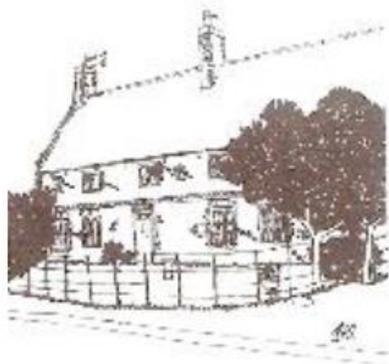


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When	What	Where
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Mon 5 th	Green bin	Winthorpe
Mon 5 th	Brown bin	All
Fri 9 th	Green bin	L'ford/ Holme
Mon 12 th	Silver bin	Winthorpe
Wed 14 th	W.I. Meeting	Winthorpe
Thur 15 th	Parish Council Meeting	Winthorpe
Fri 16 th	Silver bin	L'ford/ Holme
Mon 19 th	Green bin	Winthorpe
Mon 19 th	Brown bin	All
Mon 19 th	Mobile Library	All
Wed 21 st	Garden Club Meeting	Winthorpe
Fri 23 rd	Green bin	L'ford/ Holme
Mon 26 th	Silver bin	Winthorpe
Fri 30 th	Silver bin	L'ford/ Holme

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FOCAL POINT 500

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to this very special, 500th issue of Focal Point. I wonder if you can recall where you were and what was happening in your life in November / December 1980. Were you living in Winthorpe, Langford or Holme? Maybe, like me, you were not only many miles away from these villages, but had not even heard of them, let alone thought about coming to live here.

Terry Wogan was counting the £1,000,000 raised from the first *Children in Need* telethon; *Souper Trouper* by Abba was no.1 in the UK singles chart; European Champions, Nottingham Forest FC, managed by Brian Clough, won their home match 3-0 against Coventry City FC; and in Manhattan, New York, John Lennon was tragically murdered. Meanwhile, in the Winthorpe home of Lynne and Martin Shapley, Focal Point was being born.

Since its first breath, Focal Point has grown and flourished, going through different stages of development – sometimes struggling but doggedly surviving, thanks to being supported and nurtured by an extended family of subsequent editors, treasurers, distributors, contributors, advertisers and – often forgotten – grants and donations from Winthorpe and Langford Parish Council, Holme Bank Land Trust and Winthorpe Parochial Church Council.

In 1980, a pint of milk cost 17p, a pint of beer 47p and a **gallon** (not a litre) of 4star petrol £1.20. The Sun and The Daily Mirror cost 12p. All these prices seem miniscule nowadays, yet Focal Point was then and still is delivered free of charge, without subscription, twelve months of the year, to all residents of our three villages – long may that continue.

Julie Hill (01636 682530)

NEXT MONTH'S DEADLINE IS 18TH SEPTEMBER

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Seasonal Flu Vaccination Campaign 2022

We will be holding 2 Saturday morning flu clinics on

Saturday 24 September 2022, from 8.00 am – 1.00 pm
Saturday 15 October 2022, from 8.00 am – 1.00 pm

We are aiming to vaccinate 100% of eligible patients this year, as defined by NHS guidelines. We may be able to open our offer beyond those eligible after 31 October 2022 (dependent on stocks/uptake).

Saturday clinics will focus on patients who are able to walk and stand unaided for up to 20 minutes. No seating available. Flu Vaccinations (and possibly COVID vaccines once details are confirmed) will be administered with patients stood up and a strict one-way system through the Practice will be in operation. We will continue to wear face coverings to protect your healthcare setting.

For patients with mobility issues we will be holding weekday flu clinics. Our PCAs will triage at the time of booking.

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Mobile Library Routes and Timetable 2022 for Winthorpe, Langford and Holme*				
Stop No.	Village	Location	Arrive	Depart
1	Winthorpe	The Spinney	9.40am	10.00am
2	Winthorpe	junction of Pocklington Crescent and Branston Close	10.05am	10.25am
3	Winthorpe	junction of Gainsborough Road and Woodlands	10.30am	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

*Information taken from inspireculture.org.uk

Don't forget to contact the editor about any events or activities happening in Winthorpe, Langford or Holme, so that they can be included in Focal Point.

