



## Ed's Comments

As we welcome 2011 with some hope and no doubt much trepidation I, as usual, take this opportunity to thank, on your behalf, all of our distributors for delivering this newsletter through your doors; again I'm happy to report they are the same team.

Also I would like to thank Duncan Richardson for undertaking the role of treasurer for the FP. Now if only I could get someone to take on the task of obtaining the funding via our advertisers!!

I have been asked to comment on the 'Grit' situation.

The grit was much needed last month; however the complaint made was that individuals have been seen taking grit from the bins at the entrance to the village and using it on their drives, when the intention is for it to be used on our roads. The result being that when one of the 'village few' went to obtain some to scatter on particularly hazardous stretches, there wasn't enough. Offenders please note.

'In the lanes snow was glistening' goes the carol, well it certainly was at the beginning of December and many were out capturing the spectacle on film. If anyone has a shot of the village under its white blanket that they are pleased with, I would love to publish it. It may not come out perfectly in this black and white publication but it would be seen in all its glory on the website version.

Finally I would mention that this month sees the last church service to be taken by David Milner in the East Trent group of churches; it is at All Saints Collingham on **Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup>** at 10.45am in case anyone would like to support him.

**Cliff Newbold**

Closing date for the February issue is the **21<sup>st</sup> January**.

# COMMUNITY CENTRE

## LUNCH CLUB

As usual there will be no lunch in January. The next lunch will be on **Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> February.**

## ANNUAL QUIZ



The Quiz will take place at the Community Centre at **7.00pm for 7.30pm on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> February.** The tickets will be £7.50 for the Quiz and refreshments. Full details will be given in the next Focal Point but please keep the date free in your new diaries.

## SECRETARY

After 15 years as Secretary since the start of the Community Centre project, Peter Foden will be retiring at the next AGM in April. The maintenance and caretaking jobs he has been doing will be carried out by others but it still leaves the essential secretarial role of taking minutes at meetings every two months, writing 'official' letters and dealing with some fairly straightforward administration matters.

If you might be willing to take on this role and would like to know more about what is involved please contact Peter on **704241.**

**Finally, on behalf of the Trustees I would like to wish everybody a Happy New Year.**

**Frances Kelly, Chairman**

## TUESDAY CLUB

Because of uncertain weather and a couple of members not able to come, we postponed our Christmas Party and we will now have a New Year party instead.

**Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2011, 2.30pm.**

New Year Party in the Village Hall. –

Please bring an item of Food and a wrapped gift.



**Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2.30pm.**

AGM in the Village Hall.

**“May we wish all readers a happy and healthy 2011 and one of our members, Ron Bradshaw, a very happy 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in January.”**

**Jean Foden.**

## WINTHORPE & DISTRICT W.I. REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2010



What a jolly evening we had for our Christmas party in the Community

Centre. Committee members had been busy during the afternoon preparing the tables and the hall had been beautifully decorated by representatives of the centre.

Mrs Pat Nelson welcomed members and visitors from Coddington and Collingham Institutes and members of the ukulele band who were to be our entertainment.

There was no business, so we were invited to make our choices of the lovely finger buffet that members had provided. The tables were laden with a good variety of things. After we had eaten there was a break while the band played tunes for the ladies to sing-a-long. Then it was back to the sweets which were a mixture of cakes and pastries, again a great selection. Then the Band played again for a sing-song. Rudolph the red nosed Reindeer was a popular song, when one of our members with the help other lipstick, sported a red nose!

Mrs Nelson thanked the ukelele band, whose leader is Mr. Justin Baker-Smith, of Woodlands, Winthorpe, for the lovely entertainment and the members showed their appreciation by their applause.

Members had each brought a gift for exchange and these were distributed. Committee members had brought the raffle prizes.

Every year we choose a charity to support and members bring their donations in a sealed envelope, which is placed in a box. This year we chose to support the Alzheimer's charity. Members were very generous and we collected One Hundred pounds. Thank-you everybody.

Our next meeting is in the Village Hall on **January 13<sup>th</sup>** when we will be doing gentle exercise and learning about Pilates. The speaker is Jo Walker. Hostesses are Mesdames E.Pacey and D.Kitson.

