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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

The first priority of this edition of Focal Point is to say a huge thank you to Lizzie Wakefield, Editor for the past two years. Just before her fifteenth birthday, Lizzie stepped forward to take on this demanding rôle, at a time when the future of Focal Point was in peril. Her energy and commitment have been outstanding; her achievements impressive. During this handover period, she has given me lots of information, advice and support. I know that I speak for many residents, in expressing sincere thanks to Lizzie and wishing her well for the future – guaranteed to succeed, I would say!

It's just a year since I moved to Winthorpe; from the outset I felt I was going to be happy living here. Since leaving my parents' house in Derbyshire when I was nineteen, I've lived in various places – Liverpool, Norwich, Peterborough, Glasgow, Sleaford, France – mostly work related. I've also lived in Bassingham village, Lincoln and Witham St Hughs (25 years in all), so I'm quite familiar with village life and the A46 corridor between Lincoln and Newark. I love this corner of England and feel very happy and settled here.

Although one can never guarantee the future, I want to reassure everyone that being Editor of Focal Point is a long term commitment for me. For as long as you want me, for as long as I have good health – I'm here to stay. Although many of you won't know me by sight, I am working on that. I've contacted all the regular contributors to Focal Point (I hope), attended some key meetings in Winthorpe and met a few of you in person. Everyone has been welcoming and supportive. I hope to meet more local people in person over the coming months, in all three villages.

Meet The Editor

On Thursday 12th May, if you're free, please come along to The Lord Nelson, at anytime between 10.30am and 12 noon, where I shall be taking coffee.

Julie Hill (01636 682530)

NEXT MONTH'S DEADLINE IS 18TH MAY

winthorpefocalpoint@outlook.com

May Calendar

When	What	Where
Mon 2 nd	Green bin	Winthorpe
	Brown bin	All
Fri 6 th	Green bin	L'ford/ Holme
Sun 8 th	V.E. Day (77 th anniversary)	
Mon 9 th	Silver bin	Winthorpe
Wed 11 th	Winthorpe W. I.	Winthorpe
Thur 12 th	Meet the Editor	Winthorpe
Fri 13 th	Silver bin	L'ford/ Holme
Sat 14 th	County Show	Showground
Mon 16 th	Green bin	Winthorpe
	Brown bin	All
Wed 18 th	Garden Club	Winthorpe
Thur 19 th	Parish Council Meeting	Winthorpe
Fri 20 th	Green bin	L'ford/ Holme
Sun 22 nd	Sherlock Holmes Day	
Mon 23 rd	Green bin	Winthorpe
	Brown bin	All
Thur 26 th	Ascension Day	
Fri 27 th	Green bin	L'ford/ Holme
Mon 30 th	Mobile Library	All
	Silver bin	Winthorpe

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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**This month, the mobile library will call at our villages on Monday 30th
May**

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

May is Local and Community History Month

The aim is to increase awareness of local history, promote history in general to the local community and encourage all members of the community to participate. Winthorpe, Langford and Holme have long histories and many stories to tell. Over the coming months, Focal Point would like to feature some of your stories about the past in our villages. And don't forget that black and white photos work well 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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SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

Time to launch the 2022 Giant Sunflower Competition!

For anyone not familiar with this Winthorpe institution, it is the annual children's competition to see who can grow the tallest sunflower. All children at Winthorpe Primary School can enter, as well as non-pupils (of primary school age) living in Winthorpe, Langford and Holme.



Similar to last year, children will be planting their seeds at school and bringing them home to continue caring for them.

If your children don't attend Winthorpe Primary School (or the potted seeds don't make it home!) you can buy "Giant Sunflower" seeds from a garden centre or shop. Please plant them on as soon as possible to ensure equal growing time, and make a note of the competition closing date

– Sunday 4th September –

then e-mail your name and the height of your tallest sunflower before that date to winthorpesunflower@hotmail.co.uk

As we are hoping to increase participation this year, we have introduced a new prize. We know that everyone will not have the luck or skill to grow a record-breaking giant – but we'd really like as many children as possible to 'have a go'. Mr Cook and the staff

team at the school have agreed to arrange a special treat for the year group with the most entries – so send in your entry, regardless of the height of your sunflower.

And remember that every child who enters is presented with a certificate for taking part, recording their name and the height of their sunflower. Having had two children compete in the competition ourselves, we now have a series of certificates charting the highs (and lows!) of our sunflower growing efforts over the last 9 or 10 years!

