



Dear Friends

What a context there is to our worship and life as Christians today.

Almost as bad as for the citizens of first century Corinth. I do not intend to be gloomy just realistic. Everything around us seems to be in a bad way from what we read in the press and see on our TV screens. Despite the best efforts of our government nothing they do seems to have the effect they and we wish for. We know only too well about the crime rate from the depredations that have occurred in our churches. Cricket, secluded as it may be, has suffered losses, and only last week our in wall offertory box was damaged in an effort to break into it.

Well then let us consider the first century and what happened then.

The Christians learned that they had to keep going with their new found faith and trust in a living saving God. As a result we know that gradually society around them began to change. Women were valued, schools were created, hospitals set up, communities of love and care came into being. These early people became leaven in the lump of their society. Thus Christian civilisation came slowly into being.

We face no less a challenge in this time. Since the 1960's the foundations of our society have been steadily undermined. High standards of behaviour and expectation have been eroded. The scales of justice and respect have been reversed so that to many it seems that laws protect and care more for the criminal than the victims of crime. There appear to be no effective sanctions against bad behaviour.

But we believe in a different way of life. In God's sight respect is the basis for all relationships. As we worship – pay respect to God – we subtly affect our other links with those around us. Under early persecution the Christian apologists maintained that they were the true foundations of the stability of the very empire that was giving them a hard time. People, I find from my contacts with folk from all over our country, are becoming fed up with the present status quo and are looking for better ways and real solutions to our problems. Thus we have an opportunity to proclaim Jesus' way of life.

Our task is to help rebuild the shattered foundations of a decent society. We shall not do this by watering down, or so-called popularising, our message but by telling the message straight. We reap what we sow. Yet the seed can be changed to produce good fruit, not tares and the weeds of our modern experience, under the loving forgiveness of our God.

Harvest time is upon us, we rejoice in the provision from the industry and commerce and agriculture, but we rejoice more in the everlasting fruit that the Spirit can produce in our lives and the lives of those around us. "Rejoice in the LORD always" said St Paul. Amen so be it.

David Savill



AN ANGLICAN ALPHABET

S IS FOR SACRAMENT-“An outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace given unto us, ordained by Christ himself.”

S IS FOR SANCTUARY-The easternmost part of the church where the altar stands enclosed by the altar rail from where the congregation receive the sacrament.

S IS FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS-Fourteen pictures or carvings of Jesus' journey from his trial to the cross usually placed around the church walls.

S IS FOR SANCTUS-An ancient hymn of the church taken from Isaiah 6v3 “Holy, holy, holy Lord,” sung in the middle of the Eucharistic prayer.

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH WINSHAM

Minister – Revd John McMinn – 01935 872105

Hon Secretary – Michael Hebditch – 01460 30201

Sunday services at 10.30am. 1st Sunday, tea and biscuits after the service. 3rd Sunday Holy Communion
3rd Thursday 12.15-1.30 monthly Soup & Cheese Lunch at the Sports Club



THORNCOMBE CHAPEL

Normal Sunday Services: 11am and 6.30pm

Bible Study: **Wednesdays – 7.30pm** Ladies Bright Hour: **Alternate Wednesdays – 2.30pm**

Saturday Club for Boys & Girls: Two age groups 5-8 years & 11-15 years. 11am to 12 noon every Saturday



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH CHARD

Priest: Cannon James O'Brien – 01460 62197

Services: Sunday Mass 8am and 11am. Weekdays – 9.30am. Holy Days – 9am and 7pm.

Confessions – Saturdays 11am – 12 noon.



FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

FUNERALS 15TH July – Bryan Howard, Thorncombe – Cremation at Yeovil
30th July – Mrs Hilda Burbidge – interment of ashes Thorncombe

BAPTISMS 25TH July – Finn William Clampett – Thorncombe
11th August – Malcolm Bruce & Brigitte Averina Bennett. Samuel Miles Kennard – Forde Abbey



WINSHAM UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Harvest Festival will be on Sunday, 22nd September at 11am and the Rev. Ken Southern B.A will conduct the service. The sale of produce will take place in the church on Monday evening, September 23rd at 7.30pm.



