

FOCAL POINT

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Ed's Comments

Days seem longer in the summer and

there seems so much to do! Focal Point reflects this in the July issue as it is full of events and interests; visits, holidays, celebrations, preparation for coming events such as the Village Festival, and all your hobbies. It is particularly good to have contributions from the children at the school in this issue. I am busy “doing my own thing” (gardening, music, Scrabble, Book Club, Granny duties, Focal Point etc) and I often wonder about the success of events which we advertise. Do please send in reports and photographs of what happens so those of us who don't get to the event can still get a flavour of what went on.

There is so much involved in organising all that goes on in the village and nearby and the success of what goes on depends on the unsung heroes who work so hard to make sure that things happen. People like Keith Lloyd who so valiantly continues to send us all the church information from his hospital bed. Also Peter Foden who is asking that new volunteers come forward to take on the organisation of the Lunch Club which is such an important monthly event for so many people.

This month I would particularly like to thank our Focal Point deliverers who make sure that your copy reaches you. Frank Dennis took over delivering in The Spinney when his wife was ill about seventeen years ago and has been ably assisted by his friend and neighbour, Ted Robbins. Frank has decided to pass on the baton at 91 and as Julia Loach-Martin who takes over from him said “I hope I will still be up to delivering Focal Point at 91!” I agree! Thank you, Frank and Ted and all our deliverers.

In fact, thank you to all our Unsung Heroes. You are an inspiration to us all! Annie Purday

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WINTHORPE SUMMER FESTIVAL 2014

SATURDAY JULY 5TH 1PM - 5PM

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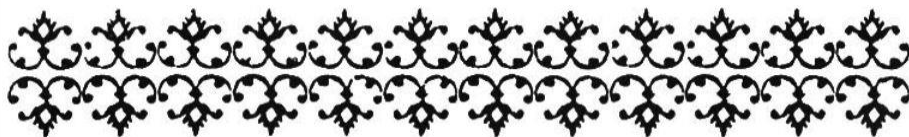
Tombola - book stall - "Bits and Bobs" stall - Phoenix Cards

Plants stall - Raffle - Family Games

BBQ - Cakes - Cream Teas

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Research and Alzheimer's Disease) and All Saint's Church,
Winthorpe

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WINTHORPE SUMMER FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 5th JULY

CRAFT FAIR



This Craft Fair, not to be confused with a series of craft fairs being held at the Community Centre, is one of the new features for this year's Summer Festival on July 5th. The idea is to display art work, carpentry, sewing and any homemade items. Items may be sold with a 10% contribution to the Festival fund. Framed original paintings should be limited to two per artist. Greeting card/notelet prints will probably sell well.

If you would like to display something, whether for sale or not, please let me know and bring your items to the Community Centre on the morning of Saturday, 5th July. Tell me if you need help with transport.

Paintings/prints can be brought to one of Max Neale's art classes in the Village Hall.

Peter Foden, 704241



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CHANGES AT THE LUNCH CLUB

At the lunch on June 2nd it was announced that the “kitchen” team would be retiring after the Christmas Lunch this year. They have managed the lunches and produced the food for 11 years and now feel like a break. Many others have helped in various ways with the lunches and they probably feel they would like to attend without the chores involved.



The lunches provide both a social occasion and much needed funds for the Community Centre. Over the last 11 years they have raised over £15,000. It is obviously important to keep them going and the present team will work hard to ensure this happens.

The effort has been mainly voluntary with a paid chef who has produced the main course and generally managed the kitchen. He is retiring with us. Obviously keeping a largely voluntary effort improves the proceeds and it would be ideal if a new team came forward to carry on what we have been doing. We do not expect that offer to come from those who presently attend the lunches – they have done their bit and we are very grateful to them.

Recently volunteers have come forward to maintain different operations in the village and it would be great if the same thing could happen for the Lunch Club in 2015. Because the lunches are held on Mondays the helpers really need to be retired. If you feel you would like to get involved please contact me and I will give you the details of how we operate at present. Any offer will be greatly appreciated by the diners and the Community Centre.

As previously announced there will be no Lunch in July. The next Lunch will be on **August 4th**, details to follow.

Peter Foden, 704241

TUESDAY CLUB

Tuesday, 8th July. 10.30 am. Morning Coffee at The Village Hall.

Tuesday, 22nd July – 2.30pm. Garden Party at Tall Trees, The Spinney. Please bring an item of food. Jean Foden.



