FOCAL POINT

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Ed's Comments

February in America is known as the 'heart month', not too difficult to see why! It is a month that various organisations take the opportunity to give advice on how to try and do the right things to minimise the risk to the heart.

I have recently had a 'well man' check up and went to see the practice nurse for my results. Sitting next to her with a little apprehension, as she accessed my results on the computer, my stomach fluttered as she said that there were two things, unfortunately, that they could do nothing for. It was only when she said that one was that I was a man and the other was my age that the fluttering stopped. I was then quite relieved to find that everything else seemed ok. In spite of some of the things we read in the newspapers about the NHS, I think the amount of resources that are in place to try and prevent major health problems are excellent.

In December we had the good news that Ann Stone was to continue as PCC secretary and this month it is nice to see that we now have an assistant treasurer of the church. They say things come in threes; will we get a new Priest I wonder? Please don't hold your breath!

I do enjoy reading Daphne's WI reports, what with the wine and singing last month and belly dancing this month, with 'very sensual' music accompanying the dancing. I wonder if they will move on to 'pole dancing'? Perhaps there ought to be a 'Men's Institute' where we could do some flower arranging?

Lovely to see the daylight hours increasing, when the next issue comes out it might still be light at 6pm.

Cliff Newbold

Closing date for the March issue is 21st of February.



Winthorpe-with-Langford Parish Council SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING

on

Wednesday 22nd February 2012 at 7-30p.m. in the Winthorpe Community Centre

For the purposes of receiving and discussing proposals and arrangements for the 'villages' celebrations to mark the Diamond Jubilee of H. M. the Queen in June 2012

All local residents from the villages of Winthorpe, Langford and Holme are very welcome.

Steve Jackson (Chairman)

As it is Valentine's Day this month.....

Pensioner's Romance

Will you be my darling, Share romantic times untold, Even though we're past our prime Some might call us old.

I think there is still time yet For the likes of you and me, Lost in each other's rheumy eyes Over a bun and a cup of tea.

And later on as we lay in bed, An old geezer and his lass, We'll have fun watching our teeth fizz In the 'Steradent' glass.



LUNCH CLUB

The next lunch will be at 12.30pm on **Monday, 6th February.** The menu will be:

> Beef in Red Wine Casserole or Poached Salmon with Parsley Sauce with New Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables -x-Syrup Sponge & Custard

£7 including a glass of wine. Contact Jean & Peter Foden (**704241**) to reserve your place and give your choice of menu. Please remember the places are limited and make contact as soon as possible.

Peter

TUESDAY CLUB

Tuesday, 14th February.

10.30am. Morning coffee in the Village Hall.

Tuesday, 28th February.

Lunch outing to the Elite Fish and Chip Restaurant, Tritton Rd, Lincoln. Travel by car to meet for lunch at 12.30pm.

Jean Foden.

WINTHORPE & DISTRICT WI - JANUARY REPORT



Mrs Pat Nelson welcomed members and visitors to our first meeting of the New Year. It was a very busy meeting as subscriptions were collected and also money for the seats for the show in February at the Royal Centre.

Mrs Brenda Tinsley read the minutes of the last meeting and asked if there were any members who were interested in coming on to the committee. Mrs Sheila Palmer had been in touch with Scampton and we have a choice of two dates, either March or November of this year, it was agreed that we would try for March.

By this time our speaker had arrived, and what a vision! Mrs Nelson introduced her as Maureen Jeffries, which had been the name on our programme, however when she began her talk before her demonstration she told us her stage name is 'Meresga' much more exotic and more in keeping with her dress. We were told the history of the belly dance and the parts of the world where it is still practiced. It is not as supposed an erotic dance for the entertainment of the men, but started in the harems for the entertainment of the girls themselves.

In Egypt today no part of the body can be exposed, so the dresses have to be all in one piece, although they can be very fine material, which can be seen through at the waist, otherwise most belly dancers leave their waist exposed and wear very ornate beaded and sequined tops and wide belts equally ornate on top of either a long skirt or wide trousers.

Then the exiting part began, the floor was cleared and the dancing started. Meresga had a curved sword which she balanced on her head and danced around the room. The music coming from the ghetto blaster was very sensual indeed and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it.

Who says W.I.is just Jam and Jerusalem?

