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## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

I hope that you all had a fabulous time, celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in whatever way you chose to celebrate. The new Elizabethans of 1952 must have felt a sense of optimism, at the dawn of a new age, after the privations of war and rationing – even though rationing had not yet ended when our queen ascended the throne. In the same way, I'm sure that many of us will be enjoying our liberation from the restrictions of the past two years, whilst at the same time feeling pressured by rising prices and growing concern for the situation in Ukraine. So, we have to dig deep and find strength, as we have always done. Looking over one's shoulder just gives you a crick in the neck, so let's look ahead!

June into July heralds a season of well-being and optimism, with sunshine, strawberries, Wimbledon and much more... Winthorpe village festival has returned; both the tennis club and cricket club are reinvigorated and looking for new members; the garden club has superb outings; our churches are hosting social gatherings; and it's the best time for you and your friends and neighbours to come together in your gardens for a chat over a refreshing glass of whatever you fancy!

If you have teenage children or can remember that time well, or if you have ever worked in secondary school, you will understand why June is a stressful month, which is my excuse for this edition of Focal Point being a little late! Whilst it's a relief to have the exams back, for me it's been quite a minefield of preparing students for exams, then marking exams. I have to say, I'm really looking forward to July and August!

**Julie Hill (01636 682530)**

**NEXT MONTH'S DEADLINE IS 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

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## *July Calendar*

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When	What	Where
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Green bin	L'ford/ Holme
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Village Lunch	Lord Nelson
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Silver bin	Winthorpe
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Silver bin	L'ford/ Holme
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	Pimms & Strawberry Party	Winthorpe
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	Primary school consultation deadline	Winthorpe
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Green bin	Winthorpe
	Brown bin	All
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	W.I. Meeting (BBQ at Lord Nelson)	Winthorpe
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Green bin	L'ford/ Holme
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Silver bin	Winthorpe
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Club Outing	Bridgewater
Thur 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parish Council Meeting	Winthorpe
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Silver bin	L'ford/ Holme
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Library	All
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	Green bin	Winthorpe
	Brown bin	All
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	Green bin	L'ford/ Holme

From talking to local residents, I am aware that more regular activities are taking place in our villages than is shown 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 25<sup>th</sup> July**

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](http://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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## Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea



### A huge “Thank-you “ to you all

Over 100 villagers attended the Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea Party on the 2nd June at the Community Centre and I would like to thank you all for making the event such a great success. I’m sure that you will agree that my team of helpers were fantastic and I could not have managed without them.

I would like to express my very special thanks to Jill, Chloe, Fiona, Sinead, Rachel, Janet, Mark, Alan, Peter and Bob, who were so supportive and ensured that everything ran smoothly. But what can I say about Super Sandwich Maker – Sue Sharp ? We made over 400 sandwiches in 4 hours, quite a feat I’m sure you’ll agree, and we never stopped talking! Thank you Sue, you were fantastic! Lynne Shapley was also fantastic – she made all the scones and many of you commented that they were simply delicious.

The china cake stands were beautiful, thanks to David and Vivienne for arranging the loan of these. The raffle was also a great success and I would like to thank Michele and Jane for arranging this.

Grateful thanks also to Newark and Sherwood District Council, the Thomas Brewer Trust, the Parish Council, Newark Community First Aid and Winthorpe Community Centre Trustees. Lincolnshire Co-op, Asda, Morrisons, Gadsby’s and Bakkavor all contributed too.

Finally, a huge thank you to Emma Binch from the Lord Nelson. Emma wholeheartedly supported the event and generously bought some of the consumables too .

It was lovely to see so many of you taking photos. Pat Finn has already uploaded several photos onto the village website, so do take a look. Bob Warriner has also taken some great photos and I am hoping to get these downloaded and printed in the next few weeks. Once again, thank you.

**Denise Day**





Photos by Bob Warriner. Please contact Denise Day to view the album of all photos taken by Bob at the afternoon tea, and to order a print or digital copy.



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## **Winthorpe W.I.**

### **Coffee Morning**

Members enjoyed another informal coffee morning with cake at the Lord Nelson on 23rd May. We were joined by four ex members of Collingham WI, who have decided to swell our numbers and join our ranks.

### **Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> June**

The meeting commenced with the singing of the National Anthem and a glass of bubbly to toast the Queen on the occasion of her Platinum Jubilee. A card depicting the Union flag and a collage of Winthorpe has been sent to Her Majesty with our good wishes. To mark the occasion, the WI will be planting a tree in the grounds of the Community Centre.

