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Ed's Comments

I read one of the other local magazines a while ago not just to

see what the competition was like but because it is interesting to see how other magazines are written and to see if there are things that we don't include which would be useful. Then last week someone asked us for the phone number of a taxi firm so I decided that as I hadn't a clue and couldn't find out easily – I refuse to use 118 numbers on principle – that we need occasionally to have a page of useful and readily accessible phone numbers! What shall I include? Please let me have **your** ideas and recommendations and I will compile a page for the next issue.

I was chatting to the first editor of Focal Point, Lynne Shapley and we decided that it would be nice to hold a Village Coffee Morning, partly because there are so many people in the village that I still haven't met and partly because it would be good to bring a friend along and have a catch up chat. I feel bad because I still haven't had my new next door neighbour round for coffee yet – I wonder if she would come as my friend! The details of the Coffee Morning on 9th March are somewhere in this issue so please do put it in your diary and come and bring a friend.

See you on 9th March-I hope!

Annie Purday

Closing date for the April issue is **Friday 20th March**

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As we go to press the death has been announced on 21st February of **Vince Dobson** who was County Councillor for this ward for 36 years. His funeral will be held on Friday 6th March at 12.30pm at St. John's Church (South) Collingham. Our sincere condolences go to Maureen and her family. Ed

LUNCH CLUB

The 'April' Lunch Club will be at 12.30p.m. on Monday, March 30th at the Community Centre due to the fact that the intended date will be Easter Monday! The menu will be:



Honey Glazed Gammon

or

Fish Cakes with Parsley Sauce

With Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

-x-

Sherry Trifle



-x-

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

Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



*Do you get those Monday
morning blues?*

*Come to a
'Bring a Friend' Coffee Morning
On Monday 9th March
In Winthorpe Village Hall*



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Dear All,

We have had a busy half term. The children have worked very hard and last week we had Assessment Week in school where all pupils were assessed to help us to monitor their progress. We've hosted Able Maths this term, and will be hosting Able Writers next, both of which are open to other schools in the area. They are an intensive one-day sessions for the children with a talent in these particular subjects.

Our focus isn't all academic however; we have also had success in the swimming pool. We are very proud of the children who took part in the local swimming gala in Newark recently. We came fifth overall which was a wonderful achievement when competing with the biggest schools in Newark and our Netball Team continues to flourish.

We are also putting plans in place for a new school website, to be funded by the school Parent and Teachers Association (PTA), and hope to have the new site in place sometime over the next two/three months. Staff have also met with the parents of Class 4 to plan our summer school trip to France! We will be taking the older children to Paris this year.

The PTA is considering their next fundraising goals and would like to tidy up and enhance the school grounds. Initial work will consider how to make better use of the grounds in terms of play and learning, but it will also consider more practical issues such as pathways and the pond area etc., and just making the grounds look more attractive to us all and our visitors. They are aware that there are 'green fingered' individuals in the village and may well be asking you for some help in the coming months.

We have a couple of dates for your diary which we hope you'll note. Please come and join us for lunch on Tuesday 31st March - we are offering a lovely

roast dinner and the opportunity for you to come and see us and the children in action! The cost is £2.52 each - please call the School Office on 01636 680060 if you would like to come along.

The second date is Friday 20th March - our PTA run School Quiz will be taking place at the Community Centre, 7.30 for an 8pm start. Tickets are £7.50 each and include a Nicholson's pie, mushy peas, mint sauce and gravy. There will also be a licensed bar and raffle. Tickets will be available from the School Office and the Post Office from the beginning of March - please come along, all money raised goes directly to the school and the children's learning experience here with us.

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



Winthorpe Primary School PTA presents

Quiz Night

Friday 20th March
for 7.30pm start
Winthorpe Community Centre

£7.50 per person
includes Nicholson's Pie & Peas Supper
Licensed Bar, Raffle and Games,
Up to 6 people per team

Tickets available from the School Office
and Winthorpe Post Office



Winthorpe & District W.I. Meeting for February 2015

The President, Virginia Seager welcomed 23 members and 2 guests. There were 7 apologies for absence.

Everyone had enjoyed the meal at the Lord Nelson Pub, Winthorpe held on Thursday 5th February 2015.