After her dancing members were asked if they would like to have a go and although there is not much room in the hall quite a few ladies had a go and didn't do too badly either. Several people were asking about classes, and so you never know sometime you might see them advertised in your local magazine! Meresga was thanked by Mrs. Diana Kitson.

Then tea and coffee and biscuits were served, the raffle drawn and the meeting closed.

Our next meeting is on **February 9th** in the Village Hall when the speaker is Rosemary Pike who wil be doing a demonstration on Stained Glass The hostesses are Mesdames M. Bark and R. Dickinson. **Daphne Marshall**



WINTHORPE & LANGFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

The "Watchword" newsletter is still not appearing and there is no indication when it will.

Recently some of us in the Spinney had metal stolen from our gardens, accessed from the Park. We are improving our defences, some of the metal removed being iron fencing!

So much metal is now being stolen that it is difficult to think of every way to stop it. Obviously not leaving loose metal items in the garden is sensible but even fixed items are not safe. Security lights overlooking the rear of the house as well as the front should help.

Peter Foden, Central Co-ordinator, 704241

GARDEN CLUB

Forty five members attended our annual social evening and sampled a magnificent spread of savouries followed by heavenly home – made desserts. The accompanying raffle made a record profit for one of our meetings, £53!

We were entertained once more by Pat Finn's quizzes and games and at the end of the evening many commented that it had been a very enjoyable evening.

From a choice of three options, those present chose Coton Manor together with Lyveden New Bield to be our main outing in June. Further details will follow in due course.

Our next meeting is on **February 15th** when the speaker will be **Sally Smith** on the subject of **Vegetable Inspirations.**

Ian Wilson

Bonfire Night Donations.

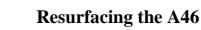
The Youth Club Committee have now received the final figures for the Bonfire event and are delighted to report that it was the best year to date. As a result of this we are pleased to announce that we have been able to donate to the St John's Ambulance Brigade, Young Farmers, the



Denise Day-708727

Community Centre and Winthorpe Allotments.

Planning has already begun for next year! If any groups or societies would like to help or get involved with the next event, please do not hesitate to contact:-





A-one+ is the Managing Agent Contractor to the Highways Agency, maintaining the trunk roads and motorways in the East Midlands on their behalf.

I would like to advise you that we will be resurfacing the A46 between Winthorpe Roundabout and Hykeham Roundabout on **13 February 2012 to 31 March 2012.**

These works will renew the A46 and ensure it lasts longer. We will be closing the road overnight between 20:00 and 0600 to provide a safe working area for our road workers and the public. The road will be closed in one direction at time, with a diversion route via the A1133, A57 and A46.

Road markings and cat's eyes will be replaced.

Diversions will be fully signed. We apologise now for any inconvenience this closure causes. Emergency vehicles will be allowed through the site at all times. Arrangements will be made for local access.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Andrew Fairhurst, Assistant Engineer - Tel: 01623 886 563 Sherwood Business Park, Nottingham. NG15 0EB

Coddington & Winthorpe Cricket Club

Having taken a short break from reporting over the festive period I have

now shaken off the New Year lethargy and have put pen to paper to prepare what is the first official update of the newly formed Coddington & Winthorpe Cricket Club.

By the time of reading a new committee will have been appointed and the real business of developing the Club can begin. I cannot give you a full list of committee members and roles at the moment but will update you in



the next report. There are however two that I can inform you of with a degree of certainty and they are the positions of President and Vice President. The Club is extremely pleased that Vincent Dobson has agreed to continue as President and that Maureen has agreed to take up the position as Vice President and thank them for their continued support.

All the administrative changes required due to the merger have now been implemented so the season now starts in earnest as the new Club; Coddington & Winthorpe Cricket Club - Newark's newest cricket club – if you have seen the posters around town!.

As I mentioned in the last report we will be playing in Division 7 of the Newark Alliance Sunday league and midweek in the Newark Evening League. Draft fixture lists have been issued which are being finalised at the moment so hopefully I will be able to publish that next month and also add it to our page on the Village website.

We are continuing to run the Bonus Ball in order to bring in much needed funds. If you need an update as to your current standing please give me a call (678622) or check the sheet in the Lord Nelson. Currently there are a couple of spare numbers that have not taken up on regular basis so if you would like to support us by taking a regular number please give me a call or add your name to the sheet including your contact details.

