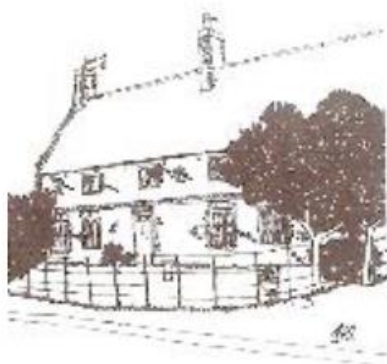




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**NOTES FROM THE EDITOR**

Of all the seasons, my favourite has always been spring. Spring is all about renewal, rebirth, the world awakening as winter recedes. Spring symbolises new life. All around us the spring flowers are emerging. At the entrance to Winthorpe and along the grass verges through Langford, the sight of the daffodils peeping out to say, ‘Hello, Spring!’ makes me smile and feel warm inside. I think I understand how full of joy ancient pagan communities must have felt when spring returned after the ‘death’ of winter. That same joy is multiplied in the calendar of the Christian Church, at Easter-time, which this year comes earlier than usual, with Easter Sunday on the last day of March. Whilst it does seem a little strange that we will be putting our clocks forward over the Easter weekend, at least most of us will have an extra day or so to adjust to British Summer Time, with a Bank Holiday weekend and school holidays occurring at the same time. Speaking of time changes, I do hope that you are enjoying our new quiz feature, compiled by Bob Warriner, this month’s theme being ‘time’.

As we put forward the clocks and welcome daylight into our early mornings, with the promise of warm sun and soft spring showers, it’s good to see that activities and events continue in our villages, with more planned in the coming weeks and months. A new walking group will spring into life in the last week of March; the Community Cuppa flourishes and blossoms; soon the sounds of lawnmowers will accompany those of cricket and tennis within our community. And the green shoots of planning for Winthorpe Summer Festival are already springing up. My message, as always, is that if you are involved in any community groups, activities and events, thanks for everything you do – and, if not, why not get involved with at least one of them? Many hands make light work, after all.

**Julie Johnson-Hill (01636 676079)**

**NEXT MONTH’S DEADLINE IS 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

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## March Calendar

When		What	Where
Fri	1 <sup>st</sup>	Silver bin	L'ford/ Holme
Mon	4 <sup>th</sup>	Green bin	Winthorpe
Mon	4 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Library	All
Mon	4 <sup>th</sup>	Line Dancing	Winthorpe
Tue	5 <sup>th</sup>	Community Cuppa	Winthorpe
Wed	6 <sup>th</sup>	WAWA meeting	Winthorpe
Fri	8 <sup>th</sup>	History Group meeting	Winthorpe
Fri	8 <sup>th</sup>	Green bin	L'ford/ Holme
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup>	Mothering Sunday	
Mon	11 <sup>th</sup>	Silver bin	Winthorpe
Mon	11 <sup>th</sup>	Brown bin	All
Mon	11 <sup>th</sup>	Line Dancing	Winthorpe
Tue	12 <sup>th</sup>	Community Cuppa	Winthorpe
Wed	13 <sup>th</sup>	WI meeting	Winthorpe
Fri	15 <sup>th</sup>	Silver bin	L'ford/ Holme
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup>	St Patrick's Day	
Mon	18 <sup>th</sup>	Green bin	Winthorpe
Mon	18 <sup>th</sup>	Line Dancing	Winthorpe
Tue	19 <sup>th</sup>	Community Cuppa	Winthorpe
Wed	20 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Club meeting	Winthorpe
Thur	21 <sup>st</sup>	Parish Council meeting	
Fri	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Green bin	L'ford/ Holme
Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday	
Mon	25 <sup>th</sup>	Silver bin	Winthorpe
Mon	25 <sup>th</sup>	Brown bin	All
Mon	25 <sup>th</sup>	Line Dancing	Winthorpe
Tue	26 <sup>th</sup>	Community Cuppa	Winthorpe
Tue	26 <sup>th</sup>	Winthorpe Walking Group	Winthorpe
Fri	29 <sup>th</sup>	Silver bin	L'ford/Holme
Fri	29 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday	
Sun	31 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Sunday	



**This month, the mobile library will call at our villages  
on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

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](https://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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To apply or for more information, please contact the Chair of the Parish Council (Paul Smith) on mobile number **07568 543202**. Applicants will be asked to provide a short resume of their background, which should also cover their strengths and the benefits they can bring to the Parish Council and our community in general.