Three birthdays were celebrated in June and the birthday girls were presented with a bunch of roses and a rendering of Happy Birthday - all in good voice after the bubbly. Instead of the usual tea, coffee and biscuits we had more prosecco and nibbles.

The speaker for the evening was John Whitfield, who gave us an excellent and very interesting and informed insight into the life and times of the Mitford sisters and their families.

Our next meeting will be the summer bbq at the Lord Nelson on Wednesday, 13th July. Members are reminded that this meeting has a 6.30 start. We regret that the bbq is open to members only. We do not hold a meeting in August, but visitors are welcome to join us at our meeting on 14th September, when a representative from Severn Trent will be giving us a talk entitled "All About Water". If you would like to come along, the first meeting is free of charge and subsequent meetings incur a £5 charge.

### **WI Book Club**

The WI Book Club met at the Lord Nelson on Tuesday, 21st June to review Miss Pettigrew Lives for a day. A sweet little book which was first published in 1938 and made into a film released in 2008, starring Frances McDormond and Amy Adams. A film which none of us had ever seen, or even heard of. Miss Pettigrew, a vicar's daughter has had a very strict upbringing and finds herself out of her comfort zone when she goes to work for a famous

actress. Worthy of a Brian Rix farce, this book has a happy ending for all the characters.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, 18th August at 10.30 am at the Lord Nelson when we will be reviewing "The Family Upstairs" by Lisa Jewell. All WI members welcome to join us.

Pauline Lockwood

Pauline Lockwood

### **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! Anyway, for the last five and a half years, I've been sat on the upstairs landing of the Vicarage, collecting dust along with the Christmas decorations, but last month I had an unexpected outing. The fresh air was a bit of a shock to the system and Mandy might have chosen a day when it wasn't raining, but it was thrilling to be carried up a ladder, fastened into a hoist and sent whizzing down the zip wire at the Collingham Teddy Bear's Picnic! It was lovely to be cheered on by so many adults and children and I hardly noticed the bump when I landed on my snout!

The Queen's Jubilee Sunday turned out to be a good day for bears. I was so pleased and proud that Paddington got an invitation to Buckingham Palace. I had a little bear chuckle to think that an immigrant who came to England as a ship's stowaway and hid in a lifeboat for the whole voyage, had tea with the Queen. I'm looking out for my invitation now and trying to keep my fur brushed, just in case.

Have a good summer, and if you want me to, I'll let you have some more news from the Vicarage landing.



**Isaiah.**



## Winthorpe Garden Club

It was a warm sunny day on Wednesday the 15th June when thirty- three members and friends visited two gardens on the Lincolnshire Wolds. The first, **Mill Farm Garden at Grasby**, was created in 2005 by the present owners Mike and Helen Boothman. This 3½ acre hillside garden had stunning panoramic views of the North Lincolnshire Wolds. Mike and Helen visited many gardens to gain inspiration, especially Harlow Car in Yorkshire which they still continue to visit three times a year, giving themselves ideas in developing this garden and what a success it has proved to be.

Beds were filled with herbaceous perennials and grasses. The closely cut grass on the lawns had many specimen trees and shrubs, a rill and the most wonderful wildlife pond I have ever seen. The remains of an old windmill, with its cool interior and derelict since the first world, were filled with ferns.

For me, the gem of the garden was the vegetable area which Helen maintains. Surrounded by a low hedge and fence, which I noticed was wired to keep the rabbits out, the plot was filled with raised beds, all netted, each with its own selection of vegetables, a group of sunflowers and a large compost heap. Wonderful!



It was a shame to leave this garden but we were scheduled to visit the **Woodlands Garden and Nursery at Frotherby** near Louth.

This peaceful and shady garden was opened in 2005 by Ann and Bob Armstrong. Walking along narrow paths through the trees with clearings filled with plants, were many green houses and potting sheds.

These were packed with many newly potted cuttings. One greenhouse had hundreds of newly labelled potted cuttings of codonopsis, of which Ann and Bob hold the National Collection of Codonopsis. The nursery was filled with many plants especially codonopsis and salvias.

Bob, an accomplished artist, had many of his scenery paintings for sale in his art studio.

We finished an enjoyable day with a meal at Lincolnshire's oldest thatched pub The Kings Head at Tealby.

