

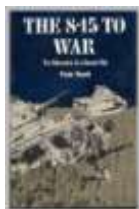


Ed's Comments

Again this year we found ourselves at the cenotaph on Remembrance Day, a visit that we have made for the last 20 years or so. It is a very moving experience to witness the hundreds of service men and women, both serving and former, standing in line for what must seem like hours, before the chimes of Big Ben and the firing of the cannon starts the two minute silence. A silence only broken by the flapping of pigeon wings as the echoes of the gun fade away.

I mention this visit as I have received a lovely report from Peter Roach who this year went back to Egypt with two other 'Desert Rats' to lay a wreath at the El Alamein memorial.

Not just any wreath, this was a wreath that Peter lay on behalf of Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall who is the Patron of the 7th Armoured Division.



It sometimes amazes me when something like this crops up and reveals the background of those who live amongst us. Peter you see also wrote and had published, a book on his experiences, the title of which is 'The 8.15 To War'. Although published some 30 or so years ago it is still possible to purchase one on the internet. Below is what a customer of the Amazon store felt about the book:-

This little book (185 pages) is far from being just a series of readable reminiscences but reflects the thoughts and philosophy of a remarkable man who started out in life by sailing round the world in a tall ship before the mast. He spent most of the first two years of the war at sea on Atlantic convoys and, deciding that he'd had enough of bombs, torpedoes and shells without being able to hit back and wishing to get to grips with the enemy himself, he persuaded the authorities to allow him to leave the Merchant Navy and join the Army.

No apologies for taking up my page on Peter, as I rather hope it might encourage others with interesting lives to let us share them.

I have just left enough space to wish you all:-

A Joyful Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year

Cliff Newbold

Closing date for the January issue is the **16th of December.**



Parish News



It has been brought to the Parish Councils attention by one or two local residents that a stranger has been noted in the village taking photographs with a zoom lens camera. When approached the individual concerned quickly walked away.

If any local residents have noticed any similar incidences involving a stranger with a camera taking photographs, would they please in the first instance contact Mr Steven N Jackson, Chairman of the Parish Council on telephone number: **01636 671377**.

Pam Hemphill (Clerk)

Further Ed's comments.....

Following my comment last month on the disappointment at not being able to view the Parish minutes on the village website; I am pleased to see that the September meeting is in. It would be nice to think that the October and November minutes will be in before the new year?

Amongst the items in the **September minutes**, in case you missed them, were:-

Legacy from Miss A M Hillfert. - A cheque for **£250.38** had been received from the estate of Miss Hillfert, which will be used for the benefit of the village. Members expressed their gratitude and thanks.

Localism Bill -It was agreed to keep reviewing this situation.

This has now been passed. One feature of the new Act is to devolve greater powers to councils and neighbourhoods and give local communities more control over housing and planning decisions. It also gives residents the power to instigate local referendums on any local issue.

Diamond Jubilee Walk Way - The Jubilee Walk Pathway between the far side of the Jubilee Bridge and the Recreation Area was a "Permissive Pathway" under an agreement with the Stewart Trust. Now that this field had been exchanged and was the property of the Parish Property Trust it was agreed that this be declared a Public Right of Way.

Interestingly I have spoken to two members of the council who were at the meeting and both denied knowledge of this item!!

New Burial Ground – The Chairman reported that the land is now officially owned by the Parish Council, with all legal processes completed.

For more information on these and others items you will have to view the site.

Ed

LUNCH CLUB

The Christmas Lunch will be at 12.30pm on **Monday, 12th December** at the Community Centre. The menu will be:-



Leek & Potato Soup

or

Fruit Juice

-x-

Roast Turkey & all the trimmings

or

Roast Pork with Apple Sauce

or

Trout in Almond Butter

-x-

Christmas Pudding

or

Lemon Roulade

-x-

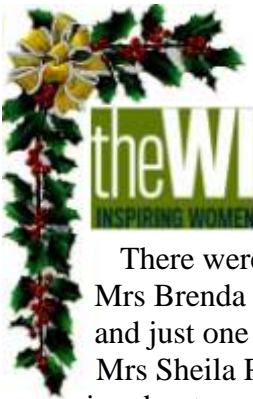
Coffee & Mints



£8 including a glass of wine.

Please phone Jean and Peter Foden (**704241**) as soon as possible to book your place and give your choice of menu.

