



Ed's comments,

This is it, Spring is here and the daffodils and tulips are showing us their beauty. I used to issue a reminder at about this time regarding the reporting of the first cuckoo heard in these parts, but as there is no interest anymore I won't mention it. However I can report my first sighting of a postman delivering mail before 9am, this happened on the 21st March. I nearly invited him in to celebrate but thought that it might spoil it for those still to be visited. How uplifting the spring sunshine is!

What a great attendance at the unveiling of the Village Hall 'super loo' and kitchen, it was wonderful to see such appreciative support.

The official ceremony was performed not once but twice by our County and District Councillors Mr Vincent and Mrs Maureen Dobson. The second time was for the benefit of the Advertiser.

It was a very nice social occasion to perhaps reflect the role the village hall plays in our village life.

We have news from the Parish Council this month some good – the completion of the 'land swap' (In time for those runner beans?) some not so good – Those inconsiderate individuals who do not clean up the mess left by their dogs. The Parish Council seem reluctant to put up notices in case it leads to prosecutions; Why? I wonder - don't they deserve it?

The other parish news is with regard to Councillor Maureen Dobson who has declared that she is to stand as an independent in the May elections. Those voting will now be in a position to vote for a candidate who has provided much support over the years and not just for a particular party. Who knows she might get more votes than previously?

Cliff Newbold

Closing date for the May edition is **22nd April.**

Winthorpe Parish Council News.

Recreation Field and Allotments

At long last, after almost four years, the exchange of land with the Stewart Trust has been completed and the Parish Council now owns the field between the Cricket Field and the bottom of the embankment and public path from the Community Centre.

The Parish Council have in turn exchanged a plot of land alongside the A46. Included in this exchange is the field, on the other side of the stream, which goes down to Holme Lane (where there is an entrance gate) which will become allotments for local village residents.

The Parish Councils land holdings are now all together - the field at the top of the footpath and embankment (on which the Community Centre is built) the fields at the bottom of the embankment/footpath and other side of the stream, as mentioned, and the Cricket field.

No firm decision has yet been reached on what the new field could be used for but it is most likely that the grass will gradually be improved with regular cutting and upgrading and the land become a general recreation area for residents use - i.e. five aside football, rounders/basket ball and activities during the village festival in the summer, etc. (Suggestions welcome.)

The public footpath (Jubilee Walk) from the bridge and around the edge of the field will of course remain. Grass cutting is due to commence this spring - after the first crop of hay has been reaped.

Dog Fouling of the Cricket Field/Pitch.

Complaints have been received once again about dog mess being left on the Cricket Field and in particular on the actual cricket pitch in the centre of the field.

This is not just unacceptable but dangerous, as well as destroying the grass on the pitch.

Would all dog owners who exercise pets on the cricket field (and now on the adjoining field also) please remove any dog mess and in particular do not allow dogs on the cricket pitch in the centre of the field. Bins for the deposit of dog mess are provided at both the entrance and exit to the field and are emptied regularly by the District Council.

The Parish Council are reluctant to go down the route of having large notices put up around the fields as this can then trigger legal action against those responsible.

The Council are also aware that the greater majority are responsible dog owners and that it is only a small minority who fail to clean the mess after their dogs.

District Council Election - 5th May.

The District Councillor for the our Parish area, Councillor Mrs Maureen Dobson, advised the Parish Council that she would be standing as an Independent Candidate in the forthcoming District Council elections on the 5th May.

She has represented Winthorpe, Langford and Holme residents as a Conservative District Councillor for ten years but has had an important difference of opinion, on a matter of accountability and principle, as a result of which she has not been selected as the party's candidate.

Members of the Parish Council unanimously thanked Councillor Mrs Dobson for the explanation and for her many years of work and service representing all local residents in the area.

The hope was expressed that she would be successful and continues to represent the area in the future.