### **Defibrillator News**

I have organised a defibrillator training session with Newark Community First Aid for **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** at Winthorpe Village Hall at 2.30pm, to be held in conjunction with the Community Cuppa. This training is free of charge and I hope that it will be well supported.

Please contact me by email or phone to let me know if you are interested:  
[pauline.lockwood@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:pauline.lockwood@tiscali.co.uk) 01636 672244.

Pauline Lockwood

### **Defibrillator codes for Winthorpe**

Village Hall: CY543

Community Centre: C159X

Pocklington Crescent: C159X

### **Defibrillator code for Holme**

Phone Box at junction of Langford Lane and High Steet. No code needed, as the lock was removed some time ago, for good reasons.

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## **“LEST WE FORGET”**

### **Planning for Remembrance Sunday 2024**

2024 marks 110 years since the outbreak of World War I  
and 80 years since D Day in World War II.

Have you noticed the knitted characters that have been appearing on the top of the post box at the junction of Gainsborough Road and Woodlands, in Winthorpe? These delightful creations have inspired some of us to want to do something a bit more special for Remembrance Sunday this year. We are aiming to erect a knitted poppy arch over the entrance to All Saints Church, Winthorpe. This is a call out for anyone who can knit or crochet, and to anyone who has any red, black or green wool going spare, which would be much appreciated. The pattern is very simple and several people have already offered to help. If anyone would like a copy, please let me know. Even though I don't know exactly how many poppies we require, the more we can get the better and the more we can do with them.

Additionally, as Winthorpe does not have a war memorial, we would like to see a couple of life sized silhouette soldiers (Tommies), one male and one female, erected in the village as a memorial. These cost £175.00 each, making a total of £350.00. If we can raise the money, the Parish Council have agreed to purchase these on our behalf, which reduces the cost considerably, as no VAT would be payable. Thanks to the generosity of some residents of the village, so far we have been promised donations totalling £210. If anyone else would like to offer a donation, this can be given either to myself at 21 Pocklington Crescent, or to the Parish Council.

### **Random Act of Kindness**

A big thank you to the wonderful human being that pushed through our letterbox some chocolate early one Friday evening. No name or note, just chocolate.

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Richard and Julie Radford



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## Winthorpe Community Centre

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Club**

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## **Winthorpe Summer Festival Saturday 22nd June 2024**

At this year's festival, we are introducing two new events. Firstly, we are reviving a forty-year-old competition where different roads in Winthorpe, plus Langford and Holme, have competed in various sporting events. Expanding upon existing competitive games (golf, tug-o'-war, potluck) held at the Summer Festival, we are adding tennis and other games to the mix, to crown the 2024 winner of the inter-road competition. The trophy was last one by Woodlands in 1981!

Each team should have 7 members, all living within the same road, and should represent a spread of ages and genders. If you have more than 7 you can have more than one team! Please visit the village website where you will find the name of the co-ordinator for your road on the Summer Festival page or contact me for further details.

Our second new event is a garden planter competition; the theme is 'An English Garden in Miniature'. Your planter needs to be no more than 30cms in diameter or length; it can be any shape and as imaginative as you like. The prize will be a Pearson's Nursery gift voucher.

More information about the festival and details regarding entry fees for the competitions will become available in future issues of Focal Point.

We are looking forward to everyone coming together on 22<sup>nd</sup> June to enjoy our annual community event, so please make sure to put the date in your diary!

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## **Winthorpe Village Hall**

The Village Hall, a registered Charity, is run by the Board of Trustees for the benefit of the village and for use by village organisations.

Every month, Winthorpe with Langford Parish Council uses the Village Hall for meetings, which anyone is welcome to attend. Less frequently, but importantly, Neighbourhood Watch and the Charity of Thomas Brewer use the Village Hall for AGMs, so that any resident who wishes to attend is able to do so.

