### **FOCAL POINT**



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Ed's Comments

There is such a lot going on in Winthorpe and surrounding villages at the moment!

Whenever I walk around there is so much to see. The gardens are looking fantastic despite the unseasonal weather. (I would love to see more of them – when did Winthorpe and area last have Open Gardens?) There are people taking part in activities everywhere; cricket on the field with eager spectators milling around, dog walkers and families on foot and on bikes enjoying the lanes and footpaths and events in the Community Centre, Church and Village Hall AND there is lots more still to come!

If you look through the pages of this month's Focal Point you will find comments, reviews and thanks for what has already happened and advertisements for events to come, like the Village Festival and Bike Ride and summer community events at the School.

What constantly amazes and touches me is people's generosity. Throughout this issue there are various "thanks messages" to you all because you give so willingly not just of your money but of your time and commitment to the events and causes. I would like to add my own thanks to all those who got involved with the "Bring a Friend" Coffee Morning. It was a great success and we raised £110 for Beaumond House. Thank you to all who helped, those who came and enjoyed themselves and to Bev King for making all those fantastic cakes! We will hold another coffee morning in September when the summer flurry of activities is over. In the meantime enjoy what is going on. I know I shall! **Annie Purday** 

Closing date for the August issue is **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July**Deliver to Annie and Nick 18, Hargon Lane or email
<a href="mailto:nickwynne@virginmedia.com">nickwynne@virginmedia.com</a>

Thank you to Pat Abell who spotted my **not** deliberate mistake in last month's issue. I offered her the job of Proof Reader but she never got back to me!

#### **LUNCH CLUB**

The **August** Lunch Club will be at 12.30 p.m. on Monday, August 3rd at the Community Centre.

The menu will be:



Steak and Kidney Pie OR

Seafood Pie



With Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

-X-

Raspberry Roulade and Ice Cream



-x-Tea or Coffee

£8 including a glass of wine Contact Tish Applewhite (643763) if you need to

reserve your place and give your choice of menu.

Thank you. Tish Applewhite

NB The **July** Lunch Club is on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July as advertised in last month's Focal Point

# WINTHORPE SUMMER FESTIVAL SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JULY



### CRAFT FAIR & ART EXHIBITION

Again this year there will be a Craft Fair and Art Exhibition in the Community Centre on the afternoon of the Festival –



proceeds going to the Festival's chosen charities.

If you would like a craft fair table the cost is £10, all income above that being retained by the stall holder. Jean will be having a craft table if you would like to contribute any homemade items and donate 10% of the income to the funds. Original paintings, prints and cards/notelets will be very welcome for the Art Exhibition – again with a 10% sale value to the funds. 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, 11<sup>th</sup> July. Tell me if you need help with transport. Peter Foden, 704241

#### WINTHORPE SUMMER FESTIVAL 2015

SATURDAY JULY 11TH

1PM - 5PM

## WINTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE



Featuring a display by Newark Firecrackers Cheerleading Squad - The Scout Band - Craft Fair - Classic Car Display -Pony and Trap rides - Bouncy Castle - Line Dancing display -Children's Races - Tug-o-War

> Tombola - Stalls - Family Games - Raffle BBQ - Cakes - Teas



### Evening Entertainment -

7.30-11.30pm in the Community Centre – featuring music by **We Three Kings** – a folk/pop trio

Tickets - £5 to include a Burger or Hot Dog from the BBQ

Tickets available from the village shop or Gary Thompson
(07950456255)

The Bar will be open during the day and evening.

Monies raised will go to the BABERT Appeal (in aid of Cancer Research and Alzheimer's Disease), Newark Aphasia and Stroke Group and the Winthorpe Defibrillator Fund.

## PLEASE COME ALONG TO SUPPORT YOUR VILLAGE AND THESE WORTHY CAUSES.

Disabled parking only at the Community centre. Please follow the signs for alternative car parking.



