



## Ed's Comments

Well the 'dark satanic mills' might be closed but the 'green and pleasant land is back'. We have gone back to 1808 when Blake wrote Jerusalem. All that rain!! Do you think it is all of those wind turbines dragging in the rain clouds? Global warming! No wonder they changed it to 'Climate change'.

Unfortunately last month we lost a much loved member of Winthorpe - Joan Frew who lived here for almost 60 years.

Joan and Andy moved into the village in 1954 where they stayed with Kenneth and Dorothy Hole in 'The Academy' until No.6 Gainsborough Rd was built. Andy was an ambulance driver in those days.

In September 1961 they became the Landlord and Landlady of The Lord Nelson. They stayed there until November 1962 but left to spend more time with their daughter Linda. They moved to 5 Gainsborough Rd.

Joan worked for many years at the 'White Hart' & 'Kirrages' that used to be on Middlegate. She was commonly referred to 'as the best barmaid in Newark'. She retired at 65 years of age.

Within the village she was very active in the W.I. for 50 years. She took part in all village activities from whist drives, drama groups, lunch club etc. etc. She loved the village and all who lived here. She will be sorely missed. Especially by me as she never failed to laugh at the jokes we used to share and was always so positive even when not well.

She was so looking forward to celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday at the end of the year. Our thoughts are with Linda, David and grandson Daniel.

The service to celebrate Joan's life is to be held at All Saints on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of this month at 2.30pm and afterwards where else but at 'The Nelson'.

## Cliff Newbold

The closing date for the September issue is 24<sup>th</sup> July.

Deliver to 18 Woodlands or email [cliffnewbold@ntlworld.com](mailto:cliffnewbold@ntlworld.com)

## LUNCH CLUB

The next Lunch will be at 12.30pm on **Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> August** at the Community Centre. The menu will be:

Chicken Chasseur  
or  
Cod Fish Cakes  
with  
New Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables  
-x-  
Raspberries in Meringue Nests with Cream



£7 including a glass of wine. Please phone Jean and Peter Foden (704241) as soon as possible to book your place and give your choice of menu. Please remember places are limited.

**Peter Foden.**

## TUESDAY CLUB

There will be **no** Tuesday Club meetings in August.

We are all very sad to lose Joan Frew; one of our long time members. Joan was always cheerful, amusing and her presence would light up any gathering. Our thoughts are with her daughter Linda and family at this sad time.

**Jean Foden.**



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## WINTHORPE & DISTRICT JULY REPORT

Once again we had a lovely meeting in Lily & Jim Goodwin's garden for our Annual Strawberries and Wine evening. The weather forecast had not been very good for after four o'clock, so everyone was hoping for the best, which proved to be just the thing, because we were able to sit outside until just after nine o'clock. Not bad going for the state of our weather recently.

Some of the committee ladies had been busy in the afternoon putting out chairs and tables and hanging bunting, also hulling strawberries and filling dishes.

The garden looked lovely when everyone arrived, there were tables for a 'bring and buy' and raffle which raised £140 to the Patriots charity.

Members were very generous with their contributions to the Bring and buy and also with their buying. Well done girls!

Wine was served and then we had a party game which most of us had not played for years, it was 'Pass the parcel'. There was great hilarity because when we opened the parcel we won a sweetie or we had to guess what the small wrapped parcel was, and these ranged from a toothpick dispenser to a foot massager. Lots of puzzled faces trying to work out what the objects were and much laughter when some of them were revealed. An extra bonus for us was when the church bells started ringing, a joyous sound.

After our game the strawberries were served with cream and biscuits, the strawberries had been specially handpicked by two of our committee ladies, thank you Sheila and Vivienne.

There was a raffle with quite a lot of prizes which had been supplied by the committee.

All in all a most entertaining and happy meeting to end our 'Summer'. Have a good holiday.

Our Secretary has had a reply from Buckingham Palace, for the card she sent to me Queen on her Diamond Jubilee. You will be able to see it at the September meeting.

Our next meeting is Thursday **September 13th**, when the speaker is Sara Desforges from the firm of Simpson Jones Solicitors. She will be speaking and answering questions on Wills and lasting Power of Attorney, plus anything you would like to know. If you have any queries you would like answered please let Sheila or Viv know.

There will also be a 'Harvest Stall' for produce, jams and chutneys or cakes etc. Hostesses are Mesdames L Moran, M. Harrop and J Hickman.

**Daphne Marshall**



## WHAT IS NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH?

At a recent meeting of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators it was suggested that it might be a good idea to put an article in Focal Point to remind readers of the role and activities of Neighbourhood Watch.

