



Ed's Comments

Gosh! May already and the gardens are starting to look great.

I have published a reminder this month of the Cavalier Dance Band's **free** concert and having heard them at last year's event it is certainly one I shall not miss.

Although I do see that I have missed another great WI meeting – 'Wine tasting', I might have to consider a sex change if they keep having my sort of evening. Did you notice that they didn't refer to it in last month's report? Obviously didn't want too many sharing the wine!

I like the end of this month's report where Daphne says that everyone went 'happily home'. I have a feeling that she meant 'home happy' after the 'tasting'. Also I can't believe that Barbara Finn came last in the tasting competition! She must have had her eye on the grapes.

(Only joking Barbara).

Lots of news on the Jubilee celebrations this month and I see that we have named our new field down by the cricket pitch – 'Jubilee Meadow' it has a nice ring to it doesn't it? If you go down there on Thursday the 31st of this month at 2.30pm you can be part of our village history and witness the planting of our very own 'Royal Oak' tree to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. See the Parish Chairman's article.

See also the news from the Tennis Club where they are seeking a new chairman, as Colin Smith has done a fantastic 17 years. When you see how fit he looks there is obviously something in this Tennis lark and the prices are so reasonable to play! I may get some wheels on my Zimmer and start up again! I have still got my Dunlop 'green flash' shoes and wooden racket, although I think the cat gut may have perished a little!

Cliff Newbold

Closing date for the June issue is **18th May - earlier than usual.**

LUNCH CLUB

The lunch on **April 30th** will be happening about the time Focal Point appears. Hopefully you will have seen the posters and made your booking.

The lunch in May, brought forward from June because of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, will be on **Monday, 28th May**. It is too soon to give the details but posters will go up in good time. Please look out for them and make your booking in good time.

From July the lunches will be back to the first Monday in the month except for December.

The Christmas lunch will be Monday, 10th December.

Peter Foden.

TUESDAY CLUB

Both meetings in May will be in the Village Hall.

Tuesday, May 8th.

Morning coffee, 10.30am, 50p.



Tuesday, May 22nd.

Memories of the Queen's Coronation – please bring any memorabilia items - 2.30pm in the Village Hall.

We will be having a tombola stall at the Jubilee Festival on June 2nd – if you have any items could you please let me have them as soon as possible. If any Focal Point readers have any items suitable for tombola we would be very grateful. All proceeds will be given to The Newark Patriotic Fund.

Jean Foden, 704241

Winthorpe Community Centre - AGM

The Trustees held their AGM on 16th April, unfortunately we only had 2 members of the public present, possibly due to the mix up over the date and times. Yvonne Skaith and David Barthorpe decided not to stand for re election and we would like to thank them for all their hard work over the years. The following officers were elected:-

President: Margaret Thornhill

Chairman: Frances Kelly

Vice Chairman: Alec Stuart

Treasurer: Duncan Richardson

Secretary: Sue Jackson

Organisations nominated Trustees:-

Parish Council	Alec Stewart, Gary Thompson
W.I.	Margaret Stewart
Tennis Club	Colin Smith
Youth Club	Howard Pope
Football Club	Andrew Clarke
Tiger Tots	Michele Baker-Smith

Elected Trustees:-

Diane Rowland, Sue Sharp, John Nelson, Neil Moran, Peter Foden and Justin Baker-Smith.

In her Chairman's Report Frances reported another successful, if uneventful, year, but expressed concern over the dwindling number of trustees and expressed her thanks to everyone who helps with the running of the Community Centre in whatever way.

Sue Jackson, Secretary

WINTHORPE & DISTRICT W.I. – APRIL REPORT



This year we are 58 years old and looking good, so we had our Birthday party and invited the County President, Mrs Maureen Ashby, and her husband to celebrate with us. Mrs.Pat Nelson welcomed everyone, including friends from

Collingham, Coddington and South Clifton Institutes.

We then sang Jerusalem to open the meeting.

Our speaker was Caroline Mackie who came from a family that had been wine merchants for a few generations, but were now no longer trading. However Caroline had learnt her trade very well and as she absolutely loved the business she now carried it on as a hobby. Wine tasting with a difference was the actual evening entertainment, and very enjoyable it was.

