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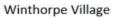
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#### NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

The mellow month of September is upon us, that golden bridge between summer and autumn, although this year I'm not so sure that the transition will be as noticeable as I feel it should be. We seem to have had mostly rain or at best the occasional warm, sunny day in July and August, leaving many of us wondering where the summer disappeared to. However, I have high hopes for September and even the Met. Office cautiously agrees with me, saying that temperatures "may become slightly above-average approaching the middle of the month." Let's hope so!

Farmers have been working hard in the fields to bring in the harvest, always monitoring the weather conditions to get the timing right. GCSE and A Level students have been reaping the rewards of their hard work over the past months, hoping for a good harvest of grades to take them on to the next stage of their education or into the world of work. Eleven year olds are about to make the important transition from primary to seconday school; children aged four or five are going off to school full-time. Like many parents, I still remember that first day and my mixed emotions as that bridge was crossed.

In 1959 Pete Seeger wrote a song called *Turn! Turn! Turn!* which became an international hit for The Byrds in 1965. The song's lyrics echo biblical verses from the book of Ecclesiastes: "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, a time to reap that which is planted;" As we mourn the recent loss of two significant Winthorpe residents, we think about what they planted for the benefit of the community and for future generations to enjoy. It is fitting that we pay tribute to Des Aldridge and John Nelson in this edition of Focal Point. Thank you, Jane Aldridge and Pat Finn, for sharing your thoughts and memories in such a moving, sincere way.

Julie Johnson-Hill (01636 676079)

NEXT MONTH'S DEADLINE IS 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER winthorpefocalpoint@outlook.com

## September Calendar

When		What	Where
Fri	1 <sup>st</sup>	Silver bin	L'ford/Holme
Mon	4 <sup>th</sup>	Green bin	Winthorpe
Mon	4 <sup>th</sup>	Line Dancing	Winthorpe
Tue	5 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday Club	Winthorpe
Fri	8 <sup>th</sup>	Green bin	L'ford/Holme
Mon	11 <sup>th</sup>	Silver bin	Winthorpe
Mon	11 <sup>th</sup>	Brown bin	All
Mon	11 <sup>th</sup>	Line Dancing	Winthorpe
Tue	12 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday Club	Winthorpe
Wed	13 <sup>th</sup>	WAWA	Winthorpe
Wed	13 <sup>th</sup>	WI	Winthorpe
Fri	15 <sup>th</sup>	Silver bin	L'ford/ Holme
Sat	16 <sup>th</sup>	Collingham Show	Collingham
Sat	16 <sup>th</sup>	Garage/Drive Sale	Winthorpe
Mon	18 <sup>th</sup>	Green bin	Winthorpe
Mon	18 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Library	All
Mon	18 <sup>th</sup>	Line Dancing	Winthorpe
Tue	19 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday Club	Winthorpe
Wed	20 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Club	Winthorpe
Thur	21 <sup>st</sup>	Parish Council Meeting	Winthorpe
Fri	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Big Breakfast	Winthorpe
Fri	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Winthorpe History Group	Winthorpe
Fri	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Green bin	L'ford/ Holme
Mon	25 <sup>th</sup>	Silver bin	Winthorpe
Mon	25 <sup>th</sup>	Brown bin	All
Mon	25 <sup>th</sup>	Line Dancing	Winthorpe
Tue	26 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday Club	Winthorpe
Fri	29 <sup>th</sup>	Silver Bin	L'ford/ Holme

#### **Winthorpe Summer Festival 2023**

#### **Final Account**

Money In	£	Money Out	£
W.I.	100.00	Bounceabout	155.00
All Saints' Church	20.00	Newark First Aid	100.00
Bar Total £255.00	325.00	Total	255.00
BBQ	215.00	Net Profit	892.00
Stalls	110.00		
Art Exhibition	10.00	Distribution of Profits  Lincs/Notts Air Ambulance: £800.00  Festival Rainy Day Fund: £92.00	
Bouncy Castle	85.00		
Raffle	210.00		
Golf Game	35.00		
Pot Luck Game	37.00		
Total	1147.00		

## **Winthorpe Community Centre**

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Winners for July			
1st	£43.80	Duncan Richardson	
2nd	£21.90	John Nelson	
3rd	£7.30	Sally Sillery	



Congratulations to our winners. Please contact Nina Adams if you would like to join the 100 Club: <a href="mailto:ninjab71@gmail.com">ninjab71@gmail.com</a>



# This month, the mobile library will call at our villages on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September

## Mobile Library Routes and Timetable 2023 for Winthorpe, Langford and

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

<sup>\*</sup>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 Patient Participation Group at Collingham Medical Centre NHS 75<sup>th</sup> Tea Party at Collingham Medical Centre – 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023

It was great to be back with our annual NHS birthday celebration tea party, after having missed three years across lockdown periods. The tea party was held in the old library with an amazing array of cakes, all donated by cakebakers from within the community, medical centre staff and the Allotment Café, whilst the Co-op donated the tea, coffee and milk.



