



Ed's Comments

What a mixed month of weather we had in May! Still wasn't it nice to hear the birds singing away whilst obtaining food for the 'family'; then those 'lovely' Rooks and Magpies would come swooping in to wreak their havoc on the nests of the smaller birds. Some days I felt as if I was in that infamous Alfred Hitchcock film! Hands up all those who tried to shoo! them away!

The ladies at the WI continue to surprise me as their future events list includes a trip to Trent Bridge Cricket Club and a night at the Dogs. It could have been the minutes from the 'Men in Sheds' meeting!

I feel that I must make mention once again of the wonderful job Pat Finn is doing with his comprehensive insertions on our village website. Last month he brilliantly reported, with photographs, on the induction and installation of David Yabbacome our new priest. It can be viewed in the Village History section – Village Scrap Book volume 4.

What a contribution Pat makes to the village, much of it going unnoticed.

We have a nice new initiative for the young this month, in a programme of 'Fun Tennis' coaching in the Community Centre.

Being of the older generation I have no idea how many 4 – 8year olds we have in our villages. Interesting to hear the response for the coaching!

Cliff Newbold

Closing date for the July issue is the **21st of June.**

LUNCH CLUB

The next lunch will be at 12.30pm on **Monday, 3rd June.**

The menu will be:

Roast Chicken Breast with Sage & Onion Stuffing

or

Fishermans Pie

with

Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables

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Peaches in Meringue Nests with Ice Cream



£8 including a glass of wine. Contact Jean & Peter Foden (704241) to reserve your place and give your choice of menu. Please remember the places are limited and make contact as soon as possible.

Peter Foden

TUESDAY CLUB

Tuesday, June 11th.

Morning coffee in the Village Hall, 10.30am.



Tuesday, June 25th.

Lunch outing – venue still to be decided.

We hope to run the raffle at the Village Festival on July 13th. We would appreciate any raffle prizes from Focal Point readers.

Jean Foden



Garden Club

May's Garden Club speaker was Jeff Bates, a lecturer, garden designer and a judge for the East Midlands in Bloom competitions. His talk and slide show was about the use of colour in the garden. The slides showed various gardens in the Royal Horticultural Society, the National Trust, and various public and private gardens.

Much was made out of individual colours and colour combinations that can transform the look and feel of a garden. Different colours with their tints and shades can make a garden appear larger or smaller. Jeff spoke of the 'colour wheel', a circle made of the spectrum of colours, red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet. Hot colours like the reds and oranges were used in the prairie planting at Pensthorpe. Cool colours of shades of blue with green in the background gave a peaceful atmospheric feeling, as at Harlow Carr and Hidcote Manor. Green foliage whatever the shape and size was an important colour.

Forthcoming events are:-

June 19th – A day outing to Burton Agnes Hall and Gardens.

July 17th – An evening visit to The Garden House at Saxby.

Sept 18th – Our speaker will be Susie Dean on the National Gardens Scheme, 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

Pat Finn.

Winthorpe and District Women's Institute May Report.



The President, Virginia Seager welcomed 22 members. There were ten apologies for absence.

Notices were read advertising a number of upcoming events including a fashion show at Dorwood, a visit to Trent Bridge Cricket Ground, an evening at the “dogs”, and a walk around Egmonton

We also wished Lynne Shapley success in the W.I. Craft exhibition at the Newark & Sherwood County Show.

There was one resolution chosen to be discussed voted on and the results passed on to the AGM.

Public Affairs Resolution: Decline of our High Streets and Town Centers. The NFWI notes, with concern, the continuing decline of our high streets and the damaging effect this has on local communities. We call on every member of the W.I. to support their local shops and make the high street their destination of choice for goods and services. We call on decision makers to work collectively, at all levels, to help bring an end to the decline of our high streets and to ensure that high streets flourish and provide a focal point for local communities.

Following a very lively debate, with members putting forward their opinions, the Resolution was carried a majority of 15 to 2. The remaining members abstained.

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 13th June** when we will be treated to a talk on Paramedical make up. The hostesses will be:- Mags Hanson, Sylvia Lloyd and Brenda Tinsley.

Diana Kitson

Winthorpe Primary School's



Summer Sizzler!