NEWS FROM “MEN in SHEDS”

‘Men in Sheds’ has now been running in Collingham for just on six months and it is time to say something of our achievements and plans for the next few months.

The Shed is supported by the Parish Council, The District Council and the Notts County Council. Some 20 or so people have joined up so far, ranging from hard working hobbyists to willing handymen and those who just appreciate a tea or coffee in a convivial atmosphere. And our members come from all over the local district, as well as Collingham itself.



The Shed is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings (10.00-13.00) and is supervised by responsible convenors, who are acquainted with proper safety procedures and can provide practical advice about using our comprehensive range of power tools. Amongst the projects we have taken on have been the preparation of items for display and sale at the May Fair, a collection of bat-boxes made at the request of Gusto Homes, as well as carrying out improvements to the premises, making it a real home from home. But now that we have settled in, it is time to look forward and to see what we can offer to the community.

So we are having an ‘open day’, at which people can drop in, have a look round and enjoy a few light refreshments. You can see demonstrations and displays of woodturning, clock making, Wi-Fi and possibly other activities and learn something of how you can become a member or a supporter. Women are welcome as well, if only to see for themselves just what they’d be sending their men folk to!

The Open Day will be on Wednesday, July 16th, between 4.30 and 7.00pm at the ‘Shed’, behind 65 Station Road, Collingham

We are particularly keen to know if you would be interested in alternative opening times and what interests you might wish to pursue with us. These could be anything from art and digital photography to large woodwork projects, or just passing the time of day with friends.

As well as this we intend to provide future sessions at which you can learn the basics of household electrics, plumbing and the uses of chemical agents in the home, so look out for the dates when these happen and do let us have your e-mail details if you wish to be updated with information about our events.

Membership is at very reasonable cost – less than a couple of pints of beer per month – just enough to cover our running cost, like utilities and consumables – plus the tea & coffee of course!.

For more details, please contact:

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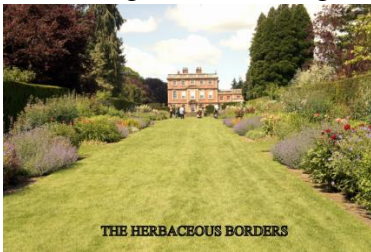
GARDEN CLUB OUTING

It was a cloudy start for the Winthorpe Gardening Club members and friends for a visit to Newby Hall and Gardens. Upon our arrival the sun came out and shone brightly all day.

Newby Hall, the home of the Compton family, is a Grade 1 listed building. This eighteenth-century country house is situated on the banks of the River Ure near Boroughbridge in North Yorkshire.

The Entrance Hall exudes a fine sense of symmetry with matching ceiling, floor and doors. It also had an organ. In the house, with Robert Chippendale furniture, was a collection of 100 chamber pots. This caused some amusement. There were many paintings, Roman sculptures and silk tapestries, collected in the 1765-6 Grand Tour of Italy and France.

Following the one hour guided tour it was time to visit the gardens.



The 25 acre garden is similar to Hidcot Manor Gardens in Gloucester but on a much larger scale. Surrounded by the River Ure, parklands and woods, the garden, with its gravel paths, is divided into about twenty different areas. The Herbaceous Borders, with a long lawn and

herbaceous plants on either side, stretching from the south front of the house to the River Ure, is Newby's best known feature. In full colour were Geraniums, Nepetas (Catmint), Paeonias (Peonies), Delphiniums and many others which I could not identify. Several times the Herbaceous Borders had to be crossed to visit gardens on either side. Sylvia's Garden, named after the owner's mother, is planted to show colour in May. The War of the Roses Garden had red and white roses representing the colours of Lancashire and Yorkshire. The Rose Pergola, cascading with white Victorian climbing roses, was heavily perfumed. The Cornus Garden holds the National Collection of Cornus, of which there are 100. The colours of the Cornus, whose common name is Dogwood, was breath-taking. The Autumn Garden, newly planted with Dahlias, Salvias and Verbena Bonariensis, was waiting to show off its autumnal colours. I noticed, in particular, my favourite dahlia, Bishop of Llandaff. The Orchard Garden had apple trees growing on the espalier

system. There was an Ilex Garden, Pine Garden, Rock Garden, Water Garden and a White Garden, just to name a few.

The gardens were in superb condition maintained by a Head Gardener and five gardeners with the occasional help of ten volunteers, each being responsible for their own particular area. This garden is, without doubt, the best garden in Yorkshire open for visitors.

