



Ed's Comments

Easter is upon us this month which always lifts my spirits as we look forward to warmer weather and longer hours of daylight. I have already spotted those commercial indicators - Easter eggs and Easter bunnies etc.

These made me think of their origins, for in my particular youth I knew little of the Easter Bunny until I watched an episode of 'Vicar of Dibley'. The internet provided me with some interpretation:-

‘According to the University of Florida's Center for Children's Literature and Culture, the origin of the celebration — and the origin of the Easter Bunny — can be traced back to 13th-century, pre-Christian Germany, when people worshiped several gods and goddesses. The Teutonic deity Eostra was the goddess of spring and fertility, and feasts were held in her honour on the Spring Equinox. Her symbol was the rabbit because of the animal's high reproduction rate.

When the second-century Christian missionaries encountered the tribes of the north with their pagan celebrations, they attempted to convert them to Christianity. They did so, however, in a clandestine manner.

It would have been suicide for the very early Christian converts to celebrate their holy days with observances that did not coincide with celebrations that already existed. To save lives, the missionaries cleverly decided to spread their religious message slowly throughout the populations by allowing them to continue to celebrate pagan feasts, but to do so in a Christian manner. As it happened, the pagan festival of Eastre occurred at the same time of year as the Christian observance of the Resurrection of Christ. It made sense, therefore, to alter the festival itself, to make it a Christian celebration as converts were slowly won over. The early name, Eastre, was eventually changed to its modern spelling, Easter.’

No WI report this month as the 'Kurling' was 'snowed off'; still you can find out if you are 'Alektorophobic' by reading the Garden Club report!

Cliff Newbold

Closing date for the April issue is 22nd March

LUNCH CLUB

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

Chicken Chasseur

or

Poached Salmon in White Wine Sauce

with

New Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables

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Pineapple Upside-down Pudding with 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

Both meetings in March will be in the Village Hall.

Tuesday, 12th March. 10.30am. Morning coffee.



Tuesday, 26th March. 2.30pm. Please bring a small item with a story attached to it e.g. a piece of jewellery, ornament, book, photo etc.

Jean Foden.



Winthorpe and District WI

Unfortunately the February 'Kurling' was cancelled due to the weather.

The next meeting is on **Thursday the 14th** of March and is the AGM.

It will be a 'spring clean' and a 'bring and buy stall' event.

The hostesses are to be Cath. Harvey and Stella Hopewell.

Ed.



Please come and join our Scrabble club. We meet every Friday afternoon from 2pm in Winthorpe.

Don't worry if you're not too hot a player

It is really just about being sociable.

20p for tea and biscuits.

Phone Annie or Nick for further details **01636 658347**

Winthorpe Community Centre

Quiz Night



Thank you to everyone who supported the quiz night on 11th February and congratulations to the winning team 'Ireland nil England 62.' A special thank you to David Barthorpe for all his hard work in putting the questions together.

Litter Bins

I am sorry to have to point it out again, but dog walkers, please do not put your dogs waste in the green litter bins at the Community Centre, it has to go in the **red** dog- waste bins and is collected separately to other litter by Newark and Sherwood Council staff to be disposed of safely. The litter in the green bins is collected by volunteers and placed in the big green wheelie bins so finding dog waste in there is unpleasant and unsafe. Speaking of the wheelie bins, they are for Community Centre waste; please do not put other items in there.

AGM

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday **15th April** at 7.30pm in the main hall of the Community Centre. Everyone is welcome, please do come along.

Sue Jackson - Secretary to the Trustees



Garden Club

'Hens at Home' is a small and diverse business run by two ladies at Staythorpe.

From very modest beginnings about three years ago and with very little experience they have developed a wide knowledge of their subject. As the name suggests they began with a few chickens to provide fresh eggs. The chickens became pets then as now. The message was hens can be fun, real pets and individual characters.

We were given advice about coops, runs, feeding, watering and general maintenance. It was suggested that a start up cost of £200-400 would provide a basic set of equipment together with some eight chickens. Needless to say Debs and Carla would be happy to advise anyone interested and source materials for them. (Apparently, for those of you who do not like chickens, a fear of them is known as Alektorophobia)

The time when your first eggs can be expected depends on the starting point. The younger the bird the longer you wait and the more nurturing is required. Point of lay birds are usually 18-20 weeks old. Commercial battery hens have a laying life of about 18 months. They are most productive with 17 hours of daylight. This is achieved by artificial lighting. At the end of their most productive life, these birds are often sold and Debs started with some of these birds.

