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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Record temperatures (40.4C in our garden), life-threatening fires breaking out, low reservoir levels, mayhem at Dover Ferry Port and Heathrow Airport, pay disputes and strikes... is this 2022 or 1976? With the PM's resignation, a new PM by September, all of us wondering who has the answers to the economic crisis, which is hitting everyone through rising costs of food, fuel and energy – we need a safe haven from all this madness! Well, here it is.

Am I becoming boring in saying, once again, how overwhelmed I am by the wealth of contributions I have received this month? It's fantastic that we have another packed edition and I know from positive feedback received from some of you, our Focal Point is thriving and very much appreciated. Although I try to include everything you send me, this is not always possible: I may have to edit your article or even save it for a future edition. All your contributions are welcome – and I read every word of every one of them – but if I may, I would like to ask that you send them to me on A5 rather than A4 page size – shrinking them can make them too small to read for most of us. If you could manage this, then I could include more contributions from more of you, and keep our wonderful magazine relevant and engaging for a wide range of residents within our three villages. And for anyone who breaks out in a cold sweat at the thought of grappling with technology, just give a me a call and we'll get it sorted by way of an old fashioned solution – I'm no expert with a quill, but pen and paper works for me!

Next month's edition of Focal Point will be a very special one. So, anyone who can remember the very first edition of the magazine in December 1980, I would especially like to hear from you.

Julie Hill (01636 682530)

NEXT MONTH'S DEADLINE IS 18TH AUGUST

winthorpefocalpoint@outlook.com

August Calendar

When	What	Where
Mon 1 st	Silver bin	Winthorpe
Fri 5 th	Silver bin	L'ford/ Holme
5 th – 7 th	Hillbilly Hoedown Weekend	Showground
Mon 8 th	Green bin	Winthorpe
Mon 8 th	Brown bin	All
Fri 12 th	Green bin	L'ford/ Holme
Mon 15 th	Silver bin	Winthorpe
Thur 18 th	W.I. Book Club Meeting	Winthorpe
Fri 19 th	Silver bin	L'ford/ Holme
Sun 21 st	St Bartholomew's Day celebrations	Langford
Mon 22 nd	Green bin	Winthorpe
Mon 22 nd	Brown bin	All
Mon 22 nd	Mobile Library	All
Fri 26 th	Green bin	L'ford/ Holme
Sat 27 th	Stonedead Festival	Showground
Mon 29 th	Bank Holiday Monday	
Mon 29 th	Silver bin	Winthorpe

From talking to local residents, I am aware that there are a number of regular activities taking place in our villages, which are not included in Focal Point's calendar. If you don't let me know what's going on, then I can't let everyone else know!

If you are involved in any groups or activities within Winthorpe, Langford and Holme, please make sure to email me and I will be happy to feature your meeting or activity.

Thanks.

Julie Hill



**This month, the mobile library will call at our villages
on Monday 22nd August**

Mobile Library Routes and Timetable 2022 for Winthorpe, Langford and Holme*				
Stop No.	Village	Location	Arrive	Depart
1	Winthorpe	The Spinney	9.40am	10.00am
2	Winthorpe	junction of Pocklington Crescent and Branston Close	10.05am	10.25am
3	Winthorpe	junction of Gainsborough Road and Woodlands	10.30am	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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Collingham Medical Centre has agreed to help support COVID booster vaccinations alongside the mass vaccination sites and pharmacies in Nottinghamshire for the Newark PCN and communities. We aim to deliver a large part of this campaign at weekends in order not to disrupt your general practice services during the working week.

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Thank you to everyone from the three villages who contributed to the Foodbank collection this month. The collection for April amounted to 41.8kgs, and the collection for May was 51.2kgs.

Please note that the Foodbank has recently changed its bank, so to make direct donations, the Foodbank bank details are now:

NatWest, sort code 54 10 23, account number 19405812

This month, the most needed food items are: Long life fruit juice, tinned spaghetti, instant mashed potato, tinned meat, 500g bags sugar, tinned rice pudding and tinned or microwaveable sponge puddings. The Foodbank cannot accept fresh food, or anything containing alcohol.

Winthorpe Collection Points:

- The shop at the Lord Nelson, during shop hours
- The swing bin at 11 Gainsborough Road, available 24/7.
- The church porch, Sun 10am-12noon, Thurs 1.30-3.30pm

Thank you everyone.

Jane White

Winthorpe Community Centre

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Winners for August		
1st	£42.00	P Bateson
2nd	£21.00	A Parkin
3rd	£7.00	V Jackson

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Congratulations to our winners in August!

You could also be a winner and support your local community centre at the same time, just by making a contribution of £2 per month.

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Summer Festival 2022

What a lovely afternoon we had on the 25th June! On behalf of the Festival Committee, I would like to thank everyone who was involved in the above event. From the preparation, including raising the bunting and sign, to the running of stalls, games, sports, art exhibition, raffle and refreshments, then staying to clear up afterwards! All those who contributed their time and effort, however big or small, ensured we all had another great day!