The visit ended with a ride on the miniature railway pulled by Newby's 'Royal Scot.' This was a delightful ride, on the line which runs alongside the River Ure, giving fantastic views of many of the gardens.

Leaving God's country we arrived at The Old Bell Inn, Barnby Moor for our evening meal. A perfect ending to a glorious day.

A big "Thank You" to Julie Parker who organized the whole day.

An evening visit has been planned to two N.G.S. gardens in Whatton in the Vale on **Wednesday 16th July**. Cars to meet 6pm at the Lord Nelson.

Pat Finn.

HELP WANTED

Two or three volunteers are required to help on the two Games Stalls run by the Gardening Club for the Village Festival on Saturday 5th July.

Please contact Ian Wilson 686249.



A Highland Holiday

My holiday started on Friday 6th June – an auspicious date as it coincided with the 70th Anniversary events taking place in France to commemorate the D-Day landings by Allied Forces in 1944. To avoid a lengthy coach journey I had arranged to travel by rail to Edinburgh and to be picked up by my Highland Heritage coach around 3 pm that day at Edinburgh Turnhouse Airport.

The morning was bright and sunny as I boarded the 8.44 am East Coast train at Newark and occupied my reserved seat on the starboard side of the Quiet Coach ready to enjoy the scenery en route such as the imposing Bamburgh Castle located at a headland in Northumberland, closely followed by Holy Island (also known as Lindisfarne) prior to crossing into Scotland at Berwick-on-Tweed and passing the busy, if small port of Eyemouth on the nearby coast. A full English breakfast and several cups of coffee were consumed on the way, which added to the comfort of the journey until I arrived at Edinburgh Waverley Station on time shortly after noon.



I spent a pleasant couple of hours in the sunshine in Edinburgh Princes Street and the adjoining Gardens in the shadow of the battlements of Edinburgh Castle where work was already in progress to erect the part of the seating accommodation (which actually extend over the ramparts of the Castle) in readiness for the start of the annual Royal Military Tattoo on 1st

August. The Tattoo started in 1950 when around 6,000 attended. The season now lasts over a period of 3 weeks and this year some 220,000 are expected to enjoy the various spectacular and colourful displays by the countries concerned.

Edinburgh has been a very cosmopolitan Capital City for many years and continues to prove a particularly attractive destination to its annual influx of many thousands of overseas visitors from far and wide. Boarding the Airport Link Service just outside Waverley Station around 2pm I was deposited at the Airport Terminal some 30 minutes later and soon to be warmly welcomed on board by my fellow coach passengers. The coach had started from Newcastle which proved to be a bonus as Geordies are renowned for their naturally welcoming ways.

A short break in the shadow of Stirling Castle and two hours later I arrived at my destination, The Ben Doran Hotel, Tyndrum, Argyllshire, for my six day stay. My luggage was quickly transferred from the coach to my room which boasted superb views over the nearby hills and mountains. A tasty dinner at 7pm was followed by coffee in the lounge in readiness for the regular evening entertainment starting at 8.30pm till 10.30pm before I was more than ready for an early night and a good night's sleep.

Saturday morning (7th) after a hearty breakfast I boarded my coach for an outing that embraced Loch Lomond (namely Balloch at the base of the loch) to be followed by a tour of The Trossachs – a popular place for Glaswegians as its main water supply originates from Loch Katrine in its midst- and its legends surrounding Rob Roy MacGregor who unsurprisingly was not really the goody two shoes he was at times made out to be.

However, Balloch was the first port of call where most of us took advantage of an hour's sail on the loch via one of the several steamers readily available for this purpose.

On the West Side of the loch we were treated to a very clear view of the De Vere owned imposing Cameron House which golfers will know is a mere 100 yards or so from the Club House for the very elite golf course which until recently hosted the Scottish Open Championship. The Trossachs tour embraced Inveraray, Loch Fyne (famous in days gone by for its fleet of herring trawlers) and then on to Aberfoyle and Drymen before passing through the National Park before journeying home.

