



Ed's Comments

Happy New Year

I read this somewhere:-

“When you celebrate New Year with gusto, you feel the positive energy flowing in your veins. You begin with renewed vitality and optimism; the much needed ingredients to a successful start”.

Good luck with all of that positive energy!

Hopefully when you receive this edition it is warmer than when I am writing it. We have had such a long cold spell it is quite discomfoting apart from being expensive. I am not looking forward to receiving my fuel bills. It is the ‘Global Warming’ that is doing it!!



Of course this cold weather follows all of the wet weather which caused considerable flooding, as this picture taken from the flood bank looking across to the power station shows. An amazing transformation of our normal view as I am sure the dog walkers will testify.

Once again on your behalf I thank the wonderful ‘posties’ who are still delivering this newsletter through your doors even though no-one is getting any younger. You are much appreciated.

With reference to ‘youth’, this month sees the start of the young 80 year old Keith Lloyds role as vice chairman of the Parochial Church Council, Good luck Keith; his first ‘Church News’ starts this month.

Also please consider our advertisers when looking for services as it is through their support that we can keep publishing this newsletter. One or two new ones this year to look out for.

Cliff Newbold

Closing date for the February issue is the **22nd of January.**

The Leaning Pole.....



Most residents will have noticed that the village flagpole at the exit/entrance to the village is "leaning" to one side.

Contrary to a number of comments received we are not trying to attract tourism by entering into competition with Chesterfield and its twisted spire and neither was the pole hit by a low flying aircraft from Cranwell.

A few weeks ago the base of the pole was accidentally hit on the far (hedge) side by a machine being used to do some work in that area and the base plate has been twisted making the pole lean distinctly to one side.

It is however quite safe and will be repaired in the next month or so, weather permitting.

Steve Jackson



Library Van

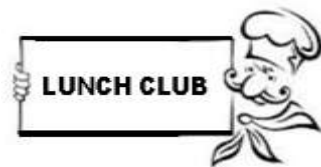
For anyone new to using the library van, which comes once a month, here are the stopping places and times.

Spinney Estate	9.40am	10.00 am
49 Pocklington Crescent	10.05am	10.25am
Post Office	10.30 am	10.50am
Langford Hall Farm - Langford	10.55am	11.10am
<u>Snæfell, Langford Lane (Holme)</u>	11.20am	11.30am
<u>Southview Farm - Holme</u>	11.35am	11.55am

The dates of each monthly visit can, usually (unless I slip up!), be found on the Calendar page.

Ed

The Christmas Lunch was held on Monday, 10th December, attended by 64 diners. We are extremely grateful to all those who help to put on the lunches throughout the year, particularly our chef Trevor but also those who help him in the kitchen and all the furniture movers, table layers, food and drink servers and door and raffle money collectors.



During the year the Community Centre has benefitted from the Lunch Club by over £1,400, a very useful contribution to the running costs. However, this is a slight reduction on the previous year. This is because we have not kept up with the steady increase in food and energy costs. As explained at the November lunch we will have to increase the admission charge in 2013 from £7 to £8. We hope you will think this is still good value.

As usual there will be **no Lunch** in January. The next Lunch will be at 12.30pm on **Monday, 4th February** at the Community Centre. The menu will be published in good time.

Peter Foden

TUESDAY CLUB

Both meetings in January will be in the Village Hall

Tuesday, 8th January, 2013, 10.30am. Morning Coffee.



Tuesday, 22nd January, 2.30pm. AGM.

A very happy and healthy New Year to all.

Jean Foden.

WINTHORPE & DISTRICT W. I. DECEMBER REPORT



Where did the year go? Already we have celebrated Christmas with our party at the Community Centre. The committee ladies and some of their husbands were busy in the afternoon laying out tables and chairs ready for members coming in the evening. There were vases of seasonal foliage on each table and with the cutlery and glasses, with their red serviettes on the silver tablecloths, everything looked very festive.

When the members came in the evening bearing their offerings of food we once again had groaning tables. There was ham and pork pies with many different types of salad and other delicious savouries.

