



2019 Ed's Comments: By the time you read this copy of Focal Point those of you who are brave and

venture down Hargon Lane may have noticed a 'For Sale' board outside our house. Moving is not something we want to do – we love living in Winthorpe but for personal reasons it is something we need to do to be nearer to Nottingham.

One of the things I really enjoy about living in Winthorpe is being the Editor of Focal Point! When Nick and I first moved here in 2011 Focal Point was a great help to us in getting to know the village, so when the previous Editor, Cliff Newbold, wanted to retire a couple of years later we decided to take the job on. It's a great way of getting to make friends and have your finger on the pulse of what is going on in the area!

Now our time has come to hand the magazine over to someone else. What does the job entail?

NEW EDITOR NEEDED!

Everyone emails their contribution by (usually) the third Friday of the month. Over that weekend I compile the pages and order them and write the editorial. My proof-reader checks it all out for mistakes on Monday and on Tuesday I take it in to Willsons, the Printers in Newark who produce a lovely magazine each month. After it is collected we deliver it to our wonderful delivering team to go out to everyone in Winthorpe, Langford and Holme just before the end of the month.

I will gladly support the next Editor through the handover in the same way that Cliff supported me. If you are interested please contact me on 01636 658347. I look forward to hearing from you! **Annie Purday**

The closing date for the March issue is **Friday 15th February**

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

LUNCH CLUB

The **March** Lunch Club will be at 12.30 p.m. on **Monday 4th March** at the Community Centre.

The menu will be:



Chicken Breast Chasseur

OR

Baked Cod Fillet with Tartare Sauce

with Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables



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Profiteroles with Chocolate Sauce

-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 February Lunch Club is on Monday 4th February as advertised in last month's Focal Point.



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Collingham Medical Centre's Patient Participation Group Report

Happy New Year from the Collingham Medical Centre's (CMC) Patient Participation Group (PPG).

We celebrated our first year in October and we did raise a glass or two! It was a good year:

We celebrated the NHS's 70th birthday in July with a tea-party at the Collingham Medical Centre (CMC). The event was free but generous donations on the day raised £280 which has been split between Newark Hospital's Cancer Screening Fund and Lincoln Hospital's Oncology Unit.

We hosted a public event for Newark Hospital in September at the Collingham Memorial Hall which was very informative and included a Q&A session at the end. We have summarised those Q&As and they are displayed on our PPG notice-boards outside the Memorial Hall and in the CMC waiting-room.

In the Medical Centre itself we have been working in the waiting-room once a month to explain how the 'Friends and Family' feedback process works and to encourage you to give the Collingham Medical Centre your feedback in this way. We have succeeded in obtaining 236 feedback forms, the feedback from which has all been reviewed. It has all been acted upon where possible, or an explanation given where not. One tangible development came from a suggestion to have photos of team members in reception and this concept was developed by the CMC team and the storyboard you see on the digital screen in the waiting room was born.

There are too many other items covered to include it here, but a summary of this feedback and its outcomes will be appearing on the PPG pages of the CMC website shortly, or you can ask us for a copy of it at any time. We have been out to meet several community groups to talk about the work that we do and we have really enjoyed doing this.

If you would like us to come to a group that you belong to, please do let us know.

A date for your diary: Wednesday 20 March 2019 at the Memorial Hall from 7.30 pm. The CMC team will be holding a public event to share information about the NHS services at Collingham and present some of the answers to frequently asked questions.

How to contact us:

- via the ppgcollingham@gmail.com email
- or drop a letter to us into the surgery in a sealed envelope. We have our own collection point at the CMC.

WINTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE 100 CLUB WINNERS OF THE JANUARY DRAW

1st J Bateson £40.80

2nd M Warren £20.40

3rd D Richardson £ 6.80



We now have 67 members and are still aiming to reach 100. 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!**

GARDEN CLUB

Our annual social evening was a great success with vast quantities of varied foods to consume. In fact there was so much that we asked the Young Farmers meeting next door to help us out.

Entertainment comprised of a raffle and a series of quizzes with gardening themes, once again provided by Pat Finn. Not only was he responsible for this but also the prizes, homemade lavender bottles. These were also presented to those who triumphed in the bingo games. Yet more from Pat was the gift to everyone of a small handmade box containing a foil wrapped chocolate. Everyone went home smiling having enjoyed a truly relaxed and happy evening.