The objective is to reduce crime by improving security, increasing vigilance, creating a caring community and reducing opportunities for crime; also to assist the police in detecting crime by the prompt reporting of suspicious and criminal activity.

In our Scheme there are 27 Co-ordinators covering Winthorpe and Langford (Holme has its own Scheme). Each one has between 6 and 24 houses in his/her patch. The role of the Co-ordinator is:-

- To encourage vigilance amongst residents and actively encourage the early reporting of suspicious incidents to the police
- To receive crime information from the Neighbourhood Watch messaging system and distribute these messages to residents
- To encourage awareness of and put into practice crime prevention measures, such as property marking and security devices
- To keep a check on vulnerable households and provide advice about dealing with callers at the door
- To circulate newsletters and other relevant information
- To welcome newcomers to the neighbourhood and invite them to be part of the scheme
- To supply Neighbourhood Watch and crime prevention literature such as Neighbourhood Watch stickers.

We have a system of rapidly passing on to all Co-ordinators information about criminal activities actually taking place in the immediate area so that members can be informed without delay.

Currently one of the most frequent crimes is metal theft including lead flashing from house roofs. Some time ago the accessible lead flashing on the Community Centre roof was replaced with a non-lead type. You might like to consider doing the same.

We cannot claim to have had a major effect on crime in Winthorpe and Langford (although information fed to the Police on one occasion did lead to an arrest), however we hope we have been of help to residents in various ways.

If you are not sure who is your Co-ordinator please contact me.

**Peter Foden**, Central Co-ordinator, 704241

## VINTAGE TEA PARTY



The Village Hall looked beautiful, the cakes were delicious and we all enjoyed our vintage tea party. Thank you very much to those who gave raffle prizes, made cakes, and helped on the day and to everyone who ignored the torrential rain and came along and contributed so generously.

We raised £250. £150 has been sent to the Marie Curie Cancer Care Tea Party Event and £100 to the Village Hall funds.

**Barbara Woodcock**



## Winthorpe Line Dancers

Line Dancing has finished for the usual summer break and will re-commence in the Community Centre on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.00 pm to 8.00pm**.

Joan Lord will be running the classes, as I am unable to continue for the immediate future.

I would like to thank you, Joan for all your help – I could not have managed without you!

Hope all goes well when you start again in September.

**Linda Richardson**

# Giant Sunflower Competition

There are few plants that can carry an adult back to their childhood – but the sunflower does that. Towering in stature and overflowing with personality, its fabulously positive blooms charms all those who see it in our gardens. Its familiar stout stems and broad foliage carry dinner plate-sized, golden blooms that sing loudly.



Your plant will have now be producing its flower head. This usually occurs about 4 months from sowing the seed. 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. This will encourage the seeds to grow bigger. 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 email me the result on:-

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September. At - [winthorpesunflower@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:winthorpesunflower@hotmail.co.uk)**

## DID YOU KNOW?

- The sunflower flower head attracts pollinating insects such as solitary bumble and honey bees, all of which feed on the nectar and pollen before their winter hibernation.
- The sunflower is not one flower, but a cluster of more than 2000 tiny flowers growing together – go and have a closer look at yours.

**Pat Finn.**



# MACMILLAN'S BIG WALK IS MARCHING MILES FOR MACMILLAN

There are hundreds of sponsored walks all over the UK and here is one near you. Join us and thousands of others and together we can help improve the lives of everyone living with cancer.

The 'BIG WALK' near here is at  
**Clumber Park on  
Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> of September.**

There are 2mile and 10mile walks available.

For information and to register, visit  
[macmillan.org.uk/walking](http://macmillan.org.uk/walking) or contact us on  
0300 1000 200.

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*This poem was written by William Cragg, Winthorpe Cricket Club's 1<sup>st</sup> XI Vice-Captain, who recited it at a cricket club's social evening at the Lord Nelson in the late 1960's.*

## SOMETHING ABOUT US



There is down at Winthorpe a quite well known pub,  
But better known still, is our cricket club.  
We play down Holme Lane, weather permitting,  
Watch the match, drink a pint whilst standing or sitting.

We have at the helm a skipper called **Burch**,  
To find a more worthy would prove a hard search,  
For whilst combining with skipper the club's secretarial duties,  
He's still had the time to father twin beauties.

When fixtures are made it's far from a lark,  
The whole of our games being "fixed" by **Ken Bark**,  
See him on match days, if it is to rain,  
He goes round in circles, his pipe puffs like a train.

