# FOCAL POINT



Another Winthorpe veteran sadly left us last month as Peter Roach lost his battle to overcome the trauma of his operation. He was a lovely man who made a memorable contribution to our Village life. He was a previous editor of this newsletter having been part of the team that instigated it. There will be a tribute published to Peter in the December issue.

I received a letter last month from Barbara Radford who expressed her delight at the sight of our village flag fluttering a welcoming greeting as you enter the village. Barbara attached a newspaper cutting to her letter detailing how a village in Kent had had a request for their flag to be lowered as a mark of respect on the day of a local funeral and this had received a very positive response. A view supported by Barbara. I also think that it is a lovely gesture and in a small way shows those that are mourning that they are not alone. So thank you Barbara for enlightening us.

I have spoken with the Parish Chairman and he would like to receive the views of villagers before sanctioning such an action explaining that there may or may not be some in the village who would object. So please make your views known to him or other parish councillor.

I notice in Daphne Marshall's WI report that they **'had'** to have a glass of wine with their cheese tasting!! As it is 'Pie making' next month I wonder if they will have to **have** a 'pint' of beer. I do love their style!

The Harvest Supper was again a complete success – congratulations to Sylvia & Keith Lloyd and family and the rest of their team for making it all go so well. Pat Finn did his 'quiz bit' and even though I'm sure we have had some of the questions before I still failed miserably. Thanks Pat!

## Cliff Newbold

Closing date for the December issue is 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

# PARISH NEWS

Since undertaking the role of Parish Clerk at the beginning of September I have met many people with an eager interest to hear of the councils activities. Therefore what better opportunity to restart the monthly parish newsletter.

This month has been reasonably quiet in the parish. Only a few things to report. The **Parish Councils accounts** have now been audited and will be ready for public viewing shortly. If anyone is interested in viewing the accounts, please keep your eyes on the notice boards for further details of when and where this will be done.

Unfortunately **vandals have targeted the dog bin** previously situated at the Holme Lane entrance of the cricket field. It was burnt out a number of weeks ago. The Council have arranged for a replacement to be purchased and this will be fitted shortly. In the meantime please dispose in one of the other dog bins situated around the village. Leaving full bags where the bin used to be is not only unhygienic but dangerous to any children playing on the field.

It has been reported that **improvement works need to be carried out on the Jubilee Bridge**. In the upcoming weeks you will see small ramps constructed at either side of the bridge to allow people using motorised scooters to use the bridge safely.

There have been a number of **metal thefts**, not just lead, reported in the village, the most recent being two skateboarding bars from the recreation ground on the cricket field. If anyone should see any suspicious characters in the village, particularly if they are accompanied by a van, please report it. It is essential however that we obtain a registration number in order for the police to follow this up. It is appreciated that not everyone carries a mobile telephone or note pad and pen, however it may be useful to use a small stone to score the registration number on the pavement, you will then be able to go back and write the details down. The markings will wash away with the next rain shower, therefore causing no lasting damage to the pavement.

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, as always the council welcome any members of the public to attend the meeting. Alternatively if you have any questions/comments you would like addressing please contact me on 07920103180 or email:-

Sarah.tomlinson@mail.com.

Sarah Tomlinson (Clerk to the Parish Council)

## LUNCH CLUB

The next Lunch will be at 12.30pm on **Monday**, **5<sup>th</sup> November**. The menu will be:-

#### Chicken & Ham Pie

or Salmon & Broccoli + Cheese & Tomato Quiche with New Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables -x-Profiteroles with Chocolate Sauce

 $\pounds$ 7 including a glass of wine. Please phone Jean and Peter Foden (704241) by Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> November to book your place and give your choice of menu.

Peter Foden.

## **TUESDAY CLUB**

Both meetings in November will be in the Village Hall.

Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Morning coffee, 10.30am.



Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. Slide show 2.30pm.

Jean Foden, 704241



## Fascinating Falkland Islands.....

What an incredible experience. Angela Plumb related her adventure holiday to the Falkland Islands when she travelled there in November 2007. The journey was something of an adventure in itself. The group travelled by RAF transport from Brize Norton. This was the 25th anniversary of the Falklands War and they were accompanied by a military band. The first leg of the flight took 9 hours and they landed on one of the Ascension Islands for refuelling, taking off again 2 hours later for another 9 hour flight to the Falklands. Towards the end of this journey they were amazed to see, and photograph, a Tornado jet flying alongside.