Please pay at the door. - **Peter Foden**



WINTHORPE & DISTRICT W.I. REPORT FOR NOVEMBER

Mrs Pat Nelson welcomed members and our speaker who was a representative from Flora Media of Caunton.

There were several apologies from members who could not attend. Mrs Brenda Tinsley read the minutes from the last month's meeting and just one or two letters from County House.

Mrs Sheila Palmer had contacted the office at Scampton with an enquiry about our proposed trip there. Unfortunately this has been cancelled because of the recent tragedy there.

Mrs Vivienne Jackson spoke of a proposed trip to Nottingham to the Theatre in the New Year to see Sister Act, there was much interest.

Then Mrs Nelson introduced our speaker who had brought many plants and bulbs for sale. He showed us how to make a wreath for Christmas from natural foliage and cones. He said that today commercial people used a claw frame to hold moss or straw for a base to fasten the foliage to, however he used a very simple wire frame and bound his moss with very fine wire, then he took little bunches of varying foliage, using stake wires to bind the bunch together and stuck the stake through the moss fastening it at the back to secure it. This was done all around the ring until no moss was showing and then the excess foliage was trimmed away. To finish it off two pairs of pine cones were used to decorate it and some dried limes and orange slices.

A beautiful natural decoration, which we hope to see on many front doors in Winthorpe. A wreath is not a traditional religious symbol, but a symbol of welcome and has been since ancient times.

Everyone was delighted with this demonstration and thanks were given to the demonstrator by Mrs June Taylor.

After the raffle and tea and biscuits the meeting closed.

Our next meeting is our Christmas Party at the Community Centre on **Thursday December 8th**

Hostesses are the Committee.

The entertainment is Cantores Mobile.



Daphne Marshall



TUESDAY CLUB

Our only meeting in December will be our Christmas tea party on **Tuesday, 13th December**, at 2.30pm in the Village Hall.

Please bring an item of food and a wrapped Christmas parcel. There will be a box for cards between members.



Our recent Coffee Morning in aid of the League of Friends fund raising project to refurbish the outpatients waiting area at Newark Hospital raised **£244.60**. A big thank you to all those who supported the coffee morning or gave donations.

It was great to see the Village Hall so full at this event. The refurbishment starts in January and should be finished in March.



We wish all Focal Point readers a very Happy Christmas.

Jean Foden.



Thank you to all who helped when I had a fall outside the Post Office recently; especially Jo and Martin and Ann and Alan Stone. I am glad to say I am feeling much better now.

Joyce Brumpton



Trick or Treat

On Halloween night, I lit our drive, which is very dark, with small illuminated plastic ghosts. This was not only to make it safer for children, but also to welcome them to our house for trick or treat. If your child came home with one or more of these, then could you please ask him or her to return them to me, as they were stolen, not given.

F Wright, 1 Woodlands



Garden Club

It takes a special kind of person to concentrate on growing orchids. Requirements include infinite patience, deep pockets and the ability to withstand frequent setbacks. This summarises the situation as told by local Orchid Council judge Stephen Pask at our recent meeting. He began by listing the basic considerations for the ordinary householder growing orchids on a windowsill. Even here he listed nine points to be taken into account for a plant to thrive and flower well. These include aspect, temperature, humidity and air movement. Basically the main causes of failure are draughts and wet, cold growing mediums.

The specialists refer to three temperature ranges and the orchids to which they are best suited; in degrees Fahrenheit:-

Cool, the range 46-60 - cymbidium

Intermediate, 60-70 - phalaenopsis

Warm, 65-85 - angraecum, vanda

Enthusiasts travel all over the country to orchid shows and Stephen showed us pictures of some of his own prize – winning specimens. He also told of the many occasions when plants had died suddenly and sometimes inexplicably.

It is not a cheap hobby, with plants starting at about £10 and many devotees collecting hundreds, sometimes thousands of plants. Apart from the plant costs, the specialised growing houses, heating, varied watering needs, this becomes a near full – time occupation. Whilst for some this is simply a labour of love for others there are huge rewards.

One competition winner in Japan won a Mercedes and was offered over £60,000 for his winning specimen. He refused.

There is no meeting in December. Our next is the social evening on **January 18th**. Please remember to bring your food contribution and your own drinks.



