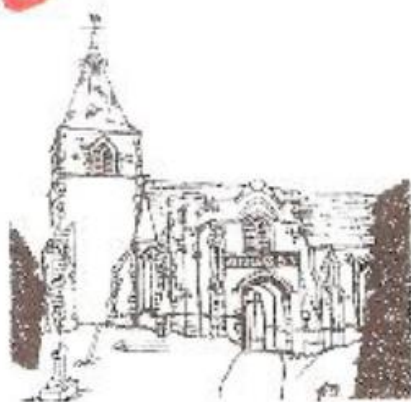
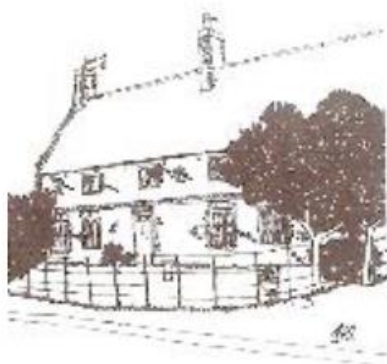




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## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

June: midsummer month. Long days, short nights. Gardens burst into a riot of colour. Swallows and butterflies delight our eyes. The air resounds with birdsong, buzzing insects and the hum of lawnmowers. Some of us relish the fragrance of newly mown grass, whilst hayfever sufferers... suffer.

There are plenty of events and activities going on in and around our villages this month, so why not go along to a few of them and have fun, while supporting your community and the hard work of the volunteers who give their time to keep our villages vibrant? It's all too easy to take for granted events like Winthorpe Village Festival, without thinking about how many people generously give up so much of their time to create a fun day out for all of us. And without such events, as well as the regular clubs and activities that we are so lucky to have, life in Winthorpe, Langford and Holme would be far less rich for all of us.

Michael and I would like to say 'thank you so very much' for the kind wishes of congratulations we have received from many of you, regarding our recent wedding. We had a fabulous time aboard the Queen Mary II; the wedding, officiated by the Captain, was magical and the fjords of Norway were majestic. If any of you are thinking of a cruise to mark a special occasion, I can recommend this particular one most highly!

Many thanks to everyone who sends in articles and various contributions to be included in Focal Point. Whilst I love the role of editor, could I please ask that you help me to cut down on the long hours I'm currently spending on putting each edition together by sending your contributions in size A5, with narrow margins, in Calibri size 11 font? And please bear in mind, when creating posters etc, that I cannot always accommodate a full page.

**Julie Johnson-Hill (01636 676079)**

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## *June Calendar*

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When	What	Where
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Green bin	L'ford/ Holme
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	Silver bin	Winthorpe
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	Brown bin	All
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday Club	Winthorpe
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	Silver bin	L'ford/Holme
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	Green bin	Winthorpe
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	Line Dancing	Winthorpe
Tue 13 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday Club	Winthorpe
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	WI meeting	Winthorpe
Thur 15 <sup>th</sup>	Winthorpe & Langford Parish Council Meeting	Winthorpe
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Green bin	L'ford/ Holme
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	Official Birthday of King Charles III (Trooping of the Colour)	
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	Silver bin	Winthorpe
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	Brown bin	All
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	Line Dancing	Winthorpe
Tue 20 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday Club	Winthorpe
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> / Thur 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Winthorpe Garden Club outing to Kew Gardens & RHS Hyde Hall	
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	WHAM! meeting	Winthorpe
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Silver bin	L'ford/ Holme
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	Winthorpe Summer Festival	Winthorpe
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	Green bin	Winthorpe
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	Line Dancing	Winthorpe
Tue 27 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday Club	Winthorpe
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	Winthorpe Garden Club evening outing to Thorney	
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	Green bin	L'ford/Holme



**This month, the mobile library will call at our villages  
on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

Mobile Library Routes and Timetable 2023 for Winthorpe, Langford and Holme*				
Stop No.	Village	Location	Arrive	Depart
1	Winthorpe	The Spinney	9.50am	10.10am
2	Winthorpe	junction of Pocklington Crescent and Branston Close	10.15am	10.35am
3	Winthorpe	junction of Gainsborough Road and Woodlands	10.40am	10.50am
4	Langford	Langford Hall Farm	10.55am	11.10am
5	Holme	Snaefell, Langford Lane	11.20am	11.30am
6	Holme	Southview Farm	11.35am	11.55am

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## Afternoon Tea for the Coronation of King Charles III

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Coronation Afternoon Tea Party on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May at the Community Centre. I sincerely hope that you all enjoyed the occasion, the company and the food.

I make no excuses for how many times I am going to say THANK YOU in this article because so many amazing people made the event such a success. Firstly, I would like to express my gratitude to the charity of Thomas Brewer and Newark and Sherwood District Council, who funded the event. Also to Asda and Morrisons, who donated some foodstuffs, all of which were very gratefully received... Thank you.