Our groundsman is good and just "**Wright**" for the job,  
He mows and he rolls, does our little Bob.  
Our umpire, **Old Walt**, is not much for talking,  
But when his finger is up, then you can get walking.

When mowers go wrong or we want a new piece,  
We fetch our mechanic – yes, good old **Dave Reece**.  
Dave also keeps wicket, is barman as well,  
His knowledge of woodwork, he's no need to tell.

When we are hard up and more funds we desire,  
We have in our club "**Morewood**" for the fire.  
Our treasurer fulfils a magnificent task,  
From a voluntary officer, what more could we ask?

We do other things besides playing cricket,  
So watch out for **Bill Cragg** or he'll sell you a ticket.  
He thinks social activities should be more to the front,  
Say Dances and Bingo and do the odd Treasure Hunt.

We have farmers and painters and engineers too,  
Clerks, draughtsmen and lawyer, to name just a few.  
So if you're not mentioned in these despatches,  
At least you'll be playing in this season's matches.

There are many others, who work hard for the club,  
Alas, there are some, who just pay their sub.  
It is they when not playing who raise some objection,  
But good clubmen come first when we're at selection.

This season we wait with much pessimism,  
The effect on "bar takings" of a certain decision.  
We don't want our names in the Newark Advertiser,  
Or be banned for a year by the damned breathalyser.

Our President, **Reg Walker**, I forgot to mention,  
Please excuse me, dear sir, it is not my intention.  
Too old to play cricket and keep on your toes,  
We know you're much better when playing dominoes.

I thank you for listening to my little "Poem"  
I wish you all a safe journey home.  
So now my good friends I really must hurry.  
Thanks again all, and to you Mr. Curry.

Names mentioned.....

**Burch** – R.W. Burch.

**Ken Bark** – K.W. Bark – Fixture Secretary.

**Wright** – R. Wright. - Old Walt – W. Burch – Chairman and Umpire.

**Dave Reece** – D. Reece. Morewood – R. Morewood – Treasurer.

**Bill Cragg** – W. Cragg – 1<sup>st</sup> X1 Vice-Captain.

**Reg Walker** – G.R.Walker – President.

**Many thanks to Gerald Baggaley and Pat Finn for this contribution.**

**Ed**



# Nottinghamshire County Council

## **18th AUGUST - 10.30am to 3pm – BESTHORPE NATURE RESERVE OPEN DAY**

Bring the family for a day of fun. Take a guided walk around this wonderful reserve and discover the difference that has been made due to the recent completion of Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust's largest ever habitat creation project (funded by Heritage Lottery through Trent Vale). The nature reserve is situated off Trent Lane, Besthorpe and covers almost 70 hectares alongside the River Trent between the villages of Collingham and Besthorpe. The Open Day will also be a chance for kids to have a go at some wildlife-themed activities.

Further details from Chris Kennedy 0115 958 8242, Nadia Mind 01636 679788 or Sue Leach 01636 681154

## **22<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST - 6pm to 7.30pm – HISTORICAL TOUR OF GAINSBOROUGH**

Join the Delves Local History Group for a guided tour of Gainsborough. Meet at Casketgate Street Surgery (Elswitha Hall) next to the old Guildhall in Gainsborough.

For further information contact Thelma Childs 01427 611940

**26th and 27th AUGUST – Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm  
Saturday and Sunday 11am to 5pm**

## **TRAVEL THROUGH TIME AT GAINSBOROUGH OLD HALL**

In celebration of the Trent Vale from the Romans to World War II. There will be displays, activities, exhibitions and re-enactors promoting local heritage and traditional skills in this fantastic location.



Robin Hood Festival 2012 boosts sizzling summer of fun  
National Nature Reserve, Edwinstowe, Nottinghamshire, NG21 9HN.  
Visit: [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/robinhood](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/robinhood)

Robin Hood and his band of Merry Men are preparing for a particularly historic annual Robin Hood Festival.

The festival, which was launched in the 1980s, is the premier international celebration of Nottinghamshire's famous outlaw and marks its 28th festival from August 13-19 – following on from the end of the Olympic Games.

The **free event** attracts thousands of fans of Robin Hood to enjoy the intrigue and excitement as medieval life is brought to life deep in the heart of Sherwood Forest.

Jousting, archery, falconry displays, a medieval rat catcher and other performers, musicians and entertainers will transport visitors back to the medieval period when Robin pitted his wits against the Sheriff of Nottingham and other adversaries to help the poor triumph over the rich.

The seven-day festival is packed with education and entertainment for all ages with a wide variety of entertainment including costumed characters taking part.