A huge thank you to the Collingham Medical Centre, to the Co-op, to the Allotment Café, to Mary Hill at the Memorial Hall and to all cake-bakers. We couldn't have done it without you!

We were busy all day, welcoming in our local community, who not only enjoyed the refreshments but also had a chance to meet and talk to the Medical Centre

Team. We are delighted that so many of you came along, including the group of children from Pre-School, who visited us and met the clinical team; they enjoyed some colouring – and some cake!

Thank you for your patient feedback. We'll be sharing it (and actions taken as a result of it) with you soon, as we bring our 'You Said – We Did' boards back.

Thank you also for your kind donations, which totalled £175. The PPG will use this to support various local initiatives, including re-establishing the Befriending Scheme in Collingham and surrounding villages, as well as a new Blood Pressure Monitor Recalibration Service for all those of you who use blood pressure monitors. You are invited to bring your monitors along for this service, which is planned to run alongside the first flu clinic on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Please look out for posters confirming the date

#### **Body MOTs**

**Our next "Know Your Numbers" event** will be in the old library on **Friday 8**<sup>th</sup> **September, 9am-1pm; no appointment necessary.** You are invited to come along for a free 'Body MOT' which includes a blood pressure check, carried out by trained members of the District Council's Community Team. Your blood pressure, BMI etc will be recorded on a slip for you; if you wish, you can hand this to the Medical Centre to be included on your medical record.



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#### WINTHORPE GARAGE/DRIVE SALE Saturday 16th September 2023 2pm - 5pm

Villagers are invited to take part in this opportunity to sell unwanted household, garage & garden items from their own property. A simple table on your drive or in your garage, displaying items for sale, is all that's needed.

This event is free to enter, so why not join in and make some extra money for yourselves or make a donation to your favourite charity or good cause? It's up to you!

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#### Many thanks for long and dedicated service to Focal Point

Vivienne Green has been involved in Focal Point since its early days and, since 1986, has ensured that the residents of Hargon Lane have received their copy of the magazine every month. In recent years, her husband David has cheerfully assisted Vivienne in delivering Focal Point.

Now that Vivienne and David have taken the decision to hand over this task to another volunteer, we take this opportunity to say thank you for their years of service and to remind all our readers that without volunteers like them Focal Point could not continue.

Vivienne and David, thank you very much for your support and dedication over many years.

Julie (editor) & Focal Point Team

#### **Thanks from Winthorpe Village Hall**

On behalf of the Winthorpe Village Hall trustees, I would like to thank everyone who supported "The 80s Night" at the Lord Nelson on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August. A good time was had by all and, thanks to your generosity, a total profit of £710 was raised for Village Hall funds. A huge success.

The trustees hope to have another fund raiser next year – a Horse Racing Night – on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7pm in the Community Centre.

Ticket will be priced at £20 to include a pizza by Cherri. This promises to be another fun evening for the village.

**Bob McClymont** 

#### **Winthorpe Community Centre**

Winthorpe Community Centre continues to go from strength to strength, encouraging use from both inside and outside the village. The centre is used on a regular basis by the WI, Winthorpe Garden Club, Karate, Line Dancing, Monday morning Zumba, U3A, Newark and Sherwood Concert Band, and Notts County Council, as well as other ad hoc bookings. The caravan club hold rallies, using both the community centre and the field at least 3 times a year, which brings in much needed funds to the centre.

The trustees are currently working on various maintenance projects, including replacing the lighting to the entrance of the centre, replacing some windows, and installing WIFI. To fund this and other refurbishment works, we are looking to hold a 70's evening on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December – a great way to set off your Christmas celebrations. Further details in Focal Point next month.

The Trustees are also looking to install a washing machine, to help our cleaner maintain the cleanliness of the hall. To that end, if anyone has a working washing machine that they no longer require and would wish to donate it, we would be most grateful.

Please contact Michele: 07951728079 or Jane: 07546649934.

The Trustees wish to thank all who contribute to the 100 Club; if anyone would like to join, please contact Nina Adams on <a href="mailto:ninjab71@gmail.com">ninjab71@gmail.com</a> There are three cash prizes in the draw each month.

