



Ed's Comments

I am pleased to be able to report that unlike other requests for volunteers; church warden, choir master etc. I have two people who have volunteered to take over from me in the editing of this newsletter.

Plus another volunteer who has kindly agreed to be on standby should his help be required.

At the end of the year, if not before, **Annie Purday and Nick Wynne** will be your new editors. My sincere thanks to them, as there were one or two people who thought that it might prove difficult to find someone as there are still some past requests that are still unfilled. I did ask for an assistant once but didn't have one reply.

Which brings me to Margaret Bark who has been delivering the Focal Point to houses on Gainsborough Rd for over 20 years and would like someone to take over from her. It would be nice to think that there is someone out there prepared to take over. Please ring me on **682818** if you are that person.

Well! I wrote in the last issue that we should perhaps cross our fingers for some nice weather for the Village Festival. I think that many of you must have had yours crossed as we have had lots of super days of sunshine. Super that is if you like your weather hot!!

Perhaps it was too hot for some as I am led to believe that the attendance at the Festival was down on previous years. Someone mentioned to me that there were some younger members of our community absent, which made me wonder what the average age of our village is?

The Ceilidh went reasonable well I understand with approximately 50 people attending although in the words of one 'it was hot'!

You will notice when you get to the Church Notices section that Keith Lloyd has made his submission this month, with the aid of his Daughter Sharon, from his hospital bed. By the time you are reading this he should have had his operation and we sincerely hope it went well and that he is soon back with us and feeling more like his old self.

Cliff Newbold

Closing date for the September issue is the **23rd of August.**

LUNCH CLUB

The next lunch will be at 12.30pm on **Monday, 5th August.**

The menu will be:

Roast Pork with Apple Sauce
or
Fish & Chips
with
New Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables
-x-
Raspberry Roulade & 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.

Note:- The **September** Lunch will be on **Monday 2nd**

Peter Foden 704241

TUESDAY CLUB

There will be only one meeting in August, **Tuesday 13th** August, morning coffee in the Village Hall at 10.30am.



The Raffle organized by the Tuesday Club at the Summer Festival made **£200**. A big thank you to everyone who donated prizes – we had a wonderful selection.

Thank you to the Lord Nelson for donating a ‘steak night for two voucher’ and to Travel Wright for £30 worth of travel vouchers.

Lastly, thank you to everyone who bought tickets.

Jean Foden.

Winthorpe and District Women's Institute July Report.



The weather bode well for our Strawberry Fayre held in Lily & Jim Goodwin's beautiful garden. The committee busied itself in the afternoon with preparing strawberries, setting up games and hanging bunting.

In the evening we were welcomed by Virginia Seager and began our evening by playing 'pin the tail on the donkey' (much hilarity), quoits, tombola, delving in to the bran tub and 'guess the weight of the cake'.

We then tucked into strawberries, cream and homemade biscuits, accompanied by a glass or two of wine.

We all had a most enjoyable summer meeting.

The World of Bees is the topic for the meeting to be held on
Thursday 12th September, 2013.

Hostesses:-

Margaret Bark, Rose Dickinson, Betty Moran and Margaret Stewart.

Diana Kitson

Indoor Fun Tennis

Coaching for children aged 4years to 8years

In Winthorpe Community Centre resumes after
the Summer Holiday break on Tuesday 10th September.

4pm – 5pm Children aged 4-6years

5pm – 6pm Children aged 6-8years

Licensed level 3 LTA Coach



In order to enrol in these sessions please ring

Nina Ward on 01636 678419

New participants always welcome.

((Free 1st session for new players)

This will be a six week course at £4 per hour.

(Cheques should be assigned 'North Notts Tennis')

As places are limited an early response is vital.

All equipment is provided - suitable clothing and footwear should be worn.

Nina Ward



Garden Club

What a gloriously hot, sunny day for our village festival. As in past years, we ran two games: skittles and target ball. Both of these were generously loaned by David Tingle of Collingham. The bales of straw were provided by Diana Rowland who kindly transported both bales and skittles for us.

As a result of our efforts the Swinderby Riding for the Disabled and Winthorpe Youth Club will benefit by **£25 each**.

My thanks to all helpers, especially non-members. The task this year was not particularly onerous due to the disappointing lack of support. The club provided prizes from its own funds otherwise there would be little profit for the charities. Perhaps some new ideas are required for next year.

