

2012 March Ed's Comments

I hope that you all coped with the very cold weather last month, Pat Finn informed me that it was down to -10degrees at one point!.

We missed this fortunately, although the temperature did fall to just below 80degrees in Cuba one day as we sipped our Pina Coladas, but it was soon back up to around 90degrees the next day!

What lovely people the Cubans are, we didn't know too much about them until we visited last year. I was aware of course that they possessed great boxers as in the Athens Olympics in 2004 they won 5 out of the 11 gold medals on offer and had medals in 3 other weights. But what other talents they have, as we were entertained at our hotel by some great musicians and vocalists who could have easily graced larger venue's anywhere in the world.

Cuba is a real paradise for lovers of old classic American cars. The identifying of them is not easy as they can be 'hybrids', for example, the front can be an Oldsmobile and the rear a Cheverolet whilst under the bonnet is a Russian Lada engine.



The sunflower competition starts this month and has moved into the computer age with a personalized email address!

Last month I mentioned how I was impressed with the WI's 'entertainment' programme, can you believe next month they now have my type of exercise – 'sitting in a chair'. Pass the remote dear!!

Cliff Newbold

Closing date for the April issue is **23rd of March.**

LUNCH CLUB

The next lunch will be at 12.30pm on **Monday, 5th March**. The menu will be:

Pork Sausage & Spring Mash Pie
or
Seafood Bake
with
New Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables
-x-
Lemon & Mascarpone Cheesecake with Ice Cream

£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**.

TUESDAY CLUB

Both meetings in March will be in the Village Hall.

Tuesday, 13th March. 10.30am. Morning coffee.



Tuesday, 27th March. 2.30pm. Slide show. Please bring an “Easter” themed raffle prize.

Jean Foden.



SCHOOL LUNCH

‘Pensioners’ lunch for this month is on
Wednesday 21st.

Jamie

Winthorpe Community Centre



AGM

It is our AGM at 7.30pm on April 18th in the Community Centre.

Please come along as everyone is welcome.

Quiz Night

The annual quiz was held on 18th February, 'One Short' won the David Jackson Memorial Shield with 'Heppell + One' a close second, it was neck and neck almost all evening with the winning team decided on the final round. Thanks to David Barthorpe for compiling and delivering the quiz and everyone else who helped to make it a great night.

Sue Jackson, Secretary

WINTHORPE & DISTRICT W.I. - FEBRUARY REPORT



What an intrepid group the ladies of our W.I. are. The worst Thursday evening of the season weatherwise with heavy snow and still they turned out for their meeting. Well done girls!

Our President Mrs Pat Nelson welcomed all those who had ventured out in such bad weather and our speaker and her husband who had come from Spalford.

Minutes were read and business from County was discussed. There were boards going round for future events; the County Lunch in the Town Hall on March 6th and a dinner at the Lord Nelson in the village on **Thursday March 1st** 6-30p.m. for 7p.m.

Mrs Viv Jackson told us that the trip to Scampton had been rearranged for November. There were still two tickets available for 'Sister Act' at Nottm.

Then Mrs Nelson introduced the speaker, Mrs Rosemary Pike, she works with stained glass and showed us some really beautiful examples other work, but these were photographs as the finished products were gracing the homes of the fortunate people who had commissioned them. A huge window with water lilies inside a home, another was an outside window with a landscape and a gloriously coloured pheasant in the foreground and a door panel with magnolia blossoms. Rosemary showed us the graphs of these items that she uses to work with, and they were huge. She had started as a silversmith originally, but as the price of silver rose it became unviable and so she looked for another craft. Someone told her of a stained glass course that was being held and both she and her husband went along. At first they worked alongside one another but Rosemary took to it very easily and that is why it is now her business, her husband still helps with some things. We were shown different types and colours of the glass and also heard some of the history of how glass making was discovered. They had brought along a table full of really lovely items to sell and the ladies had a good time choosing things to buy and admiring other things.

Mrs Rose Dickinson gave the vote of thanks.

After the raffle had been drawn and tea and biscuits served the intrepid ladies made their way home.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday March 8th** in the Village Hall, it is our A.G.M. when we will be electing new committee members.

Mr. Stuart Green will be demonstrating Chair based exercises.
Hostesses are Mesdames F.Wright and V.Seager.

Daphne Marshall.



