



Ed's Comments

In this month's issue Sue Jackson requests that those inconsiderate dog owners who allow their dogs to foul the field at the Community Centre, clean up after them. Sue points out that the field is used by children. In addition, it would seem that some of the more considerate owners are cleaning up but are placing the 'deposits' in the wrong bin!

I have covered this many times over the years and in fact one year produced an excerpt written by an experienced dog trainer who suggested that it was quite easy to train your dogs to carry out such functions in their own gardens. Seemed a very considerate act to me!

However, Back to Sue's problem, I would suggest that it might be more appropriate to prohibit the use of the field by dogs altogether! Or is that not possible?

On a nicer note, it was great to see all of the work our allotment holders have put in. Their efforts appeared to be 'bearing fruit' if you could excuse the pun.

I might be writing this piece on a laptop on a beach in Cornwall but I still have my fingers crossed for the re-run of the Festival. What with me finding some sunshine down here for the first time for some years and with England winning the cricket series against India, we just needed a fine day in the Village on Festival day to make it a good month. I look forward to receiving the report for next month's issue.

Looking down I can see the results of those cream teas and Cornish pasties; I might therefore have to take advantage of the start of the Line Dancing in the Centre this month! I wonder if Brian Cheetham's boots and hat will fit me?

Cliff Newbold

Closing date for the October issue is **22nd September.**

LUNCH CLUB

The next Lunch will be at 12.30pm on **Monday, 5th September** at the Community Centre. The menu will be:

Roast Pork with Apple Sauce

or

Salmon and Prawn Salad

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Profiteroles with Chocolate Sauce

£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, 1st September**. **Please remember that we are having to apply a limit of 50 to the number coming so do not delay making contact.** Please pay at the door.

TUESDAY CLUB

Tuesday, 13th September. Morning Coffee, 10.30am. in the Village Hall.

Tuesday, 27th September. Lunch outing to Gateway Park, Brewers Fayre (opposite Pennells Garden Centre, North Hykeham). Please meet at the restaurant at 12.15pm – lunch has been booked for 12.30pm. Transport will be by car and lifts will be arranged.

Jean Foden

Winthorpe Community Centre

Would dog walkers please clear up after their dogs if they foul on the field? The field is regularly used by children to play football so it really is essential to clear up dog waste. Please also use the red dog waste bin to dispose of dog waste and not leave it in the litter bins at the Community Centre, the red bin is by the bridge over the Fleet. The litter bins are emptied by the Trustees during their regular patrols and this is not a pleasant item to find in the bin, but the red bins are emptied by staff from Newark and Sherwood District Council, who have the correct equipment to deal with dog waste.

Thank you

Sue Jackson, Secretary



Winthorpe Line Dancers

We hope that you have enjoyed the summer break and look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday the **6th September at 7pm** at the Community Centre.

Newcomers will be very welcome.

Joan Lord and Linda Richardson

GIANT SUNFLOWER COMPETITION



Did you measure the height of your sunflower? If not, do it now.

When the sunflower head becomes full of seeds, feed every time you water. This will encourage the seeds to get big and fat. The weight of the seeds will cause the head to bow down. This is nature's way of keeping the seeds dry.

When the seeds are ripe, using a small hacksaw cut off one of the seed heads and hang it from a tree. Leave the rest of the plants in the garden. Birds love to eat sunflower seeds, as they are rich in oil. See how many varieties of birds come to feed on your sunflower seeds?

You may like to save some seeds to use for growing next year's plants. The best seeds are on the plant's two outer rings. Lay these on a sheet of paper for the sun to dry them. When they are completely dry, using a paper bag store in a dry place. Do not use a plastic bag as this will make the seeds sweat and they will rot.

Ring me on **Sunday 11th September** with the height of your tallest sunflower. **Tel: 704444.**

The sunflower presentation will be in the school on Friday 16th September at 11.15am.

Did You Know?

- There can be as many as 4000 seeds in a seed head and that head could weigh 2kg. (4½ lbs) Phew! No wonder the sunflower bows its head with that weight.
- After the extraction of oil from sunflower seeds, the by-product is used as a high-quality animal feed.

Pat Finn.

