FOCAL POINT

Issue No. 360



Ed's Comments

In the past I have received requests to remind dog owners to clean up any mess and apart from the Cricket club expressing concern about the pitch surround, no other complaints have been made for many months. So congratulations to those responsible owners.

However I have received a new complaint, it is with regard to dogs loose on the streets **at an early hour of the day**, causing some distress, for there are many people who are afraid of dogs no matter how harmless their owners feel they are.

It may be worth mentioning that under 'The Dogs on Leads by Direction (Newark and Sherwood District) Order 2010' the authorities can issue an order to dog owners to keep their dog on a lead – 'to prevent a nuisance or behaviour by the dog likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person on any land to which this Order applies'

Hopefully it won't get that far. It really is just a question of being considerate towards others.

Once again Andrew Fereday makes a plea for more cricketers, to ensure the survival of Winthorpe's 123years old club. So whilst it is appreciated that there are probably more residents of our villages with bus passes than cricket bats, perhaps they have grandchildren who would enjoy an evening or afternoon in lovely surroundings? Just a thought, as it would be a shame if the club folded.

Where will we end up when we are gone? Perhaps we ought to attend the Public Meeting in the Community Centre at 7.30pm on Monday the 15th to find out?

Cliff Newbold

Closing date for the December issue is **19**th **November.**Deliver to 18 Woodlands or email:- cliffnewbold@ntlworld.com

PS

To see this newsletter in 'glorious colour' why not visit the village web site?

COMMUNITY CENTRE

LUNCH CLUB

The next Lunch will be at 12.30pm on **Monday**, **1**st **November**. The menu will be:-

Chicken & Ham Bake
or
Trout with Almond Butter
with
New Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables

Bread and Butter Pudding with Custard

£7.00 including a glass of wine and coffee.

As the Lunch is on the day Focal Point is due out you will hopefully have seen the posters and rung Jean and Peter Foden (**704241**) not later than Thursday, October 29th to reserve your place and give your choice of menu. Please pay at the door.

Frances Kelly, Chairman

TUESDAY CLUB

Tuesday, 9th November.

Coffee morning at 10.30am in the Village Hall in aid of the League of Friends of Newark Hospital. (see separate notice)



Tuesday, 23rd November.



Possible Christmas shopping outing to 'Dobbies World'.

Jean Foden, 704241

Winthorpe-with-Langford Parish Council

Special Public Meeting

Monday 15th November 2010 Winthorpe Community Centre

commencing at **7-30 p.m.**



To discuss the proposed new village grave yard and other recent developments affecting the village and its residents.

The Parish Council hope that as many local residents as possible will attend this meeting.

Please note the time above, as I made a typing error on the calendar page last month, although the notice itself was correct. I apologise to anyone inconvenienced by it. My thanks to the person who pointed it out!

Winthorpe Tuesday Club

invite you to a

COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF
THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF NEWARK HOSPITAL
IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY,
9TH NOVEMBER, 10.30am to 12noon.

Christmas cards, calendars, tea towels etc will be on sale and there will be a cake stall. Coffee and biscuits £1.

WINTHORPE & DISTRILCT W.I. REPORT FOR OCTOBER



Mrs. Pat Nelson welcomed members and two visitors, who we hope will become members, to the meeting. The Gifts and Greetings stall were also welcomed. Members who could not attend because of illness or holidays have sent their apologies.

The minutes were read and correspondence also. There is a trip to the Palace Theatre in Newark to see Hannah Gordon, and members were reminded of this event, as well as the Christmas Carol day at Oxton, tickets will be distributed later. This was the last chance for names for the Carol Concert at Southwell Minster on December 4th.

Mrs Nelson then introduced our speaker Mr. John Whitfield, who gave us a really informative and comprehensive insight into the life of Edward the Prince of Wales who abdicated before he could be crowned Edward VI11th. There were among the audience one or two ladies who could just remember him, but the others were far too young! As a young man he was very sporty and enjoyed the usual country pursuits of the era. He was a frequent visitor to Belton House near Grantham and rode out with local Hunts, two of which were the Quorn and Belvoir. He was also a party animal, as we say today, and liked the ladies. However when he met Wallace Simpson, who apparently was not wealthy, but a married woman and already once divorced, he was smitten and was determined to make her his wife. The Government were against the union and they could not persuade them to change their minds, which led to the inevitable abdication and the couple leaving this country never to be domiciled here again.

Mrs. Dys Gold thanked the speaker for a most interesting talk.

The raffle was drawn, and members bought items from the gift stall during the tea break.