**WCC Fund Raising Committee** 

#### **Defibrillator codes for Winthorpe**

Community Centre: C159X

Village Hall: CY543

#### Defibrillator code for Holme

Phone Box at junction of Langford Lane and High Steeet. 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.

#### **CHARITY OF THOMAS BREWER: FORTHCOMING AGM**

The trustees of the Charity of Thomas Brewer will hold their AGM, covering the 2022-23 financial year, on **Wednesday 4**th **October in Winthorpe Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm**. This is an opportunity not only to hear about what the charity has been doing and projects it has supported during the year, but also to ask questions of trustees on any matter affecting the charity and its activities. Land owned by the charity will most certainly be affected by the National Highways A46 dualling project and we have been – and continue to be – in regular communication with them and their agents.

At each AGM three trustees (from a total of six) are elected to serve until the next AGM. Anyone living within the parishes of Winthorpe, Langford and Holme, aged 18 years or older, can attend the meeting and vote in the election. The three current elected trustees have already confirmed their willingness to stand for re-election. Any other nominations to stand for election are required to notify in writing an intention to do so by no later than Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Nominations should be sent to me: david.barthorpe@ntlworld.com

We hope to see you on 4th October at the Village Hall.

David Barthorpe (secretary)

#### Winthorpe Village Hall

Why not join us for a cuppa? Each Tuesday we get together in the Village Hall for a chat and a cuppa, sometimes with a great slice of homemade cake or a biscuit.

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.

See you each Tuesday, when we open the doors from 2pm until 4pm.

If you'd like to become a volunteer host, please contact Susie Conning on 0796 8855448

#### WINTHORPE HISTORY GROUP

This month's meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> September will be a "field trip" at All Saints Church.

Meet at 1.30pm at the church for a guided tour followed by refreshments.

All welcome!



# Winthorpe Amateur Wine Association WAWA dates for your diary!

Wednesday 13th September, 7pm: New Tastes (£10.00 per person)

Wednesday 4th October. 7pm: Old versus New World Wines (£10.00 per person)

If you would like to join us, your £5 annual membership fee, and the fee for the night, must be paid in advance. To join the group and book your place please email <a href="mailto:winthorpeawineassoc@gmail.com">winthorpeawineassoc@gmail.com</a>

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#### Winthorpe WI

Twenty-five members enjoyed a really good evening with an excellent bbq at the Lord Nelson on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> July. There was plenty of conversation and laughter, no doubt helped by a glass or two of Pimms, which accompanied the meal. Many thanks to Emma and her team for looking after us so well.

**The Book Club** met at the Lord Nelson on 27<sup>th</sup> July to review *A Woman Made of Snow* by Elisabeth Gifford. This book traces a three generational family mystery, involving the disappearance of two women at around the same time. We all agreed that this was a well written story, excellently researched and would make a good holiday book, film or tv mini series. At our next meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> September at the Lord Nelson, we will be reviewing *A Slow Burning Fire* by Paula Hawkins. The Book Club is open to all WI members.

Several WI members went to the 80s night at the Lord Nelson "for an hour or so, to show our faces, have and drink and then come home." Luckily, we all had a late night pass and enjoyed the evening so much that we stayed until the very end and didn't get home until midnight – some even managed a dance or two!

On 8<sup>th</sup> August, lunch at The Bromley Arms in Fiskerton was followed by an escorted visit around the grounds of Waxwings and Goldcrest Environmental Garden in Bestwood Village. These privately owned gardens for wildlife cover six acres. The visit was rounded off with tea and cake.

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**, at Winthorpe Community Centre, when we will be "painting flowers". If you would like to join us, your first visit is free and subsequent visits will incur a £5.00 charge.

**Looking ahead to 11<sup>th</sup> October:** Stephen Booth, an award winning crime writer, will be presenting a talk, with the chance to purchase his books. Stephen Booth has written eighteen novels in the award winning series of *Cooper & Fry*, plus an historical novel entitled *Drowned Lives*. This meeting is open to both men and women, so if there are any gentlemen out there who would like to come along, you will be made very welcome. For non-members there will be a £5.00 charge, to include refreshments.

Pauline Lockwood



#### Winthorpe with Langford Parish Council

Although the Parish Council does not hold meetings in August, the work goes on and all Parish Councillors keep regular contact with each other on Parish issues through e-mail and WhatsApp.

A few weeks ago, during a day of windy weather, we lost one tree, and a large branch from another, at two locations in Winthorpe. Some of you may have noticed the tree at the side of The Fleet, which is currently resting against the building at the back of The Lord Nelson; this is currently being dealt with by the owners of the pub. The second damaged tree lost a large branch from a garden on Woodlands and fell across The Fleet, landing on Jubilee Field. This has now been removed by contractors working on behalf of the homeowners; our thanks to them for sorting this out so promptly.

