

FOCAL POINT

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Ed's Comments

When I wrote last month's editorial I had no suspicion I would be a victim of my own writing!

Someone told us about the beneficial effects of Nordic Walking and the next thing I knew Nick had booked us an introductory lesson. I can't say that either of us were naturals but we thoroughly enjoyed our session and have acquired poles and booked the next lot of training. So much for a new cosy, indoor winter activity! Do let me know if anyone else began the school year by taking up something new!





My cousin came to visit a couple of weeks ago. Now HIS hobby would be a cosier, gentler one to have taken up! He collects postmarks and is interested in anything to do with places and their names. Unsure of when he first discovered Winthorpe he consulted his postmark collection and confirmed it was in 1969! He discovered

that there are only three Winthorpes in the world; ours, the one in Lincolnshire and one in Saskatchewan, Canada which he suspects is probably a ghost town. He wondered if this Winthorpe is so called because of someone possibly emigrating to Canada from either here or Winthorpe, Lincolnshire. Has anyone ancestors who went to Saskatchewan around 1910 when the Post Office there was opened? The first postmaster was called John Mawer......As to the meaning of the name Winthorpe; one possible meaning is 'wynne' the Old English word for *joy* and 'throp' an archaic word for *hamlet*. I'm very happy to think I am living in a *hamlet of joy*! Annie Purday

Closing date for the November issue is **Friday 17**th **October**Deliver to Annie and Nick 18, Hargon Lane or email nickwynne@virginmedia.com

LUNCH CLUB

The next lunch will be on **Monday**, 6th October. The menu is:

Roast Ham with Pineapple Poached Cod with Parsley Sauce with Seasonal Vegetables and New Potatoes -X-

Apple & Blackberry Crumble with Custard.



-X-

Tea or Coffee

£8 including a glass of wine. This month please contact Margaret & Alec Stewart (702634) to reserve your place and give your choice of menu.

Peter Foden (704241)



TUESDAY CLUB

Both meetings in October will be in the Village Hall Tuesday, 14th October. Morning Coffee 10.30am Tuesday, 28th October. 2.30pm Slide show

Jean Foden

Winthorpe & District W.I.



The President, Virginia Seager welcomed 18 members and 5 guests. There were 9 apologies for absence.

Matters Arising:

Virginia Seager, the President, gave a resume of her day at Ladies Day at Southwell Races,

which she thoroughly enjoyed.

An invitation was received from Dorewood WI to attend their 'Big Autumn Quiz' on Friday, 26th September, 2014 starting at 7.30 pm. Cost: £5.00 per ticket which includes refreshments.



at Southwell Racecourse

An invitation was received from

North & South Clifton to their 'Film Night' on Tuesday, 25th November, 2014, when they will be showing the film "Philomena".

Tickets were also available to purchase for North & South Clifton's Fashion Show on Tuesday, 23rd. September, 2014 at a cost of £5.00 which includes a glass of wine or juice.

Members were reminded of the forthcoming Autumn Council Meeting on Tuesday, 30th September, 2014 at the Everyday Champions Centre.

This month's speaker was Carol Hinds, a TV Journalist and

Broadcaster on East Midlands Today. She gave a very amusing and informative talk on her career within broadcasting, describing the 'ups and downs' of presenting programmes and outside broadcasting. The vote of thanks was given by Rose Dickinson.

Future Events

Christmas at County House – Friday, 28th November and Friday, 5th December, 2014.

Christmas Celebration – Saturday, 6th December, 2014. St. Mary's Church, Nottingham.

Centenary Annual Meeting – Thursday, 4th June, 2015 at Nottingham Cineworld.

Hostesses for October 2014 Meeting: Elaine Bradbury, Isobel Chipperfield and June Taylor.