Help raise money for Cancer Research UK & Alzheimer's Society

# Join us for our charity bike ride.

- 11<sup>th</sup> July 10:00am, Winthorpe Community Centre.
- Choice of 2 routes, 10 miles or 30 miles
- £5 registration per person under 12 free but must be accompanied by an adult

For full details to register and get your sponsor form email thompsons@ntlworld.com

Tel.686591.

#### Join us afterwards....

BBQ & refreshments
 @winthorpe Village festival.



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June 2015

#### Dear All,

When I last wrote we were busy preparing to head off to Paris with our Class 4 children. I'm pleased to be able to tell you that we had a fantastic time away. Our crossing on the ferry was a little bumpy but everyone handled it well and we quickly settled in, enjoying a



meal on our first evening in a very typical-looking French restaurant. The children saw the major Parisian sights; climbing the Eiffel Tower, taking a boat trip down the Seine; visiting the Arc de Triomphe, and walking the Champs Elysees. We also spent an incredible day at Euro Disney, where I'm proud to say that every one of our children braved a rollercoaster and all had a brilliant time! There are some lovely photographs on our school website (under the Class 4 page - www.winthorpe.notts.sch.uk) if you would like to see for yourself what fun we all had.

Whilst we were away, the French theme was continued in school. Miss Litowczyk, Mrs Edmonds and Mr Webster carried out all sorts of new and different activities with the children. They were tasting French food; learning about French artists Monet, Renoir and Matisse and having a go themselves; building towers like the Eiffel Tower from spaghetti and

marshmallows; using iPads and laptops to locate and learn about the main sights in Paris; and they even made their own croissants! I think they nearly had as much fun as we did in Paris!

Thank you to those of you who came and supported our Community Dinner on  $10^{th}$  June. Trudy produced yet another delicious roast meal and everyone seemed to enjoy their visit to school. We were asked if there will be another before the end of term and so we have arranged a further lunchtime date for Wednesday  $8^{th}$  July. The meal costs £2.58 per person (includes main course and dessert). Please just let us know if you'd like to come along, you'd be very welcome. (Tel: 01636 680060)

The remaining weeks of the school year are very busy ones for us. All our formal assessments in terms of SATs and Phonics Tests are finished, but work continues in between all the other extra-curricular activities we provide. Our juniors are busy rehearsing their summer production of 'Ye-Haa' – a musical comedy set in the 'Wild West'. We're also preparing for Sports Day, the Village Fete and of course our own school Summer Fete – the Sizzler which takes place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. It would be lovely if you could come along and support the school at the Sizzler, it is our main fundraiser of the year and therefore vitally important to the school and its children's education – every penny counts. Further details can be found in our advert.

It has been another whirlwind year. I feel the children have achieved in so many different ways and I'm delighted with their overall progress. Staff, as usual have worked tirelessly to help and support the children and to improve the quality of the education delivered here – recognised in the awarding of 'Good' in this year's Ofsted Report. I am, of course, coming to the end of my second academic year here and I think we are lucky to have such a lovely village school. I thought I'd end by letting you read a section of our new school creed, written by one of our pupils who lives in the village, Luke Arthur, aged 9. I think it sums up the atmosphere here beautifully:

"This is our school

At this School we have amazing friends and teachers,

We work like no other,

We are not just friends, we are family."

School closes for the holidays on 22<sup>nd</sup> July - we wish you a lovely summer.

**Best Wishes** 

Caron Ementon

### GIANT SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

It is nearly three 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.

Looking back at last year's photo from the July Focal Point, I can see that our current plants are much smaller than last year's efforts.....perhaps the weather has made a difference, or some other factor.

If you get chance to snap a few photos of you plants (and your children, if they'd like to appear on these pages!) you can e-mail them to:

#### winthorpesunflower@hotmail.co.uk

As we hopefully head into some warmer weather, make sure that you are keeping your plants well

watered. My little gardeners have lost interest in this chore at the moment – perhaps it's time to get our shiny winners' trophies ordered: the prospect of an exciting prize might fire up their competitive spirit!

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"? We are one of three sunflower-growing families on our street, so I'm sure we will be trading 'watering' favours!