Community Groups such as Winthorpe History Group and Winthorpe Amateur Wine Association (WAWA) meet regularly at the Village Hall and local artist, Max Neale, has a weekly art class. We are happy to see the Village Hall being used more and more for fundraising events for our church and other good causes, such as the new defibrillator on Pocklington Crescent.

Social activities at the Village Hall include the Community Cuppa on a Tuesday afternoon from 2pm until 4pm. This popular weekly event will soon be accompanied by the newly formed Winthorpe Walking Group, who will meet at the Village Hall every Tuesday at 1.30pm, walk for an hour and then return to the Village Hall to join the Community Cuppa. I'm sure everyone will appreciate a cup of tea or coffee (maybe even a slice of cake) after their walk!

The Village Hall is available for private parties, celebrations and events, as well as meetings. If you would like to know more about hiring the village hall, please contact the bookings secretary, Julie Johnson-Hill: 01636 676079

### **Winthorpe Walking Group**

**First Walk: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March, 1.30pm**

**Meet at Winthorpe Village Hall**

**60 minutes walking followed by Community Cuppa**

## WINTHORPE GARDEN CLUB

Steve Lovell is a favourite with our club. His presentation this time was 'Cuba – a time to Salsa'. He began with a brief history of the island, going back as far as 1492 when Christopher Columbus first landed there. I associate Cuba with Fidel Castro, Che Guevara, Batista plus of course old American cars. A defining moment in Cuba's history came in 1961 with a battle which came to be known as the battle of Bay of Pigs. As an aside, Steve showed us a photo of a tank, allegedly fired by Fidel Castro, to sink an American naval vessel.

In more recent times Steve told us that the citizens, though poor, seemed happy with music, singing and dancing wherever he went. Based in Havana, he showed us many different styles of architecture, some modern but others much older and full of character such as the small bar frequented by Ernest Hemingway and a house owned by Frank Sinatra.

Steve also showed photos of a number of birds he saw, many indigenous, such as Palm Warbler, Palm Swift, Magnolia Warbler and Green Heron. Best of all was Cuba's national bird, the tocororo, which has the same colours as the Cuban flag. Viewing it through a telescope, he became aware of excited locals queuing behind him for a chance to get a close look at this special bird, which they had never seen before.

At our next meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> March, Doug Stewart, who is a professional horticulturalist and describes himself as also being a plant enthusiast and weekend adventurer, will give a talk entitled 'Easy Gardening for Tired Joints'.

Two trips are planned for this summer. The first of these is a two day visit (with overnight stay) on 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> June to Bressingham Gardens & Old Rectory Gardens in Norfolk. Details of the hotel and the cost will be finalised in March and will be determined by the number of people going; the second outing is a day trip to RHS Harlow Carr near Harrogate on 17<sup>th</sup> July. Please contact me if you are interested in either or both of these outings.

**Ian Wilson**  
**01636686249**

## WINTHORPE WI

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of two of our members during January. Although Sue Reynolds hadn't been able to come to WI for quite a while, she was still a member and was interested in all our activities. For many years she has been very much a part of Winthorpe Village and our WI. Sympathy goes to her husband, David, and daughters, Emma and Sarah.

Gill Riley came to us when Collingham WI folded and, even when Collingham WI started up again, Gill and those who came with her, decided to stick with us. She was a very involved member and will be remembered for running the dog show at last year's summer fete. Our sympathy also goes to her family.

Our members' coffee morning on 26<sup>th</sup> January was well attended and, as usual, there was plenty of chatter. The Victoria sandwich sponge proved to be the most popular cake.

February turned out to be a busy month for WI members, kicking off with a visit to the Robin Hood Theatre to see *Ladies Unleashed*. Our meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> February (St Valentine's Day) was extremely well attended. In a change to the advertised programme, we were given a talk about Lip Reading, by Helen Barrow, Nottinghamshire's only qualified lip reading tutor. She gave us some useful advice about how to help people who have a hearing loss.

