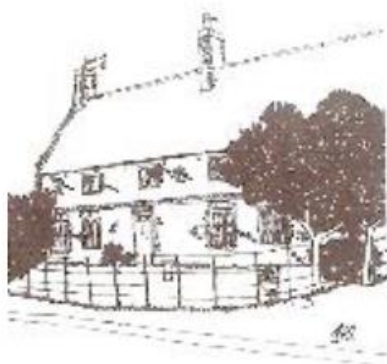




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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

Laurence Binyon's poem, *For the Fallen*, was published in *The Times* newspaper on 21st September 1914, less than two months after the outbreak of the First World War. The words of the fourth stanza, quoted above, and familiar to many of us, have been adopted by the Royal British Legion as an Exhortation for ceremonies of Remembrance, to commemorate all those brave men and women of the Armed Forces who have died serving their country. All around our villages are reminders of this area's connection to the RAF, in particular; whenever I hear their planes flying overhead, I thank them for all that they do to keep us safe, every moment of every day.

Guy Fawkes' Night or Bonfire Night evokes a rather different emotional response from me. Even though the old rhyme says, "I see no reason why gunpowder treason should ever be forgot", I feel that it's probably better to forget the grim origin of Bonfire Night. As a young child, I was horrified at the thought of Guy Fawkes being stretched on the rack for two days, knowing that he was sentenced to be hanged, drawn and quartered. Nevertheless, I have happy memories of Bonfire Night: a roaring fire, fireworks, hot dogs, bonfire toffee and ginger parkin – all shared with family and friends.

Please remember to submit any articles, notices and information about December's events (including the Christmas period) **by 18th November**. The deadline for items for January 2024's edition is **11th December**, to enable the printers and Focal Point's Distribution Team to get that to you on time!

Julie Johnson-Hill (01636 676079)

NEXT MONTH'S DEADLINE IS 18TH NOVEMBER

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November Calendar

When	What	Where
Wed 1 st	All Saints' Day	
Fri 3 rd	Green bin	L'ford/Holme
Mon 6 th	Silver bin	Winthorpe
Mon 6 th	Brown bin	All
Mon 6 th	Line Dancing	Winthorpe
Tue 7 th	Community Cuppa	Winthorpe
Wed 8 th	WI	Winthorpe
Thur 9 th	Village Hall AGM	Winthorpe
Fri 10 th	Silver bin	L'ford/ Holme
Sat 11 th	Armistice Day	
Sun 12 th	Remembrance Sunday	
Mon 13 th	Green bin	Winthorpe
Mon 13 th	Mobile Library	All
Mon 13 th	Line Dancing	Winthorpe
Tue 14 th	Community Cuppa	Winthorpe
Wed 15 th	Garden Club	Winthorpe
Wed 15 th	WAWA	Winthorpe
Thur 16 th	Parish Council Meeting	Winthorpe
Fri 17 th	Green bin	L'ford/ Holme
Mon 20 th	Silver bin	Winthorpe
Mon 20 th	Brown bin	All
Mon 20 th	Line Dancing	Winthorpe
Tue 21 st	Community Cuppa	Winthorpe
Fri 24 th	History Group	Winthorpe
Fri 24 th	Silver Bin	L'ford/ Holme
Mon 27 th	Green bin	Winthorpe
Mon 27 th	Line Dancing	Winthorpe
Tue 28 th	Community Cuppa	Winthorpe
Thur 30 th	St. Andrew's Day	



**This month, the mobile library will call at our villages
on Monday 13th November**

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

*Information taken from inspireculture.org.uk

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

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Update from the Collingham Medical Centre's Patient Participation Group

Thank you to those of you who attended our Annual General Meeting on 9th October. It was the first one able to be held in public since Covid restrictions started in 2020.

The flu clinics have gone very well, with 1970 vaccinations having been given so far. For the first time we ran a Blood Pressure Monitor Recalibration service alongside the first flu clinic on 16th September, contributing funds raised at the July Tea Party. So many BP machines were brought in for re-calibration that we will be running a second session on **Monday 6th November**. If you would like to bring your BP machine in for that, please label it clearly with your name and address and drop it into the old Library Room at Collingham Medical Centre between 10am and 12 noon. Machines can be collected again on **Wednesday 8th November** from the same location, also between 10am and 12 noon.

Cllr Linda Dales

NEWARK FOODBANK



Thanks to everyone who contributed this month and to those who contribute regularly to our collection for Newark Foodbank.