Various little facts were given such as it takes 25 hours for an egg to be formed, the process starting with the yolk. The shell alone takes 20 hours. The record number of yolks in one egg is 9 and the heart rate of a hen is in the range 280-315 beats per minute.

I said the business was diverse. Well they provide chicken sitting (surely a niche market) pet sitting, dog day care and boarding.

If you have not yet made a diary note of our outing, it is on **June 19th** to Burton Agnes Hall & Gardens.

Our next meeting is on **March 20th** when **Steve Lovell** will give a talk entitled **Native Plants of Britain**.

Ian Wilson

GIANT SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

After a long and wet winter, with floods in many parts of the country, it will be nice to welcome the arrival of spring with the preparation of the Giant Sunflower Competition.

This competition is open to:-

- Children who live in Winthorpe, Langford or Holme and who are born after the 1st of September 2001.
- All pupils who attend Winthorpe Primary School and who may live outside the three villages.

The competition will start on **Easter Sunday, 31st March**, when the children will sow their sunflower seeds.

The competition will end on **Sunday, 8th September**, when the children will e-mail me their name, age and sunflower height to

winthorpesunflower@hotmail.co.uk

If you wish to buy your own seeds, you will require **SUNFLOWER GIANT SINGLE**, which can be obtained from Wilkinson's. Each packet costs 60p 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 21st March** when each child will receive a packet of sunflower seeds.

Pat Finn.



Dear Friends

We wish to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love and kindness shown to us during Linda's short illness and after her passing. Linda had so many true friends in the village and I am sure you will all miss her as much as we do.

Duncan, Julie and Ian

Thank You

I would like to thank everybody in Winthorpe and the surrounding district for their kind words and beautiful cards after the death of my wife Wendy. Some people only knew me from seeing me gardening in the village or from seeing me walking my dog Libby.

I would also like to thank those concerned for allowing us to ring a 'quarter peal' after the internment of Wendy's ash on Thursday the 16th of February 2013 in Winthorpe church yard.

Thank you most sincerely,

David Woodcock – 51 Alexander Avenue.

REMINDER

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

Newark Air Museum



Lancaster Corner Refurbishment

Work is now well underway on the refurbishment of the Lancaster Corner display area at Newark Air Museum, which is located on part of the former RAF Winthorpe airfield in Nottinghamshire; close to the border with Lincolnshire.

This refurbishment work has been timed for completion before several significant anniversaries connected to the museum's extensive display of Lancaster artefacts. These include the 70th Anniversary of the formation at RAF Woodhall Spa of 619 Squadron – "The Forgotten Squadron" on 18 April 1943; and the 70th Anniversary of the famous Dambusters Raid in May 1943.

Newark Air Museum's Lancaster Corner contains an unusual array of World War II artefacts associated with the famous Lancaster bomber and wartime RAF Winthorpe, which was a major training base for 5 Group Bomber Command.

The museum's 619 Squadron ME846 Lancaster display, relates to an aircraft and crew that crashed in June 1944 over northern Belgium. The extensive display tells the story of the crew training on Stirlings with 1661 HCU at RAF Winthorpe; the events leading up to their Lancaster, ME846 being shot down; and the search to find the crash site and the remains of the missing pilot.

Displayed alongside the ME846 display is an UPKEEP Mine (Bouncing Bomb). This legendary weapon is on loan from the MOD, which was made possible thanks to the efforts and good offices of the Sir Barnes Wallis Memorial Trust. This item was a test piece mine dropped at Reculver in preparation for the legendary Dambusters Raid.

Maintaining the Dambusters theme is a memorial plaque loaned to the museum by Jan van den Driesschen, who tends Guy Gibson and Jim Warwick's graves in Holland. Gibson was leader of the Dambusters Raid and Warwick was an Instructor from 1661 HCU at RAF Winthorpe

and Gibson's navigator on the flight when they were killed. Displayed below is a propeller blade from Lancaster AJ-S flown by Pilot Officer Lewis Burpee, which was shot down in Holland in wave 3 of the Dambusters Raid.

Of major significance in Lancaster Corner is the fuselage section of IX(B) Squadron Lancaster W4964 WS-J that was donated to Newark in 1974. Its ends had been boarded up and it had been used as a garden shed. W4964 flew 106 Ops and its 100th Op was a 'Tallboy Op' on the Tirpitz battleship in Alten Fjord, Norway. It carried the nose art of the 'Johnnie Walker' whisky company and the exhibit still wears its original wartime paintwork.