We shall also be collecting our W.I. subscriptions, which are thirty pounds for 2011.

**A Happy New Year to everyone.**

**Daphne Marshall**

## WINTHORPE ALLOTMENTS



Good News! Land has now been allocated for this scheme. It is the field on the right of Holme Lane between the Fleet and the drainage dyke. Weather permitting this will be ploughed in the next few weeks with a view to being ready for spring planting.

It would be helpful if anyone who has not registered their interest could now do so by contacting Angela Turner on 704639 or Ian Wilson on 686249.

A meeting has been arranged for **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>** of January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall to discuss in more detail what people want and the requirements of the landlord, the Winthorpe Village Property Trust.

**Ian Wilson**



### **Winthorpe Line Dancers**

We continue to have a good turnout on Tuesday evenings and everyone seems to enjoy themselves.

**New members are always welcome** to join us. We meet at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

Since we started in September we have contributed £260 to the Centre funds. Thanks to you all.

We will start meetings again on **Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> January**. We hope to see you all then. In the meantime we hope that you had a lovely Christmas and we wish you a **Happy New Year**.

**Linda Richardson & Joan Lord**



**As promised last month - here is Andy's full report...**

## **Winthorpe Cricket Club**

Firstly on the playing front, as you will have read our season has not been one of our greatest and unfortunately circumstances transpired that we were relegated prior to playing our last game of the season. Currently proposals for divisions and the like are being discussed by the league committee and will be voted on at the League AGM on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November. I will of course update Focal Point as soon as I have details. The main thing is that we will be back in harness next season.

Again the club would like to thank you all again for your continuing support over the year both via the Bonus Ball and the support received on Duck Day. The Club would also like to thank Scott and Caroline for their support and the warm welcome they have given us and not to mention the excellent teas they have provided over the season and also for providing the venue and food at our presentation dinner.

I have been asked by the committees of the Kavaliers and Coddington to raise the issue of dog walking at the ground. The issue of dog fouling has become a bit of an issue and more persistent over this last season so please, if you a dog owner please do the decent thing and clean up after your pet. It should not be too much of an inconvenience as bins are provided and clearly marked for the purpose.

Despite the ongoing difficulties, theft of electrical cables etc. it is not all doom and gloom. Revenue from Duck Day was up on previous years and as you will know, hopefully, the Bonus Ball was resurrected with the first draw taking place on the 6<sup>th</sup> November. This is extremely pleasing as this makes a significant contribution to our funds over the course of the year and is in fact one of the reasons the Club continues to survive. The loss of this and our groundsman last year had significant financial impact on the Club details of which I spoke about recently at the Village Meeting at the Community Centre. It is therefore with great relief and thanks to all of you who are supporting the Club through the newly revived Bonus Ball. This should put us back on a more even keel for next year. Payments for the Bonus Ball can be either via the tried and tested jar located at the Lord Nelson, via myself at the Dial House or even via standing order.

Nets are being held over the winter. These are held fortnightly on Sundays from 11:00am for an hour. If you are interested please contact me or a member of the club for details. These are informal and ideal for those just wanting to give cricket a try or to brush up on their game.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all on behalf of the Club for your support, which I hope will continue next year and remind you that the AGM will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> December at the Community Centre commencing 7:30pm. We are looking for willing volunteers to serve on the Committee so if you feel you have some spare time and would like to assist in some capacity please come along.

Other than that I hope that you had a Merry Christmas and that you have a  
**Happy and prosperous New Year.**

**Andy Fereday**

# Flood Warnings Direct

## Know Your Codes

### Do you live or work in an area at risk of flooding?

Over 5 million people in England and Wales live and work in properties that are at risk of flooding from rivers or the sea.

You can find out if you are at risk of flooding by visiting [www.environment-agency.gov.uk/flood](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/flood) or by phoning Floodline on 0845 988 1188.

If you find out you are at risk, be warned and be prepared.

#### Be warned

New and improved flood warnings will be used from November 2010. These will be simpler to understand, provide more local information and will give you clearer actions to take.

