



Winster Village Magazine would like to wish our readers, advertisers and supporters a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!



Winster Village Diary

Friday, 16th Dec	Christmas Concert St. John's Church Winster 7.30pm Winster Guisers — Details of performances in the magazine
Saturday, 17th Dec	Winster Guisers — Details of performances in the magazine
Sunday, 18th Dec	Christmas Craft Fair and Café 2 - 5.30pm Winster Church
Mon, 19th Dec	Winster School Play - 6pm Winster Church
Friday , 23rd to 30th Dec	Elf Duck Break Out - Christmas Duck Hunt in village
Wed, 28th Dec	Pub Carol Singing at the Miners' Standard, 7pm
Thursday, 29th Dec	Christmas Fun Quiz, 7.30pm, Burton Institute
Thursday, 29th Dec	Christmas bin collection
Tuesday, 10th and 17th January	Free 'Come and try it' dancing invitation from Winster Morris, 8pm Burton Institute
Wed, 18th January	Copy Date—please email items by 6pm
Friday, 27th Jan	Village Quiz, 7.30pm, Burton Institute

Regular Events

Baby and Toddler Group, Village School - School Term Fridays 10-11.30am Contact School on 650238 or contact Hannah Master via Facebook or 650344

Senior Club, Burton Institute, Fridays, 10am - 12noon

Yoga, Burton Institute, Tuesdays 6.15-7.45 from 6th Sept - 13th Dec, June Hine, 650994

Morris Dancers Practice, Tuesdays 8pm Burton Institute, Mike Hatfield 650468

Fortnightly walk - First and third Mondays of the month:

A 5 - 6 mile walk, taken at an easy pace, exploring the Peak District within about a 10 mile radius of Winster. Often finishing with a pub lunch.

For more details contact Judy - judy.hinsliff@gmail.com or 01620 650119

Monthly Walk - Second Tuesday of the month - meet at 10am outside the Bowling Green Pub. Contact Steve or Katharine Edgar steve.edgar1@btinternet.com 07977148748 - katharine.edgar@btinternet.com 07875655243

Winster Community Hub/Warm Space - Wednesdays, 10am - 1pm, Jubilee Room, BI

Parish Council Meeting - 1st Monday of the month, 7pm, Burton Institute

Welcome To The January Edition Of The Winsters Village Magazine

Another year gone in a blink of an eye! Time really is going by too fast these days. I hope it was a good year for you, although I know for some people it was anything but and I hope things will look up soon. At the moment, the skies seem to promise us the once common, now rare, White Christmas. This will undoubtedly lift up some spirits, as well as the bright and colourful Christmas decoration does. Wellbeing is no doubt the most important aspect in life, so let me wish you a happy and very healthy new year that gives you all you need. And of course good luck & endurance with your new year's resolutions too, as they are often tricky to stick through. Maybe try and get out of your comfort zone and do something new, which is often harder than it sounds. I personally will once more aim to get that famous beach body, but then again, does the beach really care? I will have to ponder on this question with a cuppa and some biscuits. I shall see you soon in the new year!

Keep well,

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Please email your signed articles, updates on groups, important dates and other items to:

mag@winster.org

Send items by **18th of month by 6pm** for the following edition.

Exception: copy date is 11th December for X-mas edition.



Free parking after 2pm in December

Derbyshire Dales District Council is reintroducing free parking across the district after 2pm for a month from 1st December. In a scheme designed to boost trade, for the 15th year in a row it will be free to park in any District Council pay and display car park after 2pm throughout the

Barn Owls

On Monday 16th January 2022 7.30

An illustrated talk by Beverley Rhodes

Darley Dale Methodist Church Hall, Matlock DE4 2FT

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Winster Local History Group Next Meetings

Monday 27 February at 7.30 in the Burton Institute
Mark Dawson, Just Desserts: An Alternative History of Derbyshire in 3 Puds.

This is a food history topic in memory of Glyn Hughes, who was previously booked to give us a talk on Fish and Chips.

Everyone welcome.

Pub Carol Singing at the Miners' Standard Wednesday 28 December at 7pm

Singing Christmas carols in a pub? It goes on a lot around Sheffield and Derbyshire, where special local carols are sung with gusto, sometimes with a piano accompanist or a brass band. Google 'Local Carols' to see a list of dates and places.

As in previous years we're having one session in Winster. The tunes are easy to pick up and words are provided, if you need them. We'll also be singing some of the nationally loved favourites and a few solos, and there's room for your own requests. It's a great participation event, so why not come and give it a try?

Further information:

Geoff Lester 650090.



