



Ed's Comments

I am getting very close now to my last edition as editor of the Focal Point; Nick and Annie have been helping me produce the last two editions and are feeling confident. I feel that all **future entries should be submitted to them** at the address below and I will assist **them** next month. Providing they are happy they can then continue alone.

I seem to be doing rather well with my requests for assistance, as in last month's edition I asked for a volunteer to take over Margaret Bark's deliveries. I am pleased to report that two people came forward followed quickly by a third; Marvellous!

As a result the Gainsborough Rd deliveries will be done by Rita Stevenson and Emilie Clark who will divide Margaret's huge 60 copies between them. My thanks to them on your behalf and of course to Margaret for her tremendous contribution over some 28years.

We have a revised advertisement from the Collingham Medical Centre this month with revised visiting times plus two new Doctors. Those that are with the practice, please note the time changes.

Pat Finn has placed some lovely pictures of the Festival on the village web site – thanks again Pat.



My favourite was this picture of the Rev. David Yabbacome singing 'I did it My Way'! Sorry he's not, I made that up, what he is doing is opening this year's Village Festival; it was lovely to see him there with his family.

We wish Peter Foden a speedy recovery after his recent operation.

Cliff Newbold

Closing date for the October edition is the **20th** of September.
email:nickwynne@virginmedia.com

LUNCH CLUB

The next lunch will be at 12.30pm on **Monday, 2nd September.**

The menu will be:

Beef Bourguignon
or
Fisherman's Pie
with
New Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables
-x-
Chocolate Gateaux & 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.

The following Lunch will be on **Monday, 7th October.**

Peter Foden 704241

TUESDAY CLUB

Tuesday, 10th September. Morning Coffee, 10.30am. in the Village Hall.

Tuesday, 24th September. Lunch outing to "The King's Head" at Collingham, 12.30pm. (Subject to enough cars being available).

Jean Foden

Delivering Focal Point

When we first came to Winthorpe in 1979 Ken Bark was producing an occasional A4 news letter to tell residents about local events. The Parish Church had its own parochial letter for parishioners. A steering committee was formed to improve communications from local organisations and increase the number of readers. From this early start 'Focal Point' was established. A competition for the front cover was won by Capt. Chris Brown: these were printed for the whole year. Local firms were encouraged to sponsor the cover and help with printing costs of the insides. The church paid for the printing of their news and the Parish Council put in an annual fee for the coverage of their news. It is all well and good to produce a magazine but they also need to be delivered. The original commitment was that every household in the villages of Holme, Langford and Winthorpe should receive a free copy.

A dozen or so volunteers lined up to do this job and Margaret and Ken Bark were at the top of the list. Margaret has delivered every issue since up and down Gainsborough Road and, over the years, has seen her 'bundle' increase to sixty copies each month. Without the dedication of people like Margaret and our editor Cliff this magazine would not have continued to be a success.

Many thanks to all the people who have a hand in producing the magazine each month,

Lynne Shapley,

First editor and recipient of one of 'Margaret's' Focal Point.

GIANT SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

Did you measure the height of your sunflower? If not, do it now.



When the sunflower head becomes full of seeds, feed with Tomorite, at half strength, every time you water. This will encourage the seeds to get big and fat. The weight of the seeds will cause the head to bow down. This is nature's way of keeping the seeds dry.

When the seeds are ripe, using a small hacksaw cut off two of the seed heads and hang them from a tree. Leave the rest of the plants in the garden. Birds love to eat sunflower seeds, as they are rich in oil. See how many varieties of birds come to feed on your sunflower seeds?

You may like to save some seeds to use for growing next year's plants. The best seeds are on the plant's two outer rings. Lay these on a sheet of paper for the sun to dry them. When they are completely dry, using a paper bag store in a dry place. Do not use a plastic bag as this will make the seeds sweat and they will rot.

E-mail me on **Sunday 8th September** with your name, age and the height of your sunflower.

winthorpesunflower@hotmail.co.uk

The sunflower presentation will be in the school on Friday 20th September at 11-15am.

Did You Know?

- Sunflowers are always good plants for bees. It is fascinating to watch them on the flower head. They start collecting the pollen on the outside ring of the florets, all the time going around in a circle until they reach the centre of the flower head.

Pat Finn.

MISLEADING AIR AMBULANCE COLLECTIONS



Are you aware that the Air Ambulance collecting bags that drop through our letter boxes with great regularity **are not** for our local Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance charity?

They are in fact for the Warwickshire, Northamptonshire etc. Air Ambulance as stated in small print if you look.

