

FOCAL POINT

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Hello Folks

I have made the decision that I will carry on doing the Focal Point as it is now rather than incorporate it into the Fleet after Christmas. I think it would be too much hassle and also a bit bothersome for the Fleet committee and the Focal Point administrators. It does not take much time to do and I am getting used to it though I do have some bother uploading it to the webpage! But I will get there. But we do need to keep looking for someone in one of the villages to do it.

Did you all have a great summer? I missed most of the heatwave here because I was in the south of France with my granddaughter and her hubby and my great granddaughter who is actually eight today. However it was very hot there and there were a few days when we could not sit in the sun as it was just too hot at 38 degrees. We had a fabulous time and I had no mishaps as in years past. The new car towed the caravan perfectly and we did about 3000 miles from start to finish. On returning I was laid low with an infection and I felt like death. When I started to do the Fleet and Focal Point it took my mind off it but there was no energy and the will to actually do anything was totally lacking. Most unlike me really so I was very glad to see the back of that. Back to normal now the holiday seemed to wizz by and had we not had to be back for my granddaughter and her hubby going back to work we could have happily stayed on for another few weeks! Lets hope we get a bit more summer before the autumn as it is mostly miserable at the moment, Take Care. Until next month.....Marcia

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Newark, Notts. NG23 7RA****DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER EDITION****LUNCH CLUB**

The October Lunch Club will be at

12:30pm on Monday, October 7th at the Community Centre.

The menu will be:



Breast of Chicken Chasseur

Or



Jacket Potato with Prawns and Tuna

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with Seasonal Vegetables

-X-

Lemon Marscapone 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.

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

WOODLANDS' ROAD SIGN



Has anyone noticed the newly painted 'WOODLANDS' road sign?

If not, take a good look. Using artistic skills gained from watching the late Tony Hart's 1960's 'Vision On' television programme, John Nelson, a Woodlands resident, took up his brush and paint to carry out an excellent job in renovating this dirty alloy road sign.

John is now showing his age by watching this television programme.

It is 10 years, this September, since John cleaned and painted this road sign.

Thank you John.

There are another eleven road signs in the village left to complete!

Scrabble

Scrabble Club continues to thrive even though our original hosts, Nick and Annie, have left us. Currently, there is no home venue for our Friday afternoon sessions although Trudi has been stalwart in offering her home for the last month.

If you would like to 'have-a-go' at Scrabble why not come along at 2.00. Phone Trudi on 01636 680056 to find out where we are playing in Winthorpe. We look forward to seeing new faces.

Scrabble Challenge:

How many words can you make using this tile rack, it contains at least 1 seven letter word...

M E U G L S E

Good Luck!

Lynne Shapley



FOODBANK SHOPPING LIST

August 2019

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

Shortfall Items

Food

- Long Life Fruit Juice (not squash)
- Tinned Carrots
- Chocolate Biscuit Bars
- Tea Bags – 40's or 80's
NOT 240/260/280's please
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned/Carton Custard
- Sponge Puddings (Tinned or
Microwaveable)

- Long Life Milk
- Jam

Non Food Items

- Deodorant
- Toilet Rolls

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

- Breakfast Cereal
- Tinned Meat – cold: e.g. Spam: ham –
NOT corned beef please
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Tinned Potatoes
- Packets of Rice (dried)
- All Tinned Vegetables
- Pasta Sauce
- Tinned Hot Dogs or Meat Balls
- Tinned Sweetcorn
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Meat – hot: e.g. mince; stewing
steak
- Vegetarian Alternatives – Tinned
Vegetable Curry etc.

- Tinned Tomatoes
- Instant Mashed Potato
- Tinned/Packet Soup
- Cereal Bars
- Chocolate / Sweets
- Sugar (500g size preferred)
- Biscuits (eg: digestive/custard
cream/ginger nut)

Additional Items

- Shampoo
- Washing Up Liquid
- Laundry liquitabs/tablets
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Liquid Hand Soap
- Shower Gel

Items of which we have a plentiful supply:

- Baked Beans
 - Coffee
 - Pasta – we are now very well stocked
- THANK YOU
- Our warehouse continues to be well-stocked. However, we are grateful for all regular donations, especially the shortfall items
 - Please take your donation to one of our many collection points in supermarkets and churches. See our website for a complete list.