Displayed above the fuselage section is a Lancaster wing tip that was recovered from Knipton reservoir near Grantham. This came from Lancaster R5726 that broke up in mid-air on April 4th 1944 and fell into the reservoir. It was recovered by the local sub-aqua club in the 1970s. Completing the Lancaster display is the Lancaster rear turret that housed twin 0.5 inch guns and was designed and built by the Rose Brothers Ltd of Gainsborough, Lincs.

During the weekend of 18/19th May 2013 a series of temporary Lancaster displays will be exhibited at the museum as part of a Lightning & Lancaster Weekend.

Howard Heeley – Down To Earth Promotions -Tel: 0115 9201536

ALL SAINTS WINTHORPE

Church Notices

Greetings from your P.C.C

We held our first meeting under the new regime. There were a few problems we had to solve:-

The census was most important and we were lucky that Tish Applewhite agreed to take on the roll of Electoral Officer. That was one problem solved.

The next was in respect of the Union Flag we use at the remembrance service. The flag belongs to the Lincoln District Scouts and has had to be returned. Following detailed discussion it was decided we would buy our own at a cost of around **£185**. Now, should anyone wish to donate towards the cost of a flag please contact me on **703271**.

I must also make a point of thanking everyone for the help I am given, It is much appreciated.

I have an idea, in relation to our younger members (and by that I mean younger than me! i.e. adults). Could we not form a "***Friends of the Church***" group? The group could then look at what we do with our Church Building and maybe see if we can provide a service that younger folk would enjoy and also be available to help at Functions when necessary. Remember the Church building is just a building; you good folk are the body of the church. If you can help contact me on **703271**

As you have already been advised, the licensing for David, our new Vicar, is 20th April. Any further news I will let you know as soon as I hear.

We joined together with some 93 relatives and friends of Linda Richardson to give thanks for her life and to say goodbye, god bless her soul.

Duncan, our prayers and condolences go out to you and your family at this time.

Please note the Annual General Meeting of Winthorpe All Saints PCC will be held on Wednesday **27th March** at Winthorpe Community Centre commencing at 7.30 pm. All are welcome.

The church bells will be rung on:-

Sundays 10th – 17th – 31st (Easter day)

Also on Thursday evenings for practice between 7pm and 9pm.

Keith Lloyd - on behalf of the PCC

CHURCH FLOWER LADIES



The church will be open from 3.15 pm on Good Friday **29th March** to receive your Easter arrangements. This is after the Last Hour service which commences at 2 pm. If this time and date is unsuitable to you please contact me on **703271** to make alternative arrangements

Removal of flowers.

The church will be open again on Friday April 5th at 2pm for you to remove your flowers.

Thank you all very much.

Sylvia Lloyd

Three Cities on the Oxford Canal aboard n.b. Mulberry

Yet again the sun is high overhead as we slowly skirt the northern edge of Rugby, cutting through the Warwickshire countryside. The rolling hills are like a patchwork quilt of fields, some with wheat yet to be harvested, others with the straw lying in neat lines ready for picking up and yet others with lazy livestock munching their way across the deep green grass. The canal is busy with holidaymakers in hire boats and 'continuous cruisers' who live aboard their boats. We are heading home towards Winthorpe and family.

Along the edges of the canal the pink flowers of crane's bill and meadow sweet as well as thistle and loosestrife are letting loose their seed heads. The light and fluffy bundles are picked up by the brisk northerly breeze and scattered, confetti like, across our path. Some fluff is wrapped in today's crop of spider's webs that festoon the boat ladder and pole that are stored on our roof. Baby spiders dance on the air, held adrift by finely spun web, landing on our arms and tickling us as they make a bid for freedom.



We travel onwards, slightly faster than the 'Bill Oddie' look-a-like striding along the towpath, his umbrella furled and unnecessary in his backpack. We pass under a motorway and are quickly out of hearing from the much faster traffic making their way along the roadway on the bridge. Rugby is left behind at breakfast time

but for several hours its spires and tower blocks are still visible across the countryside. Now, past lunchtime, we are able to see the tall buildings and cathedral over in Coventry, miles across the pastures. We are heading towards Hawkesbury Junction where the Oxford Canal joins the Coventry Canal, separated by a ten-inch deep lock. Solitary farmsteads house the busy farmers who are working late into the evenings to make full use of the pleasant autumn sunshine after the long wet summer. We know that these farms are connected to the busy road system but from our viewpoint they seem abandoned in a sea of fields. We are surprised by the number of hikers, strollers and cyclists who take their leisure along the towpath – yet again we scarcely notice their

homes or car parks where they temporarily leave their cars. A few villages give noteworthy references on our maps and help us realise where we are. Tomorrow we will visit another city. Nuneaton is cut through by the canal. Along the northern banks we admire the productive allotments that separate us from the homes of the city's residents.