Business matters included celebrating four members' birthdays and a letter of thanks from Women's Refuge for a Christmas donation of £155. Members were reminded that subscriptions were due on 1<sup>st</sup> April and this year would be £48.00. Our next meeting will be held at Winthorpe Community Centre on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March, when we will be reviewing the past year, whilst enjoying wine and nibbles. If you would like to join us, the first meeting is free of charge and subsequent meetings incur a £5.00 charge.

Our book club met at the Lord Nelson on 15<sup>th</sup> February, when we reviewed *The People on Platform 5* by Clare Pooley, which we all enjoyed reading. Our next meeting will be on 21<sup>st</sup> March, when we will be reviewing *Shrines of Gaiety* by Kate Atkinson. The book club is open to all members of the WI.

**Pauline Lockwood**



What a fabulous photo by **Bob Warriner** of the Footbridge when the Fleet was in flood earlier this year. And especially appropriate for this edition of Focal Point, as a small 'army' of volunteers has worked strenuously in February, planting trees in Jubilee Meadow, just beyond this spot. Go to Focal Point's page on the village website to see it in full colour.



# COMMUNICATION ACROSS THE PARISH

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*"Nobody tells us what's going on"*

*"I want to get involved but....."*

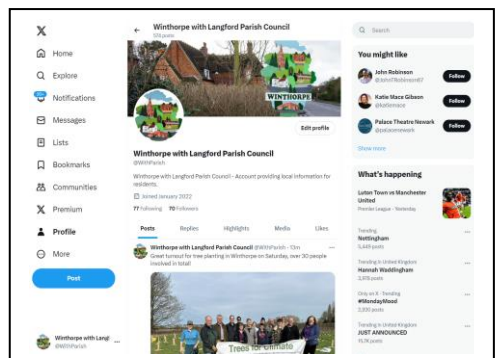
These are just some of the things some residents have said recently, so we thought it would be good to let you know all the ways in which you can find out information. Obviously you are reading Focal Point at the moment, so that's one way, but Focal Point only comes out once a month, so how about looking at the following sources of more immediate information?

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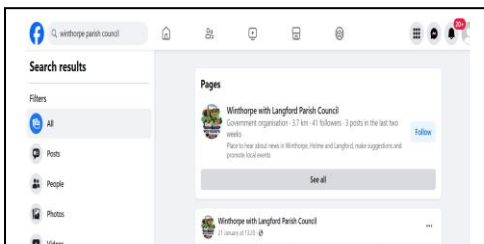
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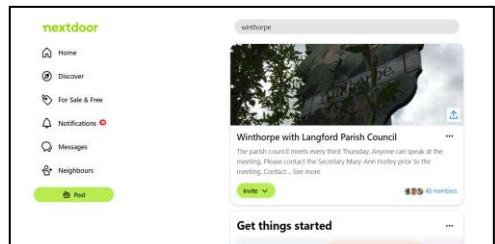
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## Winthorpe with Langford Parish Council

The meeting of the Parish Council in the Village Hall on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February was attended by Parish Councillors and District Councillor, Linda Dales.

This meeting was full of discussion and interesting debate around what's happening in and around Winthorpe and Langford; as it's not possible to cover everything in this article, for all information on what was discussed, please look at the Parish Council section of the village website, where notes from each meeting are posted a couple of weeks or so after the meeting.

The big step forward this month was the tremendous community effort for the tree planting event, which took place on Jubilee Meadow on 15<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February. During these two tree planting sessions, involving well over 30 people from our community, we managed to plant more than two hundred trees. The intention is to provide a more interesting walking area for all, together with improving the natural environment and helping to improve the land drainage on the meadow.



Helpers over the two days included residents planting trees, fetching and carrying materials and importantly those in the kitchen at the community centre, producing teas, coffees and bacon butties all day, much needed refreshments!

Now that the first phase of the work is completed, we move on to future projects. In March we will begin the major work to transform the Coronation Bank behind the Community Centre. This will involve a raised walkway into the bank from the bridge over The Fleet, which will provide safe access to the site in all weathers. Once this is complete we will then tidy the site, including weeding, removal of rubbish/fallen debris etc.



