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Ed's Comments

I am sure that you will all agree with me that Annie and Nick's October Focal Point was

great, so I will make this my last 'Ed's Comments' and hand over the reins with much confidence to your new 'team'.

I have enjoyed (I think!) editing this newsletter and got much pleasure out of the success most of the advertised events seem to have had – all of the Village Festivals, Bonfires Dances, Church events etc. etc.

However it was with some disappointment that I couldn't get the Parish Clerk to either send details and results of meetings to us, or even put something on our village website, but I guess she had her reasons. Also in recent times was my inability to convince the Parish Council that the suggestion to fly the Union Flag at half mast for funerals in the village was a lovely idea.

Still, small disappointments after 13years!!

But I did get to read all of Tom Baldwin's, Ron Bradshaw's and Lynn Shapley's articles first!

So I will end with a big thank you to all who have sent in their copy, to all of our advertisers who helped to fund the mag. and especially to the distributors who deliver it each month through your doors.

Finally to Annie and Nick for taking over. Good luck to them and Best wishes to you all. I will leave you with this Irish Blessing:-

"May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rain fall softly on your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of his hand."

Cliff Newbold

Closing date for the December issue is **Friday 22nd November** Deliver to Annie and Nick at 18 Hargon Lane or email:-<u>nickwynne@virginmedia.com</u>

LUNCH CLUB

The next lunch will be at 12.30pm on Monday, 4th November.



The menu will be:

Honey Roast Ham or Jacket Potato with Prawns with Seasonal Vegetables -x-Peach & Raspberry Trifle 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.

The Christmas Lunch will be on **Monday**, 9th **December**. *Peter Foden 704241*

TUESDAY CLUB

Tuesday, November 12th. Morning coffee in the Village Hall, 10.30am.

Tuesday, November 26th. Christmas shopping and lunch at Pennells Garden Centre. 12 noon.

Jean Foden, 704241

Winthorpe Village Youth Club Shadow Sherwood 2013

Sam and Joe Thompson, James Hickman and Joe Thornton Ford took part in an overnight orienteering exercise called SHADOW at Sherwood Forest.

The competition is organised by Nottighamshire's Outdoor and Environmental Education team. Entrants include youth clubs, Duke of Edinburgh Scheme participants, cadet forces, Guides and Scouts from this country and beyond our shores. The Winthorpe Youth Club team were known as **"Here comes Bassduck !"**

The aim of the event is to gain as many points as possible from the three test sectors. Within each sector there are four incidents and points are awarded for each different aspect/incident.

Good team work is, of course, essential.

Our total points score was a massive 236 and the

nearest Youth Service team score was 213.

Our team secured the shield for Youth Services.

What a fantastic achievement !!!

Please congratulate them if you see them .



Overall in the competition "Here comes Bassduck " came third.

The only teams gaining more points were cadet forces.

What a superb result.

Sam, Joe, James and Joe have represented Winthorpe Youth Club in a very positive way. This group of young men are a credit to themselves, the village and to young people. We are very proud of them.

It is hoped that some of our newer members will follow in their footsteps at next year's event.

Sam and James are now looking at the possibility of running one of the incidents in next years event.

Winthorpe Youth Club Management Committee are looking for new members to join our friendly management team .There are only four of us and we would like some help please.

Our meetings are held four times a year and we aim to raise money for events such as SHADOW.

Please contact the Secretary, Denise Day 708727 for further information.

Denise Day

Sat 2nd Nov 2013 (follow the signs)

Winthon

Refreshments Bouncy Castle Tombola

> Adults.....£4 Children......£2

WINTHORPE VILLAGE BONFIRE

Family tickets are available in advance from either the Post Office or the school. Cost £10 (2 adults and 2 children)

Please deliver combustible items to the field on Saturday November 2^{nd} from 9.30am to midday using the gate at the end of Thoroughfare Lane.

VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR THIS EVENT

Please ring Gary on 686591 if you can help

COME ALONG AND ENJOY THE FUN!