Most members participated, but there were a few of us who for various reasons couldn't take part. Members had been given a tulip shaped glass that would "hold the aromas, so that they could smell as well as taste the product.

Each bottle had been covered with foil so that the labels couldn't be read and therefore no cheating could take place. Four different wines were to be tasted and each person had a questionnaire with options and they were asked the country and the price of each wine. Caroline after each tasting explained the type of wine and asked what flavours could be tasted in each one, but didn't give away the price or source because this was to be a competition with the highest score winning a very special prize.

We were all surprised at the end when the prices were revealed to discover that there were no high priced ones, the average price being five pounds!

Go to your local supermarket and try for yourselves, there are many good wines on the shelves and you do not have to pay a fortune for them. This was the advice we were given and Caroline then revealed that before she came she had popped into Asda and bought two bottles of four ninety nine wine which was very good. Then we had the marking of the papers the winner with the lowest score, who won a bunch of grapes which she shared with everyone, was Mrs. Barbara Finn. There was a tie break for the highest score and the winner was Mrs. Elaine Thomson who won a replica silver wine tasting cup, which was on a ribbon which she proudly wore around her neck.

This was a most happy evening which everyone enjoyed, even those who couldn't do the tasting.

Caroline was thanked by Mrs Vivienne Jackson.

The candle of Friendship was lit by Mrs. Lily Goodwin who lit it for all friends present and those who were absent.

Then it was time for the food, members had brought savouries and sweets and they were all very good. There was also more wine and fruit juice which committee members had brought

There was a raffle and our County President won the last prize.

Mrs. Ashby, on behalf of the visitors, thanked Mrs. Nelson for inviting them all, saying what a good evening it had been with a friendly and warm atmosphere.

So another Birthday party ended with everyone going happily home.

Our next meeting is **Thursday May 10th** in the Village Hall when Mrs. Elite Briggs will be going through the Resolutions with us. These will be voted on at the A.G.M in the Albert Hall in London at the end of May

Our hostesses for the next meeting are Mesdames V.Seager, J.Lord and B.Moran.

Daphne Marshall



Children's Society Collecting Boxes.

I will be collecting the boxes for the above Society during the first two weeks of May. Please let me know if you will be away during that period.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Barbara Woodcock 01636 681299

Thank You



I would like to thank you all those in the village who very kindly sent me cards and good wishes during my recent stay in hospital.

They were very much appreciated.

Pat Nelson



Garden Club

On a very wet evening 41 members of the Garden Club attended the clubs AGM in the Community Centre, where we were able to reflect on another successful year. The membership has remained steady at 47 with many from outside the village. Several members sent their apologies due to holidays and the bad weather.

We remembered the loss of two of our members, Jean Gilmour and Mary Ronson. Our thoughts are with Alex Gilmour and the Ronson family.

Officers and Committee members were thanked for their hard work and commitment and all were subsequently re-elected.

The plant sale raised approximately £36.

The new programme with the list of speakers and the outings were announced.

On May 16th the speaker will be Steffie Shields, a regular contributor of gardening articles in the Lincolnshire Life magazine.

Her subject will be **'Impressions of Lincolnshire.'**

On the 13th June we will be visiting Coton Manor Garden, followed by Lyvenden New Bield, both National Trust properties in Northhamptonshire.

Pat Finn.

Open Gardens Event

Supporting Beaumont House & Macmillan Cancer Support

Lumless House Gardens;

2.75 acres of "Garden Rooms", home to some unusual plants & trees



Sunday, 27th May - 1pm until 5pm

Lumless House, 77 Gainsborough Road, Winthorpe, Newark, NG24 2NR

Refreshments available.

£3 per adult.

Accompanied children under 16 are free

Dogs on leads are welcome.



**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**

Winthorpe Garden Club – Summer Outing

This year's trip takes place on **Wednesday, June 13th**, and non-members are warmly invited.

Travelling by coach, we leave the village and head south, with the first stop being Coton Manor in Northamptonshire.



