



2018

Ed's Comments

It's almost Spring as I write this even

though the ground is once again covered with snow.

The first official day of Spring is a couple of days away. The birds and flowers seem aware of it but the weather hasn't quite caught up yet!

As it does, our thoughts (or mine anyway!) dwell on spring cleaning. The windows seem murky when the sun shines on them and the spiders have obviously been busy in corners and on the rafters. Is it warm enough to wash all the cushion covers yet?

What about spring cleaning outside? As the snow melts and before the grass and bushes become leafy, the debris and rubbish around tell the story of carelessness and neglect. A

friend in the south was so outraged by the state of her local area that she organised a rubbish collection and involved the newly opened secondary school. The boys who turned up to make their community contribution with their teacher were very enthusiastic and one of them was rewarded by finding a £5.00 note in his pickings - a true lesson for life!



I know that a lot of people in our local area and indeed all over the country regularly take a bag and plastic gloves with them when they go out walking and aim to keep their own little patch of the world clean and tidy. Just imagine the effect if we all did it!

Happy Easter and good luck with your spring cleaning!

Annie Purday

The closing date for the May issue is **Friday 20th April.**

Deliver to Annie and Nick 18, Hargon Lane, Winthorpe
or email nickwynne@virginmedia.com

Thanks to the Mobile Library organisers who let us know when the van is unable to come. I hope you all got your message! Ed

LUNCH CLUB

The **May** Lunch Club will be at 12.30 p.m. on **Monday 14th May** at the Community Centre.

The menu will be:



Sausage and Bacon Casserole

OR

Fishcakes 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) if you need to reserve your place and give your choice of menu. Thank you. Tish Applewhite

NB The April Lunch Club is on Monday April 9th as advertised in last month's Focal Point.



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GARDEN CLUB – FEBRUARY

An interesting presentation called “A Hardy Planters Winter Survival Kit” was the subject for the February Garden Club Meeting.

It was given by Don Witton from Sheffield who last came to the Club in March 2010. Don is well known as the owner of The National Collection of Euphorbias based on his allotment near his home.

His excellent address was around the theme of the ‘Hardy Planter’ surviving the four darkest months of the year, assisted by the colours from the plants available in the wintertime.



Bodnant in North Wales

Lists were distributed giving numerous plants from the Asters (*frikartii* jungfrau) to *Euphorbia ceratocarpa*, *miscanthus* and *Stipa calamagrostis*. We were encouraged to look for varieties of leaf, berry and bark, all giving amounts of colour during a dark time of the year. Leaf pictures featured bright red acers, to berries which were cotoneasters and *pyracantha* through to barks like the Tibetan cherry in silver.



Harlow Carr in Yorkshire

Many colourful slides were shown, not only of the varieties but also of winter gardens from Harlow Carr in Yorkshire, Bodnant in North Wales and Hodsock Priory in

Nottinghamshire, plus several more.

Visits to various Arboreta were shown and a 'plant spotting' holiday in Andalucía!! Don concluded his talk with pictures of a seaside garden he had assembled in December as a Christmas present for his wife!! Any ideas??

The evening closed with the usual quiz by Pat Finn and a raffle with the always welcome tea and biscuits served by some ladies of the group. A most entertaining evening for a dark, cold winter's night!

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 18th April, 7.30 pm at the Community Centre. This is the AGM and Plant Sale. **David Green**

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Unfortunately, due to a problem with hotel accommodation, we are unable to visit Sissinghurst and Hughenden this year. We will instead travel to RHS Harlow Carr and Alnwick Gardens on June 20th & 21st.

For further information or to book a place please contact me on i.wilson2@ntlworld or phone 686249. **Ian Wilson**

April Reflection 2018

Dear Friends

You'd better watch out and be careful not to fall for any tricks on Easter day this year, because it's on April 1st, April fool's Day.



It's a great day to celebrate

Easter, because what could be more foolish than believing and celebrating that Jesus died and rose again? What could be more foolish than finding an empty tomb and believing a stranger who tells you that Jesus, who was definitely dead and buried, was alive? And yet, on the first Easter morning, that is what a group of women did. Indeed, when they ran back to tell the men what had happened, the men didn't believe them but said they were talking nonsense, foolishness.