The Lincs. & Notts. Air Ambulance charity has complained on many occasions and the BBC programme “Inside Out” has highlighted the problem.

The advice given to me by a fund raiser for “our” Air Ambulance is that people should simply ignore the bags if they feel that fund raising should only be carried out in the local area of the service. Each Air Ambulance has to raise its own funds to keep going.

Jean Foden



Well! The School re-opens on Wednesday the 4th and we welcome the new Head Teacher - **Caron Ementon** and wish her every success. Let us hope that she, or one of her staff, can find the time to perhaps send us regular magazine entries from the school, as I know many of the readers are interested in what our future generation are doing.



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Fax: 01636 893391

COLLINGHAM MEDICAL CENTRE

Drs Terrill, Clarke, Saha & Li

Monday 8.30am-7.00pm
Tuesday - Friday 8.30am-6.00pm

For Appointments telephone: 01636 893956 8.15am-6.00pm
8.30am - 12.30pm and 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Flu clinics are now available to book for:
Saturday 12 October 2013, 8.30 am - 12.30 pm
Saturday 2 November 2013, 8.30 am - 12.30 pm
Please call 01636 893956 to book your appointment.

For Appointments telephone: 01636 893956 8.15am - 5.00pm

Website: www.collinghammedicalcentre.co.uk
E-Mail: collingham.med@gp-c84045.nhs.uk

Winthorpe General Store

Due to not accomplishing lottery sales required to maintain a terminal here in Winthorpe I regret to inform that the National Lottery have placed an order to have the terminal removed.

HOWEVER! Post Office Ltd. are now making The Health Lottery available at all outlets which is due to start sometime in September.

Many of you have commented on the National Lottery's proposed increase to £2, making The Health Lottery more acceptable to play and hopefully more popular.

Trading times at your local

Monday – Friday 8 am – 5:30 pm (Lunch 12:30 – 1:30)

Saturday 8 am – 12 noon

Sunday 8 am – 11 am

Currently on offer

Free range eggs **just 99p for 6**

Touching Vines red wine **for £3.99**

Hubert's crisp and fruity white wine **for £4.99**

Tender Rib Eye Steak **£3.98 each**

Special preserves and chutneys **from £1.89**

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Answers on a child's exam paper.....

Question: Name six animals which live specifically in the Arctic.

Answer: Two Polar Bears and four Seals

A reader's submission

COLLINGHAM SHOW & PLOUGHING MATCH 2013

Saturday 21st September - Begins 9am

Held at "Larksfield", Newark Road, Collingham
By kind permission of Mr and Mrs C T Sheldon

Fun for all the family, with an RAF SPITFIRE & HURRICANE flypast,
Falconry Life display, Companion dog show,
Mountgrace Gundogs display, bouncy castles,
Elaine Hill Sheepdog display, livestock, vintage vehicles,
heavy horses, ploughing, plashing, tug of war,
ridden horse and pony classes, trade stands,
Per Ardua Beagles display, Tally Ho marching band,
refreshments, raffle, Collingham Fire Brigade demonstration.
rural arts and crafts and much, much more....

CHILDREN GO FREE*

(*if accompanied by an adult)

Entrance prices are £6 for adults,
£5 for OAPs and £4 for children 13yrs and over

For further information telephone (01636) 894056
or visit **www.collinghamshow.com**

RAF Winthorpe research assistance

At Christmas 2011 Newark Air Museum sought assistance in connection with RAF Winthorpe, which was opened in September 1940. Good feedback was received for the wartime era, but the museum's researcher



The Closing Parade for RAF Winthorpe in the

Colin Savill is still trying to 'fill-in' a few gaps in the story from the post war years – circa 1946 through to 1959.

This period is not quite as well documented and we believe that there might still be people out there with relevant information – in particular we are interested in establishing contact with personnel from 54 MU (Maintenance Unit), which has connections to RAF Winthorpe.

We have recently established contact with one person, from the unit, who is going to let us have his recollections – but is there anyone else? Two other units of interest are 61 MU and CSDE (Central Servicing Development Establishment) at the base from 1953 to 1956.

Information can be sent to the museum via email

enquire@newarkairmuseum.org

Regular updates about the progress of this research quest will be posted on the museum website at

www.newarkairmuseum.org

For those people who prefer to talk to someone they can call the museum on 01636 707170 (answer-phone available for out of hours messages). The museum trustees hope that some fresh information will become available as a result of this appeal.



Howard Heeley

Secretary & Museum Trustee

Garden Club - this month's meeting.....