ST STEPHEN'S HARVEST FESTIVAL AND HARVEST LUNCH

This will take place on Sunday, 6th October. It will be a Family Service as in previous years followed by the lunch in the Jubilee Hall at 12.30pm. Do get your tickets early as the lunch proved to be a great success last year. We welcome all families and friends to the church and lunch. The sale of produce will take place on Monday, 7th October in the church at 10.30am.



There will be a Harvest Songs of Praise at 6.30pm with some of your favourite hymns and songs. All collections and proceeds from this day will be donated to the Harvest Help charity.

ST MARY'S CHURCH FETE AT THE VICARAGE

Having enjoyed a recent holiday, this is my first opportunity to say a big thank you to everyone involved with St Mary's Church Fete. It was a wonderful success, well organised, with plenty of variety, a community of people that came from far and wide. When called upon, the team spirit of all working and pulling together in the parish was good to see. So I thank all who worked hard to put it together, all who visited and enjoyed the day and hope you will join us again.

Ernie Chivers



THANK YOU FROM GLENYS HOWARD

I would like to thank everyone for the kindness shown to me in recent weeks. I was overwhelmed by the way you all came to my rescue and organised the catering for Bryan's thanksgiving on 15th July, it was wonderful.

Bryan once said to me that he came to Thorncombe just to be happy, and so many of you helped him to achieve just that.

Thank you all so very much.



FRIENDS OF SOMERSET CHURCHES AND CHAPELS ANNUAL SPONSORED BIKE RIDE AND WALK

This will be held on Saturday, 14th September from 10am-6pm, so if you enjoy cycling (or walking) and would like to help raise money for your church, as well as helping to preserve many other churches, why not take part. You can visit as many (or as few) churches as you wish during the time. In Somerset we have raised £116,000 for churches and chapels since 1997. The money you raise will be shared equally between FSCC and your own church or chapel.



This year St Mary's, Thorncombe has decided to combine our sponsored walk with the bike ride. Those of you who don't want to bike can walk to Winsham where we will meet for a cup of tea, followed by a short service in the church at 6.30pm. Likewise, walkers from Winsham toil uphill to Thorncombe where they will be guaranteed a warm welcome and company on the return leg. If you don't want to walk both ways there will be transport available to take you back. Sponsorship forms will be in the churches or available from Mrs Jean Peacock, Lynroy, Fore Street, Winsham – 30503 and Mrs Mary Rose Mangles, Higher Hewood, Hewood – 220235. So, time to get into training and find your sponsors.



Street Wise



Zimbabwe is constantly in the news as starvation looms for millions and especially those who do not support President Mugabe. Once the "bread basket" of Africa, now dependant on aid. White farmers driven off the land and their black workers thrown out. Food has been

sent by the aid agencies when it should be home produced in plenty. Our Harvest Festival Services will soon be held when we farmers might complain of a good harvest but very poor rewards for all the hard work involved. I think that's very true, but looking to our farming brothers' plight in Zimbabwe, we have an awful lot to be thankful for.

Before we came to Street we were actively exploring the possibilities of going to Africa to farm as my preferred career options, after demobilisation, did not materialise. Farms to rent were few and far between and there was little future in staying at the family farm where my father and eldest brother farmed the general farm and my brother David, the fruit farm. It was only the eccentric way the landlord went about letting Street that we became tenants. The land agent had reduced the number of applicants from one hundred and fifty to fifteen and my father's name was at the top of the list. Instead of the usual method of asking all fifteen to view the farm, Mr Lawley told Mr Morgan to ask my father to view the farm on Monday and tell him by Thursday whether we wanted to be his tenants. Despite the quality of the land, the rabbits and hedges, he accepted and we became partners all those years ago.