A46-A1133 roundabout

I am becoming increasingly irritated by the number of drivers approaching the A46-A1133 roundabout from the direction of Collingham in the left hand lane and then proceeding to turn right down the A46. I would like to think that this is not the practice of Winthorpe residents as in my opinion this is an accident waiting to happen.

I write as a local GP but also as a concerned member of the public as I feel that, sooner or later a driver proceeding straight on down Drove Lane in the right hand lane will collide with one of the cars turning right in the left hand lane, causing injury or loss of life. The Highway Code lays out clearly the procedure for roundabouts stating that traffic going straight on or turning left should approach in the left hand lane, and traffic turning right should approach in the right hand lane. For the sake of gaining a few extra seconds many drivers are ignoring this rule.

My observations lead me to believe that in most instances these drivers are in no better position by the time they reach the next roundabout, and their risk-taking behaviour is all in vain. It is high time that appropriate lane markings be created to reinforce the expected behaviour at this roundabout. I would value other resident's views on this and ask the Parish Council to bring pressure to bear on the Highways Department or other relevant authorities to implement appropriate signage.

Dr Andrew Parkin



Garden Club

Sally Smith's talk entitled 'Vegetable Inspirations' was not what some of us might have expected. Given her

background at Brackenhurst and later at Ryton organic garden, this was probably unsurprising. We learned that she now demonstrated living willow craft and did research, lecturing and consultancy work. She has worked on BBC gardening programmes featuring Alan Titchmarsh and Alys Fowler.

We were given a list of her six gardening 'heroes':-

- Joy Larkcom, whose foresight in developing the use of more exotic salad plants and cut- and -come- again led to the creation of the mixed salad leaves now commonplace in bags on supermarket shelves;
- Geoff Hamilton, for showing what could be achieved by organic methods;
- Pauline Pears, Ryton;
- Alys Fowler, we were recommended to read 'The Thrifty Forager';
- Martin Crawford, his forest garden at Dartington;
- Percy Thrower, garden writer and broadcaster.

Much was said about using vegetables amongst flower borders, not only to give variety of height, colour and texture but also to reduce pest problems by not concentrating a 'target' food in one area. One tip which was given was to plant nasturtiums amongst brassicas to preferentially attract cabbage white butterflies and blackfly.

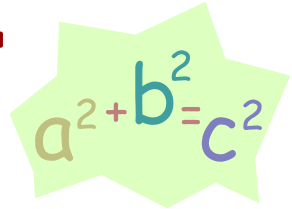
Our next meeting is on **March 21st** when **Steve Lovell** will give a presentation entitled **Highlands and Islands**.

Ian Wilson

Winthorpe Primary School PTA
Presents



Quiz Night



Friday 23rd March 7. pm for 7.30pm

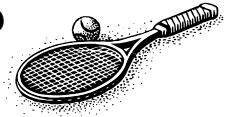
Winthorpe Community Centre

£7.50 per person -Up to 6 people per team

Pie and Peas Supper - Licensed Bar

Tickets available from the School Office or Winthorpe Post Office

Winthorpe Tennis Club



AGM

8pm Thursday 5 April

The Snug, Lord Nelson, Winthorpe

All welcome

Maureen Smith, Secretary – 01636 701205



DID YOU KNOW

1. On a stained glass window in All Saints' Church there is a sketch of the parish church of Newark, St. Mary Magdalene. Look for the ladder going up the spire.
2. The concrete barge on Winthorpe Lake was used as a lighter in the docks of Hull during WW2. Bombing had destroyed the docks, so lighter barges were used as temporary storage and transportation of cargo.
3. The forerunner of the Tuesday Club, a social club for senior members, was the Good Companions, formed in 1963.
4. The building at the bottom of the garden of 'Wheatley House', Gainsborough Road was the workshop of carpenter and wheelwright, Joseph Camamile, junior. (1847-1915)

Pat Finn.

GIANT SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

April is usually the month when children get ready to enter the Giant Sunflower Competition by the sowing of their seeds.

This competition is open to:-

- Children who live in Winthorpe, Langford or Holme and who are born after the 1st of September 2000.
- All pupils who attend Winthorpe Primary School and who may live outside the three villages.

The competition will start on **Easter Sunday, 8th April**, when the children will sow their sunflower seeds.

The competition will end on **Sunday, 9th September**, when the children will e-mail me on :-

winthorpesunflower@hotmail.co.uk

giving your name, age and sunflower height.

