



2014

Ed's Comments

What an exciting month April is! The gardens are full of spring colour, the days are much lighter, the hedges and trees are being robed in fresh green and we celebrate Easter. Lambs and piglets are in the fields, birds are nesting and everything around us is about growth and change.

Exciting changes and challenges are happening in the village too. We are being asked to become involved in so much. The Youth Club needs more volunteers if it is to keep providing the wonderful opportunities and encouragement it gives our local young people. The Bell Ringers need new members to carry on an ancient tradition which is still so relevant and important in village life. The Village Store needs us to use it as much as possible so it can keep going and support us too. We are entered into the Best Kept Village Competition.....

Details of what YOU can do to help and how much you are needed are contained in the articles within. I hope you will be excited and inspired to action by what you read!

Happy Easter! Annie Purday

Closing date for the May issue is
Friday 18th April

Deliver to Annie and Nick

18, Hargon Lane or email

nickwynne@virginmedia.com

If anyone can help Steve Jackson (Chairman of the Parish Council) with information about a series of letters he has received but cannot respond to as he has no address to contact please will they get in touch with him. The only clue he has is that the envelopes were bought at David A Wilde Ltd Pharmacy. **Ed**



LUNCH CLUB

The next lunch will be at 12.30pm on **Monday, 7th April**. The menu will be:



Roast Pork with Apple Sauce
or
Cod with Parsley Sauce
with

New Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables

-x-

Sherry Trifle with Custard



£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, 8th April - morning coffee in the Village Hall - 10.30am.

Tuesday, 22nd April –
afternoon outing to Pearson's
Nursery on Whitemoor Lane
near Collingham; afternoon
tea etc and look round the
nursery. By car to arrive 2.30pm. **Jean Foden**

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VILLAGE STORE NEWS

Trade is slightly better and hopefully sets us off on the right foot in saving your village store (as long as you keep it up). Some of you have jumped from spending the cost of a newspaper to £20 which is great and it is all that is required provided enough of you take action. More is needed if we are ever to declare your store safe. **Remember;** it is crucial that you don't rely on each other to do this. There are items that compete in price such as bacon, sausages, tea, coffee, fabric softener, meats from Porters and wine. As I said last time, a fixed weekly order is the best approach for all concerned.

With regard to the "Village Store of the Year" competition- I have been in contact with Nottinghamshire County Council. Unfortunately they do not run one. From there I spoke to Nottinghamshire Media who responded very positively and may just consider running one. I will keep you posted in future issues.

POST OFFICE; It has come to my notice that not all of you realize that you can draw money from your P.O for which there is no charge. The post office lost a lot of your custom when the pension book was



abolished. It seems that most people assumed that pensions could no longer be collected from the PO and that Banks and cash machines were the only options available. NOT SO! The P.O is connected to nearly all of the banks now so come in and try it. It's quick, it's easy and IT'S FREE!

Joanne and I would like to convey our gratitude to everyone who has supported us and especially Pat and John Nelson for those kind words relating to our qualities of both goods and services, given in the last Focal Point issue.

SHOP OPENING TIMES FOR EASTER

FROM GOOD FRIDAY - EASTER MONDAY 8.30am till 10.00am

FROM TUESDAY 22nd April NORMAL HOURS

Bread orders for Easter Weekend will need to be in by 11.00am Tuesday 15th April Martin and Joanne

DON'T FORGET; WINES FOR PARTIES CAN BE BOUGHT BY SALE OR RETURN. BRING BACK UNUSED ITEMS FOR A FULL REFUND

STAR BUYS CRIMSON FINCH SHIRAZ RED, PINOT GRIGIO WHITE and CHARDONNAY £5.49 SALLY JANE'S OWN FULL SIZE CAKES £3.99

GARDEN CLUB

The basic tenet of Mary Porter's talk on wildlife in gardens could be summed up in one word, bugs. She firmly believes that we should encourage all manner of invertebrates as these are the bottom of the food chain for all creatures we may wish to have in our gardens. She maintains that we should not automatically destroy all eggs and larvae by squashing or spraying. This may be anathema to many of us but she says that better environmental education would result in greater numbers and variety of our garden creatures.