Steve Jackson - (P.C.Chairman)

COMMUNITY CENTRE

LUNCH CLUB

The next Lunch will be at 12.30pm on **Monday, 4th April** at the Community Centre. The menu will be:

Pork in Mushroom Sauce
or
Poached Salmon in Hollandaise Sauce
with
New Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables
-x-
Sherry Trifle

£7 including a glass of wine. Please phone Jean and Peter Foden (704241) to book your place and give your choice of menu. If you have not seen the posters and placed your order by Thursday 31st March please do so very quickly.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM will be held at 7.30pm on **Monday, 18th April** at the Community Centre. We hope you will come along to hear what is happening and to give us your views. If anyone is interested in becoming a Trustee please contact me or Peter Foden.

Frances Kelly, Chairman



Garden Club

It was a full house for a talk, assisted by a Power point Viewer with pictures of exceptional quality, on

‘The Making of a Gold Award Chelsea Garden’. The originator, Martin Anderson MBE, a founder member of the Motor Neurone Disease Association asked garden designer Sue Hayward to design a 1940’s period Shetland Croft House Garden for the 2008 RHS Chelsea Flower Show. The garden created, was to raise awareness of the Motor Neurone Disease Association.



Starting in 2007, Sue visited the Shetland Isles for ideas and materials. Drift wood was collected, as trees do not grow on the Shetlands due to poor growing conditions and high winds. Plants were brought back and grown on at Nottingham Trent University to be ready for the Chelsea garden.

With only 10 days allowed to build the Shetland Croft House at Chelsea, the team, with their dry-stone dykers, worked all the daylight hours to build the 5x5x4mtrs croft with a courtyard garden surrounded by a quirky driftwood fence and gate.

Judging day and a visit by HM Queen Elizabeth 2 resulted in joy for Sue and her team, as the garden was awarded a Gold Medal. This was followed by the ‘BBC’s RHS People’s Award for Best Small Show Garden,’ this award being presented to her by Alan Tichmarsh. - A fantastic achievement.

After the Chelsea show the garden was dismantled and rebuilt on the Shetland Isles.

Following from her success in 2008; two years later Sue went on to design ‘The Stephen Hawking Garden for the Motor Neurone Disease Association.’ at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show. On this occasion Sue was awarded a Bronze Flora Medal.

This was a most enjoyable evening.

The next garden club meeting will be the AGM and plant sale on

Wednesday 20th April.

Pat Finn.



WINTHORPE & DISTRICT W.I. MARCH REPORT

This month it was our Annual General Meeting. Mrs Pat Nelson welcomed all members and the normal monthly business was discussed.

The minutes were read and the county business was dealt with. Those who were going to the County Lunch in the Town Hall were reminded of the event. Some members were also lunching at the Boathouse this week and transport was arranged. Money was collected for an outing in July to the Theatre Royal, to see Calendar Girls.

The Birthday party at the Community Centre was mentioned and members were asked to enter their names on the board for donations of food.

When the normal business was concluded, Mrs Nelson then announced the Annual meeting and the Financial statement was put forward. Copies had been distributed to all members and they were invited to ask any questions, there were none so the treasurer gave a brief explanation of the accounts. The statement was then adopted and seconded. Mrs Rose Dickinson was asked to thank her husband for auditing the accounts, as he has done for several years.

Mrs Tinsley read the minutes of last year's A.G.M. and gave a report of the events from the previous year.

Mrs Pat Nelson gave the President's address, thanking all committee members for their hard work during the year and all other members who had helped with events during the year. Special thanks were given to Mrs Lily Goodwin and her husband for letting us use her garden for our annual strawberries and wine evening in July.

There was no election as Mrs Nelson has agreed to stay on as president, and the rest of the committee have agreed to stay on. There is one new member to the committee, Mrs Lily Goodwin.

This being the end of the meeting it was agreed that tea should be served, and the raffle was drawn.

