



## Ed's Comments

As I write this the snow is falling along with the temperature; what a miserable month of weather we have had. What was it Maria from the Sound of Music liked – ‘raindrops on roses’? I notice she didn’t mention snowflakes on daffodils!! Let’s hope that by the time you are reading this we have had a lovely Easter weekend.

In Ian Wilsons ‘Garden Club’ report he mentions the loss of some plant species due to the ‘Ice Age’. Oh! I hope this weather isn’t the start of another!!

Unfortunately I was unable to secure tickets for last month’s luncheon club due to it being oversubscribed. This meant that I was unable to



witness the presentation of a montage of village pictures to Vincent Dobson.

This was made as a show of appreciation for the many years service he has given in representing our interests to the Nottinghamshire County Council.

He is retiring and I understand that his wife Maureen is hoping to take his place by securing enough votes to enable her to continue the Dobson tradition of representing our district at County level.

You will notice that this Month’s WI report has not been submitted by Daphne Marshall. The reason being she has not been well. I am sure that you will join me in wishing her a speedy recovery.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> our new vicar, David Yabbacombe, is to be ‘installed’; so welcome to our villages David we hope that you enjoy your time with us. His first holy communion will be at All Saints on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

I wonder if he will write anything for us?

## Cliff Newbold

The closing date for the May issue is the **19<sup>th</sup> of April.**

## LUNCH CLUB

The next lunch will be at 12.30pm on **Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> April.**  
The menu will be:

Roast Gammon  
or  
Cod Fish Cakes with Parsley Sauce  
with  
New Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables  
-x-  
Sherry Trifle

**£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.

Please note:- **The following lunch will be on TUESDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> MAY.**

**Peter Foden**

## TUESDAY CLUB

**Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April.** in the Village Hall - morning coffee. 10.30am.



**Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April.** Lunch outing – venue to be decided.

**Jean Foden**



## WINTHORPE AND DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MARCH REPORT

March is the month for the Annual Meeting of Winthorpe and District Women's Institute. Pat Nelson (President), welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies were received and recorded for those unable to attend. Brenda Tinsley (Secretary), read the minutes of the previous month's meeting. She then informed members of various exciting and interesting activities and events, organised by WI Federation, due to take place over the coming months; Go-karting, kurling, and a trip to Nottingham County Cricket Club at Trent Bridge, to name but a few.

Once all the monthly business had been discussed, Pat announced the meeting closed, and the Annual Meeting open. She announced her intention to resign from the position of President, although she would remain as a committee member. Brenda Tinsley is to resign from her position as Secretary, and Daphne Marshall from her position as Treasurer. Members were invited to indicate whether they were willing to remain on the committee or willing to join. Barbara Finn, Barbara Nelson, and Margaret Stewart are to resign from the committee, but Virginia Seagar, Diana Kitson and Liz Moran indicated they were willing to stand alongside the remaining committee members. Virginia Seagar has very kindly 'agreed' to take up the position of President.

Brenda read the Annual Report which summarised the various activities and events held during the past year. Although Daphne Marshall (Treasurer) was unable to attend the meeting, copies of the Financial Statement were made available to members to peruse, and after a discussion these were accepted and approved. Pat read her President's report, and thanked the committee for all their hard work during the past year.

A very special thank you from both the committee and members goes to Pat, Brenda and Daphne for their hard work, commitment and devotion not just over the past year, but over numerous years, together with a thank you to all of the retiring committee members for their much valued dedication.

Once the meeting closed, members enjoyed tea, biscuits and social time.

***Members are reminded that the next meeting is on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>  
April, 7.30pm at the Community Centre and it's 'Party Time' including 'Pie and  
Pea Supper', and entertainment.***

**[www.thewi.org.uk/notts](http://www.thewi.org.uk/notts)**

**Joy Hart**



## Garden Club

Steve Lovell's presentation on Native Plants of Britain was fairly comprehensive and began with the question of what 'native' meant in this context. We often refer to plants introduced by the Romans or our Victorian plant collectors as being non-native but Steve went back much further to the time when there was a land bridge with Europe. This clearly enabled European species to migrate to Britain by normal dispersal methods. The Ice Age however brought about the demise of some species.

The talk was loosely divided into two parts, beginning with trees and then touching on plants and shrubs. Inevitably, given Steve's love of wildlife, there were relevant images showing the inter-dependence between plants, insects, birds and small mammals.

The term ancient woodland is one we may be familiar with but Steve defined this as having existed since 1600 A.D. Originally Britain was almost entirely covered in woodland, largely oak, but now only some 2% of land is ancient woodland dominated by wild oak, quercus robur or sessile oak in wetter areas such as Wales.

Evidence has been found of ancient yews marking the line of Roman roads, some long disappeared. Techniques of coppicing lime, ash and willow were shown, then pollarding, together with reference to the end use of such timber. Such techniques allow light to reach the ground below, stimulating plant growth on the woodland floor. The influence of other factors was demonstrated such as deer, insects and fungi. It was said that silver birch had been shown to provide habitat for 225 insect species.