Winster remembers its war dead ~ compiled by David Frederickson

Frederick William Rouse was the son of John and Elizabeth Rouse of School Lane, Winster. He joined the Lincolnshire Regiment and was killed in June 1917 aged 19 years. He is commemorated on the Arras Memorial.

Date of death was 16.6.17.

Where to go for emergency healthcare

You will all probably be aware that hospitals are currently very busy and are likely to become even more so as the weather gets colder and winter progresses. Unless you or family members are very seriously ill or injured it is best to avoid ringing for an ambulance or travelling to a hospital Accident and Emergency Department.

If in doubt about where you should go, telephone 111, the NHS helpline and they will advise you based on symptoms. In a growing number of cases they may send someone e.g. a paramedic, district nurse or out of hours doctor, to treat you at home, or they may make an appointment for you at an Urgent Treatment Centre.

There are five Urgent Treatment Centres in Derbyshire and they can treat **adults and children for a wide range of minor injuries and illnesses including broken bones, minor eye infections, burns, sprains, cuts and much, much more.**

Details of all of them can be found on the Joined Up Care Derbyshire website, including 'live' waiting times - **joinedupcarederbyshire.gov.uk**

The nearest UTC to Winster is at The Whitworth Hospital on the A6 in Darley Dale and it is open from 8am to 8pm every day. You do not have to make an appointment to visit.

Pat Coleman, Public Governor at University Hospitals of Derby and Burton, representing Derbyshire Dales

WINSTER GUISERS Programme 2022

FRIDAY 16th DECEMBER

Meet at the Old Bowling Green at 7pm

7.30 WINSTER CHURCH

**8.45 COCK & PULLET
SHELDON**

**9.45 BULLS HEAD
MONYASH**

SATURDAY 17th DECEMBER

Meet at Old Bowling Green at 7pm

7.30 ELTON VILLAGE HALL

8.15 PLOUGH INN TWO DALES

**9:00 MINERS STANDARD
WINSTER**

**9.45 OLD BOWLING GREEN
WINSTER**

Reminder: CHRISTMAS FUN QUIZ

for adults and older children with

Simon & Rachel Connor

Thursday 29 December 7.30 in the BI

£4 for adults, £1 for under 16's

£1 for superb raffle

No need to be part of a team

Bring your own drinks and snacks

Raffle prizes welcome

Proceeds to Winster School PTFA

Warning: There may be games

WINSTER VILLAGE QUIZ



FRIDAY 27 JANUARY 2023

7.30 p.m.

BURTON INSTITUTE



Questions asked by

MIKE & PAM HATFIELD

Admission £4.00 Raffle £1

EVERYBODY WELCOME

Bring own drinks

No need to be part of a team

Proceeds to support our village

RAFFLE PRIZES are needed please



Winster Morris Dancers taster sessions

For anyone interested in learning our dances or music, you are invited to come along to one or both of these taster sessions, which will be held in the Burton Institute on the Tuesdays evenings of the 10th and 17th of January, starting at 8 pm.

You can be assured of a warm welcome from a group of people who have all gone through the learning process. We are a

mixed team with a wide span of ages, and are well-regarded in the world of folk and Morris dancing.

We practice a) to keep fit, b) so that we are ready to dance at various gigs, festivals, carnivals, between April and October, and c) most importantly to enjoy ourselves. We find that whoever we go our music and dancing is much appreciated. If it's the music you are interested in, we have a talented band of musicians who play a range of instruments, and who are very supportive of musicians wishing to join us.

We dance mainly around Derbyshire, but have friends around the country and as far as Onzain in the Loire valley of France, our twin town of Monterubbiano in Italy, and Ungstein in the Pfalz region of Germany. In May of this year we are heading off to Onzain for a weekend of dancing, and in June we will welcome the Trachtengruppe Ungstein to Winster.

If you are interested, just come along to either of the taster sessions, or if you would like a chat with either of us to find out more, please contact Mike Hatfield on 01629 650468, or Bev Atkins on 01629 650086.

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Remember last day for Christmas pre-orders is Friday 16th December for collection on Friday 23rd December. A member of staff will call when your order is ready for collection.