As mentioned in last month's Focal Point we have a day trip on Friday 1st March to Anglesey Abbey and Gardens where we will do a winter walk. We will leave from the Lord Nelson at 8.30 am and after the visit we will have an evening meal at The Horseshoe near Bourne.

The cost is £32 for National Trust members and £47 for non-members. Should you be interested please contact Julie Parker on 016368 93771 or Ian Wilson on 01636 686249.

The same numbers apply for anyone interested in our two day outing, the main focus of which is Sissinghurst Castle Gardens also taking in Hughenden near High Wycombe on our journey south. We will stay overnight in an hotel with dinner and breakfast included. On the return leg we will have an evening meal. This outing will be in June. By the time you read this the dates and prices should be finalised and will appear in next month's Focal Point.

Our next meeting at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre is on February 20th when Steve Lovell will give a talk entitled 'Growing in a Small Garden'.

Ian Wilson



The Wooing of a Flower



Come, hear a Winthorpe maiden's story,
Whose face was fair as morning glory,
Dorothy Perkins was her name,

In phlox admirers courting came,
Her worthy mother oft would scold,
Because she would not marigold.
Young jonquil was a London lad,
Large dividends from stocks he had,



But he was full of London pride
And false, so him she set aside.
"I'd sooner wed," he heard her mutter,
"Poor ragged robin from the gutter."
Of all in love with her who fell,
Sweet William only did speedwell.
He was honest kind and true,



He had thrift and talent too,
Played the viola, wrote in rhyme,
He hoped she would be his in thyme,
Hearing his suit she was not heeding,
"Alas," cried he, "My love lies bleeding."
At this she rose and blushed carnation
And soon she calmed his agitation.
"You have my love and yours am I,



As sure as snowdrops from the sky."
One foggy morning they were wed,
"Love in a mist," her bridegroom said
And as her home his bride he's bringing,
The Canterbury bells are ringing.

Name the plants you can find in the poem!

Submitted by Pat Finn



THE LORD NELSON

Dear Folks,

It has been a chilly start to January. Thank you to everyone who has continued to brave the cold and support us through the hardest month of the year.



Now that is behind us we have lots of fabulous things to look forward to in 2019 starting off with the voting for our charity of 2019. The selected charity will receive all donations from Winfest, Duck Race and the Charity quiz along with some new events for 2019. At the time of writing nominations are still open but so far include charities such as Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance, British Heart Foundation, Beaumond House and Reach Learning Disability. Voting is open from the 25th Jan to the 1st Feb with the winning charity being announced on the 2nd Feb. Please do pop in and cast your vote.

With some key dates coming up for spoiling your loved ones the Valentine's Day and Mother's Day menus are now available on Facebook and in the pub. Please ensure you book early to avoid disappointment.

Looking further ahead here are some key events that are happening in 2019. We will of course add lots more fun events for you to get involved with.

5th Feb - Pub quiz

19th Feb - Open Mic Night

14th March - Fun wine tasting with Ann et Vin

16th March - Live music with Bodgers Mate

31st March - Mother's Day

21st & 22nd June - Winfest

11th July - Gin tasting evening

3rd October - Charity Quiz

You will notice that duck race is currently missing, we have had lots of requests to move it back to May and we are currently looking into this along with a Winter Ball, family fun day and cask ale festival so keep

your eyes peeled. If you have any suggestions for events you would like to see us run please do not hesitate to get in touch.

We are sadly saying goodbye this month to Joey who has been working alongside Dave in the kitchen since we opened back in July 2016. He will be sadly missed but we wish him well on his move down to Leicester. This does mean we now have a commis chef vacancy. This is the perfect role for someone with some kitchen experience but a lot of drive and ambition. If you do know anyone please ask them to email us at thelordnelsonwinthorpe@gmail.com

Thank you for your continued support - The Lord Nelson Directors
Emilie, Oli, Dave and Martyn (01636 707705)



Winthorpe & District W.I.

On behalf of the Ladies of the W.I. I would like to thank you all for supporting our Thursday Coffee Mornings during 2018. We look forward to your continued support and welcome any Winthorpe residents to come and join us.