Sunday (8th) an optional tour (which I sampled) took the coach party south through Glendarel and on to a short sea passage across the Kyles of Bute to the Isle of Bute by means of the Colintraive Ferry to Rothesay and Port Bannatyne. For an entrance fee, passengers could visit nearby Mount Stuart – one of the very finest private houses ever built and home to the Marquis of Bute and his family. A shrewd Scot, when the Welsh coalfields started expanding at the turn of the last century the then Marquis built most if not all of the jetties in Cardiff harbour for the expanding market for exporting coal world-wide. In lieu of charging berthing fees the Marquis advised the mine-owners that he would merely levy sixpence a ton on each ton of coal loaded at his jetties. Needless to say he amassed a fortune by this simple means, bought Cardiff Castle from part of the proceeds and on his death gifted the Castle to the city of Cardiff.

Monday (9th) the excursion to Oban took in the Pass of Brander and Loch Awe, passing the Falls of Lora at Connel and proceeding to Oban where I and my fellow travellers boarded a MacBrayne's steamer for a non-landing sea trip to Craignure on the Isle of Mull. We were warned that any misguided passenger landing at Craignure and missing re-boarding the vessel would be faced with a taxi fare and other charges of around £100!



Tuesday (10th) the highlight of the tour on our final day was a Highland Concert in Fort William from 2pm-4pm. Before the time of the concert, the coach took us on our final holiday tour of passing Black Mount with views over Loch Tulla, then crossing Rannoch Moor with its superb views of the mountains and lochs before descending through Glen Coe (scene of the infamous massacre in 1692 of the MacDonalds by the Campbells after the latter had accepted the former clan's hospitality) and on to Fort William. The Highland Matinee Concert was well-attended, with music presented by a band known as the Skippinnish (comprising a piano accordionist; a piper; a piper cum drummer and a charming tuneful lady who treated us to traditional lilting Gaelic song ably supported by her electronic keyboard. A Highland Candlelit Dinner awaited us that last evening at The Ben Doran followed by further entertainment.

Wednesday (11th) An early breakfast (7 am) and equally early start (7.45 am) and I was on my way back to Edinburgh, with a very short break at Stirling, to be dropped off at Edinburgh Airport before making my way to the City Centre and boarding the 2pm train to Newark and the comfort and extras offered by my reserved seat on the Quiet Coach – but on the port side this time.

Home around 5.30pm after a very enjoyable if strenuous and tiring holiday. I'm pleased to report that most Scots I spoke to (mainly ladies) were not in favour of Scotland becoming independent! **Alex. Gilmour**



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Dear Villagers,

Recently Class 4 has been on a trip to Cober Hill in Scarborough. We went for five days and every day got better and better. We particularly liked the beach and three course meals. I (Phoebe) was in a room with Evie and Gracie. Chloe (who I am writing with) was in a room with Jasmin. We would like to say thanks to the teachers who took us and thanks to the parents who paid for us!



We always look forward to the Summer Sizzler and this year we would like to make it special for the new Head Teacher as it is her first - and the Year 6s who have been great friends and leave at the end of term. We would really like it if you came too. Chloe, Evie, Phoebe, Neve, Catherine and Jamin's stall would like to raise loads of money for our school because it has great job in preparing us for the rest of life.

We are now in our last half term and quite possibly the most exciting! We are looking forward to the school play, which we are now rehearsing for. The auditions were amazing and we are glad that everyone is trying hard to learn lines. We can't wait for Sports Day, it is going to be great and we would love for you to come and watch. We hope everyone does well – but personally we say GO ORANGE TEAM! Phoebe Loach-Martin & Chloe Goy

Hi, we are Evie and Gracie and we are pupils at Winthorpe Primary School. We are going to tell you about events happening at our school.

Year 5 and 6 went on a residential to Scarborough on the 2nd of June to the 6th of June. We had a three course meals which encouraged us to try new foods. We did a range of activities which included visiting Bempton cliffs,

Ryedale folk museum, Dalby Forest and Whitby. Our personal favourite day was Wednesday when we went to Ryedale folk museum and Scarborough beach. We stayed in a hotel with our friends. We were in a room together and also with Phoebe (who lives in the village). We stayed there for four nights and thoroughly enjoyed it.



On Friday the 27th of June we are

having a Summer Sizzler. Year 5 and 6 work together to organise a stall as a pair or a group. I (Gracie) am doing a stall with Millie, we are doing guess the teddy bears holiday destination if you get it right you win the 100cm teddy!!!!!!! Also I (Evie) am doing loom bands; guess the name of the teddy bear and pick n mix. Anyone is welcome to come along and spend their money!!!!!!!

Before and during the holidays the juniors will be practising and performing their summer production. Evie and I are playing the parts of the Ratsy and Patsy, the rapping paparazzi also with Phoebe as Papa.

