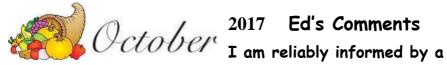
FOCAL POINT

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friend that there are several new residents in Winthorpe.

Welcome to you all! You have chosen to live in a friendly village with a welcoming church, a vibrant pub and a flourishing primary school.

There are also lots of things to get involved in here. Some are mentioned in this issue of Focal Point, others are not obvious or not mentioned this month but I will give you some pointers. There are fuller details on the village website www.winthorpe.org.uk



The first Monday of each month sees the village Lunch Club (see p 4 for menus and contact details.) There are all sorts of other clubs and associations meeting regularly where you will be made very welcome from Bell Ringing (ring Ian on 679105!) to the WI (contact

Viv on 659631 or Sheila on 679960.) Max Neale's Art Classes meet in the Village Hall several times a week



(phone Max on 626708.) There are details of the Garden Club and of the Allotments Association in this issue.



Not mentioned this month but active and welcoming are the Collingham Ramblers (call Nina on 678419) and the Scrabble Club where we would love you to come on a

Friday afternoon even if you haven't played for years (contact Nick or me on 658347 for more details.)

We have a mobile Library which visits the villages once a month and there are generally events of interest going on – keep your eyes on each issue of Focal Point for information and contacts and we will try to keep you up to date and well informed.

I hope you will all feel as happy and at home here as Nick and I do!

Annie Purday

Closing date for the November issue is Friday 20th October

Deliver to Annie and Nick 18, Hargon Lane or email

nickwynne@virginmedia.com

LUNCH CLUB

The **November** Lunch Club will be at 12.30 p.m. on **Monday 6th November** at the Community Centre. **The menu will be:**



Sausage and Bacon Casserole

OR

Fishcakes with Parsley Sauce



with Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

-X-



Lemon Mascarpone Cheesecake

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

GIANT SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

Time to announce the winners of the 2017 Winthorpe, Langford & Holme Giant Sunflower Competition!

1st Prize: Lilly-Mae Leaning, age 10 (height 4.22m)

2nd Prize: Darcy Leaning, age 6 (height 4.02m)

3rd Prize: Stephane Wakefield, age 8 (height 3.84m)



The Teacher's Award went to Miss Blake, whose sunflower measured 3.35m. Congratulations to all of our prize winners – it was lovely visiting school and presenting you with your trophies and certificates. Indeed, well done to everyone who entered the competition, and to all the parents and grandparents who no doubt helped our young gardeners.

See you next Spring for the 2018 competition!

Liz and Charlie Ferreira

WINTHORPE COLLECTION POINT FOR NEWARK FOODBANK

Your donations have been brilliant! The bin was full and the donations were delivered to the storage and sorting centre last Monday (18th Sept) where they were much appreciated. **Please continue to donate.** The collection point is in the porch of the Village Hall which is open whenever the hall is being used e.g. for Art Classes: Tuesday evening 7-9, Wednesday 10-2.30, Thursday morning 10-12, Thursday afternoon 1.30-3.30, Friday morning 9.15-12.15 Friday afternoon 1.30-3.30 and the first Saturday in the month 10-12. It is also open some evenings when it is used by different clubs or classes.

Thank you for your support. It does make a difference!



FOODBANK SHOPPING LIST September 2017

PLEASE DO NOT DONATE ITEMS CONTAINING ALCOHOL - THANK YOU

Urgently Needed: BREAKING NEWS!!

Food

- Pasta 500gm
- Tinned or Microwaveable Sponge **Puddings**
- · Packets of Instant Mash
- Tinned Fruit
- Tea Bags 40's or 80's NOT 240/260/280's please
- . Long Life UHT Milk NOT evaporated please
- Tinned Fish –preferably not tuna please

Non Food Items

Loo Rolls

Underlined items are in very short supply

Please do not donate FRESH food items. Also, check that your donation is well inside its use-by date. We cannot distribute out of date food.

