



## Ed's Comments

Last month I was really pleased to make the comment that the dog owners within the village had reacted admirably upon complaints regarding the mess their dogs had made and as a result I had received no further complaints for a very long time. Unfortunately, as if to 'spite' me, last month someone's dog had fouled the pavement outside of my house and it had not been picked up. How disgusted I felt. Shame on you who left the mess. I am of course assuming that the dog did have an owner 'attached', as I cannot remember personally seeing a loose dog in the Woodlands.

On a happier note I attended the village bonfire and was very impressed with the whole evening, from the organisation to the display and bonfire itself. Congratulations to the whole team involved. (Unfortunately as you will see in Denise Day's article, it was not 100% trouble free. There always seems to be someone who cannot follow the code of decency)

It was also rather sad to hear that the Rev. David Milner is to leave us; he has made such a huge impression on us all in what seems such a short time here. 'Short time!' It was May 2005 when he first advised us that he had been asked to take responsibility for Winthorpe Langford and Holme. However he is not going far and I'm sure we will no doubt see him joining us in future events. I will let David tell you himself next month in more detail what his future holds.

**I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year**

**Cliff Newbold**



Closing date for the January issue is the **17<sup>th</sup> December.**

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## COMMUNITY CENTRE

### Christmas Lunch

The Christmas Lunch is at 12.30pm on **Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> December** (not the first Monday in the month). The menu is:



Broccoli & Stilton Soup
or
Fruit Juice
-x-
Roast Turkey with all the Trimmings
or
Honey Roast Ham with Pineapple
or
Salmon in Hollandaise Sauce
with
Roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables
-x-
Christmas Pudding with Brandy Sauce
or
Lemon Roulade
-x-
Coffee & After Dinner Mints



Price £8.00 including a glass of wine. Please ring Jean and Peter Foden to reserve your place and make your choice from the menu not later than **Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> December**.

### Happy Christmas!

Christmas and the New Year are almost upon us. I would like to thank everyone who has used the Centre over the last year. Also, my thanks to the support team who made sure that the Centre is well maintained and managed.

**I would like to wish everybody**

**A happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.**



**Frances Kelly, Chairman**

## TUESDAY CLUB

Our only meeting in December will be our Christmas Party on **Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December**, at 2.30pm in the Village Hall.



Please bring an item of food and a wrapped Christmas parcel (approximately £2 - £2.50 in value). We will also have a Christmas card box for cards between members only.

Thank you to members and friends who supported our recent Coffee Morning in aid of the League of Friends of Newark Hospital. A total **£115.25** was raised. The current fund raising project is to help with the refurbishment of the outpatients department.

May we wish all Focal Point readers  
**A Very Happy Christmas.**



**Jean Foden.**

# **Winthorpe with Langford Parish Council**

## **Public Meeting Report**

Some 64 local residents attended the Special Public Meeting held on the 15th November in the Community Centre; it was called by the Parish Council to discuss the proposed new village grave yard and other recent developments affecting the village and its residents.

A special presentation was given with supporting maps showing the proposed site and other areas of land around the village that had been looked at and investigated by the Parish Council. The grave yard at the Parish Church was almost full (with just four plots left) although based on average over the past fifteen and more years, it could take around twelve to fifteen years or more before these were all used.

The Parish Council is required by law to provide a new grave yard and only land on the top (east) side of the village is suitable for this purpose and would be approved.

The District Council had a piece of land surplus to its requirements on Hargon Lane, on the left hand side immediately past the last bungalow, which it had offered to the Parish Council for a nominal sum. Cost was a major factor as to purchase a new piece of land (assuming this could be found?) and lay this out properly would be in the region of £25,000/£30,000, whereas the piece of land offered by the District Council would involve virtually no cost at all to the Parish Council.

At the last public meeting some years ago, a number of residents raised concerns about using this land and asked the Council to look at possible alternatives, which it has done but regrettably without any success. It was pointed out that the Council was only proposing to use a relatively small piece of the land on Hargon Lane and the remainder would be left and maintained as an open space, as it is at the present time.

Following a very full discussion during which a number of questions were raised and views expressed a show of hands was called for, with 57 in favour of using the Hargon Lane site and 7 against.

At its subsequent meeting on the 18th November the Parish Council unanimously agreed to proceed with the acquisition of the land on Hargon Lane.