On the 22nd of July we will also be having a retirement picnic for Mrs Green, one of the reception teachers as she will be retiring in September. Anyone of the village is welcome to come. Thank you. **By Evie and Gracie**

This is Will Cox and Josh Nevin here, both from Winthorpe Primary school aged 10 and 11 making us Year 6. We have recently come back from Cober Hill in Scarborough and it was amazing ,we went to the beach, a museum, rock pooling, Dolby Forest, orienteering and shelter building there as well. On the first day we did a 4 mile walk! It was tiring but we got on the bus and went to the hotel after. Another thing happening in our school is the school play, “Go for Goal” which is a football play full of drama and excitement! Will is “Oscar” a main part and Josh is “Lucas”, another main part. So feel free to watch (but you have to pay) the date for the play is the 15th and 16th of July.

Another exciting event coming up is our “Summer Sizzler” which is mostly been held by class 4. It includes stalls such as, cake stalls, football stalls, food stall, and others so please come, also there is a barbecue and bar (don’t get too drunk!)

Soon at the end of the school year we’re going to have to say goodbye to one of our beloved teachers, Mrs Green, who is retiring so feel free to come down on the 22nd of July to Mrs Green’s leaving picnic in the afternoon.

4 weeks is how long the year 6s have left before they leave unfortunately but I think we’re ready to have a new chapter in our lives.

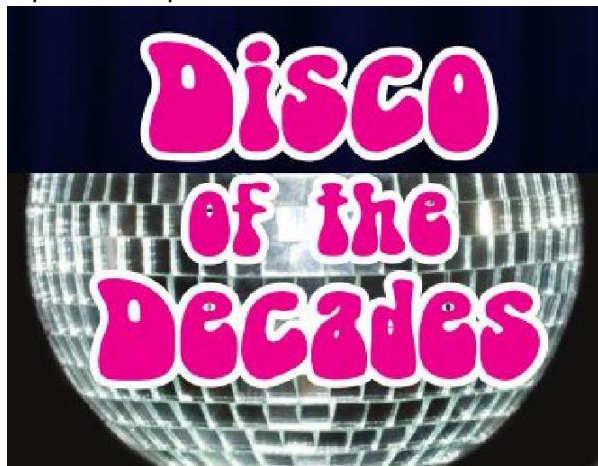
On Wednesday we had a roast dinner day and members of the public came - our roast dinners are the best in the world! By Will and Josh

Last Monday Year five and six went to Scarborough and stayed in Cober hill hotel. The residential was very exciting, but tiring because we got to do lots of exciting activities including shelter building, orienteering and bird watching.

The Summer Sizzler is firstly to help the school raise money and secondly it's a time for the children and the community to come and have fun. I am doing a stall with Will, Josh and Ewan (this group also includes me, Alfie). This event will take place on the 27th of June.

And finally our last paragraph is about the last 6 weeks of term. Firstly there is a retirement picnic for Mrs Green on the 22nd of July in the afternoon. Also the juniors are performing a play on the 15th and 16th of July it is called "Go for Goal". I am the commentator and I have 82 lines. Please come and watch us.

By Alfie Chapman



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GIANT SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

It is well over two months since our junior gardeners planted their sunflower seeds – how are your plants coming along? They should be outside now, with canes to support them as they grow ever taller.

Alex and I went to the garden centre and bought some 6ft / 1.8m canes, which seem somewhat optimistic. But as previous competition winners have shown us, these magnificent flowers can achieve some impressive heights!



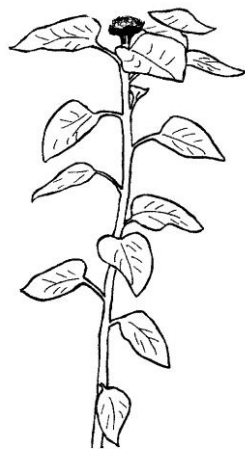
The recent ‘warm but wet’ weather certainly seem to be helping the plants – ours are really shooting up and now taller than the boys!

As we head firmly into the summer months, don’t forget to keep your sunflowers well watered. The junior gardeners in our house seem to have lost interest after the initial excitement of planting seeds and watching the tiny seedlings appear. I’ll try to get them involved in regular plant watering – being

set loose with a hose pipe is a pretty good incentive to most children!! If you’re lucky enough to be going away during the summer holidays, now is the time to think about friends or neighbours who can look after your plants for you. What ‘good turn’ could you do for them to say “thank you”?