Friday 28th June -6pm til 9pm

Entry £1- under 5's free

**Barbeque - Licensed Bar
Entertainment – Lots of Stalls**

Winthorpe Tennis Club



At the Tennis Club AGM held on 7 May the following Committee Members were re-elected:

Winthorpe Tennis Club Committee Members 2013

Colin Smith – Chairman - 01636 701205

Sue Sharp - Vice Chairman/ Subscription Secretary
01636 703198

Chris Hickman - Treasurer

Maureen Smith – Secretary - 01636 701205

Membership fees have also remained the same.

Membership Fees 2013

Family membership £40 - Adult membership £20

Junior (11-18 years) £5 - Student £5

A new key, either for new member or as a replacement for loss, £5.00

Please contact Sue Sharp (01636 703198) if you would like to become a member or to return your key if you are no longer a member.

For any other information please speak to any of the Committee Members.

Refurbished Courts

The Tennis Club used a lot of their funds last year to re-furbish the courts and they now look as good as new.

Play Tennis

You don't have to be a member of Winthorpe Tennis Club to play tennis. You can collect a court key from a Committee Member and pay £2 (adult), £1 (children) to play for an hour. Children under 11 must be accompanied by an adult. Maximum number of times casual play available to a person is four times per year. However, with Membership Fees so low why not become a member and have your own key and play as often as you want?

With North Nott's Tennis running tennis sessions 4pm-5pm for 3-6 year old and 5pm-6pm for 6-8 year old children, at Winthorpe Community Centre, on

a Tuesday and the fabulous outdoor refurbished tennis courts at Winthorpe it is the ideal time for you and your family to take up Tennis.

Looking for a new Chairperson



Colin Smith has been Chairman of the Club for the last 18 years. He has not played any tennis for the past two years due to injuries. Although he is still prepared to stay on as “caretaker” Chairman, the Club are actively seeking a new chairperson with a more active involvement in playing tennis to take the club forward.

Please telephone Colin for more information - **701205**

Wishing everyone an enjoyable tennis season

Maureen Smith – Secretary

From the village scrap book.....Ed

The first tennis club in Winthorpe was formed between the two wars, in 1931-2 and played on two grass courts, which were laid out on part of the field occupied by the cricket club. It had an enthusiastic membership and matches were played against local teams under the captaincy of the late Mr. R. H. Bradley, who was also for some year's captain of the cricket club. As can be seen from the snapshot, which accompanies this account, the pavilion was unusual in that it had been a tram in a former existence.

On the outbreak of World War II the club languished and the tram-pavilion became so derelict that when war ended it was burnt, Mr. Bradley setting the first match to it. The club was reformed after the war but played on a new site, the bowls' club ground at the foot of the old glebe, the paddock now owned by Mr. A. Hickman. (The bowls' club itself, which had been formed at the time of King George V's Silver Jubilee, had flourished for only a few years before it fell into disuse after some village dispute.) This tennis club played only friendly matches and did not last very long before it gradually failed through lack of support. Preliminary moves to



revive a tennis club in Winthorpe were made during the summer of 1967, after discussions had for some time centred on the lack of recreational facilities for young people in the village. A survey was held among householders of the village to discover what support might be available for the venture, in the form of donations to a fighting fund. This was so successful that in July 1967 the club was formed under the chairmanship of Mr. R. D. Woods. At first it was hoped that two hard courts should be constructed at a cost of £1,500, but when this scheme was found to be too ambitious, it was amended in favour of one court costing £800. The Parish Council was approached and finally it agreed to lease for 21 years part of the field occupied by the cricket club; so the tennis club returned to its former home.

GIANT SUNFLOWER COMPETITION



It is now two months since you set your sunflower seeds, the plants should be in the garden and making good progress. Did you notice that after planting, they appeared to stop growing? This is because it takes seven days for the roots to become established and then they start romping away.

May has been a cold and dry month, so give your plants a good watering. I have sunk upside down a plastic milk bottle close to each of my plants with their tops and bottoms removed. When the plants require watering I just fill the pots. This enables the water to get straight down to the roots of the plants.

Did you remember to put tall strong stakes in to support your plants, if not do it now? Keep tying your plants to their stakes as later on in the summer, when we traditionally have strong winds, they will blow down.

Did you plant a sunflower into your front garden? This was to make people passing by smile, when they see the giant of all flowers.

DID YOU KNOW

The sunflower is the birthday flower for the 30th of this month.

It represents adoration, affection, constancy, false riches, glory, gratitude and infatuation.

