

Winsford 100 Christmas Draw

December 24, 2018

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1st Prize	£100	Antony Coates (32)
2nd Prize	£ 50	James How (89)
3rd Prize	£ 30	Julia Green (126)
4th Prize	£20	Gerry Flanagan (69)
5th Prize	£10	Jeremy Brown (102)

Christmas Services, Carols on the Green, Christmas Card Delivery

December 24, 2018

Christmas Services



The Exmoor Benefice
CHRISTMAS
AT
THE CHURCH OF ST MARY MAGDALENE
WINSFORD

Sunday 9th December

Carol Service
6pm

Christmas Eve

Midnight Holy Communion
11.30pm

All are welcome to these services and we
look forward to sharing this special season
with you.

For further details please contact the Rector, Revd David Weir,
Exford 831330



Christmas Carols on the Green

Wednesday 19th December

Meet at 6.30pm

Winsford Village Green

and afterwards in

The Royal Oak

All Welcome

Collection for
Children's Hospice South West



For more details contact Brenda Staples
01643 851396

Please wrap up well and don't forget to bring a torch!

Christmas Card Delivery

WINSFORD CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY 2018



We are offering to deliver your local cards in Winsford in exchange for a donation to Winsford Church Funds. Last year you generously donated £319.

Please could you let Sue Hayes (The Close, Winsford) have your cards for delivery, along with your donation, as early as possible but no later than

Thursday 13th December 2018.

We would like to thank the Strickland family who have been delivering cards for the church for many years. They did a fantastic job!

Many thanks, Sue, Jean, Jill and Tracey

MERRY CHRISTMAS

BBC River Walks featuring Winsford

December 10, 2018

The Exe

[River Walks Series 1](#)

Father and daughter Stanley and Rachel Johnson, who both grew up in the Exe valley, walk the first 12 miles of this beautiful river. They start their journey from the headwaters high on Exmoor and finish in the picture-postcard village of **Winsford**.

This programme will be aired at 19.30pm on BBC West

Winsford Flu Jabs

November 26, 2018

Remembrance on Exmoor

November 9, 2018

REMEMBRANCE ON EXMOOR 2018



THURSDAY 8TH NOVEMBER
St Mary the Virgin, Luxborough
Remembrance Reflections 6.30pm

FRIDAY 9TH NOVEMBER
Acts of Remembrance, 10.45am
Cutcombe War Memorial with Cutcombe School
Exford Memorial Hall with Exford School

SUNDAY 11TH NOVEMBER
St Mary Magdalene, Winsford
Service of Remembrance, 10.45am
(Names to be read from Exton, Winsford, Cutcombe & Luxborough)

St Andrew, Withypool
Service of Remembrance, 10.45am
(Names to be read from Exford, Exmoor, Hawkridge & Withypool)

Acts of Remembrance 12noon
Winsford Village War Memorial
Exton War Memorial (outside church)

Church bells across the country will ring at 12.30pm

Informal Reflective Holy Communion 5pm
St Mary Magdalene, Exford

Beacon of Light
Wambarrows, Winsford Hill
6.30pm for 6.45pm



Christmas Card Sale & Remembrance on Exmoor

November 7, 2018

Christmas Card Sale

&

Coffee Morning

In aid of St Mary's Church, Winsford

Friday 9th November

10am—12 noon

Winsford Village Hall

Free entry

Raffle



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Harvest Supper – another very enjoyable evening!

November 4, 2018

Harvest Supper

Another enjoyable harvest supper took place on Saturday, 13th October. There are, of course, many people to thank, whose hard work ensured a successful evening.



First of all, thank you to John Titcombe, who was in charge of the tickets and manned the reception desk. He also made a really good job of selling the raffle tickets and organising the draw.

Once again, Trish Clatworthy's table decorations were stunning. Thank you Trish for what must have been hours and hours of dedicated work. Thank you also to Lilian Harding, who contributed a wide range of delicious desserts and to everybody else who provided salad or pudding dishes. Your contributions were very much appreciate.





After the meal the flower arrangements were auctioned off. We are very grateful for the generous bidding which took place. Richmond Harding, was determined that everyone should dig deep into their pockets to support church funds. He managed to get a top price of £20 for one of the flower arrangements. Thank you to Freddie Hayes for his winning bid and for all the other generous under-bidders.