Always needed are: breakfast cereal, sugar, biscuits, cereal bars, toilet rolls, jam, toiletries, savoury rice packets. If you haven't donated before, it is very easy. Winthorpe Collection Points are:

- 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

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For those of you who walk, dog walk, run, cycle or drive through our village, I am sure you will not have missed the sunflowers that have been growing and blooming in front of the wall just up from the Village Hall.



These have brought me great joy, whether on a sunny or rainy day! Thank you to the resident who has planted, transplanted and watered these to make such a heart-warming display. They have been part of the village over the past few years but I have to say that this year they have been all the more stunning. I am so grateful!

Julia Loach-Martin



Children outgrown their clothes?

Toys gathering dust?

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Karate at Winthorpe Community Centre



On Saturday 14th October, a small group of students from Shogai Karate travelled to Birmingham to compete in the HDKI GB National Open Championships. A total of 425 competitors took part this year, so to come away with any medals was a great achievement for our club.

Up first was Holly Hayes, aged 10 and a 5th Kyu. She did really well in her kata

category, only just missing out on gaining a medal. Her brother Ethan Hayes, aged 12 and 5th Kyu, did exceptionally well too, considering that he was in a category of up to 15 years old and up to a higher grade. Ultimately, he lost to the boy who went on to win gold. Eva Farmer, aged 12 and 4th kyu, was up next for kata in her age group and grade. She showed great control in her katas and earned herself a bronze medal.

Kumite (sparring) was next. Holly had some great fights, got through to the final and earned herself a silver medal. Ethan also got on the mat several times, as he made it through to the quarter finals. Unfortunately, once again he was in a tough category.

We are so proud of our students who took part in these championships. Just stepping onto the mat is brave and they have all done our club proud.



Sensei Simon Bligh

HDKI GB Technical Director

<https://hdkigb.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/shogaikaratedojo>

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Winthorpe Community Centre Charity

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Winners for October		
1st	£43.20	Caroline Mabbott
2nd	£21.60	Ewa Smith
3rd	£7.20	Colin Smith

**100
Club**

**Congratulations
to our winners.**

The Winthorpe Community Centre Charity *100-Club* is an opportunity for you to support your local Community Centre, whilst enjoying a small flutter! Every month, 3 winners share 50% of the *100-Club* subscriptions, with the remainder going to the Charity for the development and maintenance of the Community Centre. Please contact Nina Adams if you would like to join the 100 Club: ninjab71@gmail.com
Thank You!

WINTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

The Annual General Meeting will take place in the Village Hall on **Thursday 9th November**, starting at 7pm.

Community Cuppa

Every Tuesday, in Winthorpe Village Hall, from 2pm – 4pm. Do come along and enjoy a nice cup of tea or coffee with biscuits – and sometimes even a slice of cake! Catch up with old friends, make new friends, have a chat and find out what's happening locally.

If you are interested in volunteering as a host, please contact Susie Conning.

We are grateful to receive funding from Newark & Sherwood District Council to host this FREE event. We would like to thank Vanessa Cookson for awarding the Village Hall this grant, which pays for the rent to run this scheme for the benefit of the village.



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

Defibrillator codes for Winthorpe

Community Centre: C159X

Village Hall: CY543

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.

Please contact the editor with the defibrillator code for Langford, if you would like it to be included in future editions of Focal Point.

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CHARITY OF THOMAS BREWER: Registered number 214205
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31st JULY 2023

TSB Current Account		
Opening Balance (01/08/2022)	£2,034.64	
<i>Income:</i>		
COIF dividends (from Income units acct *****)	£194.50	
Field rental	£1,730.00	
Partial refunds from projects underspent:		
- HM King's Coronation Tea Party	£52.90	
Total Income	£1,977.40	
<i>Expenditure:</i>		
Donations to Individual Beneficiaries	-£1,050.00	
Donations to Charitable Acts (Projects):		
1 Winthorpe Residents A46 Consultation Group	-£400.00	<i>Note ²</i>
2 Winthorpe Village Hall: Car Park Resurfacing	-£2,000.00	<i>Note ²</i>
3 HM King's Coronation Tea Party	-£200.00	<i>Note ²</i>
Other Expenditure: Hire of Village Hall for AGM	-£17.00	
Total Expenditure	-£3,667.00	
Income less Expenditure	-£1,689.60	
Closing Balance (31/07/2023)	£345.04	
Investments:		
COIF Income units Account 344460001T		
Opening Balance (01/08/2022)	£6,899.42	
Closing Balance (31/07/2023) (bid price)	£6,766.08	
COIF Accum units Account 344460001R		
Opening Balance (01/08/2022)	£32,051.18	
Closing Balance (31/07/2023) (bid price)	£32,370.43	
TOTAL FUNDS AT DISPOSAL AT 31/07/2023		
TSB Current Account	£345.04	<i>prev. year</i> <i>£2,034.64</i>
COIF Income Account - T	£6,766.08	<i>£6,899.42</i>
COIF Accumulation Account - R	£32,370.43	<i>£32,051.18</i>
TOTAL	£39,481.55	<i>£40,985.24</i>

