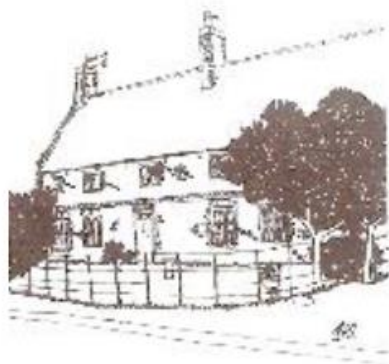




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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

The sad news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has, I am sure, affected most of us and made us reflect on our lives, long or short, as the New Elizabethans. Now that we move into the Carolean Age with Charles III, hopefully we will overcome economic difficulties and enter a Golden Age.

Summer is over, nights are drawing in and there's a chill in the air. Leaves are falling, squirrels are gathering nuts, farmers are harvesting potatoes and sugar beet – some are even growing pumpkins! So, it's time to put away the sandals and shorts, and bring out the fleecy tops and fluffy cardigans.

Later this month, the clocks will go back to GMT, closely followed by Hallowe'en. These days that means 'trick or treat' and carving faces in pumpkins, to be placed by your front door. In my childhood, we carved out jack o'lanterns from swedes (which we called turnips) – much tougher material than a squishy pumpkin! And instead of 'trick or treat' we told ghost stories, ate ginger parkin and played games like 'bobbing for apples'.

As the vibrant colours of summer soften to the warm, golden tones of autumn, I look around our villages and the surrounding countryside, and feel blessed by the beauty of nature on our doorstep. We have open fields, woodlands, nature reserves and heritage trails; wildlife lives comfortably in our gardens and hedgerows, benefitting from the harvest provided by farmers, gardeners and, above all, Mother Nature. Please be mindful, as temperatures fall, that birds, hedgehogs and even wily squirrels need water in autumn too – cold days can also be dry days, so leave water out for them.

At the request of a long-standing resident, the front cover is unchanged for this month's edition. It is a rather charming design, don't you think?

Julie Hill (01636 682530)

NEXT MONTH'S DEADLINE IS 18TH OCTOBER

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October Calendar

When	What	Where
Sep 30 th – Oct 9 th	Nottingham Goose Fair	Nottingham
Mon 3 rd	Green bin	Winthorpe
Mon 3 rd	Brown bin	All
Mon 3 rd	AGM of WCCC	Winthorpe
Fri 7 th	Green bin	L'ford/ Holme
Mon 10 th	Silver bin	Winthorpe
Wed 12 th	W.I. Meeting	Winthorpe
Fri 14 th	Battle of Hastings (1066)	
Fri 14 th	Silver bin	L'ford/ Holme
Sat 15 th	Harvest Supper	Winthorpe
Sat 15 th	Race Night, Indoor Bowls Centre	Winthorpe
Mon 17 th	Green bin	Winthorpe
Mon 17 th	Brown bin	All
Mon 17 th	Mobile Library	All
Wed 19 th	Garden Club Meeting	Winthorpe
Thur 20 th	Parish Council Meeting	Winthorpe
Fri 21 st	Trafalgar Day (1805)	
Fri 21 st	Green bin	L'ford/ Holme
Mon 24 th	Silver bin	Winthorpe
Fri 28 th	Silver bin	L'ford/ Holme
Sun 30 th	British Summertime ends, clocks go BACK one hour – don't forget!	
Mon 31 st	Brown	All
Mon 31 st	Green	Winthorpe
Mon 31 st	Hallowe'en / All Hallows Eve	
Nov 1 st	All Saints' Day	



**This month, the mobile library will call at our villages
on Monday 17th October**

Mobile Library Routes and Timetable 2022 for Winthorpe, Langford and Holme*				
Stop No.	Village	Location	Arrive	Depart
1	Winthorpe	The Spinney	9.40am	10.00am
2	Winthorpe	junction of Pocklington Crescent and Branston Close	10.05am	10.25am
3	Winthorpe	junction of Gainsborough Road and Woodlands	10.30am	10.50am
4	Langford	Langford Hall Farm	10.55am	11.10am
5	Holme	Snaefell, Langford Lane	11.20am	11.30am
6	Holme	Southview Farm	11.35am	11.55am

*Information taken from inspireculture.org.uk

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

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Seasonal Flu Vaccination Campaign 2022

We will be holding 2 Saturday morning flu clinics on

Saturday 24 September 2022, from 8.00 am – 1.00 pm

Saturday 15 October 2022, from 8.00 am – 1.00 pm

We are aiming to vaccinate 100% of eligible patients this year, as defined by NHS guidelines. We may be able to open our offer beyond those eligible after 31 October 2022 (dependent on stocks/uptake).