A letter was received from the RNLI thanking the 'Ladies of Winthorpe W.I.' for their kind donation which will be used to help fund the Leicester Branch's Lifeboat Appeal. Sylvia Lloyd expressed her thanks for the donation, also given by the 'Ladies', which will be put towards Keith's 'Church Facilities'.

The Fashion Show by 'Lincs Fashions' will be held on Wednesday 4th March 2015 in the Community Centre, starting at 7.15 pm. Also, volunteers were requested for chair duty prior to and following the show. An invitation was received from Coddington W.I. for two members from Winthorpe to attend their birthday party on Tuesday 10th March 2015. The W.I. Quiz will be held on Monday, 1st. June in the Community Centre starting at 7.30 pm. (4 people per team). Also were requested volunteers to help with the teas.

There will be an evening visit to the BBC Nottingham Studies on Thursday 2nd April 2015. Transport is to be decided.

This month's speaker was Mavis Wilkinson who gave a very amusing and informative talk on 'Famous Lincolnshire People' (not just Margaret Thatcher) but Isaac Newton, Lord Tennyson, John Wesley, and many others. The vote of thanks was given by Sylvia Lloyd.

Hostesses for Thursday 12th March 2015 when we will be holding our Annual General Meeting will be Mary Harrop, Stella Hopewell and Moira Williams. **Diana Kitson**

WINTHORPE WI FASHION SHOW AND SALE

Wednesday, 4th March, 2015 starting at 7.15 pm

Price: £5.00 per ticket includes a glass of wine

Venue: Winthorpe Community Centre

'Lincs Fashions' - Fashion Show and Sale

Top Brand Names! Half Price or Less! All Garments Perfect - No Seconds Sold

Tickets available from: Sheila Palmer Tel. No. 679960 or Viv Jackson Tel. No. 659631



YOUTH CLUB NEWS

A big thank you to Mike Toulson, Denise Day, Peter Hill and Howard Pope for all their hard work over many years in managing the Winthorpe Youth Club.



It's a pleasure to introduce the new team ably led by Jan and Garry Thompson, supported by their friends.

I am sure you will make them very welcome because they have rallied round to make sure we can continue this excellent service.

Winthorpe is renowned for its fundraising events in support of village organisations and the Youth Club team will be fundraising to enable them to run all sorts of interesting and developing activities for young people. Watch out for regular updates from them in Focal Point in the future.

Maureen Dobson County Councillor

Winthorpe Community Centre AGM

The Community Centre AGM will be held on Monday 13th April 2015 at 7.30pm in the main hall in the Community Centre. This year some long



standing trustees are standing down so we have a few vacancies for new trustees. If you are interested in becoming a trustee please ring me to discuss it. Duties are not onerous; we meet 6 times a year on the first Monday evening of each alternate month.

Everyone is welcome to attend the AGM,

please do come along.

Sue Jackson Secretary to the Trustees 01636 659036

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A May Day Picnic Aboard n.b. Mulberry

We light up the engine and throw off our mooring lines before setting out for a picnic. A couple of toots on the horn indicate a turn left and we leave the marina. Keith at Nether Lock has prepared the water for us so we edge our way slowly under the road bridge and he closes the gates behind us and the water is gradually let out. On the lower river level we now set our engine at a slow pace and head towards Cromwell Weir. The light wind is pushing us northwards and the May sunshine is warming. There are a few swans on the river bank and one or two runners wave at us as we pass but otherwise everything is peaceful (except for the buzz of the engine beneath our feet).

Oil seed rape and lightly dressed trees in their spring foliage border the river as we travel under the railway bridge and leave the lock cottages standing proud on the right hand side. The outfall from the 'water station' trickles frothily to join our water and we move on to meet the main branch of the Trent that skirts the west of Newark.

Winthorpe village stands sleepily on the hill top safely away from any threats from a swollen river. The river marker tells us we are 43 kilometres from the start of the canal in Nottingham. At Holme Lake we see walkers strolling with their dogs. The lake is hidden behind banking and hawthorn, white with blossom. The lazy cattle swish their tails as they munch the grass and a cormorant lifts off from the surface of the river. We turn a bend to face North Muskham on the left bank.



Here moorings are provided for smaller cruisers but we cannot be accommodated and must travel on. Looking up at the church, set behind a field of flowering grasses and shrouded by various trees, I am romantic enough to think of the centuries that have passed since it was built. The northern end of the village is marked by almost half a kilometre of weeping willows, some sweeping the water and all swaying in the light breeze.

