

# FOCAL POINT

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Ed's Comments

**I have lost count of how many times I have moved house!** So much so, that my children have

questioned the fact that they (like me) have no real roots anywhere and it obviously matters to them. They are however very adaptable and sociable and are now busy putting down roots of their own so I guess it hasn't harmed them too much.

Because of my own experience I was intrigued to meet Alf Cobb who has lived for almost 98 years in and nearby Holme and wondered about the kind of life he must have had. When I visited him recently he told me about his early life, losing his mother when only a baby to something which is nowadays curable and about how he went **by ferry** over the River Trent to school in Muskham. He then described how he left school at fourteen and began working on the land for one of the farmers in Holme – a job he did for the whole of his life, as his father had before him. He remembers driving cattle on foot from Holme to Newark Market, going through Winthorpe. They showed cattle all over the country, sleeping in the pens to protect their stock and winning prizes for the best steers as far away as the Fat Stock Market in London. He met his wife at a dance in Grantham (how did he get there I wonder?) and their children still live in Holme too. It was only after he retired that he started to show vegetables although he grew them all his life. He has held the Guinness Book of Record's record for the World's Longest Cucumber since 2008 and he proudly showed me his certificate to prove it. The children of Winthorpe School have a good example to follow! When I asked him what Holme was like when he was a lad his reply was "Pretty much the same as it is now!"



I came away with a real sense of the continuity of rural life but a realisation that it is very much part of the modern world too.

**Annie Purday** Closing date for the July issue is **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

Deliver to Annie and Nick 18, Hargon Lane or email

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## LUNCH CLUB

The next lunch will be at 12.30pm on **Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June**. The menu will be:

Boeuf Bourguignon

or

Jacket Potatoes with Prawns

with

New Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables

-x-

Fruit in Meringue Nests with Cream



£8 including a glass of wine. Contact Jean & Peter Foden (704241) to reserve your place and give your choice of menu.

Because Trevor, the chef, will be away there will be no lunch in July. Instead there will be a second lunch in June, four weeks after the first, on **Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> June**. The menu will be:



Cold Ham & Beef Salad

or

Mixed Fish Salad

with

New Potatoes

-x-

Strawberries and Ice Cream

Please book at the same time as the 2<sup>nd</sup> June lunch or nearer the 30<sup>th</sup> June.

Peter Foden, 704241

## TUESDAY CLUB

**Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**. Morning coffee in the Village Hall, 10.30am.

**Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**. Lunch outing to Reg Taylor's Nursery at Normanton near Southwell. Travel by car to meet there at 12.30pm



We are running a raffle at the Village Festival on July 5<sup>th</sup> and would appreciate any raffle prizes from Focal Point readers. **Jean Foden**

## GARDEN CLUB

I suspect that many present at the talk by Neil Timm were surprised by the variety of ferns both in the U.K. and worldwide. We saw some superb slides, including many of ferns native to Britain, such as the Adders Tongue, not typically fern-like, growing to some 6 inches high in a meadow. Ferns are ancient plants; this one dates from the Devonian Period.

All ferns reproduce via spores. We were shown how this process takes place.

An early commercial use of ferns was the utilisation of certain spores in finger printing powder. A more novel use was that of using the fine spores to create a combustible cloud which was then ignited to produce a lightning effect in stage productions. Another was where huge quantities were burned in kilns to produce soda ash used in the glass industry.

As garden plants they had their heyday in Victorian times when wealthy individuals would compete to show the most spectacular specimens in hugely expensive and ornate heated exhibition houses. This period led to breeders creating many new varieties, for example some 700 varieties of the Lady Fern. Neil's knowledge and enthusiasm was evident throughout and the ease with which he delivered both common and Latin names was quite remarkable. This is the end of our speaker season which starts again in September.

However, a reminder that our day trip to Newby Hall & Gardens is on June 11th. There are places available if you or anyone you know would like to join us.

Further ahead we have an evening visit to two N.G.S. gardens in Whatton. This is on July 16th and we will travel by car, meeting at the Lord Nelson at 6.00pm.