<http://newark.foodbank.org.uk/>

COLLINGHAM RAMBLERS WALKS

FOR SEPTEMBER

Sunday	8th	Denton/Harlaxton	6.7	Miles
Sunday	22nd	Caunton/Norwell	6	Miles
Wednesday	11th	Ashover Deryshire	7	Miles
Wednesday	18th	Winkburn	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.

WINTHORPE W.I.

"Well here we are in August. How the months have flown by. We had a good evening in June with seated Yoga and for some of us it was a light workout. July was our annual strawberry and cream evening helped along with a glass of wine, some games, raffle and sale table. Unfortunately I missed all the fun as I was visiting relatives. We do not have a meeting in August as many people are on holiday.

We begin the Autumn programme with a lady coming to talk about the Newark Childrens Bereavement Centre, our charity for this year. We will also be holding a winter Sale table/Swap shop. Hostesses for this evening are Sandra Leigh, Gill Thomson and Linda Colquhoun. It will also give us the opportunity to welcome new members who have joined us over the summer months. The October meeting is a creative one where we can all have a go at making "Kusudoma paper flowers". Hostesses for the October meeting are Barbara Finn, Vivienne Green, Pat Nelson & Joan Bryan. Visitors are made most welcome, so come and give us a try."

Virginia R. Seager

Macmillan Coffee Morning

**Tuesday
24th September**




**Winthorpe
Village Hall**

**Doors
Open at 10am & Close at 4pm**

Come along to our Coffee Morning

All Donations Gratefully Received!

Susie Conning

 **07968855448**

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council held its monthly Parish Council meeting and its quarterly finance meeting in the village hall on Thursday 18th July 2018.

The Council would like to thank everyone for their efforts in making the village festival such a success. Details of the monies raised and the distribution of the funds will be published in Focal Point.

The Council would like to give special thanks to Sue Masheder and Tish Applewhite for their hard work in organising the event.

The Council have ordered a new village notice board to replace the existing one that is located near the old post office. The notice board will be unlocked so will be available for all village residents to use.

The Council has been advised of numerous road works along the A1133 that will lead to partial closure in the next month or so. Details have been placed on both the Winthorpe and Langford notice boards.

The Parish Council does not meet in August so the next meeting will be in September. However, I will still be available if you would like any information or need to raise any concerns.

Please contact me on the following email address:

parishclerkatwinthorpe@outlook.com

Mrs Sally Sillery – Parish Clerk

COACHING AT NEWARK TENNIS CLUB STARTING IN SEPTEMBER .

Newark Tennis Club offers high quality tennis coaching with a level 3 LTA coach for all abilities and all ages .

Whether you are a beginner or want to improve your game come along to Newark Tennis Club on London Road (to the rear of the old Lilley and Stone school) on Saturday mornings starting on September 21st .

9am - secondary age pupils .

10am - primary age pupils .

11am - adults .

1st taster session free . Subsequently £4/hour for juniors and £5/hour for adults .

Contact the coach Jon Penney for further information .

Winthorpe Summer Festival 2019 – Final Account

<u>Monies in</u>		<u>Monies out</u>	
Raffle	£89.00	Community Centre	£60.00
Village Hall	£33.80	Children's Bereavement	
Garden Club	£53.00	Centre	£450.00
Art Exhibition	£20.00	Newark Community	
W.I.	£125.00	First Aid	£65.00
All Saints' Church	£25.00	Stroke /Aphasia Group	£50.00
Giant Slide	£66.00	Giant Slide	£200.00
Ice Cream	£10.00	Festival Contingency	
Pottery	£10.00	Fund	<u>£47.40</u>
Just Flapjack	£10.00	Total	£872.40
Bar	£190.60		
BBQ	£142.50		
Photo Challenge	£13.50		
Painted boxes	£10.00		
Scarecrow entries	£14.00		
Potter	£10.00		
Lasso game	£30.00		
Usborne Books	£10.00		
Donation	<u>£10.00</u>		
Total	£872.40		



News from Langford Lowfields SUMMER 2019

Sightings at Langford Lowfields

We are really pleased to be able to report that we have had 3 booming bitterns. This is a new site record, and we are the only boomers in Nottinghamshire. Langford has also seen:

Long-staying Caspian gull	14 black-tailed godwits
2 whimbrel	Black redstart
2 families of pochard ducklings	Whooper swan
Cuckoo	Mediterranean gull
Yellow-legged gulls	Goldeneyes
7 sandwich terns	Grasshopper warblers
Great white egret	Hobbies.