Jayne and Katrina would like to say a Big THANK YOU to all the Staff, Volunteers and Customers who have supported the shop in 2022 and look forward to seeing you all in 2023.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Here's a reminder of our opening times over the Christmas period:

Christmas Eve	- Saturday 24th December	- 8.00 – 4.00
Christmas Day	- Sunday 25th December	- 9.00 – 12.00
Boxing Day	- Monday 26th December	- 9.00 – 3.00
Bank Holiday	- Tuesday 27th December	- 8.00 – 4.00
Wednesday	- 28th December	- 8.00 – 6.00
Thursday	- 29th December	- 8.00 – 6.00
Friday	- 30th December	- 8.00 – 6.00
New Years Eve	- Saturday 31st December	- 8.00 – 4.00
New Years Day	- Sunday 1st January	- 9.00 – 3.00
Bank Holiday	- Monday 2nd January	- 8.00 – 4.00

From Jayne, Katrina, Staff and all the Volunteers



DCC MOBILE LIBRARY BUS in Winster every 4 weeks.
 Next time & date:

Friday, 17 January - 9.30am—10am. The bus makes only ONE STOP in Winster - this is the road side near Winster Village Shop. Please support this useful facility in order to keep it running.

For further information call 01629 533444, or email ask.library@derbyshire.gov.uk

Christmas Concert
St John's Church Winster

Friday 16th December - 7.30 p.m.

The Garden Singers
O'Tannenbaum Wind Trio
Winster Guisers

Refreshments

no charge - donations to the church

Tickets available from:
Jan Shiers tel: 650523 and
Winster Post Office

Reminder:

Sunday, 18th December

2pm - 5.30pm

Winster Church

*Christmas Craft
Fair and Café*

*Craft Fair Donations for
PTFA Winster School*



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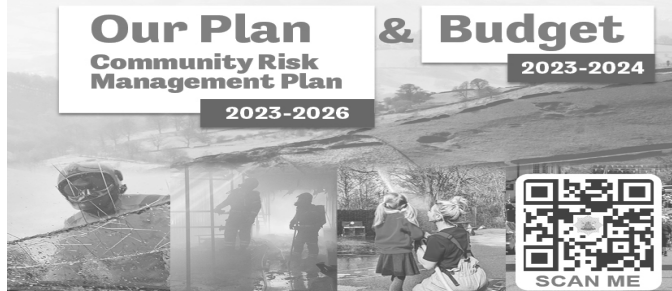
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A warm welcome Christmas at Winster Village Shop

As always, Winster Village Shop is open on Christmas Day morning 9.00 to 12.00. Come along to the community owned shop on Main Street, Winster DE4 2DJ where we are happy to sell you anything you have forgotten, entice you to buy more food and drink or just say HELLO. Big Thanks to the volunteers who staff the shop on Christmas morning and help out during the rest of the year (especially for this amazing Christmas window). Big shout out to the fantastic staff who continue to cope with everything that has happened this year.



Christmas-themed shop window created by Ali Cater, Jean Dugmore and 3 helpers.

Winster Parish Council

Salt Bins in Winster

There are 15 yellow salt bins in Winster, some maintained by the County Council, the rest by the Parish Council. The salt in the bins is for use only on public roads, pavements and ginnels.

Please use the salt sparingly - don't just load up a shovel and tip a heap of salt onto the snow or ice. For each square metre, the right dose is just 50ml - that's the volume of one egg, or three tablespoons. That may not feel like a lot, but if scattered reasonably evenly, then it really is enough. Heavier dosage is simply wasted: it won't get the salt to melt any faster, and it increases the risk that the bin is emptied before we can get it topped up again.

If you find a bin that is less than half full, please do report it so that we can get it replenished. Each bin has a unique label with a QR code that makes this easy if you have a phone with you. If you can't use a QR code, then email the bin number to salt@winster.org and we will get things moving.

The Council's Snow Warden Scheme

continued to be successful last year with several Parish's joining the scheme with volunteers helping to clear snow and ice and grit footways and pavements. As we don't know yet what this winter will bring, we don't want to be caught off guard. Therefore if any residents and Community groups are interested in volunteering as Snow Wardens or footway clearing in Winster please email the Parish Council Clerk, with your name address and contact number to clerk@winsterparishcouncil.gov.uk

Bin collections at Christmas

There is just one change to collections this Christmas: no collection on Wed 28 December - this will be moved a day later, to Thursday 29 December. DDC want to remind people that they make no concessions to the festive season: the normal volume limits still apply - if you use bags, then four standard sized bags, otherwise one grey bin with the lid shut. As of 8th December, Derbyshire Dales District Council weren't able to say whether they were making arrangements for collection of Christmas trees. John Geddes

Winster Parish Council

CHAIR'S CHRISTMAS CHAT

I hope you will agree that 2022 has been a year of progress for Winster Parish Council. Trish Dale is now well-established as our new Clerk and has put a lot of time into getting the financial records straight and advising the Council about its current financial position. We have now started to do some forward financial planning, identifying future projects of benefit to the village.

