



Winsham-in the county of Somerset

A rural parish which includes the hamlets of Ammerham, Bridge, Leigh, Purtington, Street and Whatley at the southern tip of beautiful Somerset

The Spring theme banner 'Spring in the Valley' was created by Deborah Harris.

Spring

Loveliests of trees, the cherry now
Is hung with bloom along the bough,
And stands about the woodland ride
Wearing white for Eastertide.

A.E. Housman (1859-1936)

Hi all,

Keith Portsmore RIP

In the last edition of the e-letter , the sad news of Keith Passmore's passing was published. The details of the funeral arrangements are as follows:

The cremation will take place at 10.40am at Taunton Dean on Friday 26th April. It will be followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St Stephen's, Winsham at 12.30pm on the same day. This will be followed by a Wake in the Jubilee Hall at 1.30pm.

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We must all be enjoying the sudden improvement in the weather-long may it last, at least let's hope for no late frosts, the gardeners nightmare.

Winsham Horticultural Society harbour no such fears, and if they do, their members will know how to protect their young plants. They are approaching Spring and Summer with their usual enthusiasm.

Sandy Croll has taken on the responsibility of Chairman, and if you click on the link in tabulated area below , you can see that he wants to attract new members; WHS has a lot to offer whether you are an experienced gardener, or just beginning to discover the delights of growing your own plants, be they vegetables, flowers or shrubs.

Also in the same area are details of future talks and events for the rest of this year, including details of the forthcoming PLANT SALE, which is held every May.

The early history of Winsham Horticultural Society is lost in the mists of time. It is believed that it started soon after the Great War, which means that the Society is over a hundred years old. A different world then, but people still love their gardens. WHS continues to nurture its members as its members nurture their plants and have a lot of fun doing it!

Think about joining! I'm going to rejoin, even if my gardening days are for the most part over! It's easy to do this, and very low cost.

The Jubilee Café is also clocking up the years, although nothing like the WHS. The Jubilee Café is always on the third Thursday of the month, so this coming Thursday is reserved at the Jubilee Hall, between 11am and Noon, or thereabouts, giving everyone who turns up the opportunity to talk to friends and neighbours, and make new acquaintances and friends as well. All this over a cup of real coffee or tea with a slice of delicious home-made cake, all for £3.50p, can't be bad! Don't forget, it is this coming Thursday! As a bonus, this Thursday will be the occasion of the 1st Quarter's draw for the Jubilee Hall Lottery, officiated over by Andrew Simpkin. If you come, and you have a Lottery ticket, you may leave richer than when you went in!

Winsham is very fortunate to have an Aikido Club, under the guidance of Eileen Honeybun, which has been running for some thirty years, at the Jubilee Hall (with the exception of about six months in 2006, during the major hall refurbishment, when our friends at Thorncombe village hall offered them short-term accommodation). They keep a pretty low profile, but always welcome new members, whether experienced or beginner. Now there are some changes to affiliations and that sort of thing, and Eileen has published a short statement about this. Click on the link below.

Finally, there is an interesting message from Somerset Libraries about their Home Library Service; well worth looking at if you have difficulty getting to the library or know someone who does. See the link below.

That's it for this edition, but lots below to be reminded about, so have a quiet browse, and enjoy.

Stay safe and think about the joys of Spring!

John

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Not to be missed!

PARISH EVENTS

<i>Forthcoming events and reminders! New announcements, etc. in red</i>		
Winsham Parish Web Site	HEADLINES Always worth a visit. Most, but not everything, makes the E-letter or Facebook!	Click HERE
Jubilee Hall Management Committee	Jubilee Café 11.00am Thursday, 18th April 1st Qtr. Draw for Lottery	
Winsham Hort Soc.	Message from new Chairman *	Click HERE

	Plant Sale-4th May, Jubilee Hall	
Ki Aikido Club	Message from Eileen Honeybun	<u>Click HERE</u>
Winsham Music Group	Next meeting- Wednesday,17th April	<u>Click HERE</u>
Somerset Libraries	Home Library Service	<u>Click HERE</u>
St. Margarets Hospice	Glorious Gardens launched for 2024	<u>Click HERE</u>
Winsham Parish Calendar 2025	Your pictures are needed!	<u>Click HERE</u>
Winsham Horticultural Society	Programme of talks and events for 2024	<u>Click HERE for details</u>
St. Stephen's 	St. Stephens Services, and most recent Rector's letter, telling of move to Minehead *	<u>Click HERE</u>
Winsham Community Club 	Forthcoming events	<u>Click HERE...</u> ...and scroll down for details of individual events
Winsham Art Club	Details of next workshop, and other Spring workshops	<u>Click HERE</u>
Winsham Walkers	2024 Walks have commenced & report on last walk-March	<u>Click HERE</u>

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<i>Village Interest Groups- New/coming week-in red</i>		

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Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance	Support Rita Burgess in her 310,000 sponsored steps in March	<u>Click HERE</u>
Winsham Community Club	Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, 31st March. Plus, BBQ and live music to follow.	<u>Click HERE</u>
Jubilee Hall Management Committee	Jubilee Hall Lottery 2024. Hurry, Sale of tickets at Winsham Shop ends Sunday 31st March	
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Anyone for Bridge?	New afternoon Bridge Group forming Wednesday, Feb. 7th Jubilee Hall	<u>Click HERE for details</u>
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Speranza	Music of Hope Café Concerts	<u>Click HERE for details</u>
Evening Art Workshops	Jubilee Hall	<u>Click HERE for details</u>

<p>With Deb Harris, Some places still available-Book now.</p>	<p>February, 2024</p>	
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NEW!	Addition to Loaring Family section by Jill Russell	Click HERE
Changes to Home Page	Changes to Home Page	Click HERE
Winsham Web Museum	Winsham and the Covid-19 Pandemic	Click HERE
Winsham Steet Fairs	1984-2022	Click HERE
The Queen's Coronation Diamond Jubilee 2013 and the Diamond Jubilee of her accession in 2012	Enjoy a trip down Memory Lane!	Click HERE

<p>Winsham Shop and Post Office</p>	<p>The History of Winsham Shop and Post Office from 1850</p>	<p><u>Click HERE</u> for more information, and link to the new site</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.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Wildlife Diaries 2016-2020 Contributed by Liz Earl</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Butterfly Diary 2019 Contributed by Liz Earl & Henk Beentje</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Paul Smith's 'Bugs 'n' Bees' Index</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Natural Winsham Fossils, Flora & Fauna</p> <p>.....</p> <p>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><u>Click HERE</u></p> <p><u>Click HERE</u></p> <p><u>Click HERE</u></p> <p><u>Click HERE</u></p> <p><u>Click HERE</u></p> <p><u>Click HERE</u></p>
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