I should highlight that the event would not have been possible without the exceptional support of Jill, Chloe, Sandra and Elaine, who worked their socks off making over 400 sandwiches and copious amounts of tea and coffee! I'm sure that everyone who was there will agree that it was an absolutely fantastic team effort. Thank you, lovely ladies.

Many thanks to Jane and Michele for putting up the bunting in the hall; and thank you to Jane and Peter for doing the raffle; thank you to the Winthorpe Community Centre trustees, who allowed us to use the Community Centre. Thank you to everyone who set up the tables and chairs on Saturday evening, then put them all away after the event, and tidied up the hall too.

Thank you to Bob and Pat, who were busy taking photographs; I am really looking forward to seeing these in the near future. Thank you to David and Vivienne for the loan of the cake stands, which looked so pretty. Thank you to Emma from the Lord Nelson who was, as always, helpful, supportive and donated several consumables and the loan of equipment. Thank you to Mark and Janet, who successfully guided everyone to their seats – all were correctly seated, according to the table plan, and nobody got lost!! 🎉

Thank you to the Parish Council for dealing with the insurance requirements, risk assessment, event safety management plan and arranging first aid cover .

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David Coote and family would like to thank everyone for their support and kind wishes of condolence, following the sudden death of Anne on 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

David and Anne moved into Winthorpe over 40 years ago, so they would be very well known to many residents of the village, to some for many years. Michael and I moved to Winthorpe, next door to David and Anne, just over two years ago, and found Anne to be a friendly, kind and gentle neighbour, with a heart of gold. I know that she was a dear friend to some of you reading this, and that she will be missed very much.

There will be a service of remembrance for Anne at All Saints' Church, Winthorpe, in June (exact date to be confirmed).

*Julie Johnson-Hill (editor)*

## **WINTHORPE ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

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### **Defibrillator codes for Winthorpe**

Community Centre: C159X

Village Hall: CY543

### **Defibrillator code for Holme**

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**Please contact the editor with the defibrillator code for Langford, if you would like it to be included in future editions of Focal Point.**



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= 60 years =  
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## LORDY is 60 this year!

To celebrate this milestone, I'm taking inspiration from Kevin Sinfield – if you don't know who this, Google him (with or without Rob Burrow).

I am challenging myself to cycle **60 miles a day over 6 consecutive days**. This is to raise money for 2 charities close to my heart: Cancer Research UK and Beaumont House.

**Lordy's Cycle Challenge** will start on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June, with the last ride due to finish just before the first act comes on stage at this year's WINFEST.

Feel free to join me on any day of the challenge, or you can make a donation:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/steve-lord-1684333000512>

## Winthorpe Community Centre Charity

The Trustees met in March and one of the matters discussed was the centre hire rates. Although the rates have not changed for many years, the inflationary costs experienced by the Charity, particularly energy costs, necessitated a review of rates. Other local hall hire rates are also higher, so the decision was taken to amend hourly hire rates as follows:

Room	Village Residents	Non Residents
Small room	£12	£12
Whole Centre	£18	£36

The new rates will be effective from 1st July 2023; however, any current confirmed bookings for after that date, will still pay the existing rate.

The Events and Fundraising Committee have also been busy and organised a raffle at the King's Coronation Tea on Sunday 8th May. The raffle made £382, which will be split between the Community Centre and The Prince's Trust. Thank you to everyone who attended and bought tickets.

**Peter Bateson**  
**WCCC Chairman**

## Winthorpe Community Centre

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Winners for May		
1st	£43.20	Peter Foden
2nd	£21.60	Mr & Mrs Thomas
3rd	£7.20	Peter Bateson

**100**  
**Club**

Congratulations to our winners. Please contact Nina Adams if you would like to join the 100 Club: [ninjab71@gmail.com](mailto:ninjab71@gmail.com)

## Winthorpe Garden Club

Our speaker in May was Steffie Shields, whose talk was entitled: Have Garden, Will Travel. As a child, Steffie lived near Wimbledon Common; she thought of this as the countryside. Aged 8, she was thrilled by the sight of tall, multi flowered pink plants and would dream of being able to photograph the inside of the flowers. Her only problem was having no camera, although her older sister did. It transpired that the plant was rosebay willow herb. Subsequent sightings led to the family referring to it jokingly as RBWH.

We were told that she had twenty-two homes in thirty-two years, as her husband was in the RAF and regular postings were the norm. She admitted that, when first married, her knowledge of plants was limited, but soon discovered which were good 'doers'. A something for nothing ploy was to take three shoots of a plant and stick them in the earth, no preparation or hormone dipping. More often than not these succeeded.