Thanks again to The Lord Nelson pub for the top Raffle prize, and for sponsoring the Scarecrow Competition with a super prize!

Many thanks to Rattlejag Morris for two great performances. The displays by Winthorpe Line Dancers and Eva Katai's Zumba class were also greatly appreciated by everyone – so many thanks to them too!

Finally, a big thank you to everyone who came to support the Festival and spend their hard-earned cash! It was great to see everyone.

Details of the amount of money raised will be reported in the next edition of Focal Point.

I hope you all had a good time!



Sue Mashedor
Festival Committee

p.s. A number of raffle prizes remain unclaimed:
ticket no.89 -Louisa, no.65-Smith, no.254-Randall, no.295-Sam.
Contact me on 07714548561

p.p.s. A black cardigan was lost at the event. Also a child's sweatshirt jacket was left at the bouncy castle. For information regarding these items, please contact me on 07714548561.



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Why should we masticate a pulse
Instead of fillet steak?

The planet's warming up as well,
To fill us full of gloom,
Because it's all our own fault,
That cheers us to our doom.

And as for politicians, Dear,
They're always in the News
With mindless predilections
For parties, cakes and booze.

Then there's the cost of living:
Gas, Electric, All you use –
And Fuel's gone stratospheric
To give us all The Blues.

So here are *Words of Wisdom*:

(But they are solely mine)

Head down, Smile, Get on with Life...

And Soon the Sun will Shine.

(if it doesn't kill you)

Ron Moore

On **4th August 1901**, just over six months after the death of Queen Victoria, Louis Armstrong was born in New Orleans, USA. Known as "Satchmo," he appeared in many films and is best known for his renditions of *We Have All the Time in the World*, *It's a Wonderful World* and *Hello, Dolly*:

I see trees of green,
Red roses too:
I see them bloom
For me and you;
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world.

I see skies of blue,
And clouds of white:
The bright blessed day
The dark sacred night;
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world.

Defibrillator for Hargon Lane/Pocklington Crescent/Branston Close

When I first brought to the attention of the village how far the residents living in the above vicinity had to go to the nearest defibrillator, I received a lot of support. Because of covid and subsequent lock downs, the project had to be put on the back burner. I understand that the proceeds from the Village Fete are to be held by the Parish Council until such time as enough money is raised to provide a third defibrillator to service the above. The WI are also kindly making a donation towards this.

It is believed that the cost of purchasing and installing the defibrillator will be in the region of £1500. It is intended to step up a fund raising effort in the Autumn and it is hoped that villagers will support our efforts as the sooner we raise the money, the sooner we can have the defibrillator installed to potentially save lives.

In the meantime, ideas for fund raising would be welcomed and if anyone wishes to make a donation, it will be gratefully received.

Pauline Lockwood

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Winthorpe W.I.

Firstly, we would like to thank everyone who contributed to and supported our efforts at the Village Fete. Part of the proceeds raised by the WI will be given to the Defibrillator Fund.

Meeting 13th July.

Our meeting on 13th July took the form of a barbecue at the Lord Nelson. A big thank you is given to John Tinsley for the generous donation towards this event, in memory of his late wife, Brenda, who was once the Secretary of Winthorpe WI. John and his son, Adam, were welcomed as guests of honour and those who had known Brenda shared photographs, memories and anecdotes of the happy times they had shared with her. A very enjoyable evening was had by all.

As we do not hold a meeting in August, our next meeting will be on Wednesday 14th September, when the topic will be "All About Water", to be given by Severn Trent. There will also be a table top sale for those who might wish to relieve themselves of excess items and unwanted gifts. Visitors will be given a warm welcome. Your first visit is free of charge, whilst subsequent visits incur a charge of £5 per meeting.

Book Club

Our next Book Club meeting will be at 10.30am at the Lord Nelson on Thursday 18th August, when we will be reviewing "The Family Upstairs" by Lisa Jewell. Book Club meetings are open to any member of Winthorpe WI.

Pauline Lockwood

The poster has a bright blue background with a border of yellow musical notes and symbols. In the center, there is a pink silhouette of the Newark skyline, which includes a Ferris wheel and a heart shape filled with musical notes. The text 'Newark Festival' is written in large white letters, with '2022' in smaller yellow letters to the right.

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Saturday sees a **free entry** multi genre music festival over ten stages in venues including The Navigation, The Duck, and The Organ Grinder, with street art, food, and entertainment galore throughout the town.

On **Sunday evening** enjoy an intimate concert featuring the fabulous vocal harmony group **The Overtones** in the spectacular setting of Newark Castle grounds. Tickets for this event are available from www.ticketmaster.co.uk and selected local shops in Newark.