Our January meeting was, “Have a go at Kurling” with wine and nibbles. We had a fun evening with lots of laughter and our star player was Mary Harrop. Well done Mary and to all of you who took part.

The next meeting on 14th February at 7.30 p.m. is in the Village Hall. It is a talk on Royal Brides from Victoria to Megan and Eugene. Hostesses for the evening are Barbara Finn, Vivienne Green and Pat Nelson.

Thursday 14th March is our Annual Meeting – a review of the past year with wine and nibbles. There will also be a Sale Table. Hostesses for the evening are Frances Kelly and Kate Warren. An extra raffle prize will be donated by Rose Dickinson.

A reminder to all villagers; **DO NOT FORGET TO USE THE POST OFFICE** – Thursday mornings 9.00am. to 12.00 noon in the Community Centre. Many thanks, *Virginia Seager* (President)

February Reflection 2019

Dear friends,

The New Year isn't quite so new now, but I do want to wish everyone a good 2019. As time passes, what goes through our minds? The comedian David Baddiel tweeted this New Year thought ' *Just how much harder is putting on my socks going to get?* ' Well, the passing of time and growing in maturity brings its challenges but it is to be welcomed. Our hearts have been broken by the loss of young lives and young and old have come together to support each other.

In February our Christmas celebrations culminate when we remember the occasion when Mary and Joseph took the six week old Jesus to the temple to give thanks to God for him. They were met by Anna and Simeon, who were both well on in years and who rejoiced to see the baby.



This is a beautiful picture of young and old coming together and recognising God's presence and God at work. It didn't mean that everything was going to be easy; Simeon tells Mary that her heart will be broken as he thinks about what will happen to Jesus when he grows into a young man. Letting God in on our lives doesn't make everything cosy and nice, in fact it can bring more challenges, but it does bring purpose, strength and joy. Simeon said, '*Now I can die happy, because I've seen the child Jesus and I know that God is keeping his promises*'.

So as we face this year with all its heartaches, national uncertainty and possibly sock related problems, let's determine to work together, to support each other, to welcome strangers and to let God in.

If you want to read the story of Simeon and Anna, Mary, Joseph and Jesus, it's in the Bible, in Luke's Gospel chapter 2, verses 22 to 40.

If you want to hear more about it and join in the candle lighting service, do come to church on February 3rd.

God bless you all, **Revd Mandy**

News from Langford Lowfields January/February 2019

2019 has started off well at Langford have seen up to three great white egrets, Caspian gulls, cetti's warbler, stonechat, little egret, shelducks, goldeneye, pochards, kingfisher, at least eight bearded tits (seen from the boardwalk) and chiffchaff.

The work parties have been clearing some areas of scrub for rough grassland and brambles for the benefit of grasshopper warblers which are a priority species for which we manage the reserve. We have been removing lots of sycamore saplings from the woodland. This will encourage more native species such as oak and elm to grow and also make space for those that are growing already. We have been felling bigger sycamores in order to open up gaps in the canopy to let the sunlight reach the woodland floor which will benefit ground flora and smaller scrubby plants. All this will help create a better structure in the woodland.

Work has been going on in cutting reed to create open glades and channels within the reedbed - these provide excellent feeding areas for water rails, bitterns, and bearded tits. We have also been spreading birdseed from the car park on to the track - this has been attracting gold finches and chaffinches as well as a brambling.



brambling

We continue to offer bird boxes for a donation of £10. There are still opportunities to volunteer with us in the Beach Hut in a 'meet and greet role'. Get in touch if you feel you could offer a few hours a week for this (01636 893611). Food and drink is available on site – see the volunteer at the Beach Hut!

Our next guided walk is the 'Dawn Chorus' and will be held on Sunday 12 May 2019 at 7-10am. Please call us on 01636 893611 to book a place. Prices are: Adult Non Member £10.00; Adult Member £8.00. Child Non Member £5.00; Child Member £4.00. **Angela Roberts**



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Q:What did the girl squirrel say to the boy squirrel on Valentine's Day?

A: I'm nuts about you!

Q: What do squirrels give for Valentine's Day?

A: Forget-me-nuts!

Q: What did the boy cat say to the girl cat on Valentine's Day?