Always needed

Food

- Tinned Custard
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Tinned Vegetables NOT sweetcorn
- Tinned Tomatoes
- · Jars of Pasta Sauce
- Chocolate bars/sweets
- Cereal Bars
- Cereal
- Biscuits
- · Long Life Juice NOT fresh please
- Tinned/Packet Soup meat
- · Chocolate Biscuit Bars: e.g. Kit Kat; Penguin; Rocky etc.
- Tinned/Packet Vegetable Soup

- Tinned Meat hot: e.g. mince; stewing steak
- Tinned Meat cold: e.g. Spam: ham NOT comed beef please

Additional Items

- Deodorant
- Feminine Hygiene
- Men's Toiletries
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Shampoo
- · Shower Gel
- Liquid Hand Soap
- · Laundry liquitabs/tablets
- · Dog/Cat food
- · Strong Carrier bags

Items definitely NOT needed at present, as we have a plentiful supply:

Baked Beans

Coffee

For more information about Newark Foodbank see their website www.newark.foodbank.org.uk or the Foodbank mobile phone no. is 07417 409919. This can be called or texted for help and information. If by chance it goes to voicemail someone will reply as soon as they can. For information about the Winthorpe Collection point or if you want your donation delivering to the Village Hall please contact Annie (658347)



Winthorpe & District W.I. September 2017

We had an interesting talk by the third generation of Sibley's butchers when we had a demonstration of how to do a rack of lamb and a crown of lamb.

Our meeting on Thursday 12th October will be on Christmas Flowers/Floral Design. We will also have a gifts and greetings stall from County House and our usual raffle.

Hostesses for the evening are Sandra Leigh, Gillian Thomson and Moira Williams. We are happy to welcome any lady from the village who would like to come for a visit.

Don't forget to use the Pop Up Post Office which operates every Thursday 9.00a.m. to 12.00 noon in the Community Centre and call and have a cup coffee. Everyone is welcome.

Virginia Seager (President)



HARVEST SUPPER



ALL SAINTS CHURCH, WINTHORPE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14th 7 for 7.30 p.m.

In the Community Centre

Tickets: £8 available from the PCC Committee

(please see Church Notices for contact numbers)

Please note: Harvest Festival at All Saints Church, Winthorpe, Sunday, October 15th at 10.15am.

Harvest gifts are welcome in aid of the Newark Women's Refuge





High Street Collingham

Newark NG23 7LB General Enquiries/Emergencies: 01636 892156

Fax: 01636 893391

COLLINGHAM MEDICAL CENTRE

Seasonal Flu Campaign 2017

We will be holding 2 Saturday morning flu clinics on

Saturday 23rd September 2017, from 8.30 am - 12.30 pm Saturday 14th October 2017, from 8.30 am - 12.30 pm

These are appointment only clinics. Appointments will be available to book from mid-August. Please contact the number below, ask at Reception or book using Systmonline if you are registered for this service.

For Appointments telephone: 01636 893956 8.15am - 5.30pm

Website: www.collinghammedicalcentre.co.uk E-Mail: collingham.medicalcentre@nhs.net



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Tel: 01636 893038 email: collingham.pharmacy@nhs.net

October Reflection 2017

Dear Friends,

I was sitting in the Eurostar waiting room, anticipating a train to take me

straight from Paris to St Pancras when I read about the exploded bucket in a shopping bag at Parson's Green underground station. I also found out that while I was getting out of bed that morning, there'd been an attempted knife attack on French soldiers on a Paris street.

So there I was, sat in a crowded, security checked room, between two potential



danger spots, not wanting to talk about what was happening and wondering if the other waiting passengers were doing the same as me as they gazed at their phones.

It was through social media that I discovered the unfolding story and though I knew there probably weren't many actual facts, I couldn't stop reading.

There was a volatile mixture of praise for the emergency services, offers of cups of tea from addresses close to Parson's Green and angry calls for something finally to be done.



There were also some demands to stop praying, which, not surprisingly, caught my attention. Behind these demands were two things: we need action not prayer and all the prayers that have been prayed in response to all the acts of terror have not worked.

It struck me that this wasn't talking about Christian Prayer as I understand it.