Good Luck! Liz & Charlie Ferreira

#### WINTHORPE VILLAGE HALL VOLUNTEERS WANTED



At its recent AGM the Trustees decided to build a dwarf wall around the perimeter of the building to retain the slope from the adjacent wood and improve the emergency exit along the brick path.

One of the Trustees has offered to do the bricklaying and to keep the project affordable we are now looking for fit young (or

older) men (or women) to clear the ivy, excavate trenches, mix concrete and assist the bricklayer.

The work will mainly be at weekends. If you are able to assist (and keep fit) please contact me. David Woodcock (Treasurer) Tel 01636 68129

#### TO ANNIE AND "THE TEAM"

Having just had a very enjoyable coffee morning with our friends, at the Village Hall, we thought we should write and thank all those that helped and made it possible. Another village event to be proud of!! With thanks. Vivienne and David Green

Winthorpe Primary School Friday 3 July - 6pm to 8pm

# Summer Sizzler

£1 entry at the gate for adults - Children go FREE Fun for all - family and friends - all welcome!

Performances by the children | A summer fair with stalls, including those run by our older Year 5 & 6 children | Bouncy Castle | Music | Games for all | BBQ | Licensed Bar



Please support your local school and its children

Contact Winthorpe Primary School on 01636 680060 or email school office@winthorpe.notts.sch.uk



# TOO WOMEN

#### Winthorpe & District W.I.

A record of the meeting held in Winthorpe Village Hall on Thursday, 11th June, 2015.

Pam Farquhar brought along BAK, a retired military working dog for us to meet and hear about to his life as a 'Soldier'. BAK is an eight year old Malinois Belgian Shepherd Dog who served in the army for 6 years, completing tours in Afghanistan and Iraq. Pam adopted him on his retirement from the military, after putting in the time to help BAK adjust to life away from the army. He has now



taken well to 'Civilian Life.' He is the first ever animal to parade on Remembrance Day in Southwell. He also he has his own web site!

#### **Future Events**

Boards were circulated for members to complete if they wished to attend any of the following events:-

'Inspiring Women' Flower & Craft Festival at Newstead Abbey – Friday 26th to Sunday 28th June, 2015

Volunteers to bake cakes and help with the W.I. stalls at the forthcoming Village Festival on Saturday, 11th July, 2015.

As the mini bus needs to be confirmed, members were reminded of the WI Centennial Fair on Thursday, 3rd. September, 2015 at Harrogate. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 9th July, 2015 in Lily's beautiful garden when strawberries and cream will be served.

Hostesses: Committee Members

Diana Kitson

#### FROM YOUR LOCAL SHOP

#### **SPECIAL OFFERS:**

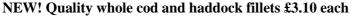
Free range eggs just £1.09 for 6 Valencia Wines £4.99 Crimson Finch Shiraz and Pinot Grigio £5.99

#### Very popular

Tender Rib Eye Steak £3.89 each Chicken Fillets

English Bacon and Sausage

Other meats available to order



Fresh vegetables from the Farm Shop at Farndon

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 Tel 01636 703881 SHOP OPENING TIMES

Mon - Fri 8.00am-5.30pm (closed for lunch 12.30-1.30 pm)

Saturday 8.00am - 12.00pm

Sunday 8.00am - 11.00am

We no longer take card payments for goods but cash is available at The Post Office except on Sunday's.





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#### Drs Terrill, Clarke, Li & Fearn

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#### WINTHORPE & LANGFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

#### **NEWSLETTER**

We are about to launch the first edition of a six monthly Newsletter. It will be delivered to you by your NW coordinator. We hope you find it useful.

The first edition is rather full of facts and figures (including the names of all the coordinators) not leaving much room for useful tips. Here is one about door to door callers:

#### DOOR TO DOOR CALLERS

Unless you really want to you are advised not to buy from random callers at the door. If you have one, point to your Neighbourhood Watch "No Uninvited Callers" sticker. If you don't have one your coordinator will let you have one. If the caller persists say you are going to ring 999, close the door and lock it. On no account let the caller into your house.