Thankfully, events unfolded, Jesus appeared in different places, walked and talked, cooked and ate with his friends, invited them to check that he was real and blessed them. Gradually, more and more of them believed the foolish thought of a man dead, buried and alive.

Thank God they did, because as the real knowledge of resurrection grew and spread throughout the world, so did the knowledge that we are made for life and love and that death cannot have the last word.

This isn't about what happens when we die; this is about new and better life in the here and now. This is about believing the foolishness of hope over despair, it's about believing in justice, making life better for the poor and it's about living generous lives, knowing that Jesus died and rose again for everyone.

This is about the foolishness of daring to stop building up our own egos and pride and working to build up other people to make the world a better place. If this is really foolishness, then let's be fools all year round.

Have a very happy and blessed Easter. **Revd Mandy**

Join in East Trent Prayer and Pilgrimage Walks this Spring.

At the end of a long winter, spring will soon be springing into life and we don't want to miss out, so let's get out our walking boots.

East Trent Churches are organising a series of walks for everyone so that we can enjoy our beautiful countryside, churches and pubs.



They will be an opportunity to get to know each other and our communities better, to pray for them and to think about what we might do in the future.

We've chosen this time of year to coincide with Rogation Tide, which is the time of year when churches traditionally prayed for the farming community, agricultural land and the growing crops. It was also the time of year for "beating the bounds" when parish boundaries were walked.

On the days when we're walking, the churches we will visit will be open.

This is for everyone; if you can't do the walking, you can go straight to church, so please join us. Transport back to the starting point will be arranged.

Here are the dates so you can put them in your diary: more details will follow:



Sunday May 6th, an **afternoon** walk from Langford, through Holme to Winthorpe.

Sunday May 13th, an **afternoon** walk from Collingham, through South Scarle and Besthorpe to Girton.

Saturday May 19th an **afternoon** walk around North and South Clifton.

Thursday May 24th, an **evening** walk from Spalford to Wigsley.

Sunday June 3rd, an **afternoon** walk from Harby to Thorney.

Look out for more details! Revd Mandy.



FOOD BANK SHOPPING LIST

March/April 2018

PLEASE DO NOT DONATE ITEMS
CONTAINING ALCOHOL – THANK YOU!

In Short Supply

Food

- Long life UHT Juice, Long life UHT milk (not evaporated/condensed please), Cereal Bars, Tinned or Microwaveable sponge puddings, Chocolate biscuit bars e.g. Kit Kat, Penguin, Rocky etc, Chocolate/sweets

Non-Food Items

- Deodorant, men's toiletries- especially shower gel, soap tablets

Please do not donate FRESH food items. Also, please 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
- Sugar
- Tinned/Packet Soup – meat
- Jam
- 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 corned beef please

Additional Items

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

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

- Baked Beans
- Coffee

The Foodbank Collection Point is in the porch of Winthorpe Village Hall which is open when Max Neale's Art Classes are being held. You can also donate items in Winthorpe Church on Sundays when there are services and on Thursdays during 'Open Church.'

Please continue to support the Foodbank and help make a difference!

WINTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE 100 CLUB

February Winners

1st - Colin Smith £33 Ticket number 29

2nd - Sandra Cobb £16.50 Ticket number 57

3rd - Barbara Woodcock £5.50 Ticket Number 41



We are still aiming to reach 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!

THE AGM OF WINTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE



The AGM of the Winthorpe Community Centre is to be held at the centre at 7.30pm on Monday 16th April 2018. Anyone wishing to stand as a Trustee or who would like further details please contact Michele Cammack on 01636 611998.

Winthorpe & District W.I.

Our Annual Meeting on 8th March went well, helped by nibbles and a glass or two of wine. We had a raffle, sale table and a swop shop. We also welcomed a visitor and



look forward to welcoming more visitors. Our meeting on Wednesday, 11th April will be our 64th birthday celebration. This is in the Community Centre at the earlier time of 6.45p.m. for a 7.00p.m. start. There will be entertainment by a choir, Christine's quiz and a fish and chip supper, all helped along with a glass or two of wine. We also hope to have available the 2018/2019 programme. *Virginia Seager*

News from Collingham Medical Centre's Patient Participation Group - March 2018

We have been working on the best way to get relevant news out to as many patients as possible.