Once landed, the initial impression of the terrain was that it was similar to Shetland or Orkney. There were no roads and transport was by Land Rover. There are 750 islands in the group of which they were to visit 6. Transport between islands was by small Twin Otter aircraft.

This is a brief resume of the wildlife on each island. The quality and composition of the photographic illustration throughout was breathtaking.

## Carcass Island West -

Sealion, Falkland Island Flightless Steamer Duck, Rock Shags nesting on the hulk of an East India vessel, Night Heron, Kelp Gull.

#### Volunteer Island -

Merino sheep whose high quality fleece was once the economic mainstay of the islands, Gentoo Penguins which appear always to be squabbling and in the midst of them a solitary King Penguin which Angela filmed over a period. At first he appeared to be looking for another of his own kind and stood erect, but with the passage of time his head drooped lower until finally he was bent almost double with an air of absolute dejection.

#### Carcass Island -

Here there were no cats or rats so ground nesting birds were safer to breed. We saw Kelp Geese, Upland Geese, Ruddy- headed Geese, Striated Caracara, but the star was the Black – browed Albatross. With no fear of man, Angela was able to get some remarkable shots of these birds on the nest with one photo of the brow covering the whole image. Sealion Island – Sealion, Elephant Seals, Magellanic Penguins, Falkland Island Snipe, White – rumped Sandpiper, Silvery Grebe and a small pod of killer whales just offshore. These were of particular interest to a team on the island at the same time. They would later film a sequence showing these predators surfing onto the beach to snatch immature elephant seals. This became a part of the David Attenborough series 'Planet Earth'

## Pebble Island –

Her one concession to plant life, other than grasses, a tiny Falklands Island ladies slipper orchid, here too the memorial to the dead of HMS Coventry.

Their guide promised that they would see 6 types of penguin on this island and they were not disappointed. Magellanic, Rockhopper, Macaroni, Erect Crested, Gentoo and King plus numerous predatory gulls.

## Bleaker Island –

Only 2 human residents! A Sei whale skeleton, Imperial Shag, Snowy Sheathbill, Falkland Island Skua, Petrel, Long-tailed Meadow Lark.

Our next meeting on **November 21<sup>st</sup>** sees our old friend **Andrew Ward** return with a presentation entitled:-

## Beautiful Buttercups & Priceless Polemoniums

## Ian Wilson

## WINTHORPE & DISTRICT W.I. - OCTOBER REPORT



It was like stepping into a delicatessen instead of a W.I. meeting, because there were little tables with chairs arranged around the hall and the main table had been set out with lots of packets of cheese and Turkish delight.

Mrs Pat Nelson welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced our speakers, who were from 'Delights' of Burton Joyce.

The minutes were read by secretary Mrs Brenda Tinsley and apologies were given. Members were reminded of the Autumn Council meeting on Friday. Numbers were taken for the County Carol service in Southwell Minster in December.

Several members had been to Dorewood W.I. for a Fashion Show. The trip to see Dirty Dancing in February was mentioned and members were told that numbers were good. The trip to see the Red Arrows had been finally cancelled and there would not be any more chances to see them at Scampton as they were moving and would not be doing any more visits.

Then Mrs Nelson introduced the speakers. First we had a little talk about the origins of cheese making, which had started quite by accident, when an Arab riding through the desert had taken with him a skin of milk for drinking and when he stopped for refreshment, the milk had turned solid and was a very crude type of cheese. From this over many hundreds of years, the cheeses that we know were developed.

Then came the tasting, and for this **we had to** have a glass of wine, after these had been passed around we were given a plate with eight different kinds of cheese and we were told about each one and its origin starting with a Gorgonzola a Colston Bassett blue and a Wookey Hole cheddar. cheese were all specialist cheeses and not your everyday supermarket brand. After the tasting came the buying and most members went home with one or more pieces of cheese or a bag of Turkish delight in their bags.

A very interesting and tasty meeting. The speakers were thanked by Mrs. B.Tinsley. After the raffle was drawn the meeting closed.

