



Ed's Comments

A bit of good news this month as the Parish Council have appointed a new clerk; we wish Miss Sarah Tomlinson every success in her new position. Will we receive a monthly 'sketch' of the work of the Council for publication in this newsletter I wonder? Fingers crossed!

We have a notice this month of a meeting to discuss the 'village bonfire' and Ann Stone mentions the Harvest Festival; talk about time flying. I can't help but think of the lovely song 'Cat's In The Cradle' by Harry Chapin where a son is born and before the father knows it he is all grown up.

Hey- Ho! Let's enjoy it whilst we are here.

What a great Olympic Games we have witnessed, I understand that one of the aims of these games, to justify the investment, was to encourage people to become more active. It had the opposite effect on me as I couldn't leave the TV in case I missed any Team GB achievements.

The village holiday makers leave this month for Suffolk. I hope that the



weather is kind to them as they explore that lovely County.

They are to stay at a lovely Hotel, the Ufford Park, where there is plenty to do if time permits.

The Spa looks worth a visit chaps!!

On our return from holiday we were saddened to hear that Cynthia Morgan had died. She had, along with Joan Frew, played a memorable role in our village over the years. Cynthia of course having been born here.

It would be nice if someone, who knew her well, could perhaps provide us with some details of her very long life here? Please!!

Cliff Newbold

*Closing date for the October edition is 21st September.
Deliver to 18 Woodlands or email:-cliffnewbold@ntlworld.com*

Winthorpe with Langford Parish Council

Parish Clerk



On September 1st, Miss Sarah Tomlinson becomes our new Parish Clerk. From that date all correspondence to the Council should be sent to her at:-

‘Oakdene’, The Spinney, Winthorpe, Newark, Notts. NG24 2NT.
She can also be contacted on telephone number - **07920103180**.

Steve Jackson

TUESDAY CLUB

Tuesday, 11th September. Morning Coffee, 10.30am. to be held at Tall Trees, The Spinney. Please note – **not** in the Village Hall.

There will be **no** meeting on Tuesday, 25th September because of the clash with the Village Holiday Group’s visit to Suffolk.

Jean Foden

THE VILLAGE BONFIRE



The village Bonfire is planned to take place on
Saturday 3rd November 2012

The planning committee would like to cordially invite any village clubs /societies to be involved in this very successful fund raising event i.e. have a stall or help with stewarding on the evening.

If you require any further details please do not hesitate to contact:-

Denise Day 708727

Winthorpe with Langford Parish Council Diamond Jubilee Festival

Afternoon and Evening Event, Saturday 2nd June

Income:

Contributions:

Cllr V. Dobson, Grant	£300.00
N&SDC, Jubilee Events	£250.00
Tuesday Club	£150.00
WI	£145.00
Allotment Assoc.	£4.00
Village Hall	£21.00
Garden Club	£105
Youth Club sweets	£10.00
Bungee Run/Bouncy Castle	£59.00
Barbecue	£151.00
Ice Creams	£11.50
Jewellery Stall	£10.00
Cushions Stall	£5.00
Raffle	£143.00
Evening Ticket sales	£440.00

Total Income: £1,804.50

Total Payments: £881.06

Surplus £923.44

Payments:

Party Time*	£170.00
St. John's Ambulance	£40.00
Scout Band	£40.00
Hampers	£65.00
Sports Medallions	£66.06
The Acetones (band)	£500.00
Total	<u>£881.06</u>

*Bungee Run/Bouncy Castle

**A cheque for £923.44
will be sent to the
Newark Patriotic
Fund**

**Sue Mashedor
Festival Committee**

LUNCH CLUB

The next Lunch will be at 12.30pm on **Monday, 3rd September** at the Community Centre. The menu will be:-

Roast Pork with Apple Sauce

or

Jacket Potatoes with Prawns

with

New Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables

-x-

Lemon & Marscarpone Cheesecake

£7 including a glass of wine. Please phone Jean and Peter Foden (704241) as soon as possible to book your place and give your choice of menu. Please remember places are limited.