**In the meantime I wish everyone a peaceful, joyful
Christmas and A happy New Year.**



Ian Wilson

Winthorpe Bonfire



The Youth Club Committee and the Youth Club youngsters would like to thank everyone who contributed to making the Village Bonfire such a successful event this year. Fortunately the weather was kind to us and this resulted in a high attendance. Feedback was very positive. It was very rewarding to see so many family groups enjoying the evening. As always, the firework displays were spectacular and the Bonfire was probably one of the largest that we have had.

It is a relief to report that this year we did not have any issues with waste being left on Thoroughfare Lane nor did we have any non wooden waste placed on the Bonfire.

Special thanks to Bob Allen, Chris Perkins and his pyrotechnic team, Steve Jackson and Winthorpe Parish Council, Jamie Macintyre - Winthorpe School and the PTA, the Community Centre trustees,- especially Colin Smith, Duncan and his car parking team, Martin and Jo,- from the Post Office, St John's Ambulance Brigade, Valentine, Craig and Samantha -YC, Young Farmers, Allotment society, Lynn, Chris, Yvonne, Angela and Sarah and anyone else that I have missed out!!

Thank you once again for supporting the Youth Club.

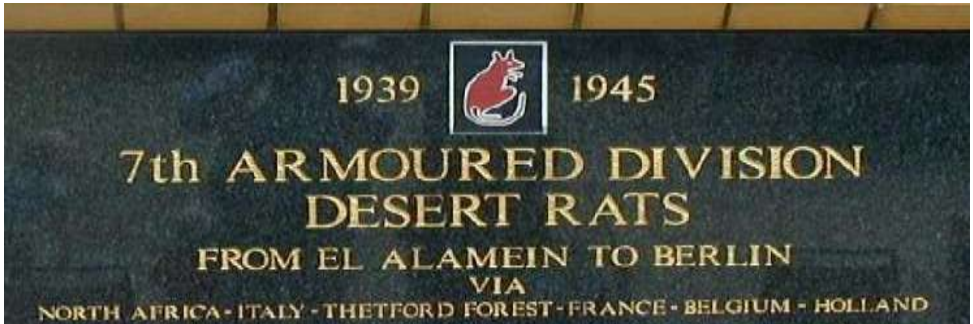
Funds from the event will allow us to continue to support youngsters in our local community in a variety of ways including the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, accredited first Aid courses, professional training in dance and the SHADOW event in Sherwood Forest. Additionally our outgoings include insurance and Community Centre rental which all need to be funded from the proceeds of the event.

The Youth Club Committee work throughout the year to ensure continued success and would be delighted if you would like to help too.

Please contact me by telephone if you are interested in joining our friendly committee tel. no. 01636 **708727**

Denise Day

PETER GOES BACK.....



May your glory ever shine, May your laurels never fade, May the memory of this glorious pilgrimage of war you have made from Alamein, via the Baltic to Berlin never die. It is a march unsurpassed through all the story of war.

May the fathers long tell the children about this tale - Winston Churchill

It may almost be said,

"Before Alamein we never had a victory, after Alamein we never had a defeat.- " Winston Churchill

It really happened.



For some years I have belonged to a small society of ex- 7th Armoured Division Veterans (Desert Rats) who met once a year.

In September I had a letter saying they were organising a return to Egypt for a memorial of the battle of Alamein (1942); the first the army had won since the war

started. They planned to make a six day visit staying at hotels up the line of battle and almost out of Egypt.

I rang back saying it sounded wonderful, but how much would it cost – “Nothing” was the reply “thanks to the Lottery fund ”.

So accompanied by my daughter Kate, as my carer, we set off at 4.30 in the morning and were at Heathrow airport at 7am and Cairo by mid afternoon where it was not too hot but just lovely & warm.

The Battle had started on Oct. 23rd, I was the radio operator for the Regimental navigator in a small tank; an ex-USA condemned 1938; very reliable but remarkably uncomfortable.

I sat facing backwards and could see nothing of the outside world except the commanders feet dangling down.

So the battle passed, but we had a minor part in the victory because we were part of the follow up Group and follow we did, so that by Christmas we were at the junction of Egypt and Tripolitania where we remained until the supplies could catch us up.

So far I had seen nothing but dangling feet for about 500 miles, but we had fired our guns at times.

This was a great battle where we all had our lot to do and carried it out.

In the new year as we moved westward again I was in a different tank which was years younger.



Our 'wreath laying' in the vast Alamein cemetery covered with crosses from this one battle was very moving; however they now lie in the peaceful sand again.



