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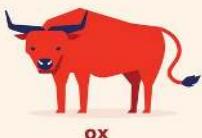


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WELCOME

Welcome to February's ONLINE edition of the Focal Point magazine. I hope you enjoy reading this issue. Make sure to check in every month for the next edition. **Thank you** for reading online. Please tell your friends, family, neighbours, pet fish or anyone who may be interested in staying up to date with Holme, Winthorpe and Langford.

QUICK UPDATES BEFORE YOU GET READING...

Thank you to all our advertisers, distributors, article writers and those sending in suggestions who continue to support our local magazine in these challenging times.

- Lizzie Wakefield - Editor

Hiya!

Whilst thinking of what to put in the Ed's comments, I have realised that I don't really talk about myself in great depth and also have received a few emails asking how school is going.

Currently, I'm in Year 11 and am in the final year of my GCSE course. As you know, GCSE and A Level exams in the summer have been cancelled and we're back to online schooling. Personally, I absolutely love online learning as I find it so much easier to concentrate and I have a few extra hours to invest in revision or simply just relaxing. But, I am very lucky to be in a position, where it is all smooth and well. With some of this spare time, this month I have taken up one of my most intriguing hobbies which is astrology (a.k.a the zodiac signs). Wow, is all I can say. I love, love, love learning more and more about each sign and hearing predictions about my signs but also about others too.

QUOTE FOR VALENTINE'S DAY:

"Please may I borrow a kiss, I promise I'll give it back" - Fiona W

Thank you Fiona for this Valentine's quote

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY—WINTHORPE VILLAGE SCRAPBOOKS



This year 2021, the Winthorpe Village Scrapbooks are 50 years old. Formed in 1971 when the Newark Archaeological & Local History Society asked local people to collect information about their village history.

A committee was formed in Winthorpe under the chairmanship of the late Mr. G.P. Bennett. Many contributors, old and young, helped in the research and writing of the articles. The result of the competition was joint first place with the village of Elston. Elston were awarded a village seat and Winthorpe six trees. The trees awarded were:-

A weeping willow, which is on the Green in front of the Almshouses, a silver birch, lime, balsam poplar, red horse-chestnut and a prunus, which were planted on the left-hand edge of the cricket field, just inside the gate.

The two A3 books were donated, for reference, to Gilstrap Public Library, Newark, that being the condition laid down in the competition. The village holds duplicate copies.

In 2004, it was decided to update the Village Scrapbooks. Many of the villagers made contributions. There are now six A3 books plus two Press Cuttings books. Lee Cammack, Chairman of Winthorpe with Langford Parish Council is now the custodian of these books.

If you would like to read these interesting books you can contact Lee on 611998 or go into the Winthorpe village website www.winthorpe.org.uk and then into 'Village History.'

Another 50th birthday celebration this year is Winthorpe Primary School. Pupils moved out of their old school building, now called The Old School, into their new school in September 1971. The children must have thought it was heaven having inside toilets.

Pat Finn.



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WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL



On Thursday 21st January 2021, the Parish Council held its quarterly finance meeting followed by the monthly Parish Council meeting using the power of "Zoom" to comply with the Covid 19 social distancing regulations.

The Clerk confirmed that its external auditors, PKF Littlejohn, have issued a "Notice of Conclusion of Audit" letter and were happy with the accounts for 2019-2020.

The Clerk raised the matter of the annual precept for 2021-2022 at the finance meeting. Following discussions, the Parish Councillors agreed to leave the precept unchanged for the fifth consecutive year.

The Parish Council discussed the Highways England (HE) A46 by-pass proposals and have organised a meeting with HE, on 22nd January 2021, to raise its concerns over the proposals. Details of the outcome will appear in the next edition of Focal Point. Further information on the HE proposals together with a "Drone Flyover" of the affected areas can be viewed on the village website

The Chairman raised the matter of the village scrap book. This has been maintained by Pat Finn, who has now decided to step down after many years of excellent work. The Parish Council are now looking for someone to take over the role from Pat. If anyone is interested in taking this on, please contact the Parish Clerk for further details.

The Council are arranging for a new tree to be planted on the village green to replace the diseased tree that was removed and NSDC are programmed to replace the damaged "finger sign".

As always please contact me on the email below should you need any further information or assistance.