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

Planting.

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



I will be attending Winthorpe Primary School on **Thursday 29th March** when each child will receive a packet of sunflower seeds.

Pat



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PRESS RELEASE - 2 February 2012

Use the 'Buy With Confidence' scheme to help reduce your winter worries

During the cold weather, many people need to carry out extra work on their homes. Nottinghamshire County and Nottingham City Councils' trading standards teams are urging them not to get ripped off by unscrupulous traders by using their approved trader scheme when they need things like their central heating fixing in a hurry.

Buy With Confidence is an approved trader scheme which includes builders, plumbers, gardeners and a whole host of other businesses. All the companies have been vetted by trading standards officers to ensure they are solvent, adequately insured and don't have a history of ripping people off. Previous customers are also contacted to make sure they were satisfied with the work that was carried out.

Councillor Mick Murphy, Cabinet Member for Community Safety at Nottinghamshire County Council, said: "During the colder winter months, people can be desperate to sort out problems such as broken central heating. As a result of these issues we find ourselves spending time dealing with unscrupulous traders who simply don't deliver the services that they promised, often leaving many unsuspecting consumers out of pocket.

"If consumers use the Buy With Confidence scheme, they can be rest assured that their job will be done by an approved local trader."

The Buy With Confidence scheme is free to use. People need to type in their postcode and the type of trader they want for a full list at: www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk or Tel. Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06.

If you are a trustworthy trader, please get in touch to find out how to join the scheme. Or if you are a satisfied customer, why not tell your trader about Buy With Confidence?

The approved trader scheme is run by trading standards officers at Nottinghamshire County and Nottingham City Councils.

For more information contact Julie Cuthbert, Nottinghamshire County Council, on 0115 977 3195 or julie.cuthbert@nottscc.gov.uk



Langford Lowfields - News for Feb/Mar

With the landscaping work completed we have been able to get our weekly volunteer team back on site in the last few weeks and they have been getting stuck into plenty of good work. We have planted 5000 reed seedlings on the newly landscaped area and sown 10 bin bags full of reed seed. This planting and seed sowing should complement the rhizome spreading done by our contractors back in December.

We have continued on with our thinning work in the woodland, taking out young sycamore and some larger ones around some of the bigger oak specimens. We have also cut a route for a new footpath that will be opened up to the public as part of our first ever public access to Langford later this year. In the next week we will be using the brash created from our thinning work to create habitat piles in the woodland.

In January we welcomed onto site Jamie Wardley and Andy Moss from Sand in your Eye sand and ice sculpting, who are helping us to build a sand martin bank on Phase 2. We spent a day shoveling and compacting sand in a wooden frame to create a 'trial bank' of 2m x 1.5m in size. The bank looks great and so far has stood up to the test of rain, wind and snow. We are going ahead with the full size bank in the next couple of weeks, in time for the returning birds next month.

A bit of good news regarding our bitterns – we are hopeful that we still have two birds on site, after two separate sightings on 26th January and 12th February. We think they are two different birds due to distinct plumage differences between them, one bird being noticeably paler and having less dark streaking than the other.

Nicola Craven

Church Notices

On Friday evening 3rd February we welcomed the Woodwind &

Brass sections of the Royal Air Force Regiment Band who gave us a most enjoyable evening's entertainment. They were delighted with the acoustics of Winthorpe Church and are anxious to join us again. The feeling was mutual.

We have 'homed' the ladies gloves that were found in the church but we have now acquired a striped gentleman's scarf - please contact Ann.

Thanks are due to the PCC members and the Post Office who sold tickets for the event, the ladies who provided refreshments for the band, the ladies & gentlemen who served drinks and nibbles during the interval. Thank you to Barbara and David Woodcock for the use of the Village Hall chairs and to the two John Nelsons and Peter Foden for moving them to and from the church. We do appreciate any help from the village. Thanks also to Matt. Hampsall who cleared part of the church path from the snow before the service.

He is raising funds for his trip to Tanzania in the summer; I believe he is willing to do any odd jobs.

We still do not have news of a Priest but we do have a new Archdeacon. On March 11th at 11am he will be preaching at a United service for all the eleven churches at St John the Baptist church in Collingham. All are welcome. **All other services on that morning will be cancelled.**

On **June 6th** at 6pm in All Saints Church Winthorpe there will be a special Thanksgiving service to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. We do hope that we shall see many of you there.

