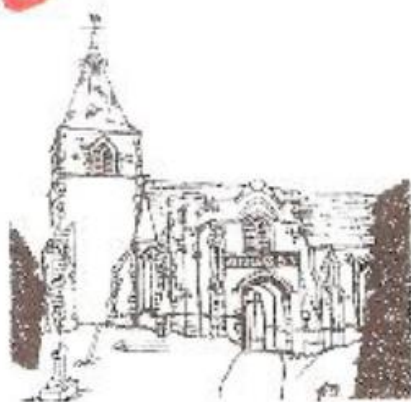
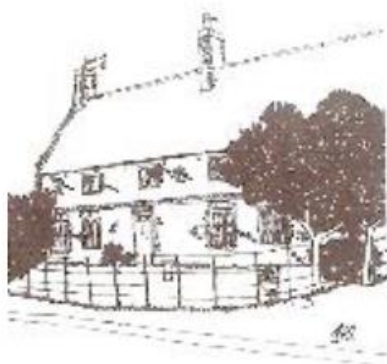




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As well as the current issue, you can read previous issues, going back as far as 2007!

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

It's just two years since we moved into Winthorpe. In some respects it seems that the time has flown by and yet it feels like we've lived in this village much longer. From the moment we arrived, we felt a sense of community and belonging. People stopped to say hello and to chat, when they saw us coming in, going out, pottering in the garden or endlessly sorting out the overspill of 'stuff' we had brought with us, which had been deposited in the garage.

Fast forward a year to March 2022 and another removals van arrived on our driveway – some of our neighbours were slightly startled, wondering if we had made a sudden decision to quit the village! No, this was furniture and 'stuff' from the sale of our house in France – not a grand affair and would have made more economic sense to have left it all behind, but family heirlooms and many boxes of books cannot be measured in monetary value.

Taking into account periods of short and long-term storage, we've had removal lorries on our driveway on four occasions, to bring our 'stuff'. We're done now. We are here... settled... contented... and loving our life in Winthorpe. (Incidentally, the garage is still not clear of 'stuff'.)

Spring is a time of new beginnings, opening doors and windows, clearing away cobwebs, even using the washing line again. Although we hang on to the possessions which we treasure or which we know we are absolutely certain to need the day after we get rid of them, it's a good time to declutter and take stock. For reasons too complicated to explain here, we had two tables and twelve chairs in our dining room last year – the smallest bistro in England? We gave one set to our favourite charity, who gained over £100 from the sale of it, which made us very happy.

We have a very special new beginning of our own coming soon... more about that in next month's edition of Focal Point.

Julie Hill (01636 676079)

NEXT MONTH'S DEADLINE IS 18TH APRIL

April Calendar

When	What	Where
Sun 2 nd	Easter Egg Heritage Trail begins	Winthorpe
Mon 3 rd	Green bin	Winthorpe
Mon 3 rd	Mobile Library	All
Mon 3 rd	Line Dancing	Winthorpe
Tue 4 th	Tuesday Club	Winthorpe
Fri 7 th	Good Friday	
Fri 7 th	Green bin	L'ford/ Holme
Sun 9 th	Easter Sunday	
Mon 10 th	Easter Monday	
Mon 10 th	Silver bin	Winthorpe
Mon 10 th	Brown bin	All
Tue 11 th	Tuesday Club	Winthorpe
Wed 12 th	WI meeting	Winthorpe
Fri 14 th	Silver bin	L'ford/ Holme
Mon 17 th	Green bin	Winthorpe
Mon 17 th	Brown bin	All
Mon 17 th	Line Dancing	Winthorpe
Tue 18 th	Tuesday Club	Winthorpe
Wed 19 th	Garden Club AGM	Winthorpe
Thur 20 th	Winthorpe & Langford Parish Council Meeting	Winthorpe
Fri 21 st	Green bin	L'ford/ Holme
Sun 23 rd	St George's Day	
Mon 24 th	Silver bin	Winthorpe
Mon 24 th	Brown bin	All
Mon 24 th	Line Dancing	Winthorpe
Tue 25 th	Tuesday Club	Winthorpe
Fri 28 th	WHAM! meeting	Winthorpe
Fri 28 th	Silver bin	L'ford/ Holme