So, there will be lots of work for everybody to get involved in; just contact me or Miles Harriman to let us know how you would like to get involved:

[miles.harriman@hotmail.com](mailto:miles.harriman@hotmail.com) or [paul@bridgfordss.co.uk](mailto:paul@bridgfordss.co.uk)

Over the next few months, we will be developing a 'Nature Walk' in conjunction with the school which will, when finished, meander through the trees between Jubilee Meadow and the Cricket Field. This will include the installation of bug hotels, nesting boxes for birds and bats, and hedgehog houses. The aim is to improve the ecology of the area, whilst at the same time to use it as a learning aid. We are hoping that the boxes etc will be constructed by Collingham 'Men in Sheds' to keep it local.

We will also be installing picnic benches on Jubilee Meadow near the 'old skate park' and later in the year the old skate park will be revamped, including re-painting and re-purposing the tarmacked area. In addition, two mature trees will be purchased to mark the death of the late Queen Elizabeth II and the coronation of King Charles III. Finally, we have obtained a range of fruit trees, which we will be planting soon, creating a 'Community Orchard'.

In other news, we have met with the CEO of Newark Showground and are pleased to let you know that they are in active discussions with Lindum Construction to provide a new direct access into the showground site from the A17. This forms part of the proposed development of a section of the showground site between the A46 and the A17, for which Lindum Construction have recently applied for planning permission. If this goes ahead, then it will substantially help alleviate the traffic issues which we all experience on certain show days. We will keep you informed of progress on this.

We have held discussions with Debbie Darby, our County Councillor, covering a range of issues, which are currently a problem in and around the parish, for which the County Council are responsible. These include: filling in more potholes, repairing Drove Lane and properly programmed maintenance visits to sweep the roads and clear drainage gullies.

The next meeting of The Parish Council will take place in the Village Hall on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 at 7.30pm; in the meantime if you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please contact me: [paul@bridgfordss.co.uk](mailto:paul@bridgfordss.co.uk)

Paul Smith (Chair, Winthorpe with Langford Parish Council)

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It is the seller's responsibility to make sure the item is delivered to you. Check the delivery address you gave the seller and contact them to ask where your order is. If they claim to have delivered it, or don't know where it is, you can ask for a redelivery. You might be able to get a refund in some circumstances.

### **Defective Goods:**

If something's gone wrong with an item you've bought, you might be entitled to a refund, repair or replacement. You have legal rights if the item is:

- Broken or damaged (not satisfactory quality)
- Unusable (not fit for purpose)
- Not what was advertised or doesn't match the seller's description.

### **What if I change my mind?**

- If you buy in store, you don't have a legal right to return goods just because you've changed your mind. Many shops have their own policies which allow this, though time limits can vary.
- If you buy online, you usually have a right to cancel, known as a cooling-off period, although there are exemptions, including bespoke or personalized goods, and computer software where the seal is broken.

### **Pay Safe:**

- Payment by card gives you have another form of protection if there's a problem. You may be able to make a chargeback or a Section 75 claim to your card provider.
- Be cautious if you're ask to pay in an unusual way such as in iTunes vouchers, cryptocurrency or via bank transfer, as any of these could be a sign of a scam.

### **Returning items:**

Get proof of your return: a receipt or proof of postage. If you pay for return postage, check that the service you use covers the value of the goods. Using a service that includes tracking means you can prove when a trader received your return.

**Talk to us if you would like help with Consumer Advice, or any other issue.**

**Newark Office:** Tuesday/Thursday 9.30am – 2.30pm, Castle House

**Collingham Rural Advice Centre:** Tuesday 9.30am – 12.30pm, 67 High St

**Telephone:** 01623 861769 (You may be offered a call back.)

More advice and information about our services can be found on our website: <https://sn-ca.org.uk/>

## Think Again A46 Residents' Group

The group has been contacted by National Highways (NH) to set up a meeting to discuss their responses to the statement of common ground which was sent to them last year. An initial meeting date was postponed, and a new date is being sought.