**Ian Wilson.**



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very welcome  
to join us.***

**Winthorpe  
Village Hall  
Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> June  
5.00pm to 6.30pm**

## **GOLDEN WEDDING**

We were totally overwhelmed by all the cards, presents and good wishes for our Golden Wedding. We had said "Please, no presents" but it did not work and we are extremely grateful for everything we received. The ringing of the church bells was a very



unexpected honour and we sat on our new garden seat in the sun listening to them. Thank you Christine, Ian and all the other ringers – they achieved the Quarter Peal in 43 minutes and then gave us an encore!

Our celebration on May 10<sup>th</sup> was a very happy one for us with our family and friends. We wish we could have invited more.

Incidentally the donations to Cancer Research UK in connection with son David's 3 Peak Challenge in June raised over £200. Thank you all for that and for everything else that you contributed towards a celebration we will not forget.

**Jean & Peter Foden**

### **Quarter Peals rung**

**Southwell and Nottingham Diocesan Guild Winthorpe**, Nottinghamshire All Saints

Thursday 15 May 2014 in 43m (6-3-2)

#### **1260 Plain Minor (2m)**

Single Oxford (720) and Plain Bob (540)

- |                                  |                       |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Christopher C. P. Woodcock (C) | 4 Christine H. Hasman |
| 2 Yvonne A. Woodcock             | 5 Derek J. Tysoe      |
| 3 Paul Raithby                   | 6 Ian Hasman          |

**Rung to celebrate the Golden Wedding Anniversary on 9th May of Winthorpe residents Peter and Jean Foden. Many thanks to Peter and Jean for the cake and glass of bubbly afterwards!**

**Southwell and Nottingham Diocesan Guild Winthorpe**, Nottinghamshire All Saints

Wednesday 23 April 2014 in 42m (6-3-2)

#### **1260 Plain Minor (2m)**

St Clements (720) and Plain Bob (540)

- |                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Elizabeth Harrison | 4 Christine H. Hasman |
| 2 Derek J. Tysoe     | 5 Paul Raithby        |
| 3 Lindsey Arkley     | 6 Ian Hasman (C)      |

Rung to celebrate St George's Day and to commemorate the 450th anniversary of William Shakespeare's birth. **The band would like to dedicate this quarter peal to Winthorpe resident Mrs. Sylvia Lloyd, who celebrated her 80th birthday on 21st April.**



## **WINTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**JUNE 8TH 2014**

**10.30 til 3.00**

Bouncing Castle	Face Painting	Candy Floss
	Ice Cream	
Plants	Refreshments	Craft stalls
		Cakes

**Tombola in Aid of Make A Wish**



### **Charity Bike Ride**



We would like to get the local community out on their bikes to raise money for Babert (Appeal to raise £100,000 for Alzheimer's and Cancer Research). There will be a small fee and sponsorship forms available to raise as much funds as we can for these amazing charities.

The Bike ride is planned for the 8th June starting at 9.30 am. There are 2 routes to choose from. One is 10 miles and the other 30 miles. Both start and finish at the Lord Nelson.

If you are interested please contact Liz Moran (074120855559)

**WINTHORPE SUMMER  
FESTIVAL  
SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JULY**

**CRAFT FAIR**



One of the new features for this year's Festival is a craft fair in the Community Centre. The idea is to display art work, carpentry, sewing and any homemade items. Items may be sold with a 10% contribution to the Festival fund. Framed original paintings are not very likely to sell and should be limited to two per artist. Greeting card/notelet prints are much more likely to sell.

If you would like to display something, whether for sale or not, please let me know and bring your items to the Community Centre on the morning of Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> July. Tell me if you need help with transport.

Peter Foden, 704241

**World War One Memorabilia**

I am putting together a display of WW1 memorabilia in the Meeting Room at the Community Centre for the Village Festival (July 5th) this year. If anyone has written material/artefacts from that period of time and they would like to have them displayed please do get in touch.

Thank you

Tish Applewhite Festival Committee [643763](tel:643763)  
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## RSPB Langford Lowfields News for May 2014



giving  
nature  
a home

We have been inundated with summer migrants here at Langford Lowfields with some excellent birds making an appearance. A ring ouzel was on site on 19 April followed just two days later by

a spoonbill, both very exciting additions to our sightings book. Other 'celebrity' guests have included whimbrel, whinchat and garganey.