INDOOR FUN TENNIS SESSIONS WILL CONTINUE AFTER HALF TERM AT WINTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE

A new 6 week course will start on Tuesday October 29th 4pm-5pm: ages 4-6 years 5pm-6pm: ages 6-8 years New participants always welcome COME ALONG AND HAVE A GO! Lincoln LTA Level 3 coach All equipment provided Please wear suitable clothing and footwear Cost: £4.00 hour (free first session for new participants) Phone Nina on 01636 678419 for more information or to book a place on these sessions. Nina Ward





Laxton History Group

is holding a **Craft Fayre** in the Village Hall on Saturday 16th November between 11.30am and 3.30pm. This is your chance to make an early start and find some Christmas presents from our range of local crafts people. Soup and cobs will be available from 12 noon and tea and cakes will be available all day. There will be a chance to see some

photos and the old films of Laxton while you relax in good company. Admission £1



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Dear All

May I introduce myself – I am Caron Ementon – the new Head teacher at Winthorpe Primary School. I hope I have already met some of you and you have spread the word about how excited I am to take up the position here. My previous position was as Head at Partney C of E Primary in Lincolnshire. It was difficult to leave such a lovely school with just 65 pupils but I feel I have inherited a very similar school with delightful pupils and an excellent staff team – Winthorpe is just a bit bigger! Of course I am not the only new person at Winthorpe Primary School – we also welcome Mr Joe Albans as the Year 5/6 teacher who is already ensuring that challenging learning takes place in our oldest children's class. He is a keen sportsman and when he becomes a little more established will, I am sure, ensure some sporting victories for our school sports teams.

Class 1 has welcomed 14 brand new 4 year olds this term – they have settled in brilliantly – we have had no tears and Mrs Green and Miss Blake are enjoying sharing the recently completed outdoor learning area with them which is proving a great independent learning environment. We have had a very busy first half term with Mr Finn presenting prizes for the biggest sunflower competition, journalist Eileen Condon coming in and working with Able writers, afterschool clubs beginning, swimmers striving for their *Beyond Keystage 2* award and much more. Our Harvest Festival in Winthorpe Church was led by Rev David Yabbacome and we are very grateful to him for this and for leading some of our school assemblies. We do of course also need to say a big 'Thank You' to Mr Finn who is retiring from leading the sunflower competition after many years of hard work. Whilst he will be missed a lot he will not be forgotten as he has given us our school logo – 'The sunflower', which led to our school motto 'Learning together, Growing together'. We hope he won't be a stranger to our school and look forward to inviting him to future events. In fact there is one event everyone is welcome to - our Christmas Carol Concert on 20th December at 10am at Winthorpe Church – if I haven't met you already perhaps I will meet you there! Please come if you can make it.

Caron Ementon



6thChristmas Tree Festival 30th November – 8th December Over 100 trees decorated by local schools, organisations & businesses.

Opening times:Saturdays9.30am - 5.00pmSundays11.00am - 4.30pmWeekdays10.00am - 4.30pmEntrance:Adults £2Children 20p



Refreshments, Christmas cards, Raffle, Stalls



GARDEN CLUB

Ian Justice gave a fascinating talk on the subject of vegetables. A professional grower and farmer for many years before his retirement, he is obviously passionate about growing prize – winning vegetables. He let us into some of the secrets and the time consuming dedication required to grow



'super veg.' for the show bench. Some examples were on display. These included a leek with about two and a half feet of white stem, an onion weighing some eight pounds and a parsnip two feet long. These are of a typical size and quality needed, together with uniformity within a number of the same vegetable to have success on the show bench.

His success was demonstrated by photographs of one year's trophy haul among many in a prolific career competing at many shows around the region and further afield, including Harrogate.

Ian said he hoped to inspire younger generations to give growing for showing a try.

There was also some discussion around more mundane gardening problems posed by members with our speaker freely giving practical advice.

Generously, he waived a fee and we agreed a donation be made to Notts. and Lincs. Air Ambulance.

Our next meeting is on November 20th.when John Summerfield will give a talk entitled Twilight Garden.

