



Ed's Comments

As I take this edition to the printers the snow and ice is still with us, what a disheartening spell we have had. I hope that you have all managed to cope without too much difficulty.

In the event of flooding when it thaws, Holme have some free sand bags on offer!

I have inserted a Valentine symbol on the February logo this month as a reminder to those who 'celebrate' its loving meaning in some way. It does have different meanings for different people dependant on the stage of their lives. For small children it can be about friendship, cards and gifts.



For adolescents it can be about the hope of love. For couples it acts as an opportunity to remind one another of their love. For parents an opportunity to teach about love. For most it is a happy occasion but for those that have lost loved ones it can be a sad day, but basically it is a day about the human heart and an opportunity to share our life with

people we love. Anything is welcome if we can lift our spirits and look forward to the new 'life' that arrives with the Spring.

In mythology Cupid figures strongly on the 14th – he is the son of Venus the Roman Goddess of love whereas Eros is the son of Aphrodite the Greek Goddess of Love. In case you were wondering!!

Interestingly there is a meeting of men in Collingham this month, on 'Valentine's day' afternoon, discussing I gather some sort of activity in a shed!!

The ladies of the WI are having a go at 'Kurling' this month. This is a form of the original curling game, but adapted so that it can be played indoors on any smooth flat surface as an alternative to ice. Hence their meeting is in the Community Centre. No mention though who is on first aid duty!!

Cliff Newbold

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

PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year!

Christmas seems like a long time ago now! I hope you all had a lovely break; it was nice to see so many of you celebrating in the Lord Nelson! Our local pub really was the heart of the village over the holiday period; it was lovely to see the community coming together. I also hear that the local church services were well attended and enjoyed by all those that took the time to venture out in the cold conditions we have been experiencing! So thank you everyone!!

At present we are still awaiting the repairs to the flag pole situated at the top village, we are hoping to see this work completed by the end of January (weather permitting!)

The Council are currently busy revising the Village budget for 2013/14 and reviewing our procedures, however there seems very little else to report! We are all looking forward to what 2013 might bring!

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 21st** February 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 **707682** or 07920103180 or email Sarah.tomlinson@mail.com.

Sarah Tomlinson (Clerk and Finance Officer to the Parish Council)

LUNCH CLUB

The next lunch will be at 12.30pm on **Monday, 4th February**. The menu will be:



Steak & Kidney Casserole

or

Seafood Crumble

with

Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables

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Continental Apple Tart & Custard

£8 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 Foden

TUESDAY CLUB

Tuesday, 12th February.

10.30am. - Morning coffee in the Village Hall.

Due to snowy weather on January 22nd the meeting and

AGM were cancelled. We will now have the AGM at this meeting.



Tuesday, 26th February.

Lunch outing to the Elite Fish and Chip Restaurant, Tritton Rd., Lincoln.

Travel will be by car to meet for lunch at 12.30pm.

Jean Foden.



Our January party was its usual success with lots of good food, friendly conversation and a general air of conviviality. There was entertainment in the form of a raffle, paper puzzles and bingo courtesy of Pat Finn who also provided a number of prizes.

Once again, those present were given several options for this years main outing in June. Voting took place during the course of the evening with the resulting runaway favourite being Burton Agnes Hall and Gardens. This is located near Driffield in East Yorkshire. Further details will be given in a future Focal Point.

Our next meeting is on **February 15th** when the subject will be **Hens at Home** by **Carla & Debs!**

Ian Wilson

Thank You



On behalf of All Saint's Church Winthorpe PCC I would like to thank Mr Jamie McKintyre, his staff and all the parents who contributed to the collection at the school Christmas service in church. The **£61** collected has been donated to the Children's Society. Thank you all so much as it has been very much appreciated.

Yours Sincerely - **Ann Stone.**

WINTHORPE & DISTRICT W.I. JANUARY REPORT



The start of the New Year and there was a good attendance at our meeting, unfortunately some of our members were absent due to illness and had sent their apologies, we wish them a speedy recovery.

Our President welcomed members to the meeting and wished them all a Happy New Year. Mrs Barbara Nelson read the minutes of the last meeting as our secretary was ill.

Names were taken for the County Lunch on the 15th of March and the Spring Council meeting and notice of a proposed evening meal was announced the date to be arranged. There is also a staging day at Oxton, this is to help Institutes who take part in the show competition.

The County Quiz is on February 22nd.

Our speaker was Mr. Keith Armstrong, who was a journalist with the Nottingham Post and a cartoonist in his spare time.

He had some of his art work published in the paper over the years and had brought along many copies of his work, which were very good.

There was much humour in everyday life, he told us and proceeded to illustrate this by drawing a scene that had occurred in Nottingham city centre. He also described several ways that could make a drawing more animated. The first sketch was a self portrait and after that came several amusing cartoons. He asked for a volunteer and then asked her to do a large 'M' on the board and then a small 'm' after which he made up a sketch from these two letters. There were more drawings and then a volunteer was called for again and asked to do a squiggle on the board, which she did, it seemed impossible to be able to do anything with this, but lo and behold he made it into a portrait. A very good and amusing talk which we all enjoyed.