Our next meeting in the Village Hall is on **November 11th**, when someone from 'Personally Yours Chocolates' will be speaking and demonstrating.

Hands on making chocolates & volunteers for tasting! [Don't all rush forward]. Purchases can be made! So don't forget your purses. Hostesses are Mesdames S Reynolds and E Thornton.

Daphne Marshall



On his return visit our speaker, John Summerfield, entertained us with an illustrated talk entitled 'Staff only beyond this point'. As this might suggest, it was the story of the trials and tribulations, success and satisfaction involved in the propagation and preparation of plants for sale at this small family nursery in Winterton.

The husband and wife team have been at the present site for 25 years, although John only worked in the nursery at weekends and evenings. Gail specialised in hardy perennials whilst John's passion is for ornamental grasses. His expertise won them a Gold for a display at a recent edition of the Harrogate Autumn Show.

Previously employing a number of local people, the couple decided that being of retirement age they should scale back production and now they work alone. People can still visit the nursery but there are no set opening hours. Plants are also sold by mail order, at plant fairs and at roadshows and garden clubs.

Johns humourous and well illustrated delivery used much anecdotal material, much of it based on seemingly ill-observed comments from customers, such as 'Are you still selling flowers'?

Many of us took the opportunity to buy from the selection of perennials and bulbs that were on offer.

The next meeting is on **November 17th** when club members Paul & Diana Kitson will give a talk on 'Our Holidays'.

Ian Wilson



VILLAGE BONFIRE

The village Bonfire will be held on **Saturday 6th November 2010** on the field behind the school.

Do come along and enjoy the fantastic fireworks

display.

There will be stalls, hot food, games, a bar and a Bouncy castle.

Tickets:-Adults -£4 and children under 16-£2

Family tickets can be purchased in advance from Winthorpe Post office for £10 (for 2 adults and up to three children)

Please note that Family tickets cannot be purchased on the gate.

Free parking is available-please follow the directional signs which lead to the designated car park.

Please **do not park** in the areas around Gainsborough Road, Pocklington Crescent and Hargon Lane. **THESE AREAS MUST BE KEPT CLEAR**.

The gate opens at 6pm and the mini fireworks display starts at 6.45pm (this display is designed to be more suitable for younger children)

The bonfire will be lit at 7.00pm

and the main firework display will follow at 7.15pm

PERSONAL FIREWORKS:-

Please note that due to insurance restrictions and Health and Safety regulations ,personal fireworks are not allowed. This includes sparklers.

STEWARDS:-

We would be delighted if you would like to help as a steward on the night.

Please contact:-

Denise Day -708727, Mike Toulson-610641. Howard Pope -659491

WOODEN WASTE:-

We will be accepting wooden waste on Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st October and on 6th November until 4.00pm.

Unfortunately it will not be possible to collect any wooden waste.

PLEASE NOTE

No metal will be accepted e.g. mattresses and sofas will not be accepted because of the metal springs. Concrete slabs and glass are also unacceptable.

We sincerely hope that you can come along to support us. Proceeds to the village youth club

Denise Day



School Visit

On Monday 11th October my class and I went to Swaffham to visit the EcoTech Centre to see the only Wind Turbine you can climb, in the whole world! It was huge and when you were standing underneath it, it made you feel like you were going to fall straight over.

Inside was a spiral staircase, when I saw how many stairs there were to climb I got lots of butterflies in my stomach. We climbed the stairs in stages, resting in between – there were 305 altogether. When we were about half way up the turbine began to shake... Our tour guide explained that it was good it wobbled, if it didn't it would probably fall over! I was so relieved when we got to the top (65m high) until I looked down. You could see lots of things, everything looked really small especially our bus and the car park. Whilst in the viewing platform I felt the blades change direction and get faster, it was as if we were in a helicopter about to take off!

After about ten minutes looking at the view we climbed back down and had a live interview with our own class reporter; Thianni. I was so relieved to be on the ground that I even kissed the floor!



During the day we also carried out

an investigation into the number of blades on a pretend turbine, to see how many went the fastest when blown by a fan. We also watched a short video on how to save energy and the environment and looked for facts in the centre. We had a yummy packed lunch and also got to spend some money in the gift shop.

I will always remember this unusual day and would love to go back. Thank you Mr Macintyre and Miss Litowczyk for arranging this trip.

By Georgia Paige Aged 9. Soon to be 10!

Invitation.....

Please come and join us at our pensioners' lunch on **24**th **November 12 noon.** Ring early to book and confirm the date.

