



Ed's Comments

Whoops! An apology is due this month to the Youth Club committee, as I failed to include the notice of their AGM in last month's issue. However to make sure that you are all aware of it, it is on Wednesday the 8th of this month. They would like as many as possible to attend as they do need at least two more volunteers.

The Clerk to the Parish Council has written for us this month and I am please to say that she has also placed the minutes of meetings - October 2012 to February 2013 - on our village website. Incidentally there were approximately 16,000 unique computers recorded visiting our website last year and almost 1400 per month this year. This magazine is of course on there - every issue since April 2007 the latest ones include colour! Wow!

The 'Men in Sheds' meet again this month. Now prior to the Collingham branch letting us know of their existence I had no knowledge of them. I have just returned from a 5day break and whilst on holiday and doing a bit of 'window shopping' I spotted a birds nesting box for sale £8 made by - 'Men in Sheds'! This was on the Isle of Man!

Last month I published my latest understanding of the 'Who's Who' page and asked for notification of amendments where necessary. Here are the first two:-

The **contact** for All Saints Church is Keith Lloyd as indicated, but he is the Vice Chairman not the secretary. The secretary is his daughter, Sharon Spencer.

The contact Tel. number for the Revd. David Yabbacome is **893248**

I am pleased to say that David has written a little item for us this month.

Cliff Newbold

Closing date for the June issue is the **24th May**.

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH NEWSLETTER

This month welcomes back the Parish Council newsletter. I had hoped to write you a newsletter every month however over recent months there has been little to report (not always a bad thing!). Therefore if you find the newsletter missing from your monthly edition of the Focal Point, please don't think I have forgotten you! I have just run out of things to say for the time being! As always though please feel free to contact me with any concerns or comments you have.

I have lots of news for you this month, not all good though I am afraid to say!

Lets get the bad news out the of way first. I have received reports for local residents of suspicious vehicles in the village, in particular an unmarked white van. Although no report of break in's have been reported at the time of writing, I have received information of a disturbance in the Spinney area. With this in mind, please ensure your property is as secure as possible and where possible if you notice a suspicious vehicle please attempt to take down the registration number.

Concerns have also been raised regarding the amount of dog mess that appears to be being left on the foot paths and verges around the village. Many of us are fortunate enough to own dogs and enjoy walking them in and around the village, however please remember to clean up after them. The offence carries a fine of up to **£1000**. Please help keep the village clean and safe.

I received comments regarding the pot holes that had appeared along Hargon Lane, this issue was reported to the highways agency who swiftly rectified the problem. I hope everyone using the road sees some improvement.

Concerns were also raised regarding the dangerous driving conditions at the junction of The Spinney with Gainsborough Road over the winter period. This issue was again reported to the highways agency. An assessment of the area was made and unfortunately it was decided that the area was not eligible for a salt bin. However, this matter was discussed at the last parish Council meeting where it was agreed that we would purchase at salt bin at a relatively small cost to benefit those

residents using the junction. We hope to have this fitted during September/October ready for our next winter.

The parish council are busy finalising the accounts for 2012/13. There will be an opportunity for members of the public to view these accounts should they wish to do so. Dates and locations of these viewings will be listed on the notice boards around the village.

Finally, I have uploaded the agenda's and minutes of the last parish council meetings to the village website giving you the option to see what has been discussed over recent months. There is also a link to the planning department of Newark and Sherwood District Council. This will give you the opportunity to view any upcoming planning applications and submit any comments you have to the parish council for consideration when approving/rejecting such applications.

Enjoy the sunshine!

Sarah Tomlinson

Clerk and RFO to the Parish Council - Tel. 07920103180

Next Parish meeting – Thursday 16th May

Annual Meeting of the Parish, (commencing at 7.30pm.) to be followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council.



Garden Club

On a windy evening 31 members of the Garden Club attended the 18th AGM in the Community Centre, where we were able to reflect on another successful year. The membership has remained steady at 54 with many from outside the village. A few members sent their apologies.

Officers and Committee members were thanked for their hard work and commitment. They were all subsequently re-elected, except the 'Outings' Secretaries, which we were unable to fill at this meeting. The plant sale raised approximately £25. The new programme with the list of speakers and the outings were announced.

We were saddened to hear the loss of one of our members, Mrs. Daphne Marshall. Her friendship and generosity will be remembered.