There are lots of butterflies about at the moment, including painted ladies, which are pretty amazing as they winter in sub-Saharan Africa, but during the spring they migrate across the Sahara and head north to the UK and other European countries, right up to the Arctic Circle. They then do the journey in reverse during the Autumn. It is the longest migration of any butterfly, however it is not the same individual painted ladies that make the whole trip, with up to 6 successive generations being involved to complete the circle. Painted ladies lay eggs throughout their travels, these hatch and develop quickly so that there are constantly more painted ladies adding themselves to the migration routes.

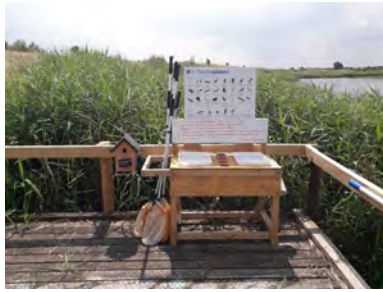
Butterflies and Wildflowers Guided Walk

We hosted another butterfly and wildflower guided walk on the 6th July 2019. Although it was raining, everyone arrived in good spirits, eager to see what Langford was offering. Luckily there was a break in the rain, and the group got to see some butterflies – ringlets, meadow browns, large and Essex skippers. They

New Pond Dipping unit

We are very pleased to have been able to build a permanent pond dipping unit on our platform at Langford following money being raised by Waitrose as part of their green token initiative. This unit will stay permanently available, housing trays, magnifiers and nets along with an identification chart viewable by all. A contribution of £2.00 per child is payable into the 'bird box' alongside the unit. This allows us to maintain the equipment and purchase replacements

Also, next to the pond dipping area, we have provided some cut flat slabs of tree. We hope that different bugs will make these their home. If you come to the reserve, lift each one up to see who is at home.



Work Party News

the work parties have been working very hard to maintain the infrastructure and the vistas of Langford. In particular, since the last newsletter, they have been tackling:

Vegetation which is growing quickly at this time of year so lots of work goes into keeping the footpaths, benches and boardwalk clear, cutting grass, chopping back brambles, and mowing alongside the access track to the car park. It's a constant job to stay on top of it.

Some volunteers have been helping with monitoring the bitterns on site. We are trying to build up a picture of what they're up to. The males make a very distinctive 'booming' noise during the breeding season, which is said to be the loudest noise made by any bird in the UK, with the sound apparently carrying up to 2 km. There were fewer than 20 bitterns in the UK in the 1990s, however last year 188 were recorded across the country. Bitterns in the UK at least are reedbed specialists and the recent increase in numbers has been driven by the creation of new reedbed sites and the revival of ones that needed some TLC. They are still rare birds however, especially during the breeding season and so we were very pleased to hear 3 boomers on site this year. This is the highest number recorded at Langford and a massive seal of approval from the bitterns that we're doing the right things.

Painting of benches, waymakers and the 360° viewing area.

Work this year is programmed to avoid anything that will cause disturbance to nesting birds, hence we tend to focus on mending and maintaining things... Fences have been mended.

Ragwort has been pulled from the hay cut area on Phase 1. We make sure the ragwort is removed as it is a toxic plant, which is normally avoided by cows and horses, but which they can inadvertently eat when it's dried and mixed in with hay.

Planting of reed turves on Phase 2, to keep pushing forward the establishment of the reedbed areas. Turves were dug from mature areas of reed and then transplanted into protective caged areas in reed-less parts of Phase 2.

Repairing the polytunnel, which has been ravaged and is under constant assault from rats and rabbits, wanting to get to the tender young reed seedlings.

Can you help?

Do you have a few hours over a weekend that you could spend at Langford? We would love to hear from you if you would like to volunteer with us at the RSPB – we continue to search for Visitor Welcome Team Members who are happy to

THE LORD NELSON

01636 707705

Dear Crew,



It has been an amazing summer, and we have loved hosting the Weddings, Picnics, Hen parties, Birthdays and BBQs that make running the Lord Nelson so enjoyable and rewarding,

We don't know what the collective nouns for dogs is (pack? cry? cowardice? litter?) but we welcomed many of them to The Lord Nelson over the August Bank Holiday at our inaugural Charity Dog Show.