Jamie Macintyre, Head teacher (01636) 680060 - school.office@winthorpe.notts.sch.uk - www.winthorpe.notts.sch.uk

WINTHORPE CRICKET CLUB



What has proven to be a long season is now over and at the time of reading this we will be well and truly preparing for winter with the clocks having gone back and a noticeable "nip" in the air.

Our final few games have been a microcosm of the season as a whole, sufficient in numbers but not the right balance between bowlers and batters. The good news being that we have been able to take to the field with 11 men. What has been doubly frustrating is that in these games we have lost to what can only be described as a "one man show" with one particular individual having a massive influence on the game unfortunately not to our benefit. This has meant that that come the day of reckoning we have fallen short and will be relegated to Division 3 next season.

Things on the Bonus Ball front, disappointingly, have not really progressed, however the Club is determined to get things going in the not too distant future. It would really be appreciated if those of you who previously took out a number could get in touch as I don't have contact details for a number of you if you are interested in taking out a number anew. Additionally for those who wish to take out a number who didn't previously please also get in touch and I'll make the necessary arrangements. My contact details are included at the end of this report or you can get me on 07500 079113 or call in to Dial House if you are passing and pick a number.

To find out more about the club, check out the Club webpage on the Village website and also take a look at our own website on www.winthorpecc.co.uk which has now been bought up to date.

Contact Details

Should you wish to contact the Club please call any of the following or alternatively there is a "Contact the Club" facility on the website.

Andy Fereday – 678622, Simon Potter – 612968, Paul Matthews - 677769

Results:

I will endeavour to keep the match reports succinct and to the point - a trait for which I am not well known.

The 5th September saw us playing the return home fixture against Caythorpe in what was the first of the one man show finale to the season.

Batting first Caythorpe were dismissed for a gettable 155 with their number 3 batsmen scoring the vast share of the runs. Dan Marshall completed his 10 overs taking 4 wickets for 24, ably supported by Brian Noble taking 3 for 36. In what proved to be a somewhat disappointing reply their number 3 batsman opened the bowling taking 7 wickets for not many runs in his 10 overs. Paul Matthews top scored on the batting front scoring 30.

The following week saw Heighington visit Holme Lane, batting first they scored 177 off their 40 overs for the loss of 7 wickets on what was a decent if somewhat damp wicket. James Bailey, Andy Fereday and Dan Marshall all taking 2 wickets apiece. In response we were all out for 142 which was frustrating as initially we were up with the required run rate and looking relatively composed. Andy Fereday held firm at the top of the order before being dismissed for 31 with Neil Bailey top scoring, a little further down the order, with a brisk big hitting 43

In what turned out to be our final game of the season we travelled to Owmby in what was a typical Winthorpe end of season fixture. Having put on 179 for the loss of 5 wickets Owmby put Winthorpe to the sword dismissing us for 26!

Finally just a couple of updates firstly we are holding winter nets at the Magnus School. These will take place fortnightly on a Sunday from 11:00am to 12:00 noon. The first one will be taking place Sunday 24th October, subsequent dates will be 7th November; 21st November and 5th December. All are welcome so please come along and give it a try. It is the ideal opportunity for those who are total novices and those who are a little rusty and would like to polish up their skills.

Please don't be shy we are a friendly bunch and would like to get more people from the village involved whether it be on the Bonus Ball front or on the playing front. If you have any questions before you commit please give me a call, drop in or if you see me out and about in the village, stop me and have a chat. I cannot emphasise how much the Club currently needs your support.

We have been going 123 years we would like to get to 125 at least however it is becoming increasingly difficult both financially and in terms of support.

Andy Fereday

WINTHORPE VILLAGE HALL



The grant application for £14,400 for the refurbishment of the Village Hall has now been submitted and we will hear on December 16th whether or not it has been successful. If we

are successful work is likely to start in February 2011.

The Trustees thank the village for the help and support which has been given to this very worthwhile project.

The Village Hall AGM is on Friday **19th November** 7.30pm at the Village Hall and all residents of the village are welcome. We are also looking for new members of the Trustee Committee. If this interests you please contact David or Barbara on 01636 **681299** or come along to the meeting.

Barbara Woodcock

Hon. Secretary, Winthorpe Village Hall Trustees.



Tuesday 23rd November at 2pm

Just to let you know that the coach will be leaving the Post Office at 9.00am and the Lord Nelson at 9.10am.

We will be having coffee, approx 11.00am, at the Ffolkes Arms Hotel Country Club, Hillington, King's Lynn.

I suggest you take a snack for lunch as the restaurant at Thursford gets very busy.

Your evening meal of £11 is payable on the night.