The tower of Holme Church and a few farm buildings can be seen above the near side river bank before we slide down past the newer roof tops at the far end of the village. We now have several kilometres of open countryside before we reach the moorings at Cromwell. Soon we will enjoy our lunch in the fine May sunshine before setting off back to meet Keith at Nether Lock.

Lynne Shapley

Winthorpe Garden Club

The subject of this month's talk was "Vegetables for all seasons". It was extremely informative and most enjoyable with lots of information about different varieties of both soft fruit and vegetables. We were also given advice on which to grow for flavour, which were heavy croppers and which cropped for the longest.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday March 18th at 7.30 pm at the Community Centre. The subject is "Arctic Adventure" by Angela Plumb.

The Garden Club Outing to RHS Wisley will be on 19th June 2015.

The first garden to be visited will be "Swiss Garden" at Biggleswade, then on to the overnight hotel. This will be the "Thatcher Hotel" at Guildford, which includes a 3 course evening meal and bed and breakfast.



The second day will consist of a visit to RHS Wisley on then on to the "Haycock Hotel", Peterborough for a 2 course evening meal plus coffee after which you will head for home.

The approximate price of the trip will be £105 - £115.

Non-members will be most welcome. Please contact Ian Wilson if you would like to come. **Chris Barker**



Dear Editor, I would like on behalf of myself and Niall and Iain to thank everybody for the cards, letters and messages we have received since Kevin's untimely death.

There have been far too many to reply to. We have been consoled and touched by the support we have been given.

Also our thanks to all those who attended, helped and supported at the memorial service at

St. Giles, Holme. **Frances Kelly**



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We are very pleased to report that spring is on its way here at Langford Lowfields. The signs are everywhere with the first flowering coltsfoot and cowslips of the year, hazel catkins and many bird species singing including a lovely mistle thrush. Over the winter we have been busy getting ready for the coming breeding season, work has included vital maintenance on the sand martin bank preparing it for the birds to return anytime from March onwards. The sand martin bank has been very successful for the past three years, so entering the fourth breeding season, we are very optimistic.

This month's volunteer work party had a nice change from the usual scrub clearing with a sunny, but blustery day of hedge planting. We have recently been lucky enough to secure funding from Natural England to plant just over 450m of native hedgerow plants, including field maple, common dogwood and hawthorn, along the northwestern boundary of the reserve. Once grown, the hedgerow will provide a wildlife corridor, connecting the hedgerow on Westfield Lane with the scrub on the western boundary just south of Cromwell Lock. The hedgerow will also provide habitat and food for a wide variety of invertebrates, mammals and birds.

In the past month we have had two pairs of stonechat around the reserve which is wonderful news as there were

none reported last winter. There have been at least three flocks of pink-footed geese reported, flying overhead on three consecutive days, possibly prompted by the milder weather of late, to fly north already and a pair of oystercatchers has taken up residence on the island in front of the beach hut.

The shelduck have also returned, hopefully to breed as, disappointingly, they haven't bred on the reserve since 2010. The water rail is still



squealing on a regular basis and it would appear that at least one of the bitterns has moved into the reedbed just north of the boardwalk so keep your eyes peeled.

The warden will soon be carrying out early morning surveys to listen out for booming so make sure you keep up to date with our news by checking the viewing screen or beach hut sightings or the blog on the Langford Lowfields webpage (see below).

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.

Winthorpe with Langford Parish Council & Winthorpe Community Centre Improvements to the Jubilee Walk

As many local residents who walk along the Jubilee Walk will be well aware, over the last few weeks work has been carried out to clear the embankment running down the side of the path from the Community Centre to the Jubilee Meadow at the bottom. All of the weeds



including the excessive number of brambles, nettles and ivy have been moved together with some of the smaller self-set trees. Over the next few weeks some of the larger self-set trees will be cleared away and three very large trees at the bottom of the embankment in the very far corner behind the community centre will be removed as these are badly diseased and already dead or dying and could become dangerous.

This work will greatly open up the embankment and let in a lot more light. The work has been carried out by the Community Service Work Team of the Nottinghamshire Probation Service who have done a splendid job and to whom we are extremely grateful.

Before the weeds begin to reappear we would like to set a few smaller trees perhaps of the flowering variety with some traditional, possibly large, shrubs and groups of various bulbs for late winter/early spring colour under the trees.