Diana Kitson

GARDEN CLUB

Members of the Garden Club enjoyed a Power Point presentation by horticultural lecturer and garden designer Janette Merilion, whose subject was 'Some of my Favourite Gardens.' Her tour of the gardens took us around England, Holland, Spain, Italy, Morocco and China. Many of the gardens that she had visited gave her great inspiration to develop her own garden in Lincolnshire. Several gardens visited had long borders and took advantage of stealing the landscape, giving the allusion of a longer border.

Her favourite garden was East Ruston Old Vicarage in Norfolk. Set in 10 acres and with 28 themed gardens, she told us it was a must for everyone. She described the 36roomed garden at Hidcote Manor in Gloucester with its ever changing scenery and its nearby neighbour Kiftsgate, famous for the climbing



rose 'Kiftsgate,' with its creamy-white flowers and a strong musky fragrance. She told us of Scampston Hall in North Yorkshire with its prairie planting style



of grasses designed by Piet Oudolf. Janette had visited his garden in Holland. She advised us to plant tulips amongst our borders, then, when the tulips are going over, the growing border plants will hide them. This brought us on to the breathtaking tulips in Keukenhof, Holland. Just a few of the many other gardens visited were: Anglesey Abbey, Cambridgeshire; Sissinghurst Castle, Kent; York Gate, Leeds and Wollerton Old Hall, Shropshire.

Our next meeting is on October 15th where the guest speaker will be Frank Feest of the National Trust whose subject will be Neptune Coastline Campaign.

Pat Finn

GIANT SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

Our final write-up for this year, but certainly the most important: time to announce the winners of the 2014 Winthorpe, Langford & Holme Giant Sunflower Competition!

1st Prize: Danny Davies (height 3.63m)

2nd Prize: Phoebe & Imogen Loach-Martin (height 3.56m)

3rd Prize: Samantha Jones (height 3.27m)

The Teacher's Award went to Mrs Marshall and Mrs Fell.

Congratulations to all of our prize winners – it was lovely visiting school and presenting you with your trophies and certificates.

We have really enjoyed our first year organising the competition and, thanks to Pat Finn's meticulous preparation



and handover, have not found it too arduous.

We'll be back in Spring 2015 for the next competition – billed as the national "Year of the Sunflower", we expect the young people of the village will be showing the rest of Nottinghamshire how it's done!

Many thanks to everyone who has supported us in our first year, particularly the staff and parents at Winthorpe Primary School and "Chief Sunflower Expert" Pat Finn.

Liz & Charlie Ferreira



Langford Lowfields News September 2014

Autumn is in full swing here at Langford Lowfields with damp misty mornings and the leaves beginning to turn on the trees. The weather appeared to take a distinct turn for the worst at the end of August, to the detriment of Odonata and butterfly numbers. On a positive note, the chill in the air significantly slowed down the insects that were around and offered up great photographic opportunities.

The changing weather failed to deter the birds, however, with a juvenile marsh harrier present on site for several weeks now and a second juvenile cuckoo seen passing through, evidence of some much needed breeding success for the species.

Paul, the warden was pleased to hear a willow tit on the reserve recently and our beady-eyed volunteers have reported two black-tailed godwits, a species that visit the reserve annually and a less common bar-tailed godwit, last recorded here in May 2012.

As September progresses the weather has been warming up notably, bringing out good numbers of insects – plenty of butterflies and impressive numbers of Odonata, including an abundance of banded demoiselle, migrant and brown hawkers and common darters on the wing.

Our warden, Jenny has also spotted a red underwing moth on the



Bittern by Andy Hay (rspb-images.com)

information board by the car park — a sure sign that autumn is upon us. I have saved the most exciting news for last as we have had not one, but TWO bitterns on the reserve, both seen on phase two (the area of the reserve, not yet open to the public but visible from the Cromwell trail). One of the birds was flying around

whilst the other was sitting in classic bittern pose with its neck stretched skywards. So you now have double the chance of spotting one!

Although the site is now open, in part, to the public, you can get still get a look behind the scenes by joining one of our monthly guided walks.

