



Ed's Comments,

Congratulations to Maureen Dobson on her victory in the local elections; pretty convincing win in the end!

Whoops! I've just read the Advertiser report of the first meeting of the new Council. Seems Maureen has 'trouble at mill'!!

However I must remember to ask her to assist her husband in getting the council to resurface our roads and pavements!

Those 'eagle eyed' amongst you will notice further on in this edition that the beverage being offered at Margaret Thornhill's BBQ has been changed to 'Bubbly' from Pimm's since last month's announcement. It was considered a more appropriate drink to toast Margaret's 50 years in Winthorpe.

It is on the **25th of this month** and she would love to see you all there.

1st of June 1946 the first television licence was issued; cost? £2. That is equivalent to £58.56 at today's values.

The cost of a licence today - £145.50 - that's colour of course, black and white TV licences cost £49 today, some £9.56 - cheaper than the inflation rate. But then who has just a black and white TV?

When I was young I can remember my father talking about having 'two bob doubles' at Kempton Races so I was fascinated to read that Ian Hasman and his team were involved in some 'Plain Bob Doubles'! And what involvement; 1260 changes in 41 minutes, Phew! All achieved as William and Kate left the west door of Westminster Abbey.

They were of course ringing our church bells. Well done to Ian & Christine Haslam, Jon Higgins, Paul Raithby and David Woodcock.

Also a thank you to *anglicancollinghamchurches.org* for the information.

Cliff Newbold

Closing date for the July issue is **22nd June**.

LUNCH CLUB

The next Lunch will be at 12.30pm on **Monday, 6th June** at the Community Centre. The menu will be:

Honey Roast Ham and Pineapple

or

Mild Vegetable Curry and Rice

with

New Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables

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Peach Crumble and Custard

£7 including a glass of wine. Please phone Jean and Peter Foden (704241) to book your place and give your choice of menu, not later than

Thursday, 2nd June. Please pay at the door.

If you have made a booking but then cannot come please let us know as soon as possible as there may be a waiting list.

Peter Foden



WINTHORPE & DISTRICT W.I. – MAY REPORT

Mrs Pat Nelson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. There were a few apologies for absence. Mrs Brenda Tinsley read the minutes of the last meeting and thanked Mrs Barbara Finn for writing them up for her as she had been away at the previous monthly meeting.

Tickets were given out for a Family Treasures evening at Oxton when Antiques expert Charles Hanson will be talking and taking a look at some of the items which we can take along for assessment. The money for these tickets will be collected at our next monthly meeting in June.

Our speaker was to have been Mrs Elite Briggs, who is also our County Adviser, but unfortunately she had been called away to another Institute whose need we were told was greater than ours. She was to have talked through the resolutions with us which will be voted on in Liverpool at our National A.G.M, however as Winthorpe is sending the delegate to the meeting, she read through the resolutions with members from the National W.I magazine Life. The resolutions are:-

This meeting urges H.M. Government to maintain support for local libraries as an essential local educational and information resource.

And:-

This meeting abhors the practice of factory farming particularly large animals such as pigs and cows and urges H.M. Government to ensure that planning permission is not guaranteed for such projects.

The Institute was unanimous in voting for both of these resolutions.

Mrs Joan Lord thanked the delegate for reading the resolutions and taking the vote. After the business was closed members were served with cheese, biscuits, wine, orange and coffee.

The raffle was drawn and after a pleasant social time, the meeting closed.

Our next meeting is on Thursday **June 9th** when Mr. G.Wilkinson will talk on the History of Newark.

Hostesses are Mesdames K..Harvey and S. Hopewell.

On **Thursday 23rd** of June there is to be a Guided Walk around Newark, meeting at the Qssington Building at 7 p.m. This will cost two pounds fifty pence and if you wish to have a meal afterwards we will be going to Zizzy's.

