



Ed's Comments

What disappointment that the weather prevented the Festival from taking place. Whilst we know the vagaries of the British weather are ever present, it doesn't hide the disappointment. However the good news is that they are having another try on the 27th of this month; see further on in this edition. Finger crossed again.

The 'Evening in the Park' turned out to be an 'Evening in the Centre' and what a great night it was. The band 'Elegantly Wasted' were excellent and the WI team performed again with their BBQ. Well done to all concerned.

Speaking of good nights; Margaret Thornhill's mid-summer BBQ at Grove House also went very well with approximately 100 guests enjoying the company and ambience of such lovely surroundings.

This was of course a fund raising event for All Saints Church and very successful it was, with some £530 being raised.

This money is vital at a time when doubts have been expressed on the viability of the Church.

Some visit the church more than others, but I feel that all of us would very disappointed if it was not there for us to join in the celebration of the weddings and christenings of family and friends and also, sadly, saying our farewells to those we have known and loved. Let us hope the fears are unfounded.

I was fortunate to attend the reopening of The Lord Nelson last month and what a super evening this was. No effort was spared to show those present what we could look forward to under its new management. The first reports are very good so perhaps I will 'see you there'?

Cliff Newbold

I will be sending next month's copy to the Printers via email so I request that you send me any items the same way and as early in the month as possible. The closing date will be the 22nd August.

LUNCH CLUB

The next Lunch will be at 12.30pm on **Monday, 1st August** at the Community Centre. The menu will be:

Sausages in Onion Gravy
or
Baked Cod in Cheese Sauce
with
Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables
-x-
Lemon Meringue Pie

£7 including a glass of wine. Please phone Jean and Peter Foden (**704241**) to book your place and give your choice of menu not later than **Thursday, 28th July**. **Please remember that we are having to apply a limit of 50 to the number coming so do not delay making contact.** Please pay at the door. If you have made a booking but then cannot come please let us know as soon as possible.

Peter Foden

TUESDAY CLUB

There will be no meetings in August – the next morning coffee will be on **Tuesday, 13th September**.



A very big thankyou to members and friends who contributed items for our tombola stall.

It is planned to have the stall at the event on **August 29th**.

Money raised will all go to the Lincs. & Notts. Air Ambulance.

Jean Foden



W.I. REPORT FOR JULY

What a lovely evening we had for our last meeting of the summer, fine warm weather and beautiful surroundings. We were in the garden of Mr and Mrs Goodwin and it looked beautiful. Seats and tables had been set around the lawn for our strawberry and wine evening, which we hold every year. Our president welcomed everyone and thanked our hostess and her husband for letting us use their garden. As this was a social evening there was virtually no business done, just a couple of lists for outings to the Palace Theatre for the Autumn Council meeting and mention of a Skittles evening at the Grey Horse at Collingham to be announced later on. We had promised a donation to the refurbishment of the Village Hall, so there was a raffle for which everyone had brought prizes and a bring and buy stall which was absolutely overflowing with items that members had donated. The proceeds of both these stalls were to be given to the Village Hall Committee.

Members were served with wine and as they drank it they wandered over to the bring and buy stall, and were most generous with their purchases. Raffle tickets were also sold during this spell. Then came the strawberries and cream, accompanied by shortbread which in true W.I. Calendar Girls tradition came from Marks and Spencer! Much fun was had with the selling off of left over items, but in the end we had an empty stall and quite a full pot of money. The final total with Bring and Buy and raffle came to just over One Hundred and Twenty Four pounds. Well Done Girls!

During the evening the Church bells were ringing and it just gave a great ambience to the whole evening. I'm sure we would all like to thank Lily and Jim for a most enjoyable time and for the use of their very beautiful garden.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday Sep.8th** when the speaker is Charlotte McCarthy who will be talking on:-

‘The History of Boots the Chemist’.

The hostesses are Mesdames E.Thomton and L.Moran.

Until then have a good break.

Daphne Marshall.



Garden Club

Those of us who travelled to Aubourn Hall Gardens on our recent evening visit enjoyed an entertaining and informative tour led by the head gardener. The same family has owned the property for some four hundred years and some historical aspects were pointed out to us, such as the remnants of clay pits from which material was excavated to make bricks for building the house. The gardens themselves are extensive with discrete compartments and many interesting plants. The current owner, together with his gardeners, has begun extensive modification and replanting of many areas of these huge and lovely gardens. It would be very interesting to see the effects of these changes in two or three years time.

I am sure we were all disappointed that the poor weather caused the village festival to be cancelled. I would like to thank those who had volunteered their help with the clubs games and hope for better weather next time!