After tea and biscuits Mrs Sylvia Lloyd and Mrs Margaret Stewart gave a demonstration of Flower arranging, with spring flowers and Christmas roses.

Mrs Fiona Wright gave the vote of thanks saying she knew absolutely zilch about flower arranging, and now at least she would have an inkling. So the meeting ended.

Everyone was delighted with the new toilet and kitchen in the Hall, what an excellent improvement. Our congratulations and thanks to Mr & Mrs Woodcock.

Our next meeting is our Birthday party at the Community Centre on **April 13th.**

Daphne Marshall



Winthorpe Primary School

We are currently in the middle of a very busy term with lots of exciting things happening in school.

Last week we were visited by a poet called Paul Cookson. He worked with 10 of our children and 16 children from other schools in our area. The children produced some fantastic performance poetry, culminating in a whole school performance at the end of the day!

This week is National Science Week. We were visited earlier in the week by a scientist from Shell Petroleum; our junior children got a chance to mix chemicals and watch the reactions. We were also visited by Steve Lord; he is a physics teacher who lives in the village. Steve inspired the children with an array of practical experiments for the children to do. Miss Litowczyk arranged a science fair later in the week, where the children had the chance to share what they had learned with their parents; there was even a quiz for the parents, with a prize for the winner!

Class 3 welcomed a visitor earlier in the term; Dr Catherine McDermott, a dentist from Winthorpe, to talk about tooth care. Catherine brought in some lovely resources to show the children and explained the importance of looking after your teeth. I am delighted to report that the children's teeth in class 3 are now sparkling!

Our next pensioners' lunch will be on **Wednesday April 13th** -
Please contact the school to book your place.

Jamie Macintyre - Head teacher, (01636) 680060

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

Easter Sunday 24th April 2011 – 11am to 5pm.

Three major events in Winthorpe on Easter Sunday:-

Lumless House, 77 Gainsborough Road, and All Saints' Church.

Lumless House

18th Century Walled Gardens.



The gardens are opened to the general public under the National Gardens Scheme. (NGS)

Taking over 15 years to complete, this 2½ acres garden is divided into a number of 'garden rooms.' There is a Japanese garden, Italian garden and a traditional English garden, also three ponds, six fountains scented trees and shrubs, a rose pergola and laburnum walk.

The Commemorative Museum.

The museum, housed in the old gardener's cottage in the centre of the gardens, will also be opened for viewing. The museum will stage a special exhibition of the various commemorative items produced for the forthcoming Royal Wedding of H.R.H. Prince William and Catherine Middleton on the 29th April. Included will be items issued for many former Royal Weddings, commencing with that of Princess Charlotte of Wales to Prince Leopold in 1816.

The museum, the only one of its kind in the world specializing in popular commemoratives, contains over 1500 items at any one time. These date from 1792 to the present day and ranging from the traditional ceramic mugs and plates etc. to printed textiles, printed tin boxes, enamels, jigsaw puzzles etc.etc.



All Saints' Church.



The church, which is situated next to the gardens and museum, will be holding a Special Royal Flower Festival on Saturday and Sunday the 23rd and 24th April.

The Flower Festival will be in celebration of the Royal Wedding, which is to be a few days later. Arranged alongside the flower displays will be various Royal portraits and artefacts. Included will be pieces of fabric which decorated Westminster Abbey for the Queen's Coronation in 1953, statuettes of members of the Royal family, portraits and prints of historic Royal occasions.

In addition, background music will be played from previous Royal Weddings and other major events.

Contacts:- Steven N. Jackson (Gardens and Museum) 01636 671377
Mrs. Ann Stone (Parochial Church Council) 01636 702104

TUESDAY CLUB

Both meetings in April will be in the Village Hall.



Tuesday, 12th April. - Morning coffee. 10.30am.

Tuesday, 26th April. - 2.30pm. Quiz afternoon. Please bring an Easter themed raffle prize.

We wish Margaret Hewitt a speedy recovery after a recent spell in hospital.