Mrs Sally Sillery – Parish Clerk
parishclerk@winthorpe.outlook.com



NEWARK FOODBANK



Well, Winthorpe excelled itself in December. Thank you so much for the outstanding amount of items donated throughout that month, and also for the generous cash donation. The most recent weighing in totals the Foodbank has sent me for December are **70.3kg** and **61.1kg**. I believe they are both record weights, so together in the same month I think they are truly fantastic.
Thank you so much.

As if that were not enough, a Winthorpe resident made and sold a whole load of absolutely delicious Christmas puddings in aid of the Foodbank, thus raising a total of **£305**. Again, thank you for all your hard work preparing, cooking and selling the puddings. I would also like to thank Susie and Emma at The Lord Nelson for selling some of the puddings, especially as they did so without taking a margin.

So, all in all, to everyone who contributed in whatever way, thank you so much for thinking of others.

The current Foodbank shopping list is:

Tinned items: all vegetables and potatoes, fish, meat, curries, custard, rice pudding, fruit, sponge puddings, spaghetti.

Other items: tea bags, microwavable sponge puddings, long life fruit juice, long life milk, sugar, breakfast cereal, biscuits, chocolate biscuits, pasta sauces, instant mashed potato, instant pasta packet meals, jam, vegetarian alternatives, laundry liquid/tablets, washing up liquid, hand wash, shower gel, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet rolls, sanitary products.

Please note that the Foodbank cannot accept out of date items or anything containing alcohol.

The collection points in Winthorpe remain:

- The shop at the Lord Nelson, during shop hours.
- The black swing bin at the side of my front door, 11 Gainsborough Road, Winthorpe, at any time at all. The bin is checked every day.
- The church porch. At the moment, the church is open for private prayer 10-12noon and 1.30-3.30pm on a Thursday. Items for the Foodbank can be left at these times.

Your giving has been wonderful throughout 2020. May I please ask that you continue to remember those in need of the Foodbank's help in 2021.

Jane White



FEBRUARY'S RECIPE: - PANCAKE DAY-



I absolutely love Pancake Day! It is just so versatile and diverse. Whether you have them for breakfast or dessert, sweet or savoury or simply don't celebrate it all— it's completely up to you! We personally have it as a "treat-yourself" breakfast and maybe incorporate a savoury pancake recipe in our dinner. So here are two recipes from BBC Good Food that look like an absolute must try! Let me know if you have tried these out –



Lizzie W (Ed)

CINNAMON ROLL PANCAKES:

Pancakes are generally an easy dish to make but if you want to bump up the complexity this year, this recipe is a must! Cinnamon rolls are always a great treat but when they are combined with pancakes, then that's when you get the best of both worlds.

The recipe calls to serve it with caramel yoghurt and maple syrup, but serve it with whatever you like. Treat yourself this Pancake Day!

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/cinnamon-roll-pancakes>

WHAT THEY SHOULD LOOK LIKE

These pancakes are just so beautiful to look at. They actually look squashed cinnamon rolls. Dessert for breakfast? Win, win.

Here's the recipe link →

QUICK & EASY SAVOURY PANCAKE WRAPS:

A few years ago for Pancake Day, I suggested to my family that we should try incorporating pancakes in our dinner. So we ended up making crepes and using those crepes as a substitute for a tortilla wrap and made chicken wraps. They were just soooo good! What a way to celebrate Pancake Day if you are trying to cut on the sweet treats.

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/quick-pancake-wraps> Here's the recipe link →



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February 2021

Greetings from your local!

This month we look forward to introducing a variety of new menus!

Emma has put together some wonderful takeout menus for you, as usual specials will be added during the month so please check, we have also included a menu for the children and ❤️ Valentines Day. ❤️

By popular demand we are introducing our Friday Chip shop lunch and dinner menu, including a senior citizens lunch special offer.

Each Sunday we continue to offer our Sunday Roast menu along with scrumptious puddings.

During Tier 4 lockdown we will continue to open the pub shop at 9am and will close each Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at 4pm. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7pm.

Thank you as always for your support, without you there would no Lord Nelson pub or shop.

Susie and Emma x

We wish you a very **HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY** and **THANK YOU** for your continued support, without you there would be no Village pub and shop.

Susie & Emma x



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DEFIBRILLATORS IN WINTHORPE

Dear Sirs

Over the Christmas period I had occasion to phone the emergency services, who suggested that whilst I was awaiting their arrival I should get someone to have a defibrillator on hand if one was available. Fortunately we didn't need it as the paramedic arrived within 10 minutes of my call. However the following occurred to me.