Ian Wilson

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CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

Friday 27 December - 8.30 am - 6.00 pm

Friday 3 January - 8.30 am - 6.00 pm

Normal clinic times resume on Monday 6 January 2014 Our communication with patients relies on current information. If your personal details change, including telephone numbers, please let the practice know. Thank you.

Out of Hours Service is provided from CNCS Ltd when the surgery is closed. This service can be accessed by dialling our General Enquiries/Emergencies No.

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



Newark Showground 9-10 November 2013

THE Show to end the Season!

- Over 850 Exhibits
- Major Theme Display of Massey Harris, Wallis & Ferguson
- Pre-1930 Machines
- Auction (Saturday)
- Sortout (Sunday)

SATURDAY 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 pm Auction: starting at 10.00 am

- Living History of the British isles Exhibition
- Rare & Native Breeds
- Cookery Demonstrations
- Trade Stands & Festive Craft
- Entertainment for everyone

SUNDAY 9.00 a.m. - 3.30 pm Sortout: starting at 9.30 am



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W.I. Report for Thursday 10th October 2013 Meeting



The President, Virginia Seager welcomed 26 members and two visitors. There were seven apologies for absence.

Notices were read advertising a number of up coming events

- Burns Night to be held on Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th January, 2014.
- Entries required for the 2016 Calendar Competition 'Nottinghamshire in Bloom'
- Sheila Norris Rose Bowl Competition for 2014. A collage showing how your W.I. Inspires Women
- The second visit to Staythorpe Power Station
- Collingham W.I. invites Winthorpe members to their forthcoming birthday party and also a demonstration on Bread Making
- A Christmas visit to Doddington Hall is planned for Monday, 25th November, 2013, followed by lunch in the Coach House
- Newark Amateur Operatic Society's production of Guys & Dolls to be held between 25th and 29th March 2014.
- Barbara Nelson kindly agreed to arrange an evening meal at a local pub in January, 2014.

This month's speaker was Karen Slade from the Company of Artisans who talked about Wet Felt Making. A short demonstration showed us how to create a wet felt square, and a variety of finished items created from wet felt were passed around, such as cards, hats and jewellery. Then the fun started when members were supplied with everything needed to produce our own wet felt square. There was much chatter and admiration of work produced. Assistance was given by Karen and her partner and at the end of the meeting everyone had 'something' to take home.

The vote of thanks was given by Dys Gold

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 14th November where we will be shown how to gift wrap by Karen Kaye, this includes a hands on session. Hostesses: Elaine Bradbury, Isobel Chipperfield, Sue Reynolds and June

Taylor

Diana Kitson October 2013

Winthorpe General Store

HEALTH LOTTERY now here; available at your local Post Office at only £1 a go. Come in and set up a regular card or just play a single line Lucky Dip, it's up to you.

Trading times at your local

Monday – Friday 8 am – 5:30 pm (Lunch12:30 – 1:30) Saturday 8 am – 12 noon Sunday 8 am – 11 am Special Offers

Free range eggs just 99p for 6 Hubert's crisp and fruity white wine £4.99 Tender Rib Eye Steak £3.98 each New! Special preserves and chutneys from £1.89 NEW! Pinot Grigio white wine and Shiraz red for just £5.49 "WINTHORPE" CHRISTMAS CARDS £1.49 PORTERS MEATS AVAILABLE NOW. (why not order your Christmas meats from here) AGENTS FOR BALDERTON DRY CLEANERS NEWSPAPERS AND GROCERY DELIVERIES AVAILABLE Just a mere £10 a week spend keeps your village store safe. SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL. HERE TO SERVE YOU!





NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH HOUSE BREAK-INS

There have recently been break-ins at two houses in Winthorpe. Most domestic burglaries are committed by opportunist thieves looking for the easiest way of getting into your home without being seen or disturbed. As well as making sure your property is secured with suitable locks you may like to consider fitting a security system to your house if you do not already have one. If you are thinking of buying a new intruder alarm system it is a good idea to obtain at least three quotes from industry approved installers (NACOSS or SSAIB) or talk to your insurer who may have some recommendations. You could also use the Trading Standards website **www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk** to check for vetted suppliers in your area.