Pat Finn

I wonder where '**false riches**' fit in with the other representations? **Ed.**

Coddington & Winthorpe Cricket Club



YOUR CRICKET CLUB NEEDS YOU

It has been a while now since there has been an update in Focal Point regarding the Cricket Club. That isn't to say things haven't been going on in the background. This piece however is more to do with current situation regarding the adult section of club and local participation – or more to the point **the lack of local participation.**

There has been a Cricket Club in Winthorpe since 1887 supported on and off the field mainly by the residents of Winthorpe. Whilst the guise of the Club may have changed it is still a local Club with Winthorpe at its heart. It therefore disappoints and pains me to state the fact that there is only one active member of the club that lives in Winthorpe either on the playing or committee side.

I am therefore appealing to the residents of Winthorpe to come forward and swell our ranks whether you are young, old, male or female, experienced or novice it doesn't matter. We need individuals who wish to play, assist with the running of the Club, helping out on match days or help maintaining the ground. We need your help to ensure that cricket will be played in Winthorpe by young and old for many, many years to come. The phrase “use it or lose it” could not be more appropriate!

If you can help please get in touch as soon as possible either by email or phone;

andy.fereday@ntlworld.com;

Tel: 678622 or mob: 0775 2265 081



Winthorpe Summer Festival 13th July 2013

A fun day for all the family with plenty to keep the kids occupied. You can browse your way through the stalls or even take part in the day's activities yourself!

All proceeds go towards children's charities, so you know that you're helping people whilst having a day to remember.

- Children's Sports**
- Tug-of-War**
- Bouncy Castle**
- Skittles**
- Stalls**
- Games**
- Raffle**
- Barbeque**
- Refreshments**
- Wheelbarrow Race**

Winthorpe's Wacky Wheelbarrow Race

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www.bassduck.co.uk/wwwr

This year we intend to introduce Winthorpe's first ever wheelbarrow race to Winthorpe's festival. This will be a new exciting part of the day that will hopefully get young families more involved with the spirit of the day and all the activities that we have to offer! With prizes for the winner, best dressed and most sporting it's all to play for as we start the future tradition that could easily become one of the many highlights of the Winthorpe Summer Festival.

- All participants must be aged 16 or older. Any participant aged below 16 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Wheelbarrows must be push power only, no motorised or pedal power wheelbarrows.
- All participants must fill out and sign a valid entry form.
- All participants must pay the entrance fee.
- No overtaking in the safe zone (Marked with signs on course)
- All 3 tasks must be completed and all 3 small objects need to be presented at finish line in order to complete race.
- All participants must stay on the track at all times. Track will be marked out with rope or by red markers.
- There must be 1 member of the team in the wheelbarrow at all times whilst the wheelbarrow is in motion. Team members may swap positions but they must pull to one side and stop to do so.
- No physical contact to be made between competitors and/or wheelbarrows.

Our Concert this year has gone all Ceilidh!

Pie + Peas included with your ticket
£8 per adult with family tickets available
Licensed Bar

Open Churches Weekend &
Songs of Praise at All Saints Winthorpe
Sunday 14th July at 6PM

Saturday, 13th July

Festival starts at
1 pm until 5pm
At Winthorpe Community
Centre

Ceilidh starts at
7.30pm until finish
Tickets available at Winthorpe
Post Office

Fun Tennis - Indoor Coaching

Sessions for children aged 4years to 8years

In Winthorpe Community Centre

TUESDAYS 4pm to 6pm

4pm - 5pm children aged 4 to 6years

5pm - 6pm children aged 6 to 8years

Licensed level 3 LTA Coach



These sessions are aimed at improving children's agility, balance and co-ordination along with developing their overall tennis skills.

For further information ring Nina Ward Tel. No. 01636 678419



WINTHORPE AND CODDINGTON TIGERS

For all you football fans in Winthorpe, I thought that you would like to know that Winthorpe and Coddington Tigers football teams have had one of their best seasons

ever.

The club had 6 teams this year in five age groups but still managed:-
Two league champions, (U15 and U12), one league runners up (U10),
two cup winners (U10 & U15) and one cup runners up(U11).

They work so hard every Tuesday evening and Saturday at matches they really deserve a little praise, especially the coaches, managers and parents that volunteer.

Well done all of you.