If you are beginning to think of repairing your garden from the ravages of winter, find yourselves with surplus suitable plants and would like to donate them for setting on the bank we should be very grateful indeed. Similarly if anyone would like to purchase a small tree in memory of someone we should be happy to discuss with them what they would like.

The Community Services Work Team will be returning three or four times over the summer and autumn to keep the area clear and free from weeds.

Anyone interested in helping this village project by making a small donation please contact Steven Jackson, 77 Gainsborough Road, 671377.

Steven Jackson, Chairman of the Parish Council

Frances Kelly, Chairman, Community Centre Trustees

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and Stone Site of Newark Academy.



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or that you have never worn and are willing to part with?

Any donations of clothing, shoes, handbags, accessories or even coat hangers
or clothing rails will be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to donate any items please bring them along to Beaumont
House, if you would like any more details of the event, please contact the
Beaumont House Fundraising Team on 01636 610556.

Doggy Fun Day Sunday 17th May, from 12pm Sconce Hill Park, Newark



Agility Course

Demonstrations and the chance to have a go
with your dog, plus a chance to see a dancing dog perform!

Fun Dog Show 1pm

Including categories 'Best Trick' and 'Waggiest Tail'
register your dog from 12pm

Dog Walk 2.30pm

A sponsored 2 mile dog walk around Sconce Hills Park
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The Club has now been in operation for over a year and many interesting and enjoyable books have been read and discussed informally once a month over a cup of tea.

We are always looking for new members so if you enjoy reading and would like to share your experiences with others, why not give us a try. Books are decided by the group and obtained from the library, no cost involved.

If you would like to know more about us, please ring Brenda Lowes 672830 who will be pleased to have a chat and give you more details.

Thank you. **Brenda Lowes**

Planning Permission granted for Newark Air Museum Project



The trustees of Newark Air Museum are pleased to advise that official notification has been received from Newark & Sherwood District Council, granting Full

Planning Permission for the new Education Room, Café & Toilet facility.

Full Planning Permission represents a huge boost to the museum's plan to construct this important new visitor facility on its Southfield Site. Over the coming weeks the museum will be working with its project architect, Studio G Architecture LLP (SGA LLP) of Collingham, Notts to discharge the five planning conditions that were applied to the Full Planning Approval.

The aim of this work with SGA LLP will be to have a strategy in place to tie in with the outcome of one of the grant applications connected to the project, which should be known towards the end of March 2015.

It is now even more important than ever that the museum steps-up its fund raising activities to support this project. Online contributions can be made via a Just Giving page for the project <https://www.justgiving.com/Howard-Heeley2>

The wider fund raising appeal still allows project supporters to make a donation towards a Photographic Panini, which will carry their name and brief message. These Photographic Paninis are being displayed in the current museum café; they will then being incorporated into a presentation folder that will be displayed in the new education / café building when it is completed.

Perhaps the simplest way people can support the project is just by visiting the museum and we encourage people to do this by using the Gift Aid admission scheme. This enables the museum to reclaim fund from HMRC, which can give a huge boost to the project.

Regular updates about the project will be posted on the museum website at www.newarkairmuseum.org/Southfield-Development-news Howard Healey

A poster for the 'AEROBOOT / AEROJUMBLE SALES 2015' at Newark Air Museum. The left side shows a photograph of people at a table during a sale. The right side contains text: 'Saturday 7th March INDOOR SALE (up to 48 tables)', 'Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th June OUTDOOR SALE DURING COCKPIT-FEST', and the website 'www.newarkairmuseum.org'. At the bottom is the Newark Air Museum logo and tagline 'The friendly aviation museum', along with the registration number 'Registered Charity No. 256434'.

A Fond Goodbye

For forty years we charted the passing of the seasons through the changes in the lime tree on the green. The welcome sight of tiny specks of green meant spring was on its way and later the heady perfume of the lime flowers meant that summer was round the corner but woe betide anyone who parked under the tree whilst it was in bloom as their vehicle would be covered in sticky pollen. Summer meant birds calling and singing from within its leaves. Always changing early and with a foretaste of the Autumn to come the leaves turned pale gold before falling and displaying the intricate tracery of the branch structure waiting for winter.



Suddenly this beautiful old tree was gone. Understandably if it was diseased something needed to be done but what was once a focal point and natural centre of the village was lost. We are left with a scrubby patch of grass, a bus shelter and lump of concrete and the remains of a once noble tree. These items together with the signposts are not attractive and are unbecoming to the centre of this pleasant village.