The core working group meets in the middle of each month and we welcome any views or input from the village, using the links below. If you have any specific questions or concerns about the scheme, please contact Think Again by emailing us: [A46WinthorpeVillage@outlook.com](mailto:A46WinthorpeVillage@outlook.com)

The dedicated Think Again web site is available as a single point of information and communication for the village. Just follow this link: <https://a46thinkagain.org.uk/>

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## **COLLINGHAM BOWLS CLUB SEASON 2024 .**

Collingham Bowls Club has been located at Dale Field since 1933 (access via Collingham Cricket Club). It is a friendly Club, which is always pleased to welcome new members, whether experienced, intermediate or beginners .

Our members are looking forward to the new outdoor season. In preparation for this, the Club will be holding a pre-season coffee morning:

**SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH 9.30am - 11.30am**

**THE MAYFIELD ROOM, COLLINGHAM MEMORIAL HALL .**

If you are interested in playing bowls during the summer, come along to this event and chat to our members about this local club and its various activities.

### **THE OPENING OF THE GREEN EVENT**

**SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> APRIL 1.30pm for 2pm start**

**Please note that this competition is for members only**

The outdoor season runs from April to September and during this time the Club competes in four different local leagues (3 in Lincolnshire, 1 in Newark). Our members also participate in various competitions and social events run by the Club, starting and ending with fun social days. New activities for this season will include Social Bowling Sessions on some Sundays and Thursdays, starting on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 1pm for a 1.30pm start. A friendly match will also be arranged for mid season.

Beginners are always welcome and help in learning the game is available. Informal roll-ups for practice and experience are held on Friday evenings, at which potential new members of any standard are welcome. These sessions will run from Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 5.30pm - 6.30pm. Simply turn up at 5.30pm at the Club with enthusiasm and a pair of flat soled shoes. Everything else you might need will be provided.

For further information, please contact our Chairperson, Malcolm Baker, on [malcolmjbaker@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:malcolmjbaker@yahoo.co.uk) or Nina Ward on [ninajward17@gmail.com](mailto:ninajward17@gmail.com)

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!**

**Collingham Bowls Club Committee**

## **Winthorpe Amateur Wine Association**

Our WAWA group had a Valentine's Day themed wine tasting in February, hosted by two of our members: Julie and Michael Johnson. They chose wines to accompany a Valentines meal, presented to us as a menu and sounding delicious! The taste of the food was left to our imagination but the wines were real: a glass of pink fizz, two whites, two reds and finally a sumptuous Madeira, with a real chocolate truffle!

Julie shared tasting notes and lots of personal anecdotes about the selection she and Michael had chosen, which made for a very enjoyable evening. Michael and Les Francis skilfully distributed the wines among the happy wine tasters, ensuring that the evening ran smoothly. We have had several professional Sommeliers and Julie and Michael proved that they are just as, if not more, knowledgeable than all of them! We certainly have plenty of talent within our own village.



Our next event on 6<sup>th</sup> March will be an opportunity to try some South African wines. For more information please email: [Winthorpeawineassoc@gmail.com](mailto:Winthorpeawineassoc@gmail.com)

### **WINTHORPE HISTORY GROUP**

We meet at Winthorpe Village Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month. Everyone is welcome, there is no membership – just come along. The charge per meeting is £2.

At our next meeting we'll be having a look at the Winthorpe Parish Council records from 1894 onwards, which give insights into some of the most important events in the history of the village.

As always, if you have a family history mystery which you'd like some help with, bring that along too. We love challenges!

**Friday 8th March – 1.30pm to 3pm – Winthorpe Village Hall**

If you would like more information, please email Christine Hasman: [c.hasman@ntlworld.com](mailto:c.hasman@ntlworld.com) Looking forward to seeing you there!



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## NEWARK FOODBANK

Thank you to everybody who contributed throughout the last month. The Foodbank say that donations are falling, but the need is as great as ever. So please keep your contributions coming.

Especially needed now are: tea bags, Long life fruit juice, tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned fruit, instant mash, sponge puddings (both tinned and microwaveable), rice. Always needed are: breakfast cereal, sugar, biscuits, cereal bars, soup, noodles, cooking oil, savoury rice packets, tinned spaghetti/rice puddings/vegetables, tinned or carton custard, toilet rolls, jam, toiletries.