Monday, also in The Castle Grounds, sees more **free family entertainment** alongside the annual **Brass Explosion concert** with Pleasley Colliery Welfare Band, Newstead Brass, Newark Town Band and Newark & Sherwood Concert Band taking over the stage. The evening will conclude with a spectacular **fireworks finale**. The full programme will be released at the beginning of August via www.newarkfestival.co.uk

If you would like to get involved in the festival as a performer, business, volunteer, or you would like further information, please contact hello@newarkfestival.co.uk

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A point of view from the Vicarage Landing.

I'm Isaiah Teddy Bear, and when you see me, you'll know why I'm called Isaiah. Mandy doesn't really think of herself as a Teddy Bear sort of person, but I was a present from someone who wanted her to think otherwise!

Life's normally quiet on the Vicarage upstairs landing. Occasionally, Mandy appears, looking for toilet rolls or shampoo, but one day this summer, my ears pricked up when I heard strange footsteps walking up the stairs; someone was definitely on their way to work, not bed. My fur stood up on end when I was pushed aside and landed face down on top of a storage bag. I managed to turn my chin and peep upwards to see a beam of light. The light was shining to measure the landing window. It didn't take long, it was hardly worth moving me, but the light moved around the house, measuring rooms and windows and checking the loft insulation.

The vicarage was being assessed for energy efficiency, because the diocese wants to reduce its carbon footprint. Somebody's got to analyse all those measurements, I'm glad it's not me, but I overheard talk about possible solar panels and an air source heat pump, so who knows what will happen? Well, even though I'm glad of my fur most of the time, I've been feeling the heat a lot more lately and Mandy's always saying there are less butterflies about, so I hope this house can do its bit to help look after our beautiful planet.

When I hear some more, I'll let you know.



Isaiah.

The most travelled toy mascot is a bear called Raymondo, owned by ISPY (UK), who travelled 395,605 miles (636,714.8 kms) from 27 September 2009 to 3 September 2010, passing through 6 continents and 35 countries on his journey. Raymondo accompanied airline crew members or sponsors and travelled with a suitcase of travel goodies, his passport and several changes of clothing. He is now enjoying his retirement in south Wales.

Winthorpe Garden Club

What a relief! After the previous two days of record-breaking temperatures, the day of our outing to RHS Garden Bridgewater, Salford, on Wednesday 20th July, was much cooler. We were greeted by staff, who gave a brief introduction and handed everyone a plan of the gardens, then left us to make our way around.

The huge renovated walled garden, which had originally formed part of the Worsley estate, contained many smaller gardens, including a kitchen garden and the paradise garden. Many of the huge herbaceous borders were gloriously colourful, despite the recent dry weather. Incidentally, when I commented on the fact that the lawns were still green, I was informed that they have a spring and borehole, which enables extravagant watering.

My personal favourite amongst the gardens was the Chinese Water Garden with its flowing stream, bridges, cascade and planting, which will surely look even more magnificent next year. Of the two gardens transferred from Chelsea Flower Show, the Windrush had been relaid, whilst the Blue Peter garden was very much a work in progress.

Many thanks to Julie Parker, who – once again – excelled in organising the trip, which was topped off with a relaxed and enjoyable meal on the homeward journey.

Don't forget that our speaker season commences on Wednesday September 21st, when we will be welcoming one of our favourite speakers, Tracey Akehurst, who will give a talk entitled 'Carrots, Cabbages and other Ancients'. As usual, this will take place in the Community Centre at 7.30pm.

I understand that some villagers who have expressed an interest in joining the Garden Club have enquired about the cost. The current annual membership fee is £12. We welcome all new members – whether or not you live in the village.

Ian Wilson

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

This month's Parish Council meeting, which took place in the Village Hall on 21st July, began with a regular and detailed review of the Parish Council Accounts, which are all in order. **Just to remind everyone that we are still looking for a replacement for Duncan Richardson to take on the role of Auditor. If you are interested or know of someone who might be, please contact the Parish Clerk parishclerkatwinthorpe@outlook.com or any member of the Parish Council.**

- A planning application has been received for the demolition of an existing house at Lowfield Farm, 111 Gainsborough Road in Langford, and the building of a new 3-bedroom house to replace it. The Parish Council felt that, having considered the location and type of building being proposed, there were no objections.
- A communications mast is being proposed to be erected near the A17 Roundabout.
- A proposal for internal modifications to be made to The Grove, 73 Gainsborough Road, together with the installation of underfloor heating on the ground floor and an air source heat pump. The PC believed that this would not affect the overall character of the Grade 2 Listed property and therefore had no objections for the work to be carried out.
- The application for tree work to be undertaken at 88 Gainsborough Road (mentioned in last month's Focal Point) has been approved by N&SDC Planning.