Over recent months, several residents have contacted us about dog walking not being allowed on the community centre field. Historically, we have prevented dog exercising on this field, mainly because the field was used by a junior football team many years ago. Following discussions, we have decided to free up this area for dog walkers and will remove the 'no dogs' signs from the area. We ask all dog owners to keep to the field and away from the children's play area and of course to ensure that any mess is cleared up and put in the bins provided.

We have worked with The Sherwood Forest Trust to re-design the tree planting scheme on Jubilee Field to incorporate a full-size senior football pitch. The design ensures and maintains good open spaces for walking and dog exercising, whilst allowing for the introduction of a wide range of indigenous tree species, creating more of a 'parkland' style to the field, rather than the open feel of the field at the moment. We fully understand that the area is used by residents for a wide range of reasons, so we'd like your opinions before proceeding further. Lealfets will be sent to all residents in the next few days, with more information and a plan of what the revised area could look like, for your comments.

We are currently seeking funding for improvements to the old skatepark area between The Jubilee Field and The Cricket Club Field. Ideas for this are still in the early stages but if successful will include new play equipment and picnic style benches. We will ensure that we keep you updated and give you the opportunity to get involved.

Since a resident of Langford reported the condition of the overgrown path between Langford and Winthorpe, this has been added to the list of issues to raise with Nottinghamshire County Council

As mentioned in the last edition of Focal Point, we now have specific responsibilities identified for all Parish Councillors and some other residents. Last month we shared with you which councillors are responsible for each part of your Parish. This month we have listed who looks after some other duties:

Dog Welfare and Litter Management	Abbie George
Planning	Mark Kneen
Cricket Club Liaison	Andy Leary/Chris Bentley
Bus Shelters	Brian Wright and Bob McClymont
Village Website	Paul Smith/Leane Cutts
General Parish Maintenance	Mark Kneen
Neighbourhood Plan	Paul Smith
Neighbourhood Watch	Mark Kneen
Maintenance of Benches	Chris Bentley

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> September in the Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm; in the meantime, if you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please contact me: <a href="mailto:paul@bridgfordss.co.uk">paul@bridgfordss.co.uk</a>

Paul Smith

#### Note from the editor: roadworks affecting our villages during September

By now, I'm sure we're all aware of the roadworks on the A46 Northbound. These will continue for the next few weeks and will include overnight closures of the A46 towards Lincoln and, at various points, overnight closures of the Showground Roundabout. Residents are advised to keep an eye on the information signs on the A1133 for updates, as some of the information stated in the letter, sent out a while ago, seems to be out of date – if you got a letter (I didn't receive mine).

Recently, I contacted our local councillors and our MP, inviting all of them to contribute articles, from time to time, to Focal Point. I have emphasised to them that their contributions should not be partisan and should avoid party politics, though I am happy to accept articles which focus on issues which are important to the residents of Winthorpe, Langford and Holme. However, I have also pointed out that Focal Point aims to be not only informative but also a celebration of life in our three villages.

Councillor Linda Dales has contributed the article from the Collingham Medical Centre Patient Participation Group; our MP, Robert Jenrick, has written the following article. I hope that readers of Focal Point will agree with me that hearing from our local representatives in this way strengthens their connection to us; I feel very positive about this new feature of Focal Point.

Julie Johnson-Hill (editor)

#### Thank you for inviting me – a few words from Robert Jenrick MP

It's a pleasure to be asked to pen an occasional column for this title. As the local member of Parliament, I've always enjoyed spending time with and working with residents and parish councils from the lovely villages of Winthorpe, Langford, and Holme. In fact, when I first came to Newark (over a decade ago), I had my first local pint at the Lord Nelson in Winthorpe, being taken there by the Nottinghamshire NFU! More have followed here and elsewhere!

My team and I are always here to help you. Whether you need help getting a public service to deliver for you, want to start a business or community initiative, or voice your views on national issues or legislation that Parliament is considering, we are here for you. We pride ourselves on fighting hard for our constituents and our communities, and not giving up; and we support and enable practical action to improve lives.

My recent reporting back leaflet – which should now be arriving in your letter boxes – details some of my work as your local MP over the past two years, across the whole constituency.

Latterly, the main local issue which I've worked on with residents of Winthorpe, Langford, and Holme, has been the forthcoming dualling of the A46. This transformative project is undoubtedly in the interest of the greater good of the Newark area – at over £400million, I like to say it is the biggest investment in Newark since the castle was built! It should massively improve the perennial issue of traffic in and around town, increase business investment and quality of life. It is for all those reasons that I've been campaigning to achieve the dualling. However, it undoubtedly has a negative impact, and some very severe consequences, on many residents from the Winthorpe, Langford, and Holme villages. I'm acutely aware of that.