I was informed the other day that this year the late May Bank Holiday had been moved due to the Jubilee – how I missed that I'll never know? Anyway the Club will be participating in the Village Jubilee celebrations by way of W&C CC Queen's Jubilee Duck Race Day on the Monday and also by contributing to the main events on the Saturday by holding some form of participatory event at the ground. The details of what and how etc. are yet to be decided other than to say that having been invited to join the celebrations by the organising committee we are pleased to accept and play our part.

The first adult nets took place on 16th January 2012 at St Peter and St Paul Catholic School in Lincoln which were extremely well attended and included a number of new faces, I am pleased to say. Nets will now take place every Monday evening between 9:00pm and 10:00pm through until April.

Junior nets commenced 15^{th} January 2012 at the Magnus Sports Centre and again were well attended. These will also continue through until April between 9:30 - 11:00 for under 11s and 11:00 - 12:30 for under 10s & 11s.

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.

We will be arranging fundraising events over the course of the year which will be a combination of old and new. The first of these events is planned for March 31^{st} 2012 and comprises a comedy evening with Compare and featuring 3 comedians. This will be staged at Coddington Community Centre, tickets are £10 per person including food with bring your own drinks. Posters giving the finalised details will be appearing around the village soon so keep your eye out. If you require further information please call Lee Parsons in the first instance (contact details below).

Don't forget to take a look at the new website which is now up and running for further information.

The web address is <u>www.codddingtonandwinthorpecc.com</u>. If you have any comments please let me know. I can be emailed on <u>andy.fereday@ntlworld.com</u>.

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

COLLINGHAM BOWLS CLUB

Venue : Dale Field Bowls Club House

Contacts:-Club Secretary- Angela Turner : 01636 704639 --Winthorpe

Chairman - Bob Williams : 01636 893307 -- Collingham

SIGN UP FOR THE 2012 SEASON!

Collingham Bowls Club is a friendly club who are always pleased to welcome new members both male and female, whether experienced, intermediate or beginners.

We have teams in the following Leagues, Lincoln City Evening, Lincoln City Afternoon, Lincoln District and in the Newark District League.

Registration for current and NEW MEMBERS will take place at a coffee morning in the Mayfield Room, (behind Memorial Hall) Collingham on Saturday 24th March, 2012 between 9.30 a.m. and 12.00 noon.

Please come and see us for coffee and a chat about the Club.

WINTHORPE VILLAGE QUIZ



7 FOR 7.30pm,

SATURDAY, 18th FEBRUARY, 2012

At the Community Centre

Teams of 6 (max.)

Tickets £7.50, including supper, available from the Post Office

Please bring your own drinks and glasses



DID YOU KNOW

- 1. A stained glass window in the north Aisle of All Saints' Church is dedicated to St. Hugh (1140-1200) Bishop of Lincoln. He rebuilt Lincoln Cathedral after it had been damaged by an earthquake in 1185.
- 2. In 1874, Mr. G.T. Pierce Duncombe, owner of Winthorpe Hall had erected a church at Brough, two miles from Winthorpe, in the memory of his brother. In 1885 a new church was built at Brough and Mr. Duncombe bought the original building. That same year, it was re-erected in the grounds of Winthorpe Hall. It is now called the Village Hall.
- 3. The Grove, now occupied by Mrs. M. Thornhill, was built just before the end of the eighteenth century by Roger Pocklington, owner of Winthorpe Hall, as a wedding gift for his son, also called Roger. The house may have been designed by the same architect who finished Winthorpe Hall because they appear similar in style.
- 4. Chapel Lane was originally called Town Street.

A few more of Pat's gems from the village scrap books. Why not find a few of your own by visiting the web site <u>www.winthorpe.org.uk</u> or ask Pat Finn if you could borrow the books? **Ed**.

VILLAGE HOLIDAY SUFFOLK 24th – 28th SEPTEMBER, 2012



The destination for this year's holiday is Suffolk, staying at the Ufford Park Hotel & Spa in 120 acres of parkland near Woodbridge.

The places we will visit include Lavenham, Snape Maltings, Aldburgh, Southwold, the Beth Chatto Gardens, Constable Country,

Colchester and, on the way home, Anglesey Abbey, Gardens & Lode Mill (NT).

We will be travelling by Travel Wright coach and the price per person sharing a double or twin room is:

For a minimum of 30 people	£311
For a minimum of 35 people	£300
For a minimum of 40 people	£292

The single room supplement is $\pounds 20$ a night, $\pounds 80$ total. The price includes all travel and four nights dinner, bed and breakfast accommodation. It does not include entry to venues where applicable.