The first cuckoo of the year arrived on 22 April and there are now two cuckoos calling regularly. I personally am really thrilled to hear them, it's sad to think that in my childhood they were so commonplace I would hardly notice them. Certainly in the last decade the only place I have heard them is on Nature Reserves. The insect world is coming to life a little more gradually, with the first large red damselflies out at the end of April and the St Mark's flies emerging four days early on 21 April. Also known as the hawthorn fly, the St Mark's fly is quite large at 12mm long and is easily recognizable by its long dangly legs. In addition there

have been several species of moth, including common carpet, latticed heath and the stunning puss moth, all of which can be spotted by day. This month's Sunday volunteer party had a real treat with 70 bird species recorded in total, including whimbrel and black-tailed godwit and yet another visit from the spoonbill - you did have to be up early to spot the latter though. This is only the third record of spoonbill on site in over 9 years so a noteworthy sighting. The first swifts of the year were also seen and at the time of writing there are now over 200 swifts wheeling over the reserve with their distinct piercing screams.

These are exciting times here at Langford and we are welcoming more visitors every day, including families with enthusiastic children which are always a pleasure to see. The May guided walk was very well attended with 26 people joining Paul, the warden, for a walk around the



Spoonbill. Mike Langman (rspb)



reserve trails as well as a sneaky look behind the scenes at what the future holds.

If you would like to join one of our monthly guided walks the next Discover Langford Lowfields walk is on Sunday 8th June 10-12.30pm.

Please book by calling the office on 01636 893611 and certainly bring weatherproof clothing and 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](http://www.rspb.org.uk/langfordlowfields)



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Well what a busy half term it has been and I think we are ready for a break. The children have worked extremely hard – especially Keystage Two who have just completed their assessments and have done very well. Year 6 of course had their SATs tests and Mr Albans is again very pleased with how they applied themselves. They will get their results back at the end of June /beginning of July and celebrated the end of the tests with a really fun Friday which included a party and games.

There is a lot going on again next term. We have been invited to open the village festival, have another roast dinner day – 18th June (please let us know directly or if you know of a member of the community who would like to partake of one of Trudi's delicious dinners - simply ring the office if you want to book a space) and are in the process of organising a send off for our well loved teacher Mrs Green who retires this summer. Mrs Green has been at our school for more than 20 years and would like to invite pupils/ parents; old and new to a picnic afternoon on Tuesday 22nd July. It is an opportunity to say Thank You and to wish her well (although we are still secretly hoping she will be helping us out a little bit in the autumn!).

Year 6 are off on residential following the Spring Bank holiday – to Cober Hill in Scarborough and we know they will have a fantastic time. They are walking, steam training, orienteering, pool dipping, bird spotting, beach gaming, shelter building and talent showing! What a week – something for younger children to look forward to when they get to Class 4!

The County Council have given us the go ahead to take 3 year old children into Class 1 which will be hopefully rubber stamped on 16th June and our working party continues to explore when it will be best to consider this option.

Currently we are not considering taking 3 year olds in this September – instead we are looking at the possibility of an intake after Christmas or indeed in the following academic year. We intend to tread slowly and carefully ensuring we are meeting the needs of the community and offering the best education to our youngsters. Should anyone require updates or clarification they are very welcome to contact me.

The School Summer Sizzler is taking place on Friday 27th June, 6pm start. All are welcome and we would love to hear from anyone interested in having a stall at the event. Please contact the school directly on 01636 680060 or email [school.office@winthorpe.notts.sch.uk](mailto:school.office@winthorpe.notts.sch.uk). The PTA have been extremely busy this half term – helping raise funds through the numberthon, cake stalls, and now the Summer Sizzler. Michele Cammack, our Chair of Governors, would like to say a big thank you to the ladies who gave some of their weekend up to help sort resources, paint floors and generally reorganise our school – it was very much appreciated and people have commented on the difference!

Thank you to those who came to our Quiz Night - we raised a wonderful £441.00! This will be used for play and IT equipment. Our thanks also goes to Martin and Joanne at the Post Office for kindly agreeing to sell tickets for us.