Because quite a lot of us will be away on the Village Holiday during the week before the lunch on Monday, 1st October the usual booking arrangements will not be possible. The menu will be:-

Beef in Ale Pie or Fish Pie

with

New Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables

-x-

Apple Crumble & Custard

At the September Lunch we will ask you to book ahead for October if you can. While we are away on holiday Margaret & Alec Stewart (702634) have kindly agreed to take any calls from late bookers.

Peter Foden.



Garden Club

Has this summer's rain ruined your rose blooms? Have your vegetables been a disappointment? If so, you are not alone. When we visited Stuart Dixon's garden at Stoke Bardolph on a late July evening, he apologised that the usually magnificent collection of over 150 roses, many old fashioned varieties, were far from their best due to the prolonged rain that month. He also declared that his vegetables had been 'a waste of time'. However, on a more positive note, we were able to enjoy many lovely perennial borders and the recently created woodland walk.

As is usual on these occasions many of us bought plants for our own gardens. The visit was rounded off with tea and freshly made scones and cakes.

We start our autumn season of talks on **September 19th** when our speaker Paul Beech takes as his theme 'Late Summer Colour'. As usual the meeting will be held in the Community Centre starting at 7.30pm. Non – members and anyone curious about the clubs activities are welcome to come along.

Ian Wilson



Race night in aid of the
Barbara May Foundation UK- a charity
supporting a Newark doctor running a
hospital in Ethiopia.
**At Winthorpe Community Centre on
Saturday 15th Sept.**
Starts 7.15pm for 7.30 pm.

Tickets are **£8.50** which includes a pie and peas supper.

Obtained from the Post Office.

Licensed bar applied for ----- Tote in operation.

Elaine Parkin

Coddington & Winthorpe Cricket Club 21 August 2012

Having finally got our season underway following what we used to know as summer we are finally getting into the swing of things. Numbers have been good, net sessions frequent, junior coaching well attended and we have won a few games!



In summary our results for midweek and Sundays have been as follows:

C&WCC

Sunday 8th July	Bestwood Village	Away	NR
Sunday 15th July	Kashmir	Home	LOST
Sunday 29th July	Basford Mill	Away	WON
Sunday 12th August	Notts & Arnold	Away	WON

Kavaliers

Wednesday 20th June	Brant Broughton	Home	LOST
Wednesday 27th June	Bilsthorpe	Away	LOST
Tuesday 3rd July	Collingham Traders	Home	NR

Generally July and August are quieter as fixtures are kept to a minimum where possible as this is the busiest time of year for holidays and it becomes more difficult to get 11 players out on the field. However despite this a proposed friendly was arranged, albeit at short notice, the main reason being that the team concerned was Nottinghamshire Visually Impaired Cricket Club. The Club thought that this would be a unique experience for both our adult and junior members and welcomed the opportunity to participate. Fortunately the weather was kind and a number of spectators turned up on the day, we would have liked more but had a limited time in which to try to drum up publicity.

A fantastic, if unusual, afternoon which culminated in Notts VI CC coming out victorious by 4 wickets. Not only did they emerge victorious in the cricket they followed that up with an enthusiastic performance in the bar at the Lord Nelson!

Pictured below are the members of both teams that participated on the day.



To a man everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience so much so that there is already talk of arranging a similar game next year, however this time we will have much more time in advance to publicise the event in order to provide greater exposure for the Nottinghamshire Visually Impaired Cricket Club and also raise the profile of cricket generally for the visually impaired.

We are looking at a couple of fundraising events between now and the end of the year and will keep Focal Point informed as soon as we have any confirmed plans.

As we come to the close of our first season as the newly combined club I am pleased to say that things have gone extremely well both on and off the field. This is our 125th year in existence and I am extremely proud of the efforts that the members of both former clubs have made over the last year, especially those that have come together to serve on the new committee and steered the ship through what could have been choppy waters. We have learned a lot in a short space of time and as Chairman I am confident that this club will be active and encouraging the playing of cricket for all for many years to come.