Finally, a reminder that we do not meet in August but return to the Community Centre on **21st September** when **Stuart Dixon** returns with a talk entitled:-

All Gardens Great and Small

Ian Wilson



Winthorpe Line Dancers

We hope that you have enjoyed the summer break and look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday the **6th September at 7pm** at the Community Centre.

Newcomers will be very welcome.

Joan Lord and Linda Richardson

GIANT SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

In the language of flowers the tall sunflower means haughtiness. The word haughtiness means proud or superior. The sunflower stands tall and proud with a large bright smiling face looking around and could be saying, 'I am the best of all plants.' I think this sums the sunflower up nicely. Don't you?



Your plant will be nearly 2mtrs high and will have produced a small flower head, as my drawing shows. This usually occurs about 4 months from sowing the seed. Every day the head will grow larger until it is the size of a dinner plate.

When the flower head opens to reveal the yellow flowers an interesting thing occurs. The flower head will turn and face the sun, following it from early morning to late evening. Look out for bees, nature's busiest workers, pollinating the flower. They are attracted by the flower's pollen. The small bees are honey bees and the larger ones are bumble bees. The white tailed bumble bee is our common wild bee.

As the flower head develops, the plant will stop growing and it will divert most of its energy into the flower and seeds. This is a very important time of the plant's life. Now give it a feed of Tomorite every time you water. Tomorite, is a liquid food and high in potash, just what the plant needs. This will encourage the seeds to grow big and fat. As the seeds develop, the sunflower starts to bow its head and will then face the ground. This is due to the weight of the seed head and it is nature's way of keeping the rain off the seeds. Before all this happens and when the flower is fully formed, measure the height of your plant from the soil level to the highest point.

Make a note of this, because you will have to ring me with result on **Sunday Sept 11th** . Tel: **704444**.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The well-known sunflower characteristic of the flowering head tracking the sun's movement is called heliotropism.
- The 'face' of a sunflower plant can contain up to 3,000 tiny flowers or florets. A seed develops from each floret.
- The florets within the sunflower's cluster are arranged in a spiraling pattern. Some spirals go left and others go right. Go and have a closer look at yours and notice the pattern these florets produce.



Winthorpe Youth Club.

Would you like to join our Youth club?

The club is open every Thursday evening (except school holidays) from 6.30pm-8.30 pm at Winthorpe Community Centre
Admission charge is £1

The club is now open to young people aged 11-18.

Why not come down and take a look at what's on offer: -

- *pool table - *jewellery making - *makeup - *table tennis
- *cooking - *table football - *fund raising - *music decks –
- *dancing lessons - *trips out – bowling ,ice skating, cinema,
*paint, balling, *laser quest
- *overnight expeditions-camping, orienteering, first aid training
*Duke of Edinborough.

If you simply want to chill out for a while and chat to friends or listen to music then you can do that too.

Bring a friend and enjoy an evening out.

If you would like any further details see Val or Craig at the Youth Club

Please contact Denise Day - 01636 **708727**
or Mike Toulson - 01636 **610641**

Also an early plea for HELP on Bonfire night -Saturday 5th November.

The Youth Club management committee are looking for helpers on Bonfire Night. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated. We are looking for stewards to be on duty at the venue and others to direct traffic through the village. Traffic duty is for about 1 hour and stewards would be needed for 2 hours. Please contact the above if you can assist.

Summer Fete
at Winthorpe Hall Care Home
Sat 27th August 2011 - 1.30pm Start

Attractions Include:-

**Tombola, Raffle, Bottle Stall, Home Made Cakes,
Designer Handbags, Gourmet Basket Stall, Book Stall
Costume & Vintage Jewellery Stall
And Many More**

**All monies received will be in Aid of the
Residents Comfort Fund**



Winthorpe Festival 2011

Our apologies to anyone that ventured down to the community centre on the

afternoon of Saturday 16th July to find an empty and wet field.

After a year of organising we could not control the weather and this year's festival had to be cancelled. We hung on as long as we could before making the final decision but we are happy that it was the right one on the day as the rain continued throughout the afternoon.

Many thanks to my fellow committee members Justin Baker-Smith, Sue Masheder and Patricia Applewhite for all their hard work over the last year and hope we can make up for it next year.

As a precaution we put the evening event inside the community centre, and although it turned out to be a pleasant evening outside it was a great evening inside with the entertainment provided by local band 'Elegantly Wasted' who were superb.

The ladies of the W.I. brought along their stalls that had been planned for the afternoon and made use of the evening event to raise money for the Air Ambulance, so thanks to them for the bottle and cake stalls. Also thank you to John Nelson, Peter and Jean Foden who provided some food during the evening to raise funds, we also had a couple of different raffles which again raised money for the charity.