While I’m happy to keep publishing photos of my own children (a mother’s pride knows no limits!), I’m sure people would love to see pictures of other children and their sunflowers. You can send photos to: winthorpesunflower@hotmail.co.uk

Liz & Charlie Ferreira





Winthorpe & District W.I.

In the absence of the President, Virginia Seager, Liz Moran deputised on her behalf. She welcomed 15 members and three visitors on Thursday 12th June 2014.

This month's speaker was Debs Storey from 'Hens at Home' based at Staythorpe. She gave a fun talk on the wonderful world of chickens with insights into what makes a chicken tick and the miraculous egg. The vote of thanks was given by Elaine Bradbury.

Matters Arising:

- Baton Relay Week -Strawberries and Prosecco will be served in the Village Hall and the Baton will be transported to Collingham W.I. in Paul and Joanne Driver's Mark II Cortina, suitably decorated for the occasion.
- W.I. Quiz Monday 30th June. Winthorpe W.I. will be providing the refreshments
- Ladies Day at Southwell Race Course on Sunday, 17th August. Virginia Seager, the President, will attend on behalf Winthorpe W.I.
- Rapeseed Farm, Fulbeck Visit at 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, 3rd. July, 2014. Coffee will be served on arrival.
- Village Festival – Saturday, 5th July, 2014. It was decided this year to have cream teas instead of the usual refreshment stall. A cup of tea or coffee (or soft drink) will be served with a scone, accompanied with jam and cream, or a small bun. A slice of fruit cake, lemon drizzle cake or Victoria sponge will be offered as alternatives. In addition, the following stalls will be held:

Book Stall
Bottle Stall
Cake Stall

Guess the Weight of the Cake
Guess how many Sweets in a Jar



Future Events

Nottinghamshire Federation's visit to the Flower Pod, at Southwell on Thursday, 17th July.

Singing for Joy at County House on Tuesday, 8th July, 2014

Autumn Federation Meeting on Tuesday, 30th September, 2014 at the Everyday Champions Centre

Hostesses for July's 2014 Meeting: Committee Members

WI NATIONAL CENTENARY CELEBRATION



In order to celebrate 100 years of the WI the WI organised a Baton Relay throughout the country. On Tuesday 17th June the Baton was passed from the president of Newark Bridge WI, Margaret Graves to the current president of Winthorpe WI, Virginia Seager.

Virginia Seager and some of the past presidents of Winthorpe WI.

CONGRATULATIONS WI!



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As summer passes through Langford Lowfields bringing a typical mixture of warm sunshine, heavy showers and grey days, the bird activity has begun to slow down noticeably. The breeding season is coming to an end and most of the chicks have fledged leaving behind them empty nests. We do however, still have a few interesting sightings to report including yellow wagtails and a peregrine.

We have also had two reports of tree sparrows which is always welcome news and several hobbies hawking for the many dragonflies that are around presently. But the most exciting avian report was of two spotted flycatchers, seen near the car park by one of our volunteers.

As always with nature, it is never quiet for long. As the birds take a back seat we have seen an explosion of insect life. Jenny, our assistant warden and resident insect expert, is in her element at the moment with new species emerging almost on a daily basis.

We have had scorpion flies, garden chafer beetle, wasp beetles, red and black froghoppers and to top it all, the first ever reserve record of a

hairy dragonfly, a relatively scarce species. This is just the tip of the iceberg; there have been several other beetle species and the first painted lady butterfly of the year bringing our butterfly species tally up to eight.

As for Odonates (dragonflies and damselflies) we have been truly spoilt. There have been red-eyed

damselflies and a brown hawker dragonfly, which is the only UK dragonfly species to have coloured wings. Other dragonflies include black-tailed skimmer, emperor and common darter.

The beginning of June saw the Grand Opening celebration for Langford Lowfields. Although the reserve had been quietly opened to the public a month previously, it was time to thank all of the many people who



Male hairy dragonfly (Photo courtesy of Graham Gamage)

have been involved with the reserve right from the outset. We had representatives from the RSPB, Lafarge Tarmac and our very generous funders, amongst others, as well as some of our volunteers. A presenter from BBC Radio Nottingham was also on site but don't worry if you missed the interviews – you will soon be able to listen to the podcast via a link on our website.