It is said that the stump cannot be removed because the roots might be in the culvert of the Fleet. How much investigation has been done? If it cannot be removed can some bushes or hardy plants be planted round it?

Something to make the village look cared for. The village is losing trees which are very important to the health of the atmosphere and are a natural habitat for birds and insects and so maybe something can be done to redress the balance. Kate Warren

REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTOR OF THE EAST
TRENT GROUP OF CHURCHES
MARCH 2015

Lent is upon us. Having started in the middle of February, Lent continues through March, coming to an end with the great celebration of Easter on 5th April. It feels like a very long season, particularly because through the years it has been promoted as a season of abstinence, of giving things up, and increasing self-discipline in preparation for Easter. There is nothing wrong with this but it suggests that Lent is a gloomy time when “no” is said rather a lot.

That is sad. The season of Lent is much more affirmative than is often believed.

When a plate of biscuits is passed round at a meeting in Lent someone will say, as they take a chocolate one, “I know I shouldn’t, but ...!” “Why not?” I want to ask. If a chocolate

biscuit is really necessary to being alive and feeling to be alive then its consumption during Lent could be a part of the Lenten fast. I get really excited (yes, excitement is still around, even in Lent) when I hear “I know I shouldn’t, but ...!” and it is said reflectively, as a piece of genuine self-examination, because that is what Lent is all about.



LOVE LIFE
LIVE  **LENT**
TRANSFORM YOUR WORLD

So let’s spend Lent reflecting all the more on all we say and do. That way we’ll live life more reflectively and do what Lent wants us to do. And we will come to Easter with a true sense in our hearts of celebration of being alive.

David Yabbacome Rector East Trent Group of Churches

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2015 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Mr D Aldridge, Mr R Allen, Mr S Jackson (Chairman), Mr A Leary, Ms S Masheder, Mr R McClymont, Mr G Thompson, Mr B Wright

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:



A The Clerk had emailed the minutes of the previous meeting to those councillors with email access as requested. Mr Allen had not received the email; the clerk would confirm the email address and re-try.

B Mr Aldridge had asked for an update regarding the upload of minutes and agendas to the Parish Council website. The Clerk had completed this.

C The Clerk had written to the District Council, with the assistance of the Chairman, to highlight the issue of traffic congestion along the A1133 and A46.

PLANNING: No planning applications were received.

EMBANKMENT CLEARANCE: The Chairman reported that the embankment clearance had been completed. Thanks were given to the group of individuals who had undertaken the works. The Chairman had written to local garden centres to ask if they would be prepared to donate any shrubs or bulbs for the embankment. It had been identified that there were three trees located on the bank that were diseased and required felling.

2015/16 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

The dates of the proposed 2015/16 meetings had been circulated. The format followed that of previous years. Members were asked to review these with the intention to adopt them at the next meeting.

MAY 2015 ELECTIONS:

The Chairman informed members that the elections were fast approaching. As with previous elections members were asked to complete the necessary forms if they wished to stand again, in addition to this anyone interested in standing should contact the Clerk for further information.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: The Clerk had received a letter regarding an event held at Kelham Hall to inform people of the election process. This would be held on March 2nd 2015. All members were invited.

Meeting Closed 8.25PM Sarah Tomlinson (Clerk to the Parish Council)

A Musical Evening.



There were approximately 88 people on the evening of Friday 30th January in All Saints' Church to listen to the Band of the Royal Air Force Regiment from Cranwell. The first half of the performance was by the Brass Quintet playing four selections by Handel, Irving Berlin, Hoagy Carmichael and a traditional version of the 'Londonderry Air.' This was followed by four selections by the Clarinet Quartet. This performance was much quieter, with music such as 'Bagatelle' and 'Fantasia.'

Following the interval the Brass Quintet came on with some rousing handclapping music. Of the six selections was the beautiful 'A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square.'

A vote of thanks was given by the Rev. David Yabbacome, who mentioned that the evening's proceeds would be split between The Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund and the much needed church 'plumbing' fund.

We offer our thanks to the Royal Air Force Regiment Band for a splendid evening, also to the members of the PCC who organised the event.