The following methods are currently being used. Can you suggest how this can be improved on?

There will be a monthly poster on village notice boards and in the CMC letting you know what we are currently working on

A quarterly update will appear in village magazines. Newsletters can be picked up in the CMC at the Collingham Pharmacy or at your local Post Office. For those of you with the facility you can access the Newsletter on the CMC website collinghammedicalcentre.co.uk where you can also sign-up to have the newsletter emailed to you.

We hope that many of you will have read the CMC's Winter Newsletter, which contains information about the clinical team, their roles, services that are available and an update on how the CMC is doing. An item of particular interest in this issue is a description of the Patient Care Advisor (PCA) role. These are the CMC members of staff that you would formerly have known as the receptionist or administrators. This enhanced role is an example of the improvements being made and the article briefly explains why the Patient Care Advisors will ask some questions about why you need to make an appointment. The Spring Newsletter will be available soon so make sure that you get your copy and keep up to date with the latest CMC news

This is our NHS and our Medical Centre. Giving your views on how it is run is vital if we want to make it the best that it can be. We need your feedback.

One way of doing this is to complete the 'Friends and Family Test' form (FFT). PPG members have been available in the CMC waiting-room to help explain to patients how it works. It is a simple form to complete, and lets the CMC know how you felt your appointment went and gives you the opportunity to express your views on the service in general. You can do this anonymously, or you can give your details if you would like a response. The forms are on the counter and will soon be alongside the electronic check-in, but please ask the PCA for one if you can't see them. Just drop the completed form into the red post-box on the surgery wall on your way out. They can also be completed online via the CMC website after your visit. Collingham Village Care drivers will have them in their cars and will be happy to drop them back into the CMC on your behalf.

In January 88 FFT forms were completed, of these, 83% of patients said that they were 'likely' or 'extremely likely' to recommend the CMC. In addition, 17% of patients were either 'neither likely nor unlikely' or 'unlikely' to

recommend the CMC. The comments made on the forms are being reviewed by the CMC which will lead to an action plan being developed to deliver on the improvements. This action plan will be posted up in the CMC soon, which will enable you to monitor progress made on the plans implementation. If you wish to influence the development of the patient services within the CMC, please help us to help you by completing and returning the FFT forms.

Good news came from the Care Quality Commission (CQC) report in February. Our Practice has been rated 'Good' in all areas, including improvement in appointment availability. This has been helped by the additions made to the clinical team plus longer clinics which have helped to remove delays in access to appointments. Another significant improvement has been the recruitment and internal development of the Nurse Practitioners who are qualified to diagnose and treat acute and long term clinical conditions. These are Independent Prescribing Clinical Practitioners and are able to offer largely the same service as a GP. A GP and independent Clinical Practitioner are available every day at the CMC and consult with each other where options for clinical intervention may be available.

The PPG is also looking ways to reduce further the current rates of 'Did Not Attends' (DNA's.) These are appointments made by patients who do not then attend the appointment. In January the 'DNA's' amounted to 24.5 hours of nurse time and 11.5 hours of doctor time. These appointments could have been made available to someone else. If you are unable to attend your appointment let the Patient Care Advisor know as soon as possible. By giving at least 24 hrs notice if you are unable to attend your appointment is one way that you can help make a difference and help to ensure that more appointments are available to those in need. You can contact the Patient Participation Group (PPG) direct.

Our email address is: collinghamppg@gmail.com. This is not for specific individual complaints or issues. These still need to be dealt with by the CMC. However, for the PPG to be truly representative of CMC patients we need to hear your views on and ideas for service improvement, including how you think patients may also help to support the CMC. (For more information about PPGs please go to (<http://www.napp.org.uk>) Linda Dales

THE LORD NELSON

Dear folks,

We were delighted that despite the crazy snow-weather - stopping our beer deliveries for five days! - we managed to keep our pub doors open. On Sunday 11th March, we had our biggest lunch service to

date on Mother's Day, hosting over 200 guests. We also hosted a fabulous wine-tasting with Ann (et Vin) and asked Em to flex her Bingo knowledge with our March "Bingo and Bangers", complete with strange but strangely appealing prizes.