**This month, the mobile library will call at our villages
on Monday 3rd April
Please note the new times of the first three stops**

Mobile Library Routes and Timetable 2023 for Winthorpe, Langford and Holme*				
Stop No.	Village	Location	Arrive	Depart
1	Winthorpe	The Spinney	9.50am	10.10am
2	Winthorpe	junction of Pocklington Crescent and Branston Close	10.15am	10.35am
3	Winthorpe	junction of Gainsborough Road and Woodlands	10.40am	10.50am
4	Langford	Langford Hall Farm	10.55am	11.10am
5	Holme	Snaefell, Langford Lane	11.20am	11.30am
6	Holme	Southview Farm	11.35am	11.55am

*Information taken from inspireculture.org.uk

Don't forget to contact the editor about any events or activities happening in Winthorpe, Langford or Holme, so that they can be included in Focal Point.

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We're delighted at the response to our request for ideas for new clubs and activities to start up in Winthorpe, based at our lovely old village hall. Some are already happening, others are about to begin and more are being planned for later this year.

Board Games Afternoon: Thursday 2pm-4pm, from 6th April

If you would like to meet to play board games, please join us! Suggestions so far are: Beetle Drive, Whist, Uno, Draughts, Chess, and a few others. You might want to play an old favourite or try a new game. Bring along your chosen game or just bring yourself and your enthusiasm.

Scrabble Club

Whilst we could include Scrabble as part of the board games afternoon, if there is enough interest we could create a separate club especially for Scrabble lovers. Please email the editor of Focal Point if you would be interested in joining a Scrabble Club. winthorpefocalpoint@outlook.com

WHAM! Winthorpe History and Me

This recently formed group meets once a month to discuss and share our interest in the history of Winthorpe and surrounding villages. The meeting on 24th March was well attended and covered a variety of topics, including personal memories of childhood in and around Winthorpe, some transmitted over the Atlantic Ocean from Canada!

Areas of interest currently being researched include education, local businesses, gravestones, buildings and family connections. We're interested in any historical period of Winthorpe and its environs, from the Vikings right up until the end of the 20th century. So please come along and join us – even if it's just to discover what on earth we all find to talk about on a Friday afternoon! **Next meeting: Friday 28th April 1.30pm-3pm**

For more information about the use of Winthorpe Village Hall, whether for a club, a fundraiser or a private event, please contact Bob McClymont on 01636 705952 or Susie Conning on 07968855448.

Celebrations for the Coronation of King Charles III



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If you find that you are at home, on your own and would like to watch the King's Coronation with others, then why not join us for complimentary morning coffee and a celebration lunch?

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Susie Conning: tel. 07968855448, email conningsusie@gmail.com

or Joan Lord: tel. 07792110540, email joanm.lord@hotmail.com

Afternoon Tea Sunday 7th May 2023, 3-5pm at Winthorpe Community Centre

Just a reminder that the Coronation Afternoon Tea will take place on Sunday 7th May at the Community Centre from 3-5pm. The response has been so fantastic that the event is now almost fully booked. So, please can I ask that, if you are unable to attend, you contact me as soon as possible so that I can reallocate your place.

If you wish to bring your own wine / fizz, please remember to bring your own glasses. If you prefer tea /coffee can I kindly ask you to bring your own china cup and saucer (or mug)please. Please also support the Coronation raffle; tickets will be available on the day. All funds raised will go to the Prince's Trust and our Community Centre.

Thank you once again for your support and I look forward to seeing you on the 7th May.

Denise Day (07932056097)





Rock Choir's Comin' Holme 5th March 2023

This much anticipated event, which took place in St Giles Church, Holme, was well attended by residents of Holme and other local villages. The fundraising event was organised to help towards the cost of the new lighting and much-needed heating for the church. We had a joyous and fun afternoon of music and song, despite the church being chilly; in all fairness, this only served to highlight why we were fundraising. 😊

Churchwarden, Nigel Priestley, welcomed everyone and the afternoon began with a wonderfully relaxed and thoroughly enjoyable performance from local musicians, Jim and Martin, who often perform at the open mic nights at the Lord Nelson in Winthorpe.