Best Wishes

**Caron Ementon**

## **GIANT SUNFLOWER COMPETITION**

How are your sunflowers doing? By the time you read this, it will be about six weeks since you planted your seeds. How many little sunflower plants do you



have now? After a minor disaster (mouldy pots and seedlings – I did say that we are far from experts!) we have a nice few plants that are shooting up now. If you haven't done so already, it's time to transfer your plants outside. You will need to re-pot them into larger containers, or into the ground. Ours are lined up under our kitchen window –

here is a picture of Zack with them! We haven't put any stakes in but will do this soon. Tie the young plants gently but securely to the stakes to protect them on windy days and keep them growing straight – remember that every centimetre counts if you want to be our winner!



We'd love to see how you're getting on – you can send photos to:

[winthorpesunflower@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:winthorpesunflower@hotmail.co.uk) Liz & Charlie Ferreira

# VILLAGE STORE NEWS

## HOURS OF BUSINESS

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**NOTICE** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June we close at 12.00 noon  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June Total closure. **That includes no paper deliveries**

**Hello Villagers,**

**Progress report.** As you know, we are on a mission to save and prevent the inevitable happening to our village store. So far, just a few of you have responded with good weekly orders but much, much more is needed. We still have a number of you trying your



utmost to think of things to buy in order to play your part. This is not the way forward and can only be expected to frustrate you. As you know a little shop like ours cannot give choices that the supermarkets can give so it is mere basics that are best for you to apply your shopping to.

Things like eggs, bacon, potatoes, milk, even our wine and meats from Porter's are competitive.

I said a couple of issues ago that the best approach is to place a fixed order that can be collected once a week. That way you know what not to place on your main shopping list. With overheads as low as ours, shopping in the region of just a tenner per week can make a tremendous difference. Do this and you retain all the advantages of having a doorstep shop and post office in your village.

**IMPORTANT** Whatever you do please do not do it for me and Joanne. Do it for the village. **Just as importantly;** "Do not rely on each other to join this crusade" Better to assume the opposite and play your part, that way we can only go forward, which I assume is what we all want.

Don't forget you can draw cash and top your phone up here. See you in the next progress report **Martin**

Winthorpe Primary School  
Friday 27 June - 6pm start

# Summer Sizzler

£1 entry at the gate for  
adults - Children go FREE

Fun for all - family and  
friends - all welcome!

Performances by the children | A summer fair with  
stalls, including those run by our older Class 4 children |  
Music | Games for all | BBQ | Licensed Bar



**Please support your local school and its children**

Contact Winthorpe Primary School on 01636 680060  
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# CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE

## Your home

Contrary to popular belief, most domestic burglaries are committed by opportunist thieves looking for the easiest way of getting into your home without being seen or disturbed. Sometimes they don't even have to use force - they get through an open window or door.

### **Look at your home through the eyes of a burglar.**

Are there places where a burglar could break into your home without being seen? How would you get in if you had forgotten your keys? If you could get inside, so could a burglar. Securing your home is the best way to reduce the chances of you becoming a victim of burglary. Follow this advice to ensure your home is as secure as possible.



### **Home security checklist**

#### Windows and doors

- When you go out, always close and lock external doors and windows, even if you are just going out for a short time.
- Lock windows and doors at the front or side of the house if you will be spending time in the garden.
- Window locks, especially on older windows, will help stop people getting into your house. Remember, a burglar is less likely to break in if it would mean they had to smash a window, as the sound of breaking glass could attract attention. One in three burglars gets inside homes through a rear window. Window locks can be seen from the outside and could deter a burglar from forcing the window.
- Before fitting extra locks to UPVC windows, talk to the fitter to make sure it won't affect the warranty.
- If you have deadlocks, use them. They make it more difficult for a thief to get out again. But don't leave the key near the door or in an obvious place nearby.
- A spy hole in your front door allows you to see who is there. A door chain allows you to open the door a little way to talk to the caller without opening it fully.

#### **Keys**

- Ensure your keys are kept in a safe place out of sight and well away from your letterbox.
- Don't tag keys so they can be easily identified.
- Keep all spare keys in a safe place.
- Don't leave spare keys outside or in a garage or shed.
- Never leave garages or shed unlocked, especially if they connect to your property.



## Outside your home

- Visible burglar alarms and carefully directed security lighting can deter burglars. Make sure alarms stop sounding after 20 minutes and lights don't disturb your neighbours.