We are now well into the second year of the wildflower meadow transformation on the Common. Some parts of the Common are already looking more like wildflower areas and we discovered the return of orchids this summer. Volunteer parties have reduced the spread of docks. We are now beginning to plan for tree-planting on suitable areas of the Common. Dave Robinson will present a plan to the Council in February. We know that such development will attract grant-funding.

Dave Brown has been getting to grips with the traffic and highway issues in the village. We have secured the support of our County Councillor, Simon Spencer, for safety improvements outside Winster School and the problems of traffic turning right into the cul-de-sac branch of East Bank and getting stuck. Simon will support a new sign and clearer road marking to replace what was removed. But it will take a lot more effort to persuade Derbyshire Highways to accept our campaign for a 20 mile per hour limit throughout the village.

And in the New Year we will be doing some speed gun training and, with Police guidance, using them in anger on the streets of Winster. All those who volunteered – we know who you are!

We have teamed up with the Burton Institute to open a 'Winter Warmer' Café in the Jubilee Room on Wednesday mornings. There is free tea, coffee, cake and biscuits and lots of good conversation. We are hoping to receive grant aid from Derbyshire which will pay for some new chairs which will improve the comfort we can offer.

Snow arrangements are in place for this winter and Asa Cooper will fill the WPC grit bins. If anyone else is prepared to act as a snow warden please let us know.

It just remains for me to say a big thank you to Trisha Dale, our Clerk, Fred Purslow and Emily Smith for the great work they all do for the Parish Council and to wish everybody in the village a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

David Frederickson



Opening Hours

Monday	9am-5pm
Tuesday	closed
Wednesday	9am-5pm
Thursday	closed
Friday	9am-5pm
Saturday	9am-12.30pm

If anyone has any questions, please email postoffice@winster.org
Or call 01629650668, If I'm busy leave your name and number and I'll call you back. Thankyou, Carolyn



Christmas Duck Hunt - Oh dear, those naughty elves are planning a duck breakout! Kids, we are going to need your help spotting them, so we can get them safely back to the Burton Institute ready for the Wakes week! Where will they be hiding?! How to play: from 23rd to 30 Dec there will be a trail of ducks around Winster for children to spot whilst out for a walk. It's all for fun, no cost, no competition. (Don't worry, parents and carers, it's a small scale breakout!) The trail and answer sheet will be published online so you can print it out at home, on the Winster primary PTFA and Winster community Facebook pages. A free event organised by Winster school PTFA, all kids big and small welcome.

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FREE 'COME AND TRY IT' DANCING INVITATION FROM WINSTER MORRIS, Tuesday 10th and 17th JANUARY 2023



Winster Morris Dancers invite people to come and try out their special kind of dancing from the village, with particular focus on 10th and 17th January for newcomers. Whatever gender or age you are, you can have some fun, exercise and good company for free at one of the Tuesday evening Open Practices.



It's fine just coming along to learn, to get some exercise, enjoy the dancing and get to know some of us. If you'd like to take it a bit further and perform with Winster Morris Dancers, the spring and summer programme usually means appearances at carnivals, schools, folk festivals, weddings and out and about around Derbyshire. 2023 will also have a long weekend in France during May, staying with friends from Onzain (near Tours on the River Loire). In June the team will host friends from Ungstein in Germany's Pfalz area, on their fourth visit to Winster. Perhaps it's a coincidence, but Winster's dancers benefit from the fact that both Onzain and Ungstein and their twin village of Monterubbiano in Italy are in famous wine-producing areas - all adding to the conviviality. See more at www.winstermorrisdancers.org



As well as Winster with its special dances from the White Peak, people will find that our friends in other groups in Derbyshire, dancing in a range of traditional styles, will be happy to let you have a go in the lead-up to the 2023 season.

Come to the Burton Institute, West Bank, Winster DE4 2DQ for an 8pm start, on Tuesday 10th or Tuesday 17th. To confirm details, phone or text before the day, to Richard Bryant 01629-55594 (07434-950854), or Richard Powley 01629-636994 (07725-702649).

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
A big thank to you to everyone who has
been so welcoming to us!
Christina, Richard and Lucy xxx**



*To you all we send Christmas greetings
and good wishes for an enjoyable 2023.
Cynthia and Wendy
(Woodhouse Lane)*

**Best wishes for Christmas and the New
Year from
Phyllis and Frank Mason.
Thank you for your help and support
over the year.**



Happy Christmas

from John, Gill, Tom and Hannah

**Ali and David want to wish everyone a
merry Christmas and a happy and
healthy 2023**



A very happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year to all our Winsters friends from Judy and Geoff, now – finally – in our new home at Burton House, Main Street



David and Sheila Mitchell wish all our friends in Winsters a very merry Christmas, and a healthy and happy New Year

Wishing all our local friends and neighbours a happy Christmas and New Year, David and Lyria Jones at Buxton House, East Bank



I would like to wish everyone in Winsters a very happy Christmas and New Year. Thank you all for your kindness and friendship. Marion Fuller-Sessions

Jean and Roger Dugmore send Christmas Greetings and good wishes for the New Year to all in Winsters.