Like last year, each child will be given a “Sunflower Growing Guide,” with all the information they (or their adults!) need. This means that we won’t be writing a monthly Focal Point article, but will definitely report back in September to announce our competition winners.

Good Luck to everyone!

Liz & Charlie Ferreira

Winthorpe Community Centre

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Winners for April		
1st	£45.00	Patricia Nelson
2nd	£22.50	Ian Wilson
3rd	£7.50	Thomas Smart

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Congratulations to our winners in April!

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.

For more information, contact Nina Adams: ninjab71@gmail.com

Winthorpe Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea

Thursday 2nd June 3-5pm at Winthorpe Community Centre

What a fantastic response to the invitation in April's edition of Focal Point – over 100 people have accepted! I am delighted to confirm that the afternoon tea event will go ahead on Thursday 2nd June, 3-5pm at Winthorpe Community Centre.

Thank you for your support, I'm sure that we will have a lovely afternoon together. Could I kindly ask that you bring along your own china tea-cup and saucer, if possible? If you prefer, you may wish to bring your own wine / fizz and glasses!



Please be mindful of limited car parking spaces, due to the number of people who will be attending. If you are able to do so, please consider walking to the Community Centre instead of driving. In the evening, as part of our village celebrations, the Winthorpe Beacon will be lit at 9.45pm and you are warmly welcomed to attend. I am sorry to say that there are no places left for the afternoon tea.

Denise Day (tel. 07932056097)

Winthorpe Community Centre's Platinum Jubilee Raffle

We will be holding a raffle at the afternoon tea event, to raise funds for our Community Centre and for The Royal British Legion, of which Her Majesty the Queen is the Patron. This charity, established in 1921 to care for those who had suffered as a result of service during the First World War, has been helping the Armed Forces community and their families ever since.

Top Prizes include: Steak Night meal for 2 at the Lord Nelson; Fish & Chips for 2 (with 2 sides) from Harley's, as well as many other prizes.

Tickets cost £2.00, available in advance from

Michele Cammack (07951728079) or Jane Bateson (07546649934)

The Trustees of the Community Centre are grateful for your support.

Winthorpe Summer Festival – Saturday 25th June 1pm-5pm

Another reminder about the Festival! Please put the date in your diaries. A great chance to enjoy a fun afternoon with your family, friends and neighbours. To add to your enjoyment, the RAF will be sending the Lancaster Bomber to fly over the Community Centre! Festival Committee (Tel. 07714548561)



Winthorpe Festival Scarecrow Competition 2022

This year's Festival will include the Scarecrow Competition again. There's no theme, so entries can be who or whatever you want them to be, as long as it's a scarecrow!

Entry will be open to children and their families at a cost of £2, also group entries. Application forms will be available at The Lord Nelson; in the bus shelter by the pub; from Sue Masheder at 7 Gainsborough Road; and from Tish Applewhite at 76 Gainsborough Road.

The forms plus remittance must be in by Friday 24th June to either 7 Gainsborough Road or 76 Gainsborough Road.

Villagers will need to display their scarecrow in their front garden, from the week beginning 20th June. Those living outside the village can display theirs at school. Judging will then take place, the winner being announced at the Summer Festival on Saturday 25th June, and prizes awarded!



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Winthorpe W.I. Birthday Party

On Wednesday, 13th April, members and guests met to celebrate the 68th birthday of Winthorpe WI.

The meal took the form of a Faith Supper, the food being both plentiful and delicious. Had we put a posting on "Rate My Plate" we would have received a five star rating, as all dietary requirements were catered for. The wine waiter, Guy, conscripted for the event, did an excellent job re-filling glasses when required and assisting with the clearing up.

Lynz Chrichton provided the entertainment and, not only was she a good singer/song writer, but assisted Guy with serving the wine.

Raffle prizes were plentiful and if you did not win one, you were extremely unlucky.

Our next meeting will be held at the Community Centre on Wednesday, 11th May when the topic of the evening is "Resolutions" with wine and nibbles. If there are any ladies who would like to join us, a warm welcome awaits you.

Pauline Lockwood

Winthorpe W.I. Book Club

On Tuesday 29th March, I was delighted to be invited to meet the ladies of Winthorpe W.I. Book Club at their meeting, at The Lord Nelson. They were extremely welcoming and had lots of interesting things to tell me.

I learned that the inaugural meeting of the Book Club was on 23rd March 2015, and that the first book to be chosen was *The Cuckoo's Calling* by Robert Galbraith (a pseudonym of J.K. Rowling), the first novel in the Cormoran Strike detective series.