Sharon Manley

Winthorpe Festival Committee



WE ARE TRYING AGAIN

WINTHORPE FESTIVAL, 2.30pm MONDAY, 29th AUGUST

When the afternoon event for the Festival had to be cancelled it left unused a large number of items that had been donated to raise money for the Air Ambulance. So we are re-arranging the event on the Bank Holiday Monday as above at the Community Centre to make use of these items and to provide a variety of activities and entertainment.

It is not possible to repeat everything that was planned for July 16th. At the time of submitting this item for Focal Point the planning is at an early stage. We will have the tombola and other stalls, raffle, games, sports, music, teas and a barbecue. Between now and August 29th we expect to arrange plenty for all ages.

Please look out for posters with all the details. If the weather is bad again the event will still go ahead – inside the Community Centre. The Lincolnshire & Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance is a very worthy cause and we hope you will come along to give it your support whilst enjoying a pleasant afternoon.

Jean & Peter Foden



WINTHORPE CRICKET CLUB



Firstly apologies for missing last month's Focal Point I was away on holiday and the deadline fell in the middle of that time hence no report being submitted.

The additional time has also allowed me to give careful thought as to how and what I should include in this month's report. The reason is that this is the report that I had been hoping not to write. As you will have read over recent seasons the Club has been appealing for new players. Unfortunately and somewhat disappointingly those appeals whether via the Focal Point, notices placed in the village, or just in passing conversations, have gone unanswered. The reality has been that in the 7 years or so I have been involved with the Club only 1 new member from within the village has joined and played regularly.

Since starting the season we have found it increasingly difficult, despite Simon Potter's best efforts, to raise a team to fulfil our fixtures, on occasion only being able to muster 6 or 7 players! The committee therefore took the painful decision to withdraw Winthorpe Cricket Club from the League for the 2011 season. As well as numbers the Club felt it was unfair to other teams in the league not knowing whether we would honour the game or not and also due to the £50.00 fine imposed by the League for each non-fulfilment of a fixture.

Having got the bad news out of the way the good news is, and I cannot stress this enough, that the Club **has not folded**. The mid week cricket will continue, through the unaffected Cavaliers and Coddington who will continue to use the ground for adult and junior games.

The Committee are and have been working hard in the background to ensure that there will be cricket at Holme Lane for the remainder of 2011 albeit through a limited number of friendly games but more importantly that there will be cricket played there **well into the future**. Negotiations are currently underway with another local club with a view to merging the two organisations together, pooling resources to create a much stronger base moving forward. The important thing is the continuation of cricket being played in Winthorpe at the current Holme Lane ground. The close season will see a flurry of activity from an administrative point of view preparing for the 2012 season. One significant change will be the switch from the McKinnels League which is Lincoln based back to the Newark Alliance.

The Bonus Ball will continue to run in order to ensure the financial stability of the Club and we hope that we can rely on your continued support on that front. The legendary Bonus Ball jar is back in its rightful place, behind the bar at the Lord Nelson and thank you to Becky for allowing us to continue that tradition. Please take this as a gentle reminder to check your number when you are next in

there. If you do not frequent the Nelson payment can be dropped off at the Dial House or if you wish to check your number just give me a call (678622).

Unfortunately, like the Village Festival Day, Duck Race Day fell victim to the appalling weather and had to be cancelled. The Committee having reviewed the situation have decided not to try and re-arrange it but put their efforts into organising and expanding next year's event when greater numbers will be available to help.

Finally I would like to thank you all for your support in the past and also your continued support in the future. If anyone has any questions contact details are included below. If anyone would be keen to play next season or join us for nets over the winter please get in contact and register your interest.

Fixtures

Winthorpe

21 st Aug	Bassingham	home
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Coddington

31 st July	Lea Park	home
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14 th Aug	Scopwick	home
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28 th Aug	Belvoir	away
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4 th Sept	Bothamsall	away
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11 th Sept	Wicked Willows	home
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Kavaliers

27 th July	Barrowby	home
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3 rd Aug	Brant Broughton	away
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Contact Details

Any queries or information required please do not hesitate to contact any of the following:

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Paul Matthews:	07836 549779
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Andy Fereday:	678622 or 0775 2265081
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Andy Fereday



Lincolnshire County Council,
Nottinghamshire County Council and the
Diocese of Lincoln are offering people in
Trent Vale the chance to get involved in
understanding more about the fabric of their churches, how art is used in
churches, and to create their own church-inspired artworks.