Daphne Marshall



Garden Club

Rob Potterton had promised to come along with a quiz and some plants from his nursery at Nettleton. The quiz turned out to be visual with 52 beautiful slides.

In some cases we were asked to identify the subject or its origin or Latin name. He reckoned that the quiz had been made easier for us! Well not only did we not recognise some but we had never heard of them. A fair indication can be demonstrated by the fact that the best score was only about one third of the possible total.

The June Meeting is our annual day outing. This is on the **15th** to Brodsworth and Renishaw. The coach will leave the Lord Nelson at 9.15a.m. There are still places available. Anyone wanting to join us, please contact Diana Kitson on 707137 or myself on 686249.

There are no meetings in July and August but an evening outing on **July 13th** to Aubourn Hall Garden.

We will leave by car from the Lord Nelson at 6.15p.m.

Ian Wilson

GIANT SUNFLOWER COMPETITION



There isn't a flower in the world that lifts one's spirit as a sunflower. Big, bold, bright and cheerful with brilliant yellow petals, that surrounds the flower's centre; they always appear to look sun-like. They are without doubt the number one choice for children to grow.

It is now six weeks since you set your sunflower seeds and your plants should now be in the garden and making good progress. They will have two or three pairs of leaves and will be about 25cms high. Did you notice that when you planted them out that they appeared to have stopped growing? This is because it takes seven days for the roots to become established and then they start growing at a fast pace.

Did you remember to put tall strong stakes in to support your plants, if not do it now? Keep tying your plants to their stakes as later on in the summer when we traditionally have strong winds, they may blow down.

Did You Know?

- The scientific name for sunflowers; *Helianthus* derives from two Greek words, *Helios* meaning sun and *Anthos* meaning flower.
- Sunflowers are perennial plants that grow each year.
- Sunflower seeds are **toxic to grass** so distance them from your lawn which can be killed by falling seeds.

Pat Finn.

MIDSUMMER BARBECUE

Enjoy an evening out

At The Grove – 73 Gainsborough Rd

June 25th at 7pm



Jo at the Post Office

Includes Burger or Hot Dog & nibbles

Free glass of Bubbly - Licenced bar

Quiz - Ukulele Band –

Tickets **£5.00** - Limited number From Martin & Church

The money raised will go to All Saints

TUESDAY CLUB

Both meetings in June will be in the Village Hall.

Tuesday, June 14th. Morning coffee, 10.30am. 50p

Tuesday, June 28th. 2.30pm. “Summer” – a slide show. Please bring any poems about Summertime you may have.

We hope to have a tombola stall at the Village Festival on July 16th. Please bring any contributions to meetings at the end of June or the beginning of July. We would also welcome items from Focal Point readers. The profit from the tombola will go to the Lincolnshire & Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance, the nominated charity for this year’s Festival.

At our last meeting in April we had a little party for Margaret Hewitt, one of our longest serving members, who is leaving soon to be nearer family. We wish Margaret and John much peace and happiness when they move from Winthorpe to Essex.

Jean Foden

WINTHORPE CRICKET CLUB

This month's report is the first one of the playing season and as you will see match reports for the first 3 fixtures are included. The match reports have been written by the Club Captain, Simon Potter, a feature which we hope to continue through the season with various players giving us their view on the day's performance.

On the playing front numbers to date have been somewhat disappointing as we have taken to the field with 11, 9 and 10 men respectively. However on a positive note you will see in the skipper's report that Dave McClymont has returned to playing, not only that his son Callum has also joined. The first game of the season at Washingborough almost saw 3 generations on McClymont take to the field however we couldn't persuade Bob to abandon his pint at the Nelson! More seriously numbers are down this season and there is a real and present danger that we may be unable to fulfil some of our fixtures this year with the limited resources at hand. In the longer term I fear that if we cannot find additional players to come through this season could be one of our last.