I've worked with the Think Again group and others to find ways to mitigate these challenges, as far as is reasonably practical. I am grateful to them for the work they have done on behalf of the local villages and the manner in which they've conducted themselves. To be as thoughtful, pragmatic, and respectful as they have been, is rare in such challenging circumstances and has yielded some positive results, including already achieving (together) an improvement in the route of the road. National Highways held a roadshow in the car park of the Lord Nelson and we've had numerous meetings at which issues have been worked through, some to the satisfaction of residents, some not so much.

We are now at the end of the consultation and the preferred route ('Option 2 Modified') has been laid out, which incorporates some of the suggestions from residents. I look forward to continuing to work together to see if further improvements can be achieved; particularly in ensuring that there is extensive and very high-quality landscaping, such as tree planting and bunds, to mitigate noise pollution and to guarantee that it is as visually attractive as is possible in the circumstances, and exploring whether properties seriously affected get properly compensated.

There is clearly still a lot of work to do, and I am committed to hearing any concerns you have and trying to help work with you on them. Please be in touch with my office to raise any further concerns you have or regarding any other issues we can assist you with – or to meet up.



#### THINK AGAIN

# The Winthorpe Residents' A46 Consultation Group

The core working group of Think Again met with National Highways on 9th August. The focus of the meeting was to agree a Statement of Common Ground. As reported previously, this statement reflects the agreements reached and

identifies the issues outstanding and still to be resolved. The meeting was helpful in understanding the latest position on outstanding issues with National Highways.

National Highways shared with Think Again their latest plans for the scheme, following the feedback from the Statutory and Targeted Consultations. Although these have not changed the general layout of the scheme, which was presented as part of the Targeted Consultation back in March 2023, the plans do now show additional detail on many aspects of the design. These include noise mitigation fencing, in conjunction with earthwork bunding for noise mitigation; revised active travel (walking and cycling) routes; drainage and water attenuation; and vegetation and planting along the route. These plans will not be shared with the public until the Development Consent Order is published in the autumn.

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 mid-September and we would welcome any views or input from the village using the links below.

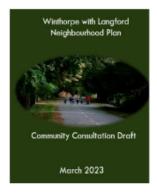
The dedicated Think Again website is available as a single point of information and communication for the village. It can be found by following the link: https://a46thinkagain.org.uk A46WinthorpeVillage@outlook.com

Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/ThinkAgainA46Newark

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## Winthorpe with Langford Neighbourhood Plan - Update

At the last meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group on 25<sup>th</sup> July the focus was on discussion of feedback received during the consultation process earlier this year and discussion/agreement of what changes should be made to the draft document. We also considered the next steps in the process and in particular our interaction with Newark & Sherwood District Council and how we can smooth the process as much as possible.



Following the meeting of the Working Group, we agreed on two other lines of discussion. The first will be an on-line discussion with Adrian Allenbury, our contact in Newark &Sherwood DC Planning, to work through the comments which they have made on the draft document so far. Fortunately, we believe that these are generally very positive and that we can adapt the plan to accommodate their thoughts. The second discussion will be with a local landowner, who has also made comments via their local agents in Newark. Whilst this should be straightforward to take into account, we have asked for detailed information (for our records) of exactly what land they own in our Parish.

Following these discussions, we will then move towards the formal consultation process, where all statutory bodies will receive copies for consideration and comment. This is called a Regulation 14 consultation and will take 6 weeks to complete. Once this is completed and any necessary changes are made, a final version of the Neighbourhood Plan will be produced. All residents of the Parish will then have the opportunity to vote on whether the plan should be adopted. There will be much more information about this later this year; it is anticipated that this will take place in late November 2023.

As usual, we will continue to keep you updated on progress of the plan, in the meantime you can still access the Draft Plan and other documentation under the 'Neighbourhood Plan' page on the Village Website. Until next month, if you have any comments on any of the points above or need more information on the Plan, please contact me: <a href="mailto:paul@bridgfordss.co.uk">paul@bridgfordss.co.uk</a>

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#### **Winthorpe Tennis Club**



Winthorpe Tennis club has two hard courts, by the Community Centre. Currently, the club has around 30 members, made up of people who enjoy playing tennis at varying standards, from beginners upwards. At present, there is no booking system; if somebody is waiting to play, members agree a time between themselves (up to an hour).

