

WINSHAM E-LETTER

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Hi all,

I must start this week's edition with the sad news that Jean Spurdle passed away on Friday morning. She was in her own home, with her family around her. Many have commented on the Community Facebook page, showing how much she will be missed, and I know that these sentiments will be shared by our e-letter readers who knew her.



The Grand Winsham Challenge

The news you have all been waiting for. We can now name the winners of the categories in the Grand Winsham Challenge.

The Monster Winsham Lockdown Quiz

This was won by Anne Bevis, with an incredible score of 95%. A really remarkable achievement. Anne will be awarded a certificate from the Winsham Parish Council shortly, honouring her as 'Winsham's Brain Box 2021'.

Short Story

Won by Brian Turner with his tale of 'Murder in the Cathedral Parish Church'.

Poem.

Won by Brian Turner with his poem 'Pioneering Zoom'.

Picture

Won by Sarah Milrose-a rural scene.

All winners will be awarded a certificate by Winsham Parish Council.

The winning creative contributions will be published on the web site shortly, hopefully in time for the next e-letter.

Many thanks must go to the judges of the creative elements of the Challenge-Linda Vijeh and Sue Osbourne-County Councillor and District Councillor, respectively. A time absorbing task, carried out very conscientiously, and made more difficult by the Covid Lockdown rules. They were unaware of the names of the winners until now.

Thanks also to Jane Simkins and Brian Turner with help in the marking, preparation, and presentation of the Quiz, also a time-consuming task.

As we are gradually putting the pandemic behind us, there are strong signals that village life is slowly returning to a more normal situation. The Winsham Parish Council's Annual Parish Meeting was relatively well attended, with some twenty residents, which was good considering the restrictions still in place, and the short notice.



During the meeting, it was announced that the Chairman of the Council, Stuart Davie, had resigned due to a possible conflict of interest. It is a loss to the council; he was the only councillor who transferred by election from the previous parish council, and was Chairman during this transition period, a testing time, especially as our Parish Clerk was new to the job as well. He deserves our thanks for shouldering this responsibility.

The monthly Winsham Parish Council meeting will be held **on Tuesday evening 1st June (not the usual Wednesday)**- a public meeting, so social distancing and mask wearing will apply. At this meeting members will be asked to consider applications to fill the vacancy following Cllr Davies resignation.

'The Bell' is back to serving its special meals on Friday evenings. The Jubilee Hall will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 22nd June-the day after , we hope, the Lockdown will have ended. More about this nearer the time.

Winsham Recreational Trust has also been busy, and a new web page has been created so that they can post information about their activities. A link can be found below.

Winsham Art Club is also holding its Annual Exhibition over the August Bank Holiday, at the Jubilee Hall. It is always something to look forward to. See the poster below-more information nearer the date.

Winsham Horticultural Society is also springing into life, along with the plants in the gardens, with their plans for the rest of the year-see the links to their new web page below. Of course, the emphasis at the moment is the Open Garden's Event on the 26th June, associated with the Scarecrow Trail which will be running during June, in conjunction with the Winsham Street Fair Committee.

The Winsham Poetry Reading Group is also holding a meeting in The Bell on Wednesday. 2nd June-details below, and on Thursday there are the popular and regular 'Ad-Hoc' fitness classes in the Jubilee Hall.

A busy time ahead, and an even busier one for those taking part in the Open Gardens event! Trying to persuade all those plants just to grow a little bit faster, so that they can be at their best at the end of June. Kind words, feed well, and a lot more sunshine?

Stop press.

Just received a picture from Bryan Goodman of an early visitor to his garden! The European Hornet.



Not part of the Free Trade Agreement, I hope!

Enjoy the weather, better times are ahead.

John

OUT OF LOCKDOWN!

Winsham Art Club Exhibition

28th, 29th & 30th August 2021

To be held at the Jubilee Hall, Winsham
TA20 4HU

Preview: 16.00 - 19.30 Saturday 28th August

Open : 11.00 - 17.00 Sunday 29th August

and

11.00 - 17.00 Monday 30th August


All welcome , free entry!

A welcome return. Just think of all the pictures that must have been created by members during the Lockdown, which we now be able to see.

PARISH INFORMATION

At Last-what everyone has been waiting for!	GRAND WINSHAM CHALLENGE 2021 THE WINNERS!	Click HERE for details
Winsham Recreational Trust	New dedicated Web Page, which includes Winsham Community Club	Click HERE for details Also available from New

		Portal icon on Home Page of Parish Web site Click HERE
Winsham Horticultural Society	See new updated Web Page, which outlines details of programme for rest of the year, and how to join.	Click HERE
Winsham Poetry Reading Group	Next meeting Wednesday, 2nd June	Click HERE For details
Winsham Open Gardens and garage/yard sale NEW!	All over Winsham Saturday, 26th June, 11.00am-5.30 pm	Click HERE for NEW 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 people to help with educational and training needs.	Click HERE for details
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	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.	Click HERE for more information, and link to the new site

	<p>***</p> <p>The History of Winsham Shop and Post Office from 1850</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>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>	<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! 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>UPDATED 1st April</p>

	<p>Paul Smith's reflections on farming, and his experience as a farmer in Winsham since 1921 until his passing in 2007.</p> <p>A unique record</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.</p> <p>LOCKDOWN RESTRICTIONS are easing, but check before you visit.</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>



**Take a picture of your pet-you never know when you will wish you had!
The Winsham e- letter will always help find missing pets.**

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