Jean Foden

Thank you..



A big thank you to Woodlands residents for donating **£55** to Kidney Research.

John Nelson. 17 Woodlands.

Garden Club Outing

On the 15th June the Garden Club will be visiting Renishaw Hall and Gardens, also Brodsworth Hall and Gardens. This will be followed by an evening meal at Ye Olde Bell, Barnby Moor.

The cost will be approximately £35 plus £12.75 for the meal.

The coach will leave Winthorpe at 9.15am and return at about 9pm.

If anyone would like to join us please contact Diana Kitson on 707137.

Pat Finn.

P.S.

A thank you to David and Barbara Woodcock for the renovations of the toilet and kitchen areas at the Village Hall, also to the contractors, Carmalor who carried out the work.

GIANT SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

After a long and very cold winter, it is nice to welcome the arrival of spring with the preparation of the Giant Sunflower Competition.

This competition is open to:-

- Children who live in Winthorpe, Langford or Holme and who are born after the 1st of September 1999.
- All pupils who attend Winthorpe Primary School and who may live outside the three villages.

The competition will start on **Easter Sunday, 24th April**, when the children will sow their sunflower seeds.

The competition will end on **Sunday, 11th September**, when the children will telephone me with their results.

If you wish to buy your own seeds, you will require **SUNFLOWER GIANT SINGLE**, which can be obtained from Wilkinson's. Each packet costs 54p and has 75 seeds.

Planting.

Fill your 9cm plastic plant pots with potting compost. Make a hole with your finger into each pot about 2cm deep. Push one seed into the hole, cover with compost and water. Place on a windowsill. Watch out for the seeds germinating. This takes about 7 to 10 days.



I will be attending Winthorpe Primary School on **Thursday 14th April** when each child will receive a packet of sunflower seeds.

Did You Know?

- The tallest sunflower ever recorded was 7mtrs 62cms (25ft) and was grown in the Netherlands.
- The tallest sunflower grown in this country was in 1976, which was our hottest summer. It was 7mtrs 17.6cms. (23ft 6½ ins)
- The tallest sunflower grown in the Winthorpe, Langford and Holme Giant Sunflower Competition was 4mtrs 42cms (14ft 6ins) by 10 years old Jon Higgins of Langford in 1999.

Pat Finn.

Winthorpe Tennis Club



Annual General Meeting

8pm Friday 8 April



The Snug, Lord Nelson, Winthorpe

All welcome

Maureen Smith – 01636 701205 Secretary Winthorpe Tennis Club



VILLAGE HALL CELEBRATIONS

Those who have read ‘Clochmerle,’ a novel by the French writer Emile Zola, will recall that it described a village riven by dispute between those for and those against the local Commune’s intention to build a public urinal in the village square. It is very funny.

No such disputes have arisen since our Village Hall Trustees decided on major refurbishment of the village hall toilet and kitchen facilities including disabled access for the first time. A grant was obtained from WREN and the Trustees, users and villagers generally, have been working hard to bring the scheme to fruition.

On Saturday, 19 March 2011 villagers filled the hall in such numbers to celebrate the opening that it became “standing room only”. They were treated to free refreshments.

Bob McClymont, Chairman of the Village Hall Trustees invited Maureen Dobson, your District Councillor and her husband Vincent, your County Councillor (A-list celebrities – eat your heart out Clochmerle), to cut the ribbon and declare the facilities open. He thanked them for the continuous interest in and help they gave to the Parish Council but warned them to stand back on cutting the tape as the amount of coffee being consumed meant that the facilities would probably be put to use quickly. Maureen made a gracious speech and she and Vincent jointly cut the ribbon



Before viewing commenced I thanked all those who had helped with advice, practical help and financial assistance (including Vincent who had arranged a significant donation from Notts.CC) and in particular the ladies of the committee who chose the colour scheme which I would never dared to have done. Congratulations also to Carmalor Construction who had done a first class job in the building works. The facilities were opened and viewed (and in some cases used) with universal approval.