Our next meeting is on **May 15th** the speaker will be **Jeff Bates**, whose subject will be **Colour in Garden Design**.

On the **19th June** we will be visiting **Burton Agnes Hall and Gardens**, Anyone wishing to join us would be most welcome. For further details contact Paul or Diana Kitson on **707137**.

Pat Finn.



LUNCH CLUB

The next lunch will be at 12.30pm
on **TUESDAY, 7th MAY.**

The menu will be:

Sausages in Onion Gravy with Yorkshire Puddings

or

Smoked Mackerel in Tomato Sauce

with

Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables

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Lemon & Mascarpone Cheesecake

with Ice Cream

£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 May will be in the Village Hall.

Tuesday, May 14th 10.30am. Morning coffee.



Tuesday, May 22nd 2.30pm. Slide Show: "Favourite Gardens"

Jean Foden, 704241



Winthorpe Tennis Club

AGM

8pm Tuesday 7 May

The Snug, Lord Nelson, Winthorpe



ALL WELCOME

The two tennis courts located at the Community Centre have recently been refurbished. It would be nice to see them being used more often. The club membership fees are very reasonable. If you are a just a beginner looking for more exercise or a seasoned player, why not come along to the AGM and find out more about the club.

Please contact me if you need further information.

Maureen Smith, Secretary – 01636 701205

Winthorpe and District Women's Institute April Report



April's meeting was a party to celebrate our 59th birthday. Our new President Virginia Seager welcomed everyone including our guests from Collingham,

Coddington and North and South Clifton.

The minutes of the previous meeting and notices of forthcoming events were read. Brenda Tinsley, our retiring Secretary, was presented with a plant as a token of our thanks for all her hard work.

Then the birthday party festivities commenced with a pie and pea supper and a glass of wine or two. We were very enjoyably entertained by local songsters The Song Birds. This included a marvellous programme of songs, all very professionally performed, and there was an opportunity for us all to sing along. Virginia Seager thanked them all. Dessert of ice cream was followed by the raffle.

At the end of the party the guests thanked everyone for a very enjoyable evening and Virginia thanked all helpers and husbands for all their hard work. The evening was a great success.

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 9th May** at the village hall where we will discuss the Resolutions, as well as enjoy a glass of wine and some nibbles.

The hostesses will be Barbara Finn, Kath Harvey and Lynne Shapley.

We are sad to have to report the death of Daphne Marshall who was at various times President and Treasurer of our WI. She will be missed by friends and members.

Diana Kitson

**Winthorpe
Summer Festival**

Saturday 13th July

There will be a meeting on **Tuesday 21st May** at 7.30pm in the Community Centre. This will be open to representatives from village organisations, groups and any interested parties, who wish to contribute their time and efforts to the event.

This year, the evening entertainment will consist of a ceilidh with music from **Lambskinnnet** and a pie and peas supper.

Please put the Summer Festival on **Saturday 13th July** in your diary, more details of the day will feature in Focal Point nearer the time.

Festival Committee

NEXT STEPS - FOR COLLINGHAM's 'MEN IN SHEDS'!

Agenda:



- Discussion regarding 3 options for establishing the project
- Adoption of a Constitution
- Election of Officers
- Talk: A 'snapshot' of the life of a Shedder

WHEN? – Tuesday 14th May 2013 at 2.00 p.m.

WHERE? - At Collingham's Youth and Community Centre – Low Street.

Refreshments will be provided.



WINTHORPE YOUTH CLUB AGM

The meeting will take place on **Wednesday 8th May at 7.30pm** at the Lord Nelson.

We would warmly welcome additional help from volunteers who may wish to join the committee or help us to raise funds for the Youth Club. No experience is necessary.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact

Denise Day- 708727

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COLLECTING BOXES.



I will be collecting the Children's Society Boxes between the 1st and 12th of May.

Please let me know if you will be away during this time and I will arrange to pick your box up earlier.

Best wishes,

Barbara Woodcock

CHURCH FLOWERS



Thank you ladies for a wonderful display of flowers for Easter. The people attending Church for the services really appreciated the transformation your efforts made.

Bless you all

Sylvia Lloyd

Spring at Last: - March

You can tell its Spring: the birds are singing love songs to each other, the daffodils and other flowers are beginning to shine through and the braver caravaners are polishing their wheels and heading for the highways.

