

WINSHAM

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Winsham United F.C. get ready for the new season.

See link below

Hi all,

An early start this morning. Our smoke alarm aroused Jan and I, together with our daughter and her husband, who are staying with us, from our slumbers at 3.45am this morning. I wouldn't have minded so much if in fact the house had been burning down; I would probably have been grateful for a timely interruption. However, this was not the case. It was a complete false alarm.

We rapidly referred to the instructions relating to the equipment, which, of course, were immediately to hand, but this proved to be a manual full of deceits, not helped by being printed in light red ink, clearly designed to be unreadable, especially by octogenarian sleep filled eyes in the middle of the night! Nothing worked as it said it should. Not even switching off the mains electricity achieved silence. Eventually, at 5.15am, Steve my son in law managed to stop the noise, perched precariously at the top of some steps. The enchantment that the manufacturers had used to stop people stopping the alarm had lost its magic, and it fell apart. Blessed silence!

Although a lot of Covid restrictions have been lifted, life doesn't seem to have changed much. I am still wearing a mask when I go shopping and avoiding crowded situations. In Winsham, The Bell, The Jubilee Hall have joined Winsham Shop and Post Office in publicising their policies on mask wearing etc. One bright bit of news seems that the overall UK number of infections is perhaps on a downward trend-let's hope that is so.

Also, on the bright side, Winsham United has arranged some friendly warm-ups for August against local clubs.

Hopefully as Autumn approaches things will liven up. One thing we can look forward to is the completion of the new homes in Western Way, together with the nature area and the car park. As the houses get sold, there will be new people to get to know, who will also, no doubt be adding their support for the village shop, The Bell, St. Stephens, and events at the Jubilee Hall.

Linda Vjeh tells us that the Secretary of State for Housing has decreed that, subject to Parliamentary approval, Somerset will become a single unitary authority. We shall have to wait and see when, and if, benefits accrue. If you would like to know more, click on the link below.

Just prior to the Winsham Parish Council meeting on the 4th August, at about 7.20pm, there will be a short presentation of certificates to the category winners of the Grand Winsham Challenge, 2021.

Why don't you come along to show appreciation for their efforts?


Keep cool; I am going back to bed!



John

PARISH INFORMATION

Winsham Shop and Post Office, The Bell, Jubilee Hall	Post Covid Lockdown policy on face masks	Click HERE
Somerset County Council	Somerset to become a single unitary authority	Click HERE for details
Winsham United F.C.	Details of warm-up games in August	Click HERE
Winsham Horticultural Society Don't forget to enter your hanging baskets and containers. The entry forms, available at the shop must be in by 22nd July	Annual Flower Show, Saturday, 28th August. Click on link for full details, including entry for Containers and Hanging Basket categories. Plus, coming events for the Autumn.	Click HERE
At last-what everyone has been waiting for!	GRAND WINSHAM CHALLENGE 2021 THE WINNERS' ENTRIES! Judge for yourself the quality of Winsham's creative talent. Certificates will be presented to category winners at the August parish council	Click HERE for details

	meeting-Wednesday, 4th August	
Winsham Recreational Trust	New dedicated Web Page, which includes Winsham Community Club. See pictures of the club's first event.	Click HERE for details Also available from New Portal icon on Home Page of Parish Web site Click HERE
Joint Parish Magazine	View the new JPM area on the Parish Web Site. Lot's more on its history, and latest information for contributors and advertisers.	Click HERE
Jubilee Hall Management Committee	Annual General Meeting See Annual Report and Accounts 2020-2021 Lottery Draw-2 nd Quarter 2021 Winners	Click HERE Click HERE
Winsham Horticultural Society	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.	Click HERE
Winsham Open Gardens and garage/yard sale	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	Click HERE
Winsham Art Club	Annual Exhibition 28-30 th August, Jubilee Hall	Click HERE
For all nature lovers	Henk Beentje's Winsham botany walks NEW-July	Click HERE
Useful for new residents and visitors	'Welcome to Winsham'	Click HERE

	An online guide for visitors and people new to the parish	
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
Winsham Shop and Post Office	<p>Post-Covid policy on facemasks</p> <p>***</p> <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
Community Matters Now carries a lot more items	<p>.....</p> <p>Henk Beentje's botany walks</p> <p>See latest July edition!</p> <p>.....</p> <p>'Welcome to Winsham'</p> <p>A guide for visitors and people coming to live in the parish</p>	Click HERE When page loads, scroll down to find topic
Somerset Waste Partnership	Chard Re-cycling Centre -normal opening hours.	Click HERE
Street Fair Committee	Latest news-two bulletins	Click HERE
	<p>Latest In formation</p> <p>***</p> <p>NOW OPEN!</p> <p>***</p>	Click here for web page and Facebook link

 <p>NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEW!</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>Gift Cards</p> <p>***</p> <p>Protect your pet dog.</p> <p>***</p> <p>Important Government information about Covid-19 scams.</p> <p>***</p>	<p><u>UPDATED 24th July</u></p> <p><u>Click HERE</u></p>
<p>WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL</p>	<p>Summary of business dealt with at July meeting</p> <p>***</p> <p>Open letter of thanks to Winsham Shop and Post Office</p> <p>-----</p> <p>New recycling arrangements</p> <p>---</p> <p>June 2021 Meeting summary Follow SCC Covid reports from Linda Vjeh and Unitary Council proposal.</p> <p>-----</p>	<p><u>Click HERE- Scroll down as necessary</u></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>Nature Lovers Guide to Winsham</p>	<p>Visit accounts of Winsham Flora and Fauna , dating back to 2002.</p>	

	<p>Botany walks with Henk Beentje. Wildlife Diaries 2016-2020 Contributed by Liz Earl Butterfly Diary 2019 Contributed by Liz Earl & Henk Beentje Paul Smith's 'Bugs 'n' Bees' Index Natural Winsham Fossils, Flora & Fauna Paul Smith's reflections on farming, and his experience as a farmer in Winsham since 1921 until his passing in 2007. A unique record</p>	<p>Click HERE Click HERE 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. LOCKDOWN RESTRICTIONS are easing but check before you visit.</p>	<p>Click HERE</p>



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