Contact Details

If you have any queries or would like more information on Coddington & Winthorpe Cricket Club please do not hesitate to contact any of the following:

Paul Matthews:-07836 549779 - Andy Fereday: 678622 or 0775 2265081

Lee Parsons:- 07802 210451 (Junior Cricket)

Forthcoming fixtures:

Sunday 26 th August	West Bridgefordians	Away	
Sunday 2 nd September	Ancaster	Home	
Sunday 9 th September	Gedling & Sherwood	Home	
Sunday 16 th September	Notts & Arnold	Home	

League Table

	P	w	l	off	Pen	Pts
Bestwood Village CC	13	3	1	9	0	30
Beeston & Toton Sycamore CC	12	5	2	5	0	30
Gedling & Sherwood CC	14	4	3	7	1	29
Coddington & Winthorpe CC	12	4	4	4	0	24
Basford Mill CC	12	4	4	4	2	22
Kashmir - 1st XI	11	2	2	7	1	21
Fiskerton CC, Notts	10	3	3	4	0	20
Notts & Arnold Amateur CC	10	3	3	4	3	17
West Bridgfordians CC	12	1	7	4	0	12

Andrew Fereday

ROBIN HOOD THEATRE COMPANY – New Season

The first play in the 2012-13 season of the Robin Hood Theatre Company is the world premiere of Eric Chappell's

The Night In Question, a comedy thriller.

It will be staged in **Farndon Memorial Hall** from Wednesday, **September 26, to Saturday, September 29, at 7.30pm.**

The play is set in the office of Faraday Finance and centres around senior assistant Brian Heath. He has just been down to the police station where he has been picked out in an identity parade as the man who groped a woman in the office car park at night a month ago.

The play is full of double entendres, innuendoes and twists and turns that will keep the audience guessing and laughing from start to finish.

GIANT SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

Did you measure the height of your sunflower? If not, do it now.

When the sunflower head becomes full of seeds, feed every time you water. This will encourage the seeds to get big and fat. The weight of the seeds will cause the head to bow down. This is nature's way of keeping the seeds dry.



When the seeds are ripe, using a small hacksaw cut off two of the seed heads and hang them from a tree. Leave the rest of the plants in the garden. Birds love to eat sunflower seeds, as they are rich in oil. See how many varieties of birds come to feed on your sunflower seeds?

You may like to save some seeds to use for growing next year's plants. The best seeds are on the plant's two outer rings. Lay these on a sheet of paper for the sun to dry them. When they are completely dry, using a paper bag store in a dry place. Do not use a plastic bag as this will make the seeds sweat and they will rot.

E-mail me on **Sunday 9th September** with your name, age and the height of your sunflower.

winthorpesunflower@hotmail.co.uk

The sunflower presentation will be in the school on
Thursday 13th September at 11-15am.

Did You Know?

Sunflowers are always been good plants for pollinating bees. Sadly, due to the exceptional wet weather we have experienced this year their population, along with butterflies, have dramatically fallen.

Pat Finn.

Dates for hoisting flags

Dates for Hoisting Flags on UK Government Buildings in 2012

9 January	Birthday of The Duchess of Cambridge
20 January	Birthday of The Countess of Wessex
6 February	Her Majesty's Accession
19 February	Birthday of The Duke of York
1 March	St David's Day (in Wales only)
10 March	Birthday of The Earl of Wessex
12 March	Commonwealth Day (second Monday in March)
17 March	St. Patrick's Day (in Northern Ireland only)
21 April	Birthday of Her Majesty The Queen
23 April	St George's Day (in England only)
9 May	Europe Day
2 June	Coronation Day
10 June	Birthday of The Duke of Edinburgh
16 June	Official Celebration of Her Majesty's Birthday
21 June	Birthday of The Duke of Cambridge
17 July	Birthday of The Duchess of Cornwall
15 August	Birthday of The Princess Royal
11 November	Remembrance Day (second Sunday in November)
14 November	Birthday of The Prince of Wales
20 November	Her Majesty's Wedding Day
30 November	St Andrew's Day (in Scotland only)
Also	The day of the opening of a Session of the Houses of Parliament by Her Majesty The day of the prorogation of a Session of the Houses of Parliament by Her Majesty

Winthorpe Allotment Association - Late Summer Report

After a very wet start to the year, things are finally growing well. Allotment holders have been enjoying bumper crops of garlic, beans, courgettes and artichokes. The pumpkins are swelling and cabbages hearting up ready for autumn picking and eating.