The meeting was also advised that the Parish Council had recently exchanged some land and acquired the field between the Cricket Field and the

Community Centre together with the long field adjacent, on the other side of the stream/drainage dyke which ran down to and fronted onto Holme Lane. It was confirmed that this exchange had been fully approved by the Charity Commission following a detailed report from a qualified Surveyor. This field could now be used by the village and suggestions as to what use this could be put to were invited.

At the moment the Parish Council are considering turning this into a playing field/recreation area and keeping the grass cut during the summer months. However the Council would welcome any other ideas from local residents. It is hoped eventually to convert the long field adjacent into allotments for local people, with the entrance off Holme Lane.

Andrew Fereday from the Winthorpe Cricket Club took the opportunity to advise those present that due to the Club's poor financial position, the plans to complete the pavilion roof had had to be deferred. This was due in the main to the collapse, over a year ago, of the Clubs main source of income, the Bonus Ball competition, which followed the temporary closure of the Lord Nelson Public House in the village.

The income from this competition had helped to pay for the maintenance of the cricket pitch but with this gone the club had had to dip into its reserves and in particular use some of the funds being put by to pay for the pavilion roof! The competition was now up and running again and it was hoped in time to recover the position.

Anyone interested in participating in this competition and supporting the club were asked to get in touch with Andy Fereday at the Dial House or telephone him on 07500 079113.

Finally, proposals for the village to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee (60th) in June of 2012 were discussed and suggestions invited. It was hoped to combine these "one off" celebrations that year with the Village Festival and hopefully involve local organizations as well the School.

It was suggested that in addition, perhaps some form of permanent village memorial to the Diamond Jubilee could be considered, similar to the Jubilee Walk which had been completed in 2002 to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of the Queen that year and had proved to be very popular.

A village Flagpole was also suggested, but where this was sited would be important if the majority of residents were to be able see this!

**Steve Jackson** – Chairman



## **arden Club**

We were treated to a tour of exotic locations and equally unusual trees and flowering plants thanks to club members Paul and Diana Kitson. They and members of the family embarked on a holiday to include Hongkong, Singapore and Penang. This was largely chosen to revisit some of the places of Diana's childhood as the child of a soldier based there. In the parks of Hongkong we were shown brownea, breadfruit and bottle brush amongst numerous others.

In the Botanical Gardens of Penang we saw bungaria, cannonball trees, spider lilies and many varied and splendid orchids. Singapore also had a large range of orchids and in the Spice Gardens the Kitsons were amazed at the number and variety of gingers, the flowers of which, of course, we would not normally see in this country.

We do not meet in December and our next meeting will be on **January 19<sup>th</sup>** when we have a social evening. We all contribute some food on this occasion and anyone who was not present at this meeting or forgets what they pledged should contact Pat Nelson who has the list.

**I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone  
a happy and peaceful Christmas.**

**Ian Wilson**



# WINTHORPE VILLAGE HOLIDAY GROUP

The destination for 2011 is the Lake District.  
The dates are **19<sup>th</sup> /23<sup>rd</sup> September.**

We will be travelling by Travel Wright executive coach. Rooms have been reserved at the 4 star Old England Hotel & Spa at Bowness directly overlooking Lake Windermere.

The holiday will explore the Lakes scenery and interesting locations. An optional extra will be a day travelling by “Mountain Goat” minibus to places that cannot be reached by coach. These will include the Langdales, the Wrynose and Hardnott Passes, the Hardnott Roman Fort, the Ravenglass & Erskine Steam Railway, Wastwater, the 14<sup>th</sup> Century Muncaster Castle Owl Sanctuary and Gardens and (finally!) Coniston Water.

Depending on numbers the holiday cost per person sharing a room will be about **£320**; single supplement £18/night. The Mountain Goat option will be about £32 including coffee and biscuits, the train ride and entry to the Muncaster Castle grounds.

Deposits (£30 per person) will be required by February 1<sup>st</sup> 2011. Nearer the time I will issue details to those interested. I already have the names of quite a lot of people who are interested. If you would like to receive details please let me know. This early notice is to help you with your plans for next year’s holidays.

Incidentally, this will be an “independent” holiday for the group and not a block booking on a Travel Wright brochure holiday as this year.

Have you read Pat Finn’s illustrated account of this year’s holiday and all the others on the village website?