Currently, the book club members are reading *The Affair* by Hilary Boyd. The next meeting is at 10.30am on Thursday 12th May, at The Lord Nelson. New members are always welcome.

Julie Hill (editor)

Winthorpe Garden Club

April's meeting was our AGM and plant sale, the first since 2019.

As this was the first AGM since 2019, the Chairman gave a resumé and noted with concern the steady decline in membership which, now sadly, included the death of Margaret Stewart.

Matters Arising: the Chairman suggested that was a good time to revisit the question of refreshments, provided not only as a courtesy to guest speakers, but also as a valuable source of income – increasingly important with rising costs of speakers and declining membership subscriptions. This suggestion was agreed by the majority; Barbara Finn added that it might be a good idea to serve refreshments at the beginning of each meeting. This will be piloted at the next meeting, on 18th May .

The Treasurer reiterated the problem of declining income, coupled with increasing costs, though we still have some £1600 in the bank. A recent cause of concern is the introduction of bank charges, with the possibility of other options to be considered.

The Outings Secretary gave some details of two one day outings, which are being organised for this summer. The first, on 15th June, is to Mill Farm Garden, North Lincolnshire, where we will have a picnic; then on to Woodlands Garden near Louth. The second outing, on 20th July, is to RHS Garden Bridgwater, Lancashire. At the moment, precise costs cannot be given, as this will depend on the size of the party, but should be in the region of £45 and £63 respectively. RHS members are entitled to a discount of £8.50. As is our normal practice, we will stop off for an evening meal on the homeward journey. The meal for the June outing will be at The Horseshoe Thurlby where we have been previously.

These trips are open to non- members, should there be spare places. If you are interested or would like to have more information, please contact Julie Parker on 01636893371 or myself on 01636686249.

Ian Wilson (Chairman)

Garden Club Programme May 2022-2023

18 th May	Sally Smith: The Wonderful World of Weeds
15 th June	Outing to gardens in Lincolnshire
20 th July	Outing to RHS Garden Bridgewater, Lancashire
21 st September	Tracey Akehurst: Carrots, Cabbages and Other Ancients
19 th October	Penny Dawson of Twelve Nunns Nursery: Breeding and Growing Harrington Hellebores
16 th November	Steve Lovell: Extremadura – Green Spain
15 th February	Janette Merilion: Unexpected Tales of Plants and Gardens
15 th March	Don Witton: People, Plants, Pleasure and Passion
19 th April	AGM & Plant Sale
17 th May	Steffie Shields: Impressions of Lincolnshire



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WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

On Thursday 21st April 2022, the Parish Council held its quarterly finance meeting and its monthly Council meeting in the village hall.

The accounts were discussed at length with its internal auditor, who requested some minor clarification to the accounts. It is hoped that these can be signed off at the next meeting.

The Council discussed the Queen's Jubilee celebrations, which are being organised at the Community Centre on 2nd June 2022. The Council is giving its full support and assistance to the organisers to help make the event a success. The Council would like to thank Denise Day for her efforts in this matter.

The Council discussed the ongoing issue of dog walking around the cricket field. It has been decided to approach one of the nearby land owners to ask if the perimeter of that land can be used for walking.

It was decided to purchase a bench to be placed on the "village green" in front of the Lord Nelson, in commemoration of County Councillor Maureen Dobson, who provided excellent support and assistance to the villages of Winthorpe and Langford throughout her time as a Councillor.

The Parish Council was informed that Steve Lord has decided to step down as a Councillor, with immediate effect. The Council would like to thank Steve for his support over the last 7 years since becoming a Councillor.

The Council is therefore looking for a replacement Parish Councillor, whose period of office will run until the next council elections in May 2023. If anyone is interested in becoming a Councillor, please contact the parish clerk at the email address below.

Mrs Sally Sillery – Parish Clerk
parishclerkatwinthorpe@outlook.com.

Ukrainian Refugees

If you are considering, or have offered to host refugees from Ukraine, please could you let the Parish Council know? We're asking you to do this so that we are aware of potential numbers, and also to enable potential hosts to contact and offer support to one another.

Whilst the Parish Council is unable to support residents directly in the Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme, we can share information as we receive it about charitable organisations who can provide support for refugees and their hosts.