We're really delighted to unveil our new snug, and a huge thank you to Colin for his amazing work. We hope you enjoy spending time in this new space, and dogs will continue to be welcome. Enterprise are supporting a new face-lift of our exterior so the pub will continue to be prettified. We've also listened carefully to feedback about the temperature inside the pub and new heaters have been installed to keep the temperature toasty and warm.

Our increased food-serving hours from 12pm to 7pm on a Sunday are proving popular so don't forget we're open if you fancy a break from cooking on a Sunday evening.

We'll shortly be releasing details of our 7-course Tasting Menu with matching wines on Thursday 26th April.

Other April events include:-

Sunday 1st April - Easter Sunday (*Normal Sunday lunch menu)

Monday 2nd April - Easter Bank Holiday Opening - we'll be serving food from 12pm to 4pm

Tuesday 3rd April - Pub Quiz

Saturday 14th April - Grand National sweepstake

Thursday 26th April - 7-course Tasting Menu with matching wines (7pm)

We look forward to welcoming you soon.

Best wishes, Oli, Em, Martyn and Chef David

The Lord Nelson, Winthorpe, Newark, Notts, NG24 2NN
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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

On March 15th, a resident in the village was at home when two youths came to the front door. They had a credit card statement that stated that money was owed and claimed to be from Barclaycard sent to collect the money.

It transpired that they had taken the statement from the resident's post box, opened it and then tried to obtain the cash for the money owed. Fortunately no money was handed over.

Recently several other incidents involving strangers knocking on doors and creating problems have occurred. It is important that in our community we are cautious about strangers approaching our door and look out for each other.

Please do contact your Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator if you are concerned about something suspicious or unacceptable behaviour.

If a crime is taking place call 999 immediately.

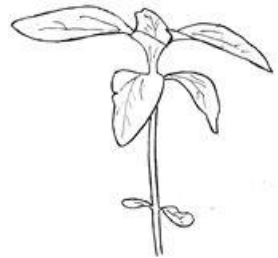
Peter Foden peterfoden@btinternet.com Tel 704241

GIANT SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

By the time you read this, Charlie and I will have (hopefully!) been into school and delivered our assembly to start this year's Giant Sunflower Competition. Our assembly theme this year was 'what makes a fair competition?' - a concept with relevance to more than just our sunflower competition!

The competition start date was Sunday 1st April (Easter Sunday). Don't worry if you were away on holiday over the Easter break – just plant your seeds when you get home and they will still have plenty of growing time.

You should soon start to see your tiny seedlings emerging. The seedlings will need to be rotated every day as they will lean towards the light. If they're in a sunny spot take care that the soil doesn't dry out. Let's hope for some nice sunny weather, for all of us and the sunflowers too!



We can't wait to see the towering giants that you grow from your 10 tiny seeds.....

Why not send us a photo at winthorpe.sunflower@hotmail.com.

If you share your photos with us we can put them on the school website or in the Focal Point (with your permission of course).

Liz & Charlie Ferreira

Have you heard of KAWASAKI DISEASE?

Probably not! And you'd be in the majority! But it's the leading cause of acquired heart disease in U.K. children and it's a disease which is on the rise here in the UK – with hundreds of children affected every year.

The U.K. Foundation for Kawasaki Disease – Societi Foundation is a registered charity. Based in Winthorpe, our aims are to raise awareness of Kawasaki Disease so that it can be recognized early and quickly treated. No-one knows what causes Kawasaki Disease but if treated early, children have a much better chance of a good recovery. Research conducted here in the UK showed that children treated later – at an average of ten days after becoming unwell, have a much-increased risk of lifelong heart damage.

What's the problem?