**Peter Foden - 704241**





# 60's 70's 80's Live Band

Come and  
Celebrate

*Hot food & Bar*

*Tickets £15*

## **New Years Eve**

*With family and friends*

*Contact : Michele  
01636 611998 /  
Jan01636 686591*

7 :30 till 1:00  
Winthorpe Community  
Centre



# **Christmas Tree Festival 2010**

## **St. Mary Magdalene Parish Church, Newark**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. – Sunday 12 Dec.**

St Mary Magdalene Parish Church, Newark, will be holding its **3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Tree Festival** this year, which will feature around 70 beautifully and imaginatively decorated trees. Organizations, businesses and schools from the wide Newark community are again coming together to create a stunning display in the magnificent, mediaeval building of St Mary's at the heart of the town.

Last year, the festival attracted over 5000 visitors who all enjoyed the wonderful atmosphere at this magical time of year.

Besides Christmas trees, the Festival will include:

- Home-made refreshments
- A variety of stalls selling Christmas gifts, a wide range of cards, children's toys
- Seasonal music, including live choral singing
- A quality raffle
- A 'Carols of Praise' on Dec. 12 at 6.00 pm followed by the raffle draw

Opening times are:

Saturday 4 Dec. & 11 Dec: 9.30-5.00

Sunday 5 Dec & 12 Dec: 11.00-4.00

Mon 6 Dec – Fri 10 Dec: 10.00-4.30

Entry: £2 per adult; 20p per child

**We very much look forward to welcoming you!**





## **The ‘Poetical’ Pleasures of Autumn on the Caldon Canal**

Famous Staffordshire potteries, Hanley, Etruria and Stoke on Trent  
Cheddleton flint carriers on the Caldon Canal a thing of the past  
Moorland views and hillside walks

Small villages scattered among the rolling hillsides

Elegant stone arches and occasional lift road bridges to interrupt our  
journey.

Blackbirds calling out the dusk time chorus from gardens neighbouring  
the canal.

Windfall apples and hedgerow blackberries baked in a pie.

A kingfisher spotted flitting along the tree edge.

Cheerful faces of the dog walkers enjoying the countryside.

Elderberries hanging thick and ripe

The changing colours of the trees

Free firewood stacked for boaters’ fires

Thick meaty stews cooked for hours over the log burner

Stockton Brook modern sculptures at the locks

Plentiful water to float my boat although daytime rain makes us wet

Fresh and wet, newly cut grass perfuming the air

Cold nights to snuggle in a warm soft bed

Leek or Froghall Basin a final destination, seemingly remote from  
civilisation.

**Lynne Shapley**

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOCAL POINT

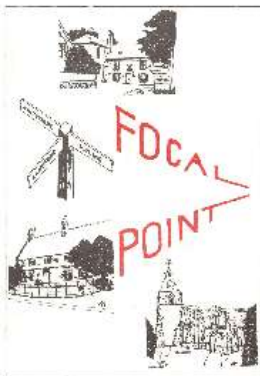
This month, Focal Point celebrates its thirtieth birthday. Founded in December 1980 by its then editor Lynne Shapley, this magazine has gone from strength to strength. Lynne was followed by, David Brooks, (deceased) Jenny Lindley, Peter Roach, Peter Milroy, (deceased) and its present editor Cliff Newbold.

The days of using a typewriter, cutting and pasting are behind us as we now into the computer age. The use of photographs and clip art, although in black and white, enhances the pages of this wonderful A5 style magazine. Colour would enhance the pages even more, but the cost may cause a problem. Although the computer has made life a little easier it still has to be edited, sent to the printers, picked up and sorted for the distributors to pop through the letter boxers.

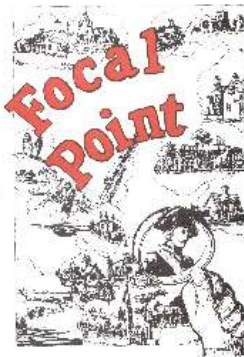
Another celebration to look forward to is next month, when Cliff Newbold celebrates ten years as the Focal Point editor. Cliff has served us well during this period.

So Cliff, on behalf of contributors, distributors and readers of Focal Point, I wish to say **'Happy Birthday' and Thank You.**

**Pat Finn.**



The First Front Cover.  
Dec. 1980 - Nov. 1985.



The Second Front Cover.  
Dec. 1985 - Dec. 2000.