From summer to Christmas in one fell swoop as we will shortly be releasing our hotly anticipated Christmas menu. As usual we'll be closed on Christmas Day but will offer a special Boxing Day Brunch and will party like it's 1999 on Christmas Eve.

This month we'll be hosting our Pub Quiz on Tuesday 3rd September and our Live Music and Open Mic night on Tuesday 17th September.

Finally, we wish the newly re-opened Royal Oak in Collingham all the best and every success.

Onwards into the falling leaves of Autumn.....

Oli, Emilie, Martyn and Chef David

The Lord Nelson Directors

Winthorpe Garden Club

Once again our two day outing was a great success, featuring visits to Ascott House and Gardens and Sissinghurst Castle and Gardens, renowned for association with Vita Sackville-West. We all have our favourite memories whether of borders, individual 'gardens' or the Rondel for example. The weather was kind to us and many were thinking of possible venues for next year.

Credit is due to Julie Parker for organising the trip, including the lovely overnight hotel and accompanying meals.

Later in June we took part in the village festival with a 'flower pot' themed game. The winners in the three age groups were Emma Arthur, Walter Sension and Lucy Arthur. The organisers received £53 as a result of our efforts.

An evening in July saw us at Honeytrees Tropical Garden, Bottesford with a large group of members and friends. None knew what to expect but the variety of plants and planting schemes was stunning. There were numerous exotics, containerised planting, succulents grouped in glasshouses, propagation areas and so on. At the conclusion of the visit our knowledgeable, hard working and welcoming hosts provided delicious home made cakes and tea.

The next meeting will be, as usual, at 7.30pm in the Community Centre when our old friend Stuart Dixon will give a talk entitled "Ramblers and Scramblers"



Summer Festival 2019

On behalf of the Festival Committee, I would like to thank everyone involved in the above event on the 29th June. In preparation - from raising the bunting and sign, to the running of stalls, games, sports, art exhibition and photography challenge, raffle and refreshments, then staying to clear up afterwards! All those who made a contribution of time and effort, however big or small, ensured another great day!

Thanks again to The Lord Nelson pub for the Raffle prize, sponsoring the Scarecrow Competition and to Emilie and the team for judging the entries. Let's look forward to lots more families giving it a go next year.... and remember it's just for fun!

Thanks to The Bridge Street Stompers, who entertained us brilliantly during the afternoon. Also many thanks to The Rattlejag Morris and Trentside Holmes Morris dancers who joined forces to give us a fabulous display, despite the searing heat!

The displays by the Winthorpe Line Dancers and Eva Katai's Zumba class were also greatly appreciated by everyone, so many thanks to them too!

A special thank you to Duncan Richardson, our traffic marshall! He spends the whole afternoon directing cars at the top of Woodlands, we really appreciate it.

Finally, thank you to everyone who came to support the Festival and spend money! It was great see newcomers to the village too, some of which took an active role in supporting us.

I hope you all had a good time!

**COLLINGHAM
SHOW & PLOUGHING MATCH 2018**

Saturday 21st September - Begins 9am

Larksfield, Newark Road, Collingham, NG23 7RD

By kind permission of Mr and Mrs C T Sheldon

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY with a Companion Dog Show, Bouncy Castles, Heavy Horses, Livestock,

Vintage Vehicles and Tractors, Horticulture,

Ploughing, Plashing, Tug of War, Ridden Horse and Pony Classes, Trade Stands, Collingham Fire Service, Rural Arts & Crafts

Scurry and Trials Driving, Dog and Duck Display, Flyball Dog Agility

Young Farmers Challenge and **The Farming Year Wood Carving**

On the gate prices: £8 adults, £6 Seniors, £4 13-17yrs.

(Save money and book your tickets online)

ACCOMPANIED CHILDREN U13 FREE

FREE CAR PARKING

For the latest information visit

SEPTEMBER 2019 REFLECTIONS

Dear friends,

With springy agility, squeezable flexibility, rapid reactions and superb survival instincts, it is said that cats have nine lives. The cat owners amongst you will probably want to elucidate on these thoughts and I know the sad truth that sometimes the agility, flexibility and reactions are just not enough.

On the other hand, we humans have just one life, though in that life we see many changes: growing up, dependence and independence, education, work, career changes, retirement, changing responsibilities and changing relationships all bring happiness and challenges and lots of choices with decisions to make.