At the next meeting the Gifts and Greetings stall will be in attendance, so a chance to buy your Christmas cards and presents and anything else you wish to purchase.

Our next meeting is on **November 8th** in the Village Hall when someone from Curtis of Lincoln, will be talking about **Pork pie making.** 

Hostesses are Mesdames J. Taylor, E.Bradbury and S.Reynolds.



## **Diane McClymont**

## **RACE NIGHT**



I would like to thank all the people who supported the race night in aid of the Barbara May Foundation UK. Many of us found out that gambling may not pay but we had a great deal of fun without losing our shirts. The night raised **£1,090** thanks to the generosity of the punters on the night.

We were most grateful for the help given to us by Peter Foden at the Community Centre.

Thank you again to all who attended.

Elaine Parkin on behalf of the Barbara May Foundation UK.

## Village Bonfire - Saturday 3rd November 2012



The village Bonfire will be held on Saturday 3rd November on the field behind the school.

Do come along and enjoy the fantastic fireworks display.

There will be hot food, a bar and a Bouncy castle.

\*Gates open at 6.00pm and the **mini** fireworks display starts at 6.45pm. (This display is designed to be more suitable for younger children) The Bonfire will be lit at 7.pm followed by the main display at 7.15pm

Tickets - Adults £4 and children under 16 - £2

#### **Daphne Marshall**

A big thank-you to the residents of Gainsborough Road, Winthorpe, who gave so generously to this charity. A total of **£122.70** was raised.



3.PM.

£3.00 FOR TEA CHRISTMAS CAKE & MINCE PIES.

PROCEEDS TO Beaumond House, Newark.

Come along and join us!!

## Tales from the canals.....

## Napton on the Hill: September 2012 on n.b. Mulberry



In the late afternoon we moored on the hillside in the very long pound between Adkins Lock number 14 and the down hill number 13 lock .We were comfortably secured to the piling on the

towpath and we had a wonderful view over farmland. The village of Napton on the Hill was a mile or so to our north and the sun was gradually setting behind the towpath edge. As evening developed a full moon lifted over the lazy cattle standing in the fields.

The next morning we were slow to rise and there was a slight chill in the air where silence reigned. I opened the curtains to an empty world; it was silver white because a low cloud was sitting over us. As I made the morning coffee a solitary cow stood ten feet away, across the canal, slowly chewing and unaware of us. Gradually, as the kettle took a long time to boil, the sun emerged as a silvered circle glowing through the whiteness. Perfect!

Morning chores were completed so we broke the silence of the morning by starting our engines. The sun had already started to burn off the cloud cover and a pair of dogs ran through the herd of cattle gathering them towards the canal bridge as two old codgers stumbled across the field in their wake. The farming day was underway and it was time for us to continue along the Oxford Canal. I released the lines from our mooring hooks and Martin edged the boat away from the bank. We moved gently towards the next lock where Martin leapt off the stern with the windlass ready. Our luck was in; the water in the next six locks was up allowing us a quick passage to the services at Folly Bridge where we topped up the water tank and emptied our dustbins.

By midmorning the sun was high and hot enough for most boaters to have thrown off their coats and donned shorts and tee shirts. Suddenly we were enjoying a change in the weather, perhaps, we guessed, because maybe children were back at school after one of the wettest summers in recent history. We had a further week of fine weather as we followed the twisting canal towards Braunston on our journey home.

## Lynne Shapley

# (Church Notices

At the moment we seem to be having a succession of sad news. Tim Hambling,

who was laid to rest this week in the churchyard, lived in the village with his wife Peggy for many years.

Seven of us attended the cremation of Beryl Watts this week in Lincoln Many of the villagers have expressed disappointment that the service was not held in Winthorpe Church as she had attended church regularly before her illness. It has been suggested that we arrange to have a Memorial Service for her. A date will be fixed and advertised. We would like to express our grateful thanks to her friends and neighbours in Hargon Lane who supported her so well.

The Church has lost a very dear and devoted friend, Mr Peter Roach. Unfortunately he had a fall and although he recovered from a necessary operation his age was against him. Our sympathy goes to his dear wife Joan and their very caring son and daughters. He was Churchwarden for a number of years. During that time he supervised the re-roofing of the church and several other things that could be attributed to him. He and Joan always occupied a particular front pew, and Winthorpe Church will never be the same again. His funeral and Thanksgiving service will be held on Monday Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.