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# Coddington & Winthorpe Cricket Club

The first XI remain unbeaten and their recent win at Newark means that unless they suffer massive penalty points (extremely unlikely to happen) Coddington and Winthorpe have won Div J this

season and will be promoted as champions. Congratulations to the whole team, what a fantastic achievement! It should be noted that 9 of the 11 players who played for C&WCC against Newark have been with the club since the age of 11 – some since the age of only 8 or 9. The last fixture of this season will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, against Ellerslie (at Winthorpe).

#### **Coddington & Winthorpe Cricket Club First XI Recent Results:**

 $29^{th}$  July –Southwell 146 for 6 – C&WCC 147 for 4 – Josh Mee 52 runs, Sam Barbuti (aged 15 yrs) 43 runs.

5<sup>th</sup> August – C&WCC vs Stapleford – match cancelled due to rain: match drawn.

12<sup>th</sup> August – Newark 116 all out – C&WCC 118 for 4 wickets – Jake Warrener (aged 15 yrs) 4 wickets for 17 runs, Josh Jones 3 wickets for 22 runs, Max Pickles 58 runs.

<u>The second XI</u> played only one game since our last report but happily registered their first win of the season against Caythorpe. An excellent team performance with the hopes of a win or two more before the close of the season.

#### **Coddington & Winthorpe Cricket Club Second XI Recent Result:**

 $29^{th}$  July – Caythorpe 128 for 9 – C&WCC 2nds 131 for 7 – James Binns 3 wickets for 17 runs, Nathan Binns 3 wickets for 18 runs, Ethan Welsh 35 runs not out, Henry Thacker 24 runs not out – excellent team performance with the hopes of a win or two more before the close of the season. The last fixture of this season will be on  $2^{nd}$  September, away to Hucknall.

There will be end of season games, BBQ and medal /presentation days on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September for the seniors/U15s and for all juniors on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September.



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Village Lunch: Sadly, September's village lunch has been cancelled.

**Quiz Night:** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September, £1.00 per person entry fee Booking essential. Why not add dinner for £8.00?

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#### Voices from the past: life in Winthorpe, Langford and Holme

History doesn't have to be a hundred years old or more. We all know how fascinated our children and grandchildren can be with our tales of our own childhood, for instance. Some time ago, I invited people to send me their memories and stories within their families of life in our three villages in days gone by. I'm pleased that some of these stories are beginning to come forward. Here are some extracts from correspondence sent to me by Lorraine Whitehead, recalling childhood memories from her aunt, who now lives in Canada, but lived in Langford in the 1930s.

"Aunty Pat lived with her parents and my dad in Langford during the years 1936, 1937 and 1938 in Railway Crossing Cottage. Grandad worked on the railway in Newark and my Nan operated the railway crossing gates." (Lorraine)

"I walked to the village school over the Langford farmer's field (even in the winter – no parents drove us to school). I would have been around five years old at that time and walked all on my own – crying all the way because I was cold and tired. Dad was working and Mum couldn't leave the crossing house.

"Once I aged out of the village school, I went by a taxi that was provided to the Collingham school. When Mum couldn't do the crossing work any more, we moved to Newark. Eventually we went to Mount School – Boys on one side, Girls on the other side. Your dad would watch to see if I turned into the school or walked straight past the front door to play truant. He wouldn't let me play truant on my own." (Aunty Pat)

"She has lots of memories of her time in Langford – she fondly remembers playing with the gypsies and playing with buttercups in the field. She remembers her sheep dog. She used to walk the dog down to the gypsies with your dad in a wagon your grandfather built to pull behind the dog, Bob.

"She remembers at about 6yrs old the doctor coming to stitch up your dad's leg from climbing a fence and ripped his leg on a nail. The doctor had no anaesthetic and stitched it up without. She remembers your dad screaming upstairs and her screaming downstairs." (Aunty Pat's friend, Marlowe)

Please send your memories of life in our villages to the editor.

#### Desmond Aldridge (1931-2023)

My father, Des, moved to Winthorpe in 1971 with my mother, Jean, my brother, Bryn, and me. Dad was never happier than at home in Winthorpe with Mum and fortunately he was able to stay there until he died on 2<sup>nd</sup> August.



Father played a very active part in village life. He was elected to the Parish Council in the early 70s and became
Chairman after he retired, a position he held for well over a decade. He made firm friends there, including Hector Young, Maurice Harvey and Stephen Jackson.

He was involved in many schemes that benefitted the community of Winthorpe, including raising the funds for the Village Community Centre and then supervising its construction. He fought for

years to protect village interests at District and County Council levels. Dad also served as a governor at Winthorpe Primary School.