Thanks Marg!



The Tuesday Walkers wish to thank Marg for creating, establishing and organising the monthly walking group so successfully for many years. Marg has generated a friendly, social group with approximately 8 – 12 walkers each month. New members are welcomed and very quickly feel an important part of the

group. Marg has now decided that it is time for her to pass on the reins for organising the group to Katharine and Steve Edgar. But never fear! Marg will still be walking with the group and enjoying the legacy she has established. We walk on the second Tuesday of each month, meeting outside the Bowling Green at about 9.45 and sharing cars to the start of the walk before we cover about 8 miles in the wonderful Derbyshire and Staffordshire countryside. Walks are lead by members of the group with all walkers doing so at their own risk.

If you're interested in finding out more, please do make contact:
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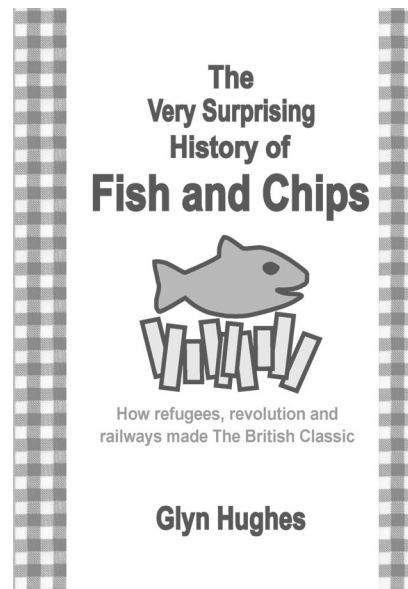
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10 Surprising Facts from 'The Very Surprising History of Fish and Chips' by Christina Bradstreet

A highlight of my first year in Winster was undoubtedly meeting Glyn Hughes at Secret Gardens. Most of my thoughts in 2022 have revolved around my baby Lucy and typical conversation openers are “hasn’t she got a lot of hair!” and “how old is she?” So, to have Glyn show me the 1900s house (a miner’s cottage just off Main Street, preserved pretty much just as it had been left), and to strike up a lively chat about his new book on the history of fish and chips, my new book on smell in Victorian art, and to discover a shared interest in nineteenth-century concerns about the smell of fish and chips, was refreshing indeed. Later, I read of Glyn’s many fascinating accomplishments, including author of the Foods of England project and sculptor of the Alan Turing statue in Manchester. I was very much looking forward to meeting Glyn again and hearing his talk for the Winster History Group and am saddened to learn of his death. His friends and family are in my thoughts.

One of Glyn’s projects was ‘Squashed Editions’ – abridged versions of iconic books from Chaucer’s ‘The Canterbury Tales’ to Adam Smith’s ‘The Wealth of Nations’. Describing them as ‘the stuff you are supposed to have read, squashed up into nice little afternoon reads’, he explained on his website that these are ‘proper abridgements, mind, not those nasty, soulless, lists-of-facts you can buy from people who want to help you pass exams, they’re not-re-writings, and they’re not summaries. Here I’ve tried to give you the full beam of the story, the guts of the style and all those quotable quotes, in every word the words the original author wrote, in the order they wrote them.’



In honour of Glyn, I’m attempting here something like my own ‘Squashed Edition’ of his book, ‘The Very Surprising History of Fish and Chips’, which he brought out in the early Autumn of this year. I confess however, I do not meet his high standards for what a Squashed edition should be, and sorry, Glyn, but the result of my endeavours is indeed a list!

So here are 10 Surprising facts from 'The Very Surprising History of Fish and Chips'. As we’ll see, and as Glyn explained, ‘there’s nothing more British than Fish and chips’ and yet ‘we have a Jewish recipe from Muslim Iberia, for now, largely Icelandic fish, served with a South American vegetable cooked in a French Revolutionary fashion.’

1. The smell of fish and chips was not always thought delicious!

Under the Public Health Act of 1875, fish frying could be found to be an "offensive trade, 'along with blood boiling and tripe dressing,' and it was common for 'chipped potato vendors' and fried fish merchants to be fined for the smell.

For the middle class, it was a smell associated with the lower classes and with foreigners. For example, one 1920s author described the slums of Sherryman Square in London, with its 'tenement houses with swarms of squalid children playing in the open doorways, its shops offered East End food - mussels and whelks, "two-eyes steaks", reeking fish-and-chips, and horsemeat for the cheap foreign element...'