A special thanks to Julie Parker, the club's Outing Secretary, who put a lot of time and effort to organise the day's outing.

**Pat Finn**

### **Winthorpe Garden Club Outing: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

After a successful outing last month, Winthorpe Garden Club is now organising a visit to RHS Garden Bridgewater in Salford.

The coach will leave The Lord Nelson at 8.30am. There will be a short stop en route. It is advisable to bring a packed lunch. We will stop for an evening meal on our way home. The cost is £60. (RHS members £51.50)

RHS Garden Bridgewater, opened in 2021, is the largest (154 acres) and the most spectacular gardening project undertaken in recent years. It is a garden well worth a visit. Don't forget to bring your camera.

For more information or to book a place on this outing, please ring either Julie Parker - 01636 893371 or Ian Wilson - 01636 686249.

Do come and join us and make this a memorable visit.

**Pat Finn.**

## Winthorpe with Langford Parish Council

This month's Parish Council meeting was held in the Village Hall on Thursday 16th June. The meeting was well attended and we welcomed a guest, Rob Cook, Head Teacher at Winthorpe Primary School. Rob was there to update the Parish Council on a consultation which is currently underway on extending school admissions to include an age range of 3-11 year olds, by opening a pre-school provision. It is hoped that the consultation will also give the school's governors a good idea of demand from parents, for an extended school day. You can view and respond to (closing date **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July**) the letter from Fiona Jones, Chair of Governors, here:

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/winthorpe/UploadedDocument/25f31617-d8f2-438b-a876-c33897f4a8c5/winthorpe-primary-school-pre-school-consultation-parents-carers-and-local-community.pdf>

We also discussed the new double yellow lines, which have been installed outside the school. Following a range of potential incidents, caused by unsafe parking over recent years, we have worked with Nottinghamshire County Council Highways to have these installed; this is supported by the Parish Council and the school. However, a minority of parents are now parking on these lines illegally. Please do not do this: we ask that all parents respect and abide by the law, for the safety of themselves and their children. We fully understand that this is not a perfect solution; the Parish Council and the school are working together to consider other solutions.

The Parish Council also discussed ongoing issues surrounding dog walking around the cricket pitch on Holme Lane. Following problems being experienced by both dog walkers and the cricket club, last year discussions were held between the Parish Council and the Cricket Club, which resulted in agreement that dogs should be kept on leads when being walked around the edge of the cricket pitch, and that the Cricket Club would respect people walking their dogs. This has been explained in previous editions of Focal Point. However, after over a year of calm, recently there have been several more incidents. As a result, members of the Parish Council will be meeting the Cricket Club to discuss the current position.

In the meantime, could we please remind all dog walkers that dog mess must be picked up and placed in one of the numerous bins provided by the Parish Council? This is an issue not only of the area around the Cricket Club, but also of the whole village. Whilst we appreciate that most dog owners act responsibly, a very small minority are causing problems and distress by not clearing up after their dogs.

The Parish Council has purchased a new bench which 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 to many local residents

Planning applications this month included:

- proposed extension to 8 Gainsborough Road, which was supported by the Parish Council
- removal of several trees in the garden of 88 Gainsborough Road. Since the final decision will ultimately be taken by Newark and Sherwood Council Planning team, in consultation with conservation and tree specialists, the Parish Council decided not to comment on this occasion.

As many residents will know, we have been waiting for an appeal decision on the travellers' site on the other side of the A1, for quite some time. The decision was received this week: the appeal from the travellers has been declined. Therefore, the site must now be vacated.

Finally, a reminder: following Duncan Richardson stepping down as the Parish Council's internal Auditor, we are still looking for someone within the parish, with a financial background, who would be willing and able to take on the role. If you think this might be you, please contact our clerk (Sally Sillery) at

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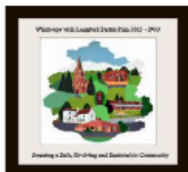


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## **Winthorpe with Langford Parish 2023-2033**

### **'Securing a Safe, Evolving and Sustainable Community'**



#### **The Parish Plan is taking shape!**

Thank you to all those people in the village who have taken the time to get involved with developing the Parish Plan so far. As most people will know, The Parish Council took a decision to develop a 'Neighbourhood Plan' for Winthorpe with Langford Parish which, once complete, will take the Parish forward from next year until 2033.

In addition to a great deal of hard work from the Plan Working Group members, we have also held four Parish meetings over the last few months and undertaken a general survey, to capture the feelings of residents, together with a recent business survey to look at how people feel about the need – or otherwise – to bring more life into our community.