The ground at Winthorpe is one of the nicest settings in which to play cricket and the facilities are of a good standard so it is hard to see why we cannot generate interest. We need additional numbers to call upon whether experienced players or total novices as the main thing is to get a full compliment of 11 and enjoy a social game of cricket. I realise that I have appealed numerous times over the years in Focal Point for additional players, unfortunately without results, however I am hoping this time for a more positive response. To be eligible to play in the McKinnells League players need to be 12 or over, all our games are played in and around Lincoln so travel isn't an issue, transport can be arranged if required and the Club has a full compliment of pads, bats etc. so equipment is provided. The standard of cricket is what I would describe as keen but friendly so there is no problem with novice or junior players feeling out of their depth. We are not specifically looking for experienced players or juniors or whatever we simply are looking for anyone young or old, male or female, to join us for a game of cricket on a Sunday afternoon closely followed by social hour or two usually in the Lord Nelson. The only "skill" you require is keenness and the ability to turn up. I have had in the past few weeks a couple of people who have expressed an interest in helping out all I need to do now is covert that interest into actual playing time. As you will have noticed there is a practice net at the ground so anyone who may be thinking of offering their services can always have a go in the net before committing themselves. There are no formal practice sessions however midweek games take place generally on a Wednesday evening (see Kavaliers fixtures below) so there is an opportunity for you to come down then for some net practice. Additionally sessions can be arranged on an ad hoc basis to suit your won availability. If you give Simon, Paul or me a ring we will no doubt be able to arrange something suitable. Please note that Coddington run junior practice sessions every Friday evening for various age groups up 12 and 13 year olds. If you would like to join in please contact me for details.

The Bonus ball continues to run and again thank you to all of you who take out a number. Just a quick reminder to check your number on a regular basis either via the jar

in the Lord Nelson or just give me quick ring rather than let it build up. Again payment can be made at the Lord Nelson or dropping it off at The Dial House, 58 Gainsborough Road and preferably with a note so I know who it is from!

At the time of reading Duck Race Day will have been and gone and I will report back in the next Focal Point.

The view from the Pavilion

1st May 2011 Washingborough away

The 2011 campaign saw a return of a familiar name amongst the playing staff not once but twice ; McClymont with Dave and son Cameron taking to the field. Winthorpe won the toss and duly asked the opposition to bat in order to chase the bowling bonus points on offer. Runs were hard to come by against the accurate Winthorpe bowling whilst wickets were coming at regular intervals and at 71 for 5 after 25 overs the game was very much in the balance. Sadly the opposition were able to add a further 78 runs in the final 15 overs however, with Fereday taking the final wicket off the last ball of the innings it meant that the full 5 bonus points were in the bag.

The run chase got off to the worst possible start with Matthews being bowled the very first ball of the innings. Worse was to follow with Fereday being caught off the first ball of the second over leaving Winthorpe reeling at 0 for 2! Noble and D. McClymont steadied the ship with a solid partnership of 28. Dan Marshall contributed a swash buckling 38 but that was all Winthorpe's reply had to offer being all out for a rather paltry 89.

8th May 2011 Nettleham 2nds home.

Winthorpe could muster only 9 players (not an ominous sign for the rest of the season I hope) for their first home game of the season. The opposition skipper won the toss and put Winthorpe into bat on a slightly damp track. Winthorpe's batsmen struggled throughout and no-one "really got going" and were all out for only 84 inside of 30 overs. Tea was duly taken and the talk in the locker room at half time was to go out and try and pick up some bonus points. James Bailey made the initial breakthrough then quickly added a second Fereday taking a fine tumbling catch behind the stumps (only keeping wicket due to the lack of a regular keeper available to play!). Potter then entered the party claiming 3 quick wickets leaving the opposition at 16 for 5, was the improbable becoming possible? With Bailey's allowed overs used up (2 for 10) Marshall came onto bowl but another wicket didn't fall until the score had reached 31. Two more followed with the total on 38 and Winthorpe were definitely favourites for victory. Marshall picked up his third wicket (3 for 16) and Potter (4 for 16) sealed a remarkable victory bowling the last man with the score on 48.