Saturday clinics will focus on patients who are able to walk and stand unaided for up to 20 minutes. No seating available. Flu Vaccinations (and possibly COVID vaccines once details are confirmed) will be administered with patients stood up and a strict one-way system through the Practice will be in operation. We will continue to wear face coverings to protect your healthcare setting.

For patients with mobility issues we will be holding weekday flu clinics. Our PCAs will triage at the time of booking.

Housebound patients will be contacted by the practice in due course.

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MEMORIES OF QUEEN ELIZABETH

Whilst I was never lucky enough to meet the late Queen, I have seen her three times, each time purely by accident. In the late 60's I lived in London. My American friend had flown over for her first visit to England and on that particular day we planned to see the changing of the guard. When we arrived outside Buckingham Palace, there were throngs of people and the changing of the guard had been cancelled. Some dignitary was paying a state visit and, to make up for what we had missed, we saw the whole of the Royal Family.

Whilst in London I often used to walk back to my digs – an interesting walk which took me from Westminster, where I worked for the Treasury Solicitor's Department, past Buckingham Palace. On my way home one day I had to stop at the gates of Buckingham Palace as a car was coming through the gate. The car had to stop for traffic; inside were the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh. I smiled and waved; the Duke said something to the Queen and she turned to face me, giving me the most wonderful smile. The last time I saw her was with Collingham Ramblers. We were on a mini bus headed for a weekend of walking in Yorkshire, on a day when Her Majesty was paying a trip to Lincoln. Just outside Lincoln, we encountered a convoy of cars and police outriders coming in the opposite direction - it was the Queen and the Duke.

RIP your Majesty. You served your country well.

Pauline Lockwood

From King Charles:

“Throughout her life, Her Majesty The Queen — my beloved Mother — was an inspiration and example to me and to all my family, and we owe her the most heartfelt debt any family can owe to their mother; for her love, affection, guidance, understanding and example.

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Camino de Santiago



Santiago de Compostela is the capital of Galicia, in northwestern Spain. The city has its origin in the shrine of Saint James the Great, now the **Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela**, as the destination of the Way of St. James, a significant pilgrimage route since the 9th century.

By the time you read this, I hope to have completed the last part of this pilgrimage, walking the way of St James along a path which is over a thousand years old. The hayday of this pilgrimage was from the 11th to the 13th century, when it was a first class pilgrimage and tourist destination. The more recent pilgrim movement came after the death of Franco in 1975; the Camino is now a UNESCO World Heritage site.

I will be walking a distance of between 100 kms and 100 miles, in order to receive the certificate of completion. One of my reasons for attempting this is to raise money for PFIC1, a life limiting genetic liver condition which our granddaughter Ellie was born with.

Whilst a number of villagers have already contributed, it is never too late to donate to this worthwhile cause. We are ever hopeful of new medical developments to prolong and increase the length of her life.

If you feel that you are able to contribute, either online or by dropping an envelope into 48, Gainsborough Road, I would be very grateful.

<https://gofund.me/8c7ae32c>

I will be posting updates on my Gofund page and in future issues of Focal Point.

With many thanks,

Elaine Parkin

For more information about PFIC1:

<https://childliverdisease.org/liver-information/childhood-liver-conditions/progressive-familial-intrahepatic-cholestasis/>



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Apology from the Editor: Last month, in thanking the hard working team of volunteers for delivering Focal Point, I omitted to thank Vivienne Green. This was a genuine oversight for which I offer my sincere apology.

We need to talk about Christmas – scary, I know!

If you would like to let people know about any events, meetings etc, taking place in December, please ensure that you submit your article to the editor by **18th November**. This includes anything taking place over the Christmas period.

Change of Deadline for December: to enable the printers to publish Focal Point before they close for the Christmas holidays, please ensure that all articles etc **for the January edition** are submitted to the editor no later than **12th December**. Whilst January's Focal Point will be distributed by the end of December 2022, we cannot guarantee that this will be before Christmas.

WINTHORPE WI

BOOK CLUB

We choose books in a very democratic manner. We are given a list of about half a dozen books, taken from recommendations from other books clubs on the internet, together with a brief outline of the story and the critiques of people who have read the book. We tick those we fancy and those books with the most ticks get put on the "To Read List" whilst the remainder are rejected. So, when we were presented with a book with a cover stating: "One house, two families, three bodies", we wondered what an earth had possessed us to choose this particular book. As it turns out, *The Family Upstairs* by Lisa Jewell is a murder mystery with a difference and is well worth reading.

The next meeting of the Book Club will be held on Thursday, 29th September at the Lord Nelson when we will be reviewing *Ruin Beach* by Kate Rhodes. All current WI members are welcome to join us.