September 18th. Community Centre @ 7.30pm

Topic -National Gardens Scheme by Susie Dean.

The British summer is in full swing here at Langford Lowfields with alternate sunshine, heavy showers and thunderstorms. The recent, much needed rain brought out numerous tiny (10mm long) young toads and following the rain, lots of sand martins were out on the wing feeding.

The sunnier days have brought an influx of butterflies and moths, including several clouded yellow butterflies, six in total - a record for us here. There have also been very good numbers of purple hairstreak as well as sightings of the more elusive white-letter hairstreak, both butterflies tend to fly quite high up in the woodland canopy making them difficult to spot.

Around the lagoons we have had green sandpiper, common sandpiper, dunlin and black-tailed godwit along with common tern fledglings.

A spectacular flock of more than 300 lapwings have also graced Phase 1 and, of late, there has

been a growing group of large gulls including great black-backed and lesser black-backed.



As always our team of willing volunteers has been working hard, planting up the floating fish shelters and propagating new reed plants in the polytunnel. On phase 2 the volunteers have been installing fencing around the growing reed to protect it from goose grazing.

The drier, sunny days have enabled the volunteers to 'pull' the toxic ragwort plants from the species rich grassland before it was cut producing about sixty hay bales.

Don't forget you can have special access onto the reserve on one of our guided walks. The next walk is on Sunday 8th September from 10.00am – 12.30pm. Please book by calling the office on 01636 893611 and certainly bring good footwear!

For further information and regular updates on our work here at Langford Lowfields, please have a look at our website at

www.rspb.org.uk/langfordlowfields -



Torksey to the Chesterfield Canal Aboard n.b. 'Mulberry'

We had a very quiet and lovely three hour journey from Newark down the

Trent to Torksey. The river was flowing gently and the wind and sun were moderate. We spent the night at the top of Torksey Lock where a fisherman entertained us with his patient and silent dedication to his sport.

Ten o'clock the following morning, Eric, the lock keeper put us down on the Trent once more and our 'battle' against the incoming tide began. We struggled to make headway but progress north was achieved at 5kph. The surface of the water was interrupted by diving grebes, cormorants and floating logs. We passed several other boats using the upward surge to make their way to Torksey or Newark.

The ruined sixteenth century Elizabethan castle at Torksey looked very romantic, quickly followed by Torksey Viaduct and Marton Mill. Then the countryside opened out around us, flat fields, willow trees and villages. We soon floated over a ford known to the Romans at Littlebrough Segelocvm and round a bend to see the Knaith estate with the remains of the Cistercian Priory on our starboard side. This is where we notice the tide is turning and our navigation system reads 8 kph. The shallow cliffs keep us heading towards the twin power stations at West Burton. We move to the centre of the river to catch the full ebb flow and our speed increase to 9.5 kph - fast enough! The dead trees reverse their journey and join us to travel downstream. The grain silos in the distance herald Gainsborough to come. By midday the extensive river wall at Gainsborough is sighted. The town stands back from the river at a safe distance. It is time to radio in to the lock keeper at West Stockwith - our speed is now 10, and sometimes 11, kph and the river is sweeping us after three white cruisers who have just passed us.

As we sit on the canal side we can reflect that the day has been bright and calm and most enjoyable.

Lynne Shapley



Media Release

Issue Date: 14 August 2013

The facts about fracking in Nottinghamshire

Nottinghamshire County Council is publishing a fracking factsheet for residents following a surge in enquiries prompted by recent media coverage on the issue.

To date, Nottinghamshire County Council has not received any planning applications for exploration, testing or production of shale gas using fracking or any other method of extraction.

The Council is reassuring residents and other interested groups that if plans were ever received in the future, they would be extensively publicised and subject to full consultation with the public and other relevant agencies.

The Council's factsheet sets out the process any operator would have to go through before being given permission to carry out any fracking activity.

The factsheet can be downloaded from

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/planning

Once a license has been issued to an operator and they are ready to progress to the next stage, they would make contact with the relevant Minerals Planning Authority (Nottinghamshire County Council) and other statutory consultees, including the Environment Agency and Natural England.

The Council would then need to determine if an Environmental Impact assessment is required, before any application is submitted by the operator. The planning application would be advertised and open for consultation.

In the meantime the operator would apply for relevant permits from the Environment Agency.

If the application is ultimately granted planning permission and the necessary Environment Agency permits, the DECC would finally be required to grant consent for the well.