Mrs Barbara Radford

The recent Tornado in Oklahoma prompted Fiona Wright to send me this article from *The Times* dated May 7th 2012



On this day 150 years ago a powerful tornado struck near Newark, Nottinghamshire. A storm of ‘astonishing violence’ on May 7, 1862, unleashed hailstones 6in. in circumference, which smashed thousands of windows. *The Times* vividly reported that ‘hailstones went through the windows like shot from cannon’.

The tornado first appeared in the village of Coddington, two miles outside Newark. ‘The desolation it has caused at Coddington in particular baffles all description. The fine plantation on the estate of Mr James Thorpe, of Beaconsfield-House, is almost entirely destroyed and many of the largest and most beautiful trees in the park are torn up by the roots and split into pieces’, *The Times* reported.’ The farmstead of a person named Daybell on the Coddington hill was reduced almost to a heap of ruins.....Other houses in the village were damaged in a similar manner.

The tornado ploughed through fields towards the nearby village of **Winthorpe**, carrying away tons of straw from farmyards ‘At Winthorpe it seemed to renew its fury and tore up numbers of large trees as though they had been gooseberry bushes’ *The Times* continued. Among the homes pummelled by the ferocious wind was the manor house of the local MP Grosvenor Hodgkinson,

By coincidence, this month also marks the 60th anniversary of another tornado that hit the East Midlands. On May 19th 1952 the village of Tibshelf, Derbyshire, was blasted by a tornado that tore off roofs and chimneys, damaged about 100 houses and ripped down trees and hedges. ‘A great roaring noise something like the continuous roar of a great waterfall, could be heard’ described Mr W.H. Hill. ‘The top of a large wooden building a few yards from me suddenly burst upwards and every piece of loose wood was torn out’.

These events seem more in keeping with Tornado Alley in the US than the East Midlands. One explanation may be that the southern end of the Pennines could help set thunderstorms spinning to generate the vortex of a tornado.

The Lesson of the Water-Mill (amended)

*Listen to the water-mill, through the livelong day,
How the clicking of its wheels wears the hours away!
Languidly the water glides, useless on and still,
Never coming back again to that water mill.
The proverb haunts my mind like a spell that is cast.
“The mill cannot grind with the water that has past.”*

*Take the lesson to yourselves, loving hearts and true
Golden years are fleeting by, youth is fleeting too.
Try to make the most of life, lose no honest way;
Time will never bring back again chances swept away!
Leave no tender word unsaid, love while love shall last.
“The mill cannot grind with the water that has past.”*

*Work while yet the daylight shines, man of strength and will!
Never does the streamlet glide, useless by the mill;
Wait not till to-morrow’s sun, beams upon your way
All that you can call your own lies in this today.
Power, intellect and health, may not – cannot - last–
“The mill cannot grind with the water that has past.”*

*Oh, the wasted hours of life that have drifted by!
Oh, the good we might have done –lost, without a sigh!
Love that we might once have saved, with but a single word,
Thoughts conceived, but never penned, perishing unheard;
Take this lesson to your heart, take, and hold it fast,
“The mill cannot grind with the water that has past.”*

by **Sarah Doudney 1841-1926** (English)

Sarah used to write for ‘the ‘Churchman’s Family Magazine’ and the ‘Girls Own’ paper; she wrote this poem when she was **15** years old apparently.

Note – One of Sarah’s poems – ‘The Christians Goodnight’ was often sung by the American rock band, ‘The Grateful Dead’ to close their act!

Ed thought that some of you might like this poem!



ALL SAINTS WINTHORPE CHURCH NOTICES

Hello there!

What a lovely month May was. Not only did it bring some sunshine but it also brought us a Vicar – David – and what a fine fellow he is, accepts mistakes as a mere blip! Oh, and while I remember, it's easy for you to recall his name but not so easy the other way, so when you speak to him tell him who you are.

Wasn't it nice to see David and Esther at the lunch?

We are already seeking his advice and support about a kitchen / toilet and will keep you up to date with any progress.

Now a point in practicalities, we had a special hymn requested which we were able to provide. If you have a special hymn – one you like, or one in remembrance – let us know and we'll do our best.

Paul and Julie are preparing for their wedding, we wish them a long and happy life together and we would also like to send our best wishes to Ann for a speedy recovery from her op. Now remember Ann, "exercise is the key" from one who knows.

Here's a heads up – the Festival in July is fast approaching and we would like to have your requests for Hymns for the "Songs of Praise" – if you have a favourite please let me know (**703271**).



CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE:

Sunday 2nd - (1st after Trinity)

9.00 am Holy Communion, Holme.