Last but not least we must thank our team of washer-uppers without whom the harvest supper could not have taken place. At the end of the evening when all the proceeds were added up, we were delighted to find that we had made a total of £650. This was over and above the sum of £30 spent on food items for the Alcombe Larder.

Well done everybody. We look forward to seeing you again in 2019.

Tish Brown, Jo Johnson and Jane Pearn

Winsford Craft Fair

November 4, 2018

WINSFORD CRAFT FAIR

Sunday 4th November

WINSFORD VILLAGE HALL

2-5PM

Tables of Crafts

Cake Stall – Refreshments

In aid of Winsford Craft Club

Concert commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1- Beacon for Remembrance

November 2, 2018

**Concert commemorating
100th Anniversary of the end of WW1**

Directed by

April Golding & Brenda Staples

In aid of the Royal British Legion

Saturday 3rd November 2018

7.30pm

Winsford Village Hall



Light refreshments and wine bar

Tickets £3 each available from

The Village Shops at Exford, Wheddon Cross,

Winsford and Withypool

Also from Bridge Cottage Tea Room, Winsford

Enquiries: 01643 851396

Beacon for Remembrance

On the 11th November 2018, the United Kingdom and its friends overseas will mark the day 100 years ago when the guns fell silent at the end of the First World War.

There will be a chance to pay our personal tribute to those millions who died or returned wounded from the dreadful four years of war by joining together on Winsford Hill at Wambarrows on November 11th at 6.55pm for the lighting of a beacon. This will be one of several in the area and it is hoped the weather will not prevent our seeing the surrounding beacons light up in memory of those to whom we owe so much.

Thank you and Winsford Harvest Supper

September 30, 2018



Macmillan 2018

**Bridge Cottage Tearoom
Winsford**

Thank you to all who supported and contributed to the above event.

We are delighted to say that **£831.06** was raised thanks to the generosity and support given.

We would like to say a big 'thank you' to our volunteers (Sue Hayes, Tracey Staples, Jean Bunn, Tess Church,

Stephanie Cattermole and Angela Woodcock) who steered the ship and made sure everything ran smoothly.

Thanks again

Teresa & Roy Thomson

Winsford Harvest Supper Saturday

13th October

6:30 for 7pm

Winsford Village Hall



Contact John Titcombe for tickets 01643 851275

Adults £10.00, Children 10 years and under £5.00

Please bring your own drink, we will provide the glasses

Draw prizes or donations will be gratefully received

Macmillan Coffee Morning & Winsford Parish Council – Clerk Vacancy

September 3, 2018



Bridge Cottage Tearoom at Winsford

will be holding a coffee morning on

Friday 21st September from 10.00am to 12 noon.

In addition to the cakes, tea & coffee we will be also selling bacon sandwiches whilst stocks last!

We are now starting to collect prizes for the raffle (biscuits, chocolates and wine).

Any contributions will be gratefully received and all proceeds will go to Macmillan.

Further details can be obtained from the Tearoom.

We look forward to seeing you on the day,

Teresa & Roy



WINSFORD PARISH COUNCIL Invites applications for the post of PARISH CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER

Relevant experience desirable but assistance and training available. Must be computer literate and have access to the Internet.

156 hours per annum plus agreed expenses.

Application, including CV, to be submitted by Friday 21st September 2018 to:-

Mrs Caroline Moore, Higher Crosses, Armour Lane, Exton, Dulverton, Somerset. TA22 9LD

Tel:- 01643 851694, e-mail:- winsfordparishcouncil@gmail.com from whom further information may be obtained.

Winsford Fete

August 21, 2018



WINSFORD FETE

'Rain, rain go away and come again another day' but sadly it didn't and this years fete was not for the faint hearted as the drizzle continued turning to rain throughout the afternoon.

However the residents of Winsford were not to be put off, they manned their stalls and the afternoon kicked off on time to the sounds of some 40's swing, which lifted the spirits and encouraged everyone to enjoy the afternoon.

As always the Flower, Produce and Craft Show was well supported. A steady stream of competitors had made their way to the tent during the morning laden with flowers, vegetables and of course cake! Even though the growing season this year had been challenging this did not affect the quality of the entries

The photography section was particularly well supported this year with great photos of bridges, feet and the colour blue!

Many thanks to those who entered, especially if it was your first time and even if you didn't win a class this year please have a go next year.