This peaceful ten acre garden occupies a hillside position extending down from the 17th century manor house, constructed of mellow Northamptonshire stone.

Landscaped on different levels, it comprises a series of distinctive smaller gardens, providing variety and interest throughout the season, and enhanced by flowing streams,

fountains and ponds. Beyond the confines of the garden, there is a magical five acre bluebell wood and a colourful wildflower meadow at its best in June & July.

Following lunch – a picnic or from the on-site cafe - we travel to Lyveden New Bield (a National Trust property), an intriguing Elizabethan lodge and moated garden, set in the heart of rural Northamptonshire, a remarkable survivor of the Elizabethan age. Begun by Sir Thomas Tresham to symbolise his Catholic faith, Lyveden remains incomplete and virtually unaltered since work stopped on his death in 1605. Discover the mysterious garden lodge and explore the Elizabethan garden with its spiral mounts, terracing and canals. Wander through the new orchard, containing many old varieties of apples and pears, or explore the Lyveden Way, a circular path through beautiful meadows, woodland and villages.

We then head back, stopping at the Chequers Inn at Woolsthorpe, sister pub of our own Lord Nelson, for a delicious two course evening meal. Prices are £35 for NT members, £39 for non-members. To book, or for further information, contact Paul Kitson, Outings Secretary at paul.kitson1@virgin.net or tel. 707137.

Paul

Winthorpe School



In February, we got the chance to go inside a planetarium. We had to go to the community centre because our school hall was not high enough for it to fit in.

A planetarium is a giant dome that has to be blown up. It had a tunnel and we had to take our shoes off to be able to go inside.

Before we went in we felt quite excited but nervous; some children were worried that it was going to collapse, but Mr Morton (the owner of the planetarium) reassured us that it was quite safe inside.

Two children (William and Gabby) had to open and close the tunnel entrance as we went in so as not to let all the air out. Inside it was totally black, no natural light could get in at all; it took a while for our eyes to get used to the dark.

Mr Morton did a talk about all the planets in the solar system. We answered lots of questions and he said we were one of the best classes he had talked to.

He then went on to explain why we have day and night and why the moon appears to be a different shape in the sky each night.

The best bit was when he turned on a special machine. The machine turned the planetarium into the night sky. He showed us how to find lots of different star constellations. Our favourite ones were: The Plough, Gemini and Pegasus. He even showed us how to spots planets in the night sky.

Since visiting the planetarium we have spotted Jupiter, Mars, Venus and even Ursa Major in the night sky.

By Neve Woodman (8), Catherine Dorkin (9) and Phoebe Loach-Martin (8)

Our next pensioner's lunch will be on **Wednesday 30th May**; please telephone the school to book a place.

Jamie Macintyre - Head teacher
(01636) 680060

school.office@winthorpe.notts.sch.uk --- www.winthorpe.notts.sch.uk



Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

The first of the village celebrations to mark the Queens Diamond Jubilee will be held on Thursday 31st of May and everyone is invited.

On that day at 2.30pm, members of the Parish Council, together with pupils from the Winthorpe Primary School, will plant a Royal Oak tree (English Oak) in the 'Jubilee Meadow' in commemoration. This is the field situated below the Community Centre in-between the Cricket field and the bridge over the Fleet.

Following the planting, everyone will then be invite to move to the entrance to the village, (the triangular area of grass on the left before reaching the A1133) where the pupils will then help to raise the Jubilee Flag on what will then be the new village flag pole.

We hope that the weather is kind and that as many local village residents as possible will attend these two events. Photographs for the village scrap book and for the local press will be taken of the event and the group to keep a record for posterity.

Everyone will be very welcome please remember the date and time:-

Thursday 31st of May at 2.30pm.

Steve Jackson, PCChairman

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Thursday 31st May at 2.30pm –

The planting of the Jubilee Oak will take place on the Jubilee field, assisted by the children of Winthorpe Primary School. This will be followed by a song from the whole school choir.

Everyone will then walk back to the entrance to the village where the children will hoist a flag up the newly erected Flagpole and the choir will perform another song.

Anyone who would like to come along and enjoy this occasion is more than welcome.