Working Group members have also been working hard to move forward the work of the Plan Focus Groups. We are very pleased to say that this has resulted in quite a lot of residents getting more involved in village life and helping the Parish Council develop what they want their community to look like over the next 10 years. So, many thanks to everyone who has given of their time to contribute.

And it's not too late to get involved, as the Plan will not be finalised until the end of this year/early 2023, so we are still looking for volunteers to lend their ideas and help the work of the Focus Groups whose areas and their leads are listed below. If you are interested, please get in touch with one of them.

**Please keep an eye on all the usual means of village communication and, if you have any specific questions or comments, please contact Paul Smith on 07568 543202**





## **THINK AGAIN.**

### ***The Winthorpe Residents' A46 Consultation Group***

A meeting was held with National Highways and their appointed design team at the end of May. The personnel on the National Highways team has changed, and the design team are now the first point of contact for us. It was reported at this meeting that the noise monitoring around the village has now been completed, although the outcome has not been shared. Also, we were advised that air quality monitoring measurement equipment has now been installed in the village and is likely to be in place for a six-month period.

It is our understanding that environmental surveys are continuing. Also, we were made aware that further geotechnical work and ground investigations will take place during the summer. This will include new bore holes along the National Highways' preferred route, reflecting the changes made since the original proposals. It is also understood that geophysical surveys will be undertaken to locate any archaeology in the area.

It is unclear when the statutory consultation period will take place, but the current timeline is somewhere between December 2022 and February 2023.

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

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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**Just a quick message of thanks to all that came to WINFEST 2022.**

A massive thank-you to Neil for organizing the bands, light, sound etc.

Thanks to all the staff who worked hard to pull this amazing day off.

We raised £270 for the Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance.

## **Just A Few Dates For Your Diary**

**Village Lunch** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July: Two courses for £13.00

Pop in or call the pub for menu options

**Quiz Night** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July: £1.00 per person entry

Booking essential. Why not add dinner for £8.00?

**Steak Night** Every Wednesday

Any 2 rump steaks and a bottle of house wine for £35.00  
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**Open Mic Night** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July

**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

# Coddington and Winthorpe Cricket Club

Based at Winthorpe Cricket Ground, Holme Lane, cricket has been played here since 1887.

Coddington and Winthorpe CC always welcomes new members, whether they are senior players, junior players, social members, or interested in being a coach, umpire, scorer, groundsman, tea maker, or committee member.

The club offers cricket for all and has the following teams running for 2022:

- Kwik Cricket (softball) for 5 to 11 year olds
- U11 Hard ball for 9 to 11 year olds
- U13 for 10 to 13 year olds
- U15 for 13 to 15 year olds
- 3 Senior Sides: Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> XI, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, Midweek XI

Training:

Juniors on Friday from 6.15pm to 7.30pm – all age groups

Seniors on Tuesday from 6pm

Why not come along and join in the fun? All skill levels welcome

Or contact us by email: [coddingtonandwinthorpecc@gmail.com](mailto:coddingtonandwinthorpecc@gmail.com)

## Home Fixtures for July:

2<sup>nd</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, Bingham CC 3<sup>rd</sup> XI

3<sup>rd</sup>: Kwik's

6<sup>th</sup>: U11s, West Bridgford

9<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> XI, Midlands CC 1<sup>st</sup> XI

11<sup>th</sup>: U13s, Farndon

11<sup>th</sup>: U15s, Bingham

12<sup>th</sup>: Midweek XI, Caunton

13<sup>th</sup>: U11s, Keyworth

16<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> XI, Newark 2<sup>nd</sup> XI

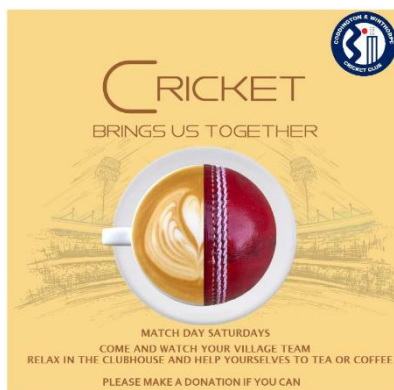
18<sup>th</sup>: U15s, Newark

19<sup>th</sup>: Midweek XI, Beckingham

21<sup>st</sup>: U13s, Keyworth

23<sup>rd</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, Hucknall 4<sup>th</sup> XI

30<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> XI, Beeston & Toton





## NEWARK FOODBANK

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 June		
1st	£42.60	A. J. Leary
2nd	£23.30	Mrs. B. Finn
3rd	£7.10	Elaine Parkin

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Congratulations to our winners in June!