A wide range of wild flowers was illustrated including corn marigold, field pansy, bluebell, wood anemone. Campion, comfrey etc. The inter-dependence of many invertebrates with these was again highlighted. One example, ragwort, generally regarded as a weed, poisonous in some circumstances, but fundamental to the life cycle of the cinnabar moth.

I would like to draw your attention once again to our outing on June 19<sup>th</sup>. This is to Burton Agnes Hall & Gardens near Bridlington. It is a full day, leaving at 9.15am. and returning about 9.00pm. as in recent years we will have an evening meal, on this occasion once more at

Ye Olde Bell at Barnby Moor. The trip is open to everyone, the only limit being the capacity of the coach! If you are interested and want more details then please phone organisers Paul & Diana on 707137 or myself on 686249.

Our next meeting on **April 17<sup>th</sup> is the AGM & Plant Sale.** Please bring along any surplus plants to help boost our funds.

**Ian Wilson**

## **Winthorpe Community Centre**

### **AGM**



Just a reminder the Annual General Meeting is on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April** in the Community Centre Main Hall at 7.30 pm. Please do come along as everyone is welcome. If you wish to be a Trustee of the Community Centre, just speak to any of the Trustees or call me on

**659036.** Tasks are not onerous and we only meet 6 times a year on a Monday evening.

**Sue Jackson, Secretary**

### **AFTERNOON TEA.....**



Thank you to everyone who came and supported Kimberley at the afternoon tea. The event was very well attended. We are very grateful for the support. We managed to raise **£241** for her.

Kind Regards,  
**Maggie Hudspeth**

# GIANT SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

Your sunflower seeds will germinate in the early part of this month, they take about seven to ten days. How many days did it take your seeds to germinate? At the end of the month I would expect two pairs of leaves.



Using a plastic tie, loosely fasten your plants to a small split cane. If the plants are on a windowsill they will bend towards the window. To keep them straight, half turn the pots every day.

To prevent giving the plants a shock treatment going from a warm house into a cold garden they will require hardening off. When they are about 10cm high, which they should be by the end of the month, put them outside for two days against the wall of the house.

Prepare a sunny spot in the garden for your sunflower by digging in some compost. This will hold moisture and is beneficial to the plant.

Try and plant one into your front garden. This will make passers-by smile when in the summer they see its giant yellow face.

It would be nice if the village residents planted sunflowers and joined in with this fun. I have my fingers crossed.

**Do not forget to put in a tall stake to support your each plant.**

**Did You Know.**

- The key to growing tall sunflowers is the enrichment of the soil with fertiliser, preferable well rotted farmyard manure, incorporated early in the spring and growing in a sunny spot, especially on a south facing wall.

**Pat Finn.**

## **Folk Music at the Village Hall.**



The delightful duo of Kate Howden & Paul Jones entertained a capacity audience at the Village Hall on Friday 8th March.

A blend of beautiful original songs, Paul's fine playing, Kate's singing and the numerous amusing anecdotes they told made it a unique and enjoyable evening. We hope they will come

again so if you missed them make sure you don't next time.

## **Barbara Woodcock**

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Kind Regards,  
**Maggie Husdpeth**



## **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala** **Sunday 14 April 2013**

To celebrate 40 years of being open to the public the Newark Air Museum is hosting a Gala Day on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2013. This will take place at its site in eastern Nottinghamshire, close to the county border with Lincolnshire and throughout the day visitors will be able to visit at the special discounted admission rate of £4.00 per person.

One of the major aspects of the Gala event will see members of the Cockpit Opening Team opening aircraft cockpits that are not normally open to the public. This could include: the Vampire, Venom, NF14, Jetstream, Viggen and Draken. Some cockpits will be free to look in, and for those where visitors will be allowed to sit in a small additional fee of 40p per visit will be charged.

**Howard Heeley** - [www.newarkairmuseum.org](http://www.newarkairmuseum.org)



Should any amendments be required please advise me. **Ed**

## WHO'S WHO (2013)

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# Collingham Men in Sheds



On the 14<sup>th</sup> February, the first meeting of a new project for Collingham, Men in Sheds, was held in the Phoenix Hall.

The meeting which was attended by about 30 men, the chair of the Parish Council, Rosie Scott and a representative of Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire, Karen Tarburton, heard a presentation by John Leigh about the concept of Men in Sheds and plans for a 'shed' in Collingham.

Collingham Men in Sheds is aimed at men over the age of 18 who seek to enjoy male company in an environment where they can do practical things, sharing existing skills and learning new ones. It is designed specifically for men because of the social isolation some of them experience, especially in their later years. John explained the history of Men in Sheds movement in Australia, where there are more than 700 'sheds', and more recently in the UK with the nearest 'shed' being in Blidworth.