1. I can understand why the village defibrillators were placed where they are, however there are none situated on the Pocklington Crescent/Branston Close/ Hargon Lane side of the road.

2. By the time residents of this side of the road had looked up the code, crossed the road and made their way to either of the defibrillators, valuable time would have been lost, especially if one were needed at school start and leaving times when the road is busy.

3. I have been told that the current defibrillators were bought by the villagers and I was wondering if a further one could be provided on the Pocklington Crescent/Branstone Close/Hargon Lane side of the road to be situated in either the old telephone box or some place central to these three streets.

4. If the Parish Council are not able to provide one from their funds I ask if they would be amenable to a fund raising effort to procure a further defibrillator, when we are able to resume some sort of normality.

Without wishing to offend anyone, we are an ageing village and a defibrillator might be of more use near houses, rather than on a playing field.

I am sending a copy of this to Focal Point and would be grateful for villagers thoughts.

Yours faithfully
Pauline Lockwood



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Thank you to the person who placed the painted stones around the village on new year's eve. They are beautifully done and I am the proud owner of one, which sits on my hearth. - Fiona W

Re our recent illness, there are several people I would like to thank. Firstly the 999 controllers who stayed on the phone with me until the paramedics arrived.

A huge thank you to the paramedics whose presence had a calming effect on the situation and whose expertise and professionalism were the best, as is our NHS.

And last, but not least, my lovely neighbours who checked on us every day to make sure that we were ok and that we had everything we needed. It was much appreciated.

I believe that most of Winthorpe are observing the Covid rules, as we did. To those who are not, the situation can change very, very quickly and when that happens it is very frightening, so beware.

Stay safe everyone. I am happy to say that we are now on the mend.
Pauline Lockwood



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2nd	£23.10	J. Burton
3rd	£7.70	Margaret Thornhill

Congratulations to our winners in January! You could also be a winner whilst supporting your local community centre by contributing £2 per month. Information available from Nina Adams at ninjab71@gmail.com

COLLINGHAM RAMBLERS WALKS

Sadly , due to the National Lockdown regulations issued by The Government all Ramblers Association organised walks are now suspended . However , we hope that you will follow Government guidelines and continue to exercise locally on a daily basis . There are many short, easy walks around the Collingham and Winthorpe villages. Getting out in the fresh air to explore our locality is excellent for our physical and mental well-being . The countryside is changing on a daily basis and springtime is surely on its way . We hope



NEW WALKERS ALWAYS WELCOME .

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Unfortunately, due to the national lockdown all tennis venues are now closed until further notice. Therefore, the programme of 'Coaching and Play at Newark Tennis Club' is suspended for the time being. We hope it will be not too long before we are able to resume all our activities for adults and juniors.

Full details will be advertised in this magazine in due course.

Nina Ward.

General club information and membership details can be found on www.newarktennisclub.co.uk





Winthorpe Lake Memories



During the 2020 lockdown periods, many of us have taken the opportunity to take a walk around the village, exploring the pathways and lanes a little more than we usually do. One place I like to amble to is Winthorpe Lake which is actually nearer to Holme than Winthorpe so the naming is bit of a mystery? It

makes a good walk though! But for me it is also a nostalgic reminder of my early teenage years when "our gang" (a group young lads) used to make regular forays into this area from our 'then' homes on the Winthorpe Road Estate.

The bypasses didn't exist in those early 1960's days so the Winthorpe Road from Newark was a clear direct road to the village becoming Gainsborough Road as it passed through towards Collingham. The walk from our "edge of Newark" homes was along the green hedged footpath alongside Winthorpe Road, passing several open farm fields on both sides with the occasional tree breaking the skyline, there was even a bench seat halfway between the last houses and village. Not a single bypass in sight. (Heaven)

On some excursions our route would be to follow the Trent from opposite Crankley Point, and traipse along the riverbank down to the Lake area where we would mess about on the many old barge wrecks that littered its shores, most were of wooden construction and half rotted, submerged until only some of the deck and fittings were left showing. When the gravel extraction work had ended, the lake had become a dumping ground for these redundant worn out, old river craft and their equipment. The fact that most of us were Sea Cadets increased our nautical interest in these relics and we examined them closely for anything of keepsake value (sadly nothing was found).