## Winthorpe Cricket Club

Unfortunately I was unable to prepare the full report in time for this issue, but with the space available I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all on behalf of the Club for your support, which I hope will continue next year and remind you that the AGM will be held on **6<sup>th</sup> December** at the Community Centre commencing 7:30pm. (Full report next month)

We are looking for willing volunteers to serve on the Committee so if you feel you have some spare time and would like to assist in some capacity please come along. Other than that:-

**I wish you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.**

**Andy Fereday**

### Village Bonfire - MANY THANKS



The youth club members and management committee would like to thank **everyone** who was involved in making the village bonfire event such a success. We were blessed with the weather and many hundreds of people came to enjoy the evening with us. Profits from the event will help

to support the youth club and allow members to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme. So the money will be well spent.

Planning for next year will start in a few weeks time and we would be very grateful for any help.

(Please contact Denise Day – Tel no.708727)

Once again, many thanks to all of you who supported us in any way 😊

### **It is disappointing to report that:-**

Notices clearly stated that glass, metal and stone must not be put on the Bonfire but this was ignored.

Some inconsiderate people put glass cabinets and metal wall fires onto the Bonfire. The cabinets were just dumped and Mike Toulson had to travel to the tip at Cotham to get rid of them. The metal fires (5 of them) were concealed under wooden waste. 😡

**Denise**

*I sincerely hope that the culprits did not live in Winthorpe!* **Ed**

# Church Notices

We were very sad to say farewell to Philip Watts who we will always remember for his artistic talent. Our thoughts are with Beryl and also with Mrs. Baldwin whose husband also died recently.

Our Remembrance Day service was very well attended this year and we must thank Keith Lloyd and the younger members of his family for the thought and planning which made this a memorable service. The collection of **£179** was donated to Newark Patriotic Fund and we thought it might be helpful to send the following write up to the Newark Advertiser.

“ Counsellors’ Vincent & Maureen Dobson, and members of Winthorpe & Langford Parish Council were amongst over seventy people who attended the Remembrance Day service in All Saints Church Winthorpe on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November. The service was conducted by the Revd. Michael Briggs.

Rebecca Spencer carried the Queen’s Colours, escorted by Sharon Spencer & Harry Lord .The two minute silence was preceded by ‘A Soldier’s Prayer ‘ which was read by Mrs Christine Hasman . This was written by a soldier in the trenches during the First World War (1914 – 18.)

Mr Keith Lloyd read out a list of names for remembrance before a wreath was placed beneath the War Memorial on the church wall by Mr Frank Dennis. Mr Eric Dickinson read the Act of Remembrance before Emily Jane Wilds played the Last Post followed by the Two Minutes Silence and the Reveille. It was encouraging to have young people taking an active part in such a solemn & important act of worship and of historical significance.

The collection of £179 which was taken during the service was donated to Newark Patriotic Fund.”

By now most of you will have heard that, sadly, the Revd. David Milner is leaving us at the end of January. We know that he will be missed by the church members and all the friends that he has made in the village. Although he has had a large area of responsibility he has always tried to support village activities and be interested in peoples’ well-being.

Our ‘Christingle Service’ normally held before Christmas will be in January 2011.



Best wishes to those who are unwell or in hospital at this time and special thoughts for those who have lost loved ones.

### **Church Bells**

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

Thursday December 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.30pm W.I. Carol Service

Sunday December 12<sup>th</sup> 10.15am Holy Communion

Saturday December 18<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Village Carol service

Sunday December 19<sup>th</sup> 10.15am Morning Worship

Saturday December 24<sup>th</sup> 7.0pm Christmas Communion

### **Brass Cleaners**

Mrs June Taylor , Mrs Everson

### **From the Registers**

R.I.P Philip Evans Watts Thanksgiving Service - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Interment of Ashes - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November

R.I.P Robert James Andrew Baldwin.- Interment of Ashes - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November

### **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.*



**We wish you all a happy and enjoyable  
Christmas**

### **Church flower Ladies**

#### **Christmas Decorations**

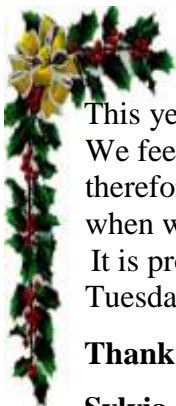
This year the Carol Service is on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> December.

We feel it would be nice to decorate the Church for this occasion, therefore the church will be open from 1.30pm on **Friday the 17<sup>th</sup>** when we will be delighted to receive your Christmas arrangements.