I look forward to seeing you.

Barbara.



A big thank you to residents of the Woodlands Winthorpe for donating £65 for the Marie Curie Cancer Care charity.

Pat and John Nelson



Many thanks for your cards, flowers, support and generous donations.

Ian, Ann and myself really appreciate your kindness following the sad loss of John.

David provided a beautiful service, Alan and Ann Stone were a great help and Caroline and Scott of the Lord Nelson

provided the refreshments.

Thank you all.

Audrey Craven



Winthorpe Community Centre 7PM - 11PM

Friday 19th November 2010 Food and Drink on sale

Adults: £5 OAP and Kids (Under 16): £3

All proceeds to children in need!

Tickets Available from Winthorpe Post Office

Church Notices

Many thanks to Steve Lord for organising the 'Ride & Stride' annual event for Winthorpe as the representative of the Nottingham Historic Churches Trust. As a result over £60 was raised in sponsorship and there was a record number of visitors to Winthorpe Church.

He would like to build on this achievement next year.

Diane McClymont & Jean Aldridge cleaned the church brasses for the first time to welcome the Male Voice Choir. Our grateful thanks.

We were delighted to have a full church to hear the Mansfield & District Male Voice Choir on Saturday September 25th. It was a most enjoyable evening and a very polished performance by the choir. Many people have requested they be invited again sometime in the future. As a result we were able to donate £190 to the 'Air Ambulance'

Many of you will know that for some years we have been troubled by a noisy radiator at the back of the church which has required turning off at the beginning of the service making the church cold.

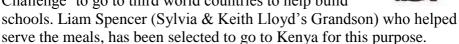
Having spoken to an engineer at Derry's it has now been possible to have the radiator repaired.

We are very grateful to Audrey Craven for the donation following John's funeral which we have put towards the cost of this work, the warmth will be a lasting memory to John who was so friendly and caring and who will be sadly missed.

About 50 of us attended a Harvest Supper in the Community Centre on Friday evening 15th October. We enjoyed a good 'Sing Song' thanks to

Sylvia at the piano & Christine Hasman who led the singing. Pat Finn produced a couple of Quizzes.

Our thanks to all who helped to make it a memorable evening. Those present contributed £90 for the 'World Challenge' to go to third world countries to help build



As usual the church was decorated beautifully for the Harvest Festival. Thank you ladies and any gentlemen who helped.

We send our best wishes to those who are unwell or in hospital at this time. Please remember Philip & Beryl Watts. There will be a PCC meeting on Monday November 22^{nd} at 'The Rectory' in Collingham.

If anyone has any suggestions as to how the church may better serve the Community in Winthorpe do please let me know.

Church Bells

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

Sunday November 14th, 10.15am - Remembrance Service Sunday November 21st, 10.15am - Morning Worship Sunday November 28th, 5pm – Evensong

Ann Stone, PCC Secretary.

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

Dear All,

We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land is the first line of a most well known harvest hymn. This agricultural seed scattering mirrors the mission of Christians around the world scattering the good news of Jesus Christ. Paul the great evangelist and missioner was the first and arguably the most successful person to scatter the message

very widely in the early years following Jesus' resurrection. Paul's story is told through his three missionary journeys, which are well documented in the book 'The Acts of the Apostles' familiarly known as 'Acts'. Throughout his ministry he wrote letters to some of the churches that were started. The letters provide a lively insight into the way that different groups of people, struggling to live as full Christians, coped with living amongst a cynical and unbelieving age. There is enormous interest in them today as many of the questions that challenged them are the same questions challenging Christians today. It is largely through Paul's energy, teaching and charisma that the Christian message and particular way of life became rooted within a generation. The message of abiding love, God's grace and forgiveness remain at the heart of the journey of all Christians. Paul spoke publically often in hostile situations. He ran what we will recognize as workshops and retreats. The letters Paul wrote were read aloud to the groups to which they were addressed, some were pastoral, some were to help when groups had lost their way, others were sent to discipline. Paul used every up to date means at his disposal to communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Today we have many more means of communication, but the message is the same and continues to be received into a similar, cynical and hostile world that Paul and the early church spoke into. How and where the gospel is presented is as important as it was at the time Paul was making his missionary journeys. Two of the most significant developments over the last five years are mobile phones and centrally the World Wide Web. For the past 6 years beginning with the Collingham Group we have had our own website. It now supports the East Trent Group of Churches.

Seven years ago it was felt that a website dedicated to the then Collingham Group of five churches should be set up. The first step was to think through who might build the site and manage it. A parishioner and 'web wizard' Eric Ashton was approached and tentatively said yes.