We owe the creation of this lovely little hidden water to Holme farmer Joseph Hallam who in 1937, made a business agreement with The Lincoln & Hull Water Transport Co allowing them to extract sand & gravel from the site paying to him *two pence per ton removed. (*pre decimal currency) The *Winthorpe Village website Scrapbook* are in possession of an unsigned copy of the agreement with full details.

In Peter Lords 1968 edition of A Portrait of the River Trent he writes; Today Winthorpe is the site of the first "inland water fishery" to be established by the Trent River Authority, though many more of its type may follow in later years. Formed, like almost all the other lakes of the Trent Valley, by gravel extraction, it covers fifteen acres, and the fishing rights acquired by the River Authority include the adjacent length of the river's bank. It is part of a long-term plan to ...

ensure that there is 'angling for all' on a day ticket basis "and thus avoid the restricted right of fishing by anglers in general which results when clubs or associations rent or lease fisheries". Winthorpe Water is at present one of the few places along the Trent where anyone can fish without belonging to an angling society, but it is no place for the hungry angler in search of a freshwater supper, a condition for day-tickets is that all catches must be returned alive to the water.

Another vivid memory I have of the lake is that during one severe winter, the year of 1963 (I think), a group of us had trekked to the area through white fields of deep snow to find the lake completely frozen over with very thick ice, the temperature must have dropped so quickly that it even kept the shape of windblown ripples on the surface. Well! we just had to check out the load bearing properties of this ice and it was found it to be very strong indeed. With just a few creaks and groans coming from the glassy crunchy ice field we soon found ourselves testing further away from the shore. Having received no Health & Safety training at that age we thoughtlessly decided to take the shortest way back home, which was straight across to the other side, nearest to Winthorpe. If only our parents had known that we'd been out acting a scene from Scott of the Antarctic! They would have grounded us. On that note I'd like to say to any younger readers, please don't do anything like this! as it's only years later that you realise how just lucky you were to have gotten away with it, and not met with what could have been a nasty accident.

In the early 1960's the Lake almost became a new marina! Les Reid, a lifelong Trent man, engine fitter and a skipper of vast experience, and now Project Leader of Newark's Heritage Barge, the "Leicester Trader" told me that Mark Ainsworth, founder of the highly successful Farndon Marina tried to purchase the water but was beaten to it by a fishing club. Shortly afterwards he bought the Farndon gravel pits instead. Les was involved in the dealings and they later tried to acquire the concrete barge (more about next issue) to use as a clubhouse at Farndon but measurements wouldn't allow it to pass through Newark town Bridge, so the idea was scuppered!

On one of my last visits to water (Dec 2020) when these photos were taken, the sun was just about to set, with a few moody clouds in the sky as well as the seasonal puther of steam from the sugar factory. I was surprised to see a welcoming Christmas tree, erected on the bank by members of the Ashfield Angling Club. The notice hanging on the tree was a thankyou message from the club's officials to the persons responsible for providing and decorating the tree. This place is full of surprises!

Bob Warriner



CLIMATE CHANGE MATTERS... LET'S LOOK AT THE FACTS...



A **carbon footprint** is the total amount of greenhouse gases (including **carbon** dioxide and methane) that are generated by **our** actions – whether a person, company or activity.

The amount of **carbon emissions** trapped in our atmosphere causes global warming, which causes climate change, symptoms of which include melting of the polar ice caps, the rising of sea levels, the disturbance of animals' natural habitats, extreme weather events, and so many more negative side **effects** that are dangerous.

The main **causes of carbon footprint** are gases which can be emitted through the burning of fossil fuels, land clearance and the production and consumption of food, manufactured goods, materials, wood, roads, buildings, transportation and other services.

When considering **countries that have the greatest emissions** it is important to also consider their population and so the emissions per person or an individual's carbon footprint! China has the greatest total emissions at 9.04Bn but its per person emissions are 6.59. However Saudi Arabia, the US, Canada and Australia all have the highest between 15 and 17 per person. The UK appears to have far less at just under 6!

The extent to which a country is reliant on coal for power production heavily contributes to its CO₂ emissions. Not surprisingly it is the less industrial nations that have the **lowest carbon footprint on the planet**. You have probably never heard of Tuvalu their current carbon footprint rests at zero and they plan to continue this trend by doing away with fossil fuels altogether!



Some of the most under-developed countries have the lowest carbon footprint and contribute the least therefore to global warming how they may well still be experiencing the greatest impact of climate change!