Mrs. Rose Dickinson gave the vote of thanks.

During the evening subscriptions had been collected as these were due in January.

After our talk there was tea and biscuits and a raffle after which the meeting closed.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday February 13th** at the **Community Centre**, where we will be 'Kurling', everyone can do it, we are told!

Our hostesses are:- Mesdames J.Lord, E.Thornton, F.Wright

Daphne Marshall

Coddington & Winthorpe Cricket Club

It is probably a little late to wish you a Happy New year, however better late than never! I'm not normally one for making New Year resolutions, this year I am prepared to make an exception and will endeavour to be a more regular contributor to Focal Point than last year. Whether that is good or bad I will leave you to decide.



Plans are in place for the forthcoming season with the new Committee in place along with our President – Vincent Dobson and newly elected Vice President – Maureen Dobson. This year our Sunday side will be playing in Division 7 of the Newark Alliance, the midweek team, Kavaliers, in Division 3 of the Newark Evening League, Under 13 and Under 11 teams in the Newark Colts league. Last year the adult team just missed out on promotion finishing a respectable third in the league. The junior also performed admirably with the Under 12s team potentially winning their league – I say potentially as the league has had a problem sorting results and have yet to confirm final positions.

Things to have on your radar in the short term include:

Adult net practice which commences on Tuesday 5th February 2013 and will be held at the Magnus Sports Centre, 9:00-10:00pm at a cost of £5.00 per session.

Winter nets for Under 10s Development Squad, Under 11s & Under 13s start on Sunday 3rd February 2013 and will be held between 9-30 - 12-20pm and will run for 8 weeks. Subsequent sessions will be held at our ground on Holme Lane again on Sunday mornings, timings to be confirmed nearer the date. In addition we are still hoping to hold approximately 5 Kwik Cricket indoor sessions starting Friday 1st March. These sessions are aimed at juniors in School year 3 and above.

Outdoor practice sessions are scheduled to commence Friday 9th April and will run throughout the summer. Please feel free to come along to watch the juniors being out through their paces and maybe even join in yourselves.

Following the success of the match last year against the Notts. Visually Impaired Cricket Club we are hoping to come to an arrangement whereby they use Holme Lane as their home ground. So far this season two NVICC fixtures have been arranged, both Saturdays, on 4th May and 18th May 2013. It would

be wonderful to get as many people down there to watch what will no doubt be an entertaining day's cricket. If you have not seen NVICC in action previously you will be amazed at the quality of the play and the unusual format of the game.

Thank you to all of you who have contributed to the club via the Bonus Ball. We currently have 4 spare numbers so if you would like to take one please do not hesitate to contact me. The winning number wins £25.00 just enough to cover the cost of the steak night at the Lord Nelson!

Contact Details

If you have any queries or would like more information on Coddington & Winthorpe Cricket Club 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)

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 2013 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 Community Centre

Our **annual quiz night** will be held on Saturday **9th February 2013** with the winning team having the honour of winning the David Jackson Shield. Teams of up to 6 people - bring your own drinks and as usual a pie and peas supper will be served at the halfway point.

If you have been in the Community Centre recently you will have seen we have invested in new chairs, so come along, try them out and help us to raise the funds for them.

Doors open at 7.00pm ready to start the quiz at 7.30pm. Tickets are £8.00 each; including supper, and are available from the Post Office.

Sue Jackson, Community Centre Secretary

WINTHORPE VILLAGE

QUIZ



7 for 7.30pm,

**Saturday 9th February 2013 at the
Community Centre**

Teams of 6

**Tickets £8.00 including refreshments
available from the Post Office**

Bring your own drinks

FOLK MUSIC at WINTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

Don't forget to book your tickets for the Folk Concert at the Village Hall on **Friday 8th March**. Tickets £6.00. Licence applied for.

Phone Barbara 01636 **681299** to reserve your tickets.

Barbara Woodcock



**‘Beautiful Music in Beautiful Places’
Tour 2013**

at Winthorpe Village Hall,

Friday 8th March 2013

7pm for 7-30pm

Tickets £6, Accompanied Children under 16 Free


Available from **01636 681299** & Village Post Office

‘Wonderful songs, gentle anecdotes and delicious leg Pulling ..a gem of an evening!’ - Licence applied for

Number of tickets limited due to size of Village Hall



DID YOU KNOW

1. During the 1886 excavations of the old parish church to make way for the present one, steps on which cannon used to stand and quantities of damaged gunpowder were found. The skeletons of some hundreds of men were also discovered, buried in rows and without any coffins. This gun-emplacement could have used by the cannon that was brought down from York to Winthorpe during the 1646 Civil War of Newark.
2. There are four houses named 'The Lodge' in Winthorpe.
3. In 1996, Hector Young (1928-2008) had the idea of celebrating the New Millennium with a Community Centre. This would replace the youth club, which was built during his tenure as the parish council chairman. A project committee was formed with Hector as its Chairman. With the help of many people, a design was agreed, money raised and the Community Centre was completed with its opening on the 20th May 2000.
4. The symbols on the fitted to posts and example that the water the valve is 1metre away  yellow and black fire hydrant plate buildings tells the fireman in this main is 180mm in diameter and that from the plate.