## Be a good neighbour

If you see anyone acting suspiciously in your neighbourhood, call the police on 101 or, in an emergency, 999.

## Details of the Local Officers for the area are

PC Stannard mobile 07910 336903 or e-mail

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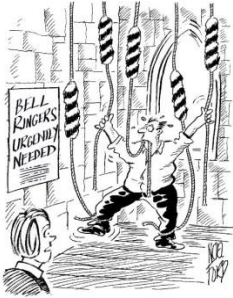
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## For Whom the Bell Tolls?



"Ready when you are, George..."

You might have wondered why the church bells haven't been rung recently for our usual practice on Thursday nights. Well, for several reasons which all seem to have come at once, **we simply don't have enough ringers any more to make a weekly practice useful or viable.** After

several not-very-successful recruiting campaigns in Focal Point, the future of church bell ringing at Winthorpe looks a little uncertain, but we haven't given up yet – we can't as we love it too much.

Currently we rely on ringers from outside Winthorpe, Holme & Langford (sometimes even from outside the county) to help us with ringing the bells for church services, weddings and special occasions such as the two quarter peals which have been published elsewhere in this edition of Focal Point.

Ironically, my husband Ian, who is the tower captain, continues to teach ringing 4 nights a week at North Muskham, Barnby in the Willows, Collingham and South Scarle - he would be absolutely delighted to be teaching new ringers in this village of Winthorpe where we live!

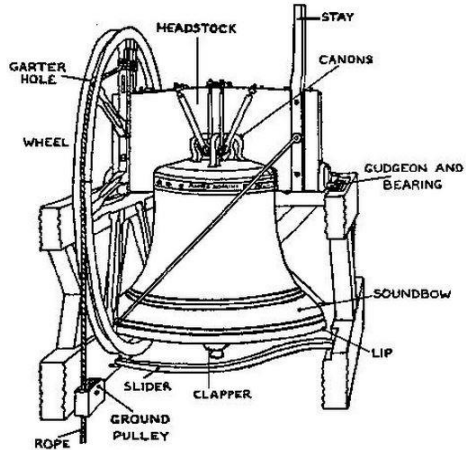
Church bell ringing really is a fun hobby, which costs nothing but time and determination to learn, and can actually earn you a bit of money when you're skilled enough. If you can climb the dozen or so stairs to the ringing room, stand for a reasonable length of time and raise your arms above your head, you can almost certainly learn to ring.

If you're interested in learning a new skill and helping to continue this historic tradition which is such an integral part of British village life PLEASE do get in touch.

Christine Hasman

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## COLLINGHAM RAMBLERS

Some of our walks are hardly worth a mention. We walk X amount of miles from A to B in pleasant company with nice scenery. Sometimes we stumble upon points of interest, historical facts or interesting flora, fauna and wildlife. And sometimes we just have a good laugh about something which tickles us.

A recent Wednesday walk around Skellingthorpe had all of the above. Although most of us had seen the village signposted on the Lincoln bypass, very few of our number had actually been there. Sam, the leader, had really done his homework, for not only was the walk through the woods very pretty, but we were told interesting facts about a long forgotten airfield which sustained heavy casualties during the Second World War and a long forgotten railway line.

The War Memorial in the centre of the village was a pretty and fitting tribute to the fallen. And to cap it all, we got “buzzed” by the Red Arrows.

Another walk worthy of note was Dave’s bluebell walk at Thorpe Salvin. Dave was already in my credit with Brownie points before we had even set off, for as I was waiting for him to pick me up I espied two deer in a field. The walk also had the “ah factor” with baby ducks and a sea of bluebells in the woods was a sight to behold.

He also got extra Brownie points for the ice cream stop beside the Chesterfield Canal, the pub stop at the end of the walk and the brilliant sunshine.

We can’t always promise you all of the above, but if you would like to join us for one of our rambles, we would be happy to have your company.

