



## Ed's Comments

I made comment last month on the loss of Peter Roach and that a tribute to him would be made this month.

It was in the December issue last year that I devoted virtually a whole page to Peter following his visit to El Alamein; a brief insight into his life was given by someone who had read his book 'THE 8.15 TO WAR'. (See back issues of the Focal Point on the village website should you wish to read what was said.)

It came as no surprise when David Milner asked if he could write Peter's 'tribute' for the magazine so you will find it within these pages.

Further to my reference to the village flag; I have received a letter in favour of it being lowered. I don't know whether it was discussed at the Parish meeting or whether any of the Councillors have been contacted but there isn't any mention of it in Sarah's report on the next page. Lovely to receive the Parish News once again; thank you Sarah.



The time has been approaching when Alan Stone would find it just too much to continue playing the organ in our churches. He has provided the music for many of our 'life's' memories'; for me – my daughters weddings, where I proudly walked down the aisle, tears in my eyes, to Alan's lovely playing. He will be sorely missed.

He is to retire at the end of this month. Thank you Alan.

**Wishing you all  
A Joyful Christmas and a Happy, Healthy  
and Prosperous New Year**



**Cliff Newbold**

Closing date for the January issue is **very EARLY – 14<sup>th</sup> December.**

# PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Another quiet month in the parish. Although a very productive one! Many of you will now have seen the **new dog bin** situated on the Holme lane entrance to the cricket field. Hopefully this bin won't be targeted by vandals again!

The improvement works to the **Jubilee Bridge** have now also been completed therefore anyone using electric scooters, wheelchairs or pushchairs will hopefully find the bridge much easier to cross.

Winthorpe Youth Club did the fantastic job in organising another successful **Bonfire celebration**. The fireworks were lovely and on behalf of the Parish Council I would like to thank everyone who helped to make this event a success. The Winthorpe bonfire celebrations continue to grow year after year and we hope that next year will be bigger still! Thanks also to those that braved the cold weather to enjoy the event.

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, The **Parish Councils accounts** were audited and were ready for public viewing. Notices were put on the boards to invite anyone interested in viewing the accounts to contact me to arrange a time. If anyone is still interested in viewing the accounts, please feel free to give me a call or drop me an email. I will keep the files open for viewing until December the 1<sup>st</sup> 2012.

As I have now *almost* settled in as the Parish Clerk I will be turning my attention to the **village website!** I hope to have the Parish Council meeting agendas and minutes to date on there by Christmas so please keep your eyes open for this. I will then update monthly from then on. The Village website can be found at: **-[www.winthorpe.org.uk](http://www.winthorpe.org.uk)**, take a look!  
(You can even see the Focal Point in full colour. **Ed**)

I have now also moved house (what did I say about a quiet month?!), anyone wishing to contact me by mail can now do so to the following address:

Spinney Corner, 67 Gainsborough Road, Winthorpe, Newark, NG24 2NR

As this is the last newsletter before Christmas, I hope you all enjoy the festive season and I hope to see you all in the pub at some point over the holidays!



The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday **12<sup>th</sup> December** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, as always the council welcomes any members of the public to the meeting. Alternatively if you have any questions/comments you would like addressing please contact me on 07920103180 or email [Sarah.tomlinson@mail.com](mailto:Sarah.tomlinson@mail.com).

**Sarah Tomlinson** (Clerk to the Parish Council)

**Smile....**

ADULT:

A person who has stopped growing at both ends  
and is now growing in the middle.

BEAUTY PARLOR:

A place where women curl up and dye.

CHICKENS:

The only animals you eat before they are born and after they are dead.

DUST:

Mud with the juice squeezed out.

EGOTIST:

Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

HANDKERCHIEF:

Cold Storage.

INFLATION:

Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

SECRET:

Something you tell to one person at a time.

TOOTHACHE:

The pain that drives you to extraction.

TOMORROW:

One of the greatest labour saving devices of today.

**Ed**

## LUNCH CLUB

The Christmas Lunch will be at 12.30pm on **Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> December** at the Community Centre. The menu will be:



Homemade Vegetable Soup

or

Fruit Juice

-x-

Roast Turkey with all the trimmings

or

Roast Pork with Apple Sauce

or

Poached Salmon

-x-

Christmas Pudding

or

Sherry Trifle

-x-

Coffee & Mints

**£9** 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**

## TUESDAY CLUB

Just one date to remember in December. **Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December**, 12.30pm **at the Lord Nelson**, Winthorpe. Instead of our usual Christmas tea party we will be having lunch at the Lord Nelson. Lunch will cost about **£8** based on the “Simply Nelson” menu.