Pat Finn

THE TRUSTEES OF WINTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE

WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY NEW YEAR AND LOOK
FORWARD TO YOUR POSSIBLE BOOKINGS FOR:-



WEDDINGS

DANCES

ADULT AND CHILDREN'S PARTIES

BUSINESS EXHIBITIONS AND SHOWS

YOUR CONTACT IS PAT OR JOHN NELSON 01636 688016

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 19TH 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



LOTTERY FAN?



GET A FREE £1 LOTTERY TICKET
WHEN YOU SPEND £15 ON

WINE AND GROCERIES HERE AT WINTHORPE VILLAGE STORE
(CIGARETTES NOT INCLUDED)

'Free' Sand Bags



Now that the flood risk has very thankfully passed, we have 100 sand bags which are no longer needed and for which we need to find a good home.

Free of charge to anyone who would like some, or indeed them all, and is able to collect them from Holme. Please contact 01636 701587.

Patricia Richards, - Chairman Holme Parish Meeting.

COME AND FIND OUT ABOUT OUR PLANS FOR COLLINGHAM'S - 'MEN IN SHEDS'!



Are you:

- Male, aged between 18 & 108?
- Lonely, bored or just looking to enjoy some friendly male company?
- Interested in sharing/using your existing skills, perhaps learning some new ones?

If so, this new project might be just right for you. But we need your thoughts & ideas to ensure that what we deliver is what you want!

WHEN? - Thursday 14th Feb. 2013 at 2.00 p.m.

WHERE? - At Collingham's Phoenix Community Hall (just off Station Road close to the Football Ground)

Refreshments will be provided.

This months smile.....

You do not need a parachute to skydive.
You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.

I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit.
Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad

Nostalgia isn't what it used to be

Ed

Church Notices

A Happy New Year to you all from All Saints! I had a great family Christmas -I hope you did too.

In All Saints we had four services over Christmas which were well attended particularly the Carol Service. It's a very long time since I've seen the Church so full with only a few choir stalls vacant but what a great service - it just goes to show if we all get together we make good music, particularly now Christine in getting to grips with the keys of the Organ.

We are sad to report we have recently said goodbye to our friend in Christ, Wendy Woodcock, the wife of David Woodcock who helped renovate the bells.

Our new Vicar, David, is to be licensed on 20 April 2013 at 6 pm in St Johns, Collingham.

We hope in 2013 to continue our social and community activities within the Church. If anyone has any suggestions or ideas to help enhance this please do not hesitate to contact me on **703271**.

Keith Lloyd - on behalf of the PCC

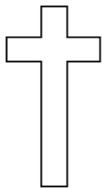
CHURCH FLOWER LADIES



Thank you all for the beautiful Christmas display. The Church was visited by many people attending the services and the flowers were admired by everyone.

Wishing you a Happy New Year.

Sylvia Lloyd



FEBRUARY SERVICES

Sunday 3rd - 2nd before Lent

9 am Holy Communion Holme

Sunday 10th - next before Lent

10.15am Holy Communion, Winthorpe.
5pm Holy Communion, Langford.

Sunday 17th - 1st Lent

10.15am Morning Service, Winthorpe.

Thursday 21st

10am Holy Communion B C P, Winthorpe.

Sunday 24th - 2nd Lent

10.15am Morning Worship, Holme.
5pm Evensong, Winthorpe.

Bells will be rung Sunday 3rd - 10th - 17th & 24th before services.
Also on Thursdays, 7pm - 9pm

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

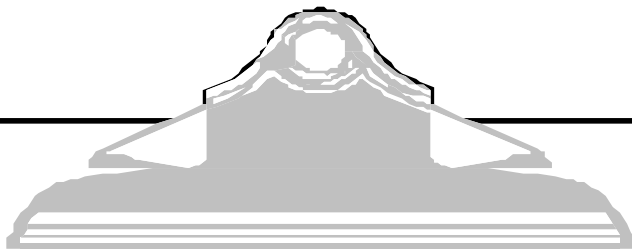
February

22nd Mr & Mrs McClymont

March

22nd Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Nelson

Brass Cleaners this month:- Mrs Burton & Mrs Barks



FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Monday 4 th	Lunch Club, 12.30pm Comm. Centre. Green Bin
Saturday 9 th	Village Quiz, Community Centre – 7pm
Monday 11 th	Silver Bin
Tuesday 12 th	Tues. Club coffee morn. Village Hall-10.30am
Wednesday 13 th	WI' Kurling' evening, Comm Centre – 7.30pm
Thursday 14 th	Men in Sheds meeting, Collingham – 2pm
Friday 15 th	Garden Club meeting, Comm. Centre – 7.30pm
Monday 18 th	Green Bin Library Van
Tuesday 19 th	Afternoon tea, Comm. Centre. - 2pm
Thursday 21 st	Parish meeting, Village Hall – 7.30pm
Monday 25 th	Silver Bin
Tuesday 26 th	Tues. Club luncheon visit. By car -12.30pm

MARCH

Friday 8th Howden & Jones -Village Hall

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.?