To lay a wreath on the memorial was a real honour.

A mini-bus had been provided and together with two other veterans of the battle we had been booked into some different lovely hotels as we made our way westwards.

At night we sat around with a beer or two and reminisced over the day and what we had seen and felt.- A super few days.

T H A N K Y O U L O T T E R Y F u n d .

Peter Roach

Battle of El Alamein from the internet.....

British forces totalled 230,000 men and the Axis forces totalled 108,000 men, with Italians making up 42 of the 70 battalions. The losses at El Alamein were heavy for both sides: Rommel lost 25,000 dead and wounded and 30,000 captured; Montgomery lost 4,610 dead and missing and 8,950 wounded. The bulk of Rommel's casualties were Italian.

The exact numbers of dead is not easily available. Ed



Coddington & Winthorpe Cricket Club

I thought I had better remain true to my word regarding regular contributions to Focal Point hence this month's update. The final agm will have been held at the time of reading and hopefully all the necessary final sign offs regarding the merger etc. will have been completed in readiness for the New Year. The interim working party have been looking to pull everything together and all would appear on course for 2012. Additional coaches are in the process of being appointed and the necessary courses etc. planned for the winter in readiness for the new season.

For the forthcoming season we will be playing in Division 7 of the Newark Alliance Sunday league, hopefully at the end of the season I can report that for 2013 it will be Division 6! The League held a fixtures meeting in November and a draft fixture list has been issued to the clubs for final agreement. We are working through this at the moment and I will be able to publish the fixtures in January's Focal Point and also update the Village website. Hopefully I will also be able to publish the Kavaliers fixtures for the midweek league.

As I reported last month from the outside there will be very little noticeable change. We are continuing to run the Bonus Ball in order to bring in much needed funds. I would again like to thank the Lord Nelson for being the custodian of the "Bonus Ball Jar". Those of you who have a number please don't forget to check your current standing when you are next in there, failing that please give me a call (678622) for an update. At the moment there are a couple of spare numbers that are not taken up on regular basis so if you would like to participate in the draw please do not hesitate to contact me or have a word with the bar staff.

The traditional May Bank holiday Duck Race will take place in 2012 and this year we are hoping to add to the usual attractions due to the increased membership of the club. Hopefully this year the weather will be kind and allow us to have a super day!



At the risk of repeating myself arrangements for winter nets are as follows:-

Adult nets will be held at St Peter and St Paul Catholic School in Lincoln. They will be on Monday evenings running from 16th January to 23rd April taking place between 9:00pm and 10:00pm.

Juniors nets will be held at the Magnus Sports Centre in Newark from Sunday 15th January to Sunday 1st April. Under 11 sessions will run from 9:30am to 11:00am followed by Under 10 & Under 11 from 11:00am to 12:30pm

Kwik cricket which is for Year 3 upwards will again be held at Magnus Sports Centre from Friday 2nd March running until 30th March taking place between 6:15pm and 7:30pm.

Thereafter hard ball, kwik cricket and mini cricket coaching sessions will be held at the ground on Holme Lane from Friday 20th April through to Friday 27th July.

I would like to thank you all for your support in the past and also for your continued support in the future. If anyone has any questions contact details are included below. If anyone would be keen to play next season or join us for nets over the winter please get in contact and register your interest.

Finally the Club – both old and new wish you:-

**A very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year
And hope to see you at Holme Lane in 2012.**



Contact Details

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

Paul Matthews: 07836 549779
Andy Fereday: 678622 or 0775 2265081
Lee Parsons 07802 210451 - (Junior Cricket)

Andy Fereday



WINTHORPE & DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

*Come and join us to see the musical comedy SISTER ACT on
Thursday the 22nd of March 2012*

*It is at the Theatre Royal Nottingham and we will be departing the village
at 6pm for the 7.30 evening performance.*

The price per ticket which includes the bus fare will be £40.

*We have a few extra tickets, so if you and your partner or friend would
like to join us you are very welcome.*

*Please telephone either Viv Jackson 659631 or Sheila Palmer 679960
before Thursday the 12th of January 2012*



New British Legion Branch Formed

On the 31st October 2011 an inaugural meeting was held at the Royal Oak Collingham at 7pm to establish a Collingham and district branch of the Royal British Legion where 35 people attended and a new branch was duly formed, the first in Collingham since 1973.