Sunday 9th - (2nd after Trinity)

10.15 am Holy Communion, Winthorpe.

6.00 pm Holy Communion, Langford.

Sunday 16th - (3rd after Trinity)

10.15 am Morning Worship, Winthorpe.

Thursday 20th

10.00 am Holy Communion BCP, Winthorpe.

Sunday 23rd - (4th after Trinity)

10.15 am Morning Worship, Holme.

6.00 pm Evensong, Winthorpe.

The Church Bells will be rung on:-

Sunday the 9th, 16th and 23rd .

Finally please note the bells will be rung on Thursday evenings for practice between 7 pm and 9 pm

Keith Lloyd – on behalf of Winthorpe PCC

Church Cleaning this month on the 21st is by Mrs Finn & Mrs Nelson

Farewell to Jamie McIntyre. Head of Winthorpe School.



Many of you in the village will be aware that Jamie who has been at the school for ten years will be leaving at the end of the Summer Term

Alan & I have had the privilege of welcoming the children, school staff and parents to church for their Harvest Festival & Christmas Celebrations.

We do appreciate the support and interest that he has shown in the church and the joy and beautiful singing of the children. We are sure that they will have very happy memories of their early school years.

Last Christmas we were very grateful to the school for donating their collection to the Children's Society.

On the weekend of **13th & 14th July** the churches are holding an OPEN CHURCH weekend.

The school children have been invited to decorate the church with some of their drawings so do please come along and see the budding artists of the future! Thank you Mr. McIntyre and staff for giving them time and encouragement for this project.

Be assured that Jamie has our Best Wishes and sincerely hope that he will enjoy the challenge that is ahead!

Alan & Ann Stone



Police notice - Dog Fouling

Many complaints are received about owners who allow their animals to foul in public places. This is an offence. Anyone caught not cleaning up after their dog can be fined up to £1,000 by their local authority.

You can buy purpose-made 'poop-scoops' to pick up your dog's mess but a supermarket carrier bag will do just as well. Special bins are provided in many parks and road verges for disposing of the mess. Otherwise, use a litter bin or your wheelie bin at home; first making sure that the material is securely wrapped.

This law applies to almost all areas in the open air to which the public have access. Our Police Community Support Officers, local Dog Wardens and others are authorised to give offenders Fixed-Penalty Notices – an on-the-spot fine.

Complaints are also received about householders who let their dogs foul their own garden, but never clean up the mess. The best way to dispose of dog mess is by using a 'dog-loo' sunk into the earth of your garden. This allows the waste to decompose safely without causing problems. Alternatively, bury it in an area of soil set aside for the purpose. The councils can order owners to clean up their garden if it is causing a nuisance to others.

Litter bins and dog bins

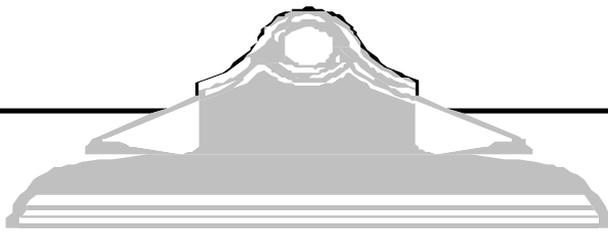
Parish councils are responsible for locating dog bins.

Please contact the clerk to your parish council if you believe that a dog bin is required in your area.

The district council is responsible for emptying the special dog bins. You can report any problems by contacting their customer services team on 01636 650000.

Contact your, Coddington, Collingham and Meerings Safer Neighbourhood Team for any issues that concern you:

PCSO 8130 Samson-Bailey, Mobile number 07595074288
harriet.samson-bailey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk



JUNE CALENDAR

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| Monday 3 rd | Lunch Club, 12.30pm – Community Centre. Silver Bin |
| Monday 10 th | Green Bin Library Van |
| Tuesday 11 th | Tues. Club, 10.30am – Village Hall. |
| Thursday 13 th | WI meeting, 7.30pm – Village Hall. |
| Monday 17 th | Silver Bin |
| Wednesday 19 th | Garden Club outing, leaves the village 9.15am |
| Thursday 20 th | Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm – Village Hall |
| Monday 24 th | Green Bin |
| Tuesday 25 th | Tuesday Club outing to be arranged |
| Friday 28 th | School BBQ, 6pm – School. |

July

Saturday 13th Village Festival

‘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