Rock Choir leader, Ainjiel-Shaolee Clark, conducted nearly 40 singers from across all 5 of her choirs (who rehearse in Newark, Southwell, Grantham, West Bridgford and Melton Mowbray) through a varied collection of classic and current rock and pop songs, starting with Dolly Parton's 'Jolene' and ending with Queen's 'Don't stop me now'. The choir moved down into the body of the church, lining up in the aisles and across the back of the church, to perform their last 2 songs; Leonard Cohen's 'Hallelujah' rang out from the rafters. Just wonderful! Ainjiel encouraged audience participation by teaching everyone some of the Rock Choir moves for 'Don't stop me now'. As Reverend Mandy mentioned in her closing comments, we all warmed up a bit at that point!

The raffle proved to be extremely popular. The following local businesses very generously donated prizes:

- ★ Lord Nelson pub, Winthorpe – voucher for a steak night meal for 2
- ★ Pearson's Nursery, Collingham – gorgeous spring planter
- ★ JaneLittleCreations, Winthorpe – handmade Easter bunny: 'Cyril'
- ★ Aimée at Purdey Hair, Newark – £20 hairdressing voucher
- ★ Other donations gratefully received from Holme village residents

Interval refreshments were provided by Holme residents, Rock Choir members and the PCC.

The event raised over £450, which exceeded all expectations. We are very grateful to everyone who supported this event in any way.

If you missed out by not joining us on this occasion, make sure you come along next time.... 😊

*Jane Chapman
Newark Rock Choir*

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Jane Bateson (17 Pocklington Crescent)

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Please note: This is a ticketed event and it may not be possible to accommodate anyone who arrives without a prepaid ticket. It would also be helpful if you would be kind enough to purchase your ticket before 10th April so that Ann (et Vin) can organise her staffing arrangements.

We look forward to seeing you!

Defibrillator codes for Winthorpe

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Village Hall: CY543

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Club

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Line Dancing

Line Dancing has been part of Winthorpe since the late 70's, first established to raise funds towards a new Community Centre. Although Line Dancing is traditionally danced to country music, we also include modern/rock/pop – basically if you have a favourite song, we can put a dance to it.

As a group, the emphasis is on a friendly, social and inclusive environment, welcoming all abilities. We dance together **every Monday 6pm-7.45pm**. Our numbers vary each week but we regularly have over 20 in the class.

Each year we perform 3 or 4 dances at Winthorpe Village Festival to celebrate our achievements. We always welcome new starters - if you think you may enjoy it you are welcome to come along and join us.

Winthorpe Summer Festival Saturday 24th June 2023

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WINTHORPE WI

Twenty members had an exceptional lunchtime meal at the Lord Nelson on 28th February. Excellent food was accompanied by lots of hilarity, provided by a member who told a true story involving a male model and another WI!

Meeting

Although there were no male models at our meeting on 8th March, we did have wine. Despite the inclement weather, attendance was good. One visitor was welcomed and one birthday celebrated before the evening's AGM business was conducted. A financial report was read out and explained, followed by a resumé of the year's events. Various people were thanked and in return the President, Treasurer and Committee were thanked for their hard work throughout the year. As no other names were put forward, the current posts of President/Secretary, Treasurer and Committee Members were re-elected en masse to serve another year.

Our next meeting on **12th April** will be a member's only event, with a start time of 6.30pm for 7.00pm. As this event is being catered, members are kindly requested to give the President their food preference from the menu, and if unforeseen circumstances mean that anyone has to cancel, please let the President know as soon as possible.

Anyone who wishes to join us at our meeting on **10th May** will be most welcome. The topic will be Resolutions, with cake and fizz to celebrate the King's Coronation. Meetings are held at the Community Centre at 7.30 pm on the second Wednesday of each month. The first visit is free of charge and for those not wishing to join, subsequent visits incur a charge of £5.00 per visit.