Work will soon be commencing on the installation of the new bench, which we have recently purchased. It will be placed on the village green, outside The Lord Nelson, facing down Holme Lane. The bench will commemorate the life of Councillor Maureen Dobson, who was a great supporter of the Parish over many years and who was well known by many people within the Parish.

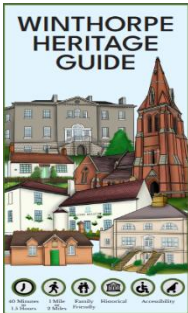
Work is currently underway to clear the alley way* between Gainsborough Road and the Community Centre. Many thanks to neighbours of the alley, who have cut back hedges and made access easier. N&SDC, who own the responsibility for the alley, will soon be tidying the site – including the clearing away of old concrete posts and wire from the side of the path, which will improve access and safety.

We have agreed to carry out general tree/hedge trimming along Jubilee Walk footpath and between Jubilee Field and the Cricket Pitch. This will be undertaken in the next few weeks.

As part of the work being undertaken to deliver the Winthorpe with Langford Neighbourhood Plan, we have now received funding so that the Village Website can be reviewed and updated. Whilst we believe the current content is good, we have had feedback from village surveys and individuals to the effect that the structure needs to be reviewed and rebuilt. As a result, we will be asking web developers, who work specifically on Parish Council websites, for their advice about how we can make improvements. We welcome all your suggestions, questions and comments. Please let us know what you would like to see improved or included. Above all, however little time you may think you can give, please get involved by contacting the Chair of the Parish Council:

Paul Smith paul@bridgfordss.co.uk

As the Parish Council does not meet in August, the next Focal Point report will be in the September edition. However, the work of the Parish Council goes on throughout the summer, with various meetings related to the Neighbourhood Plan being held. We also continue with the general day to day work of keeping our community clean, safe and in good order. So, if you have any thoughts or concerns, please contact the Parish Clerk parishclerkatwinthorpe@outlook.com



Neighbourhood Plan Progress Update

‘Securing a Safe, Evolving and Sustainable Community’

The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group meeting on 13th July was well attended by members. The Neighbourhood Plan is progressing well with really good work being undertaken by members and Focus Groups over the last few months.

We have now been successful in receiving Grant Funding of £10k, which will enable us to complete the plan in this financial year. We will use some of the funding to update the Village Website; the Working Group will aim to identify a Web Developer to modernise the existing website. We welcome ideas of how the site should look or could be improved; please contact any member of the Working Group.

We have received additional funding for Technical Support for development of ‘Design Codes’, to support work undertaken by the Housing Focus Group. This will start towards the end of July 2022; it will help us to define style and type of property within the parish, so that the character of the parish can be maintained in the future. AECOM will visit the Parish, working with us to reflect on the village scape and to take first steps.

The Working Group has discussed several outline policies produced by Open Plan. The structure seems good, and some of the supporting material will be added, where appropriate, by the next meeting on 2nd August. Open Plan have also started to develop an outline of the overall plan, so we are currently on target to achieve a first draft Plan by September.

The Conservation and Built Heritage Group has now met 3 times with some interesting outcomes. They have drafted a revision plan to the Winthorpe Conservation Area which includes justification for suggested changes. This will be discussed at a future meeting which will be attended by Oliver Scott, the N&SDC Conservation Officer. Work is currently being undertaken to complete the list of ‘Non-Designated Heritage Assets’ in the Parish and also those properties/buildings which are believed to be ‘Assets of Community Value’. This work is largely complete, but a review will be undertaken on August 17th via a village ‘Walk About’.

‘Winthorpe Heritage Guide’ will incorporate three routes around the village, helping everyone to appreciate the properties and history of our community. A copy of this guide will be delivered with September’s edition of Focal Point. It will also be available on the Parish Council’s website and Twitter account.



THINK AGAIN.

The Winthorpe Residents' A46 Consultation Group

Discussions via email have continued with National Highways and their appointed design team following on from the meeting held in May. Surveys are continuing and the air quality monitoring measurement equipment remains in place. It is expected that further

geotechnical work and ground investigations will take place during the summer, including new bore holes along the National Highways preferred route, and geophysical surveys to locate any archaeology in the area.

The design team has agreed to a planned meeting schedule, and it is assumed that the next meeting will be held later in the summer.

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/>

For further information please use the following contact:

A46WinthorpeVillage@outlook.com

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ThinkAgainA46>

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ThinkAgainA46Newark>

BIG BUTTERFLY COUNT 15TH JULY – 7TH AUGUST

There's still time to get involved with the Big Butterfly Count, which is a nationwide citizen science survey, aimed at helping us assess the health of our environment. It was launched in 2010 and has rapidly become the world's biggest survey of butterflies. Over 107,000 citizen scientists took part in 2021, submitting 152,039 counts of butterflies and day-flying moths from across the UK.

Simply count butterflies for 15 minutes from your garden, in a park, , on a walk, even Langford Lowfields nature reserve, as I did last year!