Plants that did well were taken on next home relocation. Amongst favourite plants mentioned were primula Wanda, pink rose Perpetual and the symbolic Peace.

A passion for the work of Capability Brown was sparked on a visit to Alnwick Castle when she found there was no record of his work there. Thus began a mission to research and record his gardens around the country. Twenty eight years later this culminated in her book 'Moving Heaven and Earth'.

As a footnote, now retired, she and her husband found in their garden an apple tree whose small red fruits were subsequently identified as 'Winston' which both thought appropriate. Coming full circle what else should be there but a clump of RBWH?

### Summer Outings Update

21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> June (two nights), Kew Gardens and RHS Hyde Hall: please meet at the Lord Nelson, for **departure at 8.00am**.

The evening outing to Thorney on 28<sup>th</sup> June: we will travel by car, leaving the Lord Nelson at **6.30pm**.

Day trip to Trentham Gardens on 12<sup>th</sup> July: travelling by coach, we will leave from the Lord Nelson at **9.00am**.

*Ian Wilson*

**FUNDRAISING FOR A DEFIBRILLATOR  
FOR POCKLINGTON CRESCENT, HARGON LANE, BRANSTON CLOSE**

Thank you to everyone who attended our very enjoyable Wine Tasting and Quiz evening on 22<sup>nd</sup> April. We sold fifty four tickets, and after expenses raised £215.00. Thanks also to Sandra and Jane for their help and to everyone who helped with clearing up afterwards.

I have passed most of the money raised so far to the Parish Council to enable them to proceed with the purchase and fixing of the defibrillator. Once this has been installed, I will arrange for either one or two training sessions, depending on numbers of people interested.

By the time you read this, we will have had our very last fundraising event: a tombola at the Duck Race at the Lord Nelson on 29<sup>th</sup> May. The money raised from this event will be given to the Parish Council, to help with the maintenance and upkeep of the defibrillator.

Thank you to everyone who has made this possible.

*Pauline Lockwood*

**WINTHORPE AND DISTRICT WI  
WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023  
7.30PM AT WINTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**“The Hopes and Fears of a Climate Scientist”**

An expert's view of climate change  
by Professor Rob Wilby

This is an open WI meeting. All ladies and gentlemen are welcome to join us. £5.00 for non-members, includes a glass of wine or soft drink. There will also be a raffle.

## Winthope WI

At The Bromley Arms, Fiskerton, on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, twelve members met for lunch. Although the day was cold and blustery, it was an enjoyable lunch .

**The Book Club** met in the Lord Nelson to discuss their latest read: *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman. The consensus of opinion was that this book, though well written, lost something in translation and, at times, the story was all over the place. Those who stuck with it were pleased that they had read it. At the next meeting on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> June, we will be reviewing *The Reading List* by Sara Nisha Adams. The book club is open to all WI members.

**We opened our monthly meeting** on 12<sup>th</sup> May by toasting His Majesty King Charles III on the occasion of his Coronation, as well as singing the National Anthem, and those who knew two verses sang two verses. Along with the fizz, three Coronation themed cakes, baked by members, were enjoyed before the serious business of the evening was conducted. A card to congratulate His Majesty has been sent on our behalf.

Four birthdays were celebrated. The topic of the evening was to discuss and and vote on the WI's chosen resolution for this year: a bit long winded, but basically to support water quality and designated bathing areas in rivers. A member who had attended a meeting regarding this gave us a brief resumé of what it entailed and comments of other attendees: good ideas had been put forward, without money to back them up. People who had committed to look after designated areas had failed to follow up on their commitment.

As a group we felt that there was a need to clean up the water quality in our rivers, but that this was not a good resolution, as it covered two different topics - clean rivers being one and swimming areas the other. We therefore voted to unanimously reject the proposal.

Our next meeting will be held on **12<sup>th</sup> June**, when the topic will be a talk on "The Hopes and Fears of a Climate Scientist" (an expert's view) given by Professor Rob Wilby. Women as well as men will be welcome at this meeting. All non-members attending will incur a £5.00 charge.