#### **Neighbourhood Watch SIGNS**

Hopefully you will have seen one or more of the new NW signs posted at the entrances to the village

Peter Foden, Central Coordinator, 704241

#### **Winthorpe Community Centre AGM**

A belated report on the Community Centre AGM in April. Chairman Frances Kelly thanked outgoing trustees Alec Stewart and Peter Foden for all their hard work over many years and also thanked John Nelson who has stepped down as Bookings Secretary. Diane Rowland has very kindly taken over as Booking Secretary.



We have set up an email account for booking enquiries, which should be live by the time you read this bookings@winthorpecommunitycentre.co.uk
We have a mobile phone number 07415775993 for booking enquiries too
We have vacancies for additional trustees if anyone is interested, we meet every 8 weeks on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in the month. Please call me on the number below if you would like more information.

#### **Village Ventures**

We have decided to dip our toes into Village Ventures. This is an initiative to bring the arts to village halls and community centres across the country. You may well have been to an event as many small venues across the county already support this initiative. We have chosen to kick off with a comedy:-

#### Sunday 18th October 2015 at 7.30 pm

#### Instructions for American Servicemen in England

It's 1942 and a horde of Yankee servicemen have just arrived in England - where the locals speak a strange dialect, boil all their food, and talk endlessly about the weather. The Americans see the Brits as a strange race. Get ready to judge for yourself in a night of joyous laughter and downright silliness as a crack team of experts attempt to explain the rules of British life. Inspired by a WWII pamphlet given to GIs on their way to Blighty, the show will take the audience back to the British home front, where two American officers have been charged with explaining British life to their soon-to-arrive countrymen. The problem is, they've only just arrived themselves!

Then next May at little music to get your toes tapping:-

#### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7.30pm

#### A Taste of Latin - Sonrisa

A Taste of Latin soaks up Latin musical styles from around the world, meshing Rumba, Bossa Nova and Cuban rhythms, to name a few, to produce an

infectious and vibrant dance infused collection of original and traditional songs, whilst taking audiences on a musical journey from Andalucía to Rio. Sonrisa provide skilled musicianship with a highly entertaining and relaxing evening which includes an opportunity to try out some Latin percussion and dance moves.

More news on the events, and, most importantly, details of how you can buy tickets, nearer the time, but make a note in your diary now!

Sue Jackson Secretary to the Trustees Tel: 07884 292469



#### **News from Langford Lowfields June 2015**

The past month has seen an explosion of growth here at Langford Lowfields with a rainbow of vibrant shades of green, peppered with bright yellow bird's-foot trefoil, purple common vetch as well as the paler pink ragged robin and the fresh white and yellow of the giant ox-eye daisies. The reed has also had an impressive growth spurt and the woodland canopy has now closed over.

All of this spectacular plant growth has, in turn, attracted more insect life with Jenny (the warden) reporting her first common blue butterfly of the year along with common blue damselflies, four-spot chasers and numerous other butterfly and beetle species.

Bird highlights over the past month have included little stint, turnstone, sanderling and hobbies galore – up to nine seen in one day! I am also pleased to report that the lapwing and ringed plover chicks are doing well over on phase 3. The avian highlight of the month, however, has to be the red-necked

phalarope which graced us with its presence for an entire day on June 10, both staff and visitors alike were delighted to watch this stunning male throughout the day.

These miniature waders, with a body length of just 18cm and a



wingspan of up to 35cm, have a very restricted breeding range in the UK with a stronghold in the Shetland Islands and a few on the Western Isles. They are migratory and spend the winter months out at sea but during spring and summer they breed on lochs, feeding on insects across the surface of the water whilst performing their characteristic spinning.

Their Latin name Phalaropus lobatus means 'lobed coot foot' and aptly describes the lobing between the toes which aids swimming. Unlike most birds phalaropes have a reversed sexual dimorphism, with the female being larger and more brightly coloured than the male who is left with the responsibility of incubating and caring for the young.