Friday 1st June –

The Lord Nelson are having a Jazz and BBQ night featuring Liteside Jazz Band.

Saturday 2nd June –

The Jubilee Festival at the Community Centre. Please see the poster on the facing page for details. Flyers will be coming through your letterboxes closer to the event to remind you. Bring the flyer to the festival and you could have a chance to win a £25 hamper!

Saturday 2nd June Evening -

7.30pm. An open air concert featuring The AceTones. Please bring your own chairs and a picnic! Tickets are £5.00 each and will be available from the village shop. A winning ticket number will be drawn during the evening for the prize of a £50 hamper.

Sunday 3rd June - At All Saints Church Winthorpe - 6pm. A Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. There will be a display of Royal Memorabilia in the church courtesy of Steven Jackson.

Sunday 3rd June - The Lord Nelson are holding a Quiz night with a raffle.

Monday 4th June – Coddington and Winthorpe Cricket Club Queen's Diamond Jubilee Duck Race, at the Lord Nelson.

Monday 4th June –

At 9pm there will be the lighting of a beacon (bonfire) and a firework display for the village. It is to be hoped that this will take place on the usual bonfire field off Pocklington Crescent. There will be a fruit cup on arrival, generously donated by the Lord Nelson pub.

This is a marvellous opportunity for the village to come together to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. So please, show your support by coming to some or all of the events over the weekend.



WINTHORPE DIAMOND JUBILEE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, 2nd JUNE

1.00pm – 5.00pm

AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

**Scout Band, Children's Sports, Tug-of-War
Bungee Run, Bouncy Castle, Skittles
Stalls, Games, Raffle
Barbecue, Refreshments**

**Exhibition of paintings and demonstration by
Michael Warren**

IN AID OF NEWARK PATRIOTIC FUND

**7.30pm Concert by The
AceTones**

SUNDAY, 3rd JUNE

6.00pm

AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

Winthorpe Tennis Club



Facilities being refurbished

This year the Club are using their funds to completely refurbish the courts. With the Olympics coming to London this year and an emphasis being placed on healthy living, throughout the country, make this a memorable year for you too, by taking advantage of the fabulous facilities we have in Winthorpe.

You do not have to be a member to play. You can collect a court key from a Committee Member and pay £2 (adult), £1 (children) to play for an hour. Children under 11 must be accompanied by an adult. Maximum number of times casual play available to a person is four times per year. However, with Membership Fees so low why not become a member and have your own key and play as often as you want?

Looking for a new Chairman



Colin Smith has been Chairman of the Club for the last 17 years. Although he is still prepared to stay on as “caretaker” Chairman, the Club are actively seeking a new chairman with a more active involvement in playing tennis to take the club forward.

If you play tennis and would like to take on the role or know someone who you think would make a good Chairman please let us know.

Quiz Night

In late October the tennis club will be joining forces with the newly created Allotment Association, to bring you a Quiz Night compiled by our resident Quiz Master, David Barthorpe.

Please check Focal Point and Village Web site for full details nearer the time.

Membership Fees for 2012

Family membership £40 - Adult membership £20 –
Junior (11-18 years) £5 - Student £5

New key either for new member or as a replacement for loss £5.00

Maximum number of times **casual play** available to a person is four times per year.

Please contact Sue Sharp (01636 703198) if you would like to become a member or to return your key if you no longer wish to be a member.
For any other information please speak to any of the Committee Members.
Winthorpe Tennis Club Committee Members 2012

Colin Smith – Chairman - Maureen Smith - Secretary 01636 701205,
Sue Sharp - Vice Chairman/ Subscription Secretary 01636 703198
Chris Hickman - Treasurer 01636 706585