Initially a deposit of £30 is required by **17th February**. There are spaces available so if you would like to take part please contact me for further details.

Peter Foden 704241



COLLINGHAM RAMBLERS WALK LIST 2012

Date	Leader	Locations	Dist.	Cont. no.	Midweek
Feb 12th	Dave W	Keyworth	7 miles	07860277451	March 7th
Feb26th	Lorna	Chesterfield Canal	7 miles	07980532842	April 4th
Mar.11th	Anne	Bradgate Park	8 miles	07872451856	May 16th
Mar 25th	Dave W	Hickling	8 miles	07860277451	June 27th
April 8th	lan/Sue	Laxton	7 miles	07903801929	July 25th
April 22nd	Dave S	Whaley Thorns	8 miles	07989253796	August 22nd
April 29th	Steve	Spr.g Seasonal Walk	10-15mls	07933742205	September 12th
May 6th	Nigel	Edenham	8 miles	07969290885	October 17th
May 20th	Bus Trip	Derbyshire			November 14th
June 3rd	Peter	South Scarle	6 miles	07582527002	December 12th
June 17th	Chris	Binbrook	7 miles	07817975993	
July 1st	Dave S	Darlton	8 miles	07989253796	
July 15th	Bob	Beacon Hill	8 miles	07761221064	
July 22nd	Steve	Sum.r Seasonal Walk	10-15mls	07933742205	
July 29th	Chris	Marston/hougham	7 miles	07817975993	
Aug. 12th	Bus Trip	Northamptonshire			
Aug. 26th	Nigel	Temple Bruer	6 miles	07969290885	
Sept. 9th	Anne	Welbeck	8 miles	07872451856	
Sept 23rd	Dave S	Tuxford	7 miles	07989253796	
Oct. 7th	Dave W	Culverthorpe	8 miles	07860277451	
Oct. 21st	Nigel	Osbournby	8 miles	07969290885	
Oct. 28th	Steve	Aut.mn Seas. Walk	10-15mls	07933742205	
Nov. 4th	lan S	Belton	6 miles	07917033900	
Nov.18th	Bob	Burton Joyce	7 miles	07761221064	
Dec 2nd	Sally	Riseholme	6 miles	07822650821	
Dec 16th	Linda B	Girton/Colligham	7 miles	07815701505	

All Sunday walks are between 6and 8 miles, Wednesday walks 4 to 5 miles with an optional lunch. The Seasonal walks are between 10 and 15 miles the rate being brisk. Walkers will have to provide snacks, drinks and lunch if appropriate. Suitable footwear and waterproofs are necessary. Walks details are sent to members by email, there can be changes to the advertised walks so if you are thinking of walking with please check for last minute changes with NINA on 01636 678419 Ramblers insurance covers members for third party only not for personal injury/accident.



CHURCH FLOWER LADIES

Thank you Ladies for providing the wonderful Arrangements for our Christmas Festivities This never ceases to amaze me.

Sincerely Yours Sylvia A Lloyd

AVAILABLE ESTABLISHED ALLOTMENT

CENTRAL WINTHORPE

A good size established ALLOTMENT has become AVAILABLE for immediate us in WOODLANDS, WINTHORPE.

The plot has dual access together with a secure GARDEN SHED available for the storage of GARDENNG TOOLS etc. Anyone interested should phone **01636 705808** to arrange convenient viewing.



Church Notices

On Sunday 15th January after the service, a senior and respected member of

Winthorpe, Mr Peter Roach, who with his wife Mrs Joan Roach have worshipped in the church here for some 65 years, was moved to thank God for the church and it's several helpers. He then proposed a toast to those who worked so hard to keep the church looking clean, the brasses bright, decorated with flowers and the church welcoming to all visitors and congregation. He continued with the hope that in the near future others might be inspired to come forward to continue the work carried out so well at present.

Thank you Peter for the encouragement, appreciation and support that you have given to us all, over many years.

After the Christmas Festivities and the New Year we look forward to the signs of spring and lighter evenings.

Several members of the village have had another letter from Margaret Hewitt who unfortunately is requiring further radiotherapy. She seemed quite cheerful and is hoping to see many of you when she plans to visit in the Spring. It is hoped that something can be arranged for her to meet her friends.