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## FOCAL POINT ONLINE EDITION

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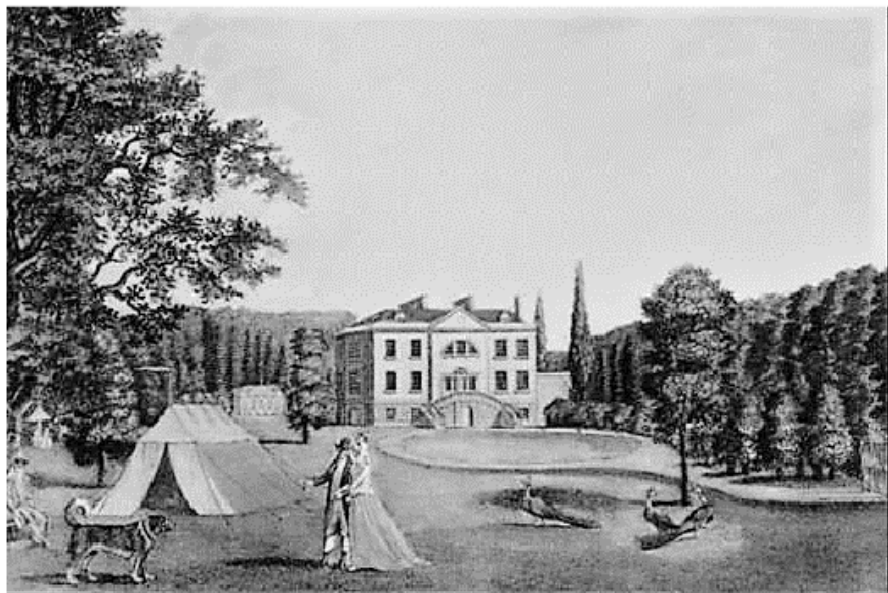
Just follow the menus: Media and then Village Magazine.

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

# Winthorpe Hall Estate

## Robert Taylor & Roger Pocklington (1750 – 1810)

How this property and its owners shaped the Winthorpe village area.



*Winthorpe Hall from a painting by John Wigsley*

If you are a newcomer or visitor to Winthorpe, you could be forgiven for not being aware of this mini stately home that was once at the centre of village life.

Nowadays it is easy to pass by without noticing the Hall, as it stands away from the Gainsborough Road, shrouded by the trees and shielded by the more obvious dwellings in front of it, with no signs or grand gates to announce its presence.

Winthorpe Hall Estate was once the most prosperous asset to the village and we owe a great deal to its original owners/builders for many of the features that have shaped Winthorpe to this day.

The initial building of Winthorpe Hall was started by Dr Robert Taylor of Newark, who was educated at the Newark Magnus School, after which he went on to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he studied medicine. He became a successful doctor, moved to London and was eventually appointed physician to King George III.



In 1739 Taylor married Ann Heron, daughter of John and Jane Heron of Newark, whose son (also Robert) was already the largest property owner in Winthorpe. Unfortunately, Ann died in 1757; they were childless. But two years later, Robert Taylor married again to Elizabeth Manwaring of Lincoln – she was 33, he was 50. As Taylor's professional success had brought him wealth, he was able to make various property purchases in the Winthorpe area from around 1753, including the land for his new home. The building of the Hall began in 1761 (Architect unknown) but, sadly for Dr. Taylor, his project was short-lived, as he died the following year, leaving a wife and daughter without the money needed to continue the work.

The Hall remained untouched for several years until 1765, when an offer of £8000 was made for the partly built Hall, its estate and other properties associated with Taylor; a special act of Parliament was needed to set aside the will.

Enter Roger Pocklington, son of William Pocklington, a wealthy estate owner of Barrow near Keswick. William had married Elizabeth Rastall, the daughter of Winthorpe's rector. Roger was their second son, who became a banker in Newark and his business was doing well. The thriving bank enabled him to build up a portfolio of various properties in the area. The independent banks were quite different in those days, trading with their own printed notes, money orders and loans. Their premises were at the site of Lloyds Bank on Castle Gate, Newark.