The Advertiser was represented and an article should have appeared on 24 March.

As I recall it in ‘Clochmerle’ the celebrations included flags, balloons, champagne a brass band and lots of ‘chains of office’, but we did our best. Enjoy the Village Hall – even more.

David R Woodcock, Treasurer, Winthorpe Village Hall Trust.



Adventure from n.b. Mulberry

They say a change is as good as a rest so this month, March, we have been lambing not boating.

I am lucky for many reasons; not having to work and having a lovely family including a sister with a farm are amongst my good fortunes.

Down in Devon a valley that opens to the sea is called a combe and my sister has a few acres tucked in a steep combe where Spring comes early. This year the lambs were due in March among the daffodils so each morning the chorus of sheep waiting for a tasty morsel of sheep cake echoed through the hills challenging anyone who hoped for a lazy lie in bed. Rain fell through the night to encourage the fresh grass, gateways became ski slopes of mud but still the newly born lambs wagged their tails and leapt in the air for no reason at all

A friend asked if I was going to be feeding any lambs with a bottle and my reply was that I hoped not because this is only done in the case of tragedy. Unfortunately 'number sixteen' lamb, now named Cecily, ended up needing a four times daily bottle and greets any human walking through the field with hungry eagerness. Otherwise my initiation into lamb midwifery was gradual and delightful – not that I'm offering my services too freely here!

My first and last job of the day, to help my sister, is to feed the chicks which hatched only last week. They are gathered under a lamp but pleased to see me as the provider of food and water: Next the hens and geese. Up in the top fields, warmed first by the morning sun, and last to



see the setting sun in the west, are the Dexter calves, born last year but now as big as their mums. I stay well clear of these four beasts who are half the size of Friesians but still large enough to make me cautious. This amuses my family as the Dexters are truly

gentle nervous giants on this farm.

The change of pace, the beautiful Exmoor scenery and the comfort of a five hundred year old farmhouse has made a great holiday for a pair of boaters for whom life has become just one long adventure.

Lynne Shapley - enjoying the company of family in Devon.

May 1st at Laxton

It is over twenty years since our local Morris team revived the tradition of dancing at sunrise on May 1st. Over the years this has become an established part of our local traditional calendar with large numbers making their way to the top of **castle hill at Laxton** to watch the dancing and (hopefully) see the sunrise. May 1st was an ancient traditional holiday marking the Celtic Beltane or start of summer and continued as a traditional holiday throughout the Middle Ages and into Tudor and Stuart times.

In 1979 the Broadstone Morissmen of Retford decided to revive the tradition. Castle Hill at Laxton was chosen to be the venue. There are few places in North Nottinghamshire which have such a lovely hilltop feel and views stretching across far into Lincolnshire.



In 2002 the new tradition was taken over by Rattlejag Morris, following the demise of Broadstone. The event continues to grow. We have had a few wet and misty mornings but they are more than made up for by the lovely sunrises which we have seen on that hilltop.

A magical place early in the morning.

May Day was celebrated here in centuries gone by. Records tell us that in 1606 Peter Roos, a Laxton villager was charged with having been seen 'at the May game'. Last year we had over a hundred people gather to greet the sun and watch the dancing and it was an excellent sunrise! The event always starts with the singing of the traditional May song 'Hal an Tow' followed by the dancing. It usually lasts about half an hour and ends with spectators joining in to dance around the castle mound, followed by a cooked breakfast for all on the hilltop. There is also a barrel of local ale.

Everyone is very welcome to join us on May 1st, this year - it's a Sunday, so no problems with having to go to work afterwards! The sunrise is just after 5.20am.