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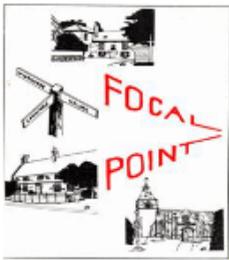


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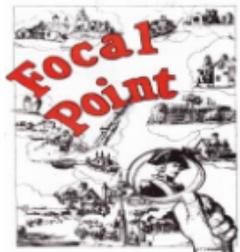
First Front Cover (Dec 1980 - Nov 1985)



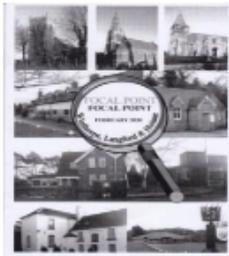
This month, Focal Point celebrates its five hundredth edition. Founded in December 1980 by its then editor Lynne Shapley, this magazine has gone from strength to strength. Lynne was followed by: David Brooks, Jenny Lindley, Peter Roach, Peter Milroy, Cliff Newbold, Annie Purday, Marcia Parkin, Lizzie Wakefield and its present editor Julie Hill.

Second Front Cover (Dec 1985 – Dec 2000)

The days of using a typewriter, cutting and pasting are behind us, as we are now into the computer age. The use of photographs and clip art, although in black and white, enhances the pages of this wonderful A5 style magazine.



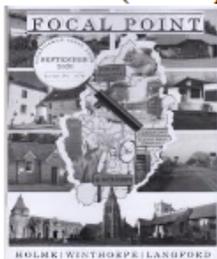
Third Front Cover (Jan 2001 – Aug 2020)



Colour would enhance the pages even more, but the cost may cause a problem. Although the computer has made life a little easier, it still has to be edited, sent to the printers, picked up and sorted for the distributors to pop through the letter boxes, all done by volunteers.

Pat Finn

The Present Front Cover (since September 2020)



THE MAKING OF FOCAL POINT

You can see some of the history of our Focal Point magazine in the Village Scrapbook pages of our Winthorpe Village website.

Since it is now over 40 years ago that we produced these early issues, I find it quite difficult to remember all the details of how it was done, but some of the memories of the process still stay so I will give it a go.

Some parts of the process were the same then as now: getting contributors to send in copy, designing and ordering the layout, distributing and delivering the finished Focal Point. The big difference between now and then is how the magazine was published, printed and assembled. Since there was not the money for professional publishing and printing, it was all done 'in-house', in fact in our house.

At the start of the monthly process, all articles selected were manually typed in the correct size to fit an A5 page. With no choice of fonts and size, you got whatever the typewriter gave you. No editing or correcting either – right first time was the rule! These typed pages were then cut up and stuck onto page masters to form the magazine. A deal of precision was required, especially when an article had to go over two pages; cutting between two lines of typed text required concentration and you could not type it in two parts, as the page end was unknown until it was being assembled.

The A5 page images then had to be stuck side by side onto an A4 sheet, so that it could go into the printing process; but page 2 does not go alongside page 1. I've got the August 2022 issue in front of me and it's easy to see that page 32 goes alongside page 1, with page 2 going with page 31. Also note that Page 1 is on the right, 2 on the left. Whilst we never ran to 32 pages, it still took a lot of care to get it all right. Get it wrong and the magazine turns into gibberish! My head still spins to think of it.

Later in the process we acquired a BBC Micro computer with a word processing 'chip' fitted. The cutting edge! This would control a 'daisy wheel' typewriter, which the magazine funds paid for. Magic, as we could now print out the pages as they were meant to appear. Still no choice of fonts etc. but editing was significantly eased. Still, the pages had to be cut and assembled to the A4 masters just as before.

Printing had to be done as cheaply as possible. Photocopying did exist but was horrendously expensive, especially for 1200 or so page copies, so we had to use the DIY technology of the time: mimeography, a posh name for what we older citizens would remember as a Gestetner or Roneo machine. To do this a 'stencil master' has to be created; this was a flimsy sheet of some sort of acetate, on which the required page would be reproduced by cutting letter shaped holes in all the right places. Thus, if the cut master was held up to the light, you would see the text shining through. This stencil master was wrapped around a drum, which fed ink through the holes onto a sheet of paper, which was pulled through by the rotating drum. Tearing the flimsy stencil was a significant risk, requiring the whole process to be repeated. In the olden days a typist had to create this stencil by typing onto it and making the type head cut the hole; fortunately we were bang up to date and had access to a 'Gestefax' machine, which scanned our master page and simultaneously cut the holes in the stencil with an electric spark.