So the UK isn't too bad? Unfortunately it is estimated that nearly half of the UK's carbon footprint comes from emissions released overseas to satisfy UK-based consumption. (WWF report). Products including clothing, processed foods and electronics imported into the UK are counted as the manufacturing country's emissions, not the UK's - although they would not have been produced were it not for UK demand. These emissions account for 46% of the UK's carbon footprint yet are not currently covered by national reporting or included in the UK's net zero target.

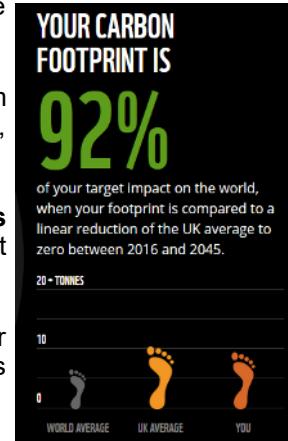
What are we doing about it? The UK has committed to net zero emissions and a credible plan to achieve this is one that tackles emissions based on what we consume, as well as what we produce.

What contributes most to the UK's carbon footprint? The WWF report found that six sectors contributed to almost half (46%) of the UK's carbon footprint - a combination of domestic emissions and those from UK consumption emitted abroad: heating homes (9.7%), car fuel (8.6%), electricity (8%), construction (6.7%), agriculture (6.6%) and air travel (5.9%).

Hence the benefits of **renewable energy** from sources that are naturally replenished like sunlight, wind, rain, tides and geothermal heat.

There are different **carbon footprint calculators** accessible on the internet. They ask questions about your lifestyle and habits.

We can all help limit climate change by reducing our carbon footprint. In Focal point in the coming months we will look at steps we can all take! - Julia



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RSPB Langford Lowfields – February News 2021

We've had some good bird sightings over the last month here at Langford, as the reserve remains open for local daily exercise. Winter wildfowl are always a nice feature at the reserve at this time of year and we have had some scarcer species including several Pintail on Phase 3 viewable from the southern public footpath, Pink-footed Geese have been flying overhead, a male Goosander was seen briefly in mid-January and best of all, a female Smew, also on Phase 3 was present in mid-January. Quite a rare bird here, they usually turn up in mid-late winter.

Marsh Harrier and Peregrine have been seen recently across the reserve, a Tawny Owl was seen and the Short-eared Owl that has been present for a while now has been seen over the visitor trails. Tawny and Short-eared Owl sightings are quite scarce at Langford, so it's nice to get both in the same month.

The long staying Water Pipit is still present on Phase 3, again viewable from the southern public footpath. This species is more common at the coast in winter, so to get one inland is a good record. The Great White Egrets are still around and can be seen anywhere on the reserve. There are at least two still present at the end of January.

A Bittern was seen on the reedy islands down from the viewing platform on the 15th January, the first sighting in a while and it's great to know that they are still here. The regular wintering Stonechats are still around and there are still Tree Sparrows in the wild bird seed crop next to the car park.

Our volunteers have been busy over the last month, carrying on with the willow removal task in the reedbed, which ensures that the reedbed doesn't dry out and eventually become willow woodland. We are now nearly finished this for the winter and will be moving onto woodland work soon. Our woodland work is part of a 10 year management plan we have to improve the woodland for wildlife and include removal of invasive Sycamores and re-planting with various native species such as Oak and Hazel. We have also been carrying on with reed cutting out on the islands. This stimulates the reed into growth in the spring, accelerating the reed expansion on the islands, creating ideal habitat for our target species such as Bittern and Bearded Tit.



FEBRUARY REFLECTIONS

Dear Friends,

As February unfolds, we face the prospect of continued lockdown life, without the distracting benefits of warm spring sunshine, hours of gardening time or the novelty of wondering what lockdown will be like. Almost a year on from the first one, we know only too well about the limitations of shielding, home schooling and only leaving the house for very limited reasons. This time round, we can add to that the sadness which death brings, concern over ongoing health treatment, anxiety for our businesses and uncertainty over what will be left in place when we do get out.

At the heart of our anxiety may be the age old question, *who am I? and what does it mean to be human?* Indeed, we might feel that our very humanity is under threat, undermined by a virus, because being human means we are aware of each other, we communicate with each other and we are all inter dependant. So, even if I chose to live as a hermit, far away from anyone else, I would still know that I belong to the human race and couldn't survive without the knowledge, gifts and efforts of other human beings.