Kawasaki Disease has lots of symptoms which lots of other childhood diseases have. It's often mistaken for a virus or other infection. But the consequences of Kawasaki Disease are **SERIOUS** and it needs to be treated **URGENTLY**. It's also been described too often by some doctors as being 'very rare' – so it is often thought of only as a last resort for a very sick child, and only when many other diagnoses have been considered. By then, often, heart damage has occurred.

What can I do? We are working hard to raise awareness of Kawasaki Disease so that children affected can have the best possible chance of prompt diagnosis and a speedy recovery. If you want to know more about our work, donate to support us or help us as a UK wide, local charity, working to protect children's hearts, you'll find out much more on our website at

www.societi.org.uk Claire Thomson

Kawasaki Disease?
Remember TEMPERs
Children with Kawasaki Disease are characteristically irritable!

If a child has a **PERSISTENT FEVER** and two or more of these symptoms **THINK KAWASAKI DISEASE!**

T Temperature - Persistent high fever

E Erythema - reddened hands and feet with swelling

M Mouth - dry, sore mouth, cracked lips, 'strawberry tongue'

P Pace - Treat early to reduce potential heart damage

E Eyes - bloodshot, non-sticky conjunctivitis

R Rash

S Swollen glands in neck, often just one side

5 days of fever?
THINK Kawasaki Disease



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FURTHER INFORMATION FROM NINA WARD

01636 678419 or ninajward@live.co.uk

Or Jon Penney on 07941 449351

COLLINGHAM RAMBLERS WALKS FOR APRIL 2018

Sunday April 8th Balderton/Barnby/Claypole 7 miles

Sunday April 22nd Shireoaks 7.5 miles

Wednesday April 18th Farndon 4.5 miles

NEW WALKERS ALWAYS WELCOME



If you would like to join us on any of these walks please
contact NINA WARD on ninajward@live.co.uk or 01636
678419 for more information and specific walk details.

Come along and join this friendly group!

We provide an excellent variety of walks in Nottinghamshire and
adjacent counties. Most Sunday walks are between 6 and 8 miles (some
may have a shorter option). Wednesday walks are usually about four
miles with an optional pub lunch. Walkers should provide snacks, drinks
and packed lunches if appropriate. Suitable footwear and waterproofs
are necessary. Nina Ward

PAT'S PUZZLE

An express train takes 3 seconds to enter a tunnel which is 1 mile
long. It is travelling at 120 mph, how long will it take to pass
completely through the tunnel? (Answer under calendar! Ed)

WINTHORPE TENNIS CLUB



Invites you to their

AGM

Friday 13 April 2018 7.30 pm

14 Gainsborough Road,

Winthorpe

Everyone welcome

Maureen Smith – 01636 701205

Winthorpe Tennis Club Secretary



WINTHORPE FESTIVAL

SCARECROW COMPETITION 2018

The Scarecrow Competition will be part of the Festival again this year, so it's time to get your thinking caps on! As before, there will be no theme; anything goes, as long as it's a scarecrow!

The categories are as last year:

Individual.

Local associations/groups/school.

Participation in the competition was increased last year, so we are hoping that many more people will join in the fun and show off their creativity. Remember there are prizes to be won!



Further details will appear in next month's edition of Focal Point.

Festival Committee

Towards the end of February and into the start of March, we have seen an influx of species. Amongst these are the Cetti's warbler, avocets, snow buntings, water pipit, Iceland gull, bar-tailed godwit, raven,



peregrine falcon, pintails, barnacle geese, a very large flock of yellow hammers, goldeneyes and approx. 23 dunlin which is the highest ever recorded on the reserve. There are also regular sightings of the roe deer which are now joined by many hares chasing each other around – it is that time of year when they start boxing (due to the females fighting the over

amorous males!).

The Langford work parties have been opening up the woodland to try and get more woodland wildflower species growing and get more light to the woodland floor. We have reduced the number of sycamore trees and are encouraging oak trees to grow. A number of larger trees were felled due to health and safety reasons. We have also found fungus rotting some of the sycamore trees, which is entering the tree via the roots and rotting the tree inside the middle of the trunk.

