FOCAL POINT

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2015 Ed's Comments

Spring is gradually creeping in. As I write this the snowdrops and crocuses are coming out and the evenings are getting lighter. My teatime dog walk is no longer in

the dark which makes certain necessary operations much easier!

Pat Finn seems to think that writing this editorial and editing Focal Point each month is not quite enough to keep my aging brain from deteriorating! Throughout the month he has been sending me puzzles to solve—'Pat's Brain Jammers' he calls them. I managed some of them....here are some to get your brain going too!

Gavin has lived in Doncaster, Skipton, Havant, Reading and Rugby. Who lived in Blackpool, Dudley, London, Swindon and Billericay?

If this sum is correct, what two digits do M and A represent? MA + A = AM

Homophones are words that sound the same but have different meanings and spellings.

Find pairs of homophones in the following phrase:

A waterless vegetable

What number gives the same result whether you divide it by five or subtract five from it?

Pat said I should leave the answers until next month but I can't leave you in suspense for a whole month. Look on the Calendar Page for them but no cheating! Good luck with them and thank you to Pat for providing them.

Annie Purday

Closing date for the March issue is **Friday 20th February**Deliver to Annie and Nick 18, Hargon Lane or email nickwynne@virginmedia.com

LUNCH CLUB

The March Lunch Club will be at 12.30p.m. on Monday, March 2nd at the Community Centre. The menu will be:



Roast Chicken Breast with Sage and Onion Stuffing

or Seafood Pie

With Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables



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Lemon Mascarpone Cheesecake with Cream



Tea or coffee £8 including a glass of wine

Contact Tish Applewhite (643763) to reserve your place and give your choice of menu. Thank you. **Tish Applewhite**

NB The February Lunch Club is on Monday 2nd February as advertised in last month's Focal Point

WINTHORPE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 28th FEBRUARY, 2015 at WINTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE: 7pm FOR 7.30pm START

TEAMS OF (UP TO) 6 PEOPLE

TICKETS £7.50 PER PERSON

AVAILABLE FROM THE VILLAGE STORE FROM $2^{\rm ND}$ FEBRUARY (**PLEASE PURCHASE BY THURSDAY** $26^{\rm TH}$ **FEBRUARY TO HELP US WITH**

CATERING ARRANGEMENTS)

(NICHOLSON'S) PIE & PEA SUPPER INCLUDED WITH VEGETARIAN OPTION AVAILABLE (please make preference clear when purchasing tickets)
BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS & GLASSES AND DON'T FORGET A PEN!

PRIZE FOR WINNING TEAM

Winthorpe Garden Club Social

A lovely evening was enjoyed by 36 members of Winthorpe Garden Club on Wednesday 21st January. A delicious buffet supper was provided by the members.

Unfortunately our Chairman, Ian Wilson, was unable to attend, so many thanks to Pat Finn for his warm welcome and evening entertainment. This took the form of Quizzes and Bingo which was appreciated by all. Prizes were also provided by Pat. At the end of a super evening, each table was given a pot of Tete a Tete daffodils as a prize.



The next meeting will be on Wednesday 18th February at 7.30 pm at the Community Centre. The subject is "Vegetables for all seasons" with guest speakers provided by "Action for Children" New members are always welcome

As we are celebrating two decades of the Garden Club, the Annual Outing this summer

is possibly a two day visit to RHS Wisley with an overnight hotel stay, which will include a three course dinner, breakfast and visit to two gardens.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year and I am sure you are all looking forward to Spring and all those beautiful bulbs. *Chris Barker*





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Dear All,

We are well into the Spring Term and back into the swing of things. Our pupils are working hard and getting ready for the February Assessment. We assess the children three times a year to monitor their progress but we also ensure they have the opportunities to

Some of you may have noticed an earlier start than usual on Tuesday 13th January. At 7.30am Classes 3 and 4 (our older children, the 'Juniors') went to Birmingham to watch Roald Dahl's "The BFG". They thoroughly enjoyed the show and have

learn through some fun activities too.





done a lot of work based on the book and performance since the trip. Class 3 also visited Cresswell Craggs to study rocks and fossils and went in ancient caves. Mr Webster and Mrs Edmonds (our Class 3 teachers) were really pleased with the children's' learning on their return which reinforces the value

of such trips.