2. We have the Jewish Sabbath to thank for the fish part

No work on the Sabbath, means no cooking. Having fled Hadrian's Jerusalem in 136 AD, Jews living on the Mediterranean coast around Iberia (Spain and Portugal today), began to fry it on a Friday. Fish goes off quickly in hot climates, but they found that the hot oil sterilised the fish's exterior, while the batter sealed in the moisture, stopping it from tasting dry. It would be safe then to eat on Saturday, the Jewish day of rest.

3. The recipe didn't appear in an English cookbook until 1747

Hannah Glasse's 'The Art of Cookery, Made Plain and Easy' also contained England's first recipes for curry, jelly trifle, lemon curd and Yorkshire pudding. According to Hannah her battered fish 'would keep good a twelve month.' Later, in 1845, it featured in a recipe book by the celebrity chef Alexis Benoît Soyer, which sold more than a million copies and is still in print today. Celebrity chefs are not an invention of the TV-age!

4. Jack the Ripper might have eaten fish and chips.

Well, perhaps not if he was as antisemitic as his scrawls in blood at the crime scenes would seem to suggest, and Glyn doesn't suggest anything so flippant. But he does tell us that Whitechapel, with its large population of Jewish immigrants was a key place for fried fish sellers in the Victorian period. A good 'Squashed Edition' would not insert comments by the abridger, as I have done here!

5. Fish and chips go together like a horse and carriage – except they didn't always

Fish and chips didn't always go together. Before fish and chips was a thing, you bought fried fish with bread. Itinerant vendors would go around public houses and events such as Epsom Races selling fried fish and bread, from trays, tied to their waists. There are two contenders for the first fish and chip seller. One was a 'chipped potato vendor' who started selling fish, the other was a fish merchant who started selling chips. Either way the first fish and chip shop, was in the 1860s, fifty years after the first Indian take-away in Britain. The first use of the phrase 'fish and chips' that Glyn was able to find, however, comes in the form of an 1879 advert for a chip shop in Manchester.



6. The moon has something in common with the potato

Potatoes originate in South America. The first report we have in England of the potato is in a book about Virginia published in 1590. The author, Thomas Hariot, an employee of Sir Walter Raleigh, is credited with having helped cultivate the first potato in Ireland, and with being the first to bring the potato to England. He was also the first to make a drawing of the moon through a telescope, beating Galileo Galilei by 12 weeks.

7. Sweet potatoes are not as exotic as my in-laws seem to think

The first potatoes used in England were probably sweet potatoes, which come from the bindweed or morning glory family.

8. Chips replaced doughnuts in Paris during the French revolution

Prior to the Revolution, there was a tradition of Parisian Street sellers offering beignets, morsels of puffy wheat dough sprinkled with sugar. However, thanks to wheat shortages, following the failed harvests of the 1780s, the Parisian doughnut sellers turned to frying chips instead. Incidentally, the failed harvests which led to the revolution, were caused by a volcano in Iceland, the fumes of which killed a quarter of Iceland's population.

9. There are four reasons why fish and chips took off in Britain

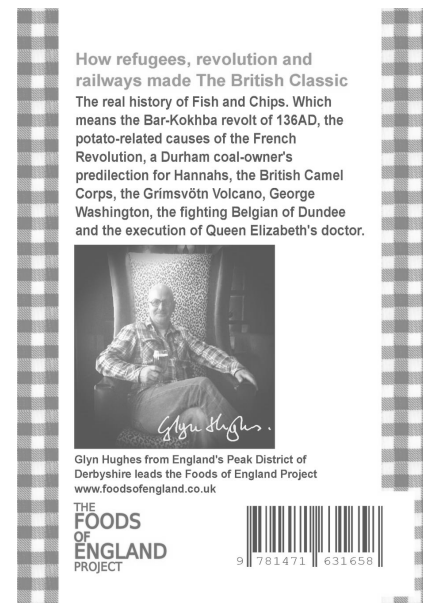
These are the cheap abundance of fish; the invention of trawlers, which led to bigger hauls; and steam powered vessels which meant they could be brought inshore quickly, without the need for salting. Thanks to Britain's pioneering railways, the fish could then be quickly distributed around the nation. Finally, Britain was also at the forefront of the ice and freezer industry - useful for freezing fish!

10. The British eat a lot of fish and chips (okay not surprising!)

In Britain today, there are 10,500 fish and chip shops compared to just 1200 Macdonald's outlets. The British spend £1.2 billion a year on fish and chips and 56% of Brits buy them to eat in the home as a family meal. Fish and chip shops use 10% of the UK's potato crop and 30% of all white fish sold in the UK, much of which comes from the waters off Iceland. Luckily, fish and chips are healthy (sort of)! They provide a third of the recommended daily allowance of vitamins for a man and nearly a half for a woman.