15th May 2011 Reepham home.

This time 10 men took to the field for Winthorpe having asked the opposition to bat. Conditions were ideal for bowling a bit of swing and seam off the pitch but the batsmen rode their luck and survived unscathed. After 20 overs they had crawled to 62 for 1. The home skipper was delighted but he hadn't foreseen what was to come; all of a sudden the

batsmen took a liking to the Winthorpe bowling and the scoreboard rattled along enabling the opposition to amass a total of 179 for 6, (137 runs coming off the final 20 overs!).

The home reply was in tatters at 40 for 6, what is it with Winthorpe and batting? Neil Bailey then bludgeoned 46 in a partnership with Matt Savage (15) that added 69 runs. And it was left to the last wicket pair of C. McClymont (3 n.o.) undaunted by the return of the opposition opening bowlers and Potter (19 n.o.) to add a further 29 runs. Winthorpe finishing on a respectable 138 for 9.

Fixtures

Winthorpe

5 th June	Bassingham	away	
12 th June	Horncastle	away	away
19 th June	Aswarby	home	
3 rd July	Cherry Willingham	away	

Coddington

5 th June	Bingham	home	
12 th June	Radcliffe Rovers	home	
25 th June	Belvoir	home	
3 rd July	Wellow	home	

Kavaliers

1 st June	Staythorpe Power	away	
8 th June	Barrowby	away	
15 th June	Brant Broughton	home	
22 nd June	Newark RFC		home
29 th June	Laxton	away	
6 th July	Nelson's Ashes	home	

Contact Details

Any queries or information required please do not hesitate to contact any of the following:

Simon Potter: 07777 650009

Paul Matthews: 07836 549779

Andy Fereday:-678622 or 0775 2265081

Mary Osgathorpe

As many of you are aware my mother Mary has finally decide to leave the village (Pocklington Crescent) after some 39 years of residency. She feels that at 93 years of age that she has to be a little bit closer to her family so she has moved to Stone, Staffordshire. Mum has asked me to express her thanks to many good friends and neighbours for all the support and friendship over the many years. She remembers you all with much affection and is very sad to leave you. The many flowers and cards have certainly brought a tear to mum's eye. Many thanks again for your presents and kind thoughts.

As you can imagine, swopping a nice, often too quiet, bungalow in Winthorpe amongst the roses and clematis for a one bedroom flat, in a warden assisted community on the edge of a small market town is quite a change and whilst she is still recovering from the emotional trauma she is already sleeping better at nights and is comfortable in her new surroundings.

She is content, although I wouldn't go so far as to say happy just yet. Mum will keep in touch and has already started writing to many of you thanking you for the memories. May I also express my thanks for the support of the community which has been really first class; Village life at its best and a special thanks to Barbara and Collingham Village Care, Elizabeth and Ian and Jackie for providing mum with friendship and transport over the many years. We wish all the best for the future.

Many fondest wishes,

Andy Osgathorpe (Youngest son of Mary Osgathorpe)

Church Notices

Winthorpe is very lucky to have such a talented group of flower arrangers. We would like to thank them most sincerely for their professionalism. Last year it was suggested that this year we decorate the church with a wedding theme but little did we visualise a Royal Wedding.

The ladies excelled themselves and the scent from the flowers was noticeable on entering the church. Some Royal Memorabilia & drapes on loan from Steve Jackson enhanced the arrangements. The church has never looked so beautiful. We are grateful to Steve as his 'Open Garden' attracted many visitors, the majority of which came from outside the area. We are very grateful to Steve for his donation and with the collection given by visitors to the church, we raised **£400**.

We would like to thank the Bell Ringers for joining in with the ringers at Westminster Abbey to celebrate the Royal Wedding. We could have been there!!

Next year we celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee!!