Book Club

The WI Book Club met at the Lord Nelson to discuss the book *Oh William* by Elizabeth Strout. Opinions were divided about this book: some members really enjoyed it – others did not. It was considered to be an easy read and very American. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 4th May to discuss *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman. All WI members are welcome to attend.

Pauline Lockwood

Winthorpe Garden Club

At our meeting on 15th March, we welcomed a return visit by Don Witton, whose talk was entitled 'A Calendar of Colour'. At the outset he made it clear that meant no white plants would be included. Don takes photographs wherever he goes and the format of the presentation was extremely interesting. For each month of the year there was a picture of a named garden, followed by a shrub with particular interest in that month, then a flowering bulb, a perennial and lastly a euphorbia. The latter is no coincidence, as Don has the national collection on his allotment in Sheffield.

Here's how the format worked, using the month of February as an example:

Named Garden: Bressingham in Norfolk

Shrub: Hamamelis x intermedia Diane

Flowering Bulb: Iris reticulate George

Perennial: Valeriana phu Aurea

Euphorbia: Euphorbia rigida

Several of the winter gardens had lovely, glowing dogwoods.

We were most impressed by Don's photography, knowledge and style of presentation.

Our next meeting on April 19th is the AGM and plant sale. If you have spare plants or over wintered cuttings, this is a chance to boost club funds.

Summer Outings Update

We have now fixed the prices:

Kew Gardens and RHS Hyde Hall, 21st & 22nd June (two nights)

£170 for a shared room, £190 for single occupancy

Trentham Gardens, Staffordshire 12th July (day trip) £55

Non-members are most welcome to join us. For further information contact Julie Parker – 01636 893371 or Ian Wilson – 01636 686249. Please make payment in full on or before 19th April.

Ian Wilson

RHS Hyde Hall

Of the three gardens planned for this year's Winthorpe Garden Club visits, RHS Garden Hyde Hall must rank as the best. Situated in Essex, the driest area of the country, this 365 acre site on predominantly clay soil faces an extreme climate. The winters are wet, with cold winds coming across the North Sea from the Arctic. The Mediterranean type summers are hot and dry. Despite this, the garden flourishes, with displays of many varieties of trees and plants from around the world.

There are many gardens set out in the site to suit everyone. The Dry Garden, Cottage Garden, Winter Garden, Courtyard Garden, Queen Mother's Garden, Robinsons Garden, Hilltop Garden and many others. But, the most prominent garden to visit has to be The Global Growth Vegetable Garden.



This particular garden, set out in a design to represent the globe, is split into four quarters to showcase plants of different origin from Europe and the Middle East; Asia; North and Central America; and South America. At the centre of the garden is a bespoke 46ft (14m) wide octagonal glasshouse.



This year, there is also a special exhibition of life-size animal sculptures, created by Susan Bacon and Marcus Cornish, inspired by Aesop's Fables. However, this beautiful example could just as easily have been inspired by the Irish Racehorse, Aesop's Fables, trained by Aidan O'Brien!

Pat Finn

Winthorpe with Langford Parish Council

The latest meeting of the Parish Council, on 16th March in the Village Hall, was well attended by councillors as well as three residents from Winthorpe.

We have received notification from National Highways of a 'Targeted Consultation' on three aspects of the A46 Newark By Pass. These are: updates and changes to Langford Hall access road; changes to the Winthorpe Roundabout; and scheme boundary changes at the south end of Hargon Lane. For further information see National Highways website.

We are in the process of setting up a meeting with our County Councillor (Debbie Darby) to provide feedback on Parish issues and to identify any Nottinghamshire County Council policies of activities which may affect the parish. If you have any specific points which you would like to be raised, please let us know.

In planning, there have been three applications since the last edition of Focal Point. These are as follows:

- The Dial House – 58 Gainsborough Road – erection of an outdoor office (retrospective). Parish Council decision: defer to Newark & Sherwood District Council Planning Officers
- 22 Gainsborough Road – erection of two-story rear extension. Parish Council decision: support
- ESSO Filling Station, Fosse Road (A46) Winthorpe – creation of charging zones. Erection of EV chargers, canopies, sub-station enclosure and associated forecourt works. Parish Council decision: support

We are currently working with Newark & Sherwood District Council to facilitate the placement of a new sign on The Spinney at the point where each leg branches off. This sign will identify the numbering of each leg, making it easier for the emergency services and delivery vehicles to find properties. Once this sign is in place, we will be contacting all residents of The Spinney, asking them to place an easily visible property number outside their property.