Please contact Mark Kneen at the Parish Council.

email: mark_kneen@hotmail.com

telephone: 07711 05918

Love Your Dog, Love Your Village

Recently, the Parish Council has been receiving a growing number of reports from residents about dog mess around the village. This was also raised as an issue by many, in response to the recent Neighbourhood Plan Survey. Unwelcome fouling is not only ugly and unpleasant, but also a health and safety hazard to all.

If you are a dog walker, you will no doubt appreciate the beautiful spaces in and around the village, and will enjoy making use of them. Please make sure that you pick up any dog mess and use the dog bins provided at various locations, so that everyone can enjoy our village spaces safely.

The "keep dogs on a lead" signs positioned around the cricket pitch, were erected by the Cricket Club, with the support of the Parish Council, to remind people that dogs should not be allowed to run freely within the cricket pitch area. Please respect this.

We want everyone to be able to enjoy village life, including the cricket facilities and green spaces that have been a feature of Winthorpe for over 100 years. With your support, we can achieve this, without needing to put in place formal measures to deter dog fouling in and around the village.

Winthorpe with Langford Parish Council



THINK AGAIN.

The Winthorpe Residents' A46 Consultation Group

After a couple of months of significant progress there are unlikely to be more developments until the statutory consultation process starts with National Highways (NH) later in the year. However, NH have agreed to have regular

communication meetings, which will be set up on a two monthly basis and reported.

Further meetings were held with Newark and Sherwood District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council, the Showground, and our MP, Robert Jenrick. We were able to have the views of the village raised in these sessions. Many thanks for your attendance at the two village meetings, and for your views and opinions; we made sure that these were fully raised.

We understand that noise measurement surveys are being undertaken in locations in the village, particularly in the residential areas likely to be most impacted.

The dedicated Think Again website has now been completed and is available as a single point of information and communication for the village. It can be found by following this link:

<https://a46thinkagain.org.uk/>

For further information please use the following contacts:

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The Exchange, Gainsborough Road, Winthorpe

I've just returned from a short but pleasant stroll in the afternoon sunshine, to The Exchange. I took three books with me, of different genres, unsure what to expect from my first visit to this former telephone kiosk. I discovered a plentiful supply of books – fiction and non-fiction – to suit a wide range of interests and age groups.

I was surprised to read on the village website that Winthorpe used to have its own telephone exchange, and that the telephone kiosk was still in use until May 2019. Bought from BT for £1, the renovation and conversion to its new role was made possible by a donation from The Charity of Thomas Brewer. Jean Bateson came up with the idea, while Clive Smith and Peter Kingsley carried out the renovation work.

I hope I will be forgiven for having done a little tidying and rearranging of the bookshelves – I must have been a librarian in a former life! In doing so, I came across *A Book of Tractors in Ukrainian*, and paused to wonder how it had come to be there.

With everything that has happened in the world and our everyday lives since The Exchange was created, it makes you realise that History is always in the making, whether it's on our doorstep, in Ukraine, or across the globe. The Exchange, in both its forms of existence, is a fine piece of local history within the community of Winthorpe.

Julie Hill (editor)

For more information and photos of The Exchange telephone kiosk and the former Telephone Exchange in Winthorpe, take a look in the Gallery on the village website: www.winthorpe.org

Recipe of the Month: Asparagus Risotto

Saturday **23rd April** was not only St George's Day and Shakespeare's birthday, it was also National Asparagus Day. Traditionally, the British asparagus season ends on **21st June**, so May is the perfect month in which to cook and enjoy asparagus – and we are fortunate to have fresh asparagus on our doorstep.



In the month of May, my better half will be looking forward to cooking and enjoying this dish, which I thought I'd share with you (and I'm looking forward to eating without cooking)! (Ed.)

INGREDIENTS	
1 bunch asparagus	175g arborio or carnaroli rice
1 small onion, finely chopped	800ml vegetable stock
100ml white wine (optional)	25g butter
1 tbsp olive oil	25g parmesan, finely grated

Snap woody ends off asparagus stalks and tip into a saucepan, with the stock. Put on low heat to simmer gently. Meanwhile, cut off asparagus tips, add to stock for 1 minute. Scoop out with slotted spoon and set aside. Finely slice rest of stalks into rounds.

Heat oil and half the butter in a heavy saucepan. Cook onions gently for 5 minutes until soft, stirring often. Add chopped asparagus stalks, cook for 2 minutes more. Add rice, stir continuously for a few minutes, until semi-transparent and making a hissing sound.

Stir in the wine (if using) – it will evaporate almost immediately.

Reduce heat to a gentle simmer. Add stock, a ladleful at a time, stirring between each addition until fully absorbed, about 15 minutes.