Whilst much arable agricultural land has become sterile with respect to wildlife due to the application of insecticides and herbicides there has become a greater need for us to provide beneficial environments in our gardens.

Much Forestry Commission plantation is devoid of wildlife and Mary advocates the use of native trees such as hawthorn and blackthorn which provide nectar and berries for insects and birds. Ivy provides late season nectar for brimstone butterflies together with a safe hibernation site.



Mad about...

Bugs



Whilst not everyone has the scope for a pond, she stressed the importance of water. In creating a wildlife pond it is vital to have a shallow edge together with an easy access/exit to prevent animals such as hedgehogs becoming trapped and subsequently drowning. In her own garden Mary has grass snakes, newts, damsel and dragonflies, numerous butterflies and birds.

So, know your caterpillars she urged and encourage those of beneficial species by researching and growing the species specific

plants they require to thrive.

Our next meeting is on **April 16th** and is our **AGM & Plant Sale**. Please note this is at the earlier time of **7pm**. This will be followed at 8pm by a presentation by Martin Anderson on the Chelsea Gold award-winning Hebridean Weavers Cottage Garden. This is under the auspices of The Ramblers and further details appear elsewhere in this issue. **Ian Wilson**

WINTHORPE YOUTH CLUB

A meeting was held on Thursday 20th March with Lyndsey Woolmore (Youth Services) who sadly confirmed that, due to Local Authority budget cuts, Winthorpe Youth Club will close on 30th September 2014. Winthorpe has had a



Youth club for over thirty years. **We want the club to continue for the youngsters in the village and with your help the club could be run on a voluntary basis, BUT we need your help.**

Already, several enthusiastic volunteers attended the meeting on 20th March and were very keen to keep the club open, but more support is needed.

Youth Services are able to offer free training for all involved.

If you would like to help, please request a volunteer application pack from Lyndsey Woolmore (Youth Services) at

lyndsey.woolmore@nottsccl.gov.uk

We are still looking for more volunteers who can help us to keep the club open.

Support is also being sought from NAVO ((Notts Assoc Vol Orgs) who can assist in grant applications, raising funds, policies and practices etc.

A representative from NAVO will attend the next meeting to discuss how they may be able to assist us. Please note that all volunteers will be

required to be DBS checked

(Disclosure and Barring Service), which again can be provided free of charge by NAVO.



If you would like to help us, we have a meeting on Thursday 3rd April 7.00-9.00 pm

at the Community Centre in the meeting room. You will be made most welcome.

Please help us to keep our club open!

Denise Day Tel 01636708727

GIANT SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

Charlie and I will be visiting the school at the start of the month to launch the 2014 Sunflower Competition. A quick reminder of the rules:

1. The competition is open to:-
 - Children who live in Winthorpe, Langford or Holme and who are born after the 1st of September 2002.
 - All pupils who attend Winthorpe Primary School and who may live outside the three villages.
2. The competition will start on **Easter Sunday, 20th April**, when the children will sow their sunflower seeds.
3. The competition will end on **Sunday 7th September**, when children (or their parents!) will e-mail their name, age and sunflower height to:

winthorpesunflower@hotmail.co.uk

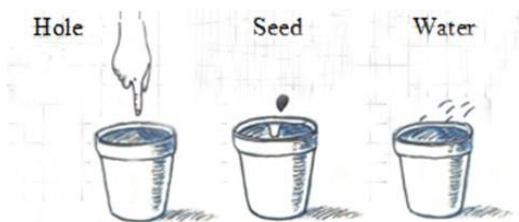
Making a start....

All pupils at Winthorpe Primary School will receive a packet of sunflower seeds, which they should bring home after our school visit on Tuesday 1st April (please check bags, pockets and lunchboxes!).

If you wish to buy your own seeds, you will need “**SUNFLOWER GIANT SINGLE**”, which can be bought from Wilkinson's (60p for a packet of 75 seeds).

Planting.....

Fill your 9cm plastic plant pots with potting compost. Make a hole with your finger into each pot about 2cm deep. Push one seed into the hole, cover with compost and water. Place on a windowsill. Don't forget to water as needed! Watch out for the seeds germinating. This takes about 7 to 10 days.