*Pauline Lockwood*



# Winthorpe Village Festival

## Fun Dog Show

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June  
Judging commences 2pm

### Entries:

Start from 12 noon

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£1.00 per class thereafter,  
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| 3. Handsome Hound            | 4. A.V. Veteran (7 years +)        |
| 5. Waggiest tail             | 6. Junior handler (up to 12 years) |
| 7. Most like its owner       | 8. Judge would like to take home   |

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# WINTHORPE SUMMER FESTIVAL 2023

SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE 1PM - 5PM

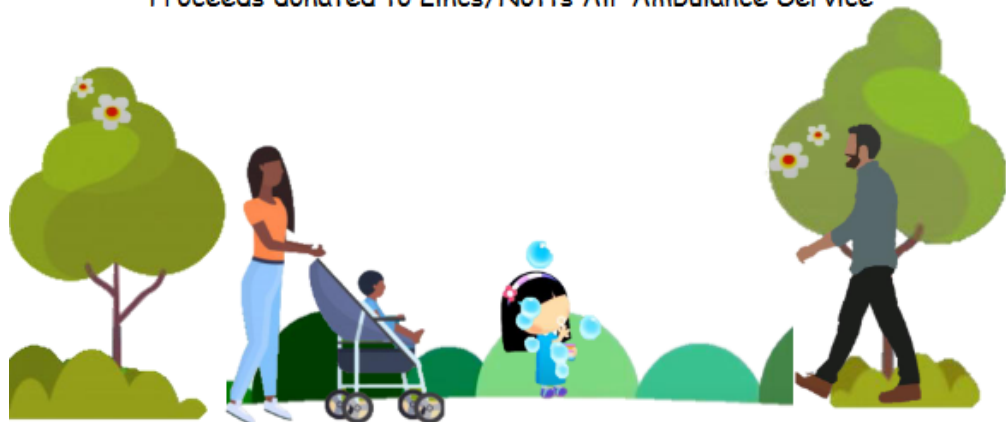
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## **Winthorpe Summer Festival Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

As you will see from the festival poster, the Spitfire Flypast will be at approximately 12.30pm. Don't forget to look up, wherever you are!

### **Classic Cars**

Anyone wishing to bring their classic car/motorbike/other vehicle, will need to obtain an exhibitor's pass. Please contact David Green on mob. No.07946456087 for this. Cars will not be admitted without a pass.

### **Raffle**

If anyone has any raffle prizes they would like to donate, please deliver them to David Green at 39, Branston Close, or to me at The Old School House, 7 Gainsborough Road.

### **Parking**

As in other years, parking in the carpark at the Community Centre is reserved for disabled badge holders only. Other car parking will be available for the public and Dog Show owners in cars through the cricket field gate.

### **Winthorpe Book Exchange**

It's really lovely to see the Book Exchange being used in the village; a big thank you to all the people who have donated their unwanted books.  
It's a great way to recycle and reuse.

Whilst it's always nice to receive donations of new books, please could I ask that, if you are donating books and leaving them in the phone box, you will check that the bags are not too full and heavy, as I carry them home in order to sort them out before displaying them on the shelves.

Please do not donate magazines and newspapers.

I hope you all continue to use and enjoy the Book Exchange. If you haven't tried it yet, why not call in – you might be pleasantly surprised!

Happy reading,  
Jane Bateson



## **A New Chapter for the Giant Sunflower Competition**



Eagle-eyed readers will have noticed that I hadn't written in the last month or two to launch this year's Giant Sunflower Competition. This is because, after discussion with Rob Cook (Head Teacher) and consultation with the staff at Winthorpe Primary School, we have decided to hand over the running of the competition to the school.

Whilst we were keen not to lose this long-established Winthorpe tradition, participant numbers were falling and so the school now has complete freedom to run the competition in ways which will keep our young gardeners interested. Children and staff can think creatively about how to engage interest and build motivation to take part; I'm excited to see what innovative ideas they come up with.

Originally designed to be open to any child living in the parish, in the last 10 years or so the only entries in the competition have been from pupils at the village primary school. Advances in technology in recent years have made the competition easier than ever to administer and run – gone are the days when parents had to phone Mr Finn with their child's entry details! Everything can now be done at the click of a button, so I feel confident that I'm not leaving the school staff with too onerous a task.

Mr Cook is keen to keep the competition alive, as it's such an established school tradition, and we should remember that the sunflower remains the emblem of the school. Hopefully some 'young journalists' will update Focal Point readers on the competition. My role as competition organiser has now ended, but I encourage villagers to continue their own sunflower growing efforts – it is always wonderful to see cheerful sunflowers towering over gardens in the village.

*Liz Ferreira*



## **Winthorpe with Langford Parish Council**

The Parish Council meeting on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May in the Village Hall was well attended by all councillors, as well as two Winthorpe residents. Ahead of the main meeting we held the Annual General Meeting; members agreed that Paul Smith should continue as Chair with Bob Allen serving again as Vice Chair. There are vacancies for two new Parish Councillors to represent Winthorpe Parish: please see the advert at the end of this article for further information.

To pull together all the major activities of the Parish Council during 2022/23, the Chair's Annual Report is now available on the Village Website: click on Parish Council and select 'Parish Council Meeting Minutes' from the drop-down menu.