The Collingham and District branch has only been made possible due to the sterling efforts of Jackie Norcott, who has worked tirelessly to bring everything together and make it happen.

You do not have to be a serving or ex member of HM armed forces to join the RBL so if you live in the distribution areas of this magazine and fancy becoming a member either as a helper or purely for the social occasions then please contact our secretary Jackie on **01636 893327** for an application form and to hear about our aims and objectives.

We welcome applicants from 12 years to join our youth section.

We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming you to our branch.

Alan Boxall - Chairman Collingham and District Royal British Legion.

Martin continues from last month - It is a shame that some boaters are unwilling to tackle rivers, they miss out on quite a lot.....



The next step up is determination with some bravery. This level covers travelling on tidal waters, which puts quite a lot of boaters off. Boats need to be a little more powerful than the average and be equipped with safety gear

and, usefully, a marine radio. A higher level of navigational skill is required, but really nothing in comparison with offshore and coastal sailing. A bit of determination here can really extend the range of cruises. One of our memorable trips was catching the early morning tide on the Thames from Limehouse dock near Canary Wharf and sailing up through London, under Tower Bridge and past the Houses of Parliament to Richmond.

The tidal Trent gives access to the Fossdyke at Torksey for Lincoln and Boston, the Chesterfield canal at Stockwith and the South Yorkshire navigations, for Sheffield and Leeds, at Keadby. A similar stretch of the tidal Yorkshire Ouse from Selby gives access to York and Ripon. I would rather visit York by car, but Ripon is a beautiful little town, well worth the voyage.

Ripon is about as far north as you can get, except for Carnforth on the Lancaster Canal. To get here requires a little more determination, as a minor sea voyage across the Ribble estuary is needed. This needs a little more planning as passage is only possible on certain tides. British Waterways staff manage this on a more formal basis, with forward booking required and quite a lot of supervision.

Last year we visited East Anglia and the Fens. A very short tidal stretch of the Great Ouse near to Downham Market gives access to the river up to Ely, St. Ives, Huntingdon, Bedford and Cambridge. Navigating some of the 'lodes' towards Thetford in Norfolk takes you about as far east as the waterways go, only the Medway is further east and that requires a trip out of the Thames into the estuary.

Our level of determination, bravery and skill has stretched to all of these, but our ambition goes a little further. We are hoping next year to try the Severn Estuary from Sharpness down to Bristol, a 25 mile journey in open water. This is one of two well known open water passages, the other being across the Wash from Boston to Kings Lynn. Both of these require an experienced pilot to be engaged.

One or two boaters are rather more adventurous than this. One has appeared on television taking his boat across the English Channel to Calais for the French waterways. Another has travelled up the West Coast from Liverpool to Inverness via the Caledonian Canal. The cost of these boats and equipping them for the sea surely exceeded the cost of a suitable coastal vessel for these journeys, so I think they were both publicity events. On the other hand I have personally seen a canal boat on the Humber Estuary, heading from Hull to Trent Falls and one at Wells



next the Sea in Norfolk which must surely have been ‘passaging’ from Kings Lynn to Great Yarmouth for access to The Broads. This must have been an epic voyage of 80 miles in the open sea. Having sailed both areas in a proper yacht and knowing how rough it can get I can’t envisage doing this in a canal boat.

There is one more category that I haven’t mentioned; easy but expensive. We would love to do the Forth and Clyde canal in Scotland and experience the Falkirk Wheel, unfortunately to get there we would have to put the boat on a lorry, easily spending £2000 for a few weeks holiday. In our travels we have reached the north, south and southerly extents of our navigable system, only the easterly edge, at Chatham on the Medway remains and this is one that we will probably not attempt.

Martin Shapley

RSPB Langford Lowfields Update



Winter and Christmas will soon be upon us, for the reserve this brings in an influx of different birds to the site. Flocks of winter thrushes, namely **fieldfares** and **redwings** can be seen and heard overhead throughout the day and our **starling** roost is starting to grow, with present numbers at around 2000 yesterday, this may still grow to last years impressive 15000. Wildfowl numbers are swelling, with more **teal** and **mallard** on site, interspersed with the odd **pintail**, **shoveler** or **pochard**.