A: Your purr-fect for me!

Q: What did the bat say to his girlfriend on Valentine's Day?

A: Lets hang out!

Q: What is a vampire's sweetheart called?

A: His ghou-friend!



FOOD BANK SHOPPING LIST

January/February 2019

**PLEASE DO NOT DONATE ITEMS
CONTAINING ALCOHOL – THANK YOU!**

Shortfall Items

Food

- Instant Mash, Sponge Puddings(Tinned or Microwaveable) Sugar (500g size preferred) Tinned Fish

Non-Food Items

- Toothbrushes, Toilet Rolls

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

- Long Life Fruit Juice (not squash)
- Breakfast Cereal
- Cereal Bars
- Tea Bags – 40's or 80's
NOT 240/260/280's please
- Tinned Potatoes
- Packets of Rice (dried)
- All Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Biscuits
- Tinned/Packet Soup
- Jam
- Vegetarian Alternatives – Tinned Vegetable Curry etc.

- Tinned Meat – hot: e.g. mince; stewing steak
- Tinned Meat – cold: e.g. Spam: ham – NOT corned beef please
- Tinned Custard Chocolate / Sweets
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Tinned Fruit
- Chocolate Biscuit Bars

Additional Items

- Laundry liquid tabs/tablets
- Toothpaste
- Liquid Hand Soap
- Deodorant - female
- Washing up liquid

Items of which we have a plentiful supply:

- Baked Beans
- Coffee
- Pasta – we are now very well stocked
THANK YOU

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!

COLLINGHAM RAMBLERS WALKS FOR FEBRUARY

Sunday February 10th Kinoulton/ Hickling 7 miles

Sunday February 24th Collingham 7 miles

Wednesday February 13th Upton 4.5 miles

NEW WALKERS ALWAYS WELCOME

If you would like to join us on any of these walks please contact NINA WARD on

collinghamramblersnottswalks@gmail.com

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





Collingham & District Local History Society

Charity Number: 1164058

SPRING DIARY DATES

February 6 Annual General Meeting and Progress Review followed by 'Collingham Traditions' - come and share your memories in this interactive session.

March 13 'Confessions of a Vulcan Bomber Pilot'. Geoff Dyer shares his personal memories as a Vulcan captain, some humorous - others shocking and tragic, in a behind-the-scenes look at RAF life during the Cold War.

April 10 'Jesse Boot: An Ethical Entrepreneur'. Sophie Clapp, Company Archivist at Boots UK, presents an illustrated talk charting the life of Jesse Boot from his humble origins through his rise to Lord Trent of Nottingham.

Visit the CDLHS website for more information:

www.collingham-history.org.uk

All talks in the Memorial Hall, Collingham, starting at 7.30 pm unless otherwise stated. Talks are free to members; £4 for non-members.

New exhibit arrives at Newark Air Museum

Westland Lynx HC.28

Earlier this year the Newark Air Museum was approached about taking a Lynx helicopter on loan by its owner Andy Rawden. Discussions proceed with this planned arrangement but now in a generous and unanticipated gesture, Andy has decided to donate the airframe to the museum, which is located in eastern Nottinghamshire, close to the county border with Lincolnshire.

The helicopter in question is Westland Lynx HC.28 QP-31, which has been in store at Fleetlands, Hants for a number of years, where it has been used as a training aid. Built back in 1978 with the code number WA033, this Lynx helicopter initially flew in the UK as a trails unit using the registration G-17-21 before being purchased by the Qatar Ministry of Interior Ministry of Defence (MoD) and delivered to the Qatari Police with the serial QP-31.

Hutchinson Engineering Services of Weston, Notts completed the helicopter's long-move north from its previous south coast location on Tuesday 18th December 2018, with the offloading being completed in fading wintery light. This latest helicopter arrival at Newark completes the museum's 'hat-trick' of helicopters in 2018; a feat they last



achieved in 1980 with the arrival of the Whirlwind HAS.7, XM685; Sycamore 3, WT933 and Skeeter AOP.12, XL764. On that occasion the acquisitions were completed in just over a month.

"We are extremely grateful to Andy Rawden for his generosity in donating this Lynx helicopter to the museum." commented Dave Hibbert, Museum Trustee & Acquisitions Officer. He continued, "We are pleased to have secured such a unique helicopter for the collection. We appreciate that it will be a long-term rebuild project to complete its restoration and initially it will be stored on site."