This is a good chance to talk to your child about what the seeds need in order to start growing – we will have covered this (in a very basic fashion!) in our school presentation, so they might surprise

you with their knowledge.

Remind them that everyone will be planting their seeds on the same day – an important part of what makes the competition ‘fair’. Who will have the winning seed? How much is down to luck, and how much depends on the care you give your growing plants?



Zack has decided that his sunflower will be the tallest, so we clearly have some work to do explaining the different factors involved!

Good Luck to everyone!

Liz & Charlie Ferreira

The Cuckoo

The repeated singing of the Cuckoo, which is a call that everyone can identify, reminds me of my childhood days. In April my sisters, brother and I, whilst out playing, would always be listening for the Cuckoo, each hoping to be the first to hear the bird singing so that we could tell our mother.

Over the years, records were kept when the first Cuckoo was heard in the village. Such records were written on the door post of the greenhouse of ‘The Gardens.’ In 1929 the Cuckoo was heard on April 22nd. In the subsequent eight years it was heard between that date and May 4th.

The Focal Point, also used to published the date of the bird’s first hearing. Sadly, this last few years no record has been published. There may have been a decline in the Cuckoo’s numbers or people have not bothered to inform the editor. If you want to keep this tradition going, listen for the call of the Cuckoo and then inform the Focal Point editor when and where you heard its unmistakeable sound.

Email: nickwynne@virginmedia.com

The Cuckoo comes in April,

He sings his song in May.

In the middle of June,

He whistles a tune.

In July he flies away.

Pat Finn.

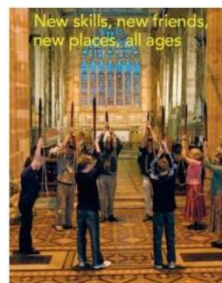


An English Sunday Morning

We visited Winthorpe to stay with family one recent weekend and we had a very warm welcome from the ringers of All Saints on the Sunday morning.

The bells are a light ring of 6 and on that particular morning there were 5 of us ringing. We started by ringing some Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. Doubles is the name given to methods rung on 5 bells, methods is the name for the tunes that are rung. We then went down from 5 to 4 when one ringer went off to play the organ and we continued to ring on 4 bells; Plain, Reverse and Double Bob Minimus (with Minimus being the name for methods on 4 bells).

We then walked back in the beautiful spring sunshine to a dog walk and a pub lunch. This made for a lovely English Sunday morning.
Helen Atkins and Mike Purday



(If you are still thinking about taking up Bell Ringing - see last month's issue - both Helen and Mike started ringing at thirteen and are still doing it over twenty five years later. They also met ringing ten years ago...! Ed.)

Tumble Tots is Britain's leading National Active Physical Play Programme for children from 6 months to 7 years. Classes are held at Winthorpe Community Centre on Wednesday's during term time.

Walking to 2 years, 10am

Age 2 to 3 years, 11am

3 years to school age, 12.45pm

Gymbabes (6 months to school age) 1.45pm

To book a trial or for more information call

Jacky and Helen on

Tel. 07805 178852

Email Newark@tumbletots.com

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Going For Gold

A talk and slide show by Martin Anderson, from Collingham, will be given at the Winthorpe Community Centre. The event is organised by Collingham Ramblers and the Winthorpe Garden Club. Martin is a member of the Ramblers and his talk will be about the Chelsea Flower Show where he has been involved in the creation of two Show Gardens, one of which received a GOLD MEDAL.

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WINNERS

The presentation is at 8.00 pm on 16 April after the Garden Club's AGM. Entry is free but a collection will be made for The Motor Neurone Disease Association. Ramblers, gardeners and all villagers welcome. Any queries D R Woodcock Tel 01636 681299



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ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION: QUIZ NIGHT SUCCESS

On Saturday 1st March, some 70 people in 12 teams took part in the first quiz run by the Allotments Group. The Holme Enders team ran out as eventual winners with a score of 86% - congratulations to them. 6 other



teams scored 70% or more, so it was definitely not a one horse race!

Sophie Hudspeth from Holme raised almost £100 from a raffle in support of her participation in World Challenge next year. The main prize, generously

donated by the Lord Nelson was a Sunday Lunch for two and this was won by Sarah Smith; many thanks to the Nelson for its generosity. Sophie would like to thank everybody for helping raise such an impressive amount.