Those of you that walk alongside the reserve on the footpath will have noticed the massive changes that have taken place to the site, a team from **Wardles** Contractors have been reworking the site, although this may seem a little extreme when the site was looking so fantastic in the summer, getting the fine details of the underlying habitat is so important if we are to sustain the correct type of biodiversity to attract a fabulous range of wildlife

Many of you have been visiting in the reserve on our monthly Sunday guided walks which have been so popular we had to have a reserve list! For those of you that haven't had chance to visit yet we have got some dates ready for the new year so hopefully we will see you then.

Finally if you can feed the birds in your garden over winter you can really make a difference at this critical time of year, find out more on how to attract a range of birds in your garden in our website at www.rspb.org.uk

Nicola Craven

Who's Who.....

'Allotment Association'

Following a recent meeting, a committee has been formed - the main contact is Chris Baker, Chairman, **612323**.

Chris Baker

Missed Appointments at the Collingham Medical Centre

Many people know that public sector budgets are under real pressure at the moment – and the NHS is no exception. This does mean even at our local community level that we are constantly reviewing how our resources are used and whether they are in the right place at the right time.

Take the issue of people who do not show up for the routine appointments they have booked. In 1999, there were 99 missed appointments across the whole year. Our recent audits show how this has become a much bigger problem:

Month	Missed GP Appts	Missed Nurse Appts
August 2011	65 (>10 hrs)	76 (>22 hrs)
September 2011	68 (>11 hrs)	62 (>16 hrs)
October 2011	63 (>11 hrs)	82 (>23 hrs)

In just three months, more than 100 hours' worth of appointments were missed! Think of all the other patients who could have benefited from those appointments, if only the people who'd booked them had cancelled.

Research carried out by our text messaging service shows that 80% of missed appointments are due to forgetfulness or patients simply feeling better. This increases waiting times for others.

Help us to improve this situation. If you can't keep an appointment at the Medical Centre which you have pre-booked, please let the team know as soon as possible so we can offer it to someone else. We all have a responsibility to use our public services wisely.

It's more important than ever that we manage appointments effectively, because we will be having a smaller nurse team over the coming months.

To help improve our services, we will send you a **free reminder via text** before your appointment. Should you no longer need your appointment; early cancellation will enable us to provide care to someone else.

We currently hold only 33% of our registered population's mobile telephone numbers, so over the coming months we will be working to collect more. Your support would be greatly appreciated in sharing this information with us.

Help us to keep your NHS healthy! Thank you.

Julie Reid - Practice Manager, Collingham Medical Centre



Church Notices

We would like to thank all those people in the village who have supported the church in various ways throughout the year. I am repeatedly asked if a new priest has been appointed to replace Revd. David Milner.

Unfortunately the answer is 'no' although we are very grateful to the retired priests who are keeping our services alive. We also thank Marion Collins our administrator who organises and communicates the relevant information and to Cliff Newbold for his encouragement to 'carry on'!! In such times I reflect on the days when we had our own priest whom we shared with Holme & Langford who lived in a beautiful Rectory in the Spinney.

We had many happy times in the Rectory garden and so we are very grateful to Mrs Margaret Thornhill for filling this gap when we have an event. Thanks are also due to the keen support of the Parochial Church



Council, Joan Lord our treasurer and to Alan for his organ playing. On Sunday 13th November 'All Saints' Church at Winthorpe held their Annual Remembrance Day Service and various members of the church took an active part. It was a memorable service led by the Revd.

Michael Briggs. There were a number of young people present. Liam Spencer was the colour bearer escorted by Cameron Smart & Harry Lord. Emily Wilds played the trumpet for the Last Post & the Reveille.

Our grateful thanks to Keith Lloyd and his family for organising the service.

The Parochial Church Council would like to thank all those people who attended the service enabling them to donate the collection of **£179** to the Newark Patriotic Fund.

We are looking forward to **December 20th** at 10.30am when the children from the school will come to the church for their annual Carol Service along with parents and friends.

Our Christmas Communion Service will be celebrated at **7pm** on **Christmas Eve** and will be led by Canon Philip Humphreys. Even if you are not confirmed please do join us - you will be very welcome.

We send our best wishes to all who are unwell at this time and remember Dennis Burgin whose funeral took place on November 10th. Alan & I knew him in our youth when we attended Newark Parish Church.



Church Bells

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

Sunday December 11th - 10.15am Holy Communion

Saturday December 17th - 7.0 pm Village Carol Service

Sunday December 18th - 10.15am Morning Worship

Saturday December 24th - 7.0 pm Christmas Communion

On Wednesday 28th December a full peal attempt will be rung by a visiting band of ringers from Lincolnshire starting at 10am until 1.30pm.