Winthorpe Collection Points are:

- The Lord Nelson, during opening hours. Please note that the collection point is now through the front door, turn left into the main area. The collection box is on the left.
- The black swing bin by my front door at 11 Gainsborough Road, available 24/7.
- The church porch, Sun 10am-12noon, Thurs 1.30-3.30pm

If you would prefer to donate via your bank, the Foodbank details are:  
NatWest, sort code 54 10 23, a/c no. 19405812

Thank you for your support.

*Jane White*

## British Summer Time: Did You Know?

In the summers of 1941 to 1945 Britain was two hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time and operating on *British Double Summer Time* (BDST). To bring this about, the clocks were not put back by an hour at the end of summer in 1940 (BST having started early, on 25<sup>th</sup> February 1940). In subsequent years, clocks continued to be advanced by one hour each spring and put back by an hour each autumn. On 15<sup>th</sup> July 1945, the clocks were put back by an hour, so British Double Summer Time reverted to British Summer Time; the clocks were put back by an additional hour on 7<sup>th</sup> October 1945, so British Summer Time reverted to Greenwich Mean Time for the winter of 1945.



## All Saints' Church, Winthorpe

Spring is very much on the way: as I write these notes the temperature is a balmy 15°!

Although life in church continues without Mandy, it is lovely to have both John and David stepping in to take the Holy Communion services within the various rotas that have been drawn up for the East Trent Group.

Last month we ran a quickly organised Pancake Party in the village hall, where over 20 people enjoyed a Shrove Tuesday treat with raffle. Over £130 was raised. Thank you to all those who supported church at this event.

As we move towards Easter, we have four very different but special (in their own way) services in church. Starting with Morning Worship on Mothering Sunday, Evening Prayer on Palm Sunday followed by the Final Hour at the Cross on Good Friday and the Service of Light with Holy Communion on Easter Eve (the last two being ETG Services, both followed by refreshments). We would be delighted to see you at any of these. You are also invited, as last year, to make a small Easter Garden depicting the Easter story, to be placed by the path to church before the Good Friday service.

**I give early notice of the APCM in church on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 7.20pm.**

We are thinking in our prayers of all those in the villages who are ill hospitalised or suffering a bereavement at this time.

### **FLOWER LADIES:**

We would be delighted if you could bring your arrangements after the Good Friday service (during refreshments) from 3.20pm. Thank you.

Tish Applewhite Churchwarden (643763 or 07896821414)

Church Cleaning: Mrs J Lord and Mrs C Hasman





## St. Giles Church, Holme

Dear Friends and Supporters of St Giles,

We have to share some very sad news with you this month, as our organist Peter Gill died on 5<sup>th</sup> February and his funeral was held at Holme Church, a church he loved, on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Peter has been our organist for almost exactly fourteen years and during that time he has become renowned for providing us with rich and varied music at services, on both the organ and more latterly a keyboard. After a few years of playing at both Holme and Langford, he once commented that not playing for a Sunday service was a Sunday wasted. So, after that he additionally took on Girton and Besthorpe churches; this gave him four services a month which he never missed except for holidays. He also loved to read at the carol services, often with great feeling. As well as playing, he also much enjoyed singing and would often let the odd verse go unaccompanied so that we could all sing of our best together. We will miss Peter enormously and his music will be remembered for a long time.

Spring has started early this year and the daffodils around the church will soon be in full bloom. It's our turn for the March service in our Langford, Winthorpe and Holme group; this will be held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> at 10am. We look forward welcoming people from other churches in the East Trent Group and I'm pleased to say that Christine Hasman will be there and has agreed to be either at the organ or keyboard.