I expect you all read recently that the majority of organic pig meat in Tesco's and other supermarkets is imported from Germany. If we produced the same product in the UK under identical conditions we would not be able to label it organic. Another example of applying different standards across the E.U. Unfortunately we have gold plated standards while the farmers across the channel have more sensible criteria to adhere to. Are shoppers happy? Presumably so, for the story has gone quietly away, or is it that the tremendous buying and selling power of the supermarkets has sold this story of production inequality to its customers so well that they accept it?

What about these for abbreviations. "To date no vaccine has been developed to combat PDNS or PMWS in the nations pig herd." Porcine Dermatitis and Nephropathy Syndrome and Post Weaning Multisystemic Wasting Syndrome. MS



THORNCOMBE RAIL ACTIVITIES CLUB

At the last meeting of the club we welcomed Chris Challis, of Challis Models from Shepton Mallett for a further discussion about Railway Modelling.

Chris started off the discussion by talking about the design of layouts to reflect prototypical accuracy. He

went on to talk about how, in the early days of railways, the track layout at stations had been very simple, but as business developed so did the need for more crossing places and sidings.

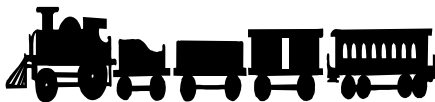
Signalling had originally been on an elapsed time basis, that is, a railway policeman would allow a train to pass him and not allow a further one to go until a certain amount of time had passed, which was dependant on the distance to the next signal. This system was replaced once the telegraph had come into use, by a much safer system controlled from signal boxes that were in contact with each other. The nickname of "bobby" given to the policemen who had originally controlled the movement of trains stayed and is indeed still in use for signalmen today.

Other points discussed were the development of engines, rolling stock and how the models available, both in ready to run and kits to build yourself, reflect these aspects.

During July members visited the Peco Factory at Beer and were given an interesting tour of the works and also visited the Beer Heights Light Railway Engine Shed. Another visit was to the East Somerset Railway where again we were taken on a guided tour of the site and had a very interesting explanation of the objectives of the railway. We also visited the Avon Valley Country Park near Keynsham where we were entertained to a barbecue and given the opportunity to drive some of their locomotives.

Members were reminded that the next meeting would be on Wednesday the 18th of September when Dave Wellman will be showing slides and talking about "Dorset Railway Delights."

Any enquiries please telephone Michael Sheasby on 01460 30474.



HOLDITCH HALL

We look forward to seeing all whist players at our fortnightly whist drives, which start on 9th September at 7.30pm. Thank you for your support. *Holditch Hall Ct.*

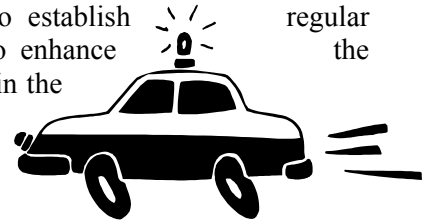


NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS – WINSHAM

Welcome back to Police Constable Roger Saunders as the newly appointed beat manager for Tatworth,

Forton, Winsham, Wambrook and other smaller villages south of the A303.

P.C. Saunders hopes to establish 'surgeries' as a way to enhance regular the visible police presence in the villages so that residents can meet and talk with him first hand.



Although working from Chard he can be contacted – **for non-emergency calls** – via the police voice mail system on: 01935 402268 extension 70527.

Guy Crowden-NW Coordinator



THORNCOMBE W.I.



Members welcomed guests from six other institutes to their July meeting. All were eagerly expecting a talk on beauty from a Boots representative. The disappointment of the speaker's cancellation was hilariously appeased by Mr David Andrews who accepted a last-minute booking for his "Sing along Play along" session. To see approximately fifty ladies almost weeping with laughter at each other's attempts to bang, clap, hoot, ding and sing at Mr. Andrews' behest made the evening a success.

Delicious food was served; the table decorations raffled and everyone went home happy.

In September there will be a talk on "Photography in your Garden" – improve your technique – by Philip Gamble. The competition is for a personal photo of an individual flower. This will be on Tuesday the 10th at 7.30pm in the Community Room. Hostesses will be Romaine Growdon and Julie Honeybourne. Don't forget flower of the month.