Also thanks to those of you who stayed for the auction to make it such a success. Edward Harding did a fantastic job selling the various lots including the 1st Prize winning chocolate cake made by David Weir.

Outside whilst the rain continued to get ever stronger the Dog Show got under way and there was not shortage of entrants. Our experienced Judge Karen Draper had a wide variety of breeds for all classes and a happy atmosphere prevailed

All class winners gallantly came back for the Best in Show class, for which we thank you, which was won by Leanna Coles lovely Working Springer Bitch "Leila" showing her lovely movement and ring presence. Reserve was a delightful and beautifully marked Whippet dog "Jink" owned by Elizabeth Johnston. All dogs and owners were very well behaved and an entertaining afternoon was had by all!

Those who were extra brave had a go at the Dog Agility and well done to Karen and Suzy for the braving the elements without shelter for the whole afternoon.

There was no shortage of opportunities to have some fun and spend some money as always the Tombola had a steady stream of participants, the coconut shy was a smash! and the bric-a-brac, books and clothes tents and the plants and toy stalls did some steady trade and of course the sheep racing followed by the duck race which added to the entertainment.

So money spent how better to round off the afternoon with a cuppa and some home made cake, or maybe even a burger followed by an ice cream, whilst checking to see if you were a winner in the Grand Draw. There were some wonderful prizes so a big thank you to Sara and all her helpers for making it such a success.

All in all a great afternoon, raising a total of £3,690.54. So well done everybody!

Winsford Harvest Supper

August 19, 2018

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13th October

6:30 for 7pm

Winsford Village Hall



Contact John Titcombe for tickets 01643 851275

Adults £10.00, Children 10 years and under £5.00

Please bring your own drink, we will provide the glasses

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Winsford Fete – Help Needed

July 11, 2018

WINSFORD FETE & SHOW WITH FAMILY DOG SHOW



Saturday 11th August at 1pm

Family Dog Show 1.15pm



Children's Fancy Dress 1.30pm and Races 2.45pm

Sheep Racing (1st Race 2pm)

Show of Auction Produce starts at 4pm
Maypole Dancing, Plant Stall, Traditional Fete Stalls, Tombola,
Produce, Cakes, Clothes, Bric-a-brac and Books

Grand Draw

Things we need for the fete are prizes for the raffle and tumble, old chipped china for the china throwing stall, clothes, shoes, hats and jewellery for the clothes tent, teddy bears, soft toys, household items for the “white elephant”, toys and puzzles, produce and preserves, books and cakes.

Also old quilts to be made into dog beds.

Please bring any of these items to Sue Hayes at The Close, Winsford or call me on 01643 851372 to pick them up.

WANTED!

Winsford church invites you to enter your homegrown produce, home cooking, crafts, photographs etc into

WINSFORD FETE SHOW TENT

Produce and home cooking to be auctioned in aid of the Church

Entry form with details available from the following places in Winsford:

The Oak Shop, Bridge Cottage Tea Rooms and Winsford Garage

OR Download form the village website: winsfordexmoor.org.uk

Or for an email copy contact Jo: halselane02@gmail.com

Strawberry Cream Tea

June 30, 2018



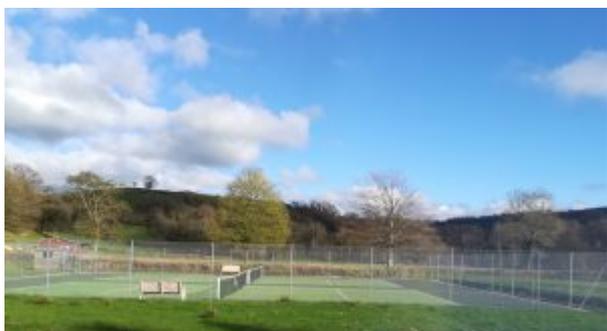
Strawberry Cream Tea

Sunday 1st July at 2.30pm
The Close, Winsford

Free entry, everyone welcome.
Raffle & Garden Quiz and a relaxing afternoon
Donations to the Winn Club, Contact Sue Hayes 851372

Winsford Tennis Courts

April 24, 2018



The tennis courts have now re-opened after some much needed tlc!

The courts, the nets and the benches have all been professionally cleaned and are ready to be used by everyone. So all we need now is some more great weather!

There is no formal booking system, so just play and enjoy!