With best wishes, Nigel Priestley and Doreen Hallam

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Doreen Hallam, Churchwarden: 01636 676153

Christine Hasman, Administrator: 01636 679105



# Church Services for March 2024



<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b> <b>(Mothering Sunday)</b>	10.15 a.m.	Morning Worship	Winthorpe
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b> <b>(5<sup>th</sup> of Lent)</b>	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Holme
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b> <b>(Palm Sunday)</b>	10.00a.m. 5.00p.m.	Morning Worship Evening Prayer	Langford Winthorpe
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup></b> <b>(Good Friday)</b>	<b>2.00p.m.</b>	<b>The Final Hour at the Cross &amp; Holy Communion</b>	Winthorpe
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup></b> <b>(Easter Eve)</b>	<b>7.00p.m.</b>	<b>Service of Light &amp; Holy Communion</b>	Winthorpe
<b>Every Thursday</b>	1.30 – 3.30p.m.	Open Church	Winthorpe
<b>Every Day</b>	10.00 – 4.00p.m.	Open Church	Holme + Langford

For more information please visit the East Trent Churches website:  
[www.easttrentchurches.org.uk](http://www.easttrentchurches.org.uk)

## A Matter of 'Time' Pop Quiz

Created by Bob Warriner.

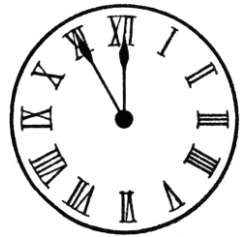


Pop Songs that have the words '**Time**' somewhere in the title

Songs range from 1965-1989. Try not to use Google! Give yourself 1 point for the song & 1 point for the artiste (20 available in total)

### QUESTIONS

1. I wish I was able to reverse things (1989) – 2,1,5,4,4,4, by 4
2. Do a spell (with cardio implications) (1982) – 4, (1,5,2,3,5,) by 7,4
3. Period following period (1983) – 4,5,4, by 5,6
4. Things will alter over the years (1965) – 3,5,4,3,1,8, by 3,5
5. Very enjoyable events (1979) – 4,5, by 4
6. Triple moments for a duchess say? (1978) - 5,5,1,4, by 3,10
7. Please can I have a bit longer? (1970) - 4,2,4,1,6,4,4, by 8,2,3,5
8. No! not anymore. Never again! (1965) - 3,4,4, by 3,7,6
9. Tap on the door more than once or twice (1970) – 5,5,5, by 4,7,3,4
10. A small part of a longer spell (1988) – 3,6,2,4, by 7,7



### **Answers to last month's 'Rain' Pop Quiz:**

1. Purple Rain (1984) – Prince & the Revolution
2. Why does it always rain on me (1999) – Travis
3. It's Raining Men (1983) – The Weather Girls
4. Raindrops keep falling on my head (1969/71) – B.J. Thomas / Sacha Distell
5. Rhythm of the Rain (1962) – The Cascades
6. Here comes the Rain again (1984) - Eurythmics
7. Rainy days and Mondays (1971) - Carpenters
8. Rainy day Women (1966) - Bob Dylan
9. Laughter in the Rain (1974) – Neil Sedaka
10. It's Raining again (1982) - Supertramp

As promised, here is the recipe for the ‘starter’ course of Julie and Michael’s indulgent dinner menu for St. Valentine’s Day, as presented to WAWA at the meeting in February.

Recipe created by **Richard James, Head Chef at The Quarterdeck at The Nare Hotel, Cornwall**, using sustainable diver-caught scallops

### Scallops with pea puree & crispy Pancetta

#### Ingredients

To serve 2:

6 shelled fresh scallops

4 slices of Pancetta

400g of frozen peas

1 diced shallot

Half a clove of garlic, chopped

250ml of double cream

125ml of milk

2 teaspoons of butter

#### Method:

Pre-heat the oven to 180°C.



Dash of lemon juice

Salt and pepper to taste

Salad leaves to garnish

Sweat the shallots and garlic in 1 teaspoon of butter, add the milk and the cream and bring to the boil. Pop in the peas just to defrost. Once the peas are soft, liquidize the mixture adding salt and pepper to taste.

Line a baking tray with greaseproof paper and lay out the Pancetta slices. Add another sheet of greaseproof paper on top of the Pancetta and place a second baking tray over the top to keep the slices flat whilst cooking. Bake for 8-10 minutes until crispy and coloured. Leave to cool.

Fry the scallops in a hot, non-stick pan for approximately 30 seconds each side, adding a teaspoon of butter and a squeeze of lemon juice at the last moment.

Spoon some of the pea puree onto the centre of a warm plate, arranging 3 scallops within that. Add 2 slices of Pancetta and a sprinkling of salad leaves to garnish.



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