The competition in July was for a decorative evening bag and this was won by Erica Dunsmore with Mary Turner winning flower of the month. *MT*



ST MARY'S CHURCH FETE

A big "THANK YOU" to all who helped with the Church fete on 20th July and all who came to support us. We had a very enjoyable afternoon and made a total of £1,422. *RL*



GOD'S "VOICE MAIL!"

We have all learned to live with voice mail but have you wondered what would happen if God installed His.



Imagine praying and hearing this.

Thank you for calling my Father's House – please select one of the following options:-

Press 1 for Requests Press 2 for Thanksgiving
Press 3 for Complaints Press 4 for All Other Enquiries

If you get the engaged signal you will hear:- I'm sorry but all of our angels are busy helping other sinners right now. However, your prayer is important to us and will be answered in order it was received, so please stay on the line.

If you'd rather not wait –

Press 1 for Gabriel Press 2 for Michael Press
3 for a Gregorian Chant Press 4 for a Happy Clappy
Hymn

Press 5 to see if your Great Grandfather was assigned to Heaven, quoting social security number.

For answers to nagging questions about dinosaurs, the age of the earth or where Noah's Ark is, please wait until you arrive here.

Our computers show that you have already prayed once today. Please hang up and try again tomorrow so that others may have a chance to get through.

The office will be closed for the weekend to observe a religious holiday. Please pray again on Monday after 9.30am.

When the office is closed, for any emergency assistance, call your local vicar or priest.



I am pleased to say that our last day of term beach party was a great success. Thankfully the sun was around and it was nice for the children to have their picnic in the garden. I would like to say thank you to Sharon

Foote for all her help on the day and to all the staff.

On Friday, 27th September from 10am till 11am we will be holding a baby clinic with Velda Paul, our pre-school health visitor in attendance. Everyone is welcome to come and have their babies weighed and

get any advice they may need. If the clinic is well supported we will be able to hold it monthly.

On Saturday, 28th September we are holding a tabletop sale from 10am until 12 noon in the Jubilee Hall. If anyone would like to book a table the charge will be £5 for a large table – or you could have half for £2.50 and a small card table for £1.50, ideal for children. To book a table you can phone Linda on 30872 or Julie on 30031.

We start the new term on Thursday, 5th September and our theme will be transport. We do have some places available at the moment so if there is anyone interested in coming and seeing what we do and what we have to offer you will be very welcome and may even get a cup of tea!
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THORNCOMBE VILLAGE TRUST

Our next meeting on September 12th will be a talk on the "Flora of Dorset" by Brian Edwards, D.W.T. All are welcome – 7.30pm in the Community Room.



We are still looking for suitable sites for tree planting, if you can help contact Nigel Merrett on 30109.

On September 26th the Trust will be organising a stall for cakes and produce in aid of Farm Africa, if you can help by donating a cake or produce please contact Joan Lovegrove on 30313. The mission of Farm Africa is to reduce poverty by enabling marginal farmers in Africa to make sustainable improvements to their well being through more effective management of their renewable natural resources. Further information can be obtained by contacting Philippa Langdon – County Organiser on 01884 – 253857.

On that evening we will be having a 'Gardener's Question Time' in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. There will be a buffet supper with wine. Tickets will cost £7.50. This will be an opportunity to ask advice from the experts about your gardening problems. The panel for that evening will include Anne Swithenbank – T.V.Gardener, Charlotte Roper – Forde Abbey Gardens and Michael Hickson – Head Gardener at Knightshayes. David Barrow of Dulford Nurseries will chair the panel.

On 13th October the Annual Village Walk will take place. Eve Higgs has kindly offered to organise this

and if last year is anything to go by it should be a great success – more information from Eve in next month's magazine.

Did you see.....?