COFFEE MORNING

Our coffee and natter morning, on Tuesday 6th September at the Lord Nelson, was attended by fifteen members. As one member was celebrating her birthday, we sang Happy Birthday, then got on with the serious business of gossiping and discussing items which we don't have time to discuss at meetings, as well as sampling the excellent range of cakes and coffee.

WINTHORPE WI

MEETING 14th SEPTEMBER

September's meeting, which was scheduled to be a talk about Water, given by Severn Trent, was cancelled. Instead, we were treated to a talk by Philip Braund on the subject of his life as a Journalist.

Philip recalled that he started his career as the "Hatch, Match and Despatch" person for his local rag, before graduating to the Daily Mail at the age of 22. Initially, this was only a six month contract, but when his contract ended, he was invited to stay on. He went on to work for the Daily Mirror, initially in Yorkshire, but later moved to London.

He recounted tales of stories he had been involved with, including one involving Princess Margaret who he bumped into on a beach on the island of Mustique. He also told us something of his documentary work for ITV. He was thanked by the President for a most interesting talk.

Two birthdays were celebrated and the members were given flowers.

The next meeting will be held on 12th October, when the topic is "Be Crafty - Creative Journaling". Everyone is welcome to join us. The first visit is free, subsequent visits incur a £5 charge.

Pauline Lockwood

Winthorpe Community Centre

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Winners for September		
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2nd	£21.90	Olivia Bray
3rd	£7.30	Emma Holt

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Winthorpe Community Centre Charity
AGM – 3 October 2022 at 7.00pm

Please note that the Annual General Meeting of the above Charity will take place in the Community Centre as above. The Meeting will receive a report from the Chairman and the Treasurer and will also cover the election of Honorary Officers and Trustees for the next 12 months. There are currently a couple of Trustee vacancies, should anyone from the Parish be interested in joining the Charity.

If anyone wishes to attend the meeting and/or is interested in becoming a Trustee, please email the Secretary, Michele Cammack:
cammacks31@gmail.com

The AGM will be followed by a meeting of the elected Trustees

Peter Bateson
(Chairman WCCC)



NEWARK FOODBANK

The trend to give more generously has continued this month, and I have been able to make a delivery to the Foodbank weighing in at 76.8kg. This is excellent, and since that delivery more items have come in, and I will be able to make another delivery this coming week, sooner than usual. Thank you very much to everyone who has contributed.

Especially needed now are: long life fruit juice, tinned carrots, tinned peas, tinned meat, 500g bags sugar, tinned fruit, tinned or microwaveable sponge puddings, tinned rice puddings, all toiletries (both for men and for women), washing up liquid.

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

Jane White

Winthorpe Garden Club

Our September meeting opened with a minutes' silence for our late Queen, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, whose sudden death came as a shock to all.

We welcomed the return of Tracey Akehurst, our speaker for the meeting, her topic being vegetables and their origins.

We learned that the definition of a vegetable dates from the 15th century and refers to all parts of a plant which are edible. The earliest in England were legumes and pulses, peas and broad beans, though the latter was regarded as peasant food. Pythagoras had a theory that the black spot in the centre of the bean flower represented something like a spirit and our term 'bean feast' originated from them being routinely part of the meal after a funeral.

Garden peas originated in Italy. In England the great estates vied to produce the earliest crop. Now we acknowledge that the freshest vegetable is the frozen pea, harvested and frozen within two hours, preventing the starches from turning to sugars.

Domesticated in the first century AD, the carrot was cultivated to be purple in colour but this was not popular at the time, hence the breeding of the more familiar orange. There is some evidence for carrots being beneficial to eyesight. In the time of the Stuarts, it was fashionable for ladies to adorn their hats and dresses with carrot leaves.

The ancient Romans gave us the parsnip, though now Italians don't eat them but feed them to pigs, resulting in the distinctive flavour of Parma ham. Here, roast parsnips traditionally accompany roast beef. The potato, Andean in origin, was brought to Europe by the Spanish. In the time of Marie Antoinette, when people were starving, potatoes were grown at Versailles under armed guard. When the crop was ready the guards withdrew and the people were allowed access to the harvest. The infamous Irish potato famines of 1845-1849 led to more than a million deaths and at least as many Irish emigrants across the globe.

Like the potato, the tomato originated in South America and is a member of the deadly nightshade family. In 1986 the first G.M. tomato was introduced. Called Flavorsaver it was not a success.

The onion is thought to have come from Afghanistan. Ancient Egyptians thought that, when sliced, the rings revealed everlasting life and onion rings were found over the eyes of one of their kings. In the Middle Ages they were so valuable they would be accepted for rent.

Initially considered superior to the onion, the leek lost favour due to it sometimes being gritty and breath tainting. However during WWI they were grown at Versailles to improve the diet of front line troops.