We held a meeting with National Highways on the 21<sup>st</sup> April which was very helpful in understanding in more detail their thinking behind their proposals in the recent 'Targeted Consultation'. Those attending were able to clarify and help change some of their thinking, together with developing a stronger relationship with their design team. We will continue to monitor the A46 development and ensure that the impacts of the road are minimised for residents and the parish.

We will be holding our regular meeting with the CEO of The Newark Showground (Simon Eccleston) at the end of May; at this and future meetings we will be joined by the Chair of Collingham PC (Rosemary Fabian). As usual, we have a range of issues to discuss including points around the A46 and Showground traffic issues. If there is anything which you would like us to raise with Simon, please let me know.

Through the Parish maintenance scheme, litter and dog bins will be replaced in Langford and Winthorpe; the grassed area on the corner of Hargon Lane and Gainsborough Road will also be tidied up. We will continue to progress the issues raised and which we have documented in the Maintenance Register.

You may have noticed that we have planted a new Oak Tree on the village green outside the Lord Nelson, and that it is looking sturdy and healthy. The tree is being regularly watered in drier times but, if anybody feels happy to water it, please feel free. As this was planted close to the Coronation of King Charles III, we would be interested to hear from you as to whether you think it would be a good idea to call it 'The Coronation Oak'?

The proposed meeting with our County Councillor (Debbie Darby) in May did not take place; we are now meeting in early June. The intention is to provide feedback on Parish issues and identify any NCC policies or activities which may affect the parish. These include the need for a 40mph zone from Winthorpe roundabout to Langford; parking near the school; the A46 redevelopment; the condition of roads in the area. Please let us know of any specific points which you would like raised.

There have been two planning applications since the last edition of Focal Point which the PC have considered. These are as follows:

- **1 Speight Close, Winthorpe** – Single storey extensions to front and rear elevations. New boundary fencing and gates. **Parish Council view:** we're still unhappy with the height of the fencing proposed at the front of the property, which is above 1.0m and could reduce significantly the line of sight for drivers entering and exiting Speight Close.
- **Annexe, The Cottage 45 Gainsborough Road Winthorpe** – Change of use and external alterations to create one independent dwelling including subdivision of residential land associated with The Cottage, 45 Gainsborough Road, Winthorpe. **Parish Council view:** we are concerned at how much change to the site has already been implemented. This application is retrospective, in that the subdivision of land appears to have already been made, in terms of fencing off the area in front of and alongside the main house. A pair of tall pillars and wrought iron gates have been installed in front of the main house, clearly visible from the main road, with no evidence of permission being granted for this. The plan submitted implies that the boundary division between the two dwellings, to the rear of the main house, is already present and agreed. The change of use request to create an independent dwelling is one step further than the current use of the converted garage, as a short-term rental facility. The plans also indicate major internal alterations to provide a second bedroom and conversion of the ground floor garage space into a living area with large floor to ceiling glass frontage.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place in the Village Hall on the 15<sup>th</sup> June. In the meantime, if you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please contact me at the following: [paul@bridgfordss.co.uk](mailto:paul@bridgfordss.co.uk)

### **Parish Councillor Vacancies**

Following recent resignations from the Parish Council we now have two vacancies for new parish councillors to cover Winthorpe Parish. The successful applicant will hold the post for 4 years and will have a great opportunity to get more involved in the community and contribute to the future of Winthorpe and Langford.

Applicants should contact the Chair of the PC (Paul Smith) on Mobile number 07568 543202 to be considered and for more information. Those applying will be asked to produce a short resume on their background and what benefits they can bring to the Parish Council and the community in general.

### **Neighbourhood Plan Draft Consultation Release**

At long last, The Neighbourhood Plan is now in final draft form and will be submitted to all residents for comment in the form of a consultation from 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023, closing 6 weeks later on 16<sup>th</sup> July.

From 5<sup>th</sup> June the draft plan will be available on the Village Website: select the 'Media' tab and click on 'Neighbourhood Plan'. You will also see a link in the same location to an on-line response form to the consultation, where you will be able to provide direct feedback on the content of the plan. Hard copies of the plan will be available from the Lord Nelson, The Village Hall, Community Centre and all Parish Councillors. It's important to you and your community that as many people as possible look through the plan and comment. Your feedback is vital to help us finalise the content.

Other opportunities to get involved during the consultation period include an afternoon and evening presentation on the content of the plan, which will take place towards the end of June. We will let you know exact dates and times when we deliver leaflets on the consultation to your door, sometime around 5<sup>th</sup> June.

The Neighbourhood Plan has been in development for over 3 years now, with lots of effort from working group members, focus groups and input from residents via surveys, village meetings etc. It outlines ideas for the parish to develop over the next 10 years and is an important document which will help us to maintain and improve the community values and feeling of Winthorpe and Langford.