You may see or hear these warnings our Floodline Warnings Direct service and also on television weather broadcasts, local radio stations and the internet. From the end of November, the latest flood information will be added to the Environment Agency's website. This information will give you specific information for your area such as the times when flooding is expected, actual and forecast tide heights, river levels, and an indication of the locations likely to be affected.

Make sure you understand and recognise the new warning codes and know what to do should they be issued for your area.

#### Be prepared

To make sure you are prepared for flooding, visit our website [www.environment-agency.gov.uk/flood](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/flood) or call Floodline to sign up for the FREE Floodline Warnings Direct service. This service will send you warning messages to your telephone, mobile or by e-mail, text message or fax.

It is important that you know how you can prepare for and take the right actions before a flood. It won't take you long to complete a Personal Flood Plan and can save you much anxiety during a flood. Download a template from [www.environment-agency.gov.uk/flood](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/flood) or phone Floodline on 0845 988 1188.

You can also prepare for flooding by buying and installing flood products in advance. Visit [www.environment-agency.gov.uk/flood](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/flood) for advice on preparing your property for flooding, or [www.bluepages.org.uk](http://www.bluepages.org.uk) for an independent directory of flood products. Look for the Kitemark to check that a product meets industry standards.

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|  <p><b>FLOOD ALERT</b></p>            | <p>A <b>flood alert</b> will indicate that flooding is possible and that people should make early preparations and remain vigilant</p>  |
|  <p><b>FLOOD WARNING</b></p>        | <p>A <b>flood warning</b> will indicate that flooding of homes and businesses is expected and people should action to protect themselves and to reduce the impact of the flood.</p> |
|  <p><b>SEVERE FLOOD WARNING</b></p> | <p>A <b>severe flood warning</b> will be used in extreme circumstances to tell people that flooding poses a significant risk to life.</p>   |

**COLLINGHAM RAMBLERS WALKS PROGRAMME 2011**

**SUNDAY WALKS**

**MIDWEEK WALKS**

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Leader</b> | <b>Contact</b> | <b>Distance</b> | <b>Location</b>         | <b>Leader Nina</b>   |
|-------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Jan 16th    | Nina          | 07746033573    | 6 miles         | Nocton/Dunston          | Jan 19th             |
| Jan 30th    | Chris         | 07817975993    | 6.5 miles       | Welton by Lincoln       | Feb 16th             |
| Feb13th     | Bob           | 07761221064    | 6 miles         | Warsop area             | March 16th           |
| Feb 27th    | Michael       | 07896719698    | 7 miles         | Rutland                 | April 20th           |
| March 13th  | Dave W        | 07860277451    | 8 miles         | Shelford/Radcliffe      | May 25th             |
| March 27th  | Dave S        | 07989253796    | 7.5 miles       | Treswell woods          | June 22nd            |
| April 10th  | Nigel         | 07969290885    | 5 miles         | Osbournby               | July 20th            |
| April 24th  | Steve         | 07933742205    | 6 miles         | Besthorpe/Trent/Fleet   | Augt 17th            |
| May 8th     | Chris         | 07817975993    | 6.5 miles       | Epworth/Isle of Axholme | Sept. 14th           |
| May 22nd    | Bus Trip      |                |                 | Derbyshire              | Oct 12th             |
| June 5th    | Bob           | 07761221064    | 7 miles         | The Meden and Maun      | Nov 16th             |
| June 19th   | Anne          | 07986672374    | 9.5 miles       | Rowthorne/Hardwick      | Dec 14th             |
| July 3rd    | Steve         | 07933742205    | 6 miles         | Eakring/nature reserves |                      |
| July 17th   | Dave S        | 07989253796    | 8 miles         | Retford/Leverton        | <b>Lunch option</b>  |
| July 31st   | Nigel         | 07969290885    | 5.5 miles       | Branston                | <b>Local area</b>    |
| Aug14th     | Bus Trip      |                |                 | Northamptonshire        | <b>Morning walks</b> |
| Aug 28th    | Lorna         | 07980532842    | 7.5 miles       | Vale of Belvoir         |                      |
| Sept. 11th  | Chris         | 07817975993    | 8.5 miles       | Belchford/Scamblesby    |                      |
| Sept 25th   | Anne          | 07986672374    | 8.5 miles       | Creswell/Whitwell       |                      |
| Oct 9th     | Bob           | 07761221064    | 6 miles         | Greasley/Beauvale       |                      |
| Oct 23rd    | Dave S        | 07989253796    | 7.5 miles       | Laneham ferry/Cottam    |                      |
| Nov 3rd     | AGM           |                | 7.30 pm         | Winthorpe Village Hall  |                      |
| Nov 6th     | Dave W        | 07860277451    | 6 miles         | Aubourn/Bassingham      |                      |
| Nov 20th    | Nigel         | 07969290885    | 5.5 miles       | Marton and the Trent    |                      |
| Dec 4th     | Steve         | 07933742205    | 8 miles         | Denton/Viking Way       |                      |
| Dec18th     | Nina          | 07746033573    | 6 miles         | Festive walk            |                      |