It is proposed that the arrangements are removed from the church Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> of January after 2pm.

**Thank you all ladies.**

**Sylvia Lloyd.**





**Dear all,**

As I settle down to write this article my mind is filled with the Remembrance Services held in our churches today. My abiding memory of them is hope. The words said and importantly silences kept brought into focus the power and effectiveness of village life, our shared history, but of importance, our shared future.

The weeks ahead will, for all us, be busy as we prepare for Christmas. Even those who avoid the yuletide season have to make arrangements!

Today's service was a powerful example of how well our community can work together drawing on the strengths and talents of many to invigorate and enrich our village life.

At the beginning of December at church we enter the season of Advent. It is the period until the 25<sup>th</sup> December when we make our church preparations.

Two Carol services will be held between our churches of Holme, Langford and Winthorpe

On Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> December a Carol Service will be held at St. Giles Holme at 6.00pm.

On Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> December a Carol Service will be held at All Saints Winthorpe at 7.30pm

As with every church activity they are open to all and everyone is welcome.

At the heart of the remembrance service was a two-minute silence. A quiet, which gave all present an opportunity to think and be.

At the conclusion of this article I invite you to spend just 2 minutes deciding which church events you will come to in preparation for Christmas.

There are opportunities in our villages and throughout the whole group to enjoy the richness of village living and making a right progress towards Christmas.



Instead of it being an exhausted run and dash across the finishing line finally collapsing on Christmas Day in an inelegant heap, this year may it be a managed walk in the park.

The story of the birth of Jesus is familiar and often left to others to remember. Come and join us at any of our forthcoming events and join in the journey to Bethlehem with Mary and Joseph.

Please contact the Rectory 01636 892682 if you would like more information about any of our events leading to Christmas and beyond.

Hope I may see you at church in the run up to Christmas.

On behalf of our wardens and PCC I wish you all a good Christmas.

**David**

## LANGFORD CHURCH



There will be some carols at 5 o'clock on **Christmas Eve** in Langford Church followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

A good start to Christmas.

**Everyone most welcome.**

**Jillie Steel**



Many thanks to the residents of Gainsborough Road who kindly donated to the above charity.

A total of **£89.13** was raised.

**Diane McClymont**



## **Philip Evans Watts**

A big thank you to all my dear friends for your wonderful support at such a sad time and for your super cards, donations and the wonderful farewell you all gave to my

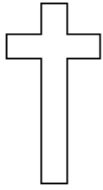
darling husband Phil.

The church service was first class as always and a big thank you to Alan Stone for his beautiful music and to Alan and Ann for 'bringing me back' after my sad loss.

Phil had been in Winthorpe Hall for approximately 3 weeks before passing away in a deep sleep. So he had a really peaceful end to his 95<sup>th</sup> year.

Thank you all once again,

**Beryl Watts**



# SERVICES FOR DECEMBER



**Thursday 2nd**  
7.30pm W.I. Carol Service, ALL ARE WELCOME



**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> ADVENT 2**  
9am Holy Communion, Holme.  
**NO SERVICE IN WINTHORPE**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> ADVENT 3**  
10.15am Holy Communion, Winthorpe  
6pm Carol Service, Holme.



**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>**  
10am Holy Communion, Winthorpe  
Said service ( B.C.P)

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>**  
7.30pm Village Carol Service, Winthorpe



**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Advent 4**  
10.15am Morning Worship, Winthorpe

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>**  
7.0pm Christmas Communion, Winthorpe

**Christmas day**  
10.15am Holy Communion, Holme

## ALL ARE WELCOME



**A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL**



# DECEMBER CALENDAR

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	WI Carols, 7.30pm - All Saints.
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Silver Bin.
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Library Van.
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Carols, 6pm, - Holme Church.
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Luncheon Club, 12.30pm – Community Centre. Green Bin.
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday Club Xmas Party, 2.30pm – V. H.
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Carols, 7.30pm – All Saints Winthorpe. <b>*SILVER BIN.</b>
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Library Van.
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Carols, 5pm - Langford Church <b>*GREEN BIN.</b>
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	New Years Eve party, 7.30pm – Comm. Centre.
<b>January</b>	
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Club, 7.30pm – Comm. Centre.

‘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](http://www.winthorpe.org.uk)



With plenty of Carol  
Singing Opportunities I  
wish you a Happy and  
Tuneful Christmas  
Ed.