Have your own allotment

Although all our plots are currently taken we may have some half plots available for the next growing season. We would be very happy to show anybody who is interested around the allotments, its unlikely you will come away empty handed... After you have tasted how wonderful fresh picked fruit and vegetables are, if decide you would like your very own allotment we offer practical help and advice to get you started. Come along to the next meeting to find out more.

Next Meeting - September 12th at 7.30 pm, Winthorpe Village Hall

Please come along to our next meeting everybody is welcome

Find out more

If you are interested in finding out more or joining the waiting list, please email Louise at secretary@winthorpeallotments.org.uk or leave a message on 01636 701947.

Follow us on the Internet

We also have a website, so if you're interested in sharing our journey, please take a look at www.winthorpeallotments.org.uk

Louise Lyons, Secretary.



Peter's 'Potty' Adventure.....



It was in the year 1962 that I went out to Saudi Arabia to rescue the family financial fortunes by teaching English to cadets entering their Air Force. These young men were to be trained as mechanics servicing the very high performance aircraft supplied by British Aerospace.

The contract, which was enormous, depended on the training of these men and there were no Arabic speakers with that ability.

I can well imagine the frustration at the thought of losing this contract; until, after a drink or two, someone put forward the idea of teaching enough of them English, in order to facilitate their training.

The experts were called in to prepare a plan and produced a syllabus, numbers etc, etc. A few people were found and the thing staggered into existence. After a year's trial it went ahead and thirty teachers arrived and it all became serious; amongst this motley crew, I was probably the oldest and perhaps the more experienced of us all.

Work was extremely hard and the heat desperate (120F). Despite all this we were very cheerful and quite successful. Since then numbers have changed dramatically; over the years 150 had become 2,000 and two schools were built.

Enough! - Our adventure.....

I had become very good friends with Barrie a fellow teacher and we would spend our spare time sailing a 25 foot Dhow or driving around in the empty quarters in an old Chevrolet and sleeping beside it. We lived out of barracks by choice among the Arabs in a ramshackle flat in the middle of Al Khobar on the very edge of the mainland.



There came a time after two and a half years when we both thought we had solved our immediate financial problems and were reasonably solvent and would like a change. Besides putting money in the bank, I had invested any spare cash in buying 600 second hand solid brass coffee pots which I thought would sell well in Europe.

We had the idea of driving the 5,000 miles home, which was done occasionally by staff leaving for good, so why not us? We had our old pick-up truck, some experience, the time and we fancied the challenge.

We had minimal equipment which we felt was enough; we would drive by day, sleep beside the truck on the sand at night and feed ourselves as we went.



So, in midsummer, it was time to go.

The evening before we left we had a beach party after dark; there were many teachers and much home-made Beer. The sea temperature, taken by a totally sober elderly friend, was an astonishing 90 degrees Fahrenheit.

We didn't rise with the dawn but we were on our way by midday with very many miles to go to Jeddah on the Red sea coast, dressed in a pair of shorts and a shirt, shoes and socks and one respectable outfit in the bag. It was very hot and the engine wasn't pulling properly, but we persisted. The other side of Riyadh we spent our first night on the sand.

We woke with the dawn, washed and shaved, (sort of) and had a cup of tea and a mouthful of Arab bread.

Day two was the same except to stop for a coffee served from a brass coffee pot and a bottle of our own brew which we drank with a sandwich. Day three was the same as two; ditto day four, five and six where we came to the hilly part of the trip and the first small town. We stopped here to have the engine checked; the work was done in the open with at least a dozen advisors. Being bored I took up my spanner and found a loose bolt in the exhaust system. Hey Presto!

All was now well and remained so until Winthorpe.

We had made a good start, consumed much of our beer. So off we went enjoying our great freedom, lack of traffic and only a few very small towns; no trouble with fuel which was as cheap as water.

So to Jeddah; a large city and port on the red sea.

After a couple of showers, some real meals and 'what joy', **beds**.