*Paul Smith*



## **THINK AGAIN**

### ***The Winthorpe Residents' A46 Consultation Group***

We are awaiting a meeting with National Highways, following the targeted consultation exercise held in April, our intention being to continue to have dialogue and to work with them for the benefit of Winthorpe.

The formal process continues: on 18<sup>th</sup> May National Highways released an initial report into future highway funding. The A46 remains high priority and is included in the list of proposed schemes between 2025 and 2040. Further environmental surveys continue to be conducted around the village.

For up-to-date news on Think Again's campaign, upcoming events and key dates, please join our mailing list. The dedicated Think Again website is available as a single point of information and communication for the village.

It can be found by following the link: <https://a46thinkagain.org.uk>  
[A46WinthorpeVillage@outlook.com](mailto:A46WinthorpeVillage@outlook.com)

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### **Winthorpe Village Hall**

For information about the use of Winthorpe Village Hall, whether for a club, a fundraiser or a private event, please contact Bob McClymont on 01636 705952 or Susie Conning on 07968855448.

### **WHAM! Winthorpe History and Me**

Our group is growing! People interested in sharing their knowledge, research and curiosity about the history of the village and its environs come together when they are free to do so – there's no commitment to attend or to do any 'homework' between meetings. We meet at the Village Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month.

We're looking to compile an archive of personal memories of life in Winthorpe, so if you have stories to tell, please come along and share them!

**Next meeting: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1.30pm-3pm**





## **Didn't we have a luvverly time the day we went to..... the County Show!**

Having completed our usual Saturday morning routine of saxophone lessons (in Balderton) followed by food shopping, we made our way Holmewards at about 11am. The traffic across the A46 was really congested by all the people going to the County Show, so I posted a quick note on our Rock Choir WhatsApp chat group to let folk know it may take them longer than expected to get to the showground. My friend, Ali (who also sings in the choir), was coming to ours at noon for us to travel in just one car to the show.

We got to the showground at around 12.15pm. We were due to sing at 1.30pm. Our choir leader, Ainjiel, just happened to spot us as we walked in and let us know that the performances were running a little late, so our start time had been put back. Consequently, we had a bit of a longer wander around the show prior to meeting up with our fellow singers. At that point, we saw part of the polo demonstration in the Main Ring, having spent quite some time cooing over the wee (officially, miniature) donkeys: seriously cute!

The delayed start of our performance (in the George Stephenson Exhibition Hall - the Community Area), whilst a bit of an inconvenience, meant that we had the opportunity to enjoy a couple of the earlier acts in the performance area and explore the variety of community exhibitors in the hall. The choir from the Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain were beautifully and colourfully dressed in national costume, their music and song hugely evocative of their cultural background. The dancers from Staples School of Dance were so talented, expressive and lyrical – the 'Mr Bojangles' dancer was a stand out for me. The Toot Hill Alumni Big Band played a range of swing era tunes and had a great young singer accompany them for a couple of their numbers. We performed after them. Rock Choir was made up of members from across the East Midlands. Most of the singers were from the Newark choir, but fellow choir members from Southwell, Grantham, Melton Mowbray and West Bridgford joined us. Ainjiel led us through a varied set that had the audience singing, clapping and dancing along. Rob was on his usual 'bag man' duty (he looks after our bags while we sing – he's got a badge and everything, so it's definitely official). Following our performance, we could all then enjoy what was on offer at the show.

First priority for us: food and drink. We didn't manage to see our 'free lunch' friends; they were amongst the throng of folk in the Members & Sponsors Area. We considered pressing our faces against the 'windows' of the marquee but thought better of it. Rob definitely recommends the shredded duck wrap that he bought at one of the food concessions and we came across some fellow Holme residents in that food and drink area. Funnily enough, we mainly seem to see them in an eating/drinking scenario (in The Lord Nelson).

We had a chat with our bee friends (from the Nottinghamshire Beekeepers Association) in the Countryside Area. The Have a go: Gundog Scurry there was highly entertaining and the Heavy Horses (in the Main Ring) were a truly magnificent sight.

The Make, Bake & Grow, Growing Hub & Floral Arts was such a delight! We agreed that we may have to seriously consider taking part in the baking categories next year. And we have at least one choir member who should definitely enter the flower arranging bit; yes, Sally, we mean you!

We ended our afternoon at the show listening to the wonderfully heart-warming sound of the Blidworth Welfare Brass Band. We just sat and immersed ourselves in their magnificent musicianship. The swell of sound – just gorgeous – good for the soul – a real 'breathe out' experience. So captivated were we by their playing that, unfortunately, I missed my chance to ride on the Mary Poppins merry-go-round (it's how I always think of those traditional carousels). I do so love those colourful, traditionally painted horses. They were always my Mum's favourite.