June also saw a visit from 15 members of staff from PWC, who joined Jenny for a sunny day of reed planting on one of the old lagoons, whilst being entertained by the aerial hunting displays of hobbies throughout the day. They

also seeded 100 reed trays in the polytunnel which should produce around 16000 seedlings ready to plant out in August. Each year we grow around 50,000 seedlings here, which involves a lot of work so we are very grateful for the help of the PWC team as well as our wonderful team of volunteers. For further information and regular updates on our work here at Langford Lowfields, have a look at our website at <a href="www.rspb.org.uk/langfordlowfields">www.rspb.org.uk/langfordlowfields</a> or call 01636 893611.

We are now running a programme of fun and inspirational educational sessions for schools to help get your class closer to wildlife. To plan your FREE visit or for more information email <a href="mailto:gail.talton@rspb.org.uk">gail.talton@rspb.org.uk</a> or call the office on 01636 893611.

#### WINTHORPE CROWS

These are really amazing birds. They strut about with heads bowed pondering the great questions of the world – or is it that they are just looking for tasty morsels in the grass...?

I have been observing them early in the morning from my bedroom window. They swoop into the grass field with beaks full of slabs of white bread, carefully cut off small pieces and, with each piece in their beak, purposefully stride off looking for a desirable spot to



push this little lump into the ground. Returning to the main piece of bread, they go through the process all over again. Maybe, out of a whole chunk of bread they actually consume less than a quarter.

I wonder if they are concerned about the poor starving doggies of Winthorpe who spend such a lot of their walkies scavenging for these pieces of buried treasure. Obviously the crows will have seen how important this source of sustenance is to our best friends. My little chap thinks that he is seriously hard done by in the food department but what he cannot understand is what you put in the front relates to what comes out the back. He has very delicate tummy and spends half his life at the vet's trying to calm down his innards. How helpful it would be if these lovely people that wish to feed the wild birds would only put their stale bread through a grinder, producing breadcrumbs and giving all sizes of birds an opportunity to feed and avoiding the burden placed on the crows to store excess manna.

A Winthorpe doggie owner (Name and address supplied)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE NEWARK AND SOUTHWELL AREA DEAN

Dear all,

When does the familiar become unrecognisable and then rediscovered and become new and fresh? Recently I was driving to a village, a familiar journey along familiar roads. The difference was that in the two weeks that had



elapsed between visits; spring had turned into summer, rain had watered and nurtured everything in sight from field to road side. What had been a light haze of different shades of luminous green against bark and twig had become moving walls of green. Lush long grass and behind, cow parsley bordered the roads. Familiar road signs were obscured from view and even telegraph poles were dressed in ivy and honeysuckle, creating a magical and distracting scene. My familiar humdrum journey unexpectedly became memorable and renewing, enabling me to see new things, discovering light and shade and, of importance for me, on arrival at my destination I felt invigorated. So I believe it will be for us in the life of our Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. The well-trodden path made by folks at Jubilee House and the Minster will be refreshed and challenged. New perspectives will be brought by Paul Williams as he begins his ministry to us as our Diocesan Bishop. His arrival will bring a new emphasis and direction for the Diocese as he helps us develop mission and ministry to suit the times we are living in. We all have a part to play. Part of our work is that of prayer, praying for the Bishop and his staff and for our own communities and the direction we hope to take them. We also need to make our voice heard with regard to the things about church life that both excite and dismay us. Collectively we have an important role in the life of our Diocese and, as important, our home community. It's time to pray!

Revd W David Milner (Area Dean, Newark & Southwell Deanery)

#### COLLINGHAM RAMBLERS WALKING PROGRAMME 2015

SUNDAYS (EVERY 2 WEEKS)

July 5th, 19th August 2nd, 16th, 30th September 20th, 27th October 11th, 25th November 8th, 22nd December 6th, 20th WEDNESDAYS

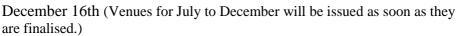
July 15th

August 12th

September 16th

October 14th

November 11th



Come along and join this friendly group. New walkers always welcome. We provide an excellent variety of walks in Nottinghamshire and adjacent counties.

All Sunday walks are between 6 and 8 miles. Wednesday walks are usually about 4 miles with an optional pub lunch.