Test the rice – it should feel just cooked with a slight bite to it. Stir in asparagus tips and last dregs of stock, cook for 1- 2 minutes more.

Remove from heat and top with remaining butter and most of the parmesan. Season generously, cover, leave for a few minutes to settle.

Give the risotto a thorough stir to incorporate the butter and cheese.

Serve straight away, sprinkling remaining parmesan over dish.



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Queen's Jubilee Weekend

Saturday 4th June: Winfest

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Thanks, Emma And The Team



Winthorpe Tennis Club



Winthorpe Tennis Club has two hard courts by the Community Centre. The club is getting ready for the summer ahead.

- Quite simply, our members are a group of people who enjoy playing tennis; the standard varies from beginners upwards.
- Currently, the club currently has about 30 members; we'd really like to increase the membership.
- At the moment, there is no booking system: if somebody is waiting to play, members agree a time between themselves (up to an hour).
- Annual membership costs: £20 for an Individual, or £40 for a Family (plus Key Deposit)

Plans for the months ahead:

- Tennis Coaching – if there is sufficient interest, we will re-launch coaching, which will be provided by local coaches from Caunton Tennis Club (all coaches are licensed by the Lawn Tennis Association and are DBS checked).
- Social Events – Drinks and Barbecue are planned for early June.
- Junior Tennis is planned for Thursdays, early evening, if there is enough interest.
- The committee will organise a “friendly” league, if there is enough support for it.

For more information:

Please contact Jonny – email: powell.jonny@gmail.com

or telephone: 07767 41136

You could also visit our page on the village website:

www.winthorpe.org.uk/tennis-club

Anyone for Footgolf?



What is Footgolf?

A portmanteau of football and golf; the aim is to kick an association football around a golf course and into the holes in the fewest number of kicks.

Where did it come from?

1929: Codeball, a similar game, was invented in the USA

1977: Buschball, in Germany, with random trees and road signs as the targets; now the aim is to hit a flagpole with as few shots as possible.

2008: Footgolf was officially launched in the Netherlands by Michael Jansen and Bas Korsten, brother of Willem Korsten, who would kick footballs back to the Tottenham Hotspur changing rooms after training. The game developed into the whole team competing to be the one who could achieve this with the fewest kicks.

Where is Footgolf played now?

Worldwide, in teams, tournaments and by professional players. There is even a Federation and a World Cup. Everyone can enjoy Footgolf, it's not just for the professionals. It's great fun for schools, clubs, kids parties and the whole family

If you'd like to find out more about playing Footgolf locally, come and talk to us at Newark Golf Centre, The Showground. Tel: 01636 702161.



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The online edition of the magazine is easy to find on Winthorpe village website: www.winthorpe.org

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!



NEWARK FOODBANK

The delivery made in March weighed in at 18.25 kgs. Thank you to everybody who contributed, but can I please put in a plea for more people to donate? Any donation, however small, matters a great deal.

The items most needed are: tinned cold meat, tea bags, custard, tinned spaghetti, pasta sauce. The Foodbank cannot accept out of date items, 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**

John Barton of Holme

As early as the 12th century, the area in and around Holme was trading in wool, contributing to Newark's status as an important trading town. A large share of English wool, which was the most sought after in Europe, went to Flanders to be woven into cloth.

Newark wool was exported not only to Flanders but also to Calais, which gained the monopoly on exporting wool to the continent from 1363 to 1558. John Barton, who rebuilt Holme Church, was a merchant of the staple of Calais. He died in 1491 and was buried in the chapel which he had recently erected in Holme.

It is said that the windows of John Barton's house in Holme (believed to have been about a quarter of a mile south-west of the church on the site now occupied by a farmhouse) carried the inscription:

"I thank God, and ever shall,
It is the sheepe that payed for all"



REFLECTIONS FOR MAY



Dear Friends,

“Cast not a clout till May is out” goes the old saying and, whether it refers to May blossom or the end of the month, it’s a reminder that May can be a happy time with warmer, brighter days, when even I might take off my winter coat and woollies. May time is holiday time and lots of traditions grew up to celebrate the end of cold weather and to welcome the lively growing season. Has anyone danced around a Maypole, or been crowned Queen of the May, or beaten the bounds at Rogationtide? I’d love to hear about it if you have.

Maybe, during the pandemic, we’ve come up with new Maytime traditions – enjoying daily walks or meeting family and friends for picnics – and this month brings in a season of bank holidays, so we should be able to enjoy some time together.