Pocklington's successful bid enabled him to set about completing the Hall and, once again, no architects are recorded; therefore it is possible that Pocklington himself modified the original plans to suit his own ideas and purposes.

*'Pevsner' describes the hall as follows: 'Of Mansfield Stone, five bays, one and a half storeys above a rusticated basement. On the entrance front (north) a double flight of stone steps up to a Venetian window with a Diocletian window above in the slightly projecting pedimented central bay.'*

All went well, and Roger's wealth prospered. In 1775 his first child, a son, was born – also named Roger; a year later a daughter Elizabeth was born to complete the family.

Things with the Hall developed further when in 1778 Roger was granted enclosure to estate lands, stretching from the bottom of the hill to the south, all the rundles (circular walks) and fields to the west from River Trent to Holme Lane; and to the east, all the pastures and carrs (woodland or scrub) which covered the area that became the airfield and beyond. It would appear that all of this was in exchange for some generous dealings from Roger.

So, now we have to imagine the landscape at that time over 240 years ago... The A1 non-existent; a smaller Gainsborough Rd; the A46 being not much more than the original Fosse Way built by the Romans; and far fewer houses in Winthorpe (maybe a cluster around the 'Green' area and a few farms dotted along the main road).

Having completed his project, Roger was able to set about creating a working estate and parkland for leisure and hunting purposes, as was usual for the gentry at that time. What is now the Spinney area, with its gentle slopes and hollows and a small river (the

Fleet) flowing through, made an ideal scenic park for horse rides and walks. Some of the plantings may still remain, such as the Copper Beech and Pine trees in the park area. Beyond, to the east of the park, there must have been tenant farmers working the pastures and arable lands all around the village. This would probably have been the same all around the village up to the Trent banks and almost to Holme village, where across the river at North Muskham, Rogers' brother Joseph lived, also having a grand house and estate grounds at North Muskham Grange. The Pocklington family also owned a manor house at nearby Bathley. Winthorpe Hall itself would have been visible for miles around, as the tree line and plantings would have been much lower, affording views from the house which surveyed the surrounding countryside and Trent Valley to the west.

Whilst it may sound a bit 'Downton Abbey', these estates, owned by the gentry, provided employment for thousands of country folk throughout the land; these workers were usually loyal and appreciative towards their employers for their livelihood.

When his son Roger married, Roger senior had the Grove built for him and his wife Jane; they had four children: 2 boys & 2 girls. It is said that the Grove bears some architectural resemblance in parts to the larger Hall.

Roger continued to enjoy his lifestyle until 1803, when his banking business ran into difficulties. He, with his partners William Dickenson and William Hunter, along with an associate banker, Samuel Raynes of Retford, became indebted to a London banking company, who were demanding £120,000 in securities. Roger was forced to sign over all his properties to Trustees, as security to the London bank, should his own business fail to recover. They struggled on for six years, until the Newark bank finally collapsed and closed on 4<sup>th</sup> July 1809. Roger was left destitute. His wife Mary had passed away during this bad time and in 1810 Roger also died at the age of 76, a broken man.

Roger Junior and his wife moved to Leamington Spa afterwards, maybe because the Grove was part of the Hall's estate? Following his own death in 1847, his remains were interred at Winthorpe.

Roger Pocklington was probably the most important person in Winthorpe's history and the nearest to being 'Lord of the Manor'. Prior to Winthorpe Hall there was no Manor House, and so the Hall more than fulfilled this role. Roger Pocklington was a charitable man, who was involved with the Brewers Trust for instance, and is recorded for having the old church tower rebuilt following its collapse in 1779; Furthermore, he provided many other beneficial assets for the local community.

Bob Warriner.

*Thanks to Sue Sharp 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 a future follow-up covering the years after this story, bringing it up to the present day.*

## **The Langford Blacksmith**

The Census of June 1841 was the first to list the names of every individual. At that time, Langford comprised 24 residential properties, one of which was uninhabited. There were 146 residents, in all, one of whom was John Spafford, the blacksmith.

John lived in the village with his wife, Elizabeth, and their young family: Ann (aged 11), Sarah (aged 7), Elizabeth (aged 6) Eliza (aged 4), Robert (aged 2) and William (aged 1). In 1841, adult ages were rounded to the nearest five years: John is recorded as being 35 and Elizabeth as 30.

