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November 2019

Hello Folks

It has been confirmed that the new editor has been appointed and will take over early in the new year. I will tell you all about her next month.

It has been decided that the Magazine should have some formal backing and so it will hopefully come under the auspices of the Parish Council shortly. This means that there is always a fall back position for the editor. Previously the Focal Point has only been in the jurisdiction of the editor with just the assistance of a treasurer. Putting it under the Parish Council umbrella will make it more secure and also make the editor feel as though they have someone to call on for tricky situations.

No car problems in the Parkin household this month I am relieved to be able to tell you. I have my car back fully repaired and you wouldn't know there had ever been anything wrong with it. BMW went back I am pleased to say as it was really too low down for me Everyone seems to be already gearing up for Christmas, not me I am afraid. I usually leave things until the very last minute then do everything in a couple of days, but three friends have told me recently that they have finished their Christmas shopping! I haven't even thought about it yet or where I will be spending it. Last year was only the second year in 50 years that I had not cooked Christmas Lunch. Prefer to do it myself so possibly staying home for Christmas this year. Take care now the darker evenings are with usMarcia

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DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY **DOUBLE EDITION NOVEMBER 15TH**



LUNCH CLUB



The December Lunch Club will be at 12:30pm on Monday, **December 9th** at the Community Centre.



The menu will be: Leek and Potato soup with Croutons

or

Fruit Juice





Roast Loin of Pork with Apple Sauce and Stuffing

Or

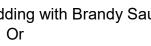
Roast Turkey Breast with Cranberry Sauce 'Pigs in Blankets' and Stuffing





Poached Salmon Fillet with Tartare Sauce With Roast and New Potatoes and Roast Parsnips, **Carrots and Sprouts**

Christmas Pudding with Brandy Sauce



Raspberry Roulade with a summer berry coulis



Tea or Coffee with Mints £10 including a glass of wine



Contact Tish Applewhite (643763) if you need to reserve your place and give your choice of menu. Thankyou . Tish Applewhite

NB The November Lunch Club is on Monday 4th November as advertised in last month's Focal Point

NEWARK FOODBANK

Thank you Winthorpe for your continued generosity in supporting Newark Foodbank. The following amounts have been collected in recent months:

June 26.2kg., July 24.2kg August 25.8kg

Just to remind everyone, there are two collection bins in the Village Hall entrance porch, which can be accessed when the hall is open on Tuesday 700pm - 9:00pm., Wednesday 10:00am - 2:30pm., Thursday 10:00am - 12:00noon, 1:30pm - 3.30pm., Friday 9:15am - 12:15pm., 1:30p - 3:30pm., and the first Saturday of the month, 10:00am - 12:00noon.

Winthorpe church has a collection box in the church porch which can be accessed when the church is open for services, and during "Open Church" Thursday 2:00pm-4:00pm. Also, donations can be made at the Lunch Club held at the Community Centre on the first Monday of the month.

As I mentioned in a previous edition of Focal Point, if it is more convenient for you, I would be happy to receive donations at our home, 11 Gainsborough Road, and there is now a collection bin at the side of our garage where donations can be left at any time. I will then empty it most days.

I am sure we all wish there was no need for Foodbanks up and down the country, but unfortunately the need is as great as ever, so please, please, remember Newark Foodbank when out grocery shopping and help our donations as a village make a difference.

Thank you.

Jane White



FOODBANK SHOPPING LIST October 2019

PLEASE DO NOT DONATE ITEMS CONTAINING ALCOHOL - THANK YOU

Shortfall Items

Food

- Long Life Fruit Juice (not squash)
- Long Life Milk
- Instant Mashed Potato
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Sponge Puddings (Tinned or Microwaveable)
- Tinned Rice Pudding

- Tinned Fruit
- Sugar (500g size preferred)

Non Food Items

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 serve cold or serve hot
- Tinned Potatoes
- · Packets of Rice (dried)
- · All Tinned Vegetables
- Pasta Sauce
- Tinned Hot Dogs or Meat Balls
- Tinned Sweetcom
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Tinned Fish
- Vegetarian Alternatives Tinned Vegetable Curry etc.
- Tinned Carrots
- Tinned/Packet Soup
- Tinned/Carton Custard
- Jam

- Chocolate Biscuit Bars
- Tea Bags 40's or 80's NOT 240/260/280's please
- Cereal Bars
- Chocolate / Sweets
- Biscuits (eg: digestive/custard cream/ginger nut)

Additional Items

- Shampoo
- · Laundry liquitabs/tablets
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Liquid Hand Soap
- Deodorant
- Washing Up Liquid
- Shower Gel
- Hand Wash 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 NOVEMBER

Sunday 3rd Vale of Belvoir

Stathern/Harby/Plungar

Miles

Sunday 17th The Trent Valley 7 Miles
Wednesday 13th Sutton on Trent 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

WINTHORPE W.I.