All in all, it was an interesting and informative evening, bringing to light many things we had never considered as we cultivate and cook our everyday vegetables, without a thought of how they came to be in our gardens and kitchens.

Our next meeting will be on October 19th, when Penny Dawson will tell us about 'Breeding & Growing Harrington Hellebores'.

Ian Wilson

Winthorpe's history and heritage is worth talking about

I have been interested in the history of Winthorpe for about thirty years, so it's exciting to think that local interest in the history of Winthorpe is having a revival, especailly now that the heritage trails leaflet has been published. That and recent historical articles in Focal Point set me to thinking...

I'd like to find out whether there are others out there who would be interested in getting together for discussions, sharing existing knowledge (if any – this is not a requirement), finding out more about the history of our village, maybe even doing a bit of research. Your interest may be the English Civil War, architecture, education or family history, to name but a few.

My idea is to have an informal, friendly get-together, just to see what might be possible. If you are interested please contact me on 01636 679105 or email christine@easttrentgenealogy.co.uk

Christine Hasman



RSPB Langford Lowfields update September 2022

Early Autumn is a time of change at Langford Lowfields. The bird breeding season has finished for the year, with many birds now making their way southwards for their winter holidays in southern Europe and Africa, and the wintering ducks have not yet having arrived *en masse*. This can make the reserve seem a bit quiet and more time and patience might be required to spot anything out of the ordinary. Patience is often rewarded though, and at this time of year, with bird migration in full swing, you should expect the unexpected. Recent sightings have included redstart, osprey, ruff, grey plover, great white egret, pintail, Caspian gull, 14 raven (a new record count for the reserve), 506 tufted duck (another record count) as well as The Big 3, our priority reedbed species: marsh harrier, bearded tit and bittern. Amazingly, we had two bitterns nesting on site this year (the first time this has been recorded in Nottinghamshire), along with a nesting pair of bearded tits. Non-bird excitement has been in the form of a couple of clouded yellow butterflies (long-distance migrants from north Africa!) and two new species of damselfly for the reserve: willow emerald and small red-eyed damselfly.



One of the breeding bitterns flying back to its nest. Photo ©Andy Richmond

Langford Lowfields is an exemplar reedbed restoration project, focused on recreating some of the wetland habitat that would have once fringed the Trent. Our dedicated team of work party volunteers have been hard at it over the last few weeks, planting reed on the Phase 3 part of the site (easily viewable from the perimeter footpath). It's going to take time, but year on year reed coverage in the Langford reedbed is increasing, helping offset national declines in this biodiverse habitat. Over 12000 seedlings have been planted out this year, all protected by fencing to keep hungry reed-munching geese away. Once the reed planting season draws to a close at the end of September, the team will shift onto willow removal, focusing on the removal of trees from islands within the reedbed to prevent this thirsty, fast-growing tree from taking over.

Joe Harris (site manager)



WINTHORPE ALL SAINTS CHURCH

HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday 15th October 2022

Venue: Winthorpe Community Centre

Time: 7.00 pm (for a 7.30 pm start)

Ticket price: £12.00

[to include one glass of wine]

Please feel free to bring your own drink for the table

Tickets available from PCC Members (see Church Notes)

Winthorpe with Langford Parish Council

As is usual in August no Parish Council meeting was held; the September meeting was held on Thursday 15th. However, the work of the council carried on through the summer as normal.

You will have seen that we have now positioned the new bench on the Village Green. The bench provides somewhere to rest in the centre of the village or while waiting for a bus and is intended to commemorate the life of Councillor Maureen Dobson. A small plaque to this effect will be added soon.

We have now joined a scheme organised by Nottinghamshire County Council and VIA, which provides funding to enable the Parish Council to carry out additional minor works around the Parish for ourselves, such as sign cleaning and road verge trimming etc. We are currently establishing a programme of works to be undertaken over the next three years, so please let the parish clerk know if you have any ideas for work which you think needs completing: parishclerkatwinthorpe@outlook.com

After several months of searching, we now have a new internal auditor and we would very much like to thank Kyle Kena, from The Spinney, for coming forward; we look forward to working with him in the future.

Newark and Sherwood District Council, through Linda Dales (one of our District Councillors) has been instrumental in identifying funding for new sight screens to be purchased for use by the Cricket Club

We are starting to look at re-working the current Parish Website and bringing it up to date. This will involve a clearer layout and accessibility, together with easier access and uploading capability for those residents who regularly update the site. It is hoped that we will be working with a new supplier later this year, with an expectation to launch the new website at the beginning of 2023 at the latest. In the meantime, if anybody has any suggestions for improving the content of the site, please let me know at: paul@bridgfordss.co.uk

VIA, working on behalf of NCC Highways, are making good progress on resurfacing the footpaths in Winthorpe – something which the Parish Council asked to be carried out some time ago. We can confirm that this will involve all footpaths along the whole of Gainsborough Road.