Although the site is now open to the public, you can get still get a look behind the scenes by joining one of our monthly guided walks. The next Discover Langford Lowfields walk is on Sunday 13 July 10-12.30pm.

Please book by calling the office on 01636 893611 and certainly bring weatherproof clothing and good footwear! For further information and regular updates on our work here at Langford Lowfields, please have a look at our website at www.rspb.org.uk/langfordlowfields

The Last Surviving Dambuster

Towards the end of May I was startled by a plane which flew really low over our house. I mentioned it to a friend in Newark later and she realised I had seen and heard the fly past described below. She wrote this short article for me because of the Winthorpe connection. Ed

George 'Johnny' Johnson, the last surviving Dambuster, visited Highfields School, Newark on Friday 23rd May. He taught at the school for 5 years in the late 1960's. 'Johnny' Johnson was so pleased to come back and see the school. He answered questions from the children so



clearly, quite remarkable at the age of 92. Afterwards there was a fly past, watched from the school field by children, parents and friends. He has just published a book called 'The Last British Dambuster'. In it he tells about his early childhood, living in Langford and attending Winthorpe School.

This is what he says:

“From the time I was seven I went to school in the nearby village of Winthorpe. It was a walk of about a mile and a half - a run if I was short of time! The school had just two classrooms: one for juniors and the other for seniors aged 12 to 14.”

The other mention in the book is about the headmistress, and how she had an important influence on his life.

“Miss Boast was the headmistress at Winthorpe Elementary School. Miss Boast knew my situation far better than I knew her.....that's why she came up with the idea that I should go to The Lord Wandsworth Agricultural College at the age of 11.”

Alison Wilson

Community Centre AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Community Centre was held on 7th April. All existing Trustees and Officers were elected once again and we are delighted to welcome Peter Hill as a new Trustee.



Accounts for the previous year were passed and the annual report was received from the Tennis Club.

We have had to raise hiring fees recently due to increases in costs, especially fuel costs but the centre still is excellent value for money for your event.

Sue Jackson

Secretary to the Trustees

Fashion Show

Thank you to everyone who attended this event. There was a great turn out from the village and Sophie raised £350.00.

Maggie Hudspeth



Check your water stop tap



I have some news that may be of interest to other residents and may act as a prompt to check their stop taps. Our stop tap (in the pavement) had seized up. We contacted Severn Trent on 08007834444. They installed a new stop tap free of charge in 7 days. They did a great job. I'd recommend everyone to check their stop tap to ensure it works in an emergency. **Mark Brown**



ALL SAINTS

WINTHORPE

CHURCH NOTICES

Hi there,

I hadn't intended talking about myself but here I am back in Lincoln County Hospital enjoying the hospitality and care of the nursing staff for a few days.

During June we hosted two lovely Services of Baptism one for Harry James Parkson Wong on the 8th followed by Nathan Jack David Dobb on the 22nd. We welcome both them and their supporters into our Christian family.

Apologies for the late cancellation of Thursday's service but this was due to Phil having to go to an ill relative down south. We did try to get the message to all who usually attend but please accept our sincere apologies - even though it was circumstances beyond our control.

The toilet project is moving slowly forward. It is hoped that a meeting with the Church Architect will be held before too long to advise on the best siting for it. Several offers of help have already been received as have some donations. Thank you – however plenty more will be needed before this project is complete!

Sadly Kath Harvey recently passed away. I thought you would like to know that her funeral is on 3 July 2014 at 2.30 pm in the Church. We offer our sincere condolences to her family and friends.

Finally, I am aware that we are looking forward to the marriage of Holly Applewhite and James Grantham on the 28 June – we send them all our love and hope the weather holds!

Keith

On behalf of the PCC

(from yet another hospital bed!)

CHURCH SERVICES FOR JULY



Sunday 6th

(3rd after Trinity)

9.00 am

Holy Communion

Holme

Sunday 13th

(4th after Trinity)

9.00 am

Morning Worship

Langford

10.15 am

Holy Communion

Winthorpe

Thursday 17th

BCP

10.00 am

Holy Communion

Winthorpe

Sunday 20th

(5th after Trinity)

10.15 am

Morning Worship

Winthorpe

The Church Bells will be rung on:-

13th and 20th July for the usual services and on 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th for weddings. Please note the bells may also be rung on Thursday evenings for practice between 7pm and 9pm.