More information: <https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/>

Julie Hill (ed.)

Let's give nature a home



Langford Lowfields

Amazing news: bearded tits have once again bred at Langford. These evocative little birds, also known as bearded reedlings, are, as their name suggests, extremely fond of reedbeds. Feeding on reed seeds during the winter and tasty reedbed insects during the warmer parts of the year, numbers were as low as 2-4 pairs across the whole country in 1947, but increased to 772 pairs in 2014, and must have smashed the 1000 mark soon after. The creation of reedbed sites like Langford is one of the key reasons for this population rebound. Success stories like this are a real seal of approval from our wonderful wetland wildlife.

Beardies are often heard before being seen, 'pinging' to each other during their bouncy, low-level flights across the reedbed and whilst precariously swaying backwards and forwards on the top of reed stems. They first bred at Langford in 2016 and then two pairs bred in 2017 ... we thought we were on track to establish the first stable population recorded in Nottinghamshire; however, since then we have had very high water levels during the winter and this appears to have curtailed subsequent breeding.

So, after a period of no birds being seen or heard, it came as an exciting surprise to hear that four juveniles had been seen in mid-June. Since then they have been reported a number of times at either end of Phase 1, (the public part of the site), so do keep your eyes and ears open if you're visiting. Bearded tits can have up to three broods, so you never know, there might even be more baby beardies getting ready to fledge!

Joe Harris

Please be aware that there may well be delays accessing the car park throughout August, due to the on-going, essential works on the pylon.



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Village Lunch:

Monday 1st August: Two courses for £13.00

Pop in or call the pub for menu options

Quiz Night: Monday 8th August:

£1.00 per person entry fee

Booking essential. Why not add dinner for £8.00?

Steak Night

Every Wednesday

Any 2 rump steaks and a bottle of house wine for £39.00

Chicken, Vegetarian and Fish options available

Open Mic Night

Monday 15th August

Fancy yourself as the next Harry Styles or Becky Hill?

Why not come down and join in?

**Don't forget that we still have the onsite shop, newspapers
and Fish and Chip Takeaway**

Post Office every Thursday from 9am until 12 noon

Thanks from Emma and the Team



Winthorpe Tennis Club

Winthorpe Tennis Club has two hard courts by the Community Centre. The members are a group of people who enjoy playing tennis of varying standards, from beginners upwards.

Currently, the club has about 30 members. There is no booking system: if somebody is waiting, members agree a time between themselves (up to an hour).

Membership is £20 for an individual or £40 for a Family (plus Key Deposit) per annum

Update / Plans for the rest of the Year:

- A number of new members have joined, balanced by a number of leavers.
- I have been running a Junior Tennis session, starting from 5:30pm on Thursdays – to date, only had the same boys attending. I will continue to run this session until early August and will re-start in September.
- Adult Tennis: I am on court at 4:30pm on Sundays for anybody interested in a game, which I will continue to do until early August and then re-start in September.
- There have been requests for coaching, which I arranged last year and will do again, if can find a suitable time.
- For more information please contact Jonny on powell.jonny@gmail.com or 07767 411362
- <https://www.winthorpe.org.uk/tennis-club>

Jonny Powell (Chairman)

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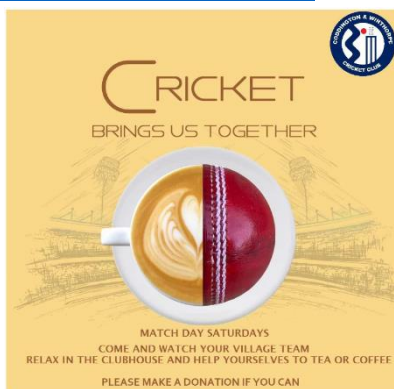
Home Fixtures for August:

6th: 2nd XI, Newark CC 3rd XI

13th: 1st XI, Lambley Village CC 1st XI

20th: 2nd XI, Long Eaton CC 3rd XI

27th: 1st XI, Farndon CC 2nd XI





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07789175957 Pauldewison771@gmail.com

FOCAL POINT ONLINE EDITION

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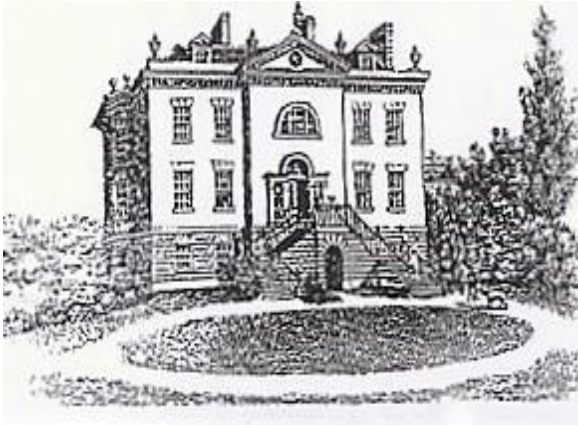
Just follow the menus: Media and then Village Magazine.