Neighbourhood Plan Progress Update

‘Securing a Safe, Evolving and Sustainable Community’

The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group last met on 7th September and the meeting was well attended by members. The Plan is still progressing well with a lot of really good work being undertaken by our consultant and members of Focus Groups over the last few months.

The main objective of this month's meeting was to review the first draft of the outline plan, which our consultants 'Open Plan' have been working on. Whilst we have moved on a long way, there is still a lot of work to do over the next few months to get it into shape but so far it's looking good.

On 8th September we met with AECOM, the consultant we are working with on the development of 'Design Codes' for the parish, which follows on from and supports the work undertaken in the Housing Focus Group. This will help us to define in the plan what future style and type of property should look like in the parish and enable the character of the parish to be maintained in the future.

We hope everybody has had the chance to take a look at the Winthorpe Heritage Guide, a small version of which was included in last month's Focal Point. It's been very well received so far, with larger version copies going out the door of the Lord Nelson very quickly! Additional copies can be made available, but did you know that you can also access it on the Media Tab of the Village Website under 'News' or indeed on the Parish Council Twitter account?

The Conservation and Built Heritage Group has now defined tables of all Listed Properties in the Parish, together with those of all Non-Designated Heritage Assets. This has enabled us to identify properties which are not yet on the NDHA list but which the group feels should be. They have now also drafted a revision of the Winthorpe Conservation Area, which includes justification for suggested changes. This will be discussed at a future meeting, which will be attended by Oliver Scott, the N&SDC Conservation Officer. The group is also looking at those properties/buildings which are believed to be 'Assets of Community Value'. More news on this in the next Focal Point.



THINK AGAIN.

The Winthorpe Residents' A46 Consultation Group

If you care about the future of your village and our way of life, please take time to read this! I am so proud that we have such expertise and fervent support to represent our interests in consultation with National Highways: (editor's opinion)

As reported in last month's Focal Point, National Highways held a community engagement event in the village in late August which was very well attended. Think Again is delighted that National Highways has changed the design of the A46 bypass to directly reflect the intentions behind Option 3. Significantly, this means that the new design will:

- Use Newark showground land for the additional local link road, instead of using the Winthorpe side.
- Offer greater protection to Winthorpe Parkland, which will now only be impacted by landscaping and mitigation features. This positively impacts properties on The Spinney.
- Move the road away from impacted properties on Hargon Lane, saving residential property from demolition.
- Try to achieve a solution for managing show day traffic and improving access arrangements.
- Realign the A1 overbridge, positively impacting Lowood.
- Remove the triple stacked underpass, reducing the overall height of the carriageway embankment between Winthorpe and the Winthorpe Road estate, a positive result (with the exception of the A1 overbridge).
- Stop the proposed extension of Winthorpe Road to the A1.
- Increase active travel opportunities, including a non-motorised user (NMU) route alongside the road adjacent to the Winthorpe parkland and potential links to Newark Showground and a reconnecting of the Coddington footpath and a route to Newark.
- Redesign Winthorpe junction roundabout to reduce congestion and increase flow, with hopefully minimal additional impact on Winthorpe.
- Include roadside mitigation features such as bunding.
- Save both service station areas, with revised access to the eastbound petrol station.

Think Again is very pleased with how far National Highways has moved in listening to the concerns of Winthorpe residents. It is a fantastic achievement.

There is still lots to digest and consider and there are definitely areas of the scheme that will need further analysis by our dedicated engineers. We do appreciate that – although many residents will now experience far less impact of the bypass – there are still householders who are impacted. Think Again remains committed to supporting those residents who continue to be affected by the scheme. If you have immediate concerns about the revised design, please get in touch with us.

Although National Highways shared the new designs with us at the community event in August, they are not currently in the public domain. It is unclear whether the designs will be published in advance of the statutory consultation. The statutory consultation is the next step in the process, and this is due to start at the end of October 2022. The statutory consultation is vitally important. This is your chance to convey your views on the design. National Highways must respond to the feedback received. If you do not engage with the statutory consultation, there will be few opportunities for you to give your feedback. We believe that National Highways will be holding an event at the Community Centre on Saturday 12th November, although this has not been officially confirmed. Meanwhile Think Again will also host its own event for villagers to discuss and debate the new design. This will take place at the Community Centre on Wednesday 23rd November, with one session at 1.30pm and another at 7pm.

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 web site 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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Winthorpe Post Office and Stores Beginnings – 1954 (?) to early 1960s

It can happen that, from a distressing or tragic event, something beneficial, not only to those most closely affected by it but to others as well, can arise. Such is the case with Winthorpe Post Office and Stores, the business that was run from the property that is now 13 Gainsborough Road for more than sixty years.