Our Harvest Supper held in the Community Centre on Friday Evening 19<sup>th</sup> October was most enjoyable. Our thanks to Sylvia & Keith Lloyd and family and their many helpers.

This event raised £304 after expenses. This will help towards church funds. Also, two of our young waitresses were raising money to enable them to take part in an overseas expedition; a marvellous additional £108 was shared between Kimberley and Lydia.

Many thanks to all who supported the evening.

In the afternoon the children from the school and many parents attended the church for a Harvest Celebration. The Church was packed and the congregation was treated to some beautiful singing by the children.

The Harvest Festival was held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Many thanks to all those who as always decorated the church so beautifully/ Gifts of fruit and edible items were taken as usual to the Women's Refuge.

The next event in the Church will be given by Mrs Bella Conn and the



Collingham Singers on .**Friday November 16<sup>th</sup>** at 7.30pm Their Theme will be "Collingham Singers go to the Movies." Tickets are now on sale priced £6 including a glass of wine and nibbles, from the Post Office, Sylvia Lloyd ,John Nelson & Ann Stone. We are thinking of those who are unwell or mourning a loved one at this time.

#### **Church Bells**

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

Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup> 10.15am - Remembrance Day service Sunday November 18<sup>th</sup> 10.15am - Morning Worship Sunday November 25<sup>th</sup> 5.0pm - Evensong

#### From the Registers.

#### **Holy Baptism**

September 23<sup>rd</sup> Jessica Chloe Gibson September 30<sup>th</sup> Jack Christopher Patrick Bevans

#### **Interment of Ashes**

October 16<sup>th</sup> John Edward James Hambling (Tim) October 19<sup>th</sup> Beryl Mabel Watts (Mitch)

#### 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.





Have you seen **HENDRIX** New to the village lost and scared.

Much loved and missed. If you have seen him please ring 07725 582984

## A Puzzle to ponder continued from last month......

Three men paid £10 for a room etc....Where did the other pound go??

The 'answer' if you needed it was:-

 $\pounds 30$  was the initial amount paid by the men

Cost of the Pizza	=£25
Change given = $\pounds 1$ to each man	=£3
Boy's 'self claimed' tip	=£2
	Total = £30

The pound didn't go anywhere it was just how the question was written. **Ed** 

	VICES FOR NOVEMBER	
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday before Advent		
9am	Holy Communion at Holme	
	NO SERVICE AT WINTHORPE	
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> - Remembrance Sunday		
10.15am	Service of Remembrance, Winthorpe.	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>		
10am	Holy Communion, Winthorpe.	
	Said service (B.C.P)	
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent		
10.15am	Morning Worship at Winthorpe	
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> - Christ the King		
10.15am	Morning Worship at Langford	
5.0pm	Evensong at Winthorpe	
ALL ARE WELCOME		

## **REMEMBERANCE DAY SERVICE - ALL SAINTS WINTHORPE**



The service of remembrance will take place as usual on November  $11^{th}$  at 10.15am are. It will follow the normal pattern with colours and last post.

Last year I was asked to provide an opportunity for wooden crosses to be laid, this will be

provided once again. If you have a cross to place the time to place it will be as the veterans names are being read out.

We look forward to seeing you.

Thank you, **Keith Lloyd** 

## CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

November

December

23<sup>rd</sup> Mrs Foden & Mrs Lloyd

21<sup>st</sup> Miss Applewhite



# NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Saturday 3rd Monday 5<sup>th</sup>

Friday 16<sup>th</sup>

Village Bonfire Luncheon Club, 12.30pm - Community Centre Silver Bin Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> WI meeting, 7.30pm - Village Hall. Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Green Bin Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Tues. Club, Coffee Morn. 10.30pm - V.H. Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm – V.H. Concert at All Saints 7.30pm Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Silver Bin Wednesday 21st Garden Club, 7.30pm – Community Centre. Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Green Bin Library Van Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Club Slide Show, 2.30pm – V.H.

#### DECEMBER

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>

Victorian Tea Party, 3pm - V.H.

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