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

Winthorpe Hall Estate

Part 2. Life After Pocklington 1811 - 1906

How this property and its owners shaped the Winthorpe village area



The Hall had entered into what appears to be slightly less documented period following the death of Roger Pocklington in 1810 who had been forced to sign over ownership of all his estate to the London bankers to whom his business was indebted.

The next recorded owner was a Thomas Slingsby Duncombe, MP for Hertford

& later Finsbury? maybe one of the London banking company partners? There's nothing much said about his residency but plenty about his character as a radical politician. He had the reputation of being the "handsomest best dressed man in the house of commons and his love of the theatre, gaming and women was well publicised. (Nothing has changed there then!) He was re-elected seven times for Finsbury and his constituent's referred to him as 'Honest Tom' whereas his detractors had other names such as the 'Radical Dandy' or 'Dandy Demagogue' The **Times** simply referred to him upon his death that "he was a character".

The house appears to have remained mostly empty during Slingsby Duncombes ownership with there being no mention of him being there?

Then in 1832 it was purchased by **Lord Middleton** who despite his name having modern day Royal family connections, he was in fact from the **Willoughby** household, a peerage dynasty created in 1711 holding the title 'Baron of Warwickshire'. **Wollaton Hall**, Nottingham was their main seat. I believe it was an investment purchase as there are no details of his residence except for an occupying tenant named as **Grosvenor Hodgkinson Esq.** He was a Newark Solicitor who became a Liberal MP and represented Newark in Parliament from 1859-74. Hodgkinson was educated at Louth and became an Attorney/Solicitor in 1839 in a partnership with JTB Pratt in Newark. He gave up the practice in 1870. It seems that being an MP in those

days was only a 'part time' job because he also held positions of Director of the Law Insurance Company, and Midland Railway Company along with being Chairman of the Chatham & Dover Railway. On top of that, he found time to be a Justice of the Peace in Newark & Nottinghamshire. He was twice re-elected as MP but stood down in the General Election of 1874. He was married to Alice (nie Harvey) of Balderton and died in 1881 aged 62.

The Hall was sold again in 1867 and the new owner was a **George Thomas Pierse Duncombe**, putting it back into the family. This Duncombe seemed to be more 'hands on' and developed the estate a little in 1870 when he had a row of cottages built in the Drive for estate workers as well as the Trent Cottage in Holme Lane. The work involved demolishing old cottages No's 168-73 replacing them with four semi-detached red-brick houses on a newly straightened out Drive. Shortly afterwards in 1871 a house was provided for Mr Dench the gardener. Mr Dench was charged with sending weekly hampers full of fresh produce to Duncombes London home where Pierse spent a lot of his time.

In 1885 Duncombe had the Village Hall on Gainsborough Road built, it was created from a church that he had commissioned 11 years earlier in nearby village of Brough, which makes it sound like it was moved brick by brick to Winthorpe? And in 1886 the hall was extended to the east side and a third storey added to accommodate the servants.

Google search tells me about a Pierse Duncombe (1873-1956) who was a composer and is credited with writing "Zyder from Zummerz" I suspect this could have been his son and the title an indication of his lifestyle?

Little is recorded about the period up to the next major event which came in 1906 when the whole estate came up for auction which the next illustration shows. This copy of a poster was discovered on-line, but it may also be in the village scrap books? A description from another source describes the property as follows: *"the residence, stables, and gardens are amply supplied with spring water from a well being pumped by horse power into various cisterns and receptacles while there are several soft water pumps placed at convenient points"*

For readers who are not familiar with 'old' Newark, the auction took place at the Clinton Arms Hotel which was maybe the largest town centre hotel of that time and situated on the southern side of the market square where the colonnade is.

Bob Warriner

SALES BY AUCTION (continued).

NOTTS, NEAR NEWARK-UPON-TRENT.

ANNOUNCEMENT of SALE of an IMPORTANT RESIDENTIAL ESTATE, situated in the parishes of Winthorpe, Newark-upon-Trent, South Collingham, Holme, and Coddington, within two miles of the town of Newark-upon-Trent, whence London may be reached in about 2½ hours.

The Property, which is known as the **WINTHORPE-HALL ESTATE**, embraces an area of about 600 Acres, and comprises a noble **FAMILY RESIDENCE**, commanding charming views, with its own **PARK LANDS** and the River Trent in the foreground. The House contains entrance hall, four reception rooms, billiard room, study, 14 bed rooms, bath room, and commodious domestic offices. There is excellent **Stabling** for eight horses, with well-arranged coach-houses, coachman's cottage and grooms' rooms; also an exceptionally early and productive garden, with a suitable complement of grass.