This is one of the things that make us human, we can make choices and the choices we make don't just affect us, they affect everyone and the world around us. In the Bible we are encouraged to choose life* and it's a good idea to ask ourselves if the decisions we're making are going to bring life to ourselves and the world around us.

Autumn, with a new school year beginning and harvest celebrations is a good time to do some thinking about how we live our one life. Celebrating harvest and the choices we make about food is a very basic way to choose life, so do join in our harvest festivals and meals.

This month, we're also joining in the One Life Mission, which will see churches all across the county holding special services and events. In East Trent, we've got a concert of Madrigals and songs at Besthorpe Church on Saturday 14th September at 7:30pm (tickets cost £8 and include a glass of wine or soft drink) and on Sunday 15th September there's a Songs of Praise service at All Saints, Collingham at 11am. The Songs of Praise service will have lots of hymn singing, led by the Joyful Noise worship group, stories, poetry and Bible readings. We'll have lunch together afterwards.

Everyone is very welcome, so let's get autumn off to a good start and think about our One Life.

God bless you all



Come down and join in the fun at your local Cricket club

all skill levels and abilities welcome from 5 years upwards

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ALL SAINTS

WINTHORPE

CHURCH NOTICES

Last month we sadly had to say goodbye to three Villagers, one week after another! Dys Gold had lived in the village for many years being a regular congregation member and had only recently moved into a Home where she reached the fantastic age of 99! We had a lovely service led by Canon Alan Haydock and a good sized congregation to see her off, representing many of the village groups of which Dys had been an enthusiastic member. Roy Brumpton had lived in the village for many years down Woodlands and moved to Collingham only in recent years. Jean Smith also lived down Woodlands and managed to come to church services with Shaheen for a few years. I miss passing the two of them as they regularly walked around the village and also attended the monthly Lunch. The families and friends of all these three villagers are very much in our thoughts at this time.

Looking forward we have the annual Ride and Stride event taking place this month on Saturday, September 14th where money is raised for the repair of places of worship. The church porch at All Saints will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for riders/ walkers to register and have light refreshments.

I am giving early notice for the Harvest Supper, which will be held at the Community Centre on Saturday, October 19th, 7 for 7.30 p.m. Tickets will be £10 each (for just this year)and will be available to buy from PCC members later in the month.

I will finish by thanking everyone who has answered our call by so generously donating money to the Boiler Fund. We are overwhelmed by the response we have received from the village and are suitably energised for our further efforts in bringing the work to fruition.

Our thoughts and prayers are with anyone who is ill or hospitalised at this time.

Church Services for SEPTEMBER 2019



Sunday 1st

(11th after Trinity) 9:00am **Holy Communion - Patronal Festival** Holme

Sunday 8th

(12th after Trinity) 10:30am Holy Communion Winthorpe

Wednesday 11th 7:30pm 175th Anniversary Service 'Songs of Praise' Besthorpe

Sunday 15th

(13th after Trinity) 11:00am **One Life Mission Service** Collingham All Saints
Holy Cross Day

Sunday 22nd

(14th after Trinity) 6:00pm Evening Prayer Winthorpe

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

Church Cleaners - Miss P. Applewhite

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Mon 2nd	12:30pm	Lunch Club	Community Centre
Mon 2nd		Silver Bin	
Mon 9th		Green & Brown Bins	
Thu 12th	7:30pm	Winthorpe & District W. I.	Village Hall
Sat 14th	11:00am - 3:00pm	Ride and Stride Event	All Saints Church Porch
Mon 16th		Silver Bin	
Wed 18th	7:30pm	Gardening Club Talk by Stuart Dixon "Ramblers and Scramblers"	Community Centre
Thu 19th	7:00pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Sat 21st	9:00am	Collingham Show	Larksfield, Collingham
Mon 23rd		Green & Brown Bin	
Mon 24th	10:00am	MacMillan Coffee Morning	Village Hall
Mon 30th		Silver Bin	

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Mon 7th	12:30pm	Lunch Club	Community Centre
Mon 7th		Green & Brown Bins	
Sat 12th	10:00am - 4:00pm	Muskham Art Group Annual Exhibition	South Muskham Village Hall
Sun 13th			
Mon 14th		Silver Bins	

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