By the time you read this we will have had a meal at the Lord Nelson. We are already planning our Christmas party, also the annual decorating of a Christmas tree at Newark Parish church.

We are having a trip to Carlton Towers, between Selby and Goole on the 5th December, leaving by coach at 9.30a.m.from Winthorpe. On arrival we will have coffee/tea and mince pies, a private tour of the house, followed by lunch, returning back to Winthorpe around 4.30p.m. A £10 deposit is required to secure a place. ALL ARE WELCOME. Why not come and join us.

Our Christmas coffee morning is on 12th December – see our poster.

There was much laughter at our October meeting as we all created wonderful paper flowers. Our November meeting is designed to get us all ready for the festive season with the demonstration of a facial or foot spa, helped along with a glass of wine. An extra raffle prize will be supplied by Betty Moran. Hostesses for the evening are Diana Kitson and Liz Moran

Virginia Seager, President

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING



With Charity Raffle and W.I. Shop

Enjoy a cup of Tea or Coffee and a Mince Pie or Cake *
Whilst listening to Christmas
Carols performed by children from Winthorpe Primary School

Thursday 12th December 2019 10:00am to 12:00noon (to coincide with the Post Office) Winthorpe Community Centre

Ladies and Gentlemen - All Welcome



www.thewi.org.uk www.Winthorpe.org

*£2

Winthorpe Community Centre Charity – Update

As many readers will be aware, a booking at the community centre got out of hand in May 2019 that resulted in extensive damage and meant that we had to close the community centre for a period over summer. The Trustees have worked very hard since the event, using insurance proceeds to renew the ceiling in the hall, redecorate, resurface the hall floor and replace several broken items. As a result the community centre is now looking fantastic. The new white and grey colour scheme has made the hall look bigger and brighter and we have had many positive comments from hirers. I would like to thank those Trustees who were responsible for managing the above and we have put procedures in place to avoid a repeat occurrence.

The Operations and Maintenance committee had already planned to decorate the centre and the remaining decorating will be done over the next couple of months. The handrails on the steps leading to the field will be replaced soon and there are some minor maintenance tasks to complete before Winter arrives.

The Events and Fundraising committee have also been busy and on 4th October we put on the 'Live and Local' play "Powered by Fairy Dust" which was enjoyable and very funny. On 10th November at 3pm we will repeat our successful Remembrance Tea Dance, with High-Tea accompanied by an excellent musical performance by Kieran Owen. Tickets are £10 (or £15 if you want Prosecco instead of tea!) and can be purchased from Michele Cammack 07951 728079 or Helen Bradley 01636 650422. The Village Beacon will be lit at 6pm (everyone is welcome) and donations from the sale of mulled wine will be donated to the Royal British Legion.

Please keep using your community centre as it is only £15 an hour for local residents and the Charity needs your continued support.

Thank you!



WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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

The accounts for 2018-2019 have been independently audited and approved without any further actions on the Parish Council.

Preparations are well underway for the annual village bonfire on the field at the rear of the school on Saturday 2nd November 2019. Details of times and prices are shown in Focal Point. Concessionary tickets are available from the school. Please support this as all monies raised benefits Winthorpe and Langford villages.

The gates to the bonfire field will be open on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th October between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm and on the morning of the bonfire for the disposable of suitable bonfire material. Please do not leave material before those dates.

The Parish Council is always keen to help residents keep their properties save. To this end, we had a guest at our October meeting, Sergeant Steve Brownley from Newark Police. Steve talked to us about ways to protect property and below are a few bullet points to be aware of:-

- Keep doors locked especially back doors. Thieves can be opportunists who try a back door and can soon get hold of car keys, and handbags whilst the homeowner is in the front room unaware of the situation.
- Close and lock windows whilst you are out. In summer it is so easy to leave windows open to try and cool a room down, but this gives an opportunity and thieves will get through small windows.
- Don't keep door/car keys hanging near the door. Keys can be accessed through letter boxes.
- Don't leave visible items in cars, ie lap tops, mobile phones etc.
- Invest in a Faraday box to protect car keys. The box provides a complete signal blocker for your vehicle key fob. This prevents thieves from picking up and relaying signals from your key to shield against break ins and keyless ignition theft.

