that was discussed at the Winsham Parish Council meeting. All very interesting-you can find the actual minutes of the meeting on the Parish Council web site.

Lovely weather-hope it lasts!


Keep safe and be happy,

John

## PARISH INFORMATION

<b>Winsham Shop and Post Office</b>	<b>Post Covid Lockdown policy on face masks</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>
<b>Winsham Horticultural Society</b> <b>Don't forget to enter your hanging baskets and containers. The entry forms, available at the shop must be in by 22nd July</b>	<b>Annual Flower Show, Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> August.</b> Click on link for full details, including entry for Containers and Hanging Basket categories. Plus, coming events for the Autumn.	<a href="#">Click HERE</a>
<b>At last-what everyone has been waiting for!</b>	<b>GRAND WINSHAM CHALLENGE 2021</b> <b>THE WINNERS' ENTRIES!</b> <b>Judge for yourself the quality of Winsham's creative talent.</b> <b>Certificates will be presented to category winners at the August parish council meeting.</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE for details</a>
<b>Winsham Recreational Trust</b>	<b>New dedicated Web Page, which includes Winsham Community Club.</b>	<a href="#">Click HERE for details</a>

	<p>See pictures of the club's first event.</p>	<p>Also available from New Portal icon on Home Page of Parish Web site  <a href="#">Click HERE</a></p>
<p><b>Joint Parish Magazine</b></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><a href="#">Click HERE</a></p>
<p><b>Jubilee Hall Management Committee</b></p>	<p>Annual General Meeting  See Annual Report and Accounts 2020-2021</p> <p>Lottery Draw-2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2021  Winners</p>	<p><a href="#">Click HERE</a></p> <p><a href="#">Click HERE</a></p>
<p><b>Winsham Horticultural Society</b></p>	<p>Annual Flower Show-Saturday.  28th August.  See new updated Web Page, which outlines details of programme for rest of the year, and how to join.</p>	<p><a href="#">Click HERE</a></p>
<p><b>Winsham Open Gardens and garage/yard sale</b></p>	<p>Event was a great success-more details soon.  See pictures of preview event for participants and a detailed report, well worth reading, from Debbie Murray</p>	<p><a href="#">Click HERE</a></p>
<p><b>Winsham Art Club</b></p>	<p>Annual Exhibition  28-30<sup>th</sup> August,  Jubilee Hall</p>	<p><a href="#">Click HERE</a></p>
<p><b>For all nature lovers</b></p>	<p><b>Henk Beentje's Winsham botany walks  NEW-July</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Click HERE</a></p>
<p><b>Useful for new residents and visitors</b></p>	<p>'Welcome to Winsham'  An online guide for visitors and people new to the parish</p>	<p><a href="#">Click HERE</a></p>
<p><b>Winsham United Charities</b></p>	<p>WUC are inviting applications for small grants to children and young</p>	<p><a href="#">Click HERE for details</a></p>

	<p>people to help with educational and training needs.</p>	
<p><b>Winsham Shop and Post Office</b></p>	<p><b>Post-Covid policy on facemasks</b></p> <p>***</p> <p><b>Shop &amp; Post Office Hours of Opening</b></p> <p>***</p> <p><b>ON-LINE SHOPPING WEB SITE</b></p> <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>	<p><a href="#">Click HERE</a> for more information, and link to the new site</p>
<p><b>Winsham United Football Club</b></p>	<p><b>No fixtures at present due to Lockdown 3</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Click HERE for all information</a></p>
<p><b>Community Matters</b> Now carries a lot more items</p>	<p>.....</p> <p><b>Henk Beentje's botany walks</b> <b>See latest July edition!</b></p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>'Welcome to Winsham'</b> <b>A guide for visitors and people coming to live in the parish</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Click HERE</a> When page loads, scroll down to find topic</p>
<p><b>Somerset Waste Partnership</b></p>	<p><b>Chard Re-cycling Centre -normal opening hours.</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Click HERE</a></p>
<p><b>Street Fair Committee</b></p>	<p><b>Latest news-two bulletins</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Click HERE</a></p>
	<p><b>Latest In formation</b></p> <p>***</p> <p><b>NOW OPEN!</b></p> <p>***</p>	<p><a href="#">Click here for web page and Facebook link</a></p>



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SEE LATEST TIPS TO BEAT THE  
E- MAIL SCAMMERS**

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Important Government information  
about Covid-19 scams.

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27<sup>th</sup> June 2021](#)

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**WINSHAM  
PARISH  
COUNCIL**

**Summary of business dealt with at  
July meeting**

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**Open letter of thanks to Winsham  
Shop and Post Office**

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**New recycling arrangements**

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**June 2021**

**Meeting summary**

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**Nature Lovers Guide to  
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**Visit accounts of Winsham Flora  
and Fauna , dating back to 2002.**

**Botany walks with Henk Beentje.**

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**Wildlife Diaries 2016-2020  
Contributed by Liz Earl**

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	<p align="center"><b>Butterfly Diary 2019</b>  <b>Contributed by Liz Earl &amp; Henk Beentje</b></p> <p align="center">-----  <b>Paul Smith's 'Bugs 'n' Bees'</b>  <b>Index</b>  -----  <b>Natural Winsham</b>  <b>Fossils, Flora &amp; Fauna</b>  -----  <b>Paul Smith's reflections on farming,</b>  <b>and his experience as a farmer in</b>  <b>Winsham since 1921 until his</b>  <b>passing in 2007.</b>  <b>A unique record</b></p>	<p align="center"><a href="#">Click HERE</a></p> <p align="center"><a href="#">Click HERE</a></p>
<p align="center"><b>Your essential Guide to Winsham Parish Web Site Content UPDATED</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Please read to get the most from the Winsham Parish Web Site</b></p>	<p align="center"><a href="#">Click HERE</a></p>
<p>Somerset Museums UPDATED-a really useful web site.</p>	<p align="center">Gives you details of most of the Museums in Somerset.  <b>LOCKDOWN RESTRICTIONS are easing but check before you visit.</b></p>	<p align="center"><a href="#">Click HERE</a></p>



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