Our Infants have been busy too. Class 2 have been studying 'fighting fit' and even have a gym in their class. Class 1, our Reception Year, are looking at space and have a space station in their play area! The teachers are running clubs throughout the week including recorders, running, computers and iPads, netball, football and also SATs boosters to help the older



children achieve their best at the end of this academic year. The School regularly hosts special 'Able Writers' sessions for older primary school children across the Newark area who have a talent for writing. This term we expanded on this and offered an 'Able Maths' day for children who excel in Maths. Children came from six different primary schools to spend the day with us and Able Maths lecturer Mr Mike Barfield. Mike combined Art and Maths to ensure a stimulating and enjoyable day for all pupils.

For those of you who came to our Christmas Fayre on 5th December and to our Nativity Performances on 12th December, we thought you'd like to know that we raised over £700 for the School. This will be put towards providing a new school website later in the year, and other items to support the children and their education.

Thanks again to those of you who came along to support us - we hope you will join us at similar events in the future.

Finally, we would like to invite you, members of our community, to have lunch with us on Tuesday 31st March. Trudi, our wonderful Head Chef, has kindly agreed to provide us all with one of her lovely roast dinners. We start lunch at 12 noon and would love it if you could come along and join us, see the School and the children. Lunch will cost £2.52 each and if you would like to come please let us know. As always you can call us on 01636 680080 or email us on school.office@winthorpe.notts.sch.uk. We look forward to welcoming you.

Best Wishes Caron Ementon and Michele Cammack, Head Teacher and Chair of Governors

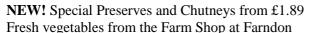
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AGENTS FOR BALDERTON DRY CLEANERS

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL. HERE TO SERVE YOU!

(Just a mere £10+ per week on groceries keeps your village store safe.)

A fixed order always works best! Martin and Jo



<u>Burglaries in Winthorpe – Local Update</u>



Over the last few weeks unfortunately there have been a small number of burglaries in the area mostly of sheds and outbuildings. The Police are running an operation increasing Police activity with the aim of reducing these offences. As part of the operation there will be more visible and covert patrols. We will also be using a number of other policing tactics to target suspects and offenders.

It appears a number of these burglaries occurred on the early hours of Wednesday morning 07/01/2015 between 0100 and 0500 hours. If you have any information or saw anything suspicious around these times then please contact **Crimestoppers** completely anonymously on **0800555111** or ring us on **101**. If you see anyone acting suspiciously in your neighbourhood, call the police on **101** or, in an emergency, **999**. You can get crime prevention advice including advice regarding securing your home, shed and outbuildings by visiting the Nottinghamshire Police website -

http://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/advice

To get in touch with your local officers the contact details are;

Local Police Beat Team

PC Stannard mobile 07910 336903

e-mail:

martin.stannard@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

PCSO Pettit mobile 07887 469147

e-mail:

thomas.pettit4926@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

Non-emergency Police number: 101

If you wish to keep the above contact details at hand please cut out the box and stick to the fridge or put into your wallet etc.

Thomas Pettit



Happy New Year to you all! Firstly- thanks to a great team effort, including the expert design skills of Dave Watt (joiner/volunteer) and the hard work of the volunteers - we are proud to report that the new viewing screen is now open. Accessible from

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the southern end of the Cromwell trail, it offers up excellent 360° views of the reserve and the wonderful wildlife that is now making Langford Lowfields its home.

The festive period saw record numbers of visitors of the human variety and some impressive avian visitors too. At one point we had 100 goldeneye in front of Beach Hut, with a lovely male displaying right in front of the pond dipping platform. We continue to have occasional sightings of marsh harrier and bittern - the recent chilly spell offered up great views of the bittern venturing out from the reedbed onto the icy edges of phase 2. In spite of the chilly spell winter has been relatively mild so far, encouraging early flowering of snowdrops in the woodland and elder already coming into leaf.

Visitors and volunteers are regularly reporting great sightings of merlin and peregrine from the visitor trails and Jenny, our warden, is extremely excited to have spotted and heard several tree sparrows. It seems that they are enjoying the wild bird seed crop opposite the visitor car park.

Jenny has also been carrying out supplementary seed-feeding near the car park. This is funded by Natural England to help Farmland Birds between December and April ('the hungry gap') and has been attracting impressive flocks of around 50 chaffinches and 30 goldfinches as well as smaller numbers of mixed tits. It is a possibility that you may spot the odd tree sparrow or brambling amongst these flocks, so keep your eyes peeled.