This was the easy bit. Running the machine required constant attention to the ink supply; printing back-to-back required returning the run of 300 pages to the input in the correct orientation; and mounting the correct new stencil carefully in the right place, making sure the stack was neat, so that all pages would be pulled through properly and one-by-one – it was a tricky business. Errors here would be significant. No-one wants to find page 6 following page 1 or page 9 upside down on the back of 1, or the image having slipped so that a staple through the gutter of one side comes out through the text on the other side. These things happened!

At the Community Voluntary Service office at Kelham Hall, where at-cost printing was offered, we had the luxury of an electric machine. Not so lucky, at other times, when this was not available and we had to hand crank it, one wind per sheet side. Try that whilst trying to control a fractious 2 year old!

With vast piles of paper we would then spend a fruitful evening compiling the pages, stapling and folding. All in all, it's a wonder that Focal Point came out every month, mostly in an acceptable and readable form – but it did, and is still going strongly.

We mustn't overplay our part: there was a whole team of contributors, typists, advertisers and distributors who played their part. To this we must

add all the editors and their supporters who came after us, and who have carried Focal Point through to this milestone. I don't suppose we will see the 1000th edition, but we sincerely hope that some residents will.

Lynne and Martin Shapley

FOCAL POINT

December 1980 No 1

EDITORIAL

Dear Fellow Villagers,

Here is the first edition of our new magazine, Focal Point, the monthly news magazine of Winthorpe, Langford and Holme.

The magazine is intended to keep you abreast of current happenings in the parish; to inform you of future events and to provide you with interesting news, views and articles about the parish and its inhabitants. I hope that you will all help by writing articles for future editions.

May I also take this opportunity of wishing you all a happy Christmas.

LYNNE SHAPLEY
EDITOR

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I'm sure that we all value and appreciate that Focal Point continues to be delivered to our doors, free of charge, thanks to our dedicated distribution team.

Reading Lynne Shapley's words opposite, it strikes me that the aims of Focal Point are the same now as they were when the very first edition was produced in December 1980.

Many thanks for your contributions to Focal Point: our village churches, the parish council, community groups, sports clubs, charitable organisations, events organisers, fundraisers and individual residents. You keep us all informed, entertained and engaged with local events, issues and interests.

Thanks also to our advertisers: without the income generated from your adverts, Focal Point could not survive and the residents of Winthorpe, Langford and Holme would lose a valuable resource. We encourage all residents to support local businesses who advertise in Focal Point.

Focal Point is delivered free of charge every month to residents and local businesses of Winthorpe, Langford and Holme. Copies are also delivered to Winthorpe Primary School and The Lord Nelson Pub. Please inform the editor if you know of anyone within the three villages who currently does not receive a copy, so that we can correct any oversight.

Julie Hill (editor tel. 682530)



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Winthorpe Garden Club

After our summer break, meetings featuring speakers recommence on September 21st when we welcome Tracey Akehurst to deliver a talk entitled 'Carrots, Cabbages and other Ancients.' This will begin at the usual time of 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

There have been some minor changes to the rest of the programme:

Garden Club Programme September 2022 – May 2023	
21 st September	Tracey Akehurst: Carrots, Cabbages and Other Ancients
19 th October	Penny Dawson of Twelve Nunns Nursery: Breeding and Growing Harrington Hellebores
16 th November	Steve Lovell: Extremadura – Green Spain
18 th January	Social Evening
15 th February	Janette Merilion: Unexpected Tales of Plants and Gardens
15 th March	Don Witton: A Calendar of Colour
19 th April	AGM & Plant Sale
17 th May	Steffie Shields: Have Garden Will Travel

Refreshments and a raffle are a feature of our meetings which are open to everyone. If you would like to sample one of these meetings the charge is £2.00 or to join for a year £12.00. It would be good to welcome a few new faces!