As a group of allotment holders, from the money raised by the event, we have been able to make a further donation to Sophie and also one to Sam Thompson of Winthorpe, whose own challenges that he had set for himself to raise money for Cancer Research and the Alzheimer's Society have been featured in an earlier Focal Point.

We'd like to thank Martin and Jo at the Village Store for selling tickets; Amanda, Elaine Parkin and Rosanna Marks for preparing and serving the food; and finally all who came along for what we hope was an enjoyable evening. Our own funds have benefitted to the tune of almost £250. This will contribute to our ongoing costs of maintaining the facility which is about to commence its 4th growing season.

David Barthorpe



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Winthorpe Community Centre AGM

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 7th April at 7.30pm in the main hall of the Community Centre. Everyone is welcome, please do come along. We always welcome new Trustees, if anyone wished to join us, please let me know. We meet 6 times a year so duties are not too onerous.

Sue Jackson Secretary to the Trustees Tel 01636 659036



WINTHORPE PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA PRESENTS

Quiz Night

Friday 25 April, 7.30pm for 8pm start
at Winthorpe Community Centre

£7.50 per person

includes **Nicholsons Pie & Peas Supper**

Licensed Bar, Raffle and Games, Up to 6 people per team

Tickets available from the School Office and Winthorpe Post Office



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$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

$$E = MC^2$$



Thank you to everyone who came and supported Sophie at her event. She raised the fantastic amount of £180 for her

World Challenge. Maggie Hudspeth

Dorothea and Ernest Robinson

Congratulations
70 years ago 15th April 1944
Their wedding vows they made,
A son, a daughter,
Seven grandchildren,
Now four great grandchildren,
A lot of borrowed time to say,
Much loyalty to admire,

*Celebrating
70 years
of marriage*

A stroke did take Ernest
From Winthorpe to the Oaks Care Home
July 2009, where he is still cared for well.
Each day looks forward to a daily visit
From Dorothea, come hail or other
Two buses there and back.
A trial for most,
That's love and loyalty that goes right on.
So congratulations on this achievement.
Bless you both all your days.

Phyllis Taylor (a neighbour)

RINGING NEWS

Southwell and Nottingham Diocesan Guild All Saints Winthorpe, Nottinghamshire

Thursday 13 February 2014 in 40m (6-3-2)



1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1 Derek J. Tysoe
- 2 Lindsey Arkley (C)
- 3 Christine H. Hasman
- 4 Paul Raithby
- 5 Ian Hasman

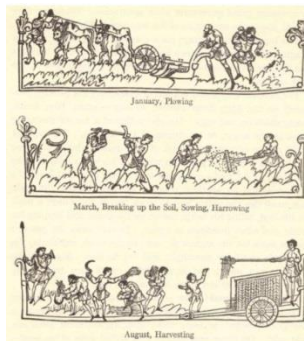
Rung on practice night, and a spur of the moment decision to get Lindsey her first quarter peal as conductor. Well done!

The band would like to dedicate this quarter peal to Winthorpe resident, George Mann, who celebrated his 100th birthday on 11th February. Happy Birthday George!

LAXTON WALK- MEDIEVAL LANDSCAPE AND VILLAGE

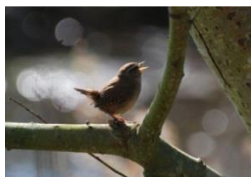
Sunday 6th April at Laxton Visitor Centre in the car park of The Dovecote Inn, Laxton, Grid Ref: SK724671. 10.30am

Approx. 3.6 miles, 3 hours. This second walk in the year's series of six conducted by Laxton farmer Stuart Rose will take place in conjunction with Radio Nottingham's Big Day Out. Stuart will introduce walkers to the medieval architecture and landscape of this 18th century village. He will explain how the open field farming system shaped the development of the village with its central farm buildings surrounded by fields. The walk will include a visit to Laxton Heritage Museum, which is only open by prior arrangement; the open fields and other key features of this unique village. The walk beyond the village will be on farm roads and tracks. Robust footwear is necessary, as is suitable wet or warm outdoor wear depending on the weather. Phone 07939 228353 for more information.