We understand from 'Open Reach' that they are currently rolling out Full Fibre Broadband service availability around the Newark area and that this will happen in Winthorpe and Langford later this year. This will mean that if residents sign up

for this provision then Broadband speeds will improve from the current 65/75mbps average to almost 500mbps, which will be an obvious significant improvement.

We will have at least one vacancy for a Parish Councillor to start following the AGM in May. If any resident of the Parish would be interested in taking up the role, please contact me at the email address below or on 07568 543202 for more information on the role and how to apply.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place in the Village Hall on **Thursday 20th April**; in the meantime, if you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please contact me: paul@bridgfordss.co.uk

Neighbourhood Plan Update – March 2023

The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group met recently, with the main objective of signing off the Final Draft version of the Plan, in readiness for sharing with Parish residents towards the end of March. Unfortunately, our consultant who is working with us to complete the plan was not in a position to share this final draft.

Following discussion amongst Working Group members, it was decided that it was better to step back and allow time for full completion of the final version. We have now received a 'pre sign-off' version, which all Working Group members are currently working through, their comments will be sent through to Open Plan over the next few days.

It is hoped that the next meeting of the Working Group will take place on 28th March, at which point we should be able to finally sign off the completed version of the plan, then move on to the next stage in the process. Although it is obvious that there are still some changes to be made, it is clear that a great deal of work has been undertaken in the last few weeks and the current version is beginning to look really good.

The Working Group has also received and commented on the final version of the Design Code document, which has been compiled over the last few months by another consultant we are currently using: AECOM. This feedback has now been incorporated and a final version has been produced and circulated to the Working Group. This comprehensive document will form an important part of the overall

suite of documents for this process. It will sit alongside the Neighbourhood Plan itself and the Housing Needs Assessment, which was completed by AECOM on our behalf last year.

We are hoping to move to the consultation process with village residents in April. More information on this and the overall process/timescales will be produced following the next Working Group meeting. It is anticipated that this will include village meetings to explain the content and access to full copies of the finished draft plan.

Just a reminder!

The New 'Warm Spaces' Tuesday Club get-together will continue to meet in the Village Hall each Tuesday, **2pm - 4pm**. A member of the Parish Council will be in attendance at each meeting to answer any questions you may have and to provide an opportunity for you to put forward your suggestions about the upkeep and enhancement of the Parish.

All residents are welcome, so please join us for coffee/tea/biscuits and a chat. It's a great opportunity for people to get together to talk about shared interests and to find out more about what's happening around the Parish.

This initiative is supported by the WI, Winthorpe Village Hall, Winthorpe and Langford Parish Council and Newark and Sherwood District Council.

If you don't like Easter Eggs, stop reading NOW!

This year we are launching our first ever Winthorpe Easter Egg Heritage Trail! Everyone is welcome to join in. The event starts on Sunday 2nd April and will be ongoing until Easter Monday.

To take part, please go to the Lord Nelson Pub and collect your Heritage Trail map and question sheet. Follow the trail, answering the questions as you go along. Then return the completed sheet to the Lord Nelson, with the correct answers, and collect your prize... a delicious Easter Egg! One egg per person.

Have fun and no cheating!



THINK AGAIN

The Winthorpe Residents' A46 Consultation Group

National Highways has launched an additional consultation during March, to garner further views on updates to the proposals that have occurred since the statutory consultation last year. Their deadline for receiving these is 16th April.

Think Again will discuss the updates and respond. The main changes impacting this area relate to additional land requirements for Langford Hall access road, a design change at Winthorpe roundabout (A46/ A1133) and an alteration to the proposed scheme boundary on Hargon Lane, to allow for connection with the proposed new walking and cycling route contained in the roundabout proposals. Details are contained on National Highways' web site.