Note ² Charity grant capped at £2k. Project ongoing

Note Charity grant covers 22.5% off f/cost project cost. Project closure statement received.

*Note Charity grant (after u/spend refund) covers 42.4% of actual project cost. Project closure statement received.
Accounts presented and agreed by all Trustees at Trustees meeting on 4th October 2023*

CHARITY OF THOMAS BREWER

The charity's AGM, held on 4th October, was attended by all trustees and a couple of residents. The approved accounts for the year ending 31st July were presented; these show the projects (charitable deeds) which the charity has been able to support during the year. These are shown on the page opposite, as well as on the charity's page of the village website. The three current elected trustees were all re-elected at the AGM.

During questions, trustees explained that around 50-55% of the land owned by the charity would in some way be affected by the National Highways A46 project, though at this stage it was not known how much of the land affected would be permanently taken and how much would be returned to the charity upon completion of all works. The trustees have continued to liaise with the farmer who rents the land throughout the consultation process and, to date at least, have maintained good communications with National Highways and their agents.

Under a licence agreement between National Highways and the charity (plus the tenant farmer) some exploratory trenching work will be undertaken on the charity's land after the current crops have been harvested. Upon completion of this work, the land will be restored to normal in good time for the tenant farmer to rework the land. This is to keep residents informed about some activity that you may notice in the first two fields immediately on the left hand side of the road, as you head towards the turning into the village from Winthorpe roundabout.

Extract from the Will of Thomas Brewer, 7th September 1616:

"I give to the Towne of Winthorpe £20 which my Will is to continue for ever and to have it lett forth yearly at 20d. the pound." The interest was to be distributed by the parson and the churchwardens of the time "to deale the Yearly Use of the Money to the poore of the Town of Winthorpe at St. Thomas the Apostle Day and good ffriday by Eaven portions."

"and I further give to the said Towne of Winthorpe for ever my new Whyte House in Winthorpe and the two Oxgange of arable Land meadow and pasture."

. WINTHORPE WI

Fourteen members met for an impromptu coffee morning at the Lord Nelson on 28th September; there was plenty of chatter, probably helped by the assortment of cakes and the freshly made scones on offer. It was also nice to see several members who had not attended for a while.

MEETING 11th OCTOBER

Despite the abysmal weather, there was a good turn out for our meeting, including many guests. Two birthdays were celebrated and after business was concluded, our speaker for the evening was introduced. Stephen Booth, the author of eighteen books in the Cooper and Fry series, proved to be not only a good writer, but a very good raconteur, who had us all in stitches with his anecdotes.

He began by telling us of his early life, growing up in a house where there were only two books: a Bible and a book on fortune telling. He did discover another book under his parents' bed, which evoked peals of laughter; but despite what we may have been thinking, it turned out to be *Silas Marner* by George Eliot.

Once he learnt to read, his appetite for reading was insatiable. He wrote his first novel when he was just twelve years old. His first published book, *Black Dog*, was written twenty-three years ago and, following its success, he quit his job as a journalist to become a professional writer. His most recent book is entitled *Fall Down Dead*. His parents didn't consider writing as a "proper job" and were embarrassed when asked what he did for a living, until one day in the library, when they overheard the librarian pointing them out as the parents of a famous author.

The Cooper and Fry series of books is set in fictional Derbyshire; the main characters are DI Ben Cooper and DS Diane Fry. 80% of Stephen's readers are female, including teenage girls. He told us that when writing, he has the ability to tap into the mindset of the character, whether it be a murderer, a woman, or a policeman.

A very amusing, interesting and likeable speaker, who communicated well with his audience.