**Saturday
15 October**

QUIZ NIGHT



Winthorpe Community Centre

Quiz Master – David Barthorpe

7 pm for 7.30 pm

£7.00 INCLUDING HOT SUPPER

**Tickets available from
Rosanna 01636 704276,
Sue 703198 and Maureen 701205**

ALL WELCOME

**Bring your own drinks and nibbles
Teams of up to 6 people**

All proceeds to Winthorpe Tennis Club

THE CHARITY OF THOMAS BREWER

From time to time we publish information about the Charity of Thomas Brewer to remind readers of Focal Point about its history and purpose. The Charity was established in 1616 through the will of Thomas Brewer. He was a resident of Winthorpe and bequeathed property and land in the village, the income from which was to be used to relieve persons resident in the village, or nearby, in conditions of need, hardship or distress. The Charity no longer owns property but it does own a seventeen acre field adjacent to the A46/A1133 roundabout. This is rented out to a farmer. Income for the Charity accrues from this rent and interest from money invested over the years.

The Charity is administered by five Trustees. The rector is an ex-officio Trustee so the departure of David Milner has currently left four Trustees. Two are nominated by the Parish Council and two are co-opted. The four are Margaret Stewart, David Barthorpe, David Hopewell and Peter Foden. There are no officers. The only “post” is that of Correspondent as the point of contact with the Charity Commission.

In addition to submitting annual accounts to the Charity Commission it has been practice to also present them to the Annual Parish Meeting as a way of informing anyone in the village who might be interested. Sadly, for several years the only non-Parish/District Council attendees at the Meeting have been Trustees of the Charity.

The Trustees meet regularly to consider the affairs of the Charity. Our main concern is to ensure that the object of the Charity is achieved. This is not easy for two reasons. Firstly, since the advent of the welfare state, real poverty is thankfully rare. Nevertheless there are cases of hardship if only we can find out where they are. Secondly, the acceptance of charity can be embarrassing for the recipient.

In recent years the practice has been to make Christmas donations to a number of individuals and organizations having similar aims within the area of benefit. In addition several donations have been given to individuals as the need has occurred at other times. The funds are

limited but we would like to know of instances of need. Residents can help us by advising us of anyone they feel deserves financial help. The Trustees have a wide choice in the purpose for which help can be given as long as the need is clear. The aid is not intended for a particular age group. The area of benefit is defined as “the village (i.e. Winthorpe) and nearby”. The Trustees use their discretion in considering “nearby” situations. Residents of Holme and Langford have benefited.

If you would like to suggest someone you feel is deserving of financial help, or you would like more information about the Charity of Thomas Brewer, please contact one of the Trustees. Whilst the names of recipients of donations will never be disclosed we wish to be as open as possible about the affairs of the Charity.

Peter Foden,
Correspondent.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – WINTHORPE VILLAGE SCRAPBOOKS

This year, the Winthorpe Village Scrapbooks are 40 years old. Formed in 1971 when the Newark Archaeological & Local History Society asked local people to collect information about their village history.

A committee was formed in Winthorpe under the chairmanship of the late Mr. G.P. Bennett. Many contributors old and young helped in the research and writing of the articles. The result of the competition was joint first place with the village of Elston. Winthorpe was awarded six trees. A weeping willow, which is on the Green in front of the Almshouses, a silver birch, lime, balsam poplar, red horse-chestnut and a prunus, which were planted on the left-hand edge of the cricket field, just inside the gate.

The two A3 books were donated, for reference, to Gilstrap Public Library, Newark, that being the condition laid down in the competition. The village holds duplicate copies.

In 2004, it was decided to update the Village Scrapbooks. Many people, in the village, made contributions and we now have six A3 books, including the original two.

If you would like to read these interesting books you can go into the Winthorpe village website

www.winthorpe.org.uk and then into ‘**Village History.**’

Better still, why not read the books in the comfort of your armchair. I can just imagine the scene, a book on your lap, a pint at your side and the dog resting at your feet. I do like to dream?

If you wish to borrow these books ring me on **704444**.

Another fortieth birthday celebration this year is Winthorpe Primary School. Pupils moved out of their old school building, now called ‘The Old School’, into their new school in September 1971.

The children must have thought it was heaven having inside toilets.

DID YOU KNOW?