Following on from the news in the last RSPB article, restoration work on the part of the site known as Phase 3 has now been completed! This was a massive project spearheaded by Tarmac with support from the RSPB. It is a huge boost to the wetland wildlife along this stretch of the Lower Trent and the end result looks amazing. A number of large, wiggly-edged islands, separated by deep water-filled channels have been created. In time these will be planted up with reed; a process that will take a number of years as we continue along the path of creating the largest reedbed in the Midlands. Reedbeds are a threatened habitat both in the UK and globally and Phase 3 has been designed with bearded tits,

marsh harriers, bitterns and cranes in mind, all of which love reedbeds and all of which we hope to have regularly breeding on site over the next couple of decades. The bare muddy islands and areas of open water are currently acting as a magnet for wildfowl and wading birds, so please do have a walk around the public footpath that follows the perimeter of the site to see Phase 3 for yourselves.

We are providing an Easter Trail on site at Langford for the school holidays – please bring your children / grandchildren along to enjoy the trail. We will also be selling bottled water and flapjack from the Beach Hut from the start of April 2018, when the Beach Hut is open. Please see the volunteer on site to buy some.

There are visitor welcome volunteer roles still available – you don't have to be a bird expert to help out on the reserve, just be interested in the site and have a few hours to spare during the week or on a weekend. Get in touch if you feel you would like to discuss this further (01636 893611).



Angela Roberts

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council held its monthly Parish Council meeting in the village hall on Thursday 15th March 2018.

The trees on the new Burial plot land and surrounding grassland off Hargon Lane have now been removed and pollarded where

necessary. Hopefully, the area will start to look a lot better in the coming months.



The meeting was attended by some local residents who are concerned about the new traveller's site that has been established adjacent to the kennels on the other side of the A1. Councillor Dobson gave an update to all present and explained that N.S.D.C. are fully aware of the site and are taking the appropriate action. However, this may be a lengthy process. I will keep you informed as matters progress.

You may have been advised by Severn Trent that they are laying a new sewer from the pumping station on Holme Lane to the Crankley Point Treatment Works. The old pipe is in a poor condition and causing pollution. These works should not directly affect the village but you may notice an increase in traffic within the village.

The Chairman and I attended a meeting on Wednesday night, organised by Councillor Dobson, where the other Parish Councils along the A1133 meet to discuss issues that affect us all. One of the many issues raised were potholes on the County roads. We were advised that they can be reported on-line to Notts County Council using their on-line form. The council will advise you when it was inspected, the outcome and when it was repaired.

As always, if you would like any further information on any issues within the Parish, please contact me on the following email address:

parishclerkatwinthorpe@outlook.com

Mrs Sally Sillery – Parish Clerk

**LETTER WRITTEN BY NSDC IN
RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FOR
INFORMATION BY A RESIDENT OF
WINTHORPE**



Dear Resident,

I write in response to your enquiry relating to the caravan site which has recently been established along Winthorpe Road, Newark. For clarity, the land is owned by some of the people who have begun occupying the land. The site presently does not have planning permission for either the siting of caravans nor the laying of hard-core (crushed stone) and any other associated development that has taken place.

Given the unauthorised and extensive nature of the development that has taken place without permission, the Council has so far issued a planning Enforcement Notice and obtained an interim injunction, which prohibited the above actions from continuing on the land. As the injunction has been breached, the Council considered the options available regarding further action through the courts. During the latest court hearing (which took place on the 6th March) it was determined that any further injunction measures will be halted pending the outcome of the appeal, which has been lodged in response to the Enforcement Notice.

If the appeal is lodged successfully, a hearing will be conducted by the independent Planning Inspectorate, who will determine whether or not the site should be granted planning permission. Until such a time as the enforcement notice is upheld (if that is the decision to be taken by the Planning Inspectorate), the occupants will remain on the land as per the recent court decision.

Chris Briggs Trainee Planner (Enforcement)
Newark and Sherwood District Council (Tel 01636 655391)



ALL SAINTS

WINTHORPE

CHURCH NOTICES

We had a sad start to March with the funeral of Brian Burton. Our thoughts and prayers are with Brenda and family friends at this time.