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 8th November**, when there will be a wreath making demonstration, with the opportunity to make one at the meeting. Wreath making kits can be ordered in advance at a cost of £15.00. Should you wish to join us, the first meeting is free of charge and subsequent meetings incur a charge of £5.00.

Dates for your diary

- It is proposed to organise a Christmas Trip to Belvoir Castle on **Thursday 23rd November**. The expected cost will be around £57.00, to include a bus from Winthorpe, a tour of Belvoir Castle and a two course lunch. Anyone interested should contact Viv Jackson.
- Christmas Coffee Morning on **Thursday, 7th December** at the Community Centre from 10am until 12 noon; children from the school will be singing for us. Everyone is welcome.

Pauline Lockwood

Wednesday Walks in and around Winthorpe

This is a new activity, for anyone interested in taking a gentle walk lasting approximately an hour. The walk will take place every Wednesday, setting off from Winthorpe Community Centre at 10am.

There's no cost and no obligation to come every week; all you need is a pair of sensible shoes.

For more information, please contact Astrid Barnett: 01636 702222

URGENT APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS

1st Collingham Scouts Group urgently needs volunteers to help with the Beavers (aged 6-8). If you could spare an hour once a week, once a fortnight or even once a month, it would be very much appreciated.

Many of us have skills which we could pass on, making a real difference to young people within our communities. If you would like to know more, then please contact Iain Orme by email: gsl.collingham@newarkscouts.org.uk

WINTHORPE GARDEN CLUB

When Winthorpe Garden Club was formed in April 1995, it was estimated that ten to twelve villagers would be attracted. In fact, at the first meeting the Village Hall was crowded with 38 people. As time passed, membership numbers continued to rise and the Garden Club flourished. At its height, there were more than fifty members – a tight squeeze for the Village Hall! Since 2001, the meetings have been held at Winthorpe Community Centre.

Ian Wilson (Chairman) and Pat Finn have been committee members since 1995; they work tirelessly alongside other committee members, as well as members who organise raffles and donate prizes; make refreshments and wash up; set up tables and chairs – and put them all away after each meeting. Julie Parker organises wonderful outings and Christine Pattinson ensures that the club's finances are kept in good order.



Our annual programme includes guest speakers, a social evening, AGM and plant sale, and outings during the summer months. A popular feature of each meeting is 'Pat's Quiz', which some of us find quite challenging! However, there is always a consolation prize for the lowest score. Funds are raised by a modest membership fee, a monthly raffle and plant sale. The club does not hold competition events of garden produce; it is basically a social evening, with a garden theme for residents of Winthorpe and other villages in our area. New members and visitors are always welcome.

Meeting on 18th October

There was a good turnout at October's meeting, when our guest speaker was Sally Smith, a professional organic gardener and willow weaver, originally from Nottingham, who trained at Brackenhurst and now lives near Matlock in Derbyshire.

Sally's topic, 'The Wonderful World of Weeds,' appeared to me a strange heading, as we all know that weeds are plants growing where they are not wanted. Many weeds can be both beautiful and beneficial to wildlife. As the evening progressed I began to realize the meaning of the heading.

Weeds are grouped, like our garden plants, into three categories: annuals, biennials and perennials.

- ☼ Annuals set their seed, flower and die in one year. They are the easiest to control, as they are shallow rooted. The trouble is that, like chickweed, they scatter seeds in their hundreds and multiply. The saying 'one year's seed is seven year's weeds' is true.
- ☼ Biennials germinate in their first year and flower in their second year, just like the colourful red field poppy and the yellow mullein.
- ☼ Perennial weeds are deep rooted. They die down in winter and regroup the following spring, and like bindweed are very difficult to remove.

Controlling of weeds, using no herbicides, requires good garden hygiene, removing flower heads before they have a chance to spread their seed, planting close together so that weeds cannot grow, or digging them out. If it is too difficult to dig out, deep mulching may be the answer.

Sally gave us a list of her most problematic weeds: bindweed, bramble, creeping buttercup, chickweed, cleavers, couch grass, dandelion, dock, ground elder, horsetail and nettle. Sally's interesting and enlightening talk reminded me that it took several years of digging to eradicate bindweed growing amongst my *Helianthus* 'Lemon Queen,' whose root was the shape and size of a parsnip.

It was nice to see so many members attending this meeting. The topic seemed to please everyone.