**A very Happy Christmas to Focal Point readers.**



**Jean Foden.**



## Garden Club

On another return visit Andrew Ward of Norwell Nurseries entertained us with a talk entitled 'Beautiful Buttercups and Priceless Polemoniums'. Many of us were surprised by the number of plants which fell into the first group and would have been unable to classify them. We were told that whilst the group were spread widely throughout the world, this was not the case with polemoniums which were almost exclusively of North American origin.

Amongst his slides, many taken in his own nursery, there were also examples of plants shown in their natural habitat, some high in the mountains on scree slopes, sometimes covered in snow for many months at a time. The latter would only have a very limited window for growth. Andrew cited extreme cases where it could take 60 or even 80 years for a plant to bear flowers.



Throughout the presentation we were given hints regarding soil type, suitable positioning e.g. under tree canopy, and moisture requirements of many of the plants shown.

There is **no** meeting in December and we start the new year with our social evening on **January 16<sup>th</sup>**. I will give a prompt about this in next month's Focal Point.

**Ian Wilson**

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



Mrs. Pat Nelson welcomed members and friends to the meeting and apologies were given for those who could not be there.



The minutes were read by Mrs. Brenda Tinsley our secretary and then the Business from County House was read out.

Mrs. Viv Jackson and Mrs. Sheila Palmer have arranged to go to the theatre to see Dirty Dancing in March and members were busy paying their money for the trip.

Boards were passed round for members to fill in what they would be bringing for the Christmas party in December. This is to be held in the Community Centre on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs Nelson then introduced Mr. N. Curtis, who handed around slices of pork pie for us to taste. These are Lincolnshire pork pies and not the same as the Melton Mowbray pork pie as one member thought. Each pork pie maker has his own recipe and they all differ as to the types of meat and spices used to make them.

Mr. Curtis then demonstrated how to make a hand raised pork pie. He introduced us to the old wooden moulds that were used to make the pies before the days of 'elf 'n safety' and mechanization. The pastry for the pie is mixed with hot water, but the top is made in the normal method with cold water. A ball of pastry is rolled in the hands and then flattened on the table and the mould is put in the middle and then comes the hard bit! This is the raising of the pastry when the hands are used to bring it up around the mould until it is almost to the top and then the minced pork is thrown into the pastry after having been rolled in the hands into a ball to get the air out of the meat. Now the top is placed on the meat and the fancy crust is formed around the top, a hole is made in the middle to let out the steam and two small holes either side of the fancy crust for pouring in the boiled jelly, when the pie comes from the oven.



After this demonstration, Mr. Curtis asked for volunteers to try their hand at pie making, several members came forward and all made a

decent looking pie. They were supplied with striped pinafores, hats and plastic gloves to wear.

Members who had made the pies were able to buy them to take home to cook and other members were able to buy the pastry, jelly and meat to make and bake their own at home.

Mrs. E. Bradbury, who had been one of the pie makers, thanked Mr. Curtis for the talk and demonstration.

After the talk, tea and biscuits were served and the raffle was drawn. The meeting then closed.

Our next meeting is **Wednesday 12th December** in the Community Centre for our Christmas Party, there will be Musical entertainment a Raffle and an exchange of gifts which must be no less than three pounds fifty pence.

The charity this year is The Orchard School and your donations should be in an envelope for putting in the box.



The hostesses are the Committee.

**Daphne Marshall.**

## **Victorian Christmas Tea Party**

### **Christmas starts early in Winthorpe!!**

Come along to the Village Hall on Tues. **4th December** between 3.00pm & 4.30pm. for a cup of tea, Christmas cake and mince pies (alternatives for those who aren't partial to spicy cakes) **£3** a ticket.

Proceeds will go to Beaumont House and there will be Hospice Christmas cards on sale plus the usual raffle. If you would like to donate a raffle prize let me know.

**If anyone would like a lift** to the Village Hall please let me know.

**Barbara Woodcock** (01636 681299)

# Winthorpe Allotment Association - Late Summer Report



After a very wet start to the year, things are finally growing well. allotment holders have been enjoying bumper crops of garlic, beans, courgettes and artichokes. The pumpkins are swelling and cabbages hearting up ready for autumn picking and eating.