"We want to advise residents that no applications for shale gas extraction have been received by the County Council to date and that any plans that are forthcoming in the future would be widely publicised and consulted on before any decision is made on its suitability. The planning process is part of a comprehensive regime of regulation involving a number of agencies that any application would need to satisfy.

There are already a number of approved oil and gas extraction activities taking place in Nottinghamshire, including active oil fields at Eakring, Kirklington and Beckingham and mine gas recovery schemes at Bilsthorpe, Clipstone, Mansfield Crown Farm and Bevercotes.

Proposals for the exploration and development of coal bed methane have been permitted on sites near Lound, Worksop and two near Retford but have not yet been developed by the applicant.

For further information on this press release, please contact Rob Shirley, Senior Media Officer at Nottinghamshire County Council on 0115 977 2802 or email rob.shirley@nottsc.gov.uk

Quiz Night

Location: Coddington Community Centre

Date : Friday 20th Sept

Sport, TV, Music, and much more.

Come along for a Fun Night Out.

Prize for winning team !



- ◆ Starts 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm -- ◆ £7.50 a ticket which includes a pie and peas supper at 8.30 pm – (also Veg option if requested)
- ◆ Teams of up to 6 people
- ◆ Licensed bar applied for
- ◆ Tickets from : Winthorpe Post Office or contact 1636 704184

All proceeds go to Barbara May UK (Registered charity)



ALL SAINTS WINTHORPE

CHURCH NOTICES

Hi there, – August has been a very quiet month with me not being out and about to find the news.

Audrey Craven was in hospital for an operation and is home again now; our love and best wishes are sent to her.

I'm fine and improving slowly, a big thank you to you all for your offers of help and transport it's much appreciated.

There has been one wedding this month – on the 3rd – Matthew Alec Lathlane and Sarah Victoria Brooks. We wish them both a long and happy marriage.

Don't forget the Beating of the Bounds on 1st September 2013. The lists for food are in the Church. Winthorpe are hosting the Breakfast and first Communion on the Sunday – don't forget to put your names down!

Looking forward to seeing you in the not too distant future.

Keith Lloyd

(From his fireside chair - on behalf of the PCC)

Church cleaning volunteer

20th - Miss Applewhite

Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap
but by the seeds that you plant.

Robert Louis Stevenson



CHURCH SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER



Sunday 1st (14th after Trinity)

8.00 am	Holy Communion (Beating the Bounds)	Winthorpe
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Sunday 8th (15th after Trinity)

9.00 am	Morning Worship	Langford
10.15 am	Holy Communion	Winthorpe

Sunday 15th (16th after Trinity)

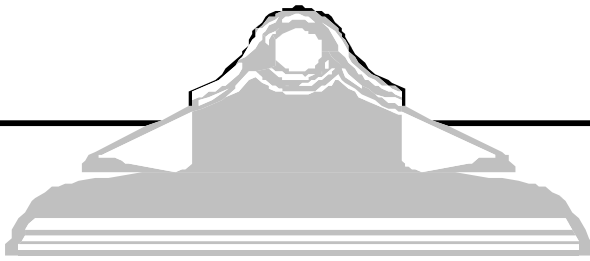
10.15 am	Morning Worship	Winthorpe
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Thursday 19th

10.00 am	Holy Communion BCP	Winthorpe
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The Church Bells will be rung on:-

Sunday 1st, 8th, 15th and 19th. Please note the bells will also be rung on Thursday evenings for practice between 7 pm and 9 pm.



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday 1 st	Beating the Bounds	All Saints
Monday 2 nd	Lunch Club 12:30pm – Com. Centre	Green Bin
	Library Van	
Wednesday 4 th	School opens	
Sunday 8 th	Sunflower Submissions – Pat Finn	
Monday 9 th	Silver Bin	
Tuesday 10 th	Tuesday Club - Coffee Morning 10:30am V.H.	Fun Tennis 4pm to 6pm – Com. Centre
Thursday 12 th	W.I. meeting 7:30pm	Village Hall
Monday 15 th	Green Bin	
Wednesday 18 th	Garden Club 7:30pm	Com. Centre
Saturday 21 st	Collingham Show 9am	
Monday 23 rd	Silver Bin	
Tuesday 24 th	Tuesday Club lunch 12:30pm	King's Head
Monday 30 th	Green Bin	

October

Monday 7th Lunch Club

‘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

Holiday Questionnaire complaints.....

“We had to queue outside with no air conditioning”

“I think it should be explained in the brochure that the local shop does not sell proper biscuits like custard creams or ginger nuts.”