Mrs. Pat Nelson our President welcomed everyone to the meeting and proposed a Toast to Absent friends

Then we had a break while we were entertained by Mr.K.Goddard who had brought along video pictures with music to tell us about Classical music from Concerto to Ballet and The Proms, for which we had all been given a flag to wave for Jerusalem and Rule Britannia.

Mr. Goddard was thanked by Mrs. Sylvia Lloyd, who had earlier played Jerusalem for our opening.

Then we had our dessert, again there were delicious trifles and other sweets with lashings of cream and to follow there was a cheese board.

Members had donated to our chosen charity, which this year was The Newark Friends of Orchard School.

There was a Secret Santa and also a Raffle. At the end of the evening we closed with Auld Lang Syne.

A good evening for everyone, especially as some husbands came to do the washing up, thank you Good Fellows.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 10th** in the village hall.

Mr Keith Armstrong, a cartoonist, is our guest and the hostesses will be:-
Mrs M Bark, Mrs R Dickenson and Mrs E Pacey.

Daphne Marshall



Garden Club

Well that's another year gone! Let's hope this one reverts to what I remember as normal, with long sunny spells in summer, punctuated by occasional refreshing rain. I can dream can't I?

I trust your Christmas was a peaceful and happy one and wish everyone **Peace, Happiness and Fulfilment in the New Year.**

There is no meeting to report this month but we look forward to a varied programme of talks in the months ahead. In the meantime a reminder that our annual party is on **January 16th**. Please bring your food contribution, together with whatever you like to drink.

Ian Wilson



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Thank you



Back in the autumn I wrote to the Parish Council suggesting that improved access across the Jubilee Bridge was necessary for those of us of who rely on mobility scooters. I would like to thank them for their speedy response.

Now that the ramps are in place, it is a pleasure to complete the Jubilee Walk circuit in complete safety.

Roy Brumpton - 13 Woodlands.

Victorian Christmas Tea Party.



Thank you very much to everyone who came along to this very enjoyable tea party and to the team of helpers who decorated the hall, made cakes, served the tea and washed up!! The Hall looked lovely and we raised **£202.50** plus **£21** for the sale of Christmas

cards.

I have had an acknowledgment for Beaumont House thanking us and saying ' the total amount is equivalent to 15 hours of Community care or 45 patient lunches. The annual cost of running Beaumont House are in excess of £800,000 with around £600,000 raised through charitable contributions from the public and business community. Your support is of the hospice is invaluable to us'.

Many thanks,

Barbara Woodcock



DID YOU KNOW

1. There are eight lucernes (a type of dormer window) in the needle spire of All Saints' Church.
2. Winthorpe Cricket Club, now called Coddington & Winthorpe Cricket Club, was formed in 1887 and is our oldest club. Two institutions older are All Saints' Church and The Lord Nelson public house.
3. Winthorpe Post Office was once situated on the Village Green facing the Lord Nelson and what is now the Lord Nelson car park.
4. In 1849, the Methodist Chapel on Chapel Lane was built at a cost of £150. George H. Gamble, (1802-1886) miller gave the ground and £50. Part of the building still remains at the entrance to the home of Mr. & Mrs. Alec Stewart.
5. It is 12 years, this month, since Cliff Newbold took over as editor of Focal Point, so on behalf of its advertisers, contributors, distributors and readers, I wish to say **'Happy Birthday' and Thank You.**

Pat Finn.

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Are you interested in playing Scrabble?

We are starting a **Winthorpe Scrabble Club** to play on Friday afternoons from 2pm – Cost to be 20p towards the tea and biscuits.

For further information please phone
Annie or Nick on 01636 658347

Carer's Emergency Card scheme –

Emergency card offers peace of mind to Newark and Sherwood carers

People caring for a relative or friend who lives in Newark and Sherwood are being urged to sign up to a carer's card which offers 24-hour support in the event of an emergency.

The appeal was made to coincide with Carer's Rights Day on Fri.30th Nov.

The free card helps to ensure care can be provided on the carer's behalf on an emergency basis.