Peter Foden, Central Co-ordinator, 704241

Winthorpe Community Centre

Community Centre Bookings

Whilst the Trustees endeavour to keep the fees charged to book the centre as low as possible, the rates to book the Community Centre will be reviewed in the New Year and will almost certainly have to be raised. We are facing a large rise in energy prices as well as the ever present need to keep the centre looking good and well maintained. If you are thinking of booking the centre next year, book now and secure your booking at a more favourable rate.

Call Pat or John Nelson on 01636 688016 to make your booking. Details of the groups who meet at the centre regularly can be found on the village website Winthorpe.org.uk

Dog Waste Bins

Once again we have reports of dog waste in the litter bins. Please only use the red dog waste bin by the bridge over the River Fleet. Dog mess is hazardous waste and the red bins are emptied by Newark and Sherwood District Council separately from regular litter. Sue Jackson (Secretary)



Hampshire Village Trip

On a bright sunny morning on Monday, 9th September a happy band of coach travellers set off from Winthorpe destined for the Q Norton Park Hotel at Sutton Scotney near Winchester. Dave Scott of Wrights was our driver and John Nelson took over the role of leader in the absence of Peter Foden who was not yet fit to travel.

After a brief coffee stop we travelled on to Oxford for lunch and a quick look around the university city before our coach sped us to our destination.

The hotel reception staff quickly sorted us out and the group was soon installed in their respective room and pondering, inter alia, what delights dinner would bring forth.

Throughout our stay the hotel chef produced a variety of tasty dishes to whet our appetite and all the staff were both welcoming and attentive at all times.

Our first outing on Tuesday(10th Sept) was to Portsmouth where our coach dropped us off very close to the centre of popular places to visit, such as the former Naval Dockyard (where The Victory is in dry-dock), the Mary Rose Museum and The Spinnaker – a tall tower shaped like its namesake with commanding views over the harbour. The Cascade Shopping Centre was also nearby. Most people had already selected their preferred venue(s) from this wide choice.

My travelling companion, Brian Maddock and I chose to take the ferry across the harbour to Gosport (bringing back memories of my Navy days there in 1944) intending to visit the Submarine Museum nearby. The submarine on display, HMS Alliance, is the last of the twelve A class submarines commissioned immediately after the war. The small group we joined to tour the vessel spent an instructive hour on board. Our guide who had served 5 years on board the submarine in the early 70s, held our attention throughout with his entertaining and very informative talk about all aspects of the vessel and the impact of the underwater voyages on its total crew comprising 63 officers and men.

Wednesday morning (11th Sept) was spent at the delightful award- winning woodland garden centre Furzey Gardens at Minstead deep in the New Forest. After touring the garden's many attractions the ensuing coffee break area, scenically located and with a selection of home-made cakes was enjoyed by all concerned.

Thursday (12th) was Isle of Wight day departing from Portsmouth to Fishbourne. A dozen of our group decided to visit Queen Victoria's Osborne House while the remainder stayed on the coach on a tour of some of the most picturesque locations on the island including Godshill and Old Franklin. Later, large ice-cream cornets (with or without flakes) were suitably enjoyed on the promenade at Shanklin while basking in really hot sunshine. As scheduled, the coach collected the Osborne House party on the return journey before boarding the ferry , disembarking at Portsmouth and thence to our hotel where a tasty dinner menu awaited.

Friday (13th)- the morning was spent in the historic city of Winchester, former capital of England. The magnificent cathedral is one of the largest in England, with the longest nave and greatest overall length of any Gothic cathedral in Europe. Our soft-spoken lady guide was extremely knowledgeable about the history of the Cathedral. I discovered later that the guides spend at least a year learning their duties, have to pass several exams in the interim before they are permitted to undertake public tours.

After lunch in Winchester(when we experienced rain for the first time) the coach headed back to Winthorpe arriving there just before 6pm. A thoroughly enjoyable, if tiring trip thanks to our capable driver, Dave, and our very worthy stand-in leader, John Nelson, who did all that was expected of him – and then a bit more.