## **Have your own allotment**

Although all our plots are currently taken we may have some half plots available for the next growing season. We would be very happy to show anybody who is interested around the allotments, its unlikely you will come away empty handed... After you have tasted how wonderful fresh picked fruit and vegetables are, if decide you would like your very own allotment we offer practical help and advice to get you started. Come along to the next meeting to find out more.

## **Find out more**

If you are interested in finding out more or joining the waiting list, please email Louise at [secretary@winthorpeallotments.org.uk](mailto:secretary@winthorpeallotments.org.uk) or leave a message on 01636 **701947**.



## **Follow us on the Internet**

We also have a website, so if you're interested in sharing our journey, please take a look at [www.winthorpeallotments.org.uk](http://www.winthorpeallotments.org.uk)

*Louise Lyons, Secretary.*





## FOR YOUR SUPPORT AT THE VILLAGE BONFIRE

The Youth Club committee would like to thank all the many supporters of the Bonfire event. Chris Perkins and his fantastic team, once again provided a spectacular fireworks display.

We would like to give special mention to Bob who once again allowed us to use his land for the event and to Jamie for the use of the schools facilities.

We were ably helped by Ian and a team of Young Farmers who managed the traffic into the car parking area. Duncan led the car parking team, ensuring that the vehicles were parked quickly and efficiently. The girls on the gate ensured that the visitors to the event were given a warm and genuine welcome. Yvonne was armed with a huge array of thermos flasks ensuring that hot tea and coffee flowed.

Thank you to Martin and Jo who sold tickets at the Post office and thank you to Steven Jackson and the Parish Council - always helpful and supportive.

Whilst the event was a success we did not attract as many visitors as we have done over the last couple of years and therefore we are expecting that there will be a significant reduction in funds raised for the Youth Club. Figures have not yet been confirmed.

The Tombola was supported well and we would like to thank all those who contributed, especially Sam from the Lord Nelson who provided the " Star Prize".

Well done to the youngsters and youth workers from the YC who worked hard to make the event a success.

**Denise Day**

**Dear All,**



Like it, love it, loath it, ignore it, Christmas is coming. Most of us discover all the forgoing at some point in our lives, perhaps every year during December or before! Everyone will get involved at some level with the business and rush leading to the 25<sup>th</sup> December. As a priest I'm sure that I should be immune to all the stresses involved with Christmas, but I'm not.

Christmas is an opportunity to engage with relationships which have become awkward and dry. The retelling of the Christmas story enables all who engage with it to discover afresh the love of God, the joy of friendship and the power of trust and commitment.

For me the waiting and frustration bring liberation, making trust, love and the presence of God real and present.

At times we will all share a sense of frustration and disorientation. The theologian Walter Bruggerman deliberated on the need for disorientation and frustration in the cycle of growing faith, and importantly, holding onto the ambiguities which inhabit the faith journey.

Of all the people I have ever known Peter Roach, who died recently,



embodied much that Walter Bruggerman expressed with regard to faith and frustration. Above all Peter provided a unique level of optimism through his faith, the experience of his family and the relationships that he and Joan sustained through much of their lives. There are so many stories that could be told about Peter, the adventurer, thinker, activist and writer. I had the privilege of spending a good deal time with

both Peter and Joan. It was always a pleasure and privilege to spend time with them.

Age can reduce many people both in temperament and intellect. Peter, until the last, retained his particular brand of humour and importantly engagement with everything that came under his eye, parish, diocese and the world political stage. I recall with particular fondness Peter and Joan's faithful contribution to The East Trent Churches service for families "Noisy Worship" at Collingham

There is a word that Peter regularly used to express approval and delight in events and people. In many ways it sums him up "Super". "Peter if you are looking down you are truly "Super"

Peter has left a fine example not just of commitment to church, but to the transformational possibilities that Christmas can bring.

As we come to Christmas we have a chance to engage with an amazing love story between a man and woman, but rather more between God and man. For this transforming event to overwhelm the busiest and hardest heart, time must be taken to listen and engage.

**Happy Christmas**

**In Christian Love  
David Milner**

# AFTERNOON TEA

And Piano Recital

AT

THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Tickets £3.50 per person

Obtainable from the Post Office or Maggie Hudspeth Tel. 612086

**TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2013**

2.00PM – 4.00PM

Raffle



Kimberley has managed to raise £2600.00 for her world challenge expedition in July 2013. She still has £1100.00 to go.

**Please come and support her**



The recent Newark Vintage Tractor & Heritage Show was our 10<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary event and as such attracted many extra exhibitors and visitors.