Other wildlife reports have included a Langford scarcity in the form of a coal tit, two female (redhead) smew, very elusive as they were diving regularly, but visible from the new viewing screen, pintail ducks and regular sightings of a group of three roe deer.

The volunteers have had their first work party of 2015; it had been the coldest morning of the winter so far at a cool -4°C but turned into a glorious sunny day with no wind! Eight volunteers were keen to get stuck into some scrub management and were rewarded with, amongst other birds, lots of beautiful

winter thrushes and a barn owl to round off the day. For further information and regular updates on our work here at Langford Lowfields, have a look at our website at www.rspb.org.uk/langfordlowfields

We are currently in the process of developing a programme of fun and inspirational **educational sessions** to help get your class or youth group closer to wildlife. To plan your **FREE** visit or for more information email gail.talton@rspb.org.uk or call the office on 01636 893611.

MINI TENNIS AT WINTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE CONTINUES AFTER HALF TERM FOR A 6 WEEK COURSE.

(These are fun indoor sessions aimed at primary children) STARTING TUESDAY FEBRUARY 24th

NEW PARTICIPANTS ALWAYS WELCOME

4-5pm 4, 5, 6 year olds 5-6pm 7, 8, 9, 10 year olds (all equipment provided)

LTA LEVEL 3 COACH £4 /SESSION (Free 1st session for new participants)

FURTHER INFORMATION FROM NINA WARD 01636 678419 or ninajward@live.co.uk



Winthorpe & District W.I.

The President, Virginia Seager welcomed 24 members and 2 guests to the meeting held on the 8th January 2015

Matters Arising:

Carol Singing at the Old People's Home – the residents enjoyed it very much.

Christmas Tree Festival – the craft club made some of the decorations for the tree and are planning to start this September planning for Christmas 2015.

Thoresby Hall Festive Lunch – all that went enjoyed the day very much. Christmas Party –another fun time, with excellent food provided by members. The entertainment by the Workhouse Storytellers was well received.

This month's speaker was our own Diana Kitson who gave a very interesting talk and demonstration on how to give your old furniture a new look by using paint. Following her demonstration, samples of wood were circulated for members to look at the various stages of preparation and the final results. Three members then painted plant pots using chalk paint and decorated them with motifs. The vote of thanks was given by Frances Kelly.

Future Events

National Federation of WI's Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 25th March, 2015. Ruth Goodman, Historian and Janice Langley, NFWI Chair will be the speakers.

Nottinghamshire Centenary 2015 Celebrations – Inspiring Women Flower and Craft Festival at Newstead Abbey in June 2015.

LORD NELSON PUB - Liz Moran has kindly arranged a meal in the Lord Nelson Pub, Winthorpe on Thursday, 5th February, 2015.

FASHION SHOW - will be held on Wednesday, 4th March, 2015 in the Community Centre. Tickets are now available for sale. Everybody

welcome

Hostesses for Thursday, 12th February, 2015 meeting will be Joan Lord, plus another.

The topic for the evening will be Famous Lincolnshire People. Diana Kitson

Could you be a Home-Visiting Volunteer?

Could you spare a couple of hours each week to make a huge difference in the life of a local family? We train local parents/grandparents to provide befriending and support to families when they need it the most. Here's what a Home-Start volunteer has to say:



Home-Start Newark

"I can't remember what spurred me to sign up to volunteer . . . but it was a good decision. I could only do it for 3 years because of a change of circumstances, but what years they were! 6 mothers, 15 children, mostly boys and all a challenge. I learned a lot on the training course, carried

on learning from the families.

Helping a mother to see that she could do what had seemed impossible if she just believed in herself, and showing a little boy that not all adults judged him by his tantrums and "strange" behaviour (don't all little boys sometimes pretend to be a dog /cat/motorbike?) - these were a joy to me, and what Home-Start is all about . . . We can all give so much in friendship and

understanding to families struggling with life, and the reward is seeing them gaining confidence and power over their lives.

Not to mention the hugs!"

We're recruiting now for our next Volunteer Preparation Course and would love to hear from you if you have parenting experience, a non-judgemental attitude and good listening skills.