From the registers

Thursday November 10th Funeral service for Dennis Burgin RIP

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.

Newark Patriotic Fund

Dear Mrs Stone and members of All Saints Church Winthorpe,



We are extremely grateful for your kind donation of £179, which was raised from the remembrance service at your church.

Our Chair Patrick Mercer OBE and I are extremely grateful for your Churches continued support of Newark Patriotic fun.

Again this comes with many sincere thanks from members of the Fund and our towns injured Service Personnel and their families.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Grayson – Fund co-ordinator

WINTHORPE CHURCH FLOWER LADIES



Because the Carol Service is on Saturday the 17th December this year, we thought it appropriate to decorate the church on **Friday 16th December** at 2pm. If you are unable to do your usual arrangement, please ring me on **703271**.

In order to facilitate ancient custom and have the church cleared by 12th night, could you please arrange to remove your flowers/decoration between 2pm and 3pm on Tuesday the **3rd January**.

Thank you all for your continued contributions and help.

Sylvia Lloyd



Christmas Tree Festival 2011 **St. Mary Magdalene Parish Church, Newark** **Saturday 3 Dec. – Sunday 11 Dec.**

A stunning **Christmas Tree Festival** will be held at St. Mary Magdalene Parish Church, Newark from 3rd – 11th of December.

Over 90 trees, imaginatively decorated by a wide range of organizations, businesses and schools from the wide Newark community, will be on display in the cathedral-sized, mediaeval building of St Mary's at the heart of the town. The festival attracts thousands of visitors who all enjoy the Festival's wonderful atmosphere at this magical time of year.

Stalls selling a wide variety of Christmas gifts and cards, children's toys and clothes, jewellery and many other items will be part of the Festival. Delicious home-made refreshments will be served and seasonal music, including live choral singing will add to the magic!

Opening times are:

Saturday 3 Dec. & 10 Dec: 9.30-5.00

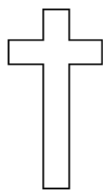
Sunday 4 Dec & 11 Dec: 11.00-4.00

Mon 5 Dec – Fri 9 Dec: 10.00-5.00

Festival Services: Advent Tree Procession on Dec 4 at 6 pm
'Carols of Praise' on Dec. 11 at 6 pm followed by the raffle draw

If you have any queries, please ring the vestry on 01636-706473 from 9.00-4 pm (except lunchtimes) or the Parish Office on 01636-611778 from 9.00-1 pm ----

Entry: £2 per adult; 20p per child



DECEMBER SERVICES

Sunday 4th ADVENT

9am Holy Communion, Holme.
NO SERVICE IN WINTHORPE



Sunday 11th ADVENT 3

10.15am Holy Communion, Winthorpe.
6pm Carol Service, Holme.

Thursday 15th

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

Saturday 17th

7pm Village Carol Service, Winthorpe

Sunday 18th Advent 4

10.15am Morning Worship, Winthorpe.

Saturday 24th

7 pm Christmas Communion, Winthorpe

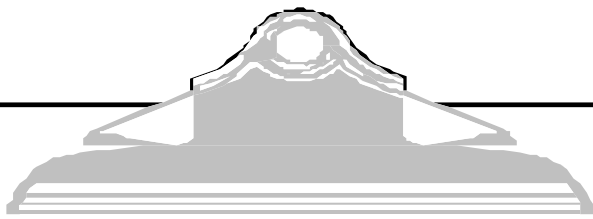
Christmas Day

10.15am Holy Communion, Langford.

ALL ARE WELCOME

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL





DECEMBER CALENDAR

Monday 5 th	Silver Bin
Thursday 8 th	WI Christmas Party, 7.30pm Village Hall.
Monday 12 th	Luncheon Club, 12.30pm Comm. Centre. Green Bin
Tuesday 13 th	Tues. Club Christmas Party, 2.30pm V.H.
Friday 16 th	Flowers in All Saints
Saturday 17 th	Village Carol Service, 7pm All Saints Church.
Monday 19 th	Silver Bin
Tuesday 20 th	School Carols, 10.20am All Saints.
Saturday 24th	GREEN BIN
Saturday 31st	SILVER BIN
January 3rd	Flowers out of church
18 th	Garden Club



‘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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