It has been mentioned to me by one or two people that they had experienced difficulty in getting out of the village due to the volume of traffic. Unfortunately this is the consequence of a successful show!



In our defence, I can only say that we did have 'quick entry' methods in place at the showground and can only apologise for any delays that may have occurred during the peak attendance times. Thank you for your patience.

**David Green**

Vice President – Notts NVTEC &  
Organising Committee





Dear Cliff,

With regard to your comment in the Focal Point, I write in favour of the Union Jack being lowered when there is a local funeral taking place.

I think the addition of this flag to our village life is great. I have a daughter who is married to an American and of course their flag is everywhere. I would be in favour of it being flown here permanently and would disregard the "public buildings" system that is currently used.

My husband spent 23 years in the forces so the Union Jack has played a large part in our lives.

Local people whose funeral is taking place have still "served" their country paying taxes etc. all their lives and I think it would be nice if their countries flag could be lowered to say a final farewell.

Yours sincerely

**Kate Powell** (Gainsborough Road)

**Are you**

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**interested in playing Scrabble?**

We are starting a **Winthorpe Scrabble Club** to play on Friday afternoons from 2pm to 4.30pm – Cost to be 20p towards the tea and biscuits.

For further information please phone  
**Annie or Nick on 01636 658347**



## DID YOU KNOW



1. The Rev. Herbert Walter Langford (1919-1992) who served the parishes of Winthorpe, Langford and Holme for 17 years was born Werner Lampel. No one, not even his son, knows why he chose the name Langford. Perhaps someone reading this might know?
2. The four 17<sup>th</sup> century Almshouses on Chapel Lane were brought up to a habitable standard in 1978 at an approximate cost of £44,000.
3. Winthorpe airfield opened in September 1940 and was closed on June 1959. From 1942 to 1945 it was used as a Heavy Conversion Unit, training crews for operational duties.
4. Congratulations to Focal Point, the village magazine for Winthorpe, Langford and Holme, which this month celebrates its 32<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

**Pat Finn.**



## WINTHORPE CLAIRVOYANT SOCIETY

December's meeting is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances!

# Christmas Tree Festival 2012

**St. Mary Magdalene Parish Church, Newark**  
**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

A stunning display of over 100 Christmas trees can be seen at St Mary Magdalene Parish Church, Newark, during its 5th Christmas Tree Festival this year. The trees will be beautifully and imaginatively decorated by organizations, businesses and schools from the wide Newark community, filling the magnificent, mediaeval building of St Mary's, Newark.



The festival attracts over 5000 visitors who come to admire the creativity and diversity of ideas displayed and enjoy the magical atmosphere of colour, light, and scent.

The Festival also includes:

- Home-made refreshments
- A variety of craft and gift stalls • Seasonal music
- A quality raffle • ‘Carols of Praise’  
on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm followed by the raffle draw

## **Opening times are:-**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Dec: 9.30-5pm - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Dec: 11am -4.30pm  
Mon 10<sup>th</sup> – Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Dec: 10.am - 5.pm

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

**We look forward to welcoming you!**

## **Three quotations by one of Ed's favourite poets.....**

“You may choose your words like a connoisseur, And polish it up with art, But the word that sways, and stirs, and stays, Is the word that comes from the heart.”

“With every deed you are sowing a seed, though the harvest you may not see.”

“So many gods, so many creeds, so many paths that wind and wind while just the art of being kind is all the sad world needs.”

**All three by Ella Wheeler Wilcox (American, 1850 -1919)**

## The River Soar aboard n.b. Mulberry

Just beyond Sawley the River Trent meets the River Soar. At this point the Soar moves slowly, spreading its waters between the fields as it slips past the power station's towers at Ratcliffe. Miles of moored boats wait sleepily for their owners to return from work and we slowly creep past trying not to disturb their peaceful waters.



As we are sailing uphill towards Barrow we must travel through several locks. These are wide enough for two boats at a time and passage is made easier by having a partner to work the gates and control the water. It also means that both boats sit snugly in the lock without much effort.

The low flying aircraft coming into land at East Midlands airport hang over our heads at Kegworth Deep Lock below Egworth Manor. The canal divides into a lock cutting and a deep horseshoe weir where the river flows past beside this elegant Tudor manor. The island created by the division of the waters is now a bird sanctuary. Moorhens squawk from the reed beds along the river margins. Occasionally cormorants perched on a marooned log can be seen drying its wings and a crane stands still pretending not to notice us although if we get too close it lifts off, crosses its legs and relocates further upstream.