Our next meeting will be held in Winthorpe Community Centre on **Wednesday 15th November** at 7.30pm. We look forward to welcoming our guest speaker, Peter Snowden, whose garden we visited on a rainy evening in June. His talk will be entitled, 'Garden Rooms at Thorney.'

So do come along, everyone, and give our speaker a warm welcome.

Pat Finn





Winthorpe with Langford Parish Council

The meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 19th October, held in the Village Hall, was attended by one resident of Winthorpe in addition to members of the Parish Council.

Just to pick up from the September update, as the cricket season is now at an end, dog owners are now able to exercise their dogs off the lead anywhere on the cricket field, including the playing area. We wish to stress, however, that it is important to ensure that all dog mess is picked up and placed in the **red bins** around the parish. We have had unfortunate examples of poo bags being put into the general waste bins, which then of course becomes a problem when N&SDC empty the bins, resulting in a health risk to their staff and potential additional costs to the Parish Council.

Following the feedback received from the consultation around improvements on Jubilee Meadow, we have moved another step forward in the delivery of Phase 1 (tree planting). We have recently received the grant funding offer letter from the Sherwood Forest Trust and will be organising the purchase of trees and planting over the coming months. Whilst the tree planting will be professionally managed, we are hoping to involve the children from Winthorpe Primary School in some of the planting and, if anybody would like to get involved, please let me know. We will also be taking on board the suggestions made by several residents during the consultation.

We have decided to re-paint and improve the fence, shelter and basketball hoop on the old skate park. However, as we are now heading towards winter, this work will be undertaken in April 2024, in readiness for next summer.

We are still waiting for the Seven Trent Water grant committee to let us know if we have been successful in our application for re-working the 'Coronation Bank' behind the Community Centre (as mentioned in the last edition of Focal Point); we are expecting a response any day now.

In the last year, we have significantly improved our range of communication options across the parish. You may be aware that we have three notice boards (two in Winthorpe and one in Langford) and we regularly update you in each edition of Focal Point. We also use social media options available to us, such as Twitter (now X), Next-door and Facebook. Whilst we do as much as we can to

keep you updated, it's important that everybody accesses the information. I'm aware of a number of instances recently where residents in conversation with Parish Councillors have asked questions about things which have been explained in these communication options. For example, it would seem that some dog owners are unaware that dogs can be exercised on the community centre field.

The Neighbourhood Plan is still moving forward, and we are currently developing a final version of a new 'Village Envelope' for inclusion in the plan. It's important to get this right, as land outside the village envelope will be termed as open countryside, and therefore restricted from development. It is anticipated that the final draft version will be delivered to all statutory consultees in November; at the same time, all residents will be able to view and comment on the final version.

We will be meeting with our County Councillor, Debbie Darby, in the next few weeks, to review the discussion topics and actions from our previous discussion earlier this year. We know that some things have already been completed or are in the pipeline. Hopefully, people will have noticed the new drop-down kerb at the Hargon Lane/Gainsborough Road junction, as one example.

We have been asked by N&SDC if any resident would like to take on the role of 'Snow Warden'. This will involve communicating with N&SDC on the depth of snow, traffic issues and general impact in our parish. If anybody is interested in fulfilling this role, please let me know at the email address below.

In matters of planning this month, we have had one or two applications for tree work and one from Newark Car Auctions to lay tarmac over a currently unused area of the site. You may also remember an application at a property in Langford, earlier this year, for storage and working on aircraft parts. This was turned down and went to appeal some months ago. The appeal has just been turned down; therefore the work that had already been undertaken at this property must be removed and the area returned to as it was before the work was undertaken.

The next meeting of The Parish Council will take place in the Village Hall on **Thursday 16th November**, starting at 7.30pm; in the meantime, if you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please contact me: paul@bridgfordss.co.uk

Paul Smith

Chair, Winthorpe with Langford Parish Council



THINK AGAIN

The Winthorpe Residents' A46 Consultation Group

Although the group is awaiting further discussion with National Highways, no direct communication has been received from them. However, further delay in the planning process is anticipated. An update on National Highways' A46 website in early October stated that the predicted costs of the scheme have risen to over the £500m threshold for submission of the Development Consent Order to the Planning Inspectorate. Therefore, it falls under the governance of the Department for Transport and the Treasury, rather than National Highways. Due to this additional governance, the Development Consent Order will now be submitted at the beginning of next year.