Eric and I discussed a number of ways in which the site could be built and developed. From a small beginning, over the following 6 years, Eric supported by his wife Olive have worked hard from their dining room to build and advance the site. I am very thankful for Eric's insight, creativity and hard work. I have learnt a lot about a number of church affiliated topics, due entirely to his

research. I also recognised my own limited computer skills. Eric and Olive have recently moved away to live nearer their daughter and son in law. Eric has not been too well of late and at several levels it is a sensible decision. Eric will be much missed not just for his work on the Collingham Churches website, but also his dedicated and loyal membership of the Parish Choir. Eric will also be a sad loss to the Collingham Singers a group born out of the Parish choir 20 or more years ago. For myself and on behalf for the East Trent Group Choir and the Collingham PCC, Eric and Olive, thank you for all your creative energy and loving support. Ian Hasman a member of our church of All Saints Winthorpe has for the time being taken on the task of running and promoting the website. The website enables anyone connected to the Internet to learn about the East Trent Group of Churches it's ethos, work and vision. If you are able to, go on line and see how it continues to be developed from the foundations laid by Eric Ashton.

Whilst the gospel message remains unchanged it is vital that the church uses every tool at its disposal to make known to the widest audience the power of Gods love communicated by Jesus of Nazareth.

As I conclude this article I am setting off for another harvest celebration at which will be sung the iconic hymn "We plough the fields and scatter", it conjures up a sentimental past, but forcibly reminds us of our need to cherish the land and value our amazing fearsome natural world. As we give thanks for this years harvest throughout the East Trent Group. The Internet can help us learn more about community, and ourselves but of importance our amazing planet.

All Saints Winthorpe held its harvest celebrations during the weekend of the 15th, 16th 17th October. A very good harvest meal was held at the Community Centre, prepared by Roger and enjoyed by all who attended. Sylvia Lloyd and Christine Hasman supported, to great effect, the community singing slot. All present were also able to enjoy a well planned quiz. It was quite an evening! Key to its success was the warmth and fun that all those attending felt. On Sunday we were able to enjoy a well-attended Harvest Service in Church. A goodly number of folks remained at the conclusion of the service for coffee and conversation.

Yours in Christ

David

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Dear friends a note to thank you for your wonderful effort in decorating the Church so beautifully.

There were many complimentary comments by the congregation and visitors from other Church's and to our eyes a joy to behold.

Also to those of you who bought tickets and supported the Harvest Supper," Thank you" It appeared to be well enjoyed every one being in good voice.

To those of you who either didn't or couldn't come you missed a great evening and lastly to all of you who donated so well to our Grandson Liam's project in the" World Challenge." we are extremely grateful for your generosity.

THANKYOU - Sylvia Lloyd

"Harvest supper - World Challenge

To everyone who attended the harvest supper and kindly donated towards my World Challenge fund, a heartfelt "thank you".

Liam Spencer



NOVEMBER SERVICES

Sunday 7th - 3rd Sunday before Advent 9am Holy Communion, Holme.

NO SERVICE AT WINTHORPE

Sunday 14th - Armistice Sunday

10.15am **Service of Remembrance** of 50th Anniversary of

the Battle of Britain. Winthorpe

Thursday 18th

10am Holy Communion, Said service (B.C.P), Winthorpe

Sunday 21st - Sunday before Advent

10.15am Morning Worship

Sunday 28th - ADVENT SUNDAY

10.15am Family Service, Holme. 5.0pm Evensong, Winthorpe

ALL ARE WELCOME

Please note:-

Langford miss their service this month because it's due on Remembrance Sunday when there is just the one service at Winthorpe

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

26th Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Foden

24th Mrs Finn, Mrs Nelson

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Monday 1st Luncheon Club, 12.30pm - Centre

Green Bin

Saturday 6th Village Bonfire, 6pm-Fire Lit 7pm

Monday 8th Silver Bin

Tuesday 9th Tues. Club Coffee Morn. 10.30am – V.H.

Thursday 11th WI meeting, 7.30pm – Village Hall.

Library Van

Monday 15th Green Bin

Wednesday 17th Garden Club, 7.30pm – Community Centre. Friday 19th Village Hall AGM 7.30pm – Village Hall.

70's Disco, 7pm – Community Centre

Monday 22nd Silver Bin

Tuesday 23rd Tuesday Club outing?

Thursford visit, 9am outside of Post Office.

Wednesday 24th School Lunch 12noon

Thursday 25th Library Van Monday 29th Green Bin

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^{&#}x27;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.'