The word **holiday** comes from **holy day**; holy days or saint’s days used to mean time off work, feasting, music, dancing and games. They were times for real body, mind and soul refreshment, which is real recreation. So, if we take time out to do what revives us or gives us energy or restores our zest for life, we are re-created.

I hope to see you during this month and I pray we’ll enjoy some real holy days, when we’ll get to know again the love of God and the love of our friends and families. We have services at All Saints’, St Giles’ and St Bartholomew’s. All Saints is usually open every Thursday afternoon, St Giles’ in daylight hours, and you can arrange to visit St Bartholomew’s.

We’re really blessed with beautiful villages and churches, so let’s make the most of them.

God bless you,
Revd Mandy





St Giles' Church, Holme



Hello from St Giles Church, Holme

You may have noticed that the church is open again most days from 10am until 4pm. If one of the gates is open at the entrance to the churchyard, then this normally indicates that the building is open. We're pleased that visitors are able to come and go as they please, once again, and it's good to see that more churches in the East Trent group are following in our footsteps.

The grass is growing strongly in the churchyard in this warm weather and we've mown it twice already this year, so it will be a busy year ahead for us to keep it in good order. Ours is an 'open churchyard', which means that residents can choose to be buried in it, whether they support the church or not. In addition, there is no charge added to the local council tax for the upkeep of this sizable plot, which is why we have to rely on voluntary labour to keep it maintained. Currently this work is performed by people who live in a different village, who will continue to look after it for as long as they can until, due to old age and infirmity, they must give up and hand over to someone younger.

Looking ahead to Sunday 5th June, when will be celebrating Pentecost (or Whitsunday) and also commemorating the Platinum Jubilee of HM The Queen. The service will start at 9am and will be followed by the dedication of the Bramley apple tree in the churchyard, which has been given to us to mark this record-breaking achievement by Her Majesty. It was planted during the autumn and will shortly be in blossom for the first time.

Our next service will be on Sunday 1st May.

Kind regards, Nigel Priestley and Doreen Hallam.



St Bartholomew's Church, Langford

Langford Church and Churchyard News

There will be a church service on Sunday 15th May at 9am - everyone is welcome. The church is cleaned on the Saturday prior to the monthly Sunday morning service, this provides an opportunity for coffee and conversation. Please let Becky know if you can help with cleaning on Saturday 14th May – time is flexible.

We hope to be starting some sewing projects soon. Creative ideas for tablecloths and a wall hanging, including colours and designs, very welcome!

As key holders we are happy to unlock the church on request if you would like to visit or for quite reflection/prayer.

John and Becky Whittaker, Langford Crossing (01636 700621)



Did You Know?
In the 1950s plans were drawn up to have the church moved, stone by stone, to the Ladybrook estate in Mansfield. The estimated cost of £17,000 was lower than the £25,000 estimated for building a new church. The plans were never completed and St Bartholomew's Church remains at its original site at Langford.



All Saints' Church, Winthorpe

I hope everyone was able to enjoy the lovely Easter weather this year and get out and about or just stay in their gardens.

In church it was so lovely to have a full Easter programme of Services, along with Easter gardens, hot cross buns and Easter eggs aplenty! The church looked so beautiful for the Service of Light on Easter Eve, with all the windows and pedestals adorned with arrangements by the Flower Ladies, bringing Spring fully into church. We also managed to welcome Millie into our church family at the month's end.

This month sees us back to normal in church, with the usual Services taking place.

We look forward next month, after an absence of two years, to the Village Festival on June 25th. Please could everybody ask themselves if they have something they might be able to donate to our Tombola Stall? Christine (Spinney), Joan (Gainsborough, bottom), Sharon (Woodlands), Pauline (Pocklington) and Tish (Gainsborough, top) would be very happy to receive any items from you.

Our thoughts and prayers are with anyone who is ill, hospitalised or facing a bereavement at this time.

Tish Applewhite (Churchwarden) 643763





CHURCH SERVICES FOR MAY

Sunday 1st
(3rd of Easter)

9.00 a.m.

Holy Communion

Holme

Sunday 8th
(4th of Easter)

10.30 a.m.

Holy Communion

Winthorpe

Sunday 15th
(5th of Easter)

9.00a.m.

Holy Communion

Langford

10.15 a.m.

Morning Worship

Winthorpe

Sunday 22nd
(Rogation)

6.00p.m.

Evening Prayer

Winthorpe

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Church Cleaners – Miss P. Applewhite





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