

WINSHAM E-LETTER

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Hi All,

If only it would warm up a bit! It seems that every morning we wake to brilliant sunshine but freezing temperatures. Still, we shouldn't complain. The Bell is open again, so is the Jubilee Hall, although not yet free of Covid regulations, but it's a start.

We also have a new seat on the Village Green, to replace the bigger seat which is being renovated and then returned. Good news. We are so lucky having a lovely green space in the middle of the village. For Jan and myself it is always a great pleasure to see the children on the play equipment, with parents relaxing and looking on.

For years, this space has been called the 'Lower Rec'. It seems to me a very ordinary name for such a nice spot, so I propose to refer to it from now on as the Village Green. I hope others will follow. It takes years for a name to take and stick, but as I said earlier you have to start sometime. I remember when I was a small boy living in inner London there was a street named Morris Road by Wandsworth Borough Council, many years earlier. The street nameplates confirmed this. Only problem was that all the local residents still called it Mill Lane! Few people could even tell you where Morris Road was! *'Oh, you mean Mill Lane!'*!!!

Nobody could give me a sensible explanation for this. I expect many readers have similar memories. Possibly it was the unconscious rejection by locals of an action by an 'early woke' local authority who were more interested in honouring perhaps one of their number, than reflecting local history!

Along with others, I also suggest that we should adopt a new name for the 'Upper Rec.' Perhaps the newly formed Winsham Recreational Trust could give some thought to this. 'Winsham Field' has been suggested as a nice, simple name. What are your views on these matters?

Who knows, renaming might even discourage people who allow their dogs to foul these areas (and other parts of our pleasant village). Perhaps that is too much to hope for.

For the rest of the news, see below. There is a summary of the WPC meeting at the beginning of the month, and another really good feature, with pictures, by Henk Beentje, of his botanical observations while walking around the parish in early April.

Keep safe, warm, and happy. We have much to be grateful for!



John

PS-Don't forget the Winsham quiz or other bits of the Grand Winsham Challenge 2021-not much time left. See below.

PPS-We have two new advertisers in Market Place-take a look. Local business needs you.





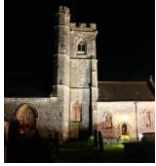

The new bench for the village green was made by Paul Anderson (left) and installed with the help of Russ Haggard (right, and James Lindsey-White (in the middle). The picture below was taken just before the bench upon which Paul was sitting, was taken away for renovation, after which it will return. Pictures were taken by Mary Haggard. Well done and thanks for sending them in.!



PARISH INFORMATION

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| 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! APRIL | 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 |
| WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL | Winsham Parish Survey 2021 On -line summary | Click HERE |
| Winsham Shop and Post Office | Shop & Post Office Hours of Opening | Click HERE for more information, |

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| | <p style="text-align: center;">***</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ON-LINE SHOPPING WEB SITE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Try it! Let it help you with your shopping list.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">***</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The History of Winsham Shop and Post Office from 1850</p> | 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 Now carries a lot more items | <p style="text-align: center;">January 2021</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Latest Somerset Waste Partnership Bulletin</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Henk Beentje's botany walks</p> <p style="text-align: center;">See latest April edition</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <p style="text-align: center;">'Welcome to Winsham'</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A guide for visitors and people coming to live in the parish</p> | <p>Click HERE</p> <p>When page loads, scroll down to find topic</p> |
| Somerset Waste Partnership | Chard Re-cycling Centre remains open-normal opening hours. January 2021 Latest Somerset Waste Partnership Bulletin | Click HERE |
| Street Fair Committee | Latest news-two bulletins | Click HERE |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;">Latest In formation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">***</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NOW OPEN!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">***</p> | <p>Click here for web page and Facebook link</p> |

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|  <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>Latest information on LOCKDOWN 3</p> | <p>Click HERE</p> |
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| <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> |
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| <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. Check before you visit.</p> | <p>Click HERE</p> |
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