The next Discover Langford Lowfields walk is on Sunday 12 October, 10-12.30 pm.

Please book by calling the office on 01636 893611 and certainly bring weatherproof clothing and good footwear!

We are currently in the process of developing a programme of fun and inspirational educational sessions to help get your class or youth group closer to wildlife. To plan your FREE visit or for more information email gail.talton@rspb.org.uk or call the office.

For further information and regular updates on our work here at Langford Lowfields, have a look at our website at www.rspb.org.uk/langfordlowfields

Village Coach Trip to Dorset 8-12 September 2014

Monday, 8 Sept. The coach party, some 47 in number, set off from



Winthorpe around 9am. After a short coffee/comfort stop en-route the coach stopped at Newbury for lunch before continuing on its way to The Heights Hotel on the Isle of Portland. As the name suggests, the hotel is sited high above Weymouth and

Chesil Beach with its bar balcony offering panoramic views of each. After a quick wash and change members of the group made their way to the restaurant bar for a refreshing aperitif before adjourning to the nearby restaurant for a well-designed and tasty dinner menu. After dinner an early night was the order of the day for most.

Tuesday, 9 Sept. Our destination is the Abbotsbury Swannery and its

nearby Subtropical Gardens. The Swannery was established in 1040 by the Benedictine Monks basically to provide food for their lavish banquets – no sack cloth and ashes for these monks! The Subtropical Gardens extend over



an area of 20 acres and offer a unique opportunity of seeing rare and exotic plants from all over the world.

Wednesday, 10 Sept. Forde Abbey is the main attraction today which is



near Chard in Somerset. It was founded 900 years ago by Cistercian Monks and held until the Dissolution when it was acquired by the Crown. Later its ownership was passed to the Roper family. Over several generations the family have carried out much-needed restoration work on the Abbey

and the more recent house including the creation of an arboretum, woods and formal and informal gardens which were a delight to stroll through. **Thursday, 11 Sept.** Steam railway enthusiasts were excited at the prospect of a trip on the popular Swanage Steam Railway from near Corfe Castle to Swanage. Swanage offered a coffee/light snack break with time to look around the coastal resort before it was time to board a later train to nearby Corfe Castle Village for lunch and a further looksee.

An added bonus was a visit to Lulworth Cove and Durdle D'Or on our way back to the hotel.

Friday, 12 Sept. Our final day and the prospect of having lunch at Worcester after being dropped off close to the imposing and historic cathedral! King

John and Prince Arthur are entombed there. This feature and its





cathedrals.

Shortly before arrival in Winthorpe, John Nelson had the happy task of congratulating the Organiser, Peter Foden (ably supported by wife Jean) and our experienced and skilful driver (also called Peter) on a well-organised and truly enjoyable trip enhanced by equally fabulous warm and sunny weather every day of the holiday. A poll of possible venues for next year resulted in a majority vote for a visit to South Wales - details of which will be eagerly awaited! Alex. Gilmour (Thank you for this interesting account, Alex and thank you to Pat Finn for the lovely photos. For Pat's full account of the holiday and of previous Village holidays too, see the Winthorpe Village website. Ed)





COLLINGHAM RAMBLERS WALKS

October 12th----North Wheatley, 6.5 miles, leader Bob, 07761221064
October 22nd Wednesday walk, 4 miles, contact Nina, 01636 678419
October 26th---Skellingthorpe, 7.5 miles, leader Dave, 07989253796
November 9th---Doddington, 6 miles, leader Ian 07917033900
November 19th Wednesday walk, 4 miles, contact Nina, 01636 678419
November 23rd----Welton, 7 miles, leader Sally, 07833650321
December 14th---Girton 8 miles, leader Linda, 07815701505
December 17th, Wednesday walk, 4 miles, contact Nina 01636 678419
Walks can be altered, so please call Nina on 01636 678419 to check

The River Weaver

Salt, anyone? That very simple table condiment has quite a history and, of course, is vital to our lives. I know we are asked to reduce our intake but that is really because we have become excessive in our use of salt as a flavouring agent. The Romans knew just how vital it was and paid their army in 'sal' from where we get the word 'salary'.