By 1851, the family had grown to include John (aged 9), George (aged 7), Harriet (aged 6) and Emily (aged 4). The census records John as a Shooring Smith, aged 46, born in Beckingham. Robert and William were Farmer's Boys, despite their youth (12 and 11 respectively). The older daughters were no longer at home: 16 year old Elizabeth was a servant in the house of Mr John Beastall, in Winthorpe; Sarah, aged 17, was a servant in the house of Mr William Deeping, in Swinderby; Eliza may have married in 1855; I found no record of Ann for 1851. Sadly, John jr. was to die in 1865, aged 23.

Only Emily, aged 24 and unmarried, was at home with her parents for the 1871 Census. The record shows that she was a dressmaker by occupation and that her father, aged 65, was still working as a Shoeing Smith. Five years later, John Spafford died and his son, William, who had been working in Newark as a blacksmith, brought his wife and family to Langford to take over from his father as the village blacksmith.

In 1901, William was recorded as Langford's blacksmith on his 'own account' with his sons Walter, Horrace and Fred all blacksmiths in their father's employ. After William's death in 1907, Walter took over the family business; the 1911 Census tells us that Fred became a blacksmith in South Collingham, while Horace was a crane driver in Newark. The 1939 Register records Walter Spafford's occupation as Shooring & General Smith.

Walter Edward Spafford died in September 1949. His grave is in Langford churchyard, along with those of other family members, including his father and grandfather, Langford blacksmiths before him.



## REFLECTIONS FOR JULY



Dear Friends,

A big thank you to everyone who made our Platinum Jubilee celebrations so good, with a variety of enjoyable activities, when many happy memories were made for all of us. Of course, no celebrations happen without a lot of hard work in planning, preparation and carrying out whatever is needed. The four days when so many of us joined together were like a harvest and a good result of seed sowing, nurturing good growth and pruning where necessary.

When any farmer reaps a harvest, they will carefully notice where the seed sowing and nurturing have been most successful; they will look for the signs of the best growth and most abundant crops and learn lessons for the next season of planting. It's much the same for us when we look at our church and community activities. What's worked well? Where have we seen community life flourishing? Where have good seeds been well sown and nurtured, so that we can tend to them and see good community growth?

It may be in community choirs, communal singing, afternoon teas, picnic lunches, shared meals, big screen events or church services, where we just sing our hearts out and pray. What worked so well that we can imagine doing more of it and it being a blessing to us all? These are the things we should be noticing and paying attention to.

Summer time is a time to see life flourishing, it's a time for adventure and to let our energy fuel our imaginations and see what new things can happen. Summer is also harvest time and we look forward to next month when we begin our harvest festivals at St Bartholomew's Church, Langford. The Lammas tide service is on August 21st at 5pm, followed by a barbecue and I hope to see lots of you there.

Have a very good July. God bless you.

**Rev. Mandy**



## St. Giles Church, Holme

Hello from St Giles Church Holme

The Platinum Jubilee Celebration service that was in last month's copy as well as being in the May issue, received no support from the village. We were very sad about this. After the service a family came in and joined those present who enjoyed the drinks 'Fizz for Liz' and eats we'd put on afterwards. The apple tree and special tablet that stand next to it, were dedicated as Holme's memorial to this special day. We're sorry that we got it wrong yet again and misjudged what the people of Holme village want or expect from their local church.

There's a postbox in the porch of the church so if any residents wish to state their feelings good or bad about St Giles (these will be regarded as confidential) please let us know so we can provide something that you the residents would like to see and maybe support. Anything from making the site available for social housing (unlikely to get permission for this) or ideas as to how to attract younger people. The church is open to all and is not for a private group of old people who live elsewhere.

Kind regards, Nigel Priestley and Doreen Hallam.

Phone, 01636 892020, email: [nigel.priestley10@gmail.com](mailto:nigel.priestley10@gmail.com)

Despite the rain, I was delighted to be able to attend the Platinum Jubilee Celebration Service at Holme Church, the first time I have been inside the church. Whilst the fabric of the building is impressive, especially for anyone like myself who appreciates mediaeval architecture, I was even more impressed by the welcome I received from regular members of the congregation. The kindness and generosity of everyone there, who had given their time and effort to mark the occasion, really did warm my heart. Thank you to everyone who made this a special morning.

**Julie (editor)**





## St Bartholomew's Church, Langford

### Langford Church and Churchyard News

There will be a church service on  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 9am – all are welcome.

Our next community gardening event will be on Saturday 16th July, 2-4pm, when the church will also be cleaned. This community event provides an opportunity to get involved in a range of small jobs, plus have conversation and refreshments.