MAY DAY DAWN CHORUS WALK -Thursday 1st May at 5.00am

Approx. 5½ miles 3 hours walking, 5 hours total. The third in the 2014 series of walks around Laxton lead by Stuart Rose gives early risers a unique opportunity to watch the sun rise over Laxton from the motte and bailey castle. Since Natural England has withdrawn support for local farmers to allow people on to their land, the castle is now no longer open to the public, so this is a rare opportunity to see the best preserved example of a motte & bailey castle in the county close up.



The Rattlejag Morris Dancers from Retford dance in the May (the first day of summer) and invite spectators to share an outdoor BBQ breakfast for which a small donation is requested. Those who wish to do so go on the walk round the three Open Fields with Stuart, joined by local expert bird watcher Lynda Milner from Notts Wildlife Trust to hear and identify the many species which sing over the boundaries, dykes and Open Fields. In each of the last four years over 30 species have been identified, including rare close up views of a lesser spotted woodpecker and a nuthatch. There are shortcuts for anyone who has to get back to go to work. Expect to be back to the start about 10am.

Please wear robust footwear and bring outer clothing suitable to the weather, bearing in mind there is no shelter in the fields.

For more information please contact Stuart Rose on 07973 228353.

INDOOR FUN MINI RED TENNIS



Sessions for primary school children will resume after Easter

WHERE Winthorpe Community Centre

WHEN Tuesday April 22nd

TIME 4-5pm ages 4, 5 and 6 5-6pm ages 7 and 8

Cost £4 an hour (Free first session for new participants)

Suitable kit required

All equipment provided

LTA level 3 Registered Coach. CRB checked

New faces always welcome

These sessions will run throughout the Summer Term. Come along and have a go

For all enquiries and further information

Ring Nina Ward on 01636 678419

Winthorpe Tennis Club

AGM

7.30pm Friday 11 April

The Lord Nelson, Winthorpe

ALL WELCOME



Looking forward to seeing some new faces.

Maureen Smith Secretary Winthorpe Tennis Club Tel 01636 701205

Local Policing News April 2014

As from Mid April I will be due to go on Maternity leave and will look to be back with you in February 2015. Whilst I'm off, you will have a new PCSO who will be looking after the area for me. His name is PCSO 4926 Thomas PETTIT and he comes to you with a wealth of experience from volunteering as a Special Constable. Please make him feel welcome. His contact details are



thomas.pettit4926@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

Tel 07887469147

Hope you all have a lovely summer and I shall see you in 2015.

Many Thanks

PCSO 8130 Harriet SAMSON-BAILEY

And finally.....

While on patrol on his police mountain bike in South Yorkshire, an officer observed a male drive pass him in a Porsche Boxster with the roof down and using a handheld mobile phone. Not put off by the fact the driver was in a fast sports car and he was on a mountain bike, the officer gave chase. Luck was with the officer when 200 yards up the road the traffic lights turned red allowing him to catch up with the vehicle. The driver was then issued with a fixed penalty ticket for using his phone while driving. The driver said he was more embarrassed at being pulled by a bobby on a bike than getting a ticket! Harriet



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Winthorpe & District W.I.

The President, Virginia Seager welcomed 25 members to the meeting on Thursday 13th March 2014.



Matters Arising:

- The 60th Birthday Party will be held on Wednesday, 9th April, 2014. We discussed the menu and Lily Goodwin kindly agreed to bake the birthday cake.
- The date of Tuesday, 25th March, 2014 was discussed for the next walk.
- Tickets for the Fleet Group Meeting on Monday, 19th May, 2014 are now available. Cost £4.00 per ticket which will include a plated buffet.
- A visit to the Rapeseed Farm at Fulbeck is planned for Thursday, 3rd July, 2014 at a cost of £10.00 per person, which includes coffee/tea and biscuits and a lunch. Members' partners are also invited.
- The Village Festival to be held on Saturday, 5th July, 2014. It was agreed that we will run a refreshment stall, which will include strawberry and cream teas, a book stall, guess the weight of the cake, and number of sweets in a jar

This month's speaker was Stephen Walsh, a Pre Crime Manager with the Nottinghamshire Police and the subject was personal safety and security. He explained how to avoid potentially dangerous situations both outside and inside the home, along with a demonstration of a selection of crime prevention products. These included personal attack al arms, a secure -ring door chain and small bells to attach to purses. They were available to buy and proved to be extremely popular with the members.