Travelling through Cheshire we were very aware of the salt industry; some factory sites took at least ten minutes to sail through. The canal has actually sunk in some places where 'wild' salt mining (and perhaps coal mining) has caused the land to shift. In other places whole acres have collapsed into the mine to create an 'ing' or a 'flash', which is a lake to you and me.

For the third time we travelled down on the Anderton boat lift to have a week pottering up and down the River Weaver. Back in 2010 Martin wrote you

a description of being transported via this Victorian machine: 'Victorian Ingenuity'. The exit to the lift opens directly in front of an enormous chemical works. The north end of the river had not changed much and is still beautiful and overgrown



down to Runcorn and the Manchester Ship Canal. Here the scenery is dominated by a multi-acre chemical works with steam hissing from its many miles of exposed piping.

The southern end of the river, however, has changed dramatically. The docks that used to accommodate the commercial boats have been swept away and a new marina for narrow boats has been installed in front of a shiny new Waitrose. Sunshine always helps to make a place sparkle and there was no shortage of that during our stay in early July. The town of Northwich looked more prosperous too with fewer empty shops and smarter shoppers. We journeyed up to Winsford, enjoying the light breeze and beautiful scenery. Here the salt mining and chemical factories seemed to be less dominating and severe. Now we turn back for the lift and continue our journey through Cheshire.

Lynne Shapley



Newark Vintage Tractor & Heritage Show

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www.newarkvintagetractorshow.com

Lancaster Corner Re-display At Newark Air Museum

Work is nearing completion on the redisplay of the Lancaster Corner display area at Newark Air Museum, which is located on part of the former RAF Winthorpe Airfield in Nottinghamshire; close to the border with Lincolnshire. The major part of this work has seen the fuselage section of IX (B) Squadron Lancaster W4964 WS-J lifted off the ground and turned into a new display position, which allows improved views of both sides of the exhibit.

This particular fuselage section was donated to Newark in 1974. Its ends had been boarded up and it had been used as a workman's hut for a road repair team and also as a garden shed. W4964 flew 106 Ops and its 100th Op was a 'Tallboy Op' on the Tirpitz battleship in Alten Fjord, Norway. It carried the nose art of the 'Johnnie Walker' whiskey company and the



exhibit still wears its original wartime paintwork and squadron codes. Other exhibits in this area of Hangar 1 include: a 619 Squadron ME846 Lancaster display; an UPKEEP Mine (Bouncing Bomb); various 617 Squadron artefacts; Lancaster wing-tip from Lancaster R5726; and various turrets.

Visit us at

Newark Air Museum Drove Lane Winthorpe Newark Notts, NG24 2NY Tel. 01636 707170

Website: www.newarkairmuseum.org

Email: admin@newarkairmuseum.org



High Street Collingham Newark NG23 7LB General Enquiries/Emergencies: 01636 892156 Fax: 01636 893391

Seasonal Flu Campaign 2014

We will be holding 2 Saturday morning flu clinics on

Saturday 4 October 2014, from 8.30 am – 12.30 pm Saturday 8 November 2014, from 8.30 am – 12.30 pm

These are appointment only clinics. Appointments will be available to book from August. Please contact the number below, ask at Reception or book using <u>Systmonline</u> if you are registered for this service.

For Appointments telephone: 01636 893956 8.15am - 5.30pm

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

PARISH NEWSLETTER

On Thursday 18th September there was a meeting of the Parish Council in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

There were no declarations of interest relevant to the items on the agenda.

The Parish Council took their annual break during August therefore the minutes for July's meeting were circulated and approved with one minor amendment.