I was lucky enough, once again, to be heading for the North Devon coast on the western border of Exmoor for an early March sojourn. Unfortunately, I forgot to order my holiday weather and so my first few days were very cold. A couple of heavy downpours of rain, even snow, made me feel glum but a tease of bright sunshine each day raised my spirits.

As usual, I was visiting my sister, Lou, who has nearly thirty acres of steep farmland and orchards tucked up a combe on the North Devon coast. Her sheep need her attention and she needs a hot meal; I was happy to provide the latter and leave lambs and all the mucky stuff to her. I don't mind feeding chickens and geese, collecting eggs and walking dogs but when rubber gloves and overalls are called for it is time for me to retreat to the kitchen.



During the Winter, since my last visit, the hen house had been repaired, cleaned and the population reduced and the spells of sunshine encouraged the feathered ladies to begin laying again. They were also charmed by a very

handsome young cockerel who was newly introduced to them - "Cock-a-doodle- do!" He was replacing a more senior fellow who was sent to another farmyard where his aggressive behaviour was seen as good defence against a threatening fox. The low overnight temperatures and the threat of snow has meant that lambs and ewes have had to be brought down to the home paddock and sheds. One night Lou found a lamb huddled between its mum's shoulder blades trying to stay warm. Mornings have found the lambs sheltering in the barn, snuggled and warm while later in the day their mothers lead them out to gambol in the sunshine.

Early last year Lou adopted a young collie, Brie, who is very loving but not really a work dog because she is a bit 'loopy'. The old dog Flynn looks at her as if to say, "Settle down, you're disturbing me." He is

a much better worker, willing and able to round up sheep or geese, or to find stray hens who would prefer to sleep in the log pile rather than the hen house. I enjoy taking both dogs for a walk up over the fields to look at the Bristol Channel and the Welsh Mountains in the distance but never down onto the beach because Flynn is afraid of the waves- such a coward!

The local caravan parks are open for the early season campers. The night temperatures last weekend, Mid-March, were down to -5°C so I hope they had an extra blanket ready. The rain made the ground like a mud bath but when the sun shines the beaches, cliffs and sea look amazing; sparkling, fresh and clean and the sea is like a Mediterranean blue pool. The seaside shops are gradually spring-cleaning, adding a new lick of paint and getting ready to welcome visitors.

A new attraction along the coast made an interesting afternoon outing. On Ilfracombe seafront the local council have installed a very enormous statue of a pregnant woman by Damien Hirst who is a local resident. It is very controversial because of its very explicit nature but it is drawing crowds who also need post cards, ice cream, chips or a warming coffee which can be bought in Damien's own restaurant. The expensive yachts lined up in the harbour make an enchanting picture sat in front of the multicoloured shops and steep cliffs bordering this old Victorian town.

Let us hope this year brings warm sunshine and smiles all round.

Happy holidays!

Lynne Shapley back in Winthorpe.

GIANT SUNFLOWER COMPETITION



It is now one month since you set your sunflower seeds. The plants should be making steady progress and will be ready to go into the garden. Try and put plenty of garden compost into the planting holes, this will hold moisture which the plants like. After planting they will appear to stop growing. This is because it takes seven days for the roots to become established and then they

start romping away.

Do remember to put tall strong stakes in to support your plants. Keep tying your plants to these stakes as later on in the summer, when we traditionally have strong winds, they will blow down.

When I saw you at school, I suggested you plant a sunflower into your front garden. It was to make people passing by smile when they see this giant of all flowers. Did you?

DID YOU KNOW

The sight of a sunflower in bloom can be truly inspiring. The sunflower is more than just a pretty face however - it is a versatile and useful plant with interesting characteristics.

Pat Finn.



The Revd. David Yabbacome

I became Parish Priest for the East Trent Group of Churches on Saturday 20th April at a service where I felt truly surrounded by family and friends. I'll have been ordained 30

years in June, and I've served in parishes in the dioceses of Guildford, Lichfield, Lincoln, and now Southwell and Nottingham.

So much of being a parish priest is about "being" with people in church and parish and I now look forward with pleasure to learning how to "be" in the parishes of this Group, not least by being in the schools and other places where people come together.

There is lot to learn, especially peoples' names and locations, so please forgive me if I forget!