Christopher Rose, *Rattlejag Morris*

The Walk

Stuart Rose, a Laxton farmer, leads his annual Dawn Chorus walk on May 1st, starting with attending the Morris dancing at the castle. Walkers are invited to meet Stuart at the Visitor Centre in the Dovecote Inn car park at 5am or to go directly to the castle. When the dancing is over and anyone who wishes to has enjoyed an early breakfast from the BBQ (donation requested), the walkers set off on a tour of Laxton's three open fields.

Lynda Milner from Notts Wildlife Trust accompanies the walk and helps to identify the birds who are singing loudly at this hour. There are short cuts back to the village at several points for anyone who needs to return or who cannot manage the full distance of around 5 miles through the fields and tracks. You can expect to return to the village around 10am having heard or seen over 30 birds. Stout footwear and warm clothing are advised. For more information or to book see www.laxtonnotts.org.uk or call **07939 228353**

Joy Allison



WINTHORPE ART GROUP (AND FRIENDS)

COACH TRIP TO LONDON WEDNESDAY, 22nd JUNE

A coach trip to London is being organised for the Winthorpe Art Group and friends. The main point of the trip is to visit the Summer Exhibition at the Royal Academy – but this is optional! There will also be the chance to see the watercolour exhibition at Tate Britain. Some may wish to ride on the London Eye and this can be pre-booked to save 10% on the cost. You may want to do some sightseeing and shopping.

The coach will leave the Green in Winthorpe at 8.30 am. and we should be home about 8.30pm. There will be one drop-off/pick-up point in London near Piccadilly.

Costs will be as follows: Coach about £17 depending on the number going; Summer Exhibition £8 group rate; Tate Britain £12.70, pensioners £10.90; London Eye £16.74, pensioners £13.50.

There may be spare places. If you would like to go please collect a booking form from the Village Hall (while an art class is in session) and return it to me a.s.a.p. or give me a ring. Payment will be requested shortly before the trip.

Peter Foden 704241.



Crime watch.....

We have lived in Winthorpe for the last 20 years and have been very happy here. However recent events have saddened us as modern day crime has finally caught up with us - the very reason we left Nottingham 20 years ago.

The police have been very supportive within their resources and I would like to take the opportunity to feed back some of their advice so others may be prevented our upset. May I also take the opportunity to thank Doug for his help issuing a newsletter to residents informing them to be vigilant.

Over the past few weeks we have had two incidents of theft and one, more worryingly, of intruders climbing over the back fence one evening when we were actually in the kitchen and my young son was in the garden. This was very distressing for him and indeed all us and luckily the intruders were not prepared to challenge us and left over the field next to the school.

The first theft involved three bicycles stolen from under a car port in our back garden (this is not "open plan" as many are on estate part of the village). My daughter's brand new bicycle was one of them. One bicycle was actually recovered near the A1 underpass going into the large estate. It appears the rear wheel had worked loose and it had been abandoned and a kind gentleman living nearby had reported it to the Police.

The second theft involved 6 large Jaguar alloy wheels and tyres which would have required at the very least a small van or more likely a Transit type pick up.

As my wife and I were out at work and the children at school all day these thefts may well have been committed during daylight hours. As many residents around our property on Pocklington Crescent no longer work and therefore are at home during the day, it would be nice if anyone did see anyone entering the property or vans / Transit pickups removing items, they could kindly report it to the police.

After discussing the crime with a crime prevention officer I asked to speak to several options were considered to prevent a recurrence - apart from the obvious of locking back gates and padlocking sheds.

Connect any slide in fence panels together with battens/strapping to prevent them being simply lifted up.

1. Consider spikes / wire along the top edges of any fencing - but note these spikes cannot be at a height passers-by can hurt themselves on and to stay within the law one has to put warning notices up to prevent any intruders hurting themselves.
2. Trellis work on top of fences may also be effective as it is insecure if intruders attempt to climb over it
3. Make sure all valuable items are marked with invisible UV markers pens and even "smart water" pens where a central database records the micro dot data in order to repatriate any stolen goods
4. CCTV can be expensive starting at around £300 for a recording system but for a deterrent a dummy camera may be just as effective. If detection is a priority hiding the camera in a bird box was suggested.
5. Security lights can be a good deterrent but only so during the hours of darkness
6. Intruder detectors however are now available that will detect and alarm 24/7 but are no use if no-one is in the house.