The Chairman of South Scarle's Parish Council, Mr Clark, joined the meeting to ask the councillors about their views on holding a meeting of the Parishes twice a year in the hope that ideas could be shared and support be given for matters that may affect more than one Parish. The Parish Council agreed that this was a good idea therefore Mr Clark reported that he would contact all others concerned and arrange a meeting in the near future.

A discussion was had regarding the removal of the Lime Tree from the Village Green. The Parish Council were happy with the speed in which the work was carried out and the end result. As Mr Jackson had mentioned in last month's edition the tree had become unsafe due to a disease.

A letter had been received regarding the purchase of a defibrillator for the Parish. This was discussed at some length. Over recent months many Parishes both locally and further afield have purchased defibrillators for use in an emergency. It was felt that Winthorpe-with-Langford is quite a busy Parish therefore it may benefit from such a machine. The machines are used to re-start the heart, and can be a vital life saving tool whilst waiting for the emergency services to arrive and take over. The Parish Council will seek further information about these machines and discuss further next meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 16th October at 7.30pm. If anyone has anything they wish to discuss please email me at the address below, alternatively we welcome any members of the public to attend the meeting.

Sarah Tomlinson (Clerk to the Parish Council)
Sarah Tomlinson@mail.com

REFLECTIONS BY THE RECTOR OF THE EAST TRENT GROUP OF CHURCHES

OCTOBER 2014

HARVEST ACCLAMATION

The earth has yielded its harvest;
God, our God, has blessed us.
You visit the earth and water it;
You make it very plenteous.
You soften the ground with showers and bless the increase of it.
You crown the year with your goodness and your paths overflow with plenty.
The meadows are clothed with sheep; the valleys stand so thick with corn they shout for joy and sing.
The earth has yielded its harvest;
God, our God, has blessed us.





Harvest Festival is always a great celebration. Well known and well-loved hymns are sung and favourite food is shared. The churches are richly decorated in every sense. Rich colours accompanied by rich food, most of it decorative and some a thanksgiving gift. Many of our churches this year are inviting gifts for the Newark Food Bank as part of the

generosity of our Harvest Thanksgiving.

Giving thanks can be a challenge. Do you remember the pain of being a parent of small children or indeed being a small child? There is so much effort that has to be invested in teaching and growing the child into a state of natural thanksgiving so that they come to say "Thank you" as a natural part of being. And it's true not just of children. "Thank you" lies at the heart of praying. Many people think of prayer as just asking God to do things. While that is a good way of praying, prayer is much more about thanking God for what he has done. Harvest makes that very clear as we give thanks for the food that nourishes us and we give thanks for those who have produced it, processed it, and supplied it. We rejoice with them, as faithful stewards of creation. So this Harvest time let's make sure that "Thank you" features in all our praying, celebrating and feasting. David Yabbacome (Rector)

FROM ALL SAINTS, WINTHORPE

KEITH LLOYD

Keith died on 22nd August and will be much missed. He was a wise grandfatherly presence in our village church, and contributed much by his prayerful presence not only to the church in Winthorpe but, more widely, in the East Trent Group of Churches. That quiet, faithful wisdom will be much missed. David, his son, writes:



Keith was born into a North Nottinghamshire colliery village, destined to become a miner, but this wasn't to be. As a young boy he dreamed of becoming a sailor and joined the Royal Navy at 16. Once married and with the prospect of children he left the navy, taking up a career in nursing and by happy chance discovered his true calling. He developed those leadership skills introduced at sea and uncovered an unanticipated depth of compassion. He retired 30 years later as Director of Psychiatric Nursing for Argyll & Clyde.

Retirement saw Keith and Sylvia relocate to Winthorpe, and in the ensuing 25 years they built a wide circle of friends. They joined the gardening club, and became regulars on the various village trips and holidays. Keith always wanted to be part of the wider community and the village hall and the church, and its bells, were close to his heart. He loved the sound of the piano and had a fine tenor voice, though never mastered an instrument himself. Ringing changes and the progressive restoration of Winthorpe's bells combined teamwork, timing and engineering with overwhelming volume; musically everything he needed. He believed there was no finer sound than church bells ringing across the fields. Except, perhaps, the band of the Royal Marines! Beyond engineering, psychiatry, campanology and his myriad of other interests he was, simply, a family man. Never happier than when surrounded by his grandchildren he was always encouraging and interested in their exploits. Keith can be pleased with his life. Words which met warm agreement by the large congregation at his funeral service at All Saints on Tuesday, 16th September.