Details of these walks are sent to members by email prior to each walk.

General information from Nina on 01636 678419

Please wear suitable footwear on all walks and take waterproof clothing

On Sunday walks you will need a packed lunch and drinks

**The Ramblers cannot accept responsibility for accident or injury on walks**

**NEW YEAR  
NEW EXPERIENCE**



Major Oak & Harmony Lincs

Are both nationally known & highly rated choruses who would like you to come and experience some of the very best harmony singing currently available and performed in Barbershop Style

**FREE**



**ENTRY**

Winthorpe Community Centre

Tuesday 18 January - 8 pm

**AN EVENING TO REMEMBER**

# Church Notices

By the time you read this Christmas and all the festivities will be over

and we shall be looking forward to Spring.

For many, Christmas is a sad & lonely time when we miss familiar faces but they are not forgotten.

The church vestry had its misfortune when the snow thawed and overflowed into the vestry. We are very grateful to Ian Hasman who climbed onto the roof to remove a large collection of snow & ice which was blocking the down-pipe thus enabling us to dry out the vestry area before Sunday.

We have welcomed to our church an additional retired priest who is living in Collingham - Canon Dendle French & his wife Margaret. For many years he has worshiped at Glamis Castle and has taken a great liking to Winthorpe church.

2011 will see a great change throughout the Benefice as David Milner will be leaving us. He has been a familiar figure in the Community and at the moment we do not know if and when he will be replaced. His last service in the Benefice will be a Holy Communion service at All Saints church in Collingham at 10.45am on January 30<sup>th</sup> 2011 and we do hope that many of you will be able to be present.

A collection for David's leaving present is being started throughout the Benefice and on completion one cheque will be given to him from all the parishes as an appreciation of his work with us. If any of you would like to make a donation, Ann Stone, Sylvia Lloyd & John Nelson (Woodlands), all members of the Winthorpe PCC, will be pleased to accept them.

We are still looking for a Churchwarden to replace Alan Stone. Alan is very willing to help train a volunteer either male or female. The other members of the Parochial Church Council would also be supportive. Any person interested will need to be a confirmed member of the Church of England.

Without a priest as the leader it is most important that we work as a team and that village people communicate with us. For example, those who need help through sickness etc.

The church is very short of young people. We would like to form a 'Helpers Group' of younger people who could help us to organise some events and lend some physical help when required e.g. keeping paths to the church door clear when we have severe weather in the Autumn and Winter.

Our **Christingle Service**, normally held before Christmas, will be on **January 16<sup>th</sup> 2011 at 10.15am** - The Collingham Music group will accompany part of the service.

**“We wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year and our best wishes to those who are unwell or in hospital at this time.”**

### **Church Bells**

They will ring for practices on Thursday evenings from 7.00pm - 9.0pm and possibly for the following :

Sunday January 9th 10.15am - Holy Communion

Sunday January 16<sup>th</sup> 10.15am - Christingle Service

**Ann Stone, PCC Secretary.**

*Up-To-date notices of our church services and those of the other church services in the Benefice are displayed outside the church.*



## **Dear All, Happy New Year!**

As I write this I am still struggling around the East Trent Group. Ice and snow stubbornly remain making driving and work very difficult.