Carrying out such measures truly upsets me to have to do, not to mention the cost, but my children especially have been very scared by these events and I had to take some action. Due perhaps to Police resources we have not had a visit by any member of the Police force.

Russell Munn – Pocklington Cres.



RSPB Langford Lowfields

Langford is an incredible project restoring over 350 acres of natural habitat to provide a lush wet fenland, buzzing with birds, butterflies, otters and fish. The reserve is heading towards spring when it will be alive with bird song and new life.

Our volunteers have been busy planting 3500 reed plugs to help develop further the current reedbed, the recently completed woodland work has provided material to create some further brush piles, and these provide homes for a variety of wildlife including fungi, insects and birds including robins, wrens and blackbirds.

As the reserve becomes more established, we are looking to welcome not only the local community but also local businesses on the reserve. The reserve can provide opportunities to develop practical skills and team building and most importantly joining the community in building this peaceful and local landscape.

If you would like more information regarding corporate membership at RSPB Langford Lowfields and the unique benefits we can offer please contact me at the reserve office on 01636 893 611 or

nicola.craven@rspb.org.uk.



TRACTOR /4X4 RUN

(in aid of St Helena Church Funds)

SUNDAY 8 MAY 2011 at

10.30am

START:- Moorwood Farm, South
Scarle, Newark, NG23 7JW

(by kind permission of PL Clements &
Son)

Contact: Mrs.F.Baldwin Tel:- 892056 email:Florence.roy@talktalk.net

Bring a packed lunch.

Raffle, refreshments.

*You need a tractor or any kind of 4x4. Entry fee is **£10.00.***

*The route will be some off road and country lanes and it will be all day,
hence the packed lunch. Basically it is a ride round the countryside on
your
tractor or 4x4.*

Woodhill School Reunion

All classes at Collingham Show 17th September 2011

Information- Florence Baldwin 01636 892056

Florence.roy@talktalk.net

Church Notices

Thank you Cliff for your concern regarding the future of the Church in Winthorpe expressed in the March Focal Point editorial. Unfortunately we only have a small band of elderly committed helpers. They do a marvellous job as a team but we really do need some younger people or the church will eventually close.

It may be some time before a new priest is appointed but we are very grateful to the retired clergy for their dedication in providing us with services along with the other churches in the Benefice.

We are often amazed at the scene that greets us when we enter church particularly at a Festival e.g. Easter, Christmas etc. Our dedicated flower arrangers do a marvellous display after considerable thought and time. Unfortunately due to mobility difficulties Mrs Gwen Macdonald has to retire. For a number of years she has continued to produce beautiful arrangements. We do thank her for these and also for her small pedestal that she has left with us.

Easter Weekend Celebrations

We do hope the village will support the Easter weekend celebrations.



Steve Jackson's garden will be open and there will be a Flower Festival in the church with emphasis on the Royal Wedding, concluding with Choral Evensong at 4pm on Easter Day.

A small number of representatives from the church attended Revd. David Milner's Induction & Installation held at Hawton Church on March 1st. It was a lovely service tinged with sadness! We do hope that Kristina & David will be very happy in their new home.

Further information on the Bar-B-Q on **25th June** at The Grove will be in next month's Focal Point.

We send our best wishes to those who are unwell or in hospital particularly remembering at this time Margaret & John Hewitt.

Church Bells

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

Sunday April 10th - 10.15am Holy Communion

Sunday April 17th - 10.15am Morning Worship

Sunday April 24th - 4pm Choral Evensong.

Also a Quarter Peal may be rung on Friday 29th April as a salutation after the Royal Wedding

Brass Cleaners

Mrs Jean Aldridge & Mrs Diane McClymont.