Ian Wilson

Sunflower Tip

After flowering, sunflower heads develop masses of sunflower seed. Take the seed and leave to dry for a few days, before storing in a paper envelope in a dry spot, so you can sow them the following year. Make sure you leave some seeds for the birds, too.

Collingham Ramblers

Walk dates from September to the New Year
Great news! Organised Ramblers Walks are continuing in 2022

Dust off those boots, come along and enjoy our stunning local countryside during the autumn and early winter months. Whilst we still have to follow Ramblers Association guidelines, we're now allowed to increase the length of our walks and travel further afield. All participants should still bring their own hand sanitiser and face mask. Car sharing is now allowed.

Sundays

Sunday September 11th Barnby / Claypole (Notts)
Sunday September 25th Fiskerton / Barlings Abbey (Lincs)
Sunday October 9th
Sunday October 23rd
Sunday November 6th
Sunday November 20th
Sunday December 4th
Sunday December 18th
Sunday January 1st

Wednesdays

Wednesday September 21st Derbyshire
Wednesday October 19th
Wednesday November 16th
Wednesday December 21st

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Walkers should provide snacks, drinks and packed lunches if appropriate.

Suitable footwear and waterproofs are necessary.

Nina Ward

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John A. Nelson (The Spinney, Winthorpe)

Barbara, Sarah and Roger would like to thank everyone who attended John's Thanksgiving Service and all those who showed kindness to us during his illness and afterwards.

We are very lucky to be part of Winthorpe village.

Winthorpe WI

Our occasional coffee morning on 21st July at the Lord Nelson was well attended by members. It was difficult to decide which cake to have from the wide variety on offer and several of us couldn't resist the freshly baked scones, still warm from the oven, served with jam and cream.

Our book club meeting, which was to be held on 18th August was cancelled, and the date moved to 23rd August, which will have taken place by the time you receive this issue of Focal Point. We will be reviewing "The Family Upstairs" by Lisa Jewell.

As we do not hold meetings in August, our next meeting will be held at the Community Centre at 7.30pm on 14th September, when the topic will be a talk given by Severn Trent Water. There will also be a sale table, so a chance to pass on any unwanted gifts and items you may have around your house, plus any surplus garden produce. Visitors are welcome. First visits are free of charge, subsequent visits incur a £5 charge.

Pauline Lockwood

My daughter, Victoria, is doing a full marathon Shine Night Walk around London on Saturday, 24th September, in aid of Cancer Research. If anyone would like to sponsor her, all contributions will be gratefully received at 21 Pocklington Crescent.

Thank you in advance.
Pauline Lockwood

WINTHORPE AT THE TIME FOCAL POINT STARTED

These notes are our recollections of activities we were involved in during the very early days of Focal Point.

YOUTH CENTRE

When Focal Point started, the Youth Centre had been open for three years. It had previously been a contractors' site hut during the construction of Cottam Power Station. Before that it had been used in Wales. I bought it partially dismantled for £10 and it was brought to Winthorpe in sections by Theo Godfrey. Bob McClymont was one of the team doing the handling. The sections were stored in the grounds of the then empty barn on Hargon Lane until a site could be found. Ken Bark was involved in obtaining County Council funding to cover the construction costs. Construction was carried out through the Job Creation Scheme by a group of lads managed by a supervisor. Each week the lads lined up in Jean's kitchen to be paid.

The plumbing work was done by Fred Gilbert. Decorating was carried out by members of the Youth Club and Committee. The total cost was £17,000.



The youth club, both junior and senior, was attended by members from Winthorpe and the surrounding area. It was also the only building in the village large enough for adult events like dances. Some will still remember the 50-50 dances, sometimes fancy dress, that were held.



At the time that the Youth Centre was built, it was hoped it would last for 10 to 15 years. In fact it lasted until 2000, when we replaced it with the Community Centre. By then it was held together by car body filler. After demolition the roof trusses were used in the construction of a foot bridge over the stream in our garden

Peter Foden

Everyone certainly seems to be having great fun, judging by these photos. Can you spot yourself, a family member, friend or neighbour in amongst these happy folk?