Winsford Village Maintenance Day

April 4, 2018

Winsford Village Maintenance Day



Saturday 14th April

10.30am

Winsford Village Green

Please come along and help with the annual village tidy up.
Help needed with weeding, litter collection and re-painting of the bus shelter
and general tidying.

Please contact Mel Mileham on 01643 851224
for more information and offers of help.

Thankyou!

Winsford's Annual Litter Pick Up 2018

February 28, 2018

**PLEASE NOTE THIS EVENT IS POSTPONED DUE TO PREDICTED
HEAVY SNOW FALL**



**WINSFORD'S ANNUAL LITTER PICK UP
SUNDAY 18TH MARCH
10.30AM**

WINSFORD VILLAGE CAR PARK

PLEASE COME ALONG AND HELP TO KEEP OUR VILLAGE BEAUTIFUL

LITTER PICKERS AND BAGS WILL BE PROVIDED

PLEASE BRING HEAVY DUTY GLOVES AND
WEAR PRACTICAL BRIGHT CLOTHING or
A HIGH VIZ IF YOU HAVE ONE

Coffee and hot chocolate will be served at the Royal Oak after the event courtesy of Sally & Mark Bradley

Please contact Beverley Flanagan on 01643 851762 for information or to register your help

Buddy Brilliant!

February 17, 2018



Never before has the village hall seen such a mass of dancing, waving and singing as Buddy Holly, aka Spencer Jordan, rock 'n rolled us through Friday evening on the 2nd February!

A packed hall of nearly 100 locals enjoyed their drinks and snacks whilst being entertained by songs that most of them remember the first time round! Talk about "Rave On"...it was manic!

Spencer had West End theatre experience and tours with The Be-Bop-a-Lula rock 'n roll show nationwide but he had one residing ambition....which he realised on Friday evening!

Fun finally returned to Winsford on a cold February evening and we raised nearly £1000 on behalf of two excellent causes, Love Musgrove, which is currently attempting to raise £1mm. for the purchase of a third MRI scanner and The Minehead Cancer Support Club.

We travelled back to the late fifties with such classics as Oh boy!, That'll be the day, Heartbeat and many many others that Buddy Holly made famous. There was a 20 minute interval whilst the raffle was drawn and we were then treated to a host of well-known rock 'n roll music songs authentically delivered by Spencer.

The event was organised by Bernadette Hunt & Jenny Williams and supported by a team of helpers so a big thanks to all of them.

It was such a success that people we're asking when the next one is! Watch this space!

It's that time of year again – Six Nations 2018

February 3, 2018



It's that time of year, as February approaches, when the sports-minded start to review the 6 Nations rugby championship, and this year it appears that it could be significantly more competitive than previous years due to the resurgence of Scotland, the unpredictability of France, the flair of Wales, the tenacity of Italy and the ever powerful England.

The 5 Nations became the 6 Nations in year 2000 when Italy joined the fold, and England head the cumulative 2000-2017 table with 64 wins out of a total of 90 games played. Ireland are next with 58 wins and France close behind with 57. Wales come next on 49, Scotland with 24 and Italy on a lowly 12.

England won the 2017 championship from Ireland and France and, interestingly, Stuart Hogg of Scotland was voted Player of the Tournament in both 2016 & 2017. England have had only one winner of the PooT, Mike Brown in 2014. Ronan O'Gara of Ireland holds both the appearance (63) and overall points scoring (557) records.

England are the 5/6 favourites for this year's tournament but are suffering, like a lot of the other nations, many injuries. Particularly disappointing is Billy Vunipola's absence due to a broken arm having just returned from 3 month's injury but they also have 12 further squad members who are currently incapacitated including Nathan Hughes who would have replaced Billy Vunipola at No.8.

Wales are going to be without both their first choice fly-halves in Dan Biggar and Rhys Priestland along with the mazy runner Liam Williams and one of their best back-row forwards Dan Lydiate. Scotland have 7 front row forwards missing and Ireland have the excellent Sean O'Brien and the upcoming Gary Ringrose missing.

Saturday 3rd February

Wales v Scotland – Wales have home advantage but despite their injury issues, Scotland are on a high after their win over Australia in the Autumn. Forecast....very close!



France v Ireland – France will set off at 100 mph but Ireland will finish at top speed and have two of the top teams in Europe in Leinster and Munster. Forecast – Ireland should take this.