Currently, 334 carers have signed up to the Carer's Emergency Card scheme which is now solely managed by Nottinghamshire County Council.

The Council wants more people to sign up to the scheme to help protect those who receive care in the county.

An estimated 80,000 residents in Nottinghamshire are carers for loved ones and family members.

The card gives an emergency telephone number that anyone can call. Staff answering the call will take the appropriate action that has been agreed by the carer, including contacting family members or friends or arranging emergency help if needed.

Adrian Hartley and his wife Julie from Newark, care for their 31 year old son Dale who has complex needs both physical and learning disabilities. Adrian said: "We have set up the carer's emergency card with the help of Nottinghamshire County Council to identify our wishes should we be prevented from caring for any reason.

"The scheme offers 24-hour emergency cover so you can be less worried about going out. You can have peace of mind that if anything happens to you while you are out or if you are suddenly taken ill at home, contact will be made and agreed emergency plans put into action."

Councillor Kevin Rostance, the Chairman of the County Council's Adult Social Care Committee, said: "Carers play a crucial role in supporting friends or relatives who cannot manage without this help.

"The emergency card offers extra assurance to a carer that if anything happens to them care will be provided to the person they care for.

“Anyone who cares for an adult family member or friend who depends on them because they are ill, disabled or frail should apply for a card.”

To apply for the card contact the Council on 0300 500 80 80 or
Email:- enquiries@nottsc.gov.uk

The Snow Code:

- Don't make the footways more dangerous by causing them to refreeze. But don't be put off clearing footways because you're afraid someone will get injured. Remember -- people walking on snow and ice have responsibility to be careful themselves.
- Clear the snow or ice early in the day -- it's easier to move fresh, loose snow rather than hard snow that has packed together from people walking on it. If you remove the top layer of snow in the morning, any sunshine during the day will help melt any ice beneath. You can then cover the path with salt before nightfall to stop it refreezing overnight.
- Use salt or sand -- not water! If you use water to melt the snow, it will refreeze and turn to black ice. You can use ordinary table or dishwasher salt -- a tablespoon for each square metre you clear should work. If you don't have enough salt, you can also use sand or ash. These won't stop the path icing over as well as salt, but will provide good grip under foot.
- Use your own salt for your own driveway and only use the salt from council grit bins for public footways and roads so that together we have enough to go around
- When you're shovelling snow, take care where you put it so it doesn't block people's paths or drains.
- Offer to clear your neighbours' paths. If your neighbour will have difficulty getting in and out of their home, offer to clear snow and ice around their property as well. Check that any elderly or disabled neighbours are alright in the cold weather. If you're worried about them, contact your local council.

For further information please contact Ian Wheeler, senior media officer, on
0115 977 3757 or email ian.wheeler@nottsc.gov.uk

The Aegir.....

Earlier this year one of the lock doors at West Stockwith, where the Chesterfield canal meets the Trent, was attacked by 'The Aegir', causing some damage! Now 'The Aegir' is unlikely to come knocking on our doors, but it might be interesting to know something about this ancient menace.

Put simply, 'The Aegir' is a tide generated wave that travels up the Trent whenever astronomical and hydrological factors combine in a particular



way. A better known example of this feature is the Severn Bore, on the River Severn of course. You may have seen pictures of surfers and canoeists riding the wave of the Bore. The Trent doesn't seem to feature extreme sports, but neither does it have a boring name, it is 'The Aegir'.

Aegir is the Norse god of the sea in mythology, equivalent to the Greek Poseidon or Roman Neptune. He is always

keen to grab hold of careless or unlucky sailors, possibly because he is reputed to be a bit of a 'party animal' and willing guests are infrequent in the watery depths. Whether the Trent bore was named the Aegir in Viking times I don't know, but it is a distinct possibility as there is at least one other Aegir in eastern England and an indeed the word 'Bore' is of Scandinavian root.