Julie Hill (editor)

TUESDAY CLUB

The Tuesday Club started in the late 1970s in the Youth Centre. Although mainly for the elderly people in the village it was called Tuesday Club so there were no ageist overtones and anyone could come along for the twice monthly meetings. Geoff Appleby was the Chairman although the Club was run on an informal basis with no committee. Geoff had many interests in the

Newark area and was able to find speakers with ease, mostly free. I and my friend Doreen Spurr made refreshments at each meeting and helped in other ways. Doreen moved away from the village but I continued to help. When Geoff's health deteriorated I took over running the club which continued until 2018.



Garden parties were held in our garden.

Jean Foden

From p.3 of Focal Point, issue 1:

“The Tuesday Club Christmas Party will be held on Saturday 6th December in the Youth Centre at 6.30pm. All members are invited to attend and may bring guests if notified in advance.”

WINTHORPE BROWNIES

The 1st Winthorpe Brownies were formed in the early 1970s. Sheila Godfrey was Brown Owl and, in the mid 1970s, I volunteered to become Tawny Owl. On Sheila's retirement, I took over as Brown Owl, assisted by my daughter, Alison. In 1981 Hilary Drabble replaced Alison as a helper.

In 1982 there were 23 Brownies, mostly girls from Winthorpe, one or two from outside the village. Examples of activities were reported in Focal Point in August 1981: "The Brownies have had a busy summer term and fortunately the weather has been kind to us so that we could spend time outdoors. We have had a barbecue, a hike to Winthorpe Lake ending with refreshments at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Malone and a trip to Belton House with other Brownies and Guides from the district. Our last meeting before the holidays was spent in Mr. and Mrs. Packe's garden where the Brownies played games and had homemade squash and strawberry tarts very kindly provided by Mrs. Packe."



1st Winthorpe Brownies with Brown Owl Mrs. Susan Tremlow at Wollaton Park, Nottingham – about 1985

When I retired in 1984, Susan Best, later Mrs. Tremlow, took over until 1988, supported by Linda Richardson. There were several other leaders up to 1990 but then the 1st Winthorpe Brownies sadly closed. A 2nd Winthorpe Brownie pack started in 1994 but closed in 2004 due to lack of support. **Jean Foden**

CHARITY OF THOMAS BREWER – NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of the Charity will be held on Wednesday 28th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The trustees will report on the charity's activities in the 12 months ending 31st July 2022 and will happily answer any questions you may have, providing these do not require us to breach any necessary confidentiality.

The charity exists to provide limited financial help to residents of Winthorpe, Langford and Holme who are in need, for whatever reason. If you know of any such person(s) please contact any of the trustees named below in strict confidence.

The charity also seeks to provide financial support towards the cost of any project being undertaken for the general benefit of residents in any of the three villages. Details of how to apply for project support are available on the Winthorpe village website or from the Secretary/Treasurer, David Barthorpe.

The current trustees are:

Nominated by Winthorpe with Langford Parish Council until 2025 – Patricia Applewhite and David Barthorpe (note that these trustees are not required to represent / act for the parish council);

Ex-Officio – Reverend Mandy Cartwright;

Elected Trustees – Lee Cammack, Sue Masheder and Neil Moran.

Elected trustees are elected / re-elected each year at the AGM by those in attendance, who are at least 18 years old and live in Winthorpe, Langford or Holme. All three current elected trustees are willing to stand for re-election. If you would also like to stand for election with a proposer and seconder, please give your details to David Barthorpe not later than 21 days before the AGM.

We hope to be able to welcome you at the AGM.

David Barthorpe
Secretary & Treasurer
Tel. 674039

Winthorpe Summer Festival 2022 – Final Account

Monies In	£	Monies Out	£
BBQ	209.00	First Aid	50.00
Raffle	136.00	Inflatable	140.00
Ladies of WI	100.00		
Bar	154.00		
All Saints' Church	30.00	<u>Distribution of Profit</u>	
Art Exhibition	16.70	Defibrillator Fund	500.00
Inflatable	101.70	All Saints' Church	175.00
Stalls	60.00	Festival Rainy Day Fund	77.90
Target Golf	42.00		
Pot Ball	61.50		
Scarecrow	2.00		
Donations	30.00		
Total	£942.90	Total	£942.90

Winthorpe Heritage Guide

As advised in last month's Focal Point, a copy of the Winthorpe Heritage Guide is included as an insert in this edition. This has been produced by the Parish History and Heritage subgroup of the Neighbourhood plan group. It presents three routes around Winthorpe village to provide opportunity for everyone to appreciate the properties, history and heritage of the village. It is also available on the Parish Council's website and Twitter account.