A quieter weather time heralded March after the so cold/snowy days in late February (luckily missed by me as out of the UK!). My brother, never the less, told me in no uncertain terms how cold it had been for him trying to thaw out water and feed pipes for the animals on the farm after the lasting effects of the 'Beast from the East'!

A busy month in church with services on the last four weekends culminating with the Good Friday and Easter Eve Group events; the Saturday service showing the church in all its Easter glory by the efforts of our wonderful 'Flower ladies.'



There is not an Easter Day service in Winthorpe this year but there is one in Holme to which all will be very welcome. I hope you enjoy the services that you are able to attend.

As in every year with an early Easter, April will seem relatively quiet with just the usual services through the month. Maybe a time to reflect on what we have been celebrating and no doubt eating!

The A.G.M will be held at the Community Centre on Tuesday April 10th at 7.30 p.m. Do come along to hear what the PCC have been up to over the last year and if you are on the Church Electoral Roll you have the right to vote.

In our prayers we are thinking about anyone in the village who is unwell or hospitalised at this time. Tish Applewhite (Churchwarden) 643763

Church Services for April 2018



Sunday 1st

(Easter Day)

9.00 a.m.

Holy Communion

Holme

Sunday 8th

(2nd of Easter)

10.30 a.m.

Holy Communion

Winthorpe

Sunday 15th

(3rd of Easter)

10.15 a.m.

Morning Worship

Winthorpe

Sunday 22nd

(4th of Easter)

9.00 a.m.

Morning Worship

Langford

The Church Bells may be rung for any of the Winthorpe services and 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 then please get in touch with the Tower Captain, Ian Hasman on 01636 679105 or e-mail him at i.hasman@ntlworld.com.

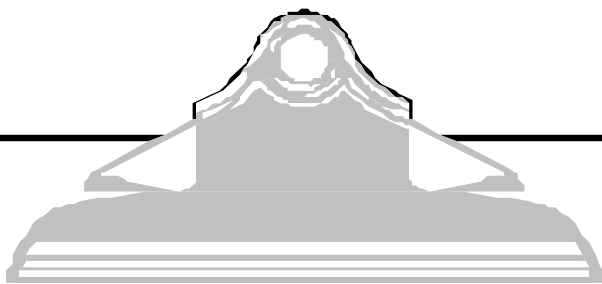
On **Thursday April 5th** between **11.25 a.m. and 12.05 p.m.** the bells will be rung by a visiting group of ringers from Preston, Cheshire and the Manchester area as part of their Easter ringing tour to the Lincoln area.



Church Flower Ladies The church will be open at **3.20 p.m.** on **Good Friday (March 31st)** to receive your Easter flower displays and will be open again on **Monday April 9th** at **4 p.m** to sadly clear away all your beautiful hard work!

Church Cleaners – Mrs B. Finn + Mrs P. Nelson

Brasses - Mrs J. Aldridge + Mrs D. McClymont



APRIL CALENDAR

Sunday 1st	Happy Easter! Plant your sunflower seeds
Monday 2nd	Silver Bin
Monday 9th	Green and Brown bins Lunch Club 12.30 Community Centre Mobile Library
Tuesday 10th	Winthorpe Church AGM CC 7.30 pm
Wednesday 11th	WI Party 6.45pm Community Centre
Friday 13th	Winthorpe Tennis Club AGM 7.30pm 14, Gainsborough Rd
Monday 16th	Silver Bin AGM Winthorpe Community Centre 7.30pm
Tuesday 17th	Junior Tennis starts 4-5pm CC
Wednesday 18th	Garden Club AGM and Plant Sale 7.30pm CC
Thursday 19th	Parish Council Meeting 7.30 pm Village Hall Finance Committee 7.00pm
Saturday 21st	Birthday of Her Majesty The Queen 🇬🇧
Monday 23rd	St George's Day 🇬🇧 Green and Brown Bins
Monday 30th	Silver Bin

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

Pat's Puzzle Ans. 33 seconds. The train takes 30 seconds to travel 1mile plus 3 seconds for the whole train to pass any point.