The vote of thanks was given by Moira Williams

The meeting was closed and the Annual General Meeting for the Year 2013 was convened.

Viv Jackson and Joy Hart circulated copies of the Financial Report and explained in detail the financial situation as of 31st. December, 2013. The report was audited and signed off by Jean Bancroft, a W.I. Independent Financial Examiner.

The Secretary's report was read which outlined the varied activities over the past year within our own W.I., and the Nottinghamshire Federation. The report gave details of the newly formed groups – the walking, book and craft groups and the various trips during the year to see the musical, Dirty Dancing, a tour of Staythorpe Power Station and a Christmas visit to Doddington Hall.

As no elections were needed, the President Virginia Seager then gave her report, two Committee Members would be standing down, Pat Nelson and Lily Goodwin, Virginia expressed her gratitude for their hard work over the years. She then asked members to consider joining the Committee and thanked both the committee and members for their support during her first year as President.

Diana Kitson

‘STRICTLY’ COMES TO WINTHORPE

You will have read about Sam Thompson and his project “BABERT” (www.babert.co.uk) raising **£100,000 in aid of Cancer Research and The Alzheimer’s’ Society**, by driving through **30 countries in 30 days** around Europe in a 1973 VW Beetle called Bertie!

In order to raise funds for the project, a Dance Class has been organised at

The Community Centre in Winthorpe to teach **“Modern Jive” on Saturday 26 April 2014 at 6.30pm (7pm start)**

Full instruction will be given and Sam will be DJ for the evening so the music will be good.

It will be a great opportunity to learn to Dance, have a laugh and keep fit.

Please pass this round your friends so that we can have a full house!



Tickets are just £6 on the door and refreshments will be available

**Contact Peter Bateson for
additional
information on 07766 951205**

Collingham May Fair

A new chapter is opening for Collingham's traditional May Fair which will take place on Bank Holiday Monday, 5th May. Collingham and District Cricket Club has kindly offered to host the event which, this year will run from 12 noon to 4pm.



Stalls and Activities All the fun of the fair will be catered for including the crowning of the May Queen and maypole dancing by pupils from John Blow School. There will be a Holiday Hats Competition for children, music and Morris dancing and the popular Scarecrow Competition has been revived. The adjacent Tennis and Bowls Clubs will be open for anyone who would like to sample bowling or play tennis free of charge. Many of the community organisations, clubs and charities active in the village, will be running stalls selling plants, bakery goods, crafts and produce or organising competitions, raffles and activities for both children and adults. Families are welcome to bring a picnic; the Cricket Club bar will be open and the Tennis and Bowls Clubs will provide refreshments and a BBQ.

How to Get Involved



Scarecrow Competition: application forms are available from Collingham Post Office. **Holiday Hats Competition:** open to children aged 12 and under who can take part in the May Queen procession shortly before 1pm and register their entry at the Youth and Community stall. **May Queen:** girls between 7 and 11, who live either in the Parish or go to John

Blow School, can apply by putting their details into a sealed envelope and handing to the Post Office by April 22.

Parking available on the field opposite the cricket ground. No dogs please.

For more information or to book a stall please contact Stella Herbert on 07712 884487 or email: collinghammayfair@outlook.com

Wilkins Chimney Sweep Chimney Safety Information

MARCH - APRIL – Chimney Safety:

Professional Chimney Sweeping



Spring, when it arrives, means those little Jackdaw fiends are eyeing up your chimney to build their nest. They start by dropping twigs down the chimney – this is the foundation or scaffolding as we like to call it.

Look out for twigs in the grate since this is the first sign that your house chimney has been chosen for their new home.

Once the twigs are installed, the birds build lovely solid nests and lay their eggs. By May chicks will have hatched – so in May and June it is against the law to remove a nest as it may contain young birds.