St Bartholomew's church will be opened most days between 10 and 4pm – everyone is welcome. Look out for our new book for visitors to sign.

#### Diary dates:

There will be a combined Lammastide service (thanksgiving for the grain harvest) and celebration of St Bartholomew's day on **Sunday 21st August** at 5pm, followed by a community BBQ at 6pm, hosted by John and Becky at Langford Crossing Cottage. More details about decorating the church and the BBQ nearer to the day.

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. Interested in getting sponsorship to raise funds for our church? More details from the website [RIDE+STRIDE](http://RIDE+STRIDE) | The Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust | Raising money to grant-aid historic churches and chapels in Nottinghamshire. ([nottshistoricchurchtrust.org.uk](http://nottshistoricchurchtrust.org.uk)) or via Becky and John.

Over the last few years, church funds have been used for replacement roofing, following thefts. So, a top up of church funds is now needed – your thoughts for fundraising activities are very welcome, please send your ideas to Church Warden Jeremy Steel 01636 893 143.

John and Becky Whittaker  
Langford Crossing 01636 700621



## All Saints' Church, Winthorpe

I hope everyone was able to enjoy the warm weather (as I am writing) in June and sample the delights of the Village Festival.

All Saints hosts our first fundraiser of the year in the form of a '**Pimms and Strawberry Party**' at church on **Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> July**, beginning at **5p.m.** The raffle will be drawn at 7p.m. This year, Justin Baker-Smith is bringing his band, **The Bridge Street Stompers**, to entertain us during the early evening. Tickets are priced at £5, which includes a glass of Pimms (alcoholic or non - alcoholic) or other soft drink and a bowl of strawberries with cream or with ice-cream. Tickets are going very well and are still available from any PCC Member.

We congratulate Jason and Laura, who were married last month in church on Village Festival Day. At the end of this month we have another Baptism.

We hold our usual Services this month and hope that the nicer weather will bring you along to worship with us in church.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all those in the villages who are ill or hospitalised at this time.

Tish Applewhite (Churchwarden) 643763





## Church Services for July 2022



<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>(Thomas the</b> <b>Apostle)</b>	9.00a.m.	Holy Communion	Holme
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b> <b>(4<sup>th</sup> after Trinity)</b>	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Winthorpe
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b> <b>(5<sup>th</sup> after Trinity)</b>	9.00a.m. 10.15 a.m.	Holy Communion Morning Worship	Langford Winthorpe
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b> <b>(6<sup>th</sup> after Trinity)</b>	6.00p.m.	Evening Prayer	Winthorpe
<b>Thursdays</b> <b>Winthorpe</b>	<b>1.30 – 3.30p.m. Open Church</b>		

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

**Church Cleaners** – Mrs J. Lord and Mrs C.Hasman

## Recipe of the Month: Summer Salad

Grateful thanks to Jane Confrey for this month's recipe

No-one wants to be slaving over a hot stove in the summer, so here's a recipe with no cooking required. This salad is perfect for BBQs and buffets and is just an assembly job of gorgeous ingredients. Just pour me a lovely, chilled glass of English sparkling: Cheers!



**Prep: 10 minutes**

**Serves 6**

### Ingredients

400g tin black beans, drained  
2 large handfuls baby spinach  
leaves, roughly chopped  
500g heritage tomatoes, chopped  
into large chunks  
½ cucumber, halved lengthways,  
seeds scooped out and sliced on  
an angle

1 mango, peeled and chopped  
into chunks  
1 large red onion, halved and  
finely sliced  
6 - 8 radishes, sliced  
2 avocados, peeled and sliced  
100g feta, crumbled  
handful of herbs (reserved  
from the dressing)

### For the dressing

large bunch mint  
small bunch coriander  
small bunch basil  
1 small garlic clove  
2 limes, zested and juiced

2 tbsp white wine vinegar  
2 tsp runny honey  
100ml extra virgin olive oil or  
rapeseed oil  
1 fat green chilli, deseeded and  
chopped

### Method

1. Make the dressing by blending all of the ingredients in a food processor (or very finely chop them), saving a few herb leaves for the salad. You can make the dressing up to 24 hours before serving.
2. Scatter the beans and spinach over a large platter. Arrange the tomatoes, cucumber, mango, onion and radishes on top and gently toss together with your hands. Top the salad with the avocados, feta and herbs and serve the dressing on the side.



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