As always, please contact me if you need to raise any issues at parishclerkatwinthorpe@outlook.com.

Mrs Sally Sillery – Parish Clerk

CHARITY OF THOMAS BREWER

We will be holding the AGM of the Charity in the Village Hall at 7:30pm on Wednesday, 6th November. This is the chance to hear what the Charity has been doing in the last twelve months.

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 Tish Applewhite, David Barthorpe, Lee Cammack and Neil Moran). Margaret Stewart and I are nominated by the Parish Council. Rev. Mandy Cartwright is an exofficio Trustee

Notices have previously been displayed to advise new would-be Trustees to submit their applications by October 16th.

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM. Wine and nibbles will be served.

Peter Foden, Secretary.



News from Langford Lowfields

Exciting news arrived this month in the form of a pallid harrier which was spotted on the reserve. This is only the second recorded sighting in Nottinghamshire ever and is the rarest bird to be seen at Langford. This sighting was verified by a few individuals on Saturday 12 October.

Starlings have started gathering, building up to the usual murmurations. We are currently seeing approximately 3000 starlings wheeling around on site at moment. This number should grow and grow up to December. If you are hoping to see a murmuration, you should aim for about one hour before sunset as this is the best time, and the weather needs to be windless with no rain.

The Environment Agency sent a group of 30 people as part of their annual outcome days to work on site. On this occasion they were helping to transplant reed from established areas on phase 2 across to phase 3 where we have bare mud and want reedbed to establish. It will take up to 30 years for reed to establish on phase 3 so it's still very much early days.

The volunteers and the Warden, Jenny, have started their annual scrub management work. They are thinning out a block of scrub on the western side of the reserve to make the habitat more favourable for grasshopper warblers. These are one of the priority species we want to try to provide for at Langford. Grasshopper warblers like isolated small bushes surrounded by long rank grass near to water. We had four on the reserve this year, compared to one last year and the year before that.

Other wildlife spotted recently include :

Wheat ear, spotted fly catcher and ringed plovers in September. Marsh harrier, stonechat, great white egret, bearded tits, whinchat, whooper swans flying overhead, and big flocks of pink footed geese seen during October.

The water levels in the river and on the reserve are high at the moment so we are actively keeping an eye on Environment Agency flood warnings. If the river gets too high we will have to close the reserve.



News from Langford Lowfields

Any updated information will be put out on twitter (@rspblangford); our blog

(www.rspb.org.uk/community/placestovisit/langfordlowfields/blog); Or Facebook (https://en-gb.facebook.com/ RSPBNottinghamshireDerbyshire/)



Join us for our next event at Langford

We are holding our Winter Wonderland Guided Walk on Saturday 7 December 2019 1.00-3.00 pm at Langford. Joe Harris, Site Manager, will lead the walk around the reserve talking about the site and its work, and seeing nature along the way. Booking is essential on 01636 893611 or Langford.Beckingham@RSPB.org.uk. Meet at Cottage Lane Car Park. Payment to be made on the day as follows:

Member Adult £8.00 / Child £4.00 Non Member Adult £10.00 / Child £5.00

THE LORD NELSON 01636 707705



Hi Folk

With the dark nights approaching and the fires being lit, autumn is very much here.

Coming up over the next few months we are supporting the fireworks, supplying our delicious wood fired cooked meats and BBQ alongside the bar in our marquee. We are selling advanced tickets from the pub so pick some up when you are next in. We are preparing for Christmas as it is rapidly approaching with some nights already fully booked, it is the perfect opportunity to gather your friends or family for a celebration ahead of the big day.

Our New Years Eve theme has now been released, we are taking you back to the golden age of Hollywood and creating The Lord Nelson Party in Black and White. Tickets are £15 (same price for 4 years running) and includes a welcome drink, plenty of food and entertainment. Tickets are on sale from the pub.

Quick reminder of our standard event and offers for any new residents.

Wednesday night is steak night - This is mix and match with all our steaks and includes a free bottle of wine (Veggie alternative available)

Quiz night - 12th November

Open Mic Night - 19th November.

Finally a huge thank you to all that have supported our charity of the year Reach Learning Disability. The final event raised £350, final total will be released next month.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Em, Martyn, Oli and Dave

A Diamond Couple

On Thursday 31st October, our parents, Pat and Barbara Finn celebrated 60 happy years of marriage. We are proud of the example they have shown us over the years and are all grateful for all their help and advice.