Please contact us to find out more:

Home-Start Newark, 30 Barnbygate, Newark, NG24 1PZ

Tel: 01636 705011

Website: homestartnewark.co.uk Email: info@homestartnewark.co.uk

REFLECTION BY THE RECTOR OF THE EAST TRENT GROUP OF CHURCHES FEBRUARY 2015

February's a funny month. The exhilaration of Christmas is long past, and yet the weather often delivers what feels like a Christmassy blast sometime in February. The feasting is no longer but the New Year Resolutions if referring to diet and waistline may be becoming more trying, that is, if they're still in place. Yet spring feels a long way off and it is too easy to feel low.

February does begin with a quiet, yet profound feast day, the feast of Candlemas, otherwise known as the feast of the Presentation of Christ in the temple. Mary and Joseph took their infant son to the temple, as required by the law, and there were astounded that two old people, Simeon and Anna, went into raptures about who the baby was; the

Saviour of the World. In the darkness of early

February let's get excited with them.

Further into the month, on February 18th, there's Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of Lent, a time for thoughtful reflection in preparation for Easter. Churches Together in Collingham will again be serving Lent lunches in aid of Christian Aid, and there will be a Lent Course, which this



year, will be filmic. Yes the cinema informing reflections on faith. Details of both will be published in The Grapevine, our churches' pew sheet.

So perhaps February isn't such a funny month. More, it will be a month opening us for some sense of renewal in body, mind, and spirit.

David Yabbacome Rector East Trent Group of Churches



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WINTHORPE & LANGFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

BURGLARIES

Elsewhere in Focal Point there is information from the Police about the recent spate of shed and outbuilding break-ins. As a result a "patch walk" has been carried out in Winthorpe by the police accompanied by members of the Parish Council and Neighbourhood Watch. The purpose was to look out for anything that might make burglaries easier. The most obvious potential problem was a glass-sided summer house with two bicycles in it clearly visible from the road.

Advice on security has recently been issued to residents by the Police including the fitting of a secure locking system and the avoidance of clear glass windows that reveal the contents.

A shed/garage alarm system is also recommended. They are not expensive but I am hoping to obtain a number of these free. If you are interested please let me know.

Peter Foden, Central Co-ordinator, 704241

Entertainment in the Georgian Style

In the ballroom of the Town Hall

On February 25th 2015 at 7.00pm To include Dramatized readings from 'Pride and Prejudice' Songs to be sung by 'Rebecca Reid



Period piano music played by 'Spencer Cozens'

Music from the combined recorder groups of the U3A Together with punch and refreshments You are cordially invited to attend

Tickets £7.00 available from reception at the Town Hall 9.30 am to 4.00pm (01636 680333) (If you wish dress in the Georgian Style)

Christmas Party at Village Hall



We all had a great time at the Village Hall Christmas Party!! Thank you so much to all the helpers and to those who came along and contributed so generously. We raised just over £200 which has been sent off to the Cancer Research Fund. Barbara Woodcock

Scrabble Club Christmas Party

On Friday 9th January Winthorpe Scrabble Club members gathered for their Christmas Party. They shared a sumptuous three course lunch provided by members and then played cards and boxed games from their childhood; Scrabble was banned for the afternoon.



Scrabble Club is held every Friday afternoon and if you feel that you would like to exercise your brain or just meet friends then give Annie and Nick a ring on 658347. The standard of play varies from easy going to more serious and no-one should worry about being able to spell.

Perhaps we will see you soon! Lynne Shapley

Thank you, Lynne, for hosting such a lovely afternoon! The Scrabblers

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL 15-1-2015

PRESENT: Mr D Aldridge, Mr R Allen, Mr L Cammack, Mr S Jackson (Chairman),

Mr A Leary, Mr R McClymont, Mr B Wright

CC/DC M Dobson

Declarations of interest: None declared

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted and signed.

Matters arising from the minutes:

A. The Clerk had written to the Youth Club Management Committee to invite them to attend the Annual Parish Meeting in May, to give an annual report on the year's activities and a statement of the year's accounts.

B. Mr Lyne had been contacted following reports of Ivy growing across the land in front of the Alms houses on Chapel Lane. It was reported that the ivy would be treated within the next few weeks.

Finance

A. There were no invoices for payment as at 15th January 2015.

B. The Clerk had circulated the accounts. It was agreed unanimously within the earlier meeting of the Finance Committee that the accounts be adopted.

C. Mr Cammack asked when the Parish Council would be looking at distributing grants to the relevant local organisations. The Clerk would be liaising with Mr Aldridge to confirm how much would be distributed. These amounts would be submitted to the February's Parish Council meeting for approval.