It was a very enjoyable evening and we look forward to seeing them again next year. Pat and Barbara Finn

ALL SAINTS WINTHORPE

CHURCH NOTICES



The RAF concert on Friday the 30th of January played to an almost full house and was very well received by those who attended. It was another evening of fantastic music and a chance for a good natter during the interval over wine and nibbles. The profit from the event was split equally between the RAF Benevolent Fund and our church “facilities

fund”, giving each £381.50. Thank you to the RAF band and everyone that helped to make sure the evening went well.

As you may have noticed we have re-named the toilet fund as the facilities fund. This is partly because it looks better, but mostly because it is more descriptive as we also intend to provide a modest kitchen facility and refreshment servery as part of the same project. Any surplus from the fund raising will be used to improve church facilities. By the time you read this we should have had an initial meeting with the Diocesan advisor to see if our plans are acceptable and suitable. We are indebted to Chris Perkins who used to live in the village and is providing his skills as architect for free. This will substantially reduce the amount of money we have to raise. I will keep you informed on how things are going.

The AGM of the PCC will be at 19.30 on Wednesday the 25th of March in the Village Hall. During the year I was co-opted as Vice-Chair of the PCC after Keith passed away. At the AGM my position should be ratified – unless there is anyone in the village who would consider being Church Warden. If you are at all interested then please give me a call on 679105 so that we can discuss what is involved. If there are no volunteers then I will remain in post. David has decided to have a Lent Pilgrimage of Prayer & Night Prayer throughout the East Trent Group of Churches this year, rather than having it just in Collingham. Full details of these services can be found on the church website <http://www.easttrentgroup.org.uk/>, but please note the one in Winthorpe at 19.30 on Monday the 2nd of March and do come and join us if you can.

Ian Hasman on behalf of Winthorpe Church PCC

Church Services for March



<i>Sunday 1st of March, Second Sunday of Lent</i>	9.00	Holy Communion	Holme
Monday 2 nd of March	19.30	Lent Pilgrimage of Prayer & Night Prayer	Winthorpe
Sunday 8 th of March, Third Sunday of Lent	9.00	Morning Worship	Langford
	10.15	Holy Communion	Winthorpe
Sunday 15 th of March, Mothering Sunday	10.15	Morning Worship	Winthorpe
Thursday 19 th of March	11.30	Coffee	Winthorpe
	12.00	Holy Communion BCP	Winthorpe

The Church Bells may be rung on:-

Monday the 2nd, Sunday the 8th, and Sunday the 15th. 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.

Church Flower Ladies

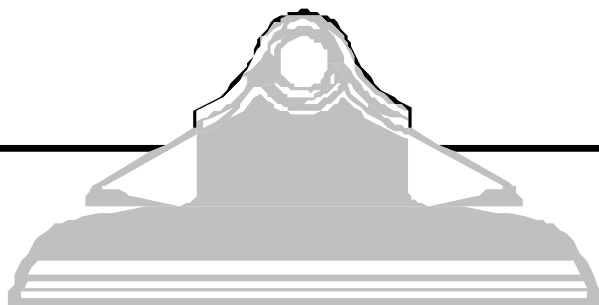
Easter is early this year, the first weekend of April.

The church will be open on April the 3rd, Good Friday. There is a service at 2pm and flowers may be placed in the church from 3.15pm.

We look forward to receiving your Easter displays. Any difficulty phone Sylvia on 703271. Sylvia Lloyd

Church Cleaners Mr and Mrs McClymont





MARCH CALENDAR

Monday 2nd	Green Bin Lunch Club 12.30 Community Centre Lent Service Winthorpe Church 7.30 pm
Wednesday 4 th	WI Fashion Show 7.15pm Community Centre
Monday 9 th	Silver Bin Bring a Friend Coffee Morning 10.30-12.00 VH Commonwealth Day 
Tuesday 10 th	Birthday of the Earl of Wessex 
Thursday 12 th	WI AGM 7.30pm Village Hall
Sunday 15 th	Mothering Sunday
Monday 16th	Green Bin Mobile Library
Wednesday 18th	Garden Club 7.30pm Community Centre
Thursday 19th	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall
Monday 23th	Silver Bin
Wednesday 25 th	AGM of PCC 7.30pm Village Hall
Friday 20th	Quiz Night Winthorpe School 7.30pm CC
Monday 30 th	Green Bin
APRIL LUNCH CLUB 12.30 CC	
Tuesday 31 st	School Lunch

‘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

