

WINSHAM

E-LETTER

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Hi All,

STOP PRESS

Due to the problems arising from the interpretation of the rules relating to the Lockdown 3, the usual physical delivery of the February edition of the Joint Parish Magazine has been suspended, even though they have been printed!

Bearing in mind that the Joint Parish Magazine is shown in the latest Parish Survey as being the most widely read of the parish news media, the Editor, Jenny Clampett, has asked the help of village people, in both Winsham and Thorncombe to help overcome this problem as best they can. Both shops are distributing hard copies to subscribers. This is being supplemented by others, for example the Winsham Parish Council, who are anxious to get the Parish Survey distributed, and by others who deliver newspapers on a regular basis to the infirm.

Winsham E-Letter and Winsham Parish Web site has also been asked to help by publishing a 'virtual' copy as a .pdf file, available on the link below. As a result, it also becomes available via the Parish Web site and the community Facebook page.

By doing all this, the impact of the decision not to distribute 'hard copies' of the magazine in the usual way is minimised. Especially for those who do not have Broadband services-mainly the very elderly. The magazine's production team, led by their Editor, Jenny Clampett is to be congratulated on their considerable effort in making all this happen.

Speaking personally, I find it difficult to see how the team of volunteer distributors are breaking any rules if they simply put a magazine through a letter box, while taking some daily exercise. Will I be prosecuted for dropping in my Magazine subscription into a distributor's letter box the other day, as I was requested to do? I hope not; it was my one bit of exercise of the day!

On the positive side, it does give a further example of how the Winsham community comes together when there are genuine problems as well as underlining the value of a well-integrated internal media facility, comprising of the Joint Parish Magazine, the E-Letter, its three web sites, and Facebook page and Twitter feed; all have their core audiences, but always willing to cooperate with each other when needed.

Nature Diary 2020

It's that time of year again! Just a few weeks away from Spring, and despite the big variations in weather, the gardens are showing the first signs of growth. I suspect that on some sunny bank the daffodils are beginning to flower, which should cheer us up.

To complement this Liz Earl's Nature Diary 2020 appears, this week, in the Flora and Fauna gallery in the Winsham Web Museum. There are some lovely pictures, taken in and around Winsham, by Henk Beentje and Liz, celebrating the miracles of nature. How fortunate we are to be surrounded by these wonders and have the eyes to see them. The link to the diary can be found below.

Jubilee Hall Lottery 2021

It is also the time to launch the Jubilee Hall Lottery for 2021. There is a link below which will take you to an 'open letter' from the Jubilee Hall Management Committee which outlines the challenge that will be facing us over the next few years to reduce the carbon footprint of the parish, as a contribution towards reducing the problem of global warming.

Old buildings, such as the Jubilee Hall face particular difficulties, but it is already working on plans to overcome them. It will take money to fulfil these; they will involve better thermal insulation and revisions to heating systems. Some help will probably be available from grants, but inevitably money will need to be raised from within the community. Such improvements are likely to take some years to achieve. More is said about this in the open letter.

The Jubilee Hall Lottery is a well-established and fun way of contributing towards this, along with other expenditures which are just part of keeping a village hall, regardless of its age, fit for purpose. Please help with this by taking part.

The Grand Winsham Challenge

Judging from the web stats following last week's e-letter, the Grand Winsham Challenge attracted a good deal of interest-let's hope that interest turns into entries! After all, its sole purpose is to provide an enjoyable diversion to help everyone pass the dull time between now and the easing in the lockdown. In tracking down answers to the Quiz section, there is the bonus of learning more about our ancient village, which is more than a thousand years old-and which has survived more than one pandemic!

The Parish Survey

Every few years Winsham Parish Council carries out a survey of attitudes and opinions of Winsham residents and seeks suggestions on how amenities and life in general in the parish can be improved, by action that the council could take.