Planning

A. Two applications had been received. The First was from the Winthorpe Showground, for an extension to their Lady Eastwood pavilion. The second application was from the Winthorpe Air Museum, for the construction of a display hanger with café and toilets.

B. A letter had been received regarding the proposed erection of a wind turbine at Bathley. The proposed turbine would be situated alongside two existing turbines and comments were invited from nearby Parishes. It was thought that the turbine would cause further considerable sight pollution. Mr Aldridge would respond accordingly.

Embankment Clearance

The Chairman reported that the embankment clearance was now almost completed. It had become apparent however that there were a few trees that required assessment and one tree in particular, an Ash Tree, which was partially rotten and was now unsafe. A tree surgeon had been contacted and would assess all trees in the area and advise the Parish Council accordingly.

Correspondence

An email was received from the Newark and Sherwood District Council informing the Parish of estimated election costs. It was thought that the Parish could expect costs of approximately £1000 in May 2015 and funds would have to be earmarked for this expenditure.

AOB None Sarah Tomlinson (Clerk to the Parish Council)



ALL SAINTS WINTHORPE

CHURCH NOTICES

January was a fairly quiet month at Winthorpe church with just the usual services and one funeral, where we sadly said goodbye to Anita Locke.

During this month we start Lent when we remember Christ's 40 day fast in the desert after he was baptised by John the Baptist. It has become customary for us to "give something up for Lent", chocolate and alcohol often top the list. Whatever you choose to forego do it with good humour and don't let it get you down. You can of course give up not doing something; if you feel like giving up not going to church on a Sunday we will be pleased to see you!

Tickets for the RAF concert on Friday the 30th of January are still available from the Post Office or from members of the PCC at £10 (including refreshment). Money raised will be split between the RAF Benevolent Fund and The Church Facilities Fund. Yes I know that this is the February edition, but some of you may get it before the end of January. Since it is right at the end of the month I will do a write up on it next month.

Our church brasses are cleaned every two months by volunteers – the more volunteers, the greater the gap between being on active duty. Sadly one pair of volunteers has had to "resign" which means that we only have one pair left. Can you spare an hour every couple of months or so to help with brass cleaning? If you can then please get in touch with Sylvia Lloyd on 703271.

Ian Hasman on behalf of Winthorpe Church PCC

Church Services for February







Sunday 1 st	9.00	Holy Communion	Holme
Presentation of Christ			
Sunday 8 th	10.15	Holy Communion	Winthorpe
Second Sunday before Lent	17.00	Holy Communion	Langford
Sunday 15 th Sunday next	10.15	Morning Worship	Winthorpe
before Lent			
Thursday 19 th	10.00	Holy Communion BCP	Winthorpe
Sunday 22 nd	10.15	Morning Worship	Holme
First Sunday of Lent	17.00	Evening Prayer	Winthorpe

The Church Bells may be rung in Winthorpe on:-

Sunday the 8th, Sunday the 15th and Sunday the 22nd. Please note that they may also be rung on Thursday evenings between 7.00 and 9.00 for practice if there are enough ringers available. If you would like to learn to ring then please get in touch with Jan Hasman on 679105.



Church Cleaners: Mrs Finn and Mrs Nelson Brass Cleaners: Mrs Burton and Mrs Bank



Church Flower Ladies: Thank you so much ladies for your wonderful Christmas displays. They were a joy to behold and as you came to various services you must have felt proud to have been part of it. Well done everyone. Sylvia Lloyd



FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Monday 2nd Green Bin

Lunch Club 12.30 Community Centre

Friday 6th Accession of HM The Queen

Monday 9th Silver Bin

Thursday 12th WI 7.30pm Village Hall

Monday 16th Green Bin

Mobile Library

Wednesday18th Garden Club 7.30pm Community Centre

Thursday19th Birthday of HRH The Duke of York

Monday 23th Silver Bin

Tuesday 24th Mini Tennis Community Centre Saturday 28th Allotments Association Quiz 7pm

Apologies for the muddle over the bin days in December. It should have read **Monday**29th not Saturday. Ed

Pat's Puzzles Answers: 1. Linda (the third letter of each word starting with the last word) 2 .M=8 A=9 3. Great/grate, real/reel, sea/see 4. 6.25 More next month perhaps!

'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