All our love and congratulations from daughters Anne and Helen, sons-in-law Michael and Steve and grandchildren Sophie, Alice, Charlotte and James xx

Winthorpe Garden Club



Our guest speaker for the October meeting was Phil Porter, a Warden, from the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust at Whisby Nature Park. This park was created by the quarrying for sand and gravel leaving the reclaimed pits and bare sand creating a habitat for many species of waterfowl and birds. His talk, accompanied with a slide show, was under the heading Wetland Birds, an ideal place for the many species of waterfowl and birds. There were large birds such as swans, geese, herons, gulls and cormorants. Small birds such as ducks, which I found out is a very large family. Many of these birds come from Scandinavia and visit Whisby, whilst on their migratory journeys.

One bird that interested me was the Water rail, a wetland bird. By the use of a tracking camera the Wardens discovered that for the first time at Whisby, a visiting pair had raised 4 chicks in the reed beds. This, they considered to be a successful story.

Speaking to Phil after the talk, I discovered that he spends a lot of his time peering through a microscope studying flies. He is known as an entomologist.

Our guest speakers on November 20th are two village residents, Jan Thompson and Susie Connings, whose presentation will be **Flower Arranging**. This should interest the ladies.

Pat Finn.



Remembering Armistice

Winthorpe Community Centre Sunday 10th November 2019

3:00 for 3:30 cream tea, including a selection of sandwiches, tea or coffee and a selection of cakes.

Singer - Kieran Owen

Kieran is a singer with a strong performance of the Great American Songbook. He regularly performs the songs made famous by the likes of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Bing Crosby and many more artists. He is a popular and versatile vocalist.

Tickets £10.00

6.00pm Lighting of the beacon which is open to anyone in the village who does not wish to join us for tea, we will serve mulled wine and donations for this will go to the Royal British Legion.

If you want to sit on a table of 8 or 10 with friends please let us know for catering purposes

Include a glass of prosecco for £5.00, please pre order this at the time of buying your ticket.

Tickets from:-

Michele Cammack 07951728079 Jane Bateson 07546649934 Helen bradley 01636 650422 Di Rowlands 07814698459









Lecture - November 20, 7.30 pm, Memorial Hall. 'Archaeology of Roman Nottinghamshire'.

Dr Steve Malone of Trent & Peak Archaeology will present some of the Roman period finds in our area.

Free to members, £4 for non-members.

Irregular 4

The latest edition of the Society's journal is now available, including articles on:

Collingham in the 40s & 50s, Keith Franklin's memories of boyhood holidays spent in Collingham. Keith, who was born in London's East End tells of his holidays with the Bocock family who lived at 'Linby' in the High Street, now the village fish bar. This illustrated article opens a window on a Collingham that has disappeared for ever.

Morton Hall, Michael Vaughan's contribution traces the history of the Hall from its building in 1900, through its various incarnations including: the home of the RAF's Aircrew Commando School: a Borstal and a prison, on to the fire in 1989 which led to its demolition.

Test Pits. This illustrated article by Phil Docherty features test pit digs undertaken by the Society with the support of Grantham Archaeology Group. Featuring digs at Vine Farm, The Old Hall and The Spinney in Winthorpe, it tells of finds going as far back as the Saxon period. Full reports of excavations can be seen in the Collingham Archives. The Society is looking for more people willing to offer their gardens for future test pit digs.

Available from Gascoignes, the Archives, The Royal Oak and at our events. £5 each.

WW2 Group

You are invited to join this new group to look at our area and the people who lived here during WW2 and the surrounding years. Second Wednesday of each month at 10 am in the Jubilee Room, Swinderby Road. Contacts: Jeremy Lodge: jeremylodge@yahoo.co.uk or Ann Akrill: r annakrill@outlook.com

Collingham & District Community Archives will be open on Fridays 10 am to 1 pm until 29 November. Jubilee Room, Swinderby Road.

Visit the CDLHS website for more information: www.collingham-history.org.uk

Summer Festival 2020

There will be a meeting of the festival committee at 7:30pm on Wednesday 14th November, in the Lord Nelson. We will begin planning for next year's event. This meeting is open to representatives of all local organisations and if anyone else is interested in joining us and sharing ideas, please come along.

Sue Masheder.

Festival Committee.

NOVEMBER 2019 REFLECTIONS

Dear Friends,

Remembrance time is here again, and how will we spend our time of corporate silence this year? Like most of us, I wasn't alive during the world wars, but I do remember my parents who as young adults, lived and fought through the Second World War. I also remember Hans Berg, a German schoolboy who stayed with our family in the early 1960s on a school visit to England. That visit led to a long standing friendship between my family and his; our mothers shared a name, Hilda and she and my parents were friends for the rest of their lives.