You see, I don't think we have to choose between doing something and praying, indeed prayer often leads to action and Jesus himself was both a man of prayer and of action.

Saying that prayer hasn't worked because we haven't got what we wanted straight away sounds like treating God as if he's a miracle dispensing vending machine. We put in the right prayer, press the button to select the answer we want and out falls instant love, peace, happiness and plenty throughout the world.

Life just isn't like that is it? Prayer isn't like that either. I believe God

calls us to work with him and share his life and prayer opens the way to do that, so I do believe we should be praying.

When we pray, we might become part of the



answer, so it's likely that we'll get more involved with others and life might get more challenging, not less.

Please don't be put off praying for others, caring for them and taking every opportunity for acts of kindness. If you want space or to pray with others, there are plenty of opportunities in our churches, please get in touch to find out more.

God bless you all Revd. Mandy

WINTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE 100 CLUB

Trustees of Winthorpe Community Centre would like to say a huge thank you to Oli, Emily, Dave and Martyn from the Lord Nelson for hosting the first draw of the 100 Club and for their kind donation from the Duck Race Day in support of the ongoing works required on the centre.



The lucky winners from the first draw were John Nelson winning £19.80, Mike Warren winning £9.90 and Sue Sharp winning £3.30.

September's winners were:

1st prize Glenn Cobb £30 2nd prize Michele Cammack £15 3rd prize David Woodcock £5

We now have 50 members and we look forward to seeing the club grow to our goal of 100 members. If you haven't yet got your tickets all you need to do is sign a membership form and Standing Order mandate for £2 a month. These are available from Duncan Richardson. Please contact Duncan on 01636 651605 or email duncrichardson@sky.com.

For further details see the Community Centre web site.

JOIN OUR 100 CLUB TODAY AND YOU COULD BE A WINNER!

A date for your diaries Salsa Verde- Winthorpe Community Centre Village ventures – Friday 6th October 2017

'SALSA VERDE' by Kate Bramley World premiere of a new original comedy with music and dance.

Salsa Verde, or Green Sauce to give it a more local flavour, follows two different generations of characters where a romantic love-triangle seems destined to be repeated down the years. A wartime Bevan Boy and a navy recruit clash at the dance hall, as do



another thoroughly modern duo fighting over the instructor at the local village hall Salsa night.

Classic Badapple comedy for all ages, with a bit of a song and a dance thrown in....

Tickets can be bought from Helen Bradley on 01636 650422.

THE LORD NELSON WINTHORPE

Dear folks,

Happy Autumn!

It seems crazy that we're knocking on the door of the winter season but we are excited about getting our roaring fires lit, and warm cosy evenings at The Lord Nelson.



Our Harvest Supper on Friday 22nd September was attended by over 120 people and will hopefully become an annual fixture in our calendar.

Having supported September's Oakhill Hunter Trial in aid of the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance, we'll also shortly become a sponsor at the Newark Rugby Club.

Our October events include:

Tuesday 3rd October: Pub Quiz and Pasta

Wednesday 11th October: Cheese & Port evening. Kick-off. 8pm

Tickets £30.

Tuesday 17th October: Open Mic & Live Music

On Saturday 4th & 18th November, we'll be welcoming Suzie Smith of the Creation Station to host a one-hour children's craft workshop at 11:00am in our Private Dining Room, followed by a special lunch for families. Suitable for children aged 2 to 11, with adults accompanying those under 5. We'll share further details next time or ask at the bar.

We are on the brink of publishing our Nelson Noel menu, available from 1st to 24th December. It's a beautiful menu designed by Chef David with plenty of non-turkey options available, including red snapper and Guinness-braised blade of beef. £19.95 for two courses and £24.95 for three courses (with children's options). Check our website shortly for the full menu.

We hope to welcome you to the Lord Nelson soon and thank you to everyone who support us for their valued custom.

Best wishes.