**Pauline Lockwood**

## COLLINGHAM RAMBLERS WALKS

May 21st **Wednesday walk** round Collingham 4 miles,  
Leader Martin 07988786288

**Wednesday walks- morning only.**

June 18th—Doddington---leader Phil

July 23rd---Collingham/South Scarle---leaders Elaine and Brian

Contact Nina for details 01636 678419

**Sunday walks**

June 8th Scamblesby 8 miles, leader, Chris, 07817975993

June 22nd Bus trip to Derbyshire contact Nina 01636 678419

July 6th Farnsfield 7.5 miles, leader, Anne, 07872451856

July 20th Vale of Belvoir 8 miles, leader, Martin, 07833331075

August 17th Bus Trip to Harewood contact Nina 01636 678419

August 31st Wansford 8 miles, leader, Anne 07872451856

September 14th Castle Bytham, 7.5 miles, leader, Chris 07817975993

September 28th Idle Valley, 6.5 miles leader, Dave, 07989655258



# Winthorpe Tennis Club

Winthorpe Tennis Club AGM was held on 11 April 2014.

Colin Smith has now been Chairman of the Club for 20 years. He is keen to step down. If anyone is interested in taking on the role please let him know.

## Membership Fees Frozen

We have kept the Membership Fees the same to help promote tennis and encourage more people to join the Club.

## Court booking

Please note that the courts have been booked for Junior Tennis Coaching from 5-6 pm on Tuesday nights, for 12 weeks, starting on 22 April 2014.

## New padlock

The courts had a new padlock fitted on 3 May. Members please take your existing key to Sue Sharp to be replaced with a new one.

## Committee Members 2014

Chairman -

Colin Smith 01636 701205

Secretary -

Maureen Smith 01636 701205

Vice Chairman/Membership Secretary -

Sue Sharp 01636 703198

Treasurer -

Chris Hickman

## Membership Fees 2014

Family membership £40.00

Adult membership £20.00

Junior (11-18 years) £5.00

Student £5.00

£5 for own key

Members play for FREE as many times as they wish

Non-Members

Pay and Play per hour

£2.00 per adult

£1.00 per junior (under 11 years not to play without an adult)

£5.00 refundable key\* deposit

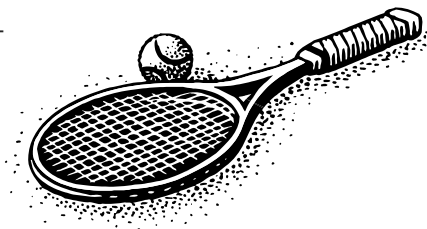
\*Keys available from Sue Sharp and Maureen Smith

Wishing everyone an enjoyable season

**Maureen Smith** – 01636 701205

Secretary

Winthorpe Tennis Club



## **FUN TENNIS SESSIONS IN WINTHORPE WILL RESUME AFTER HALF TERM ON TUESDAY JUNE 3RD FOR A 7 WEEK COURSE**

**WHERE** Winthorpe Community Centre and Tennis Courts

**WHEN** 4pm - 5pm Ages 4, 5 and 6

5pm - 6pm Ages 7, 8 and 9

We incorporate fun games with skill development , improving children's agility, balance and co-ordination along with developing their overall tennis game.

Licensed LTA level 3 coach.

All equipment provided.

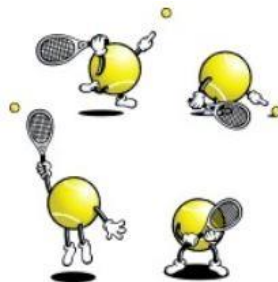
Please wear suitable clothing and footwear.

£4 session (first session free for new participants)

Come along and have a go and try a new activity .

**PHONE NINA ON 01636 678419 FOR**

**FURTHER INFORMATION.**



## **TENNIS COACHING COURSE FOR TEENAGERS.**

Newark Tennis Club. London Road, Newark. NG24 1TT

Saturdays 10am - 11am. Starting June 7th.

Excellent coaching with a LTA level 3 coach.

Take this opportunity to improve your game.

£4 session. (first session free)

Contact Nina (01636 678419) to book your place.

Places are limited so an early response is essential.