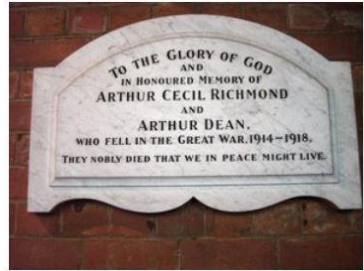
15th July - a visiting band of ringers from Oxton will ring a quarter peal commencing at 11am. Christine Hasman

Church Cleaning for July

Miss Applewhite

FROM THE RECTOR OF THE EAST TRENT GROUP OF CHURCHES SUMMER 2014

August marks the centenary of the declaration of what has come to be known as the First World War, The Great War. It was this War which ushered in the modern age. Amongst massive human slaughter, horses were replaced with machines and developing technology led to the invention of alternative weapons and the introduction of chemical warfare. Across the nation there now stand war memorials, introduced after the armistice which ended the War, commemorating those who had fallen in battle. However, The Great War ended only to be followed by further conflicts, which were world shattering, but in different ways to The Great War.



So many young men answered the call to arms in The Great War and fell in battle that communities at home were decimated. There were very few communities who did not suffer losses. In The East Trent Group we have one such community. Such communities were not untouched by war, though.

It is right that we mark this anniversary, though I fear there is talk of “celebration”, an inappropriate word for now, but it may be just right in four years’ time. In The East Trent Churches we’ll be observing the anniversary. There will be a reflective service in All Saint’s, Collingham at 6.00pm on Sunday, 3rd August. Then, on Monday, 4th August, the day of the anniversary itself, all our churches will be open for quiet reflection and prayer from 11.00am to noon. Prayer cards will be available for visitors to use if they wish.



I believe it right to observe the anniversary. As part of that we may well reflect on how our lives continue to be affected by The Great War, and as we look at the world now we may hope, pray and work for an end to all wars.

David Yabbacome

Rector East Trent Group of Churches



**Nottinghamshire
County Council**

**New guide to care services
in Notts out now!**

A new directory has just been published for older people or people with disabilities who need social care support in Nottinghamshire.

The County Council's 2014/15 Care and Support Service Directory provides information about a range of services to help people live independently at home. It also lists local home care providers and residential and nursing care homes for those who need a higher level of support.



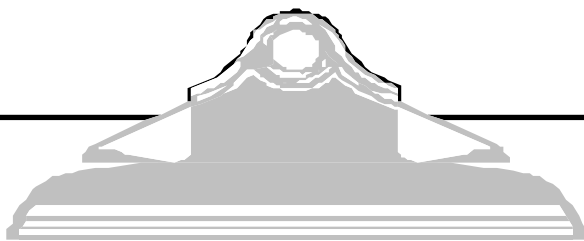
There is also advice on paying for care, financial assistance available and who is eligible for support.

Councillor Muriel Weisz, Chair of Adult Social Care and Health Committee, said: "People tell us they want to stay living independently in their own homes for as long as possible. This directory gives information about services such as respite care, equipment and technology to keep people safe at home and our meals at home service.

"We've included information about extra care services, which is similar to sheltered housing but with a care team on site for 24 hours a day. There are also details about local residential and nursing care homes, including the quality mark the Council has awarded each home."

The Care Directory is published by Care Choices Ltd. Robert Chamberlain, Publisher of Care Choices Directories, said: "When choosing care you should be armed with the most up-to-date information to help you decide which kind of care is most suitable, who will provide it and how it is to be funded."

The Care and Support Directory is available in e-book format with a spoken word option via www.carechoices.co.uk/region/east-midlands/nottinghamshire/ or you can receive a free copy by phoning the County Council on 0300 500 80 80.



JULY CALENDAR

Saturday 5 th	SUMMER FESTIVAL 1 PM -5 PM CC
Monday 7 th	Green Bin Library Van
Tuesday 8 th	Tuesday Club Morning Coffee 10.30am VH
Saturday 12 th	PTA School Disco 8pm at Community Centre
Sunday 13 th	RSPB Walk Langford Lowfields 10am-12.30
Monday 14 th	Silver Bin
Wednesday 16 th	Men in Sheds Open Day Collingham 4.30-7pm Garden Club Outing meet 6pm Lord Nelson
Thursday 17 th	Parish Council meeting 7.30pm VH
Monday 21 st	Green Bin
Tuesday 22 nd	Tuesday Club Garden Party Tall Trees 2.30
Monday 28 th	Silver Bin
Monday 4th	August Lunch Club

‘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