The Property also includes three other **Secondary RESIDENCES**, six well-equipped **AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS**, and a number of **COTTAGE VILLAS, COTTAGES**, and small **TENEMENTS**, forming a considerable portion of the model village of Winthorpe, the whole producing an actual and fairly estimated rental value of upwards of £1,250 per annum.

MESSRS. WALTON and LEE will offer the above for SALE by AUCTION, at the Clinton Arms Hotel, Newark-upon-Trent, on Thursday, 11th of October, 1906, at 2 o'clock precisely, in the following lots (unless previously sold):—

Lot.	Description.	Quantity.	Rental.
		A. R. P.	£ s. d.
1	Winthorpe-hall, &c.	84 2 12	338 16 0
2 & 3	Two pairs of Cottages	0 2 2	30 0 0
4	Cottage Residence	0 0 38	17 0 0
5	The Cottage, &c.	1 0 8	54 0 0
6	The Laurels... ..	0 0 19	25 0 0
7	Trent Meadow, &c.	16 3 38	23 15 7
8	Old Rectory Farm, &c.	104 0 14	172 5 0
9	The Lodge	0 2 24	41 0 0
10	House and Garden	0 0 30	16 0 0
11 to 14	Four Pairs of Cottages	2 1 10	77 0 0
15	Accommodation Holding	31 0 34	60 0 0
16	Accommodation Land	5 1 0	5 5 0
17	Drove Lane Farm... ..	49 3 15	47 5 0
18	Small Holding	8 2 15	13 0 0
19	Danethorpe-hill, Land, &c.	15 2 23	20 0 0
20	Brough Farm	55 1 35	64 10 0
21 & 22	Accommodation Land	22 0 10	19 10 0
23	Land End Farm	46 1 26	56 0 0
24	Brick Yard Farm... ..	57 3 32	60 5 0
25	Whitemoor Farm	48 2 34	50 0 0
26 to 30	Accommodation Land, &c.	51 0 5	85 0 0

Particulars of Messrs. Bell, Brodrick, and Gray, Solicitors, Ormond-house, 63, Queen Victoria-street, London, E.C.; or of the Auctioneers, at their offices, 10, Mount-street, London, W.

Bob Warriner.

Thanks to Sue Sharp & Les Murray for providing the history sheets on which this article is based along with the Village Website History pages. There are many more details that I couldn't include without filling the magazine. I hope to do follow-up covering the years after this story, bringing it up to the present day.



REFLECTIONS FOR AUGUST



Dear Friends,

Many wonderful things happen when you wear a dog collar. One thing is that often people I don't know stop and chat with me, which I love.

This is part of one such conversation I had on a very hot day as I walked down a sunny village street:

Passer by: I could do with it being a bit cooler, please.

Me: Yes, I think we'd all like it a bit cooler.

Passer by: Well, can't you have a word?

Me: Who would you like me to have a word with?

Passer by (pointing to the sky): Him up there, can't you have a word?

Me: Do you mean God? If you do, you can talk to God yourself.

Passer by: But you've got a hotline.

Me: I haven't got any more of a hotline than you have, we can all talk to God.

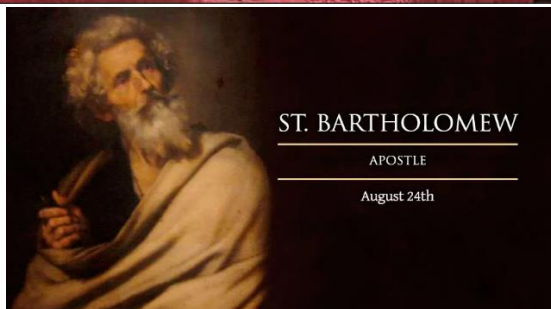
That quick exchange, which probably lasted less than a minute, was full of important questions and thoughts such as: why would we call God 'him up there'? Should we ask God for the weather we want? What responsibility do we all have for climate change? Do people wearing dog collars have hot lines to God? Can we all talk to God and, if we can, why don't we do it more often? What do you think about these things? I'd love to hear, so don't forget to stop and chat when you see me.

It was lovely to see so many of you at Pimms and Strawberries in Winthorpe churchyard and I look forward to seeing everyone at our Lammas service in Langford church on August 21st. That gets our harvest festival season off to a great start, so don't miss out!

God bless you,

Rev. Mandy







St Bartholomew's Church, Langford

Langford Church and Churchyard News

**There will be a special church service for
St Bartholomew's Day
on Sunday 21st August at 5pm.**

Our next community gardening and church cleaning event will be on Saturday 20th August, 2-4pm. We will also be decorating the church in preparation for our special Lammastide service (thanksgiving for the grain harvest), and celebration of St Bartholomew's day, on Sunday 21st August at 5pm.

The service will be followed by a community 'bring your own' picnic from 6pm, hosted by John and Becky at Langford Crossing Cottage, Holme Lane, Langford NG23 7RT. Drinks, tables and chairs will be provided. This is an open invitation for members of our community – please do come along, even if you are not able to come to the service.