## FROM THE RECTOR OF THE EAST TRENT GROUP OF CHURCHES

JUNE 2014

Easter marked the first anniversary of my institution as Rector of the eleven churches and fifteen communities which make up the East Trent Group of Churches. And quite a year it's been! With so much to take in and learn I still struggle to put names to faces and faces to locations. Despite this challenge I continue to enjoy enormously the responsibility of being the Parish Priest to so many communities. I came to be Rector of the whole Group, and the learning process of becoming the East Trent Group continues to be a challenge to all our churches. Many people observe that my job is impossible, but in response I've taken to reminding such doom-sayers that the church started with only thirteen people, of whom one met death through crucifixion brought about by the betrayal of one of the others who then removed himself. Now see that the Church is a worldwide fellowship of millions. And East Trent is only a small part of that worldwide fellowship.



As the years pass and the life of the Church is organised in different ways so we need to move away from how things were “in the good old days” (and our view of that is too often through rose-tinted specs) to what fun we are having in the present age. Only yesterday I had a conversation in one of the East Trent churches about how good it must have been in times past to see the church full unlike the present age (the conversation was with someone who doesn't come to church). I had to point out that the churches have rarely been full, in that sense, but they are full of, and a visible sign of, God's love in our communities.

During the year I have been privileged to share in many things. The joy and wonder of Baptisms and Weddings, together with the joy, sadness and wonder of Funerals, and many other significant family and community events. Little wonder that my job is such fun, particularly as I look ahead to the continuing growth of our churches in warmth of fellowship and faith. **David Yabbacome**  
Rector East Trent Group of Churches

### **The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held on 15<sup>th</sup> May**

The chairman gave a verbal report on the years activities. The year was described as relatively quiet. The Parish precept had remained frozen this year; however the accounts showed that the precept was satisfactorily in line with the current expenditure. There had been several planning applications submitted throughout the year.

Mrs Dobson had successfully secured funding for two interactive signs for the village of Langford. This was gladly received.

Mr Peter Foden and Mr David Barthorpe presented the Accounts for the 'Charity of Thomas Brewer' for the year ending March 31st 2014. Dividends and field rent made up the income received into the trust. No further investments had been made during the year; however a good annual return had been received. It was reported that it had been becoming increasingly difficult for the Trust to find beneficiaries to donate to, options were being explored to possibly widen the remit of the charity. The Charity is approaching its 50th anniversary, therefore a good time to assess and reflect.

The May Parish Council meeting commenced following the Annual meeting of the Parish

#### **Election of Chairman for 2014/15**

The clerk asked who would be standing for the position of Chairman. Mr Jackson stood again, no other interest. It was proposed that Mr Jackson remain for a further year, all were in favour of this decision.

#### **Election of Vice Chairman for 2014/15**

The Chairman explained that the current Vice Chairman, Mr Allen, although not present at the meeting, had expressed interest in standing as Vice Chairman again, no other interest. It was therefore proposed by Mr Aldridge that Mr Allen remain, this was seconded by Mr Wright. All were in favour.

#### **Appointment of Honorary Auditor for 2014/15**

The current Auditor, Mr Richardson, was asked if he would consider remaining as the Internal Auditor for 2014/15, Mr Richardson agreed. Thanks were given to Mr Richardson for his work throughout 2013/14.

#### **Appointment of representatives on outside organisations were as follows:**

- a) Board of Trustees of the Winthorpe Community Centre – Mr A Stewart and Mr G Thompson
- b) Winthorpe Allotment holders committee – Mr Allen and Mr Aldridge
- c) Winthorpe Youth Club Committee – Mr Thompson
- d) Village Festival organising Committee – Mrs Masheder
- e) Winthorpe and Coddington Cricket Club Committee – Mr Cammack

#### **Other Matters**

- a) Hargon lane street lights – It was reported that two of the street lights on Hargon Lane remained out. The repairs would be followed up by Mrs. Dobson.
- b) Youth Club – Progress was made the future arrangement of the Youth Club. Training was now taking place for volunteers.

No Planning Applications were received.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm.

**Sarah Tomlinson**



## **ALL SAINTS WINTHORPE CHURCH NOTICES**

Hi there,

Initially we had Easter during which the service for the Last Hour was very moving. The Service of Light was pleasant and rewarding and Dendle lead the Easter Sunday Communion Service in his usual gentle manner and I was able to assist. Following the service, as usual, was the community refreshments which were remarkably friendly and for which Dendle and Margaret stayed. Unfortunately Sylvia and I were dashing off for lunch with our children in Yorkshire.