Oli, Em, Martyn and Chef David

Tunnelling work under our noses

Close to Winthorpe is Crankley Point Sewage treatment plant, a place we never go to but often get a whiff of as we drive by on the A46 Newark bypass. In Civil War days Crankley was just behind the seige line being between Winthorpe and the Kelham fields. This is the essential starting place for the



creation of Newark's new main drainage system, the "mother of all sewers" that all the towns drains will feed into. If you follow the local news you will have seen that a massive tunneling machine has been lowered into the ground to begin the boring a tunnel over 3m diameter some 10m below ground level from Crankley across to Lincoln Rd before veering south following the route of Northgate, Castlegate & Millgate before re-emerging near Farndon Rd next January. It was at the end of June when I read an article in the Newark Advertiser about the project which included an invitation to suggest a name for the machine. Within seconds the name "Siege Breaker" came to me maybe because I knew the area, or that Newark now has the National Civil War Centre, I don't know? But the idea of tunnelling into the barricaded town to get behind its defences back in 1646 in order to mount an attack from within captured my imagination. So the name "Siege Breaker" was submitted by email as instructed and then forgotten for some time. When I later read that a smaller but similar machine had been named "Wiggle Blaster" I thought that's it! They prefer the more infantile style of naming, so I can forget my suggestion being used. But to my surprise I received an email on the 4th August thanking me for my entry and that they loved the name and it would be using it on the machine. An invitation to the launch on the 8th of August was accepted and I duly attended on probably the wettest, windiest, drabbist day of the month but still oddly enjoyable (coffee and a biscuit being the prize!) I was told the Civil War theme would be maintained throughout the project and there will be a bit of a show on the breakthrough next year.

WINTHORPE GARDENING CLUB

Patagonia and Beyond

A fantastic November holiday was the subject of Angela Plumb's talk last Wednesday evening. She had been down to Patagonia and across to



Chile and Argentina to photograph wildlife and plants. This was during the Springtime in the southern hemisphere where she saw animals such as guanacos, the wild indigenous llama, with their young, and a puma hunting in the herd, as well as native flowers in bloom. All very beautiful and set among the snow-capped mountains and glacial lakes. Angela delivered her talk

with the aid of photograph and short film clips keeping us entertained and very envious of her adventures. Fans will be pleased to know she is booked again for a future date to talk about her next expedition.

As you can see from this subject we do not stick to talking about



our own gardens but like to find out about what other people see around them. If you would like an hour or so of gentle conversation and an interesting speaker then book the third Wednesday of the month to join us at 7.30 in the Community centre. Our annual membership fee is just £10 but we would like you to 'try before you buy' so come along for free and find out if you enjoy our meetings. Our next meeting is Wednesday 18th October when Phil Porter talking about the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust. Lynne Shapley



THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERS OF HELP!

Thank you so much to everyone who contacted us when we sent out our SOS last month for a new delivery person. Not only do we have someone to cover the round in question but we also have a couple of reserve delivery people too. Annie and Nick

Thank you to all our deliverers. We can't manage without you!

ALLOTMENTS

By the time you read this, our main growing season will be drawing to an end. This is our seventh "season" since the allotments were established and whilst we have seen (as we always expected), some turnover of plot holders, I am pleased to say that we have never had less than 90% occupancy.



However, during October, we will have 2 plots becoming available (previously rented by a single plot holder). It is within our agreement with the Parish Council that, understandably, we should always give priority to people from within the parish when plots become available for rent. In the event that nobody from the parish takes an available plot, we can rent a plot to anybody from outside the parish.



For this reason, we maintain 2 waiting lists (parish / non-parish). At the time of writing, we have nobody on the waiting list for parish residents.

So, if you are interested in taking on a plot to be able to grow your own vegetables and fruit, please contact me by Sunday 22nd

October at the latest and I will provide you with all the information you require and answer any questions you may have. Don't worry if you consider yourself to be a beginner at this - most of us were when we started and even after 7 years I certainly think I still am!

If no interest is shown by 22nd October, we will only then offer the

available plots to non-parish residents.

A few hours a week, a fair bit of enthusiasm and some healthy exercise working your plot can provide a lot of satisfaction and fresh produce for you and your family. Why not give it a go?