THINK AGAIN.

The Winthorpe Residents' A46 Consultation Group

National Highways (NH) and their appointed design team set up a community engagement event at the end of August in the Lord Nelson carpark. Unfortunately, Think Again was not given enough notice to advertise this in last month's issue. We have asked for NH to give us more notice in future. Hopefully people received a letter notifying them of the event.

By the time you read this, an updated version of the design will have been communicated. We have been told that the new design will also be published on the NH A46 bypass website in due course. It is understood that the statutory consultation for the scheme will commence in October 2022, with further engagement events planned throughout the consultation period.

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/> For further information please use the following contact: A46WinthorpeVillage@outlook.com
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Winthorpe Community Centre

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Winners for August		
1st	£43.20	Maureen Smith
2nd	£21.60	Emma Holt
3rd	£7.20	R McClymont

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Congratulations to our winners in August!

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£1.00 per person entry fee

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Every Wednesday

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Open Mic Night

Monday 15th August

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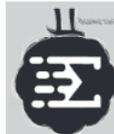
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The online edition of the magazine is easy to find on Winthorpe village website: www.winthorpe.org

Just follow the menus: Media and then Village Magazine.

As well as the current issue, you can read previous issues, going back as far as 2007!



REFLECTIONS FOR AUGUST



Dear Friends,

As I begin my sixth September in Winthorpe, Holme and Langford, I wonder where we will be by the end of the year. September always feels like a turning point to me, with that back to school feeling when the earth turns and the lowering sunlight shines a different light. Maybe we need a different light as we look forward to autumn with its gloomy forecasts.

When life feels too much, I remember many times in history when things got so bad, it looked like the end of the world. However, humanity is incredibly resourceful, inventive and adaptable and we need to put those gifts to good use, so that life can be better and sustainable for everyone.

I am reassured by our beautiful churches and sometimes I try to imagine everyone who's passed through them, celebrating births and marriages and laying loved ones to rest, praying for the world and each other, giving thanks for harvests and praying through tragedies. Our churches have stood through the best and worst of humanity and nature, and have survived wars, political and religious upheaval, plagues, fire and flood – and some of them have got the physical marks to prove it.

They bring home the truth of these words:

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea. (Psalm 46)

Churches survive because they are adaptable, and I'd love to hear your thoughts about what we could be doing differently or more of in church.

Churches also survive because of people; without people, they would be beautiful, empty buildings, either sold or locked and falling into disrepair. So, your church needs you! Please get involved with your village church, even if you've never been before.

This month we've got our patronal festival in Holme, which means that we think about St Giles, and we'll be getting ready for next month's harvest festivals.

Come to a service or for a quiet time by yourself, get involved in practical help or fund raising. Above all, get involved with God who is always present and ready to help in times of trouble.

If you'd like to talk about any of this, please get in touch.

God bless you,

Revd. Mandy



NEWARK FOODBANK

When I last made a delivery from our villages to the Foodbank, at the end of July, the volunteer who took the boxes and bags from me was a bit upset that food was being distributed faster than it was being collected. Things are often a bit tight at the Foodbank, but the present situation is the worst many people involved can remember. When you consider that there are more energy price hikes coming along the road together with spiralling food prices, the outlook is grim getting grimmer. I am therefore pleased to see that after a bit of a lull in the amount of food etc. being donated, these last few weeks have seen a good increase. Thank you so much.

The last delivery weighed in at 27.4kg. Especially needed now are: long life fruit juice, tinned meat, 500g bags sugar, tinned fruit, tinned or microwaveable sponge puddings, chocolate biscuit bars, all toiletries (both for men and for women).