David Yabbacome – Tel. 01636 893248 or Mobile - 07779 557541

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ALL SAINTS WINTHORPE

Easter greetings from your PCC

Today we will be publishing extracts from two reports given at your AGM to keep you in the picture, but first I must say a word about Easter:-

Good Friday Last Hour was well attended, presenting a lovely start to Easter. Saturday's Service of Light was particularly uplifting. Easter Sunday saw a beautiful service, good congregation and refreshments, at Amy's instigation an "Egg hunt" in the church proved truly rewarding.

Reports:

Keith Lloyd (Vice Chair) - "Alan resigned as organist and vice chair. We thank him warmly for his years of service.

Casting my mind back over the last year the Remembrance Service as usual was extremely well supported and the Christmas services were well attended particularly the Carol Service – so many attended the only vacant seats were in the Choir Stalls! Christine took on the organists duties and Tish Applewhite joined us on the PCC wading in to help where necessary. Sadly Joan has decided to step down as treasurer but will stay on as a committee member. Other members of the committee have kindly agreed to accept responsibility for additional jobs within the parish to assist me. Ian is the practical, hands on help as well as Tower Captain. Alex continues as Deputy Treasurer; John ensures Notices are displayed around the Village and Sylvia co-ordinates the flower and cleaning rotas as well as the reading of lessons. Ann stood down as secretary and I am now aided by the very welcome guidance of Sharon who took over the post in November.

As you will perceive – jobs are better shared, it certainly works for us at the moment. Finally my thanks must go to all the committee members for their continuing help and support without which I would not be able to manage.

Sharon Spencer (Secretary) - "There have been a number of events this year – RAF Wind & Brass Ensemble; Queen's Jubilee Service of Thanksgiving; Open Churches; Parish Supper; Collingham Singers and the Carol Service. The Church also held 9 Baptisms and 1 Wedding. A Chasuble purchased and blessed in memory of Peter Roach was worn on Easter Sunday.

Refreshments are served after all services and the washing up done in our newly purchased drainer before going home!

The coming year promises to be eventful and exciting. We look forward to your continued support and ask that if you have any comments and / or suggestions, do not hesitate to contact us.

Feel free also to attend any of our meetings – all help, no matter how small is most welcome.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to Sylvia and her helpers the church cleaners, the flower ladies, the readers and the brass cleaners – the list is endless but without whom the church would not be as welcoming every time we enter. And last but not least thank you to all the bell ringers who call us to worship".

CHURCH SERVICES FOR MAY:

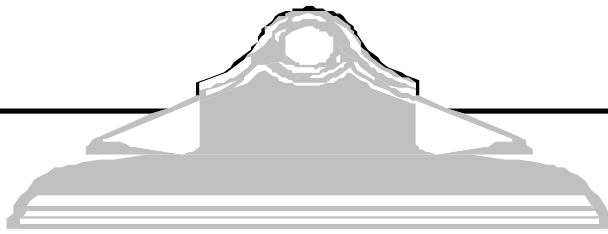
Sun. 5 th	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Holme
Tues. 7 th	9.00 am	Morning Worship	Langford
	10.15 am	Holy Communion	Winthorpe
Sun. 19 th	10.15 am	Morning Worship	Winthorpe
Thurs. 23 rd	10.00 am	Holy Communion	Winthorpe

The Church Bells will be rung on:-

Sunday 12th and 19th 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

Church cleaning volunteers - MAY 24th Mrs Foden & Mrs Lloyd



MAY CALENDAR

SATURDAY 4th

Tuesday 7th

Thursday 9th

Monday 13th

Tuesday 14th

Wednesday 15th

Thursday 16th

Monday 20th

Tuesday 21st

SATURDAY 25th

June 19th

July 13th

SILVER BIN

Lunch Club 12.30pm – Community Centre

Tennis Club AGM 8pm – Lord Nelson

WI meeting 7.30pm – Village Hall

Green Bin

Library Van

Tuesday Club Coffee Morn. 10.30am V.H.

Men in Sheds meeting – 2pm Collingham

Garden Club 7.30pm – Community Centre

Parish Meeting 7.30pm - Village Hall

Silver Bin

Tuesday Club slide show 2.30pm – V.H.

FESTIVAL MEETING 7.30pm – Centre

GREEN BIN

Garden Club Outing.

Village Festival

‘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