- When the village was under Danish control, in the 9th Century, it was called Wymphetorp.
- The Lord Nelson public house was once called The Turk's Head. Along with The Dial House these 16th Century buildings are the oldest in Winthorpe.
- Wynways and Mill Close are a pair of semi-detached houses built in 1893 by Mr. G. Pierce Duncombe, owner of Winthorpe Hall. Years later they became one house and now they are back to two houses. I will let you, the reader, find out where they are.
- George Wilkinson, historian and Chairman on Newark Civic Trust, lived as a young boy in Bleach Houses. Demolished in 1940, these three cottages were alongside the A46 and the stream draining the airfield adjoining Mrs. M. Thornhill's fields.

Pat Finn.

Footnote.

Two of the committee members of the original Winthorpe Village Scrapbooks, Mrs. C. Morgan, and Mr. J.A. Smith still live in the village.

LANGFORD LOWFIELDS

The reed bed restoration of Langford will undergo some major work this September, working alongside Tarmac, and having secured funding from SITA and BIFFA, the RSPB will restore a further 6 hectares of priority reed bed habitat, and make great improvements to the existing wetland.

The landscaping will be moving a staggering 100,000 cubic metres of earth with a great team of diggers and excavators from Wardles Ltd, to create a lush wet reedbed from an old silt lagoon. The changes will not only improve the quality of the reserve for some of our rare species such as bittern, bearded tit and water rails, but will start the process of building future footpaths and trails. This is a huge step forward for the reserve as the RSPB aspires to create visitor access at Langford within 2 years.

We have some guided walks planned over the next few months;

18 September *Autumn Migrants*

16 October *Winter Wildfowl Walk*

27 November *Christmas is coming*

These give a great opportunity to visit the reserve with one of our wardens, they take place from 2-4pm (expect November Walk 1.30-3.30pm) and cost £2 for adults and £1 for children. Booking essential please phone 01636 893611 to book your place.

Nicola (RSPB Langford Lowfields)

Seal makes a splash in the Trent Vale

This grey seal was spotted and photographed in the Trent Vale two weeks ago by Dr Robin Brace. The seal was swimming in the River Trent close to Collingham and the Notts. Wildlife Trust Besthorpe Nature Reserve. Seals following tidal rivers are not uncommon Britain.

There have been 3 sightings of grey seals so far this year in the Collingham/Besthorpe area.



TRENT VALE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

A framed history of Trent Vale

An exciting photography competition is being held for Trent Vale residents of all ages to submit their pictures of the Trent Vale area. Winning entries will be exhibited across the Vale.....



To be eligible for the competition your photographs must have been taken within the Trent Vale area, this follows the course of the River Trent from Newark in the south, to East and West Stockwith just north of Gainsborough.

There are two entry categories:- 16 and over and under 16.

You are free to be as creative as you want for the subject of the pictures! We would like to show different aspects of life in the area, so simply show us:

‘What the Trent Vale means to you’

Prizes:

The winner in each age category will have their photograph displayed on the back of local buses in the area for six months. Runners up will also have pictures displayed on routes throughout the area.

Selected entries will have their photographs exhibited at various venues throughout the Trent Vale area.

Jo Metson-Scott, a local professional photographer, will be judging the entries in January 2012.

Competition Rules:

Only ONE photograph to be submitted into the competition per entrant.

All photographers must be amateurs.

Entries must be in by 6 January 2012.

How to submit your entries:-

Email photographs in a jpeg format to:-

creswell@groundwork.org.uk

Include your name, age and contact details, along with the category you are entering. All entries will receive a confirmation email.

Church Notices

We were very pleased to welcome the Revd. Canon Philip Humphreys & his wife Joan to our Holy Communion Service on Sunday 14th Aug.

The Annual '**Beating the Bounds**' will commence with a Service of Holy Communion on Saturday evening the **3rd September at 6pm** in St. John the Baptist Church in Collingham- followed by refreshments.

On Sunday 4th September - Holy Communion this year will be held at 8am in Harby Church followed by breakfast.

The full itinerary is on the fence outside the church.

The day will conclude with Choral Evensong at 5.15 pm followed by tea in All Saints Church Winthorpe.

We hope many of the village will attend

A date for your dairy:-

Winthorpe Church Saturday October 8th at 7.30pm An evening with the popular group – 'Decent Chaps'.

The tickets will soon be available from Keith Lloyd, John & Pat Nelson, Ann Stone & the Post office.

The price will be £10 and will include 2 glasses of wine and a Ploughman's Supper.