Walkers should provide snacks, drinks and packed lunches if appropriate. Suitable footwear and waterproofs are necessary.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT NINA WARD <a href="minajward@live.co.uk">minajward@live.co.uk</a> Tel 01636 678419 ANNE BURNS Tel 01636 702801 CHRIS ADAMS Tel 01636 673290

#### GARDEN CLUB



The outing to RHS Wisley will have taken place and I trust everyone had a most enjoyable weekend. The next meeting will be on Wed July 15th and will be an evening visit to Dr Andrew Ward's Garden at Norwell. Please meet at The Lord Nelson at 6pm to arrive at the garden for 7pm. Thanks *Chris Barker* 



#### TRIBUTE TO A WWII BOMBER PILOT

Ted Robbins, who died in April, was a quiet man who never spoke about his wartime experiences. But his story is a remarkable one that should be more widely known. Ted was born in England but moved to Canada with his family when only nine months old. In 1936 the family returned to England. Ted had a series of jobs and at seventeen he became an Air Raid Warden. In 1941 he was old enough to join the RAF and immediately did so. He completed his flying training in Montgomery,

Alabama. He was posted to Kinloss on the Murray Firth in October, 1942. On a night cross-country exercise in a twin-engined Whitley bomber one of the engines failed. Ted fought to keep the plane in the air but that was not possible. The only thing to do was to land on the grass at the airfield. He made a beautiful wheels-up landing. This was the first of three crash landings he had to make.

In January, 1943 Ted was transferred to the Lancaster conversion unit at Winthorpe. While there he went with a friend to a service at Newark Baptist Church. After the service they went to the canteen for service people. And it was there that he met his future wife Joan who was serving tea. On the 21<sup>st</sup> February he piloted Lancaster R5892 on a simulated bombing raid on the Ruhr. When they had flown no further than Reading there was an almighty bang. The plane immediately went into a deep spiral dive. Ted eventually got the plane under control but it had lost 6,000 feet. It was possible to see extensive damage to the starboard wing. He decided to crash land and the under carriage was lowered, only to show that it was badly damaged. Ted decided the only option was to crash in the Channel. The crew launched the dinghy and all managed to scramble into it as the plane sank. They were picked up by a Dutch mine-sweeper and taken to Portland. At the court of enquiry it was established that the cause of the damage to the plane was the bursting of the starboard tyre. Ted and the crew were highly praised for their action. In mid-March Ted and his crew were transferred to 106 Squadron at Syerston. On May 27<sup>th</sup> they took off as one of 518 aircraft, Lancasters, Halifaxes, Wellingtons and Mosquitos to raid Krupps of Essen. They had just dropped their bombs on target when they were hit by ground fire. After much effort Ted brought the plane under control but both port engines were on fire. They were hit again and the inner starboard engine caught fire. To add to the problems the bomb doors were jammed open. They headed for the shortest route home but Ted knew they would not make it. He gave the crew the opportunity to bail out

but all decided to stay. The plane was flying in a curve because of the pull of the single effective engine and they passed over central Amsterdam. They found water, Lake Polder five kilometres north of Leiden. Ted realized they were heading straight for a windmill and a church steeple. Somehow he managed to steer round both. They crash landed on the water, skipped a couple of times, slid over a low dyke and flopped onto a muddy island, ending up in a field of barley. Ted had pulled off another copybook belly landing described as "brilliant flying, possibly unique". They hid but their hiding place was betrayed by the man in charge of the boatyard on the polder. They were taken to an Amsterdam jail where Ted was very badly treated by the Gestapo, more so when he escaped from one of their prison camps. He was a POW for two years. He came home to England, arriving on VE Day.