The problem will be obvious when you choose to light a fire as smoke will enter the room. Worse still if you have a gas fire as carbon monoxide is colourless and odourless. It can enter the room undetected unless you have taken appropriate action.

Have a quick check of your chimney stack – is there any bird activity – do you have anything to prevent the birds from entering the chimney?

Your sweep should be able to guide you on the type of cowl or bird guard that you need depending on what type of fire or wood burner you have. **Chris Wright**

PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

A meeting of Winthorpe with Langford Parish Council was held in the village hall on Thursday 20th March. A brief summary of this meeting can be found below.

Present: Mr D Aldridge, Mr L Cammack, Mr S Jackson, Ms S Mashedor, Mr B McClymont, Mr B Wright, Miss S Tomlinson (Clerk) DC/CC Mrs M Dobson

Apologies for Absence: Mr B Allen (Work Commitments), Mr A Leary (Work Commitments) & Mr G Thompson (Work Commitments).

Declarations of Interest: None

Matters Arising: Reports had been received from local residents regarding the amount of dog fouling that seemed be occurring on the pavements of Winthorpe. It was also reported that the dog bins around the village were perhaps not best situated, therefore the Parish Council has arranged for a number of bins to be re-sited to more suitable locations. It is hoped that dog walkers around the village will now find it easier to dispose of their dogs waste correctly.



The application to enter the 'Best Kept Village' competition had been received. Winthorpe and Langford have been entered jointly. When more information becomes available it will be displayed on the village's notice boards.

Additional signage had been requested for the school. It was thought that the one sign currently displayed wasn't sufficient. Mrs Dobson had looked into this; unfortunately due to the narrow verges adjacent to Thoroughfare Lane it would be difficult to find a suitable location at this time.

Finance: No Invoices for approval.

Planning: No applications had been received.

Correspondence: A planning decision notice had been received regarding a Langford application.

Any Other business: It was reported that driveways are being blocked by people visiting the school. The Clerk has written to the school to ask that the head teacher make all visitors aware that driveways should not be blocked at any time during the day. It is also essential that Thoroughfare Lane be left clear of any vehicles in case of any emergency services needing to attend the school. Meeting closed 9.10pm

The next meeting of the parish Council will be held in the village hall on Thursday 17th April at 7.30pm. Sarah Tomlinson

EASTER 2014



At Easter there is much thinking going on about what we believe. However, I am always a bit sad when people who would not class themselves as churchgoers (a term I particularly dislike, in any case!) tell me what it is they think you have to believe and how you must behave if you are to be a member of the church. I am saddened at what they say because it can be so far from the truth. People thus exclude themselves from the fellowship and fun of life in church. Sad, indeed, and I fear I'm sounding a bit negative when, on the contrary, things can be so positive.

When I baptise someone, and it's usually, but not always, a baby I like to remind all those gathered for the occasion that the person being baptised is being made a disciple of Jesus. Discipleship is about following, and it's about more than that. Disciples are learners so run the risk of getting things wrong as well as right. Learning is a life-long process characterised by those "penny dropping moments" when everything falls into place. That's why the parish church still stands so firmly with its doors open; witness to the learning processes of discipleship; taking the risk to get it right or wrong, but, whatever, taking the risk to love. And I'm taking the risk of discipleship in learning more about how to serve all the churches in the East Trent Group as their – your – parish priest. Part of the fun of discipleship is that we learn together. David Yabbacome Rector East Trent Group of Churches



Most of you will know that my wife Barbara passed away suddenly on 3rd March. I wish to thank, on behalf of myself and the family, all those friends, neighbours and villagers who offered support and sympathy at this sad time. I have to say that we have been completely overwhelmed by all the kindness

shown to us. It leaves me to say that we were, and I am, so very lucky to live in a place amongst so many lovely people. Many thanks Ron Moore



ALL SAINTS WINTHORPE CHURCH NOTICES

Hello again,

Sadly on Monday 17th March 2014 at her funeral service, we said goodbye to our friend Barbara Moore. The Church was full to overflowing to support her husband Ron Moore and his family in saying goodbye. It was a lovely service and one I am sure, Barbara

would have appreciated. Our condolences go to Ron and his family.