Dad was genuinely interested in people, taking trouble to remember their names and what they told him. He took great delight in conversations with people he met walking around the village. Dog owners will remember him as the tall elderly gentleman who always had a dog biscuit in his pocket!

Dad's funeral will take place in **Winthorpe Church at 11am on Monday 4**<sup>th</sup> **September**. My mother would like to thank everyone who has sent cards. She has found them a source of great comfort.

#### John Sidwell Nelson (1935-2023)

It was a sad day on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August when I heard that my friend John Nelson had died.

I first met John in October 2000, when he and Pat moved into a house opposite Barbara and myself. I went over to intoduce myself and welcome him, and to tell him everything about the village. Much to my surprise, he told me that he had once lived just around the corner. I found John to be a likeable and friendly person, and our friendship then started.

John soon got himself involved into village life, joining the Gardening Club, becoming a PCC member of All Saints' Church, a Trustee of the Community Centre and a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. We started going out on our bicycles but that came to an end when someone stole John's bicycle. Over the years together, with our wives, we have travelled on village coach holidays, visited many open gardens, band concerts, Garden Club and Probus Club outings, and attended all the village and church functions.

I shall miss John coming over and having a chat and a cup of tea.



Of the many photographs of John in my computer, I have chosen this one. John is on the left, with the late John Nelson (1935-2022) of The Spinney. Whenever we were all together, John always liked having a photograph taken with his namesake.

Pat Finn

#### A point of view from the Vicarage Landing

I'm Isaiah Teddy Bear, and when you see me, you'll know why I'm called Isaiah. Wandy doesn't really think of herself as a Teddy Bear sort of person, but I was a present from someone who wanted her to think otherwise!

Life on the landing is very spacious this month. There's a gap where the toilet rolls used to be and even the cardboard box, which was always going to come in handy one day, has gone. There are gaps on the glass shelves because ancient wash bags and plasters that have lost their stickiness have all been thrown into a big black bin liner. Thankfully, the Christmas decorations and the knitted nativity set are still here, so I've got somewhere to hide while Mandy is clearing things out. Maybe I should climb on top of them, then escape to the windowsill (where donkey lives) and hide behind the curtain, but I think I'm safe.

This is all because we're going to leave the Vicarage early next year. I don't know what retiring means, but that's what Mandy's doing. I don't think she knows either, but I'm sure we'll all find out. Anyway, we'll all have a rest from decluttering in September, because village life gets busy again.

I hope I get to go to the Collingham Show and I'll look out for you there!



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#### All Saints' Church, Winthorpe, fundraising event

Here in Winthorpe, we have a beautiful church, admired by those attending the services and those visiting. The church is kept nice and clean by a band of volunteers, who do their best to keep the building in tip-top condition.

Unfortunately, the church vacuum cleaner has broken and volunteers are currently having to bring in their own from home. Although this isn't really a problem, it would be helpful to the cleaners if the church could have its own vacuum cleaner. In order to raise funds to purchase a new one, we are organising something a little different – a **BIG BREAKFAST/COFFEE MORNING** on **22**<sup>nd</sup> **September** at the **Village Hall**. (See advert)

Your support would be much appreciated.

**Pauline Lockwood** 



## SEPTEMBER'S REFLECTIONS





Dear Friends,

Some of you may already know my news, and if you've heard rumours about my retirement, those rumours are true. I will retire at the end of January 2024. This is not the time to talk about my time in the East Trent group, that will come later, but suffice it to say that I'm not retiring because I want to get away from here! This is definitely a time of life thing – life is about change – and recognising when God is leading us to move on, step up, step down or step aside is a very useful lesson to learn.

Listening and looking for God's leading is something for all of us to do and our East Trent Churches certainly need to do that over the next few months. Remember that church isn't something separate or removed from ordinary life, but is made up of ordinary people working together to create a caring, worshipping community at the heart of our villages. Without people, there will be no church, so maybe it's time to think about getting involved. If you'd like to have a conversation with me about church and what it means, please get in touch.

Please do pray for our Churchwardens and PCCs, who will have a busy time ahead and, if you pray for God to help them, remember that you might be part of the answer to that prayer!

I hope I'll see lots of you at our regular church services. On  $3^{rd}$  September we're celebrating St Giles' day in Holme; there's Holy Communion in Winthorpe on  $10^{th}$  September and in Langford on  $17^{th}$  September; and Morning Worship in Winthorpe, also on  $17^{th}$  September.