Copies of 'The Very Surprising History of Fish and Chips' can be found on Amazon. It is an enjoyable read, jam-packed with surprising facts!

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Paul has been to Winster once before with his marvellous performance of songs by Jake Thackray. He is co-author of a new biography of the great Jake, and copies will be for sale on the night.

Bring your own drinks and snacks. Numbers are limited, first come first served, so get your tickets before they go on sale outside Winster. Available now from the Post Office, price £10. All profits to Winster Twinning.

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Making phone calls during a power cut

Until recently, every home had a landline, and if you plugged in a traditional "corded" phone, you could continue to make phone calls during a power cut because the circuit was delivered over copper wires from the exchange, where there were batteries that kept everything running for a good while even if the mains went off.

But BT and other companies are now offering internet connections without "voice" landline connections. Voice calls can be added as an extra - using "VOIP" technology to send phone calls via Broadband. But with this approach, if you lose your Broadband, you lose the ability to make voice calls - even 999 calls. Unless you have a backup power source to keep your router going, you'll find your phone line dead in a power cut. And for areas, like Winster, where some people can't get a usable mobile signal, that poses a risk.

BT are currently trying to persuade people to move over to their "Digital Voice" service which has this risk. They are in fact offering a battery backup unit that will let you make calls for a limited period during a power cut, but you need to ask for it. And it may not have the capacity to allow many minutes of calls (they won't say how long).

Gigaclear is a company planning to offer fibre-to-the-home in Winster from late 2023: a surveyor from the company was in the village last week. Ofcom say that companies need to provide a solution for making calls during a power cut, but Gigaclear seem to be ignoring this and (when challenged) admit that their service isn't suitable for anyone who can't be sure of a mobile phone signal to make emergency calls during a power cut.

Think hard before giving up that landline! John Geddes

Beware tall tales from British Gas

In my job I often visit customers who have been told they really must consider replacing their boiler as there are no-longer any parts available, or certain parts are becoming hard to source. In every case when I have checked on this I have found replacement parts, and even specific parts they have named as hard to find, easily available online, often from recognisable plumbing merchants. Recently I visited a customer who was genuinely frightened as they had been told that the circuit board for their Glow-worm 24cx boiler was no-longer available and if it was to break they would be left with no boiler and unable to have it repaired. One quick search later and it is available from multiple plumbing merchants. BBC Watchdog have also reported on these scare tactics, so please do not be bullied by them. David Brown

FUN & PUZZLE CORNER

Hidden words may run horizontally, vertically, diagonally, forwards and backwards!

What is the best possible Christmas present?
A broken drum—you just can't beat it!

Did you hear about the man who stole an Advent calendar?
He got 25 days..

What did the bald man say when he got a comb for Christmas?
"I'll never part with it!"

What is a vegan's favourite Christmas carol?
"Soy to the World."

How much did Santa pay for his sleigh?
Nothing—it was on the house!

What did one snowman say to the other?
"Is it just me, or do you smell carrots?"

Wordsearch! Christmas

NOEL STOCKINGS JESUS BETHLEHEM ANGELS TRADITION PEACE PRESENTS WREATH SLEIGH

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Sudoku

Don't forget a move is invalid if:

- Any row contains more than one of the same number from 1 to 9
- Any column contains more than one of the same number from 1 to 9
- Any 3x3 grid contains more than one of the same number from 1 to 9

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Letter from Reverend Stephen Monk

January 2023

I'm just listening to the Re – re Vamped version of Three Lions (it's coming home for Christmas). It's great to see how they celebrate the Lionesses in the song. But I don't think it's too tenuous to say that the feel of this song and many of the Footie songs (and Christmas songs) speak, yearn, hope for our dreams to be fulfilled. Now to keep the theme going, I'm a Leicester fan (we're 13th in the league at the moment). Now, for non-Footie fans (are there any??) from November to Christmas there is a time of stress which builds up and for some people it leads to depression, mental health breakdowns or over spending which leads to some people living in abject poverty. Then boxing day through 2nd Jan there's a resurgence of the stress, then a hollow feeling as we go back to normal etc.

Now you may think blimey what a way to start the New Year. But, I've laid out the situation now I want to lay out the solution. It's the Babe of Bethlehem. God loves us all so much that he chose a most painful and drastic way to walk with us. As people don't we feel one problem with Christianity's credibility is that why would God follow such a costly path to save, not one holy huddle but, He offers salvation to all people. God looks on all of us and in you and your loved ones he sees potential. He sees a beloved son and daughter.