The weather remained reasonably good, in that it wasn't raining, thankfully. It was a little chilly and the sun didn't bother to put in an appearance, but that didn't ruin our enjoyment of a really delightful day at the County Show.

Well done and thank you to the organisers and to all the participants/exhibitors. See you next year. 😊

*Jane & Rob Chapman*  
Holme



# Winthorpe Tennis Club



Winthorpe Tennis club has two hard courts, by the Community Centre.

- The members are a group of people who enjoy playing tennis at varying standards, from beginners upwards.
- The club currently has about 30 members.
- Currently the club has no booking system; if somebody is waiting to play, members agree a time between themselves (up to an hour).
- Membership costs £15 for an individual or £30 for a family (plus Key Deposit) per annum.

## **Our Plans for 2023:**

- Junior Tennis sessions will start again, if interest is shown.
- Adult Tennis will start again from mid-May, on Sundays at 4:30 pm.
- If there is sufficient interest, the committee will be arranging a “friendly” league.
- Also if interest is shown, we can re-introduce coaching, which was running a couple of years ago.
- If you have any questions, or would like more details about Winthorpe Tennis Club, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Jonny Powell*

For more information please contact Jonny

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Telephone: 07767 411362

Via Winthorpe village website: [www.winthorpe.org.uk/tennis-club](http://www.winthorpe.org.uk/tennis-club)



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## **What makes Winthorpe a special village ?**

### **They say that it takes a village to raise a child**

In 1989, when Ceausescu was deposed in Romania and photos emerged of the dire conditions the children in the orphanages were living under, the village of Winthorpe leapt into action to raise money and to set up an aid route in conjunction with someone who was adopting a Romanian orphan. As a consequence of the money we raised, we were able to send two pallets of toys and medicine directly to where it was needed. This inspired other villages to follow our lead and, because we were one of the first, several of us found ourselves on the front page of the Newark Advertiser and the Six o' Clock News.

In our little corner of Nottinghamshire, over the years we have raised money to re-roof three churches, put a new boiler in Winthorpe church and helped to upgrade the electricity and heating in Holme church. We built a new Community Centre; we have sponsored residents, their children and grandchildren when they have run, walked, cycled and anything else they have done to raise money for charity. We have filled shoe boxes, sent aid to Africa and the Ukraine, and helped numerous charities by holding coffee mornings, duck races, village fetes, in addition to charities we may sponsor privately. Last, but not least, we have raised money for three defibrillators without tapping into any of the various grants available.

In addition to the above, we villagers leapt into action when the need arose, to organise a socially distanced party during the pandemic and, more recently, a street party to celebrate the late Queen's Jubilee and our new King's Coronation, all executed with military precision.

It not only takes a village to just raise a child, it just takes a village - a village like ours.

*Pauline Lockwood*



## APRIL'S REFLECTIONS



Dear Friends,

Well, did you or didn't you? Pledge an oath of allegiance to King Charles III that is. I was amused by the mild furore which blew up over the suggestion that anyone who wanted to could join in with this homage of the people:

*I swear that I will pay true allegiance to Your Majesty, and to your heirs and successors according to law. So help me God.*

I thought that anyone who wanted to say those words would do so anyway, either quietly in their hearts or out loud, without waiting for permission! Personally, I've publically made three such oaths of allegiance because Church of England Clergy have to do that every time we get a new licence to minister, so I didn't feel the need to make another one in front of the TV, but I was more drawn to join in the commitment to service expressed by Faith Leaders at the end of the Coronation Service:

*Your Majesty, as neighbours in faith, we acknowledge the value of public service. We unite with people of all faiths and beliefs in thanksgiving, and in service with you for the common good.*

As we begin our summer months, may we do all we can to serve our neighbours and wider community, support our leaders in doing right and pray for them.

In the East Trent Group, I am especially looking forward to a month of weddings, Christenings, a tractor run, village fete, regular church services and warm sunshine.

I hope to see lots of you out and about.

*God bless you all.*

**Rev. Mandy**

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## All Saints' Church, Winthorpe

Did you manage to see the Spitfire and Hurricane as they flew over the village during the county show last month? It's so nice that they can fly so low that you can hear the engine noise and nearly see the pilot!

We are delighted to be holding two weddings in church on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of June where the bells will be rung at both.

An important event later this month is the Village Festival (24<sup>th</sup> June). As usual, church will be running a Tombola Stall; donations would be very much appreciated and can be brought to any member of the PCC (mentioned below). Also, another chance to see the Spitfire at 12.30pm(ish)!