There has also been some press coverage of the outcome of the original statutory consultation, which indicated positive feedback to the proposals. Full details have not been reported currently. Think Again will seek a meeting with National Highways and will continue to work on your behalf to ensure that we get the best possible solutions for Winthorpe.

Results of the further consultation will be included in next stages of the planning process, which we assume will take some time to complete. It is unlikely that this will be fully completed before 2025. Environmental and construction feasibility surveys continue to be undertaken.

For up-to-date news on Think Again's campaign, upcoming events and key dates, please join our mailing list (details below).

The dedicated Think Again website is available as a single point of information and communication for the village. It can be found by following the link: <https://a46thinkagain.org.uk>
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Thanks from Emma and the Team

Travelling by Train in 19th Century Winthorpe

Note from the editor: Winthorpe Village Scrapbook is an absolute delight and the result of an unbelievable amount of hard work, knowledge, research and expertise. It's very easy – as some of you know already – to lose yourself for hours in the pleasure of reading through its many articles. The article which follows is one I particularly enjoyed (and had to edit to fit into Focal Point).

If you would like to read the article in full, here's the link:

<https://www.winthorpe.org.uk/winthorpe-railway-station>

It may come as a surprise to learn that the first Railway Station in Newark was the one we know today as Newark Castle, on the line between Nottingham and Lincoln. It will come, as more of a surprise to learn that originally there was a station of sorts at Winthorpe! The Midland Counties Railway planned the line in 1846, though by the time it was completed the company had amalgamated with others to form the Midland Railway (MR). The line between Nottingham and Lincoln was very hastily constructed, principally to "stake a claim" to the area and to fend off rival concerns, and initially was operated on a very haphazard basis. In fact there is no authorisation recorded in the Board minutes for the construction of a station at Winthorpe. Nevertheless it was included in "Bradshaw" for January 1847 (but not subsequently). Bradshaw was of course the famous Victorian independent timetable, which only ceased publication late in British Railways days.

Judging by what is known to have happened at Bleasby, people simply started flagging down the trains, or persuaded the guard to "drop them off." The numbers must have grown because arrangements were made at the Lincoln Station (subsequently known as Lincoln St. Marks) to accommodate the Winthorpe traffic. It will be appreciated that at that early date the Edmondson card ticket, used generally by railways before the computer age, had not been invented. Following stagecoach practice tickets were written by

hand using the counterfoils bound in a ledger. In order to keep the ledgers appropriately organised, the Midland Railway fitted out sets of drawers to hold them. These included the drawer for ledgers for tickets to "Winthorpe Newark Fiskerton" This drawer remained in existence until St. Marks was modernised in the 1960's, when the painted, varnished and lettered front was salvaged, eventually finding its way by an auction into my collection.

In researching the history of Winthorpe Station I was delighted to discover that at least three paper tickets survive. The National Railway Museum at York holds Second Class Ticket No. 155 from Newark to Winthorpe, whilst the "Roy F. Burrows Midland Collection Trust" holds a Third Class Ticket for the same journey. Its serial number is illegible but may be No. 145. A further copy is in private hands. Second Class was pink and Third Class Green. Each is 5.6 cm x 3.0 cm. in size.

So where was Winthorpe station? The probable intended location was Holme Lane at the level crossing. No platform or passenger buildings were ever sanctioned and, as stated earlier, the usual practice then was simply to stop at a convenient point and let passengers scramble in and out! There is a steel engraving of an accident there on 22nd October 1875. In fact there were two interlinked accidents. Due to floods, a train was derailed near Averham, a bridge having been washed away. The driver and fireman set off on foot to get help. However when the train did not arrive at Nottingham the Stationmaster there must have telegraphed to Lincoln because a breakdown train was sent westwards from Lincoln at 10.00pm. It consisted of a tender engine, truck and a carriage with 12 men.

Near "the gatehouse at Holme Lane, Winthorpe" said a contemporary report, the waters had also broken through and had washed out the ballast. The gatehouse keeper displayed a red light but the driver did not see this and his engine sank several feet into the flood debris before standing on end. The driver was knocked out and the gangers in the carriage were cut and bruised. All were taken to the gatehouse whilst medical help was sought. A signal box was later erected here to control the crossing and remained in service until 1914.