More recently, we had an evening visit to Saxby Garden House. This proved most enjoyable with acres of grassy walks, borders bulging with colourful shrubs and monstrous perennials, huge ponds, bog garden, wildflower meadow areas (Pat Finn brought away some seeds). This would be well worth visiting at different seasons. Our guide, the owner, spoke of huge drifts of snowdrops in spring and later, cowslips and bluebells.

The garden extends to about 8 acres and is surrounded by the family farm with vistas over surrounding fields of corn, cattle and woodland. After a hot drink and biscuits few could resist buying a plant or two! There is **no** meeting in August.

Ian Wilson



NEWARK INDOOR BOWLS CENTRE

NEWARK SHOWGROUND Lincoln Rd.

Why not come and see if you like bowls?

**Opening times:- May to August – Mon. 9.30am – 3.30pm
Wed. 6.30pm – 9.30pm; Thurs. 9.30am – 3;30pm; Fri. 6.30pm – 9.30pm**

September to April –

Mon. – Fri. 9.45 – 9.30pm Sat. & Sun. 9.30pm – 6pm

www.newarkindoorbowlscentre.org.uk

GIANT SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

For a flower which reflects so many of the sun's positive characteristics, it is little surprise that people enjoy basking in the sunflower's warming glow. With the sense of brightness and warmth that sunflowers naturally impart, they have become an ideal choice for sending sentiments of cheerfulness and sunny [get well](#) thoughts.

Your plant will have now produced its flower head. This usually occurs about 4 months from sowing the seed. When the flower head opens to reveal the yellow flowers an interesting thing occurs. The flower head will turn and face the sun, following it from early morning to late evening. Look out for bees, nature's busiest workers, pollinating the flower. They are attracted by the flower's pollen. The small bees are honey bees and the larger ones are bumble bees. The white tailed bumble bee is our common wild bee.

As the flower head develops, the plant will stop growing and it will divert most of its energy into the flower and seeds. This is a very important time of the plant's life. Now give it a feed of Tomorite every time you water. This will encourage the seeds to grow bigger. As the seeds develop, the sunflower starts to bow its head and will then face the ground. This is due to the weight of the seed head and it is nature's way of keeping the rain off the seeds.

Before all this happens and when the flower is fully formed, measure the height of your plant from the soil level to the highest point.

Make a note of this because you will have to email on **Sunday 8th September**, giving your name, age and the sunflower's height to:-

winthorpesunflower@hotmail.co.uk

DID YOU KNOW?

- If you are lucky to go into Europe for your holiday this year, look out for fields full of sunflowers. These are a shorter variety and are grown for their seeds. The seeds are used in the food industry throughout the world.

Pat Finn.

Summer Festival and Ceilidh 2013

On behalf of the Festival committee, I would like to thank everyone who was involved in the above events on the 13th July. In preparation - from raising the bunting and sign to the running of stalls, games, sports, raffle, refreshments and PA systems, to clearing up afterwards.

All those who made a contribution of time and effort, however big or small, ensured a successful afternoon and evening event. Our thanks go to Malcolm Smith and Lambskinnet with caller, Colin. Thank you also, to everyone who came to support us, in spite of the heat!



The monies raised will be published in due course on completion of the final account.

Sue Masheder

TEA IN THE VILLAGE HALL



Please come along to the Village Hall on **Tuesday 20th** August between 3.00pm and 4.30pm and join us for a cup of tea, scones and cakes and, of course, chat.

Proceeds will go to Village Hall Fund and RNIB.

Barbara Woodcock

Farewell to Winthorpe!

WE WILL MISS YOU



Roy and Anna Brumpton wish to thank all their friends and neighbours for their kind wishes and generous gifts and cards on their recent move to Collingham.

After 27 years in Winthorpe, the 'downsizing' exercise to a small bungalow has not been without its low points! No longer able to drive the car, Roy is now able

to use his mobility scooter to access all the amenities on offer in Collingham. Weather permitting of course!

Anna has only to cross the road to her Pilates classes. Having been in solitary confinement in the cattery, Milly has also settled well into her new surroundings.

Please welcome the return to Winthorpe of Dave and Julie Mac at 13 Woodlands!

Roy and Anna

THE GOLDEN YEARS!

Several days ago as I left a meeting I desperately gave myself a personal search. I was looking for my keys.

They were not in my pockets. A quick search in the meeting room revealed nothing. Suddenly I realized I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the car park.

My husband has scolded me many times for leaving the keys in the ignition. My theory is the ignition is the best place not to lose them. His theory is that the car will be stolen.