I am sure that the RAF Regiment musicians will be well received when they entertain us on the 3^{rd} of February at 7.30pm in All Saints.

We are very grateful to Keith Lloyd for leading our Morning Worship. Unfortunately he has been unwell but happily he is improving and I am sure you wish him a speedy recovery.

We have been extremely lucky to have had Mrs Joan Lord as our treasurer since Mrs Nan Jackson died and we congratulate her on her promotion in her employment. At the PCC meeting we welcomed Mr Alec Gilmour who is willing to take up the duties of Assistant Treasurer to Mrs Joan Lord who in the future, due to her full time employment, may need to resign. We are very grateful to both of them. We send our best wishes to those who are unwell at this time.

FOUND in church: A pair of ladies brown gloves with a fur cuff. - please contact any church member.

Church Bells

They will ring for practices on Thursday evenings from 7.pm - 9.pm and possibly for the following:-Sunday February 7th - 10.15am Holy Communion. Sunday February 15th - 10.15am Morning Worship. Sunday February 29th - 5pm Evensong.

Brass Cleaners

Mrs Burton, Mrs Bark.

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.

INNOCENCE IS PRICELESS

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names and small American flags mounted on either side of it. The six-year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the little boy, and said quietly, 'Good morning Alex.' 'Good morning Pastor,' he replied, still focused on the plaque. 'Pastor, what is this? 'The pastor said, 'Well son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service.'

Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque. Finally, little Alex's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear asked,

'Which service, the 10:15am or the 5pm?'

Langford Lowfields Update

If you have taken the opportunity, since the new year, to walk along the footpath alongside the reserve, you may be wondering what's been going on here at Langford.



During the run up to Christmas major changes have been implemented to the landscaping; the balancing pond at the top of the reserve (the part the can be seen from the viewing screen) has been re profiled, producing a shallower incline and the edges of the pond reshaped. With the addition of 1100 **Rudd** from the environment agency it should prove to be an ideal wetland habitat, especially for our most elusive resident the **bittern**!

Further into the reserve a massive area has been redesigned for the benefit of wildlife and also to give better access for people once we are up and running. If you are concerned that the reserve is now looking bare of vegetation then you will be reassured to discover that the contractors have relocated the reed rhizomes and our great team of volunteers have been busy planting reed panicles in the areas inaccessible to the diggers, so the reserve will be ready to step into spring with lots of new growth.

Wildlife to spot at this time of year; blue, great and long tailed tits, chaffinches, a treecreeper and a great spotted woodpecker have all been seen in the woodland, the scrub by the viewing screen is alive with birds and upwards of 200 fieldfare and redwing, along with approximately 100 finches, tits and buntings including greenfinch, chaffinch, blue tit, great tit, reed bunting and a minimum of 14 tree sparrows have been counted.

If you would like to find out more about what is happening at the reserve and what benefits the redesign will have, or you just fancy a walk and a chance to see some **Great British Wildlife** almost on your doorstep, then book onto one our Sunday guided walks. These take place between 2-4pm cost $\pounds 2$ for adults and $\pounds 1$ for children and must be booked, please phone **01636 893611** to book your place.

Upcoming dates are: 25 March, 22 April and 20 May 2012.

FEBRUARY SERVICES

9am Sunday 5th 3rd before Lent Holy Communion, Holme. NO SERVICE IN WINTHORPE

Sunday 12th 2nd before Lent9amMorning Worship, Langford.10.15amHoly Communion, Winthorpe.

Thursday 16th 10am

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

Sunday 19th Sunday next before Lent10.15amMorning Worship,Winthorpe.

Sunday 26th Lent 1 10.15am 5pm

Morning Worship, Holme. Evensong,Winthorpe.

ALL ARE WELCOME

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERSFebruaryMarch24th Mrs Finn & Mrs Nelson.23td Mrs Stone & Mr McClymont



FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Friday 3 rd	RAF Band Concert – 7.30pm - All Saints
Monday 6 th	Lunch Club, 12.30pm – Community Centre
	Green Bin
Thursday 9 th	WI meeting, 7.30pm – Village Hall
Monday 13 th	Silver Bin
Wednesday 15 th	Garden Club, 7.30pm – Community Centre
Saturday 18 th	Village Quiz, 7pm – Community Centre
Monday 20 th	Green Bin
	Library Van
Wednesday 22 nd	Public Meeting 7.30pm Community Centre
Monday 27 th	Silver Bin

'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