The willows along the bank drip their boughs in the water. Other trees grace the field margins and give the birds a place to roost. Small tributaries pour their contents into the Soar, these creeks adding mystery to the silent river. Beyond Kegworth there is another marina positioned on a wide stretch of the river. Here the main road comes alongside the western bank and a modern diner-pub stands amongst a few households that also have private moorings. We move on up to Zouche, winding along the widened river. We have travelled this stretch in flood conditions previously and it was on one of these bends that we met a narrow boat breaking the speed limit as it was racing down stream. We must also watch out for rowers who use this patch as their 'playground'. At Zouche we take a left turn into the next lock. Here the 'steak nite' at the local pub smells very inviting but we must travel onwards up to Normanton where even the church has a mooring. This August we were lucky enough to cruise past in the early evening sunshine and join other holidaymakers admiring the sun setting over the stunning countryside while enjoying a chilled beer.

Two more locks take us up into Loughborough, our first major shopping centre for nearly a week. An hour more brings us into Barrow known during the sunshine months as Barrow on Sea! Wonderful relaxation!

**Lynne Shapley**



## East Trent Group

Dear All,



As you read this article Christmas and all the work and tensions it can bring will be felt by many. The young in expectation of the gifts they might receive, the mature who may be unsettled by the business and razzmatazz of the whole season. Even images of festive celebration and family togetherness will challenge many across the age spectrum. Lastly, in my round up, there is significant group struggling to satisfy the needs of both young and old. There is one word which is common to all “expectation”; whether good or bad expectations colour nearly everyone’s thinking.

The question to be posed is how to live this season of expectations so that whether alone or with family and friends the later part of December leading to the New Year can be fully enjoyed.

Christians are not immune to the pressures of Christmas; indeed the desire to promote the story of Jesus coming into the world will for many in church communities bring tensions in addition to those of the wider community.

There is no secret or sure route to managing expectations, but sharing concerns with those around us and being focused on the central tasks can ease anxieties. At a personal level I find making lists and crossing completed items off very satisfying.

**There is one overriding aspect of the Christmas season that cannot be underrated, and that is have fun, enjoy both the things that go well as well as those which don’t. Take some time every day to do something for you!**

As the churches along the East Trent prepare for a second Christmas in vacancy it is a credit to the lay leadership that the group has continued to work. Marion Collins has been key in enabling the service rota to be operated effectively as well as many other areas of church life. Retired Clergy living within the East Trent Group, Revds. Michael Briggs, Dendle French and John Smith have provided creative and thoughtful spiritual input. In the New Year the East Trent Group will move into a new phase in its development as The Reverend David Yabbacome becomes the second Priest to serve the East Trent Group.

As the eleven church communities prepare, expectations will emerge as his arrival is anticipated. David and his wife Esther will need help and support as they settle in: importantly they will need some time to get used to the diverse nature of the group.

It has been a very changing two years as the Interregnum has run its course. The East Trent Group has grown and matured. This has been achieved by the commitment of many people who have assisted in its development. Not least the valiant churchwardens surviving wind, rain lead thefts and the grumbles of the day.



**My prayer is that you have a happy fun filled Christmas leading to an exciting New Year.**

**Yours in Christ**

**David Milner**

### **Winthorpe Church Flower Ladies**

A big thank you once again to our wonderful flower arrangers for a lovely display in the church for the Harvest Festival they were greatly appreciated.



We now turn to Christmas and the church will be open at 2pm on Friday the **21<sup>st</sup>**. If you are unable to do your usual arrangements please ring me **on 703271**.

The church will be open at 2pm on the **31<sup>st</sup>** to remove them.

Thank you all for your continued contributions and help, what would we do without you?

**Sylvia Lloyd**



# Church Notices

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The Parochial Church Council as a group have all been very active. Joan Lord has been invaluable as Treasurer and recently Alex Gilnout became her assistant Sylvia Lloyd has been in charge of organising the cleaning rote, Bible readers and flower decorations when required i.e. Harvest Festival etc. John Nelson has been very helpful for organising events. Christine Hasman has represented the Bell Ringers and continues to research the history of the church and keeps records of the graveyard.

Ian Hasman as Tower Captain has kept a team of bell ringers active in ringing not only in Winthorpe but in various other churches when invited. Ian & Christine would welcome anyone interested in ringing the bells to contact them. Ian has always been very helpful in helping Alan within the church building.