Our MP, Robert Jenrick, reported last month that he had met with National Highways and had asked for detailed visualisation of the landscaping impact to be made available and that proper consideration be given to noise issues. Once these are forthcoming, he will send them to interested residents and parish councils. He also commented that he would be speaking to the Transport Secretary shortly, to ensure that all is on course at national level; he restated his commitment to lobby hard for delivery of the scheme.

Archaeological surveys continue to be undertaken and more are expected on the land adjacent to the Showground roundabout before Christmas. If you have any specific questions or concerns about the scheme, please contact Think Again on the email below. The core working group will meet in mid-November and would welcome any views or input from residents of the village, using the links below.

For up-to-date news on Think Again's campaign, upcoming events and key dates, please join our mailing list (details below). The dedicated Think Again website is available as a single point of information and communication for the village. It can be found by following the link: <https://a46thinkagain.org.uk>
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LORRIES SPEEDING THROUGH LANGFORD

A complaint was raised to the Parish Council in June that Tarmac lorries were seen speeding along the A1133 through Langford, exceeding the 40mph limit. This was raised immediately with Tarmac and, following a recent liaison meeting with Tarmac we can now confirm the following:

- Tarmac track all of their haulage vehicles in real time to record location and speed via their Masternaut system.
- Within 3 days of the issue being raised with them, they implemented a specific logging and alert system for the 40mph stretch through Langford, and implemented a warning and penalty system for any driver exceeding the limits.

In particular, **Aidan Ranftler, area operations manager at Tarmac, said:**

“We want to be a good neighbour and take any reports of health and safety concerns extremely seriously.

After receiving reports of speeding by some of our contract hauliers, we implemented controls to monitor the speed of vehicles traveling through Langford and enhanced our CCTV at the entrance gates. We also contacted our haulier companies to remind them of the speed limits. In the most serious circumstances, we have the ability to impose site bans.

The site also uses daily road sweeping and dust suppression management systems to prevent materials from being transferred from HGV wheels onto local roads.

Since we took these additional actions, we're pleased to say that we have not received any further complaints. We're really grateful to the parish council and local residents for bringing this issue to our attention so that we could take prompt action.”

Mark Kneen

(Winthorpe with Langford Parish Council)



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New Defibrillator – Update

We are pleased to announce that a new defibrillator for the Pocklington Crescent / Branston Close area of the village has been purchased and is available for immediate use if required.

Until we are able to complete installation of the outdoor cabinet in the agreed green space within Pocklington Crescent, the Defibrillator is being held by Pauline Lockwood at her home address (21 Pocklington Crescent, TEL 01636 672244) and has been registered with the central network for emergency services.

Mark Kneen

OVERNIGHT ROAD CLOSURES

Hopefully, by now everyone will have received the notification from National Highways of work to be carried out on the A46 between Newark and Lincoln, for approximately three months, from 23rd October. This is to upgrade the current lighting along the A46 to LEDs.

The work will be done overnight, from 8pm until 6am, Monday to Friday. Section by section, as the work progresses, there will full closures of the A46 and relevant slip roads. Diversions will be put in place via the A15 and A17.

Let's hope that the confusion caused by the overnight closures of the Newark Showground roundabout in September will not be repeated, and that we won't be subjected to long lines of vehicles snaking through Langford or HGVs attempting U Turns in Winthorpe!

For more information or to report any concerns, National Highways invite you to contact them either by telephone on 0300 123 5000 (available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week) or by email: infor@nationalhighways.co.uk

Julie Johnson-Hill (editor)



Ashfield Angling Club & Winthorpe Lake

Since 2008, Ashfield Angling Club have had the privilege of having the fishing rights to this wonderful fishery. I won't delve into the history of the lake, as this can be found on the Winthorpe village website. Initially, we leased the venue from the Environment

Agency, who we developed a fantastic relationship with, promoting and improving the natural beauty of the lake and the surrounding land.

Two to three decades ago, the site looked much different from how it does now: it looked like a lunar landscape. However, with hard work and dedication, the club helped transform the lake to an area of natural beauty, improving the wild life around the lake and also the quality of the fishing, with work on the



inlet, allowing free flowing water course from the river into the lake itself and creating pegs incorporating the beauty of the lake for anglers to fish. Working with the Woodland Trust, over 400 saplings were planted around the lake, improving nesting areas for birds and providing more cover for wildlife.

The fishing pegs created were all named and can be seen on my video on YouTube – just search for “Winthorpe Complex – Ashfield Angling Club”.