Many who know of the Severn Bore think that it is a rather rare phenomenon, but this is not so. River bores can occur not only on the Trent and Severn, but also on the Mersea, Dee, Wye, Yorkshire Ouse and around Morecambe Bay. Surprisingly there isn't a Thames Bore, although the geographical features of the Thames Estuary seem to fit the requirements for bore formation.. The wave effects are quite small in most of these, which is why they don't come to our attention.

Bores occur in lots of other countries, some of them much more spectacular than our own examples. They are, or were, known on the Amazon in Brazil, Seine in France, Hooghly in India, Indus in Pakistan, Ganges in Bangla Desh and Qiantang-Jiang in China. This last, flowing through the city of Hangzhou can field waves of up to 3 metres (10ft)

high travelling at up to 12 metres/sec (30 mph); rather scary! The Trent and Severn can field waves up to 2 metres (6ft) high travelling at about 6 m/sec (15 mph) although bores of this size are infrequent. The Environment Agency forecasted 49 incidents of the Aegir in 2012 but none of them were expected to be significant and may not have occurred at all, depending on conditions.



The fact that the Aegir has an ancient name indicates that it must have had some significance in times past for navigation and flooding. Other special names are noted on other places; the Seine bore is the Mascaret, the Amazon has the Pororoca. The names are not totally specific, the Yorkshire Ouse has an Aegir and in France the Garonne features a Mascaret also.

When and where do these river bores occur? The governing factors are topographical, astronomical, hydrological and meteorological. The river needs a long, funnel shaped estuary like the Bristol Channel or Humber Estuary. The river needs to be long, with a very shallow slope. The sea into which the river empties should have a significant tidal range. The bore is initiated by a large rise from low to high tide at the estuary mouth as is caused at spring tides when the gravitational pull of the Moon and Sun combine in line to lift the water higher. The flow in the river needs to be low, such as after a period of low rainfall, so as not to impede the wave. Finally the tidal effects can be enhanced if there is a deep low pressure area in the local atmosphere with strong winds. Such weather conditions can raise the sea level dramatically, as occurred in the 1953 floods on our East coast and in Holland.

So how? When the tide lifts the water level at the mouth of the Humber, as it does twice a day, water is pushed up the estuary towards Hull and Goole. As the banks squeeze together the water flows faster. At the top end of the estuary much of this water is brought to a halt and since there will have been millions of tonnes of water travelling at up to 2 metres/sec this is going to result in a huge pile up at Trent Falls. The amplification of the tide range can be very large, for instance out in the Irish sea the tide range does not exceed a couple of metres, but at Bristol it can be up to 15 metres.

At Trent Falls this water tries to find its way up the Trent. Since the water can't fill up the whole length of the Trent evenly it must appear as a wave, travelling up the river quite rapidly. In normal circumstances the shape of the wave can't be seen as the wavelength is very long, all an observer sees is the gradually rising water level. Because the water level rise is modest compared with the depth of the river the wave behaves as a classical 'deep water wave', just like ocean swells. The speed of the wave is large, up to 12 metres/sec but the inflowing water travels much slower.

However, when larger tides occur, the wave height is much greater in relation to the river depth and the wave begins to act as a 'shallow water wave' whose speed is governed by the depth of water and is much slower than the deep water wave. This behaviour can be seen almost every day at the seaside; look out to sea and the waves can be seen to be long and rolling, closer to the shore these waves get closer together as they slow up on the shelving beach. They also increase in height, eventually breaking into surf. Similarly in the Trent the depth limits the wave velocity to about 4 to 6 metres/sec and the incoming water piles up behind the wave, sometimes causing a breaking wave. Eventually friction slows the water so the Aegir doesn't travel much beyond Gainsborough and only on occasions is there enough energy in the tide to create this notable feature.

If you are interested in seeing the Aegir the Environment Agency provides details of possible dates on its website with some indication of the predicted strength. You will have to go by car to Gainsborough or Stockwith; I certainly won't be taking my boat onto the river when the Aegir is about!