Unlike the Three Lions Song, where we just painfully hope that we'll stuff the French on the 10th December 2022. How hope is well founded. Our Babe of Bethlehem became a boy, a youth and a man. That man was just like us – he had to learn how to behave, how to interact with others and he suffered illness just like us. I cannot say it enough – Jesus was fully human. He had a real traumatic birth from Mary in a place of poverty. This was God's plan because he like us know that we often learn things. Sadly, we learn more through suffering than on days when everything is going well. This year will have difficulties in many ways with economic issues, health issues, diplomatic problems etc. You may have a tough time. I may also struggle, but our Hope is sure. Our Hope was born in poverty, he was a refugee in a country with didn't want Him; a puppet ruler of the Romans wanted to kill Jesus because he was seen as a threat. Every knock Jesus felt helps Him understand your problems. But every knock of Jesus brings Him closer to you and me.

The only question is why would Jesus do this? Why would he do it for you and me? If you're struggling today or early in January 2023 or throughout the year please know that God in a Babe loved you and valued you so much. The God who created you doesn't make mistakes. If you've tried everything else then, turn to him. Turn to the Lord and let him walk with you once more. Then we'll be that if we trust in the Lord he will make His abode in you and your home. That's even better than, "Bringing football home!" May I wish you a very Happy New Year and may I invite you to come and join us either on a Sunday or on other special days or at any coffee mornings. I'm not inviting you because Bums on Seats matter only. No, It's because I want you to know the Good News in Jesus which changed my life.

God bless you and keep you in His love. Amen

With Kindest Regards and Prayers. Revd Stephen Monk Rector of Darley Dale, South Darley & Winster & Pastoral oversight of Holy Trinity Matlock Bath and St Mary's Cromford



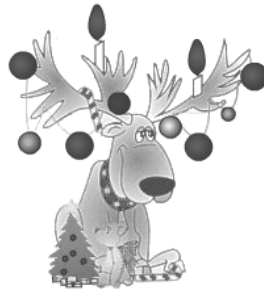
Cauliflower cheese fondue

This is where one of your five a day meets a winter classic. Perfect for a Christmas side, or to jazz up leftovers.

Chop and steam a whole cauliflower, don't waste any; use the tender leaves, peel and chop the stalk into cubes as well as cooking the florets. Drain well. Set aside when cooked in a heat proof bowl, keeping it warm.

Gently melt 50g of butter, then stir in 35g of plain flour and 1/2 tsp of English mustard until smooth. It will make a thick paste. Cook gently on a low heat, constantly stirring with a wooden spoon for one minute. Don't skip this step or your sauce will taste floury! Stir in 75ml of whole milk, mix well until the paste loosens, then add a further 225ml of milk. Add salt and pepper. Using a balloon whisk to constantly stir, gently bring to the boil, then gently simmer for one minute (don't stop stirring!). Remove from the heat. Add in 200g grated cheese reserving a little to sprinkle on the top. You can use whatever cheese you fancy, a mixture of 50% mature cheddar, 25% each of gruyere and emmental will give you a traditional fondue flavour. But equally delicious is a cheddar with 25% sage derby, or stilton combination. Leave the grated cheese to melt in the hot sauce, giving it a good stir occasionally. Check seasoning and add more if needed.

Dollop the sauce over the cooked cauliflower, add the remaining grated cheese on the top and place under a low grill until the cauliflower is warmed through and the cheese on top is nicely browned.



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Fundraising Fun at Winster School, as we pedal for Pudsey!



On Friday 18th November, we had lots of pedal power in school, on our scooters and bikes. The children had gained sponsors for Children In Need and spent lots of the day, building up laps and minutes on their choice of wheels! This event was well received by everyone, where some children even learnt how to ride a bike on the day, and others practised their existing skills. We were also treated to a special performance of tricks and flicks from Runa, who is a BMX expert and was able to show us some of her highly impressive moves.



The event raised a staggering £641 for this wonderful charity, a record high for the school for a charity event and very impressive from only 23 children in the school.

Bags of Hope for Jigsaw Food Bank:

The School council at Winster have been preparing bags full of donated food to constitute a Christmas dinner for a family in need this year. Donations have been brought in over the last few weeks, such as tinned potatoes, sponge puddings and gravy and again, we have been blown away by the school community's generosity. The bags will be handed to Jigsaw food bank in the last week of term and they will then be given to those who are in need. This has been part of our initiative to spread kindness in our communities. You can find out more here [Community Matters at Christmas](http://archbishopofyorkyouthtrust.co.uk)
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