This morning I spent some time writing Christmas cards to my family now scattered far and wide. Thinking about each person or family has been a thought provoking and interesting experience tinged with sad and happy memories.

At lunchtime I attended my last Luncheon at the Winthorpe Community Centre. Over the last 6 years I have much enjoyed my time, good food and companionship. As I talked with folks I was aware of many enduring friendships there are that have lasted the highs and lows of life. This Christmas I know that many will visit and be visited by friends and family. As you read this article you may well be breathing a sigh of relief and saying to anyone who will hear "it's good to get back to normal".

What is normal?

A regular routine may give comfort in the same way that a warm home and regular meals can.

But what is normal. To discover normal we have to have different experiences from which to gauge what is normal for us personally, because what is normal for one will not be for another.

The New Year will bring all of us new challenges. It is worth reflecting that we can only discover our personal normal in the light of different experiences and listening to different points of view.

In reality what we see as normal is constantly changing. As we all look back through our lives we can see that many of the usual normal things of the past have changed.

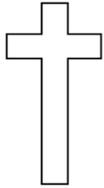
Talking to a variety of people in the run up to Christmas I have been interested to hear stories of times past and future hopes. One of the greatest privileges we have is to share our stories with one another. This all takes time and on occasion patience. The reward is likely to be a deepening understanding and friendships and altering our understanding of what is normal.

At a time when there is much uncertainty, cherishing our friendships and caring for those around us is very important.

Take care of yourselves and each other.

**Yours in Christ**

**David**



# JANUARY SERVICES

## “HAPPY NEW YEAR”

**WEDNESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> - Christmas 1**

9am

Holy Communion, Holme.

NO SERVICE IN WINTHORPE

**SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> – Epiphany 1**

10.15am

Holy Communion, Winthorpe.

**SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> – Epiphany 2**

9am

Holy Communion, Langford.

10.15am

**CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**, Winthorpe.



**THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup>**

10am

Holy Communion, Winthorpe.

Said service (B.C.P)

**SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> – Epiphany 3**

8am

Holy Communion, Winthorpe.

5pm

Evensong, Holme.

**SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> Epiphany 4**

10.45am

**David Milner’s united Farewell Service  
at All Saints Collingham.**

## ALL ARE WELCOME

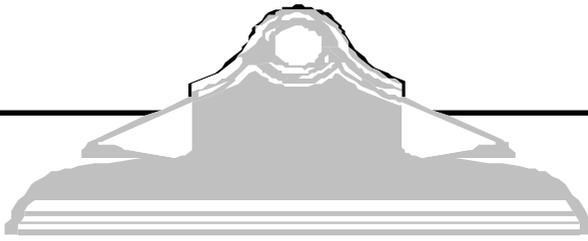
**CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS**

**January**

21<sup>st</sup> Mrs Stone, Mr McClymont

**February**

25<sup>th</sup> Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Nelson



# JANUARY CALENDAR

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|----------------------------|---|
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>     | Silver Bin                              |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>   | Library Van                             |
| Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>    | Green Bin                               |
| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>   | Line Dancing, 7.30pm – Comm. Centre.    |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>  | WI meeting, 7.30pm – Village Hall.      |
| Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>    | Christingle service 10.15am Winthorpe.  |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>    | Silver Bin                              |
| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>   | Harmony Singers 8pm - Comm. Centre.     |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> | Garden Club Social, 7.30pm – Centre.    |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>  | Library Van                             |
| Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>    | Green Bin                               |
| Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> | Allotment meeting, 7.30pm – Vill. Hall. |
| Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>    | Silver Bin                              |

## FEBRUARY

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> | Village Quiz, 7pm – Community Centre. |
| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>   | Luncheon Club, 12.30pm Centre.        |

‘Village organisations and local bodies – if at any time you would like to get in touch with a village contact, why not try the village website.’

[www.winthorpe.org.uk](http://www.winthorpe.org.uk)