This former business had lowly beginnings but the original idea for it emerged as a consequence of the sudden death of my grandfather, Fred Mumby, in December 1951. Fred and my grandmother May were married in April 1922 and shortly after their marriage they moved into the house on Gainsborough Road. Fred had been a driver in the army during the First World War and he became employed as the chauffer to Mr Wright, a noted local businessman who lived at Ringwood (now part of Woodlands). May had worked 'in service' at a large house near Grantham where she and Fred first met.

My father, Ralph and my mother Joyce were married in 1948 here in Winthorpe and, due to their circumstances, lived in the same house as Fred and May with the intention of buying their own place in Newark when they could afford it. My father worked in the Purchasing Department of Worthington Simpsons, pump manufacturers, in Newark and my mother had her own peripatetic hairdressing business. They were all in the same house when I was born in July 1951 and when Fred died four months later.

My grandmother struggled terribly after Fred died and couldn't adjust to life without him; she became more and more depressed and anxious. She seemed to lose all sense of purpose and point in living. At times she did and said things that were completely out of character. My mother and father were worried. Medical treatments had been tried but hadn't worked and they both felt that a more practical solution was needed. Minded that there was no shop in the village and that some village residents had talked about the need for one (there had been, years before, a Post Office in a property on the green – where the Lord Nelson's car park now is) they came up with the

idea of opening a shop for my grandmother to run, in order to give her life both a direction and value and also to provide her with a source of income. My grandmother, I understand, took some persuading. She was concerned that all their savings would disappear if it turned out to be a flop. Still, they took the risk.

They purchased and had erected to the rear of the house a large green shed. New pathways were made down to and around it. It was connected to the electricity supply and fitted out inside with a counter at one end and shelves along the sides. It opened for business more with a whimper than a bang but customers came - from the village and sometimes further afield and, thankfully, they kept coming.

I don't remember the exact date or even year when it started, all I can remember is growing up with the shop being there and people coming from the moment it opened to the moment it closed. It was stocked with a modest amount of tinned and packeted goods, sauces, fruit and vegetables, cigarettes and tobacco. Bread and cakes came from 'Sonny' Days bakery at Collingham. Most importantly for my grandmother, there was an array of children's sweets and chocolate because to her, the children of the village were as important a group of customers as any other.

The business gradually and naturally grew to include pop - the Corona lorry came twice a month and Tizer once a month. A freezer arrived from Walls to sell their ice cream. And when the opportunity came my grandmother applied and was accepted to run the village Post Office. Helen Wing became the post lady, a position she held for many years. Having the Post Office meant my grandmother had to be up at 5.30am each day to receive the mail for the village which Helen Wing would sort on the shop counter. In addition, it was decided to sell newspapers and magazines (including Sundays) and deliver them throughout the village. Papers then also had to be sorted which my father did, employing a couple of young people to deliver them on weekdays.

David White
To be continued...

The Advice Centre Winter Raffle

The Rural Advice and Resource Centre is pleased to announce its major fund-raising event, The Winter Raffle. Tickets will be available from various places including the main flu clinics at the Collingham Medical Centre in September and October with major cash prizes on offer.

The Advice Centre, via Kerry, our fully trained advisor from Citizens Advice, offers **free** practical and strictly confidential advice and help on many matters including benefit applications, debt assistance, housing issues, consumer rights and much more. Appointments can be made to visit the Advice Centre office in the Memorial Hall, Collingham, or arrange a home visit if necessary. The Advice Centre office is open on Tuesday mornings for drop in visits where a strictly confidential meeting can be arranged with Kerry. She will take you from start to finish in the process and will be your one point of reference throughout your journey.

The Advice Centre is also in the process of setting up Wellbeing Wednesdays to help those who are isolated in our community so, if you or anyone you are aware of, would benefit from regular social meetings, then please let us know.

The Advice Centre is a charity that is wholly dependent on fund raising and it costs over £10,000 per annum to provide the support to the local community east of the River Trent from Harby to Coddington. The Advice Centre would like to thank Collingham Village Care and Collingham Parish Council for their recent donations towards our annual funding target. They are much appreciated and help keep The Advice Centre functioning and providing such a necessary and vital service to our community.

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Thanks from Emma and the Team

Recipe for October

With Autumn upon us - season of mists and mellow fruitfulness.... - these seasonal mini plums are a sweet revelation in this easy baked custard pie. Perfect comfort food.