# Church Notices

Following the advertisements for a Priest to cover the Benefice, there were three applicants. Unfortunately after receiving all the information they did not wish to proceed further due to the distance required to travel between the churches. They said it was too big. We understand it will be re-advertised shortly. Thank you to all who support the church in Winthorpe especially to those who do not have the best of health. Special thanks to Keith Lloyd who continues to lead our Morning Service and Evensong beautifully.

We are very grateful to Christine & Ian Hasman for organising the Open Churches Weekends and also to Pat Finn for his historical information and tour of the church.

We are delighted that Joan Young has made an excellent recovery following her hip replacement.

As many of you will know dear Cynthia Morgan has been in Lincoln Hospital. I contacted the hospital today for news of her. Sadly I was told that she is very poorly and today is to be transferred to St. Barnabas Hospice. She has been a faithful member of the church for many years and in the past has worked hard on the PCC and within the church building. I have sent her a card from you all.

**On August 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 2.30pm there will be a Memorial Service to celebrate the life of Mrs Joan Frew. We do hope that many of you will be able to attend. She has lived in the village for many years and taken a full part supporting many of the village functions. Recently she has attended church regularly with her friend Audrey Craven. She was a character and will be very sadly missed by those who knew her.

For those who have yet to take their holiday, we wish them a sunny and hot one instead of a wet & soggy one like ours!!

## **Church Bells**

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

Sunday August 12th 10.15am - Holy Communion

Sunday August 19<sup>th</sup> 10.15am - Morning Worship

Sunday August 26<sup>th</sup> 6pm – Evensong

## **Brass Cleaners**

Mrs Burton , Mrs Bark

## **From the Registers**

Sunday July 8<sup>th</sup> Holy Baptism Marvin Terence Glassett.

### **Ann Stone , PCC Secretary.**

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



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## **Seasonal Flu Campaign 2012**

We will be holding 3 Saturday morning flu clinics on

Saturday 6 October 2012, from 8.30 am – 12.30 pm

Saturday 13 October 2012, from 8.30 am – 12.30 pm

Saturday 20 October 2012, from 8.30 am – 12.30 pm

These are appointment only clinics. Appointments will be available to book from August. Please contact the number below, ask at Reception or book using Systmonline if you are registered for this service.

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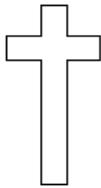
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## DID YOU KNOW

1. The War Memorial in the north Aisle of All Saints' Church is dedicated to two Methodist men who fell in the 1914-18 war. It was originally hung in the old Methodist Chapel on Chapel Lane.
2. Thomas Brewer, a yeoman living in Winthorpe in the late sixteenth, early seventeenth century, is one of the village's best-known benefactors.
3. The Lodge, on Gainsborough Road, which has a late Georgian appearance, was once the family home of Mrs. Cynthia Morgan.
4. The name Bleach Houses is related to the local industry concerned in growing flax and weaving linen. No Winthorpe village records have so far been discovered which mention flax or linen.

**Pat Finn.**



## SERVICES IN AUGUST

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> - TRINITY 9**

9.0am                   Holy Communion at Holme.  
                          NO SERVICE AT WINTHORPE

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> - TRINITY 10**

9.0am                   Morning Worship at Langford.  
10.15am                Holy Communion at Winthorpe.

### **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>**

NO SERVICE

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> - TRINITY 11**

10.15am               Morning Worship at Winthorpe.

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> - TRINITY 10**

10.15am               Morning Worship at Holme.  
6pm                     Evensong at Winthorpe.

## **ALL ARE WELCOME**

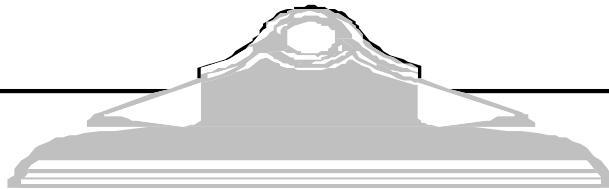
### **CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS**

#### **August**

24<sup>th</sup> Miss Applewhite

#### **September**

Mr & Mrs McClymont



## AUGUST CALENDAR

Thursday 9am	Joan Frew's Funeral – 2.30pm All Saints.
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch Club, 12.30pm – Community Centre. Green bin
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Library Van
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Silver bin
SATURDAY 25 <sup>th</sup>	Green bin <b>SILVER BIN</b>

## SEPTEMBER

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Line Dancing, 7pm – Community Centre
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	WI Meeting, 7.30pm – Village Hall

'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)