Alex. Gilmour



Why was the scarecrow awarded the Nobel prize?



outstanding in his field!

Letter from the Land Registry

During late September/early October many local residents received a letter from the Land Registry (Wales Office) in connection with an application the Registry has received to enter a "unilateral notice in respect of the manorial rights relating to all mines, minerals, material and substances of every description....." for their property.

Understandably this has caused some considerable concern.

We have sought legal advice on this matter and have discovered that this notice has been sent to a great many owners of property over a wide area and not just restricted to Winthorpe and Langford.

Early in the last century, when the Newcastle Estates began to dispose of land, it retained the mineral rights, which was (and still is) a very common practice at that time and of course this has continued through the various sales and transfers to the present time.

The present action might perhaps be best described as a "tidying up" exercise to comply with the law in respect of these rights and the Land Registry records.

This not a matter to cause any concern to residents or to get worried about. No action is required unless of course you are <u>quite certain</u> that you do own the mineral rights under your property, in which case you should contact your lawyers.

No-one is going to come and dig-up your garden! The value of your property is not adversely affected and this will not affect any future sale.

The only criticism which might be made is that the Land Registry might have helped matters considerably if it had sent the draft of this letter to the Plain English Society first!!

Winthorpe-with-Langford Parish Council.





Home-Start Newark needs your help!

Can you spare some time to help support and befriend a local family? Home-Start Newark is a local charity which recruits

and trains volunteers to help families with young children at home.

This is a good opportunity for retired people to utilise their valuable life experience to make a real difference in families' lives. It's also a great way for parents who are getting ready to return to work to gain useful skills/experience or change career direction. Whatever your situation, we'd love to hear from you if you have parenting experience and would like to find out more about this very rewarding opportunity.

Our next Preparation Course starts on Thursday 14th November. If you are interested in applying or just finding out a bit more, please get in touch.

Address: 30 Barnbygate, Newark, NG24 1PZ Tel: 01636 705011 Website: homestartnewark.co.uk Email: info@homestartnewark.co.uk



ALL SAINTS WINTHORPE CHURCH NOTICES

Hi Folks It gets harder to figure out what to talk about as October has not yet finished!

However all comes to those who wait.

Betty and Don Moran celebrated their Diamond Wedding -60 years - How wonderful! Congratulations to them both and good health to them towards the next point.

On Thursday 17 October we had two quite opposites happening – at 10 am Communion which was wonderfully led by Michael. There were 5 people and the Vicar present. In the afternoon the Village School held their Harvest Festival – Ian tells me the Church was full of children, how great.

Christine is labouring valiantly with the history of All Saints and we had photographs taken to compliment it, so watch this space. When it's published, I'll let you know.

Don't forget the Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 10 November 2013 at 10.15 am. If you are bringing a Cross of Remembrance there will be somewhere available to place it. Anyway, let's fill the Church with adults <u>and</u> children.

Keith Lloyd – on behalf of Winthorpe PCC

Church Cleaning Volunteers

22nd – Mrs Finn and Mrs Nelson



CHURCH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER:







Sunday 3rd (All Saints Da		Holy Communion	Holme
Sunday 10 th	10.15 am	Remembrance Service	Winthorpe
Sunday 17 th (2 nd before Ad	10.15 am dvent)	Morning Worship	Winthorpe
Thursday 21s	t 10.00 am	Holy CommunionBCP	Winthorpe

The Church Bells will be rung on:-

Wednesday 13th, 20th, 27th. Finally please note the bells will also be rung on Thursday evenings for practice between 7 pm and 9 pm.

CHURCH FLOWER LADIES

Many thanks for your lovely Harvest arrangements. It gives pleasure to so many people to see the church "dressed overall" on these occasions. Sincerely yours, Sylvia Lloyd





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



Coffee morning in aid of WORLD CHILD CANCER

To be held at Wanda Payne's, 19, Hargon Lane on Monday 4th November from 10:30 to 12:30 £4 for Coffee and Cake

Proceeds are especially going to the children's hospital in Ghana where Wanda's daughter, Margarita, is voluntarily teaching

nurses how to use a new chemotherapy drug.