Damson and almond pie

Prep: 40 minutes

Infuse: 2 hours

Cook: 30 minutes

Serves 8

Ingredients

10g unsalted butter, softened or melted, for brushing
400g sliced brioche
150g almonds, skin on
300ml double cream
150ml whole milk
300g damsons (or plums)

150g caster sugar
250g cream cheese
1 generous pinch flaky salt
Zest of 1 lemon
4 egg yolks (80g in total)
50g roasted flaked almonds
Icing sugar, to serve

Method

1. Brush a shallow, 25cm casserole dish with butter, then line it with the sliced brioche, using your fingers to press the bread into the bottom and sides (don't be afraid to squeeze it a bit, because you're building a house for the baked custard, so it's vital there are no gaps).
2. In a pan, toast the almonds for a few minutes until they get a slight colour, then add the cream and milk, then cook, stirring, until warm. Take off the heat and leave to infuse at room temperature for two hours.
3. Heat the oven to 190°C (170°C fan)/375°F/gas 5. Cut the damsons in half and remove the stones, then put in a bowl with 20g of the caster sugar and toss to coat.
4. Bring the cream mix back to a gentle simmer, then strain out the almonds. In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese, remaining sugar, salt and lemon zest, then stir in the egg yolks.
5. Pour the strained warm cream mixture over the egg yolks and mix until evenly combined. Pour into the brioche-lined dish, arrange the halved damsons on top and bake for 30 minutes. Remove from the oven – the custard should still have a very slight jiggle in the middle – and leave to cool for 30 minutes. Top with flaked almonds, dust with icing sugar and serve.

Jane Confrey

Damsons do take a long time to bear fruit, as the ancient rhyme has it:

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



REFLECTIONS FOR AUGUST



Dear Friends,

By the time you read this, we may all be a little more used to the idea that Queen Elizabeth the Second has died and that we have a king; King Charles the Third. So much has been said and written about Queen Elizabeth, that I can't really add anything. I can't tell you about the day I met her, because that's never happened, though I once glimpsed her from a distance at a Buckingham Palace garden party.

However, I will share one aspect of her that resonated with me. That is, she was always there for people. She made sure that she wasn't a distant ruler, but a present queen, and so she visited farms and factories, schools and hospitals, sporting events and theatres, village fetes and agricultural shows. She took time to smile and greet people so that even the majority of us who've never met her feel that we somehow know her.

Being there is so important. It's my privilege to take funerals and meet the family beforehand and so many people say *they were always there us*. It's just about the best thing you can say about anyone. As we thank God for Queen Elizabeth, let's pray that we can follow her example in being there for other people and pray for King Charles as he mourns his mother and finds his own ways of being there for us.

Of course, we've all lost someone we love and this month brings in a time of remembrance. On Saturday October 29th, we have our annual East Trent memorial service. It will be held at St John's church, Collingham at 3pm. If you would like us to remember someone who's died, however recently or long ago, please add their name to the list in church, or let me know by phone or email. The following day, Sunday October 30th, it's our Songs of Praise service for All Saints' Day. This will be held at 3pm in All Saints' Church, Winthorpe. If you've got a favourite hymn, let me know and we'll try and include it.

Before then, we have our harvest celebrations:

- Sunday October 9th, 6pm at St Giles' church, Holme
- Sunday October 16th, 10.15am at All Saints' Winthorpe.

These services are for everyone, it will be lovely to see you.

God bless you,

Rev. Mandy

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Winthorpe Church Harvest Festival – Church Flowers

Flower Ladies:

Please could you bring your arrangements from **2p.m.** on Friday October **14th**, with removal from **2p.m.** on Monday October **24th**.

Thank you so much.

Harvest Festival used to be celebrated at the beginning of the Harvest season on 1st August and was called Lammas. Farmers made loaves of bread from the new wheat crop and gave them to their local church. They were then used as the Communion bread during a special mass thanking God for the harvest. The custom ended when Henry VIII broke away from the Catholic Church, and nowadays we have Harvest Festivals at the end of the season. At the start of the harvest, communities would appoint a strong and respected man of the village as their 'Lord of the Harvest'. He would be responsible for negotiating the harvest wages and organising the fieldworkers.

The end of the harvest was celebrated with a Harvest Supper, eaten on Michaelmas Day. The Lord of the Harvest sat at the head of the table. A goose stuffed with apples was eaten along with a variety of vegetables. Goose Fairs were and still are held in English towns at this time of year.

Nottingham Goose Fair (Royal Charter since 1164): this year dates have been extended to cover ten days from 30th September until 9th October.



All Saints' Church, Winthorpe

As I write, we are mourning the death of our beloved Queen Elizabeth and awaiting her funeral. It was a shock to hear of her death, having seen her greet Liz Truss two days earlier, but not a shock to see how her Subjects reacted. There has been nobody like her in the world and for most people in our villages she has always been there and been such a tremendous role model in so many ways. Her funeral will be a sad but uplifting time I am sure.