The second great annual period of changeover for our birds has already begun with the departure for Africa of the swifts, the young birds preceding their parents. They are indeed remarkable creatures and research has revealed that this first flight of the young lasts no less than 23 months during which time they will have covered 350,000 miles! As the other summer visitors move southwards, they feed extensively to give them strength to cross the mountain and desert areas, which they must traverse to reach Africa. In this way, many will visit the parish, especially warblers, wheatears and redstarts. Watch also for cuckoos (who will be silent) and hobbies. By early October few will remain and instead there will be the winter thrushes, waders etc. driven south by advancing winter.

As the unsettled weather here has continued, butterflies have remained scarce and some residents have noted that even their buddleias have failed to attract them.



August defiantly seems to be a steamy month – and before you all get too excited, I mean in the meteorological sense. Rain followed by rain has left the estate steaming in a very tropical way.

Richard III was performed on one of the only glorious evenings of the month before a slightly smaller than anticipated but nonetheless appreciative audience.

Within the wild life park the new macaques are enjoying their new island enclosure, so much so that one managed to escape in a moment of over exuberant play but was luckily caught before he got too far.

The Lubborn cheese plant is on target to start production in September. That is if the equipment from France manages to make it in time.

Lastly there is evidence of attempted break ins to both the wall safe and glass bottle within the church. If anyone has any ideas as to how we might stop these individuals or has seen people wandering around with sledgehammers or crowbars do let me know. *SV*



THORNCOMBE ART GROUP

On Saturday, 19th October the art group will be holding their biennial exhibition of work from 10am to 4pm in the Village Hall. There will be original paintings for sale and the 2003 Thorncombe Village Calendar will also be available. Money raised from the sale of the calendars goes towards the Thorncombe First Responders.



Refreshments will be available including morning coffee, ploughman's lunches and cream teas. Admission is free but donations towards cancer charities will be gratefully accepted. *RR*

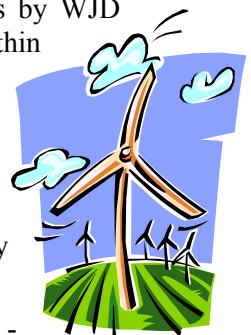


WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Clerk writes: -

When I wrote my report in July I fully expected that our next meeting would be in September. However planning applications for wind turbines at Cricket St Thomas, a conservatory extension at 8 Church St and an artist studio at 3 Fore Street have all materialised. We held a Planning Committee meeting on 24th July to discuss the wind turbines and the minor amendment to the conservatory extension. An informal meeting on 7th August, originally organised for maintenance work on the lower recreation ground, was advertised as a formal meeting, to consider the artist studio application and to offer formal support for 'Winsham Shop Ltd' in their endeavours to keep our shop and post office open.

The application for wind turbines by WJD Taylor of Cricket St Thomas is within Winsham Parish. This is a substantial application. The Parish Council was asked to comment on appearance and visual impact, impact on surrounding properties, highway safety and landscaping.



Their response was as follows: - the committee is in favour of a policy of renewable energy as we move into the 2001st century. They see this application as an inevitable evolutionary process towards this goal. In principle they are in favour of the applications, with conditions and reservations.

1. SSDC have requested the submission of an Environmental Impact Assessment for this proposal

which will be available as part of the public file when received. The committee reserves the right to comment again on this application after reading this independent survey.

2. Based on the available information, there should be additional screening along the A30, between the mobile phone mast and the turning for Winsham. The A30 is a dangerous road and any distraction where driver's loose concentration should be avoided.

3. The turbines should not be promoted as a tourist attraction, for reasons in 2 above and because of the danger caused by increased traffic on the narrow lanes around Purtington and Winsham.

4. The temporary roads for access to and from the site should **ALL** be removed completely and the ground made good. The concern is that with new access roads there is a temptation for further development on the Cricket Estate.

5. The electrical control building should have an appearance which blends into the surrounding environment.

At the meeting on 7th August members passed a resolution to support Winsham Shop Ltd with their application to the Country Side Agency for a Community Service Grant. There was no objection to the planning application at 3 Fore St.

Due to rain the team were unable to complete the painting at the lower recreation ground.