Wishing everyone an enjoyable tennis season,

Maureen Smith – Secretary



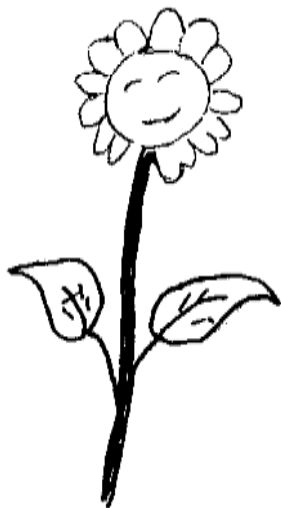
DID YOU KNOW

- 1.** On the memorial plaque to Philip Handley in All Saints' Church, it states that the church was consecrated on June 7th 1888. This was not so, as the ceremony was unable to take place due to the illness of the Bishop of Southwell. The consecration, by the Bishop of Lincoln who deputized, took place on the 19th June 1888.
- 2.** The Enclosure Award of 1776 was the act of dividing and enclosing several open fields, meadows and grounds so the owners and proprietors had a fair share of good and bad land.
- 3.** Dial House, at the corner of Holme Lane, was originally a single storey building. Later it was raised to two storeys and the pediment, with its sundial, replaced.
- 4.** The windmill, which was situated in the field behind the school, was demolished in the early 1900's.

Pat Finn

GIANT SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

Your sunflower seeds will have now germinated and have two pairs of leaves. They take about seven to ten days to germinate. How many days did it take your seeds to germinate?



Using a plastic tie, loosely fasten your plants to a small split cane. If the plants are on a windowsill they will bend towards the window. To keep them straight, half turn the pots every day.

To prevent giving the plants a shock treatment going from a warm house into a cold garden they will require hardening off. When they are about 10cm high, which they should be by the end of the month, put them outside for two days against the wall of the house.

Prepare a sunny spot in the garden for your sunflower by digging in some compost. This will hold moisture and is beneficial to the plant.

Try and plant one into your front garden. This will make passers-by smile when in the summer

they see its giant yellow face.

I wonder if any of the village residents will be planting sunflowers. I do hope so.

Do not forget to put in a tall stake to support each plant.

Did You Know?

- The key to growing great sunflowers is the enrichment of the soil with fertiliser preferable well rotted farmyard manure, incorporated early in the spring.

Pat Finn.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!



"WE'VE DONE IT" Your Local Village store has managed to attain the national lottery. We've been trying for this ever since we came here and finally got it. Many of you have been saying how much you would like the lottery here. Well here it is.

The date the lottery is to be launched in Winthorpe is not yet known but installation should take place sometime this month.

We will keep you posted so **"WATCH THIS SPACE"**.

Hopefully this will have a positive impact on trade levels in the general goods sector which has suffered endless knock-backs through people leaving the village in more ways than one ("if you'll pardon the expression") Virtually everyone that has left has been a good spending customer so let's hope the lottery can do for Winthorpe what it has done for other retailers.

Some of you have been commenting and questioning if we are closing. The answer is **NO**. We have had to make one or two changes to accommodate the lottery that is all.

**SO COME ON WINTHORPE LETS MAKE THIS SPECTACULAR
ACHIEVEMENT WORK FOR ALL OF US**

Martin

Church Notices

Many of us will be remembering the accession of the Queen 60 years ago. Some of us were able to watch the Coronation on a black & white television.

On Sunday June 3rd at 6pm there will be a service of Thanksgiving for the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth the second. We do hope the church will be full and many will join us from the other churches in the Benefice. Much thought has been put into the service. There will be music from the Coronation and a recording of the Beethoven's Halleluiah Chorus sung by the choir of Newark Parish Church in May 1953 prior to the Coronation.

Elaine & Andrew Parkin's daughter Emily will be getting married on Sunday June 3rd in the afternoon. The church will be full of flowers for this occasion and Elaine and Andrew are leaving them for the evening. We do appreciate this gesture as a lot of work and expense will be saved. Many more of us will benefit from their beauty. It always seems a shame that flowers are removed so soon after a wedding when so much thought and work has been put into the occasion. After the wedding there will be the addition of photographs of the Queen & the Duke of Edinburgh and some flags kindly lent by Mr Steve Jackson.

The Newark Advertiser have expressed an interest and we understand that photographs may be taken later in the afternoon.

Posters will be displayed around the villages.

On Wednesday 30th May we shall be delighted to congratulate Christine & Ian Hasman on their Silver Wedding when they will be ringing a Quarter Peal at 10.30am on that day to mark the occasion.