Malcolm Shelmerdine. January 2006

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Recipe for April



For this month, here's an absolute classic, that's a real crowd pleaser too. If you are catering for a crowd, you can bake this in a standard roasting tin – just work up the quantities for a 6-egg mixture and bake it for 40-45 minutes.

Lemon drizzle traybake

Prep: about 5 minutes

Bake: 35-40 minutes

Makes: 16 - 24

For the sponge

225g unsalted butter, diced and softened

225g golden caster sugar

275g self-raising flour, sifted

2 tsp baking powder

4 large eggs

50ml whole milk

zest of 3 large or 4 medium

unwaxed lemons

For the drizzle

juice of 3 large or 4 medium lemons

150g granulated sugar

To decorate

3 tbsps preserving sugar

Method

1. Heat the oven to 170°C/150°C fan/325°F/Gas 3. Grease and line the base and sides of a 30 x 23cm traybake tin with baking paper.
2. Beat together all the sponge ingredients in a stand mixer fitted with the beater, on a medium speed, for 2 minutes, until smooth.
3. Transfer the mixture to the prepared tin and smooth the top. Bake for 35-40 minutes, until springy to the touch and a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean. Set aside to cool just a little while you quickly make the drizzle.
4. Stir together the lemon juice and sugar. Using a cocktail stick, poke holes all over the sponge and spoon the drizzle over. Leave the sponge to cool completely in the tin.
5. Sprinkle the traybake with preserving sugar, then remove it from the tin and cut it into 16 or 24, depending on what size pieces you want.

Tips: Make sure your traybake is still warm when you add the drizzle – that way, the syrup will soak into the sponge, leaving some sugar on top.

For a bit of a twist, you could add a heaped teaspoon of very finely chopped lemon verbena or lemon thyme leaves to the cake mix

Jane Confrey



APRIL'S REFLECTIONS



Dear Friends,

At last April is here, bringing Easter with all its promise of chocolate, flowers and longer, brighter days. I wonder what your favourite memory of Easter is. Did anyone else have new clothes for Easter, along with brown sandals and ankle socks? One thing Easter meant to me as a child was wearing summery clothes, even if it was snowing! Everything had to be new to celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

Another childhood Easter memory is going to church on Good Friday when it was stripped bare of all ornaments and decorations. I remember the time between Good Friday and Easter Sunday, when the hours dragged by so slowly, even though the house was a flurry of activity: cleaning, polishing and cooking, getting ready for the big celebration. At last, Easter morning arrived; I fastened on my shiny new shoes and walked into church, which was then filled with flowers, bright with highly polished brass and wood and beautiful with embroidery. The impact of that has never left me.

Those things still happen! All our churches will be beautifully decorated for Easter, and the Easter season lasts until May. In Winthorpe, we have a Good Friday (7th April) service at 2pm and a Service of Light on Easter Eve (8th April) at 7pm. This is a great opportunity to take part in the whole Easter story of death and resurrection.

We can join in more of the story, starting on Palm Sunday, April 2nd, when there is a service at Holme Church at 9am, and at St John's Collingham at 11am. At those services, we'll all receive a Palm Cross, sing joyful hymns and read the whole Easter story.

Then, through the week leading up to Easter, there will be a special service at Holme on Wednesday April 5th at 7:30pm, and at All Saints', Collingham on Thursday April 6th at 7:30pm. There are children's activities at All Saints',

Collingham on Good Friday April 7th from 10am to 12noon and an Easter morning service (Sunday April 9th) at St John's Collingham at 11am.

Don't miss out on this great story, which might just change your life. I look forward to seeing you.

Have a very happy and joyful Easter.
God bless you all,

Rev. Mandy

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St Bartholomew's Church, Langford

We will be decorating the church to celebrate Easter and Springtime on Saturday 7th April – church will be open if anyone would like to call in with flowers, or bring an entry for our colouring/painting competition to put up in church – please add your name, age up to 15, and address on the back – chocolate prizes galore!

We don't have an Easter service this year at Langford; instead the church will be open daily from 10am until 4pm throughout April, for those who would like to enjoy the Easter flowers and Spring decorations.