As I scanned the car park I came to a terrifying conclusion! His theory was right. The car park was empty. I immediately called the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen.



Then I made the most difficult call of all.

"Hello My Love", I stammered; I always call him "My Love" in times like these.

"I left my keys in the car, and it has been stolen."

There was a period of silence. I thought the call had disconnected, but then I heard his voice. He barked, "I dropped you off!"

Now it was my time to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, "Well, come and get me."

He retorted, "I will, as soon as I convince this policeman I have not stolen your ***** car."

This is what they call "the Golden Years!"

From the net. Ed

The Rector



And so the year continues. I was in school towards the end of term – the summer term note - and someone observed to me that “It’ll soon be Christmas”. I really didn’t know how to respond; whether to be encouraged, excited, or gloomed! Such observations suggest to me that those who

see the world in that way, living always for what is to happen next, have lost sight of the excitement and joy of living in the here and now, the wonder of the present moment.

Living in the present moment is hugely important. Savouring the tastes, sounds, beauty of the here and now is far richer than always thinking of ‘What next?’

Our attention is so often deflected, caught, seduced by advertisements that we find ourselves in a whirl of aspiration. Nothing wrong with aspiration so long as it’s about building a better world and enriching the communities in which we live. Christians would also say that there’s love in there too.

Very good wishes

The Revd David Yabbacome



ALL SAINTS WINTHORPE CHURCH NOTICES

Hi there folks - sorry it's a bit last minute but I'm in Nottingham City Hospital at the moment. July started off well - we welcomed Master Lewis Powell into the Christian family on the

7th July together with his family and grandparents. The service was wonderful with 15 of his supporters there together with lots of little people - wouldn't this be nice if it happened every week!

What about this weather then - arriving just in time for the Festival and Open Churches. Did you visit Sylvia on the Church's very own stall? A big "thank you" to all of you who attended a most enjoyable Songs of Praise on the Sunday evening. Thanks also go to David for comparing it so well and of course Christine for the virtuoso at the organ. I'm pleased to report that the weekend was a huge success for the Church and we raised, in total, around £200.

Sylvia would like to thank everyone who contributed to the stall. All we need to do now is to replicate this on a more regular basis.

We now start planning for the Beating of the Bounds on Sunday 1st September 2013 where we are hosting 8 am Communion in the Church followed by Breakfast in the Village Hall courtesy of the "Von Spencer" family and their band of helpers.

Keep up the good work!

Keith Lloyd

[From his hospital bed - on behalf of the PCC]

CHURCH SERVICES FOR AUGUST



Sunday 4th (10th after Trinity)

9.00 am

Holy Communion

Holme

Sunday 11th (11th after Trinity)

10.15 am

Holy Communion

Winthorpe

6.00 pm

Holy Communion

Langford

Sunday 18th (12th after Trinity)

10.15 am

Morning Worship

Winthorpe

Sunday 25th (13th after Trinity)

10.15 am

Morning Worship

Holme

6.00 pm

Evensong

Winthorpe

The Church Bells will be rung on:-

Sundays - 11th, 18th and 25th.

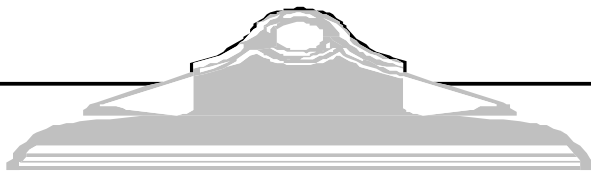
The bells will also be rung at Weddings on the 3rd August at 12 noon and Friday 23rd August at 1 pm.

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

Keith Lloyd

Church cleaning volunteers on the 23rd are Mrs Lloyd & Mrs Nelson

Brass cleaning is by Mrs Burton & Mrs Bark



AUGUST CALENDAR

Monday 5th Lunch Club, 12.30pm – Community Centre.
Green Bin
Library Van

Monday 12th Silver Bin

Monday 19th Green Bin

Tuesday 20th Afternoon Tea, 3pm - Village Hall.

SATURDAY 24TH - SILVER BIN

SEPTEMBER

Monday 2nd Luncheon Club 12.30pm - Centre.

Sunday 8th Sunflower notification – Pat Finn

Tuesday 10th Fun Tennis 4-6pm - Centre

Thursday 12th WI meeting, 7.30pm – 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.’

www.winthorpe.org.uk