Most of the churches in the East Trent group have appreciated their expertise and help. So listen and enjoy!

PS. They would be pleased to give instruction to would-be Bell Ringers. It is a fun-job for stimulating those little grey cells!!

Our thoughts are with Mr. & Mrs. Breed and any others who are unwell at this time.

Church Bells

They will ring for practices on Thursday evenings from 7.00pm - 9.0pm and possibly for the following:-

Sunday May 13th 10.15am Holy Communion

Saturday May 20th 10.15am Morning Worship

Sunday May 27th 6 pm Evensong

Wednesday May 30th 10.30am A Quarter Peel will be rung.

Brass Cleaners

Mrs June Taylor, Mrs Everson

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

April 22nd Joshua Max Jeffrey Holmes-Morgan

Leona Maxina Holmes-Morgan

Interment of Ashes

April 10th Dennis Quince R.I.P (formally a choir member here.)

Ann Stone , PCC Secretary.

Up-To-date notices of our church services and those of the other services in the Benefice are displayed outside the church.

An Evening with the

CAVALIER DANCE BAND



In Winthorpe Community
Centre

On Friday the 4th of May

Doors open at **7.30pm**

TICKETS ARE FREE!! - Available from the Post Office

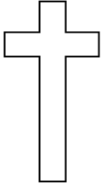
Bar selling Beers , Wines and soft drinks.

The Newark based Cavalier Dance Band will be treating
you to Big Band Classics to Disco and much much more.

Join the band for what promises to be a great
evening of free entertainment.



Contact Justin Baker-Smith on 706536 for further information.



MAY SERVICES

Sunday 6th - Easter 5

9 am

No Service in Winthorpe
Holy Communion at Holme

Sunday 13th - Easter 6 Rogation Sunday

9am
10.15

Morning Worship at Langford
Holy Communion at Winthorpe

Thursday 17th Ascension Day

7.30pm

Holy Communion at Winthorpe.

Sunday 20th - Sunday after Ascension day

10.15am

Morning Worship at Winthorpe

Sunday 27th - Whitsunday

10.15am
6pm

Morning Worship at Holme
Evensong at Winthorpe.

ALL ARE WELCOME

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

May

25th Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Nelson

June

June 22nd Mrs Foden, Mrs Lloyd

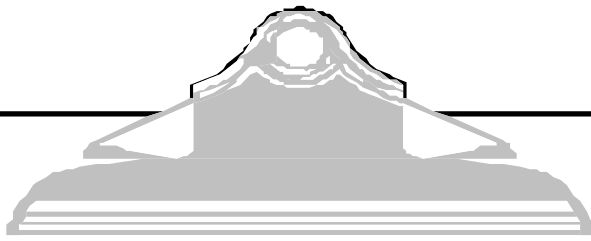
All Saints Church Flower Ladies



Thank you for making All Saints so beautiful for Easter.

Your arrangements were delightful and appreciated by everyone who attended the services.

Sylvia Lloyd



MAY CALENDAR

Friday 4 th	Band Concert, 7.30pm – Community Centre.
*Saturday 5th	Silver Bin
Tuesday 8 th	Tuesday Club Coffee Morn. 10.30am V.H.
Thursday 10 th	WI meeting, 7.30pm – Village Hall.
Monday 14 th	Green Bin Library Van
Wednesday 16 th	Garden Club, 7.30pm – Community Centre.
Monday 21 st	Silver Bin
Tuesday 22 nd	Tuesday Club, 2.30pm – Village Hall.
Sunday 27 th	Lumless House open gardens 1pm
Monday 28 th	June Lunch Club, 12.30pm – Centre. Green Bin
Wednesday 30 th	School Pensioners Lunch, 12pm – School.
Thursday 31 st	Jubilee Tree Planting, 2.30pm – New Meadow.
June	
Jubilee Celebrations 1st to the 4th	
Wednesday 13 th	Garden Club outing

‘Village organisations and local bodies – if at any time you would like to get in touch with a village contact, why not try the village website.’

www.winthorpe.org.uk