David Barthorpe

Winthorpe Allotment Association

david.barthorpe@ntlworld.com Tel: 01636 67403



News from Langford Lowfields September 2017

This month has seen sightings of caspian gull,

cetti's warbler, nuthatch, wren, blackwit, lapwing, wheatear, red kite, dunlin, wood sandpiper, whimbrel, kestrel, willow warbler, lesser whitethroat, hobby, green sandpiper, whinchat and great spotted



woodpeckers. Other species include setaceous Hebrew character moth, little toad, male and female common blue and the vapourer moth caterpillar.





Staff and volunteers from Langford and the north midlands visited for the day to plant reed at Phase 1 – culminating in the planting of 5200 reed plugs in one day and creating an amphibian pond. **Angela Roberts**

'LOOKING GOOD' COLOUR WORKSHOP

WINTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 4th November 2017 10.30 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.

Presented by Sue Burton
Colour & Style Analysis Image Consultan

Come along and find out what you SHOULD be wearing!

Learn the art of colour co-ordination and how to achieve the maximum number of outfits to wear from a minimum amount of garments.

£40.00 to include tea/coffee on arrival and light lunc

Limited spaces available.

To book your space contact:

Viv on 07708 834863 Sheila on 01636 679960

NEWARK AIR MUSEUM

14 October 2017

Indoor Aeroboot / Aerojumble aviation & avionic sale

48 sellers' tables all hosted inside Display Hangar 2 amongst the aircraft at the museum site in eastern Nottinghamshire.

A special admission fee of just £4.50 per person will be in use on the day; this is to recognise that some stalls in Hangar 2 are in front of the exhibits, which means that



they cannot be viewed or photographed in the normal manner. Open to everyone to attend from 9 am.

Full details about these and other museum activities can be found on the news & event pages of the website, which are regularly updated www.newarkairmuseum.org Email: enquire@newarkairmuseum.org

CHARITY OF THOMAS BREWER

We will be holding the AGM of the Charity in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18th October. This is the chance to hear what the Charity has been doing in its 401st year. During the year we granted funds to a project in the village for the benefit of all residents. This was possible because of the increased object of the Charity introduced last year.

Within the funds available we still wish to give financial help to residents of Winthorpe, Langford and Holme who are in need for whatever reason. If you know of any such persons please let us know.

If you are carrying out a project for the general benefit of residents and need financial support details for applying are available on the Winthorpe website or from the Treasurer David Barthorpe.

The AGM provides the opportunity for the residents of Winthorpe, Langford and Holme (who have reached the age of majority – currently 18) to elect / re-elect those Trustees who are appointed annually at the AGM (currently these are David Barthorpe, Lee Cammack and Neil Moran). Margaret Stewart and I are nominated by the Parish Council.

If you want to stand for election as a Trustee please let me or David Barthorpe know of your intention to do so (in writing or by email) no later than 25th September.

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Peter Foden, Chairman.

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Following the summer break, the Parish Council held its monthly Parish Council meeting in the village hall on Thursday 21st September 2017.

The Parish Clerk has received formal notification from the external auditor, Grant Thornton UK LLP that the



accounts for 2016/2017 are in order and approved. There were a couple of minor procedural issues raised but nothing that impacted on the financial side of the accounts. A copy of the approval certificate will be placed on the Winthorpe and Langford notice boards.

The Council have been informed that Newark and Sherwood Homes are looking to develop land off The Woodlands where the 6 garages are located adjacent to the Community Centre field. No further details are known at the moment but this could potentially have an impact on access from Gainsborough Road to the Community Centre.

The Council received and approved the accounts for the Summer Festival. Monies from the event will be distributed as outlined in last month's Focal Point. The Council would like to thank all organisations and individuals who supported the event which made it a continued success but special thanks go to Sue Masheder and Tish Applewhite for their hard work in organising the event.