We would like to say 'THANK YOU' to all those who have supported us in so many ways during the last few years. and especially to Keith . He will replace Alan as Vice Chair of the Parochial Church Council I am very grateful to Sharon Spencer (Sylvia & Keith's daughter) for agreeing to replace me as secretary.

I do hope that they will receive the same marvellous support that we have so much enjoyed.

I am sure that you will all be pleased to hear that I have had correspondence from RAF Cranwell who are very enthusiastic to come and entertain us again. I will pass the information to Sharon.

As you may know a priest has been appointed as Rector for the Benefice He will commence his ministry sometime in the New Year. We have been very grateful to the retired Priests who have helped to maintain our church services and to Marion Collins for her liaison .

Thank you Cliff for all your help and encouragement over the years.

Alan writes:-

I was pleasantly surprised on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November, after an excellent concert by the Collingham Singers, to be presented with a lovely painting of Winthorpe Church. Kind words from Mr. Steve Jackson certainly made my night. At home, in our hall, we can now see pictures of the four Churches in which I have been privileged to serve as singer

and/or organist and they give me much pleasure, I have great sadness in having to give up the organ due to declining eyesight and back pain, but the joy I have received in return for the gift of music will stay with me.

**We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.**

**From Alan & Ann**

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 7pm - 9pm and possibly for the following:-

Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup> 10.15am - Holy Communion

Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup> 10.15am - Morning Worship

Sunday December 23<sup>rd</sup> 5pm - Carol Service

Monday December 24<sup>th</sup> 7pm - Christmas Holy Communion

### **Brass Cleaners**

Mrs June Taylor & Mrs Everson.

### **From the Registers.**

### **Funeral & Thanksgiving Service**

October 29<sup>th</sup> Peter Roach RIP.



### **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.*

**Alan and Ann Stone**

**Merry Christmas**

A great many residents will be aware that at the end of November Alan stone retired, after a total of 37 years, as organist at Winthorpe Parish church, and over 7 years as church warden'

His wife Anne has also served for over 7 years as secretary to the Parochial Church Council, and will also be retiring in the next few weeks'

In recognition and gratitude for his long service and contribution to village life, at the conclusion of the Concert held in the Church on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November, Alan and Anne were presented, on behalf of all village residents, with a large retirement card signed by a great many local people together with a framed painting of Winthorpe Church, very kindly provided by Margaret Donoghue, a local village artist



**Steve Jackson,**  
Chairman Parish Council

## **Dynamic Duo Retires!**

Well can you believe it has finally happened, Alan and Ann are retiring. Their tireless work in making sure the church functions as it should has meant a lot to many people. They have worked alongside many different clergy all with different ideas which can't have been easy.

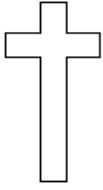
So as they look forward to the spring their thoughts will be 'where to next in the caravan' not 'we can't go this week because.....'.

First things first though; we hope that Ann gets her full mobility back early in the new year so they can enjoy their retirement in comfort. We give their successors our best wishes and hope that all goes well especially as it looks as though at last we are getting a new Rector.

I have just thought Alan, Ian is looking for some bell ringers!!

Seriously we hope that you can both enjoy a much deserved retirement.

**Ed**



## DECEMBER SERVICES



**Sunday 2<sup>th</sup> ADVENT 1**

**NO SERVICE IN WINTHORPE**

**Sunday**

10.15am

5pm

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> ADVENT 2**

Holy Communion at Winthorpe

Carol Service at Holme

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> ADVENT 3**

10.15am

Morning Worship at Winthorpe

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>**

**NO SERVICE**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> ADVENT 4**

9am

Holy Communion at Langford

5.00pm

Village Carol Service at Winthorpe

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve**

7.pm

Holy Communion at Winthorpe

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day**

10.15 am

Holy Communion at Holme



**ALL ARE WELCOME**

### CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

**December**

21<sup>st</sup> Miss Appplewhite

**January**

20<sup>th</sup> Mrs Finn & Mrs Nelson





## DECEMBER CALENDAR

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Silver Bin
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Victorian Tea Party 3pm V.H.
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch Club, 12.30pm – Community Centre Green Bin
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council meeting 7.30pm – V.H. WI Xmas party, 7.30pm - Comm. Centre.
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Silver Bin
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday Club Xmas party 12.30pm – Nelson
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Green Bin
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Silver Bin

NO LIBRARY VAN THIS MONTH

### January

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Garden Club

### February

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Afternoon tea 2pm Comm. Centre



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I'M ONLY JOKING PAT FINN ISN'T GIVING  
UP THE SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