In 2019 we purchased the lake and surrounding land. As owners, we have full control and, thanks to the hard work of the team responsible for overseeing the lake and the surrounding land, it looks as beautiful as ever.

There has always been a warm welcome for the people of the local community onto the venue, with regulars walking around the lake, taking in the birdsong and beauty, as well as talking to and watching people fishing. Dogs have also always been welcomed, as long as they are kept under control and any faeces is bagged and removed. However, due to recent incidents at

the lake as well as other venues, we have had no option but to request that dogs of non-members are to be kept on a lead at all times.

As a dog lover myself, the last thing anybody wants to see is a dog sustaining potential life-threatening injuries, due to ingesting bait which contains hooks, when a dog runs up to an area where anglers are fishing and just sticks its curious head into an angler's bucket, then starts eating the contents. Thankfully, this has not happened at Winthorpe but it has happened at other fisheries across the country. Other factors are dogs potentially running into the lake through fishing lines and being injured, and also the increase in dog faeces at the venue that has not been bagged and removed.

We erected some signs a few weeks ago, explaining that dogs must be on a lead at all times; sadly, these were ignored by a number of dog walkers. There has even been criminal damage to the property, with some of these signs being torn down. The most worrying incident was when a bailiff at the venue was recently threatened with physical violence by a dog walker, when he asked them respectfully to put their dog on a lead.

As a club, we are very keen to continue to allow access to members of the public and their dogs, but these must be kept on a lead for their own safety. Also, please help us by reporting any criminal damage to signs on the venue to our Chairman.

Email: chairman@ashfieldangling.com who can also be contacted if you have any questions.

Many thanks,
Ashfield Angling Club





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Thanks from Emma and the Team



NOVEMBER'S REFLECTIONS



Dear Friends,

This month of remembrance brings in a thin time of year, not just because the weather turns cooler, the birdsong is sparser and we have a break from feasting between Harvest and Christmas, but also because the veil which separates earth and heaven seems to get a bit thinner. With the shortening days, maybe our ancient, shared human memory comes to the fore and our instinct is to huddle around the fire and reminisce.



Our nation remembers war this month and in Winthorpe our act of remembrance is on **Sunday 12th November**. Everyone is very welcome to attend; you may be asking what do we do at that service? Well, we remember by name those men and women from our villages who died in the two world wars; we keep two minutes' silence and we lay wreaths.

We also remember that war is an ongoing agony, which humanity continues to inflict on ourselves. We remember that those who survived world wars lived and still live with the consequences of war, and we remember the dire effects of war, which are only too real today.

Remembrance isn't just thinking about what happened yesterday or over a hundred years ago. It is also about recollecting or putting together in our minds the past and present, so that hopefully, we can make a better future. Happily, in Winthorpe on that day, we'll also baptise a baby, which is a real sign of hope.

If we are tempted to think that war happens somewhere else, to other sorts of people, let's remember these words, taken from the Book of Remembrance in the Cathedral of St Paul the Apostle in Los Angeles:

The world is home to one vast human family.
We sleep beneath one roof, the starry sky;

We warm ourselves before one hearth,
The blazing sun.
Upon one floor of soil we stand,
And breathe one air and drink one water,
And walk the night beneath one luminescent moon.
The children of one God, we are brothers and sisters of one blood
and members in the worldwide family of God.

God bless you all,

Revd. Mandy

Tel. 01636 361657 email: revdmand@hotmail.com

BIG BREAKFAST, COFFEE MORNING AND CHURCH VISIT

I have always said that men and buses have something in common: you don't see one for ages and then two come along at once. It seems that vacuum cleaners have something in common with men and buses. First of all we would like to thank Sue Masheder for her very kind donation of an almost new vacuum cleaner. Whilst this is very welcome and will be very useful, it was decided that a second vacuum cleaner would be beneficial, especially when two volunteers are cleaning at the same time. So, welcome to Henry!

We would also like to thank the donor of the breakfast food (who wishes to remain anonymous), everyone who donated cakes, helpers and Emma from The Lord Nelson who assisted with the cooking. Your support was much appreciated. There was a lovely atmosphere for all three events and your generosity raised the magnificent sum of £390. After the purchase of Henry, the remaining money will be put to good use, either towards repairing the church lighting or the comfort fund. Many, many thanks to all.

Our next fund raising event will be at the Christmas Market at the Lord Nelson on 2nd December, where you might like to try your hand at winning a bottle of Christmas cheer at our stall. I have also been asked to run a tombola stall at this Christmas Market, to raise funds for the Village Hall. Donations for either stall would be much appreciated and can be left at 21 Pocklington Crescent.