Sunday 4th February

Italy v England – Italy may well win the first half but England’ strength in depth, and Owen Farrell kicking the many penalties Italy will give away, should ensure a victory, but it could be very close as England are traditionally slow starters.



Players to watch??

England – the dependable professionals Owen Farrell & Maro Itoje but watch out for the dynamic Sam Simmons from Exeter who may start as the replacement No.8 and we hope to get a sighting of the 18 year old Harlequin Marcus Smith at No.10 who has been very impressive this season.

Ireland – British Lion Ian Henderson and the dynamic South African CJ Stander in the forwards and the British Isles’ best half-backs Connor Murray & Johnny Sexton .

Wales – the ever dependable Alun Wyn Jones in the forwards and look out for a return to top form from wing George North just recovered from injury.

Scotland – if they win enough ball then the elusive full back Stuart Hogg and the conductor Finn Russell at No.10.

France – 19 year old fly-half Mathieu Jalibert and loose-head Dany Priso in an exciting new-look squad selected by France’s new Head Coach Jacques Brunel ex.of Bordeaux.

Italy – the inevitable force that is No.8 Sergio Parisse and Jake Polledri the Gloucester flanker who has been putting in some barn-storming performances for them this year.

The local 6 Nations competition which we started in 2012 with 4 contestants gathers pace and we have already 18 participants based around the Friday Evening Club in The Royal Oak. If you want to participate then come and have a drink this Friday or next but...no later as it all starts on 3rd February!! £5 to enter, half to the winner and the rest to the Air Ambulance.

February weekends light up as we anticipate these games but.... who will be crowned Champion..??! Ireland look poised.....but a very tasty set of games!



2018 Predictions

January 24, 2018

Casting an eye over the bookies' website the other day, I was attracted by the wide range of options open to punters fancying a bet on some of the high profile political, celebrity and sporting events in **2018**.

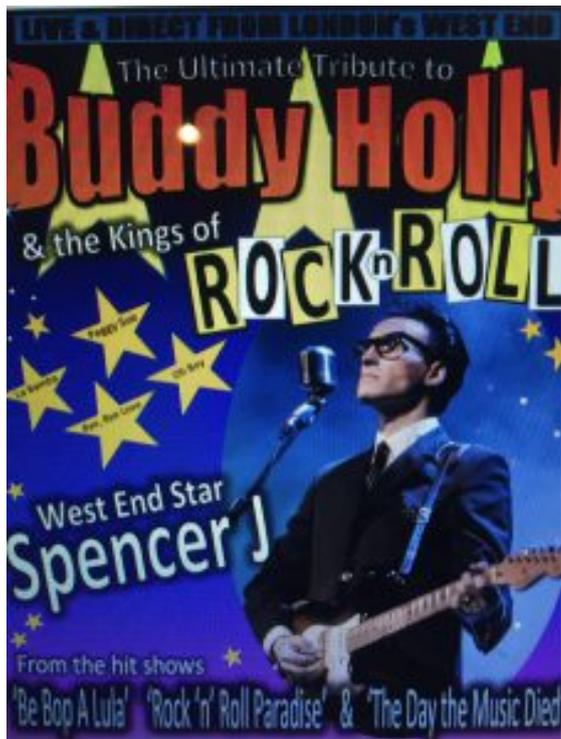
Here are some of the most interesting and quirky offerings for this year....

- 1 President Trump to be impeached.....6/4!
- 2 Who has the bigger button?? – Trump 4/7 and Kim Jong-Un 5/4...
- 3 Kim Jong-Un to erect a statue of Donald Trump in N.Korea – (only...) 66-1
- 4 A UK General Election – 11/4
- 5 Labour to win the next General Election – 8/11 (oh dear...)
- 6 No Brexit deal to be reached before 1 April(mmm) 2019 – 2-1 (good bet?)
- 7 Boris Johnson cease to be Foreign Secretary – 4/9 (wow..)
- 8 The end of the world – 500-1 (mean..)
- 9 Meghan Markle to appear in person on an episode of Eastenders – 20-1 (really?)
- 10 England to win the Six Nations – 5/6 (watch out for Ireland at 2-1)
- 11 England to win the Football WC – 16-1
- 12 UK to win the Eurovision Song Contest – 40-1

And many more! Take your pick!

Buddy Holly Tribute Night

January 12, 2018



This event is now **SOLD OUT!**

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018

January 1, 2018