Our plan is to apply to the Reaching Communities fund of the National Lottery for a grant to start and run a shed in Collingham in Station Road in premises supplied by Jerome Wright. The proposal was enthusiastically received by all present with many ideas about the practical activities for the Collingham Shed coming from the 'shedders' themselves.

This project is at an early stage and does require external funding. Nevertheless we are collating names of interested men in Collingham and District who may wish to be involved.

If you are interested please contact **John Leigh on 01636 892606 or email :- [john@leigh-david.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:john@leigh-david.freeserve.co.uk)**.



# ALL SAINTS WINTHORPE CHURCH NOTICES

## Greetings from All Saints

Time does fly - by the time you read this we will have had the AGM for All Saints, where one prays a Church Warden will come along, (optimist or just wishful thinking!) But we do need a Church Warden.

This month we welcomed 3 young people to our church family;

- 10<sup>th</sup> March Lucia Kristen Chivers
- 24<sup>th</sup> March Jayan Kerai-Patel, and
- 24<sup>th</sup> March Sennan Kerai-Patel

we do extend to them and their supporters a warm welcome.

On the **20<sup>th</sup> April** David Yabbacombe will be installed at St Johns Church, Collingham at 6pm. The following day **21<sup>st</sup> April** at 10.15 am he will take Holy Communion at All Saints, Winthorpe.

This year we are pleased to be involved with the village festival, having a stall on the Saturday afternoon, Open Churches all weekend, and Songs of Praise on Sunday evening.

On 28<sup>th</sup> April there will be a Deanery Service held at St Marys Parish Church, Newark at 6 pm, supported by the Combined Choirs which will include our Benefice Choir.

Please note there will be **no evening Service** at Winthorpe on the **28<sup>th</sup> April**.

Since my last report in March's Focal Point I have to mention peoples unstinted generosity – I appealed for donations to our flag

fund and so many people have been so generous I would just like to take this opportunity of thanking you all – the fund is growing but any donations will still be most gratefully received.

**The Church Bells will be rung on:-**

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April 2013 The bells will also be rung on Tuesday 23 April 2013 at 6 pm to mark St George's Day.

Finally please note the bells will be rung on Thursday evenings for practice between 7 pm and 9 pm

**Keith Lloyd** – on behalf of Winthorpe PCC

**Reminder for our Flower ladies –**

Easter flowers to be removed on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> - Church open 2pm.

Thank you very much

**Sylvia**

## **Some topical interpretations from the 'net'**

### **Why does the date for Easter change each year.....**

The early church fathers wished to keep the observance of Easter in correlation to the Jewish Passover.

Because the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ happened after the Passover, they wanted Easter to always be celebrated subsequent to the Passover. And, since the Jewish holiday calendar is based on solar and lunar cycles, (Paschal Full Moon ), each feast day is movable, with dates shifting from year to year.

In simple terms Easter occurs on the first Sunday following the first full moon that occurs on or after the day of the vernal equinox (the first day of spring).

### **Why is Good Friday so called...**

Good Friday is the day commemorating Jesus Christ's death on the Cross, which is probably to be dated April 3, A.D. 33. In the liturgical calendar of the Western church, it is the Friday before Easter. The exact origins of the name are uncertain; some argue it stems from the use of "Good" as an adjective applied to the day, which is an Old English synonym for "holy." Others argue it is a corruption of the word "God," in the same way that "Good Bye" comes from the phrase "God be with ye." -

**Ed**



## **SERVICES FOR APRIL**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>**

- **2<sup>nd</sup> of Easter**

9 am

Holy Communion, Holme

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>**

- **3<sup>rd</sup> of Easter**

10.15 am

Holy Communion, Winthorpe

5.00 pm

Holy Communion, Langford

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>**

10.00 am

Holy Communion BCP, Winthorpe

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>**

- **4<sup>th</sup> of Easter**

10.15 am

Holy Communion, Winthorpe

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>**

- **5<sup>th</sup> of Easter**

10.15 am

Morning Worship, Holme

6pm

Deanery Service, St Mary's Parish

Church, Newark

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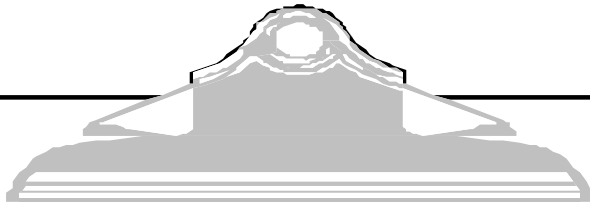
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## APRIL CALENDAR

Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Flowers out of the Church 2pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Silver Bin
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday Club Coffee Morn. 10.30am -V.H.
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	WI Meeting – Party Time 7.30pm -Centre
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Air Museum Gala day 10am – 5pm
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Community Centre AGM -7.30pm Green Bin Library Van
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Club AGM 7.30pm - Centre
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Vicar to be ‘Licensed’ – Collingham - 6pm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Silver Bin
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Tuesday Club lunch outing - TBA
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Green Bin

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