God bless you,
Revd. Mandy
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# All Saints' Church, Winthorpe

I sadly start off this month's notes by again having to say a farewell to two wonderful Village Gentlemen – Des Aldridge and John Nelson (Woodlands). They both have lived in the village for many years and been a part of so much

village life, working on so many committees – too numerous to mention! They both supported the church in many ways and we shall miss them immensely. We send our deepest condolences to their families and know that both Jean and Pat respectively will be very well supported by their children and by the village. Des's Funeral has been set for Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 11am in church.

We enjoyed a warm but breezy Pimms and Strawberry Do in August with Josh showing his talents on the keyboard, to keep us wonderfully entertained..

Looking forward, we have the annual Ride and Stride event taking place this month on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September. This event is organised by the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust, which raises money for the repair of places of worship. The church porch at All Saints will be open from 11am until 3pm for riders and walkers to register and have light refreshments.

Church are holding a specific fundraiser, in aid of a new vacuum cleaner. This is taking the form of a Big Breakfast / Coffee and Cake on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September in the Village Hall. Please see the advert in Focal Point for times.

I give early notice of the Harvest Supper date which will be held on Saturday 21st October, at 7 for 7.30pm. Tickets will be available in October.

We are very much thinking in our prayers of Jean and Pat and anyone in the village who is ill or hospitalised at this time.

Tish Applewhite – Churchwarden (Tel. 643763)

Church Cleaners: Mrs Jane White Brasses: Miss Emma Holt



## St Bartholomew's Church, Langford

St Bartholomew's Church once again welcomed the Lammastide tradition of presenting a sheaf of corn and a loaf of

bread to celebrate the bread harvest in the beautifully decorated church. Thank you to all who contributed flowers as acts of remembrance and thanksgiving. The service was followed by a picnic in the church yard, a glorious place to sit and look over the recently harvested fields and watch the setting sun.



# Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September – walking, cycling and fundraising

RIDE and STRIDE\_is an opportunity to get involved in a cycling or walking activity to help raise funds for the church. The 'RIDE+STRIDE' event is organised by Nottinghamshire Historic churches; 30 churches across Nottinghamshire will be open for visitors 10-6pm, including St Bartholomew's Church.

Interested in getting sponsorship to raise funds for our church? Sponsorship forms are in the church. More details about the event can be found at www.nottshistoricchurchtrust.org.uk

Jerry Steele - Churchwarden 01636893143 John and Becky - Keyholders 07753117530





# St. Giles Chuurch,

Hello from St Giles Church Holme.

We expect that many of you will be aware of the Rev Mandy's planned retirement, in late January 2024. Until then she will be doing

everything as normal, although it's sad that the harvest festivals and all the Christmas services will be her last in East Trent. Mandy commenced as Rector of the East Trent Benefice on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and so will have been working among us for 7 years and 2 months. So much has happened in those years, including some things that were very tragic and sad and, of course, the pandemic which seemed to come out of the blue. However, there are so many things that we will treasure and which will have a lasting benefit to many people for years to come.

Some 45 people from Charnwood U3A visited the church on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August. Nigel spoke about the church for about half an hour and then they explored the place before going on to Brant Broughton church. Some visitors were reluctant to leave, as they discovered so many things of interest. We are most grateful to Christine Hasman, who printed more than 300 new copies of the history of the church in time for this visit, based on the booklet published in 1934 by Nevil Truman, who was responsible for the renovation of the church in the 1930s, before which it was in a deplorable state of repair.

Our next service in the church, to be taken by Mandy, will be on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September and if you decide to come along, you'll receive a very warm welcome and coffee and biscuits afterwards.

Kind regards, Nigel Priestley and Doreen Hallam. Phone, 01636 892020, email: <a href="mailto:nigel.priestley10@gmail.com">nigel.priestley10@gmail.com</a>



## **Church Services for September 2023**







Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> (13 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity)	9.00am	Holy Communion Patronal Festival	Holme
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> (14 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity)	10.30am	Holy Communion	Winthorpe
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> (15 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity)	9.00am 10.15am	Holy Communion Morning Worship	Langford Winthorpe
<b>Sunday 24</b> <sup>th</sup> (16 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity)	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Winthorpe
Thursdays	1.30 - 3.30pm	Open Church	Winthorpe
Every Day	10.00 - 4.00pm	Open Church	Holme + Langford

For more information please visit the East Trent Churches website: www.easttrentchurches.org.uk In August, over two mornings, I held a workshop in Winthorpe Village Hall, where our focus was on writing stories. This is how I met Florence, who was holidaying with family in the village and took part in the workshop. At just 13 years old, Florence is a talented writer. She showed me this poem she had written and gave me permission to include it in Focal Point.

Julie Johnson-Hill (editor)

#### It's just part of life

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Happiness flies, Happiness flows
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