The evening has been sponsored by Tallents Solicitors, Waitrose Supermarket & congregation. Proceeds are for Church Funds.

Recently an attempt was made to steal some lead flashing from the vestry roof and we are very grateful once again to Mr Gerry Platts for repairing the damage and clearing the vestry gutter.

We do hope that if you have had a holiday it has been enjoyable and a welcome break. We also send our good wishes to all those taking part in the village holiday this month.

Found - Please can you help



Black & White kitten 1- 2 yrs old wearing a green studded collar. This loving & gentle kitten arrived at the same time as the dustmen 10 days ago. It desperately needs a loving home. We would love to keep her but unfortunately we already have a rescued cat called Susie who is emphatic that she does not wish to share her home and makes this very clear (not very Christian) Many thanks Ann (Tel. 702104)

Church Bells

Monday 5th September, starting at 10.30am , a quarter peal of Winthorpe Delight Minor will be attempted. If all goes well it will last for 50 minutes but allowing for a re-start perhaps 90 minutes would be a reasonable estimate. They will ring for practices on Thursday evenings from 7.00pm - 9.0pm and possibly for the following :-

Sunday September 4th 5.15pm - Evensong
Sunday September 11th 10.15am - Holy Communion
Sunday September 25th 6pm - Evensong.

We also have a visiting band of ringers from Herefordshire coming on Sunday 2nd October and they will be ringing from 10.30am to 11.15am, on their way home.

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.

Beating the Bounds

Saturday Sept. 3rd 6pm - Holy Communion St. John's Collingham.
Followed at 7pm by wine & Nibbles.

Sunday Sept 4th 8am - Holy Communion BCP (said). All Saints Harby.
Followed at 8.45am by breakfast Village Hall.

9.45am - Prayers at Thorney.

10.30am - Prayers at Clifton.

11.0am - Noisy Worship & Communion.

12.30pm - Prayers at Besthorpe.

Followed at 12.45pm with Faith Lunch Besthorpe Village Hall.

2.0pm - Prayers South Scarle.

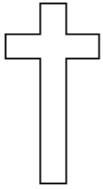
2.45pm - Prayers at All Saints Collingham.

3.30pm - Prayers at Langford.

4.15pm - Holy Communion at Holme.

5.15pm - Choral Evensong All Saints Winthorpe.

Followed at 6pm by Tea etc..



SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

Sunday 4th TRINITY 11

Beating the bounds (See notices)

3.30pm Prayers, Langford.

4.15pm Holy Communion, Said – Holme.

5.15 pm Choral Evensong followed by Tea-Winthorpe

Sunday 11th TRINITY 12

10.15 Holy Communion, Winthorpe.

Thursday 15th

10am Holy Communion, Winthorpe.

Sunday 18th TRINITY 13

NO SERVICE IN WINTHORPE

Sunday 25th TRINITY 14

9am Holy Communion, Langford.

6pm Evensong, Winthorpe.

ALL ARE WELCOME

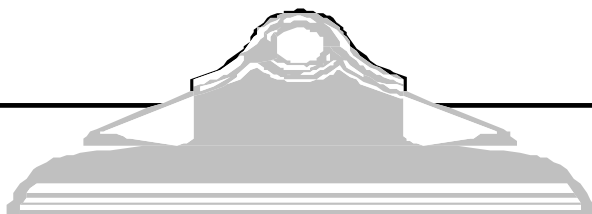
CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

SEPTEMBER

23rd Mrs Foden, Mrs Lloyd

OCTOBER

21st Mrs Finn Mrs Nelson



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Monday 5 th	Luncheon Club 12.30pm - Centre. Green Bin
Tuesday 6 th	Line Dancing, 7pm – Community Centre.
Thursday 8 th	WI meeting, 7.30pm – Village Hall.
Sunday 11 th	Sunflower Phone In.- Pat Finn.
Monday 12 th	Silver Bin
Tuesday 13 th	Tuesday Club Coffee Morn. 10.30am – V.H.
Monday 19 th	Green Bin
Wednesday 21 st	Garden Club, 7.30pm – Community Centre.
Monday 26 th	Silver Bin
Tuesday 27 th	Tuesday Club Lunch, 12.15pm at Restaurant.

OCTOBER

Saturday 15th Quiz Night - 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