The community gardening and church cleaning/decorating event provides our Langford community the opportunity to get involved in a range of small jobs, plus have conversation and refreshments. St Bartholomew's church is open most days between 10 and 4pm – all welcome to look around and sign the visitors' book.

Following two roofing thefts, church reserve funds have been used for the temporary replacement roofing. A top up of church funds to keep the church well maintained is now needed; it is 30 years since the large renovation work was completed. Your thoughts for fundraising activities are very welcome. Please contact our church warden Jerry Steel 01636 893 143.



Saturday 10th September – walking, cycling and fundraising

Organised by Nottinghamshire Historic Churches, Ride and Stride is an opportunity to get involved in a cycling or walking activity. On **Saturday 10th September** 30 churches in Nottinghamshire will be open for visitors from 10am to 6pm. If you are interested in getting sponsorship to raise funds for our church, you can find more details about this from Becky and John or from the website: www.nottshistoricchurchtrust.org.uk. As part of the event on Saturday 10th September, drinks and light refreshments will be available at Langford church throughout the day.

John and Becky Whittaker
Langford Crossing
01636 700621

What do we know about St Bartholomew?

- One of the Twelve Apostles, mentioned in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, also in the Acts of the Apostles
- Popular traditions and legends say that in the first century he preached the Gospel in India, then Greater Armenia.
- Martyred in Albanopolis, Armenia, for converting the king to Christianity.
- Some accounts say he was skinned alive and beheaded, others that he was crucified upside-down, like St Peter.
- patron saint of tanners, plasterers, tailors, leatherworkers, bookbinders, farmers, housepainters, butchers, and glove makers

The Heritage of St Bartholomew

- St Bartholomew's Hospital – Bart's – founded in 1123, is the oldest hospital in Britain still providing medical services, which occupies the site it was originally built on.
- The existing church in Langford was built between 1190 and 1254; records indicate there was a Saxon church in Langford in the time of Edward the Confessor, of which nothing remains.



All Saints' Church

Winthorpe

As I write these notes I am in anticipation of experiencing the hottest day ever recorded in Winthorpe and I am not looking forward to it! I have bought fans and a paddling pool for my sister's dog, Betty, who is unfortunately coming to stay through this heat. I know I shall join her in the pool before the week is out!

Thank you to everyone (over 65 of you) who attended our Pimms and Strawberry Fundraiser. It was the perfect evening with Justin Baker-Smith's band – the Bridge Street Stompers – performing beautifully, with tunes so well suited to the occasion. Thanks to your generosity, we have raised over £600 which is just marvellous!

We welcomed Harper into the church family after her baptism at the end of last month. Sadly, we lost another member of our congregation then also, when John A Nelson (The Spinney) lost his battle with illness. John was heavily involved for many years with church affairs, being Treasurer of the PCC. I have to say that John was one of the great men of this village, an absolute true gentleman, if ever there was one, and someone who will be sorely missed by everyone who knew him.

During August we will host the usual Services in church, culminating with another Baptism on the last Sunday of this month.

Our thoughts and prayers are particularly for Barbara and the Nelson family but also for anyone ill or hospitalised at this time.

Tisha Applewhite Churchwarden (643763)





St. Giles Church, Holme

Hello from St Giles Church Holme

We hope that you are managing to get through this very hot spell. I'm sure that over the centuries this old building has experienced some very hot times before, and maybe quite long ones. However, it looks doubtful that it has ever reached 40 degrees centigrade as it did the day this was written.

Many thanks to those who responded with ideas and comments from last month, there's plenty that we need to think about to ensure that Holme Church is loved and used by the people of the village. With that in mind we're getting quotations for the rewiring and installation of a much greener way of heating the place in the winter. The other thing that must be attended to is the lightning conductor which needs to be repaired right at the top of the spire and then tested, another expensive job for us to fund ourselves.

The churchyard will look quite parched for a few weeks but the grass, when it recovers will be full of fine new growth and soon be back to normal. The date for the Harvest Festival will be a little earlier this year, on Sunday 9th October at 6pm.

Kind regards, Nigel Priestley and Doreen Hallam.

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



From this point forward, a few spare copies of Focal Point will be placed in Holme Church, for anyone who would like one.

Church Services for August 2022



Sunday 7th

(8th after Trinity)

9.00 a.m

Holy Communion

Holme

Sunday 14th

(9th after Trinity)

10.30 a.m.

Holy Communion

Winthorpe

Sunday 21st

(10th after Trinity)

10.15a.m.

Morning Worship

Winthorpe

5.00p.m.

Lammastide Service/
St. Bartholomew's Day

Langford

Sunday 28th

(11th after Trinity)

10.00 a.m.

Morning Worship

Langford

The Church Bells may be rung at any of the Church Services.



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