Pauline Lockwood



All Saints' Church, Winthorpe

Last month we held a lovely Harvest Festival; the church looked beautiful, showing off all its autumn colours, worked on by our ever increasing band of Flower Ladies. On the following day, the many Harvest gifts were taken to the Women's Refuge in Newark.

We also welcomed Talullah into the family of our church last month. As I write, we look forward to our Harvest Supper (21st October) which I am sure will be as sociable as always!

Susie and Pauline organised a very profitable Breakfast and Coffee event to raise funds for a vacuum cleaner, the result of which is that we now have one gifted Electrolux and one bought Henry! Dust/Cobwebs beware!

A very busy month ahead with two special Services within the first two weeks. On **Sunday 5th November at 3pm**, there is a Songs of Praise to celebrate All Saints Day. We look forward to welcoming many of you to raise the roof by singing many hymns, which can be chosen at the Harvest Supper. The Remembrance Service follows on **Sunday 12th November at 10.45am**.

*****Please note the new start time for this Service.*****

So much to look forward to and, as we move into December, on **Monday 4th December at 2.30pm** there will be a Christingle Service at Winthorpe Primary School. Other December events include a Carol Service, Carols at the Lord Nelson and the usual Christmas Eve Communion Service in the church.

We are very much thinking in our prayers of anyone in our villages who is ill or hospitalised at this time.

Tish Applewhite
Churchwarden(643763)

Church Cleaners – Mrs P.Lockwood and Mrs J. Butler
Brasses - Miss P.Applewhite



St. Giles Church, Holme

Hello from St Giles Church, Holme.

As I write this, we've just had an extremely wet day with water everywhere. Reports have been coming in of local travel problems encountered by family and friends and now we have the worry of rising river levels in Winthorpe, Holme, Langford and Collingham, just to mention a few. Holme church has been witness to many similar events over the years; perhaps the most spectacular one was in around 1590 when the Trent changed its course from flowing on the eastern side to its present position, to the west of the village. What a good thing that the original Norman building was deliberately positioned on a sandy knoll, the highest place in the village.

In between the storms, David Skaith and Nigel Priestley are currently doing some gutter and downpipe maintenance; so if you see a man up a ladder with a paint brush, it will be one of us. Clearly, the winter storms have now begun, so we are trying to ensure this much-loved building will be in good shape to cope with whatever is thrown at it.

Holme Harvest Festival was well attended, and the church looked a picture with the fruits of the land much in evidence. There were three farmers in the congregation, and Jane Chapman of Holme and Brian Wright of Langford read the usual familiar readings from the Bible. The next significant services at Holme will be over Christmas – we will give details about those in next month's Focal Point. Our next service will be on **Sunday 5th November**; if you can come along, you will be warmly welcomed, have the opportunity to sing some cracking hymns, and enjoy coffee and biscuits afterwards.

Kind regards,
Nigel Priestley and Doreen Hallam.
Phone, 01636 892020,
email: nigel.priestley10@gmail.com



St Bartholomew's Church, Langford

Date for your diary:

This year our Christmas carol service will be on **Sunday 10th December at 3pm**. Please join us for carols around the piano, with delicious mulled wine and mince pies.

Decorating the church for Advent will take place on **Saturday 9th December from 1-3pm**. Please come along to help put up decorations – holly and ivy out of your gardens will be very welcome!

We will have our memory tree again this year; please do bring something to hang on the tree.

During the winter months, the church will be opened for shorter hours, on days when we are available to unlock: between 10am and 3pm. Please let keyholders know if you would like the church to be open on a specific day.



Jerry Steele - Churchwarden
01636893143

John and Becky - Keyholders
07753117530

Church Services for November 2023



Sunday 5th
(All Saints Day)

9.00am
3.00pm

Holy Communion
Songs of Praise
for All Saints

Holme
Winthorpe

Sunday 12th
(Remembrance
Sunday)

10.45am

Remembrance
Service

Winthorpe

Sunday 19th
(2nd before Advent)

9.00am
10.15am

Holy Communion
Morning Worship

Langford
Winthorpe

Sunday 26th
(Christ the King)

5.00pm

Evening Prayer

Winthorpe

Every Thursday

1.30 – 3.30pm Open Church

Winthorpe

Every day

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