Because of this, I've got lots of childhood memories of holidays in Germany as well as their visits to us. I was the sort of child who enjoyed keeping quiet and listening in to grown up conversation, and I remember conversations about the war. They tended to go like this: the war is over now and we can be friends, we don't ever want to fight each other again and we're glad our sons won't have to.

Well, my generation hasn't had to fight in war and there hasn't been war in Western Europe for seventy four years. This is what I will be remembering and giving thanks for on Remembrance Sunday, November 10th, as well as friendships across the continent of Europe and those who fought and died.

I will also be praying for our nation as we work out a new relationship with our nearest neighbours. I pray that peace and prosperity will flourish amongst us.

November is also a time for remembering those who've died whom we remember personally. Our annual memorial service is on Saturday 2nd November, 3pm at St John's, Collingham. Everyone is very welcome to attend that service and if you would like us to pray for someone, please add their name to a list in any of the East Trent Churches, or let me know.

The next day, on Sunday November 3rd, at 3pm, we have a Songs Of Praise service for All Saints Tide at Winthorpe Church. Everyone is very welcome to come along to this, as of course everyone is very welcome at all of our church services.

God bless you in all your remembrances.

Revd Mandy.



Holme Lane Cricket Ground, Winthorpe, NG24 2NU

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

all skill levels and abilities welcome from 5 years upwards

Contact: coddingtonandwinthorpecc@gmail.com

Phone: 07900 687137

Website: http://coddington.play-cricket.com/

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ALL SAINTS



WINTHORPE

CHURCH NOTICES

We really are fully into autumnal mode now aren't we? My horsechestnut tree has shaken off most of its leaves and all of its bumper crop of conkers which are mainly squashed on the road beneath the tree, the leaves having blown down Gainsborough Rd through the village (sorry)!

Last month we held a fun Harvest Supper with great food, a good Pat Finn quiz 'washed down' with much conversation. Our Harvest Festival followed the next day where the church looked resplendent in its autumn colours worked on by our wonderful band of Flower Ladies. The many Harvest gifts were taken the following day to the Women's Refuge in Newark.

This month will also be celebratory with our very own 'Songs of Praise' for All Saints Day. This will now be held in the church at 3:00pm on Sunday November 3rd. The hymns chosen for this at the Harvest Supper.

We look forward to welcoming many of you to the **Remembrance Service** on Sunday Nov 10th at 10:15am in church. After this service the rest of the November services will be held in the Village Hall, please check the times on the page opposite.

So much to look forward to and as we move into December there will be a Christingle Service in the Village Hall, a Carol Service in the Community Centre and the usual Christmas Eve Communion Service in the church. We do hope many parents will bring their children to the Christingle, just like last year, to enjoy the special atmosphere created by the candles. Invitations will be sent out shortly to all Village families.

We are very much thinking in our prayers for anyone in the village who is ill or hospitalised at this time.

Tish Applewhite

Churchwarden(643763)

Church Services for November 2019







Sunday	3rd

9:00am

Holy Communion

Holme

(All Saints)

3:00pm

Songs of Praise for All Saints Day **Winthorpe Church**

Sunday 10th (Remembrance 10:15am

Remembrance

Winthorpe Church

Sunday)

Service

Sunday 17th

9:00am

Holy Communion

Langford

(2nd before Advent) 10:15am Morning Worship Winthorpe

(Village Hall)

Sunday 24th

(Christ the King)

5:00pm

Evening Prayer

Winthorpe

(Village Hall)

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

Church Cleaners – Mrs J. Foden + Mrs C. Hasman

NOVEMBER CALENDAR 2019

Sat 2nd		Bonfire & Firework Night Gates open 6:00pm Bonfire lit 6:45 Fireworks Display 7:15	Field behind village School	
Mon 4th	12:30pm	Lunch Club	Community Centre	
Mon 4th		Green & Brown Bins		
Sun 10th		Remembering Armistice Afternoon Tea Party	Community Centre	
Mon 11th		Silver Bins		
Thu 14th	7:30pm	W.I. Get Ready For Christmas Pamper Party	Village Hall	
Mon 18th		Green & Brown Bins		
Mon 20th	7:30pm	Gardening Club	Community Centre	
Thu 21st	7:00pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	
Mon 25th		Silver Bins		

DECEMBER CALENDAR 2019

Mon 2nd		Green & Brown Bins	
Mon 9th		Silver Bins	
Mon 9th	12:30pm	Lunch Club	Community Centre
Thu 12th	10:00am	WI Christmas Coffee Morning	Community Centre

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