Having rested we then turned North and made our way along the coast and then inland with the coastal hills on our left; soon we were at the Saudi border with Jordan.

With no alcohol allowed in Saudi, to save any trouble with authority, we buried our last four bottles of beer in the car park which was sand.

Very soon we were moving parallel to the famous railway line, which Lawrence, with his Arab army, stopped the Turks from using in the 1st World War.

We spent a morning in a small but derelict station. Within the week we should reach Amman in Jordan but we couldn't miss visiting the very magnificent Valley of Caves.



So we rolled into Jordan and to Amman where we met up, as agreed, with my son Nick and spent a couple of days resting up and visiting the British Embassy where, much to my surprise, we met up with some of the Packe family from Winthorpe!

Then it was off again, now with three drivers, knowing we would be facing a shambles of border crossing points which could be shut or opened by some irate official at the drop of a hat.

Our original plan was to go through Syria and into Turkey. There were rumours about the border being closed but nothing definite.

So we drove blithely on until we reached the Syrian border at eventide only to be told that the border was shut, so we got our bedding out and slept on their veranda.

We woke full of hope and left Barrie, who was practically fluent in Arabic, to negotiate. After what seemed a long time, Barrie returned saying they were sending a man with us to Damascus in Syria.

So we now sat four abreast for a considerable distance; we eventually came to a busy town and onto the main street with many shops and eating places; where was this? HOMS.

(Homs is currently being destroyed as the result of the fighting between the Syrian Government and the Free Syrian Army. Ed)

Our guide directed us to a group of big office buildings and a massive car park full of well used cars. As we approached we were surrounded by a group of stony faced armed officials. We were ordered out at gun point and told not to take anything, but, by good fortune, Barrie had his case with all our money and all our papers in.

On asking why? We were directed to a large office building where we then engaged an English speaking Arab to negotiate for us. Feeling a bit confused we went in search of a hotel and booked rooms, but without any luggage. No-one queried this!

We ordered a meal and a large cold beer to go with it. In effect we were prisoners held in Homs and for what reason?

We had to go to the large office building and follow our man around with hopes of securing our escape; one day we even met an Arab driver who was on his knees begging for his papers!

So it continued through Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. On Saturday, with half an hour left, we were with a small group outside the final office praying for the magic door to open; and it did and what did we see? The GREAT HIGH PANJAMDRUM drinking tea with four ladies!

With ten minutes left, we were still demanding our truck back; thankfully we got it, albeit plus a driver to take us to the Lebanese border.

So it wasn't so much how we came to Homs. IT WAS HOW WE GOT OUT AGAIN?

Reunited with our faithful truck, which was being driven by one of the guards in case we escaped, we finally arrived at the border where we dropped off our guard and set off for Beirut in high good humour. There was only one way out which was by sea to Greece; so our first stop in Beirut was at a shipping agent; who informed us that the next day there was a ship leaving and they could take us, but it was a passenger ship taking Russian tourists to Egypt! Before taking on more Russian tourist and then going to Greece.

There was nothing else for it but to get to Greece via Egypt. There was no extra charge.

So to Egypt we went with the truck sitting proudly on the fore-deck and us relaxing in some comfort; except for Nick, who being a chess enthusiast took on at least fifty eager Russian tourists in a chess tournament. To his great credit he saw them all off. Having sailed across the Med. from Alexandria we came into our Greek port early in the morning with the truck ready for our 'escape' through Greece.

Very soon the truck was ashore awaiting custom clearance. Soon we would be on the move again.



But the fates weren't giving in yet. It was pointed out that our papers had separated the coffee pots from the truck, with the truck going through gate 8 and the cargo of coffee pots through gate 10.

The agents had made a hash of the paperwork so only one item was allowed out at a time. As a result they advised us that we could take the truck but not the coffee pots.

The agent agreed that he would sort things out and ship the pots over to England as soon as he could.

Eventually we went off and booked into a small dockside hotel before leaving for England the next day.

NOW WHAT? Would you believe that next morning whilst in bed there was a small earthquake!!

Only slightly 'shaken' we set off for home and after twelve days driving we finally arrived in Winthorpe HOME at last!!



But that was not quite the end of the story for what happened to the coffee pots????