The Parish Council has agreed to run the village Bonfire and Firework display. This will take place on Saturday 4th November 2017, in its usual location, on the field at the rear of the school. The gates will open at 6.00pm, with the bonfire being lit at 6.45pm and the firework display starting at 7.15pm. Mrs Sally Sillery – Parish Clerk



GATES OPEN 6:00pm BONFIRE LIT 6:45pm MAIN DISPLAY 7:15pm

_ TICKETS

ADULTS £6 ON THE NIGHT

CHILDREN £2.50 ON THE NIGHT

FAMILY TICKET £15 (2 Adults and 2 Children)

OR

ADVANCED PURCHASED FAMILY TICKET £12 FROM WINTHORPE SCHOOL



ALL SAINTS

WINTHORPE

CHURCH NOTICES

Autumn has arrived – the conkers are steadily falling from my tree, smashing onto the road, causing a mash of nut and shell – time for a clean-up!

Last month we welcomed Daniel Zakor, Klaudia Csik with Ollie and Eli Marshall into the church – all at one baptism!

The Open Church is working well with a mixture of local residents and visitors to the area popping in for a look around, a quiet moment or a chat and a cup of tea. We look forward to more visits in future months.

Tickets are going well for the Harvest Supper on Saturday October 14th: please do get in touch with John N (704712), Christine (679105), Sylvia or myself if you would like to go, making sure you tell us of any vegetarian requirements.

We look forward to welcoming many of you the following day, October 15th to our Harvest Festival. Please do bring any harvest offerings up to the communion rail either before the start or when directed during the service. All goods will be taken the following day to the Women's Refuge in Newark.

The Winthorpe School Harvest Festival will be in church on Friday, October 20th at 1.30p.m.

We now have a drop off point for the Newark Food Bank in the porch in church. Please do pop your 'food donations' in the box provided when church is open for a service or on Thursday afternoons. I will transfer the 'goods' each week to the Village Hall.

We are thinking, in our prayers, of anyone in the village who is ill or in hospital at this time.

Tish Applewhite, Churchwarden (643763)

Church Services for October







<u>Sund</u>	lay 1s	<u>st</u>
(16th	after	Trinity)

9.00 am

Holy Communion

Holme

Sunday 8th

(17th after Trinity)

10.30 am Holy Communion

Winthorpe

Sunday 15th

(18th after Trinity)

10.15 am **Harvest Festival**

Winthorpe

Sunday 22nd (19th after Trinity)

6.00 pm.

Harvest Festival

Holme

The Church Bells may be rung for any of the Winthorpe services. The bells may be rung on Friday evenings between 7.00 and 9.00pm for practice.

If you are able to ring or would like to learn how to ring please get in touch with the Tower Captain, Ian Hasman, on 01636 679105 or e-mail him at I.hasman@ntlworld.com

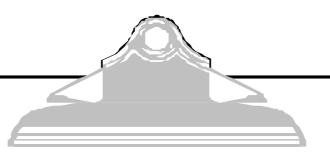




The church will be open to receive your arrangements from 2 pm on Friday October 13th. If you are unable to decorate please ring Tish on 643763. Flower removal is from 2 pm on Monday 23rd October.

Church Cleaners - Miss P. Applewhite

Brasses - Mrs J. Aldridge + Mrs D. McClymont



OCTOBER CALENDAR

Monday 2nd Silver Bin

Lunch Club 12.30 Community Centre

Friday 6th Salsa Verde Village Ventures CC

Monday 9th Green and Brown Bins

Thursday 12th WI meeting 7.30 pm Village Hall Saturday 14th Newark Air Museum Aerojumble

Harvest Supper CC 7.00 for 7.30pm

Sunday 15th Harvest Festival Winthorpe Church 10.15am

Monday 16th Silver Bin

Wednesday18th Garden Club 7.30 pm Community Centre

AGM Charity of Thomas Brewer 7.30pm VH

Thursday 19th Parish Council Meeting 7.30 pm Village Hall

Finance Committee 7.00pm

Friday 20th School Harvest Festival Church 1.30pm

Sunday 22nd Harvest Festival Holme Church 6.00pm

Monday 23rd Green and Brown Bins

Mobile Library

Monday 30th Silver Bins

Apologies were received from the Library Service when the Mobile Library was unable to make the September round. Ed

NB BIN COLLECTIONS IN HOLME VILLAGE ON FRIDAYS

'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