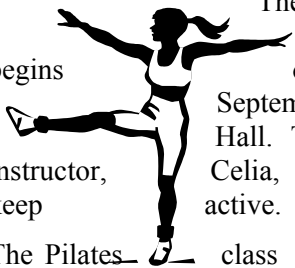
The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 4th September at 8 p.m.** in the Jubilee Hall. If you can please come along.



THORNCOMBE FITNESS CLASSES

The new session of the Thorncombe aerobics class begins on Wednesday, 4th September at 2 pm in the Village Hall. This term we welcome a new instructor, Celia, who will be helping us to keep active.

The Pilates class on a Monday from 10 to 11am is continuing under Belle's tuition. The exercises in this class are to promote strength and mobility.



Both classes are suitable for all ages and abilities and we welcome new members.

For further details:- Aerobics contact – Vivienne on 01460 30205 and for Pilates – Belle on 01460 76169.

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WINSHAM WALKERS

A dozen walkers, one five year old and a multitude of dogs set off from The Bell at 11.00 a.m. under a cloudy bright sky. The route went by way of Broadenham Lane, via Hey Farm to Wayford Woods and returned through the fields passing beneath the railway and over the River Axe. The permissive path around Magdalen Farm was taken to arrive back at The Bell for timely refreshment and lunch.



The next walk will be on Thursday, 5th September starting from The Bell at 11.00 a.m. Why not join us!

Further information from Peter Pye, 01460 30751.



THORNCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Clerk writes –

Even though the Parish Council does not normally have a meeting in August, it is business as usual at the Parish Office. As you can see, by the following article, this month-long break for our hard working councillors is definitely not all holiday.

Dr Evans, the Director of Planning for West Dorset requested an informal meeting with the Parish Council to discuss his decisions regarding the Local Plan Review. At the meeting on 9th July, Dr Evans informed the Council that there are very strict rules governing what can and cannot be done on land beyond the Defined Development Boundary. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a parish councillor.

The councillors visited the Chard Junction Quarry 24th July, at the invitation of Aggregate Industries. Staff accompanied councillors as they walked through the existing site to the proposed extension at Hodgeditch, on the other side of Broadbridge Lane. A splay is to be built at the most northeastern point to provide access from the original site to the planned development. The extraordinarily large size of the haul vehicles that would use the crossing, and the increased number of

walkers, cyclists and motorists using the lane caused much concern to the councillors. It was agreed to write to the County Council and once again request an updated traffic survey with an offer to provide volunteers to help. A reply was received in August stating, 'the Highways Authority feel the proposed roadway crossing is acceptable and there is no need for a new traffic survey.'



The Parish Council newsletter is in its final draft stage and will be ready for the 1st September. The distribution points are the Village Shop and Hibbard's Automotive. It is hoped that others can be left at the Village Hall, Sports Club, Church, St Mary's School and at Laymore.

A letter has been sent to all organisations in the parish asking if they would like to be included in the new parish website. If your group has been missed, please accept my apologies and let me know. It is hoped that the Thorncombe site can be linked to the UK Villages Website.

The Council received six completed applications for the position of Parish Clerk. At the time of writing this article, the final selection process and interviews are not completed. It is hoped that my successor will be formally appointed in September.

I hope you have enjoyed a good summer and look forward to seeing you at the next Parish Meeting on Tuesday 3rd September in the Community Room of the Village Hall. If you would like an item place on the agenda, please contact the chairman, Mark Agnew 30385 or myself on 30139.



THE FUTURE OF WINSHAM SHOP AND POST OFFICE



A public meeting was held in the Jubilee Hall on 23rd July, attended by over 120 people. At that meeting I outlined the proposals for a Village Association, called

Winsham Shop Ltd, to own and manage the shop in the existing premises rented from Graham Winter. To do this the Association needed to raise money and people were offered the

option of purchasing shares or of making interest free unsecured loans for which bonds will be issued. I am delighted to report that the response was very enthusiastic and we have exceeded our target figure to allow us to establish the Association as a registered company with 149 members (shareholders). 47 people have made loans. We will be holding a shareholders meeting in September at which a Board of Directors will be elected and the management arrangements established.