Date for your diary:–

Do please remember the **BBQ on Saturday June 25th** in Mrs Thornhill's garden commencing at 7pm. Tickets available now from The Post Office, John Nelson (Woodlands), Sylvia Lloyd & Ann Stone. Raffle prizes would be most acceptable. Thank you.

We are thinking especially of Margaret & John Hewitt who will soon be leaving the village to live near their family. They will be missed as they have been involved in many village activities.

Our thoughts are with Norma & Ken Breed who are having a difficult time at the moment and any others unknown to us.

Church Bells

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

Sunday June 12th - 10.15am Holy Communion

Sunday June 19th - 10.15am Morning Worship

Sunday June 26th - 6pm Evensong.

Brass Cleaners

Mrs June Taylor, Mrs Everson

Ann Stone , PCC Secretary.

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

CHURCH FLOWER LADIES

You did it again!

The Flower Festival depicting ‘A Country Wedding with a Royal Flavour’ surpassed all my expectations! The arrangements were absolutely beautiful.

The two wedding dresses displayed were much admired, as were the pew end decorations and the royal mementoes.

Everyone who visited the Church praised the fantastic effort.

Thank you all on behalf of All Saints.

Sylvia Lloyd

Flower coordinator





Free Water Vole Workshop!

Tuesday 21st June 9:30 – 13:00

Chesterfield Canal, Misterton

An exciting opportunity to look for field signs of the endangered water vole, as well as other riparian mammals such as mink. We will also look at the habitat suitability of the canal and give you the ability to survey your local stretch of waterway for water voles.

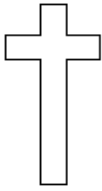
The workshop will be run by British Waterways and Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust. The workshop will be funded by the Trent Vale Landscape Partnership and will be free of charge.

Meeting place – carpark off Station Road, approx grid reference SK 776 948. Please bring sturdy boots or wellies and clothing appropriate to the weather.



(c) John Smith

Spaces on this workshop are limited and therefore booking is essential. Please contact Jenni Hignett on 07896 954695 or jhignett@nottswt.co.uk for more information and to book a place.



SERVICES IN JUNE

Sunday 5th - after Ascension

9am Holy Communion, Holme.

No service in Winthorpe

Sunday 12th – Whitsunday

10.15am Holy Communion, Winthorpe.

Thursday 16th

10am Holy Communion, Winthorpe.

Sunday 19th – Trinity Sunday

10.15am Morning Worship, Winthorpe.

Sunday 26th – Trinity 1

9am Holy Communion, Langford..

6pm Evensong, Winthorpe.

ALL ARE WELCOME

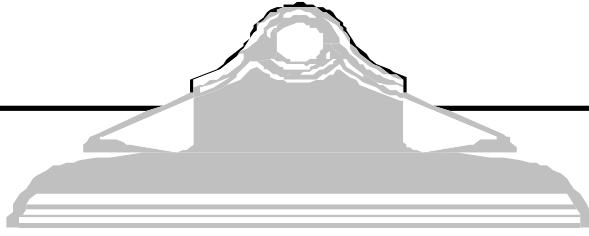
CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

June

24th Mrs Stone, Mr McClymont

July

22nd Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Nelson



JUNE CALENDAR

Monday 6 th	Luncheon Club. 12.30pm - Community Centre Silver Bin
Thursday 9 th	WI Meeting, 7.30pm – Village Hall.
Monday 13 th	Library Van Green Bin
Tuesday 14 th	Tuesday Club Coffee morn. 10.30am - V.H.
Wednesday 15 th	Garden Club outing, 9.15am coach leaves.
Monday 20 th	Silver Bin
Wednesday 22 nd	Art Club outing,
Thursday 23 rd	WI Newark Walk, 7pm – Ossington Building
Saturday 25 th	BBQ, 7pm - The Grove
Monday 27 th	Green Bin
Tuesday 28 th	Tuesday Club, Slide show, 2.30pm – V.H.

July

14th Garden Club outing