Well they arrived via a delivery vehicle some six weeks later unharmed; the reason for the delay? The ship had run aground and flooded!!

Peter Roach

You too could be part of Peter's story as he still has a few of these coffee pots (condition, as purchased) and he is willing to sell them for a 'bargain' price.

Ed

Church Notices

This last month we have said a fond ‘Good bye’ to two lovely people - Joan Frew & Cynthia Morgan. They have lived in the village for many years, Cynthia having been born here. During their lifetime they have both been very active within the village. They both attended church although enjoying a different type of service. They were colourful characters guaranteed to be missed by us all. I am sure that we are pleased to have known them! From Cynthia’s service a donation of £132 was collected for the church and a donation of £130 was given to Beaumont House Hospice as requested by Joan. I would like to thank Avril Hill who bought and arranged flowers for their Memorial services.

We wish to thank all of you who help to keep the church clean, arrange flowers and support the church in various ways.

As always there are a number of people in the village who are unwell, some we know of, and we send our best wishes to all of them for better health soon. We wish all those who will soon be going away a Happy Holiday and good weather.

We look forward to the following:

Harvest Supper - Friday October 19th

Harvest Festival Sunday October 21st

Gifts for the Harvest Festival will be given as usual to the ‘Women’s Refuge’ who are always very appreciative.

Concert arranged by Bella Conn Friday November 16th.

Church Bells

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

Sunday September 9th 10.15am - Holy Communion

Sunday September 16th 10.15am - Morning Worship

Sunday September 23rd 6pm - Evensong

From the Registers

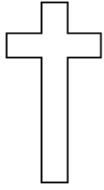
R.I.P. Gillian Mary Whinfrey Stevens Cremated 30th July

R.I.P Cynthia Morgan - Funeral & Memorial Service 1st August

R.I.P. Joan Frew Memorial Service 2nd August

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.



SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

Sunday 2nd - TRINITY 13

9am

NO SERVICE IN WINTHORPE
Holy Communion at Holme.

Sunday 9th - TRINITY 14

10.15am

Holy Communion at Winthorpe.

5pm

Harvest Festival at Langford.

Sunday 16th - TRINITY 15

10.15am

Morning Worship at Winthorpe.

Thursday 20th

10am

Holy Communion, Winthorpe.

Sunday 23rd - TRINITY 14

6pm

Three Choirs Festival at St Giles Balderton.

Sunday 30th - TRINITY 15

NO SERVICE IN WINTHORPE

ALL ARE WELCOME

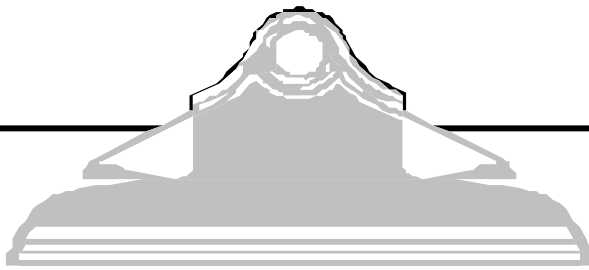
CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

September

21st Mr & Mrs McClymont

October

26th Mrs Lloyd & Mrs Nelson



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Monday 3 rd	Lunch Club, 12.30pm – Community Centre. Line Dancing, 7pm – Community Centre. Green Bin Library Van
Sunday 9 th	Harvest Festival, 5pm Langford Sunflower comp. Report results Silver Bin
Monday 10 th	
Tuesday 11 th	Tues. Club coffee morn. 10.30am - Village Hall
Wednesday 12 th	Allotment Club meeting, 7.30pm – V. H.
Thursday 13 th	WI meeting, 7.30pm – Village Hall Sunflower results & presentation
Saturday 15 th	Race Night, 7.15pm – Community Centre.
Monday 17 th	Green Bin
Wednesday 19 th	Garden Club meeting, 7.30pm – Centre.
Thursday 20 th	Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm – Village Hall
Monday 24 th	Silver Bin

OCTOBER

Monday 1 st	Lunch Club, 12.30pm – Community Centre
Friday 19 th	Harvest Supper

‘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