

WINSHAM

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Hi All,

I was in the middle of preparing this e-letter when I heard of the passing of the Duke of Edinburgh. I felt a wave of sadness when the news came through. I expect many of our e-letter readers will have felt the same. Prince Philip had been on the 'visible' royal scene since I can remember. Along with the Queen, he helped bring a sense of stability to the life of our nation, over a long and difficult time. He deserves our gratitude, thoughts, and prayers, as does the Queen, in her loss.

We are about to make another tentative step out of lockdown next week, which will be great; all we need is for Spring to provide us with some nice warm weather. We must also do our bit by making a positive effort to shake off the Covid lethargy which has been forced upon us-albeit with the best of motives-over the winter months.

Jan & I look forward to starting to meet up again with our friends and neighbours outdoors, and eventually in our home. Maybe a drink or a meal at The Bell. Walking up to the shop and crossing paths with people we have not seen for months. Perhaps some of this is still a little time away, but with the confidence of vaccine jabs, it is at last beginning to look possible as we progress towards Summer. All still a bit of a dream, but as the opportunities arise, we should all make the effort.

Talking about making the effort, I was dismayed to learn from the parish council that the Grand Winsham Challenge does not seem to be attracting much interest. **Not one entry for the Winsham Quiz has been received.** Of course, it may be that lots of people are working on it a bit at a time, and there will be a flood of entries just before the closing date.

Readers have until the end of the month-so please make the effort. Don't worry if you cannot answer all the questions-I doubt if anyone will-but have a go! Find out more about the parish in which you live and justify the many hours spent by a small team in preparing it.

Has anyone lost a neutered black and white cat in the last few weeks? I had a phone call from Mr Peter Brown a few days ago telling me that he had found one dead by the roadside, I think near Whatley Cross. It was at the roadside. He examined it and gave it a decent burial. If anyone wants to know more, e-mail me , and I will let you have his phone number.

Something to cheer us up. See below the details of the Winsham Open Gardens and garage/yard sale to take place on Saturday 26th June. That is also the day that the Scarecrow competition is being judged.

Linda Vijeh, our County Councillor has been busy, and below there is a link to a briefing on the future of Local Government.

Neighbourhood Watch also has details of the latest scams, etc. I have fended off two so far this week. Be forever vigilant.

Stay safe, cheer-up and get-going!(and don't forget the quiz!!)





John




This year the Open Gardens event will take place on the day when the Street Fair should have happened-Saturday ,26th June. At the same time, the Scarecrow Competition which will run throughout June will be judged. The picture above is from the event in 2016. Happy days!

WAKE UP WINSHAM!	GRAND WINSHAM CHALLENGE 2021 Do the Winsham Quiz	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	Details soon
NEW!	Henk Beentje’s Winsham botany walks	Click HERE
NEW!	‘Welcome to Winsham’ An online guide for visitors and people new to the parish	Click HERE

Winsham Recreational Trust	Winsham Community Club- a new facility is on its way-people needed to help	Click HERE
Winsham Primary School and pre-school	New link to Winsham school web site	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
Joint Parish Magazine April edition	Read for free via Winsham Parish Web site-including ads	Click HERE for April edition
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 Shop and Post Office	<p>Shop & Post Office Hours of Opening</p> <p>***</p> <p>ON-LINE SHOPPING WEB SITE</p> <p>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
Winsham Web Museum	Further updates to the history of Winsham Shop. 2016 until present	Click HERE
Community Matters	January 2021	Click HERE

<p>Now carries a lot more items</p>	<p>Latest Somerset Waste Partnership Bulletin</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Henk Beentje's botany walks</p> <p>-----</p> <p>'Welcome to Winsham'</p> <p>A guide for visitors and people coming to live in the parish</p>	<p>When page loads, scroll down to find topic</p>
<p>Somerset Waste Partnership</p>	<p>Chard Re-cycling Centre remains open-normal opening hours.</p> <p>January 2021</p> <p>Latest Somerset Waste Partnership Bulletin</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>Take-away services continue during Lockdown 3.</p> <p>***</p>	<p>Click here for web page and Facebook link</p>
 <p>NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH</p>	<p>BE ON YOUR GUARD!</p> <p>THERE ARE A LOT OF THEIVES OUT THERE</p> <p>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>February 2021 Meeting summary Follow SCC Covid reports from Linda Vjeh and Unitary Council proposal.</p> <p>.....</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>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><u>For all newcomers to the Parish</u></p>	<p>WINSHAM'S 'WELCOME PACK'</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 3 RESTRICTIONS WILL APPLY</p> <p>Closures likely due to Corona Virus Emergency</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>



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