Our first gardening event of the year will be on Saturday 22nd April from 2pm until 4pm; activities will include gardening, grass cutting, strimming and weeding. Anyone is welcome to help with activities, or simply pop in to say hello. We will be serving drinks and cake during this time.

Sunday morning service in April will be on Sunday 23rd April at 10am

John and Becky Whittaker (key holders)
Langford Crossing (0775 311 7530)



All Saints' Church, Winthorpe

The first snow of winter is settling, as I write these April notes. Let's hope it goes as quickly as it came!

March's Services passed through Lent and included Mothering Sunday for the first time in a few years.

There's much to look forward to this month with Good Friday's 'Last Hour at the Cross' Service at 2pm (followed by refreshments including hot x buns) and the Easter Eve ETG Service of Light at 7pm, where the church will be shown in all its Easter glory by the efforts of our wonderful 'Flower Ladies.'

We are hoping that the village will take part in creating an Easter Garden again. A garden made on something the size of a tray depicting the Easter Story would be wonderful; the 'gardens' will be placed on the path leading up to church before the Good Friday Service. See what you can come up with!!

Whilst there is no Easter Day service in Winthorpe this year, services will take place at Girton, Clifton and Collingham where everyone will be very welcome. I hope that you enjoy the services that you are able to attend.

We have our first Wedding of the year in church on 22nd April at midday. The APCM will be held in church at 7.15pm on Wednesday 26th April. Do come to hear what the PCC have been up to over the last year and if you are on the Church Electoral Roll you have the right to vote.

In our prayers we are thinking about anyone in the village who is unwell or hospitalised at this time.

Tish Applewhite (Churchwarden) 643763

Flower Ladies: please bring your arrangements after the Good Friday service on April 7th (3.20pm approx, stay for a hot x bun) with removal from 2p.m. on April 17th. Thank you

Cleaner: Mrs J White

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St. Giles Church, Holme

Hello from St Giles Church Holme.

Our Rock Choir event at the beginning of March was a great success. The church was almost full, with the choir filling the space beyond the screen and the audience in the nave. The whole building was filled with music and song, and the grand finale was when the choir (about 30 voices) surrounded the audience in the nave and sang.

The electrical works have been completed and, in particular, the wall mounted heating is now installed and operational. The gas heaters have been taken away, making the church look as it should: with no clutter in the aisles and no dangerous gas canisters in the building. We just need to turn our attention to lighting up the path to the church, maybe by installing some solar powered lights.

Following the recent death of Holme's well-known resident, Andrew Malone, his funeral took place on Monday 20th March. The church was full. The coffin was carried on a vintage bier from the family cottage to the church. During the service, moving and sometimes humorous tributes were given by his three daughters and also by three friends and colleagues. The service was conducted by Canon Eddie Neale, who was a long term friend of Andrew. Andrew founded Nottingham Community Housing Association in 1973. In 2005 he was awarded an OBE by Her Majesty the Queen for services to social housing across the East Midlands.

Our next service in the church will be on Sunday 2nd April. In the following week, on Wednesday 5th April we will have a short service in the Barton Chapel at 7:30pm in the run up to Easter.

Kind regards, Nigel Priestley and Doreen Hallam.

Phone, 01636 892020, email: nigel.priestley10@gmail.com

Church Services for April 2023



Sunday 2nd

(Palm Sunday)

9.00 a.m.

Holy Communion

Holme

Wednesday 5th

7.30 p.m.

Holy Week Service

Holme

Friday 7th

(Good Friday)

2.00 p.m.

Final Hour at the
Cross + Holy Communion

Winthorpe

Saturday 8th

(Easter Eve)

7.00p.m.

Service of Light +
Holy Communion

Winthorpe

Sunday 9th

(Easter Sunday)

Holy Communion Services: Girton/Clifton/Collingham

Sunday 16th

(2nd of Easter)

10.15a.m.

Morning Worship

Winthorpe

Sunday 23rd

(3rd of Easter)

10.00a.m.

Morning Worship

Langford

Every Thursday

1.30 – 3.30p.m. Open Church

Winthorpe

Every Day

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