



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 Winter theme banner above was created by Deborah Harris.

WINTER

Longer nights
Shorter days
Mornings covered with a haze.

Starry nights
Gloomy days
Mornings sprinkled to amaze.

Colder nights
Snowy days
Morning shivers make us laze.

ELIZABETH TURNER

Hi all,

I start this edition with some disappointing news. Rose Richards, our Clerk to Winsham Parish Council is retiring after five years of service. Rose may not be known personally to many in the parish, as she lives in Chard, but as Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, she fulfilled a very important and responsible role. Her duties included recording all income and expenditure and preparing quarterly and annual accounts and sending the annual return to the auditors. She also collaborated closely with the Chairman of the Parish Council, Jim Everard, in the preparation agenda for meetings, as well as preparing draft minutes of meetings. She was also responsible for managing Winsham Cemetery records as well as other information and data. One aspect of the latter is that she kept the regularly

backed-up digital files recording the contents of the Winsham Web Museum, to ensure that they do not get lost with the passage of time.

I am sure that all will wish Rose, a very nice lady, a long and happy retirement.

So, the search starts for a new clerk. It would be nice if he or she lived in Winsham, but there can be no certainty about this. The years since the new millennium have been a time of great change for most, evolving from the digital revolution; this also applies to the parish councils. As a result, all levels of government are expected to make more information available to the general public. This has added to the workload and level of training and professionalism required of a parish clerk.

Prior to the retirement of Ken Harvie in 1998, I think all the parish clerks lived in the parish and many, long serving. The first Parish Clerk was Walter Northcombe, appointed in 1894, when the Winsham Parish Council came into being (one of the first), and he served for thirty-eight years. His memory was honoured upon his death by the erection of the St. Stephen's Lych Gate. He was also the long serving Head Teacher at Winsham School.

If you are interested in applying, or perhaps know someone who is interested in such a part time position, you can find more information of the Winsham Parish Council Web site-Click [HERE](#).

St. Stephen's place on the Winsham Parish Web site is long established; each week it details the time of the following Sunday's service time and theme, and other parish church orientated events. It also includes the Rectors current letter to the benefice, which comes along about every two weeks. I found this week's letter of especial interest to me. It features, among other matters, St. Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland, whose Feast Day is on the 17th March, which this year happens on a Sunday. I come from an Irish Catholic family, on my father's side, and I happen to find accounts of the early Irish Catholic Church fascinating, especially before it became 'Romanised'. In other words, how it developed in the few centuries following St. Patrick.

If you like historical novels, you might be interested in the Sister Fidelma books by Peter Tremayne-a pseudonym for Peter Berresford Ellis, recognised as having a great knowledge of Celtic culture, the Irish language and the early Irish Catholic church. They are detective stories, and a good read-there are twenty-three of them, and I believe that I have read them all! They have won many awards.

Now to secular parish events.

The tabulated section below is updated with new events, and also has details of events which have appeared in recent editions of the e-letter, as reminders. The newly announced events are in red, as are some of the others which will be happening in the two weeks before the next e-letter. An event which Jan and I always enjoy being part of is the Easter Egg Hunt for the children, organised by Winsham Community Club. Contact Emma Pike if you wish to take part as a 'treasure' venue on Easter Sunday. See the link below.

I should also like to mention Rita Burgess's sterling effort to raise money for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Society. Rita, a longtime resident of Winsham has taken on a sponsored 310,000 step challenge to raise money for them and would like our readers support. 10,000 steps a day! Read more about this-follow the link below. I was at Musgrove Hospital a few months ago, when I saw at very close-range 'Peggy'-that's the helicopter's name-land very near to the main entrance, with an emergency. What an experience! The size and power of the helicopter was almost overpowering, and it clearly needs a lot of money to enable her life saving activities to continue. Please be generous!

That's it for this edition,

Let's hope for a little more sun, and a little less rain,

John

PS. Winsham Primary School PTFA are running an Easter Family Bingo event tomorrow afternoon

See the details below!

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Eyes down at half past four!