Martin Shapley

HOWDEN & JONES

**Will be performing at Winthorpe Village Hall
on Friday 8th March.**



Kate Howden and Paul Jones are songwriters who have been travelling all over the country, touring Village Halls, Small Theatres and Arts Centres.

creating their ‘**beautiful music in beautiful places**’ Tour. They have been sharing their music and stories, often meeting friendly and fascinating people and visiting some wonderful, unusual venues in sometimes remote and always beautiful areas along the way. They write about life and their observations of it, often poignant, sometimes humorous, and gathering new material as they travel, they captivate an audience in a unique intimate atmosphere. Their show has been described as, ‘relaxed and enchanting’ and ‘an absolute delight’, ‘their joy, talent and good humour were infectious’ & ‘music for all ages’.

With a variety of instruments including, guitar, fiddle, mandolin, bodhran and banjo, superb harmonies and great musicianship, howdenjones will promise to give you a foot tapping and thought provoking evening with plenty of smiles!

You can hear examples of ‘howdenjones’ music by visiting

www.howdenjones.co.uk

This should be a great evening but as the hall is small places are limited.

Book your tickets early (£6.00) by reserving your places **NOW** –

01636 681299

Barbara Woodcock

Church Notices

Hi! there - I hope like me you were all looking forward to Christmas and that it all went well; although by the time you read this Christmas will be well and truly over.

To bring you up to date Alan has now retired and Christine Haslam is encouraging her fingers to move graciously across the keyboard of the organ. Ian Haslam has taken over the technical aspects of heating and Church up keep. As for me, I somehow find myself as the new Vice Chairman to the PCC.

Anne has stepped down as secretary but remains on the committee and is being very helpful, particularly to Sylvia, during this handover period. We also have a new member to the Committee namely Sharon Spencer who has taken on the job of Secretary. Whilst the handover takes place, any requests regarding All Saints should be made to me on tel. **703271**. and I will ensure that it reaches the person responsible

Thanks have to go to Barbara Woodcock and the Village Hall Committee for their kind consideration of the church in allowing us to purchase a brand new cleaner from them that was surplus to their requirements.

The New Year will see us having our first meeting under my leadership, so look out for February's newsletter as we will doubtless have lots to report.

Keith Lloyd, On behalf of PCC

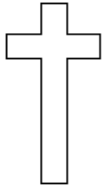
This is Keith and Sylvia at the celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary and Keith's 80th birthday.



It was at the Community Centre on the 15th of December that approximately 70 of us celebrated with them to 'Higgledy-Piggledy' a ceilidh band that kept us all on our toes for a very special evening.

On behalf of their guests I would like to say thank you to you both and your very supportive family; you celebrated in a most appropriate manner for two so young! A great night.

Ed.



JANUARY SERVICES

Sunday 6th - Epiphany

9am

Holy Communion, Holme.

Sunday 13th – 2nd Epiphany

9am

Morning Worship, Langford.

10.15am

Holy Communion, Winthorpe.

Sunday 20th – 3rd of Epiphany

10.15am

Morning Service, Winthorpe.

Thursday 24th

10am

Holy Communion BCP Winthorpe.

CHURCH BELLS

They will continue to be rung on a Thursday night
between 7pm and 9pm for practice.

In addition:-

Sunday the 13th and Sunday the 20th

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

January

20th Mrs Finn & Mrs P Nelson

February

22nd Mr & Mrs McClymont



JANUARY CALENDAR

Monday 7 th	Green Bin.
Tuesday 8 th	Tuesday Club, Coffee Morn. 10.30am V.H.
Thursday 10 th	WI meeting, 7.30pm – Village Hall.
Monday 14 th	Silver Bin.
Wednesday 16 th	Garden Club Party, 7.30pm – Comm. Centre.
Monday 21 st	Green Bin. Library Van.
Tuesday 22 nd	Tuesday Club AGM, 2.30pm – Village Hall.
Monday 28 th	Silver Bin.

FEBRUARY

Monday 4 th	Lunch Club 12.30pm - Community Centre.
Tuesday 19 th	Afternoon Tea 2pm - Community Centre.

MARCH

Friday 8 th	Howden & Jones -Village Hall
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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