Lynne Shapley



Home-Start Newark Are Recruiting Volunteers

All kinds of families find it hard to cope for all sorts of reasons, maybe because of loneliness or isolation, illness, disability of a child, multiple births, post-natal illness or bereavement. At Home-Start Newark we support any parent with at least one child under the age of 5 who asks for our help, or who is referred to us by a doctor, health visitor, social worker or other care provider, by supporting them in their homes. After undertaking a preparation course a volunteer is matched with a family and will spend around 2 hours a week offering parenting support, friendship, emotional or practical support.

If you have a little spare time and want to make a positive difference in your community please contact us. Our next volunteer preparation course will begin on Thursday 18th April 2013, 1 day a week for 9 weeks. Join us for a coffee morning on Thursday 28th March between 10am and 11.30am to find out more.

If you are interested in becoming a home visiting volunteer, or can offer assistance with fundraising, please contact us at Home-Start Newark, 30 Barnbygate Newark on 01636 705011, or email us at:-

welcome@home-startnewark.freeserve.co.uk or visit our new

website:- www.homestartnewark.co.uk



Winthorpe Primary School PTA

Presents

Quiz Night



Friday 22nd March

7.30 for 8.00pm

Winthorpe Community Centre

£7.50 per person

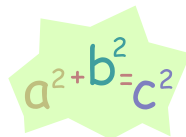
Up to 6 people per team

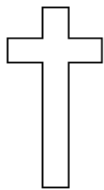
Nicholson's Pie and Peas Supper

Licensed Bar

Games

Tickets available from the School Office or Winthorpe Post Office





MARCH SERVICES

Sunday 3rd - 3rd of Lent

9am Holy Communion, Holme.

Sunday March 10th - Mothering Sunday

9am Morning Worship, Langford.
10.15am Holy Communion, Winthorpe.

Sunday March 17th - 5th of Lent

10.15am Morning Worship, Winthorpe.

Thursday March 21st

10am Holy Communion, BCP, Winthorpe.

Friday March 29th - Good Friday

2pm Last Hour, Winthorpe.

Saturday March 30th - Easter Eve

7pm Service of Light, Winthorpe.

Sunday March 31st - Easter Day

9am Presentation of light, Holme.
9.30am Holy Communion, Langford.
10.15am Holy Communion, Winthorpe.

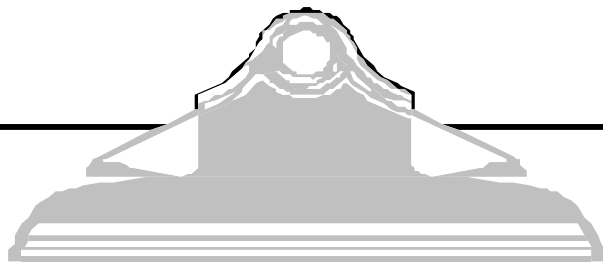
CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

March

22nd Mrs Lloyd & Mrs Nelson

April

26th Miss Applewhite



MARCH CALENDAR

Monday 4 th	Lunch Club, Community Centre 12.30pm Green Bin
Friday 8 th	Howden & Jones -Village Hall
Monday 11 th	Silver Bin
Tuesday 12 th	Tues. Club coffee morn. V.H. 10.30am
Thursday 14 th	WI meeting, Village Hall 7.30pm
Monday 18 th	Green Bin Library Van
Wednesday 20 th	Garden Club, Community Centre 7.30pm
Friday 26 th	Flowers in Church 3.15pm
Monday 25 th	Silver Bin
Tuesday 26 th	Tues. Club story time, V.H. 2.30pm
Wednesday 27 th	Parochial CC – AGM – Comm. Centre 7.30pm
Saturday 30th	Green Bin – Brought fwd. from the 1st April
Sunday 31 st	Sunflower Comp. starts

APRIL

Friday 5 th	Flowers out of church 2pm
Monday 15 th	Community Centre AGM 7.30pm
Saturday 20 th	Vicar to be ‘Licensed’

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