From the registers

Wednesday 2nd March R.I.P. Victor Charles Davy

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.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH FLOWER LADIES



The theme for the Flower Festival at Easter is to be

"A Country Wedding with a Royal Wedding Theme".

It would be appreciated if you could use White, Cream, or Pale Flowers, to fit in with the theme.

The Church will be open from 3-15pm on Good **Friday 22nd April** for you to decorate your usual space. This is after "The Last Hour" Service at 2pm. If you are unable to provide decoration, please contact Sylvia **703271**.

So that your efforts can be better appreciated the flowers will remain in Church until after the Royal Wedding Day, and the Church will be open between 2pm & 3pm on the 2nd May for removal.

I look forward to seeing you all on Good Friday.- **Sylvia Lloyd**

Door2Door

Newark & Sherwood's Social Car Service

Volunteer Drivers Required

Do you enjoy meeting people?

Could you spare a few hours a week to help in your community?

Do you have access to a car?

Then why not take advantage of this interesting and
Rewarding opportunity?

If you want to chat about volunteering for the scheme or
require more information - Contact Helen Cobb

Address:

Newark & Sherwood CVS, 67 Northgate, Newark NG24 1HD

Telephone: **01636 611220** E-mail: hcobb@nandscvs.orQ

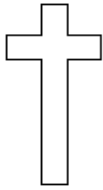


‘Child Minder’ Required

We live in the village and are looking for someone to help with our two children (8years and 10years). One is at Winthorpe Primary School and one at John Blow Primary school. We both work full time and require a part time childminder to pick up our children from their respective schools, bring them back to our home and look after them until about 6.30pm - 7.pm.

The role is for approximately 16-20 hours per week with 4 – 6 weeks holiday. The candidate would need to be a driver with their own car. Contact number **07985742749** or **07966054569**.

Richard Dorkin



SERVICES FOR APRIL

Sunday 3rd

9am

Holy Communion, Holme.

NO SERVICE AT WINTHORPE

Sunday 10th LENT 5

10.15am

Holy Communion, Winthorpe.

17th Palm Sunday

10.15am

Morning Worship, Winthorpe.

6pm

Evensong, Langford.

21st Maundy Thursday

10am

Holy Communion (BCP) Winthorpe.

Good Friday

2pm

Last Hour Devotions, Winthorpe

Saturday 23rd

7pm

Service of Light. Winthorpe.

Sunday 24th EASTER DAY

9am

Presentation of the Light, Langford.

9.30am

Holy Communion, Holme

4pm

Choral Evensong, Winthorpe

ALL ARE WELCOME

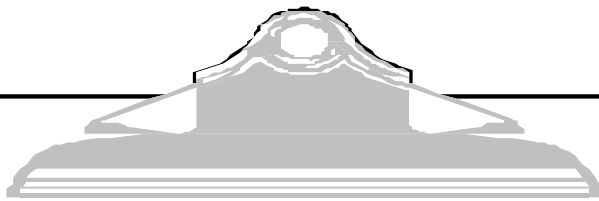
CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

APRIL

MAY

22nd Mrs Foden & Mrs Lloyd

20th Mrs Finn & Mrs Nelson



APRIL CALENDAR

Monday 4 th	Luncheon Club 12.30pm – Comm.Centre Green Bin
Monday 11 th	Silver Bin
Wednesday 13 th	WI Birthday party, 7.30pm – Centre. School Pensioners Lunch.
Thursday 14 th	Library Van.
Monday 18 th	Community Centre AGM – 7.30pm Green Bin
Wednesday 20 th	Garden Club, 7.30pm – Centre.
Friday 22 nd	Church open for flower ladies – 3.15pm
Saturday 23 rd	Church Flower Festival
Sunday 24 th	Lumless House Gardens open 11am
Monday 25 th	Silver Bin.
Thursday 28 th	Library Van

‘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.’

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