March is the month when the church holds its Annual General Meeting. This year the PCC have selected **Wednesday March 28th** in the Village Hall for the meetings. The Vestry meeting starts at 7.0pm and it is open to any villager who wishes to attend & vote. At this meeting Churchwarden's are elected also election of Deanery Synod representatives (all of whom need to have been confirmed.) Proposals for Churchwarden to Ann please who will provide a form. Help will be given to anyone interested.

This meeting is followed by the Annual General Meeting which contains reports by the various officers of the PCC and this is followed by election of the PCC members. Voting is limited to members on the Electoral Roll but anyone may comment under 'Any other business'. If

anyone is uncertain if they are on the Electoral Roll, please ask Ann.
All members of the Electoral Roll are invited to attend.

We continue to remember Beryl Watts & Margaret Hewitt and any others who are unwell at this time.

Church Bells

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

Sunday March 18th - 10.15am, Morning Worship

Saturday March 24th - 2pm, Wedding (2 bells)

Sunday March 25th - 6pm, Evensong

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

January 29th - Amelia Rose Broadhead

Isabelle Michelle Margaret Rhodes

Interment of Ashes

February 2nd - John Esam Fairbrother

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.



COLLINGHAM LIBRARY NEWS

Please note from January 2012 our opening hours have been extended.

Mon. = 2pm - 5pm - Tues, Thurs & Sat. = 9.30am - 12.30 pm
Fri. = 9.30am - 1.30pm and 2pm - 6 pm

This has been made possible with the help of our willing library volunteers.

Children - Easter eggs colouring - come & help us with our Easter display.

Friday 2- 2.30pm Rattle rhyme & roll- nursery rhymes, actions, & music 0- 3yr old **Saturday 10.30 - 11am** Story time 0 - 5yr old

Local photographs display from March 19th - please come & enjoy.

Jigsaw swap - Tues & Thurs 11am - 11.30am - We have some jigsaws for you . All welcome - enjoy a chat.

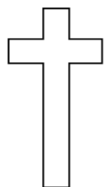
Crochet Corner - Mon 4pm - 5pm monthly. Please visit the library for further information.

Patchwork Group - Mon 2pm - 3.30 pm fortnightly. Please visit the library for further information.

Collingham Library open reading group

Next meeting - Tues March 27th - 1.45pm - 3pm

ALL WELCOME - PLEASE USE & ENJOY YOUR LIBRARY.



MARCH SERVICES

Sunday 4th Lent 2

9am

NO SERVICE IN WINTHORPE

Holy Communion at Holme

Sunday 11th Lent 3

11 am

NO SERVICE IN WINTHORPE

Holy Communion at St.John Baptist
Collingham to meet the Archdeacon

Thursday 15th

10am

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

Sunday 18th Lent 4

10.15 am

Morning Worship at Winthorpe

Sunday 25th Lent 5

9 am

Holy Communion at Langford

6pm

Evensong at Winthorpe

ALL ARE WELCOME

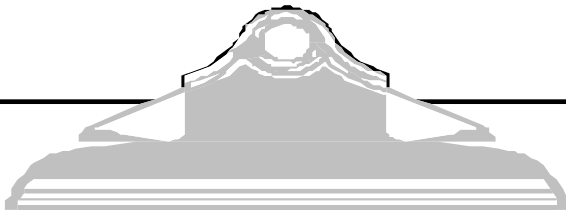
CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

MARCH

23RD Mrs Stone, Mr McClymont

APRIL

20th Miss Applewhite



MARCH CALENDAR

Monday 5 th	Luncheon Club, 12.30pm – Centre. Green Bin
Thursday 8 th	WI, AGM, 7.30pm Village Hall.
Monday 12 th	Silver Bin
Tuesday 13 th	Tues. Club Coffee Morn. 10.30am – V.H.
Monday 19 th	Green Bin Library Van
Wednesday 21 st	Garden Club, 7.30pm – Community Centre.
Friday 23 rd	PTA Quiz, 7pm – Community Centre.
Monday 26 th	Silver Bin
Tuesday 27 th	Tues. Club Slide Show, 2.30pm – V.H.
Wednesday 28 th	PCC AGM, 7/7.30pm – Village Hall

APRIL

Wednesday 18 th	Comm. Centre AGM, 7.30pm
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‘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