It never ceases to amaze me how the Church is transformed at the end of Holy Week by a team of ladies producing beautifully colourful flower arrangements for the Easter celebration.

The month of May has been delightful. We joined with Peter and Jean Foden to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on the afternoon of the 10 May. Your PCC recently met in the Church to explore the feasibility of “tea and toilet” facilities (which as you know is a subject close to my heart!). This was ably led by David Yabbacombe. Discussions were had and pictures taken of various sites – it is now in the hands of specialists to advise as to which is the best area to use. All we need now is your money!

If you have any ideas / suggestions as to how we could raise some money for this much needed project please let us know in the usual way.

### **Keith**

On behalf of the PCC

(thinking positively about the provision of toilets from my hospital bed!)

### **Church Flower Ladies**

Thank you all for the wonderful flower arrangements presented for Easter. They were a joy to everyone.

### **Sylvia**

Church Cleaning

20 June 2014

Mrs Lloyd & Mrs Nelson

Brass – Mrs Taylor and Mrs Evison. Please ring Ian Hasman on 679105 to arrange entry into the Church.

### **Village Festival – 5 July 2014**

Joan Lord and Sylvia Lloyd are having a Tombola Stall for the Church. If you happen to have any unwanted presents or anything small we can use please ring Joan Lord on 682304 or Sylvia Lloyd on 703271. We can collect! Thank you.



## CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE



Sunday 1st (7th of Easter)	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Holme
Sunday 8th (Pentecost)	10.15 am	Holy Communion with Holy Baptism	Winthorpe
	6.00 pm	Holy Communion	Langford
Sunday 15th (Trinity Sunday)	10.15 am	Morning Worship	Winthorpe
Thursday 19th BCP	10.00 am	Holy Communion	Winthorpe
Sunday 22nd (1st after Trinity)	10.15 am	Morning Worship	Holme
	6.00 pm	Evensong	Winthorpe

**The Church Bells will be rung on:-**8th, 15th and 22nd June for the usual services and on 28th June for a wedding. Please note the bells may also be rung on Thursday evenings for practice between 7pm and 9pm.

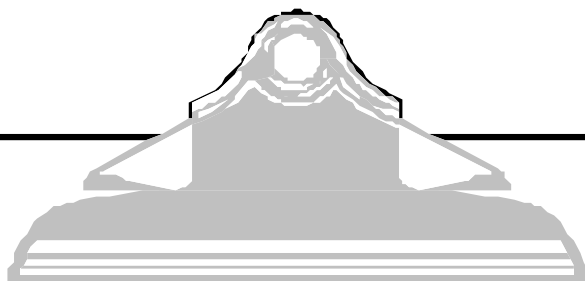
## Fashion Show

Sophie Hudspeth is organising a fashion show for World Challenge, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June. 7pm for 7:30 start. Winthorpe Community Centre

Lots of well-known Brands! Bargains! Raffle!

Tickets £5 incl. a glass of wine. More info please ring Frank or Maggie on 01636 612086





## JUNE CALENDAR

Monday 2nd	Silver Bin Lunch Club 12.30 Community Centre
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Fashion Show 7pm for 7.30 start CC
Sunday 8th	9.30am Charity Bike Ride Lord Nelson Craft Fair Community Centre 10.30-3.00pm
Monday 9th	Green Bin Mobile Library
Tuesday 10th	Tuesday Club Coffee Morning 10.30am VH
Thursday 12th	WI "Hens at Home" 7.30pm Village Hall
Monday 16th	Silver Bin
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	WI Centenary Celebration VH 5-6.30pm
Wednesday 18th	Lunch at School
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council meeting 7.30pm VH
Monday 23rd	Green Bin
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday Club outing to Reg Taylor's 12.30pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	School Summer Sizzler 6pm
Monday 30th	Silver Bin Lunch Club 12.30 Community Centre

Ian Wilson heard the first and only cuckoo recorded in Winthorpe so far this year on 28<sup>th</sup> April at 9:30am near Winthorpe Lake. Has anyone else heard one?

Village organisations and local bodies – if at any time you would like to get in touch with a village contact, why not try [www.winthorpe.org.uk](http://www.winthorpe.org.uk)