Ted and Joan were married in Newark Baptist Church in June, 1946. There is an interesting sequel to this story. After the war Ted joined the Dutch Van Hage Garden Centre in Cheshunt where he was soon asked to manage the retail part of the business. He became very friendly with the husband and wife owners. It transpired that a small boy living in the village where Ted narrowly missed the church tower was none other than the owner of the Garden Centre. Ted went with Mr Van Hage to Warmand in Holland to buy plants for the Garden Centre. Once there, he showed where he and his crew members had hidden until they were betraved and captured. Only then were the ex-Resistance fighters satisfied that he was who he said. The locals were particularly grateful because Ted had managed to avoid hitting both the churches in the town as they came down. On the 60th anniversary of the crash Ted and Joan were invited back to Warmand for a weekend of civic celebrations during which Ted was given the freedom of the town. Ted retired at sixty three and he and Joan moved to Winthorpe where it had all started for them.

At his funeral there were many tributes from family members and friends. One that sums up Ted very well was "A true pilot's pilot, a wonderful fellow and friend". We will remember him.

Peter Foden with acknowledgements to the Robbins family.



# ALL SAINTS WINTHORPE CHURCH NOTICES

Last month's concert in the church was supported by forty people who were treated to an evening of baroque music on recorders, harpsichord, pipe-organ, and voice. It raised £178 towards the facilities fund as 1685 (and friends) only charged us for their travelling and photocopying expenses.

So far no one has come forward to help us with the bells, so Thursday practice nights will not be taking place for the foreseeable future. If you would like to help then please get in contact with me on 679105. Last month we failed to ring for one of the services because we could not persuade enough ringers to come and help us out and unfortunately this may well happen again.

Ian Hasman on behalf of Winthorpe Church PCC

#### Rejoice, rejoice.....!

A concert was held in the church on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June.

This was given by 1685, a duo consisting of Jane Stubbs and Helen Mason who specialise in baroque music; 1685 being the birth date of Bach, Handel and



Scarlatti, a good year for composers! They were joined by Christine Hasman and Wendy Leonard.

What an amazing variety of music, made more so by the players ability to, seemingly, play any instrument, from singing to recorders to keyboard; a Baroque skill that, generally, we have lost.

Special mention must be made of Wendy Leonard's moving performance of 'If music be the food of love' by Purcell.

A fascinating evening of delightful music! Nick Wynne

#### **Church Services for July**







Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.00	Holy Communion	Holme
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.00	Morning Worship	Langford
	10.15	Holy Communion	Winthorpe
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.15	Morning Worship	Winthorpe

**The Church Bells** may be rung for any of the Winthorpe services. Please note that they will not be rung on Thursday evenings between 7.00 and 9.00 for practice unless we have some visiting ringers.

Church Cleaners Mrs Foden and Mrs Lloyd

**The church will be having a Tombola stall** at the Village Festival on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> of July. If you have anything that you would like to donate as prizes then please get in touch with either Sylvia Lloyd (703271) or Joan Lord (682304) and they will arrange a time to collect your items.

#### **Children's Society Collecting Boxes**

Many thanks to all the contributors to this charity. Winthorpe raised £350.00 this year. I have spare boxes, if anyone in the village would like to join the scheme please contact me on 01636 681299.



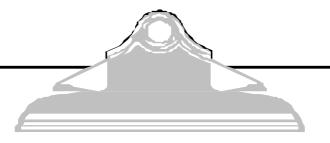
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#### SOPHIE'S WORLD CHALLENGE



A big thank you to everyone who came and supported Sophie for her World Challenge Fashion Show. She raised £325.00.

Maggie Hudspeth



#### JUNE CALENDAR

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 'Summer Sizzler' Winthorpe School 6pm-8pm

Monday 6th Green Bin

Lunch Club 12.30 Community Centre

Mobile Library

Wednesday 8th Community Dinner Winthorpe School

Thursday 9th WI at Lily's Garden

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Charity Bike Ride 10.00 am Community Centre

VILLAGE FESTIVAL 1-5PM CC

Evening Entertainment 7.30pm CC

Monday13th Silver Bin

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Garden Club visit to Norwell 6pm at Lord Nelson

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Parish Council meeting 7.30pm VH

Monday 20th Green Bin

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> School finishes

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Silver Bin

Pat's Puzzle from last month- What is the beginning of eternity, the end of time, the beginning of every end and the end of every place? The answer is 'E'! More puzzles next month!

'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