He concluded, "However this is a challenge that we relish and we are already trying to source missing items. At Andy's request we will aim to display it in its original Qatari Police Force markings." **Howard Healey**

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council held its monthly Council meeting and quarterly finance meeting in the village hall on Thursday 17th January 2019.



The finance committee considered the Parish precept for the forthcoming year, 2019-2020, and agreed that the Parish Council has enough reserves in place to cover any intended works. Therefore, the precept will remain unchanged for a further 12 months.

Works have commenced on the new play park and by the time you read this article, the works should have been completed and the play park open for use.

The Parish Council have been contacted by numerous residents regarding future works to the A1/A46/A17 junctions and roundabouts. The Council has been in contact with the County Council for information on this and I will update you with any details as soon as I have them.

Parish Council elections will be held in May 2019 and all positions on the Council will be open. If anyone in the villages of Winthorpe and Langford are interested in joining the Council, please contact me and I will give you details of how to apply as and when they become available.

As always, if you would like any further information or need to raise any concerns, please contact me on the following email address:

parishclerkatwinthorpe@outlook.com

Mrs Sally Sillery – Parish Clerk



ALL SAINTS

WINTHORPE

CHURCH NOTICES

I write February's notes in weather in stark contrast to last January's grey skies. It is so nice to see the sun at this time of year. Little did we know we were to experience the 'Beast from the East' in 2018.....it could very easily happen again! So, for the moment, let's enjoy the snowdrops and the daffodils beginning to poke their heads through the soil.

An update re the boiler in church; we are at the discussion and decision making stage of quotes for the new boiler replacement work to be done. We then have to wait for the Diocese to agree the plans. After that we hope that the grants applied for are fruitful and that we can then afford for the work to be completed. As I mentioned in December, this, as you can see, is not a quick process and thankfully the warm Village Hall is proving a perfect, temporary base for us.

Every six years a new Church Electoral Roll has to be formulated..2019 is the designated year! If you were on the last Roll you will be contacted soon to see if you would like to be included in the new one and to complete a new form. If you were not on the 2013 one but would like to be included in 2019 please do get in touch with me and I will pop a form round for you to complete. Members on the new Roll are able to vote at the APCM which is being held this year on Wednesday March 27th in the Meeting Room at the Community Centre at 7.30 p.m. Please do come along if you would like to hear about our church's year and to partake of some light refreshments.

We are thinking, in our prayers, about everyone who is hospitalised or unwell at this time. Stay safe and warm!

Tish Applewhite, Churchwarden (643763)

Church Services for February 2019



Sunday 3rd

(Candlemas)

9.00 a.m.

Holy Communion

Holme

Sunday 10th

(4th before Lent)

10.30 a.m.

Holy Communion

Winthorpe

Sunday 17th

(3rd before Lent)

10.15 a.m.

Morning Worship

Winthorpe

Sunday 24th

(2nd before Lent)

9.00 a.m.

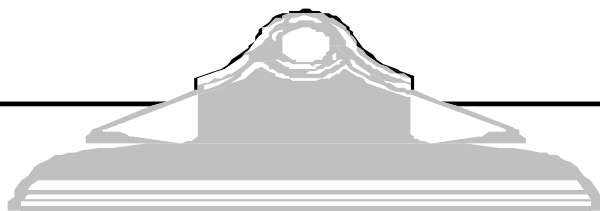
Morning Worship

Langford

The Church Bells may be rung for any of the Winthorpe services.

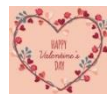
Church Cleaners – Mrs B. Finn + Mrs P. Nelson

Brasses – Miss P. Applewhite



FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- Monday 4th Silver Bin
Lunch Club 12.30 Community Centre
- Monday 11th Green and Brown Bins
Mobile Library
- Thursday 14th HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!
WI 7.30pm Village Hall
- Monday 18th Silver Bin
- Wednesday 20th Garden Club 7.30 pm Community Centre
- Thursday 21st Parish Council Meeting 7.30 pm Village Hall
- Monday 25th Green 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

FOODBANK OPENING TIMES

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.