We have applied to the Countryside Agency for a grant under the Vital Villages Scheme. At the time of writing we are negotiating the details of the structural alterations needed to create a lock-up shop as well as the transfer of the assets of the business. I have every confidence that by the time you read this the negotiations will have been satisfactorily concluded and the Association will be ready to start trading.

We have identified a relief Postmaster who is prepared to run the post office for 6 months in the first instance and, if a satisfactory deal can be struck, possibly longer.



He will be able to start on 9th September. Graham has agreed in principle to stay in business until that date, provided we can agree the details of the transfer and lease and I therefore hope and believe that the shop and post office will continue to trade under new management without any break.

There is still a great deal to be done. To open the shop for the hours identified as needed in our survey last June will require voluntary workers to supplement the paid staff. Nearly 20 people put their names forward in the survey, but you can never have too many and if anyone can offer time or expertise and have not already put their names forward, please let either me (tel 30306) or Tony Laws-Spindler at The Bell know. We are also going to need volunteers to help with the structural alterations (contact Rod Wells -30579 or Tony as above). Donations of materials will also be welcome. You do not need to be a member to be a volunteer! We can never have too much money, and applications for membership are still welcome. Shares are offered at £10, and bonds are issued in multiples of £100.

The local community will wholly own the shop. The management committee will endeavour to ensure that it responds to local needs and will always want to refine and improve the service in response to people's needs

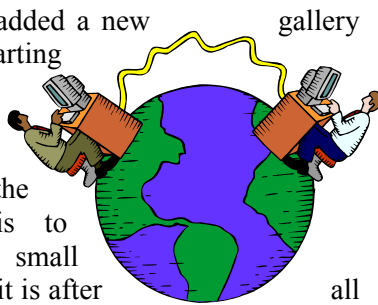
but it will be for everyone in Winsham to make it a success, by using it, by working within it and by the contribution of money and other help. This is an exciting new project, which will only succeed if it is given the wholehearted support of the people who live here.

Robert Shearer



NEW GALLERY FOR WINSHAM WEB MUSEUM

The Web Museum has added a new gallery this month. Named 'Starting a Web Museum,' this particular gallery is unusual in that it is not directed specifically at the parish. Its purpose is to encourage and help small communities anywhere (it is after all the world wide web), both rural and urban, to record their history using a web site.



This does not mean that it is without interest for Winsham folk. It gives a full account of how the idea came about and how it was developed, and also gives a lot of guidance for organisations and people who have never built a web site or organised a museum. It also explains the benefits and practicalities of web museums for small communities over the traditional 'bricks and mortar' ones. The technical sections are written by our

own 'webmaster', Bob Osborn, and are full of good advice relevant to anyone thinking of building a web site, regardless of its subject matter.

Have you been listening to 'The Archers' on Radio 4? As I mentioned in last month's edition of the Joint Parish Magazine, Jennifer is building her own web site to house her 'Ambridge Archive'. Guess where the idea came from. Yes, you guessed correctly. About six months ago we told the producer of the programme about our project, and they became very interested, with lots of e-mails going backwards and forwards. It is not of course a major storyline, but currently it seems to be used about a couple of times a week. I expect it will go on the backburner when Jennifer Aldridge finds out what Brian has been up to. I wonder if he will end up on the Ambridge Archive as history!

The link with The Archers is part of our strategy to encourage other small communities to record their history using a web site. Some five million people listen to the programme across the world, so it is a good way of spreading the idea. First Winsham, then Ambridge, and then the rest of the world.
www.winshamwebmuseum.co.uk JSS



HAVE YOU TRIED?

Discontented with your life? But there's another side. Change it. Rearrange it. Have you ever really tried?

Moaning, groaning, grumbling will not get you very far. In yourself you have the power to reach up for a star. You can make or break your life. The choice is up to you. Rise above your circumstances. Take a different view.

Patience Strong