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	Bollywood Night Saturday, 23 rd March	Click HERE
Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance	Support Rita Burgess in her 310,000 sponsored steps in March	Click HERE
Winsham Community Club	Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, 31 st March. Plus, BBQ and live music to follow.	Click HERE
Jubilee Hall Management Committee	Jubilee Hall Lottery 2024. Hurry, Sale of tickets at Winsham Shop	

	ends Sunday 31st March	
Jubilee Hall Management Committee	Jubilee Café 11.00am Thursday, 21st March	
St. Margarets Hospice	Glorious Gardens launched for 2024	<u>Click HERE</u>
Winsham Parish Calendar 2025	Your pictures are needed!	<u>Click HERE</u>
Anyone for Bridge?	New afternoon Bridge Group forming Wednesday, Feb. 7th Jubilee Hall	<u>Click HERE for details</u>
Winsham Horticultural Society	Programme of talks and events for 2024	<u>Click HERE for details</u>
Speranza	Music of Hope Café Concerts	<u>Click HERE for details</u>
Evening Art Workshops With Deb Harris, Some places still available-Book now.	Jubilee Hall February, 2024	<u>Click HERE for details</u>
St. Stephen's 	St. Stephens Services, and most recent Rector's letter *	<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	<u>Click HERE</u>
Clapton and Wayford Film Society	The Autumn Film programme, starting 7 th September, has now been published	<u>Click HERE</u>
JUBILEE HALL SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB	Jubilee Hall, every Friday, 2.00pm New members welcome.	<u>Click HERE</u>
JHMC	Table Tennis at the Jubilee Hall Wednesday Mornings-10.am-11.00am	<u>Click HERE for details</u>
Pilates Classes	Weekly Pilates Classes Starting 10.15am every Monday Jubilee Hall First Class Free	<u>Click HERE</u>
Hatha Yoga Classes	YOGA in the Jubilee Hall Tuesdays 10.30-11.30am	<u>Click HERE for details</u> <u>First session free!</u>
Winsham Ki Aikido Club		<u>Click HERE</u>
<i>Community Information</i> <i>-new in red</i>		
Winsham Parish Council Web Site	Well worth of visit to see the detail of the Winsham Parish Council's work, with links to Somerset County Council unified services.	<u>Click HERE</u>
Useful for new residents and visitors	'Welcome to Winsham'	<u>Click HERE</u>

	An online guide for visitors and people new to the parish	
<i>Village Interest Groups- New/coming week-in red</i>		
Neighbourhood Watch Up-dated 8 th December	<p>Items relating to security over the Christmas</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*</p> <p>Important information about how you can play a part in defeating Spammers and Phishers!</p> <p>All well worth reading-crime is everywhere, even in Winsham! Be vigilant</p>	<u>Click HERE</u>
	The Bell	<u>Click HERE</u>
<i>Winsham Parish Council</i>		<u>Click HERE</u>
<i>Catholic Parish of The English Martyrs, Chard</i>	New link to web site	<u>Click HERE</u>
<i>Winsham Market Place</i>		
	<p>New Winsham Market Place</p> <p>Support your local suppliers of goods and services.</p>	<u>Click HERE</u>

	See the new & regular advertisers.	
WINSHAM WEB MUSEUM	WINSHAM WEB MUSEUM	WINSHAM WEB MUSEUM
NEW!	Addition to Loaring Family section by Jill Russell	<u>Click HERE</u>
Changes to Home Page	Changes to Home Page	<u>Click HERE</u>
Winsham Web Museum	Winsham and the Covid-19 Pandemic	<u>Click HERE</u>
Winsham Steet Fairs	1984-2022	<u>Click HERE</u>
The Queen's Coronation Diamond Jubilee 2013 and the Diamond Jubilee of her accession in 2012	Enjoy a trip down Memory Lane!	<u>Click HERE</u>
Winsham Shop and Post Office	The History of Winsham Shop and Post Office from 1850	<u>Click HERE</u> for more information, and link to the new site
Nature Lovers Guide to Winsham	<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</p> <p>Contributed by Liz Earl</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Butterfly Diary 2019</p> <p>Contributed by Liz Earl & Henk Beentje</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Paul Smith's 'Bugs 'n' Bees'</p> <p>Index</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Natural Winsham</p> <p>Fossils, Flora & Fauna</p> <p>.....</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>

	Paul Smith's reflections on farming, and his experience as a farmer in Winsham since 1921 until his passing in 2007. A unique record	<u>Click HERE</u>
<i>Miscellaneous</i>		
Somerset Museums UPDATED-a really useful web site.	Gives you details of most of the Museums in Somerset.	<u>Click HERE</u>

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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