The sessions will be run by experts on church architecture and artists who specialise in painting, ceramics, masonry, stained glass and photography.

The days are free and lunch is provided. Booking is essential. If you would like to come along here are the two sessions we are running:-

- 26 August 10am to 4pm at St Pauls church, Morton, Lincs.

To attend this day please contact Sarah Grundy on 01522 553109
or email sarah.grundy@lincolnshire.gov.uk

- 16 September 10am to 4pm at the Village Hall and St Wildfrids Church, Low Marnham, Notts.

To attend this day please contact Janet Valenti 0115 9772187
email janet.valenti@nottscc.gov.uk

Nottinghamshire Police - Vehicle Crime

KEEP IT SAFE, KEEP IT HIDDEN, KEEP IT LOCKED.

Following a recent spate of car crime in the local area, we are asking residents to take the following advice. If you have any information with regards to these crimes that are taking place please contact your local police or crime stoppers on **0800 555 111**

Secure your car

Fact! You're more than twice as likely to have your vehicle broken into than stolen. On average, that means paying out £100- just for the repairs.

- Never leave the key in the ignition, not even in a garage when you are paying for petrol.
- Don't leave anything on display (even when you are parked in your driveway). That includes a jacket on the back seat, loose change in the ashtray, a chequebook in the glove compartment or mail with your address on it under the seat. Remember thieves know all the usual hiding places!
- Fit a stereo with a removable front panel (also known as a fascia) – and take it with you when you leave the car.
- Never leave car documents or spare keys inside the car. Hide them at home, but not by the door. Thieves will use a hook and cane through the letterbox to steal car keys from hall tables.
- Get a professionally fitted car alarm or a Thatcham-approved electronic immobiliser (you can find an approved installer through the Vehicle Systems installation Board at www.vsib.co.uk), or you can use a steering lock on older cars. You can find information on products that have been tested by Thatcham at www.thatcham.org (phone 01635 868855) or by Sold Secure at www.soldsecure.com (phone 01327 264687).
- Have your car's registration number etched onto all glass surfaces, including the windscreen and headlamps.
- When you're driving, keep doors locked and windows up, especially in slow traffic. Keep bags and mobile phones out of view. A thief can lean in and steal what's on your passenger seat in the time it takes for a red light to turn green.
- If you're leaving your car, put your shopping or anything else in the boot if you can't take it with you.

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Raffle

Friday 30th September, Saturday 1st October - 10am to 4 pm

Sunday 2nd October 10 am to 1 pm

2.30pm to 4 pm - **'Angels Delights'**
An entertainment in Words and Music,
Including South Scarle Mummers' Play,
followed by Tea and Cake

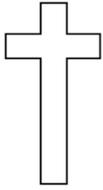
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SERVICES FOR AUGUST

Sunday 7th - TRINITY 7

10.15am

Holy Communion, Holme.

NO SERVICE AT WINTHORPE

Sunday 14th - TRINITY 8

9.00am

Morning Worship, Langford.

10.15am

Holy Communion, Winthorpe.

Thursday 18th

NO SERVICE WINTHORPE

Sunday 21st - TRINITY 9

10.15am

Morning Worship, Winthorpe.

Sunday 28th - TRINITY 10

10.15am

Morning Worship, Holme.

6pm

Evensong, Winthorpe.

ALL ARE WELCOME

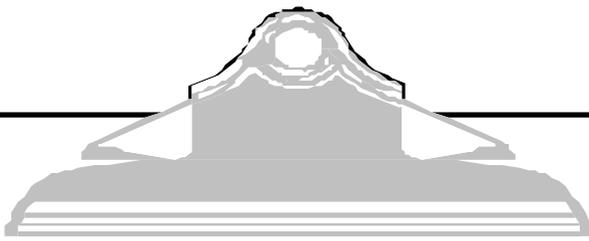
CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

August

Miss Applewhite

September

Mrs Foden & Mrs Lloyd



AUGUST CALENDAR

- Monday 1st Luncheon Club 12.30pm - Centre.
Silver Bin
- Monday 8th **LIBRARY VAN**
Green Bin
- Monday 15th Silver Bin
- Monday 22nd Green Bin
- Friday 26th Trent Vale Day 10am – Morton, Lincs.
- Saturday 27th Summer Fete, 1.30pm - Winthorpe Hall
SILVER BIN
- Monday 29th **Village Festival, 2.30pm – Centre.**

SEPTEMBER

- Tuesday 6th Line Dancing, 7pm Centre
- Thursday 8th WI meeting
- Sunday 11th Sunflower phone in.
- Tuesday 13th Tuesday Club
- Wednesday 21st Garden Club