Is this compromised by the instruction to *Maintain social distance* or to *self isolate*? That is a danger, but we humans are endlessly inventive and we yearn to make contact with each other in the world we inhabit. This has resulted in social media becoming vital, not just a fun way of passing the time and online meetings becoming regular and normal events.

This is true for church as well as everywhere else and although we are not having regular church services in our buildings at present, church has not gone anywhere.

Our buildings will be open for private prayer, so please check when that is, either on posters, our website, facebook or by phone.

We are having online evening prayer via Zoom on Sundays and Wednesdays at 5pm, so if you'd like to join in that, please send me an email at revdmmand@hotmail.com and I'll send you a link.

We are still recording a Sunday service each week, which you can watch via our website www.easttrentchurches.org or on facebook East Trent Churches, or if you email me a request, I'll send you a recording direct to your inbox.

Please do continue to take care of yourselves and each other. God has made us human and that means we're made to be together and we can't live without each other. So thank you to everyone who's done so much to help friends and neighbours over the past year and let's all do what we can to help each other.

Please do get in touch with me if you want, by email or phone on 01636 361657

God bless you,

Revd Mandy.





ALL SAINTS WINTHORPE



As I write these February notes I see that the Storm Brendan of January 2020 has been replaced by Storm Christoph of 2021!

We sadly felt the need to cancel the January church services as the new strain of the virus seemed to be coming ever closer and also the fact that so many villagers were nearly at the vaccination stage and therefore not wanting to jeopardise their health in any way. We did enjoy the Christmas Services that we managed to hold. The Carol Singing around the village went down very well and a good sized group, socially distanced, moved about the village. Irrespective of us being able to hold a Carol Service in church in December we will definitely continue the outdoor event!

We definitely are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel now as many villagers are telling me they have received the letter! Some even receiving two!!! How wonderful that the Showground is so close and as I hear, so well organised. Roll on the letters for Group 5 people – that is what I am looking out for!

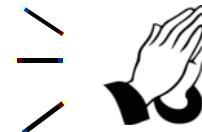
In church we are holding Private Prayer every Thursday and on Sundays when we should have had a Service. Mandy is still providing a videoed Holy Communion Service each week and has now started a Zoom Evening Prayer on Wednesdays (5p.m.) and Sundays(5p.m.) – we are even managing to sing a hymn or two! Do email Mandy if you would like to take part.

We are thinking in our prayers of all those ill or hospitalised or having to visit for appointments at this time. Do stay safe everyone.

Tish Applewhite, Churchwarden (643763)



Church open times for Private Prayer at All Saints, Winthorpe during FEBRUARY 2021



Thursday 4th

Thursday 11th

Sunday 14th

Thursday 18th

Sunday 21st

Thursday 25th



Private Prayer

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1.30p.m.– 3.30p.m.

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Church Cleaners – Mrs J. White

Brasses - Miss P. Applewhite

*****Please look out in March's FP for details of our Easter Garden Competition *****



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FEBRUARY'S CALENDAR 2021

Please let me know about any events happening in the three villages, I would love to put them in the calendar (Ed)

Monday	1st	Silver Bin	
Mon	1st-7th	Children's Mental Health Week	
Friday	5th	World Nutella Day!	
Sunday	7th	Send a Card To a Friend Day!	
Sunday	7th	British Yorkshire Pudding Day!	
Monday	8th	Green & Brown Bin	
Tuesday	9th	National Pizza Day!	
Friday	12th	Chinese New Year 2021!	
Sunday	14th	Valentine's Day!	
Monday	15th	Silver Bin	
Tuesday	16th	Shrove Tuesday / Pancake Day!	See p.g. 6
Wednesday	17th	Ash Wednesday!	
Wednesday	17th	Random Acts of Kindness Day!	
Monday	22nd	Green - same as NORMAL Brown Bin - CANCELLED!	
Mon	22nd -7th	Fairtrade Fortnight	



SUPPORT BUSINESSES



We need YOUR support! Many businesses (especially local businesses in the community) rely on your vital support to continue their services. Share the community spirit and help local businesses!

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

BYE FOR NOW!

Thanks for stopping by! I hope that you check in online next month. Let me know (Lizzie, your FP Editor) if you have any suggestions for future editions . And don't forget to tell others about the online copies, especially if they want to see it in COLOUR!

BUT BEFORE YOU GO...

Let your fellow village friends and family know that there is an online edition available on Winthorpe village's website.

- Lizzie Wakefield (Ed)