Surveys took place in 2011, 2013/4, and in 2019. The results of the 2019 survey have now been published, a little late, but that can be put down to Covid-19. These surveys take a lot of work to prepare, and the analysis and interpretation of the results can take up a lot of time and effort-I speak from personal knowledge of the 2013/4 survey! The great thing is how Winsham residents cooperate by participating-some 40% responded to the latest survey, which is high, when compared with many other such surveys around the country.

Hard copies of a summary of the results are now being distributed, and the bulk of the information can also be accessed on-line, via the Parish Council portal page on the Parish web site. There is a link below. It makes interesting reading. The parish council should be commended on the way they have summarised the data so that is easily understood. Well done! This information will now be used to inform the council as they prepare the next Parish Plan.

Protect your dog, and other pets.

The financial scams continue, so it is right to continue to renew the warnings-just follow the link below. But now it is more than scams. There is theft; pets are being sold, especially dogs. Apparently, they are being sold to people who, bored with Lockdown want a pet. Apart from fears for the future of the animals once the Lockdown ends, it is a nasty crime, causing great distress to owners far beyond any financial impact it may also have.

There are many dog owners among the population of Winsham; they need to exercise especial care and be vigilant. Click on the link below. It takes you to the Blue Cross web site, which give a good deal of advice on how to protect your dog, and what steps to take if it disappears.

Other items of news....

We do not get a lot of snow in Winsham, so last weekend, when we did get a fall, it seemed a good idea to publicise the event! So, on the Home page of the Parish Web site there is a new picture taken by Jane Simkins of the view from her garden, of a snow-covered Axe valley. Lovely picture-well worth a look. [Click HERE](#)

Keep well, stay safe, and be cheerful,



John







*'Brrrrr...It's cold out here!' A lovely picture of a goldfinch taken by Liz Earl.
Be sure to look at the new Nature Diary 2020. Just click on the picture.*



Joint Parish Magazine February edition	Normal Distribution Disrupted. Read for free via Winsham Parish Web site-including ads	Click HERE
Winsham Web Museum	Nature Diary 2020 Plus, butterfly sightings	Click HERE
Jubilee Hall Lottery 2021	Tickets now on sale at Winsham Shop	Click Here for full information
WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL	Winsham Parish Survey 2021 On -line summary	Click HERE
WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL	Introducing THE NEW WINSHAM GRAND CHALLENGE 2021	Click HERE For more information

	‘Beat those winter Lockdown blues!’	
Winsham Shop and Post Office	<p>VIEW NEW UPDATE DETAILS RELATING TO LOCKDOWN 3 (6/1/2021)</p> <p>***</p> <p>Shop & Post Office Hours of Opening</p> <p>***</p> <p>ON-LINE SHOPPING WEB SITE</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
Jubilee Hall	<p>All activities cancelled until further notice.</p> <p>Jubilee Hall Lottery 2020 Results -Last Quarter Draw</p>	<p>Click HERE</p> <p>Click HERE</p>
Winsham Web Museum	Further updates to the history of Winsham Shop. 2016 until present	Click HERE
Community Matters Now carries a lot more items	<p>Follow SCC Covid reports from Linda Vijeh.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>January 2021 Latest Somerset Waste Partnership Bulletin</p>	<p>Click HERE</p> <p>When page loads, scroll down to find topic</p>
Somerset Waste Partnership	<p>Chard Re-cycling Centre remains open-normal opening hours.</p> <p>January 2021 Latest Somerset Waste Partnership Bulletin</p>	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>Take-away services continue during Lockdown 3</p> <p>***</p>	<p>Click here for web page and Facebook link</p>
 <p>NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH EXTENDED TO COVER COVID-19</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>Click HERE</p>
<p>St. Stephen's Church</p> 	<p>Latest information on LOCKDOWN 3</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>
<p>WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL</p>	<p>January 2021 Meeting summary</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Follow SCC Covid reports from Linda Vjeh</p>	<p>Click HERE- Scroll down as necessary</p>
<p>The NEW Winsham Market Place</p>	<p>Support your local suppliers! See details of locally based businesses!</p>	<p>Click HERE</p> 

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



**Take a picture of your pet-you never know when you will wish you
had!**

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