We welcomed Felicity into the Church Family last month in a packed church, which was so lovely to see.

This month is very busy with two special Services. We hold our Harvest Festival on Sunday 16th October at 10.30a.m. We will be very happy to accept Harvest Gifts, which will be taken to the Newark Women's Refuge. At the end of the month (Sunday 30th October at 3p.m.) we look forward to our Patronal Festival and All Saint's E.T. Group Service, which will be in the form of a Songs of Praise. We hope that many villagers will come along to raise the roof in celebration of All Saints Day.

Tickets for our Harvest Supper on Saturday 15th October are on sale now and available at a cost of £12 (we are sure you will understand why the price increase is necessary), from Sharon (Woodlands), Joan (Gainsborough Rd), Pauline (Pocklington), Christine (Spinney) and myself (Gainsborough Rd). There will be a Raffle and Pat Finn Quiz as usual. Emma at the Lord Nelson is very kindly sponsoring the Pudding!

Please remember in your prayers Margaret Barks, who is in a Newark Care home but rather weak as I write. Also, please remember the Royal Family and any other villager known to you who is ill or hospitalised at this time.

Tisha Applewhite Churchwarden (643763)

Church cleaners: Miss T. Applewhite



St. Giles Church, Holme

Hello from St Giles Church Holme

The sudden and unexpected death of the late Her Majesty the Queen was quite a shock to us all. For some time, Doreen has had a display of pictures and events of The Queen on the oak chest at the back of the church. These now serve to allow us to ponder and give thanks in our own way for her faith, her record-breaking service to the nation and Commonwealth, plus her outstanding dedication to duty. We're most grateful to Cliff and Diane for ensuring that the church was open every day to allow people to come and go during the time of mourning, on the day of the funeral and of course, ongoing. The flag has been flown in obedience with the instructions issued to us and only the churchwardens plus Cliff and Diane are permitted to make any changes to the flag, as we must follow what we have been instructed to do. Again, we are most grateful to Cliff and Diane for playing their part in this operation.

Happily, the work on the path was completed by Alan and David at the end of August and we are delighted with the resulting greatly improved access to the church. This was done very much with disabled visitors and parishioners in mind, so that now we can all get in and out with ease in all weathers. We are very grateful to the elderly gentleman who funded this work, who supports Holme Church and loves coming to worship here occasionally.

The faculty for the planned electrical renewal work has been submitted. A lot of work has gone into this, following expert advice and quotations from contractors. Hopefully this will soon be granted so that we can award the contract and get the work done before winter is upon us.

The Harvest festival will take place at the earlier time of 5pm on Sunday 9th October and everyone will receive a very warm welcome to a traditional village event that has been the custom for many centuries.

Kind regards, Nigel Priestley and Doreen Hallam.

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

St Bartholomew's Church, Langford



Langford Church and Churchyard News

Our next community gardening and church cleaning event will be on Saturday 22nd October between 2-4pm. This will be the last gardening event for the year. The community gardening and church cleaning/decorating event provides our Langford community with the opportunity to get involved in a range of small jobs, plus have conversation and refreshments.

St Bartholomew's church is open most days between 10am - 4pm; everyone is welcome to look round and sign the visitors book. Welcome to Andrew and Dawn who moved into Wisteria Cottage in September.

The church was decorated for the Lammastide service and twenty members of the wider community attended the service. The community picnic that followed was a lovely event of sharing and conversation; we hope that this will be the first of many.

The RIDE+STRIDE event on Saturday 10th September attracted seven visitors. We also had visitors coming to the church for quiet reflection during our period of national mourning for our late Queen Elizabeth.

Save the date: Our Christmas Carol service will be on Sunday 11th December at 3.30pm, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Some great ideas from the community for fundraising next year have been suggested. Following two roofing thefts it is important to top up church funds to keep the church well maintained, it is 30 years since the large renovation work was completed. Thoughts for fundraising activities very welcome to our church warden Jerry Steel 01636 893 143.

John and Becky Whittaker

Langford Crossing (01636 70062)

Church Services for October 2022



Sunday 2nd
(16th after Trinity)

9.00 a.m.

Holy Communion

Holme

Sunday 9th
(17th after Trinity)

10.15 a.m.
6.00p.m.

Morning Worship
Harvest Festival

Winthorpe
Holme

Sunday 16th
(18th after Trinity)

10.15 a.m.

**Harvest Festival
and Holy Communion**

Winthorpe

Sunday 23rd
(Bible Sunday)

10.00 a.m.

**Morning Worship
for Harvest**

Langford

Saturday 29th

3p.m.

ET Memorial Service

Collingham
St John's

Sunday 30th
(All Saints Day)

3.00p.m.

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