New bank details: NatWest, sort code 54-10-23, a/c no. 19405812

Winthorpe Collection Points:

- The shop at the Lord Nelson, during shop hours
- The swing bin at 11 Gainsborough Road, available 24/7.
- The church porch, Sun 10am-12noon, Thurs 1.30-3.30pm

Jane White



All Saints' Church

Winthorpe

I do hope by the time you read these notes that we have had some rainfall!! As I write we are approaching the second heatwave!! Hopefully, not quite as hot as 40°!

We welcomed Bella Ridge into our church family last month and will have another Baptism later this month. We had a wonderful Thanksgiving Service for John A Nelson in a packed out church, showing how much he was loved and respected in the village.

Looking forward, we have the annual Ride and Stride event taking place this month on Saturday September 10th. It is organised by the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust, which raises money for the repair of places of worship. The church porch at All Saints will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for riders/ walkers to register and have light refreshments.

Early notice of the Harvest Supper, which will be held at the Community Centre on Saturday, October 15th, 7 for 7.30p.m. Tickets will be available later in the month from all members of the PCC: Sharon (Woodlands), Joan (Gainsborough Rd, School end), Jane (Old Rectory Court), Pauline (Pocklington), Christine (Spinney) and Tisha (Gainsborough Rd, Church end).

Before all of that we look forward to welcoming you to any of our three Services this month.

Our thoughts and prayers are with anyone who is ill, hospitalised or facing a bereavement at this time.

Tisha Applewhite, Churchwarden (643763)

Church Cleaners: Mrs Jane White

Brasses: Miss T. Applewhite



St. Giles Church, Holme

Hello from St Giles Church Holme

What a welcome spell of rain we enjoyed in mid-August. It's such a relief to see things coming back to life so quickly. Now that the hot weather has hopefully gone away for this year, Fleet Fencing of Collingham will soon make a start on the church path. As the old stone edging pieces have sunk into the ground, the first job will be to re-lay these so that they once again form the edges of the path. We might need to have some replacements made, if any are found to be missing. Alan and David will then improve the pathway so that the pea gravel is held in small pockets, made firmer and much better to walk on; in particular, it will allow wheelchair or wheeled walker access to meet the standard required. Inevitably, there will be times when access to the church will be limited or when the whole site may be closed to the public altogether. We will try to keep you informed by placing notices on the gate.

We have received quotations for the necessary electrical work and the system has been surveyed. We are now in the process of applying for a faculty to allow the work to proceed. Hopefully, it will be possible to get the heating panels up and running before winter, and get rid of the calor gas heaters – certainly not green and a fire hazard in a Grade I listed building.

We are delighted to inform you that we plan to stage a concert in the church, to be given by our local Rock Choir, of which local resident Jane Chapman is a member. Once the electrics are sorted, we should be able to fix a date in the autumn, so please watch this space....

Don't forget the Harvest Festival on Sunday 9th October at 6pm. The next service is on Sunday 4th September at 9am.

Kind regards, Nigel Priestley and Doreen Hallam.

Phone, 01636 892020, email: nigel.priestley10@gmail.com

Although little is known of St. Giles, it's believed that he lived in the late 7th/early 8th century, enacting most of his ministry in Provence, France. According to sources, St. Giles was originally from Athens but fled to France, where he became a hermit, living in a forest near the mouth of the Rhône. According to one account, while out hunting, Wamba, King of the Visigoths, chased a hind into the hermitage where Giles lived. Wamba is said to have shot an arrow which maimed Giles, with whom the hind had taken refuge. This is why St. Giles is commonly depicted with a deer.

St. Giles was one of the most popular medieval saints and is included in Catholicism among the 'Fourteen Holy Helpers'. St. Giles is the patron saint for disabled people, lepers, beggars and blacksmiths and his feast day is celebrated on 1st September.



From this point forward, a few spare copies of Focal Point will be placed in Holme Church, for anyone who would like one.

Church Services for September 2022



Sunday 4th
(12th after Trinity)

9.00 am

Holy Communion
Patronal Festival

Holme

Sunday 11th
(13th after Trinity)

10.30a.m.

Holy Communion

Winthorpe

Sunday 18th
(14th after Trinity)

9.00a.m.
10.15a.m.

Holy Communion
Morning Worship

Langford
Winthorpe

Sunday 25th
(15th after Trinity)

6.00p.m.

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