We have our first fundraising event of the year on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July, when church are delighted to host the Collingham Singers for a concert starting at 7pm. Tickets priced at £7, which includes interval drinks and nibbles, can be purchased from any PCC member, namely: Joan (top end of Gainsborough Rd), Pauline (low Pocklington numbers), Claire (high Pock.), Jane (Old Rectory Ct), Susie (mid Gainsborough Rd) and Tisha (bottom end of Gainsborough Rd). We continue our fundraising activities in August with a Strawberry and Pimms evening on August 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. More details to follow in July's edition of Focal Point.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Village Festival.

We are very much thinking in our prayers of anyone in the village who is ill, hospitalised or facing a bereavement at this time.

**Tish Applewhite** (Churchwarden) 643763





## St Bartholomew's Church, Langford

A week or two ago, Becky, Amy and I were in Langford Church; it was a lovely afternoon and the door was open. A nice lady came in with her family, looked around and expressed surprise at how beautiful she found the church. When we asked where she came from she said, "Winthorpe; I've lived there for thirty years and never been in this church, it is lovely."

Things have changed here: the church is open most days from 10am to 4pm; there is a visitors' book, with several interesting entries; one couple regularly walk in the area and picnic on the seat in the churchyard. John or Becky may be able to open the church outside these hours on request (07753117530). There is also a tray in which anyone can leave a prayer request; these prayers are then said at the next service. There is also almost always a display of flowers, thanks to Sandy who lives in the village. Do come and have a look for yourselves, you will be most welcome.

Those visiting the churchyard in May will have noticed minimal mowing and stimming for 'no mow May.' Our next church garden working party and church clean will be on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 1-3pm, all welcome. This is a great opportunity to get to know people living in your community and to help keep Langford's hidden gem tidy and clean.

Our next event in church will be to give thanks for the coming harvest at the annual Lammastide service on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August at 5pm, which will include a small festival of flowers to celebrate our community and remember loved ones. Last year Langford Crossing hosted a 'bring your own picnic' after the service. Please let me know if you would like to offer your garden to host a picnic this year. More details in the June Focal Point.

Very best wishes,

Jerry Steele  
Churchwarden  
01636893143

# Church Services for June 2023



**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**(Trinity Sunday)**

9.00am

Holy Communion

Holme

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**(Barnabus**  
**the Apostle)**

10.30am

Holy Communion

Winthorpe

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**(2<sup>nd</sup> after Trinity)**

10.15am

Morning Worship

Winthorpe

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**(3<sup>rd</sup> after Trinity)**  
**(Birth of John**  
**the Baptist)**

10.00am

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## MAY QUIZ: questions with answers – how well did you do?

1. In 1620, the Pilgrim Fathers set sail in the Mayflower, bound for America, from which English port? *Plymouth*
2. Which precious stone is the birthstone of May? *Emerald*
3. On which date in May was Victory in Europe celebrated in 1945? *8<sup>th</sup>*
4. Johnny May is an England international player of which sport? *Rugby*
5. “May it be an evening star / Shines down upon you” are the opening words of an Enya song from the soundtrack of which 2001 film? *Lord of the Rings (Fellowship of the Ring)*
6. What is the life span of a mayfly? *It rarely lives longer than 24hrs*
7. Who presented the tv programme *Top Gear*, from 2003-2015, alongside Jeremy Clarkson and Richard Hammond? *James May*
8. If your birthday is 15<sup>th</sup> May, under which zodiac sign were you born? *Taurus*
9. What was the nickname of the yellow inflatable life preserver jacket used by Allied air crew in World War 2? *Mae West*
10. Traditionally run on the first Saturday in May, what is the official title of the horse race in America, otherwise known as The Run For The Roses? *Kentucky Derby*
11. Which former British Prime Minister is the MP for Maidenhead? *Theresa May*
12. Why is May 4<sup>th</sup> known as Star Wars Day? *“May the Force (4<sup>th</sup>) be with you”*
13. May Queen is a variety of which fruit? *Apple*
14. On 16<sup>th</sup> May 1943, the dambusters raid set off from which RAF base? *RAF Scampton*
15. Sir Brian May has a PhD from Imperial College, London, in which stellar subject? *Astrophysics*
16. In which year, on 6<sup>th</sup> May, did Roger Bannister run the first sub four- minute mile, in a time of 3mins 59.4secs? *1954*
17. Who had a Number 1 hit with the song *Maggie May* in 1971? *Rod Stewart*
18. Which British-registered ocean liner was torpedoed by an Imperial German Navy U-boat during the First World War on 7 May 1915? *Lusitania*
19. May blossom is commonly associated with which tree, native to the British Isles? *Hawthorn*
20. Which Winthorpe couple will be ‘tying the knot’ on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023, aboard the Queen Mary II, somewhere in the North Sea? *Julie Hill and Michael Johnson*

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