Keith honoured God in all that he did for the church and world, and now we seek to honour him in Winthorpe with the project, warmly supported by him, the installation of refreshment serving equipment and a toilet to improve the provision of hospitality at our parish church. David Yabbacome



ALL SAINTS WINTHORPE CHURCH NOTICES

It is with great personal sadness that we said goodbye to our own dear friend Keith Lloyd at his funeral service on Tuesday 16 September 2014.

On the 18 September we also, sadly, bid farewell to Melvin Potter. Our condolences go to both families.

On behalf of Winthorpe PCC

KEITH LLOYD

On behalf of myself, David, Sharon and their respective families we wish to express our gratitude to all the dear people who ferried me back and forth to hospital to visit Keith during this long and heart breaking year.

Your cards, flowers and condolences have been such a comfort to us all. To all the people who were able to attend Keith's farewell and funeral service we send our heartfelt thanks.

Bless you all

Sylvia and family

HARVEST SUPPER

Friday 17 October 2014
7 pm for 7.30pm start
Winthorpe Community Centre
Tickets £7 each
(to include a glass of wine)
All proceeds to Winthorpe Church Fund
Ticket available from the Post Office or any PCC Member

RAF CONCERT

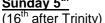
(Woodwind & Brass Quintet)

Friday 30 January 2014
7.30 pm Winthorpe All Saints Church
Tickets £10 each
(to include a glass of wine)

All proceeds to Winthorpe Church Fund & the RAF Benevolent Fund Ticket available from the Post Office or any PCC Member at the end of October.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER







9.00 am Holy Communion



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Holy Communion

Winthorpe

Thursday 16th

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Holme Winthorpe

The Church Bells will be rung on:-

12th, 19th and 26th October 2014 for the usual services. Please note the bells will also be rung on Thursday evenings for practice between 7 pm and 9 pm. 15th October, 3pm - a quarter peal will be attempted for the Southwell & Nottingham Diocesan Guild Newark District Quarter Peal Week.

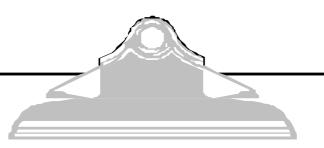
Brass Cleaning Mrs Aldridge & Mrs McClymont **Church Cleaning** 24 October 2014 Mr & Mrs McClymont

Church Flower Ladies Harvest Festival – Sunday 19th October 2014

The Church will be open from 2.30 pm on Friday 17th October to receive your Autumnal arrangements. If you are unable to



decorate your "spot", please ring Sylvia on 703271. Thank you all Sylvia Lloyd



OCTOBER CALENDAR

Monday 6th Silver Bin

Lunch Club 12.30 Community Centre

Sunday 12th RSPB Walk Langford Lowfields 10am-12.30pm

Monday13th Green Bin

Tuesday 14th Tuesday Club Coffee Morning 10.30am VH

Wednesday15th Garden Club 7.30pm Community Centre

Thursday 16th Parish Council meeting 7.30pm VH

Friday 17th Harvest Supper 7pm Community Centre

Sunday 19th Harvest Festival All Saints Church Winthorpe

10.15am

Monday 20th Silver Bin

Sunday 26th Clocks go back

Monday 27th Green Bin

Mobile Library

Tuesday 28th Tuesday Club Slide Show 2.30pm VH



I can never remember either. Is it 'Spring back, fall forward'?

Sleep in Sunday

clocks back

one hour

at 2 a.m.

Sunday.

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Don't forget to set '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