On another tack, it has been brought to my attention that it is rumoured:-

1. *The Church has no congregation.* - This is incorrect, we have a good congregation who attend well. We would like more but pray this will come in time.
2. *The Church is in need of repair.* - We have recently had the Church inspected. There were a few points raised (some of which have already been addressed) however the report concluded "the Church is in good condition and well cared for".
3. *The Church Yard is to be turned over and re-used.* - There is no intention to re-use the Church Yard, indeed land suitable for a grave yard within the village has been identified for use when the Church Yard becomes full.

I notice from communications I've received so far this year that there are a number of weddings planned for All Saints. I hope you will agree with me that it is a pleasure to meet those couples and their supporters who choose to marry in our Church as they fulfil their obligations to the Church prior to their marriage by attending our services and joining us for refreshments afterwards. Finally, you will see we have Communion on Easter Sunday at 10.15 am.

I look forward to seeing you all at the service and hope to share conversation over tea and biscuits.

Keith On behalf of the PCC

(Fireside sitting, awaiting the arrival of the Easter Bunny!)

CHURCH CLEANERS

Mrs Nelson and Mrs Finn

APRIL BRASS CLEANERS

Mrs Aldridge and Mrs McClymont



CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL



Sunday 6th
(5th of Lent)

9.00 am

Holy Communion

Holme

Sunday 13th
(Palm Sunday)

10.15 am
6.00 pm

Holy Communion
Holy Communion

Winthorpe
Langford

Friday 18th
(Good Friday)

2.00 pm

Final Hour at Cross

Winthorpe

Saturday 19th
(Easter Eve)

7.00 pm

Service of Light

Winthorpe

Sunday 20th
(Easter Day)

9.00 am
10.15 am

Service of Light
Holy Communion

Langford
Winthorpe

Sunday 27th
(2nd of Easter)

10.15 am

Morning Worship

Holme

The Church Bells will be rung on:-

April 13th, 18th and 20th 2014. Please note the bells will also be rung on Thursday evenings for practice between 7 pm and 9 pm and on **23rd April 6pm to 7pm for St. George's Day.**

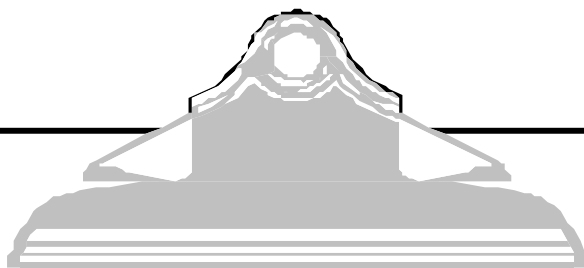
CHURCH FLOWER LADIES

We will soon be celebrating Easter and it is once again time to decorate the Church. There is a "Last Hour" service from 2pm - 3 pm on Good Friday, the 18th April 2014 so if we could bring our arrangements from 3.15 pm onwards that would be great.

It would also be helpful if you could remove your flowers on Monday 28th April 2014 at 2.30 pm.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the 18th. If you are unable to attend to your spot please ring Sylvia on 703271.

Sylvia Lloyd



APRIL CALENDAR

Tuesday 1 st	Village Spring Tea Party 3pm V.H.
Thursday 3 rd	Save our Youth Club meeting 7-9pm C.C.
Sunday 6 th	Laxton Walk 10:30am
Monday 7 th	Silver bin Lunch Club 12:30 C.C. Community Centre AGM 7:30pm C.C.
Tuesday 8 th	Tuesday Club Coffee Morning 10:30am V.H.
Friday 11 th	Winthorpe Tennis Club AGM Lord Nelson 7:30pm
Monday 14 th	Green Bin Library Van
Wednesday 16 th	Garden Club AGM 7pm C.C.
Thursday 17 th	Parish Council meeting 7:30 V.H.
Sunday 20 th	Easter Sunday HAPPY EASTER
Monday 21 st	Silver Bin
Tuesday 22 nd	Tuesday Club outing to Pearsons Nursery 2:30pm
Friday 25 th	Winthorpe School Quiz Night 7:30pm C.C.
Saturday 26 th	Modern Jive Dance Class 6:30pm C.C.
Monday 28 th	Green Bin