



2015

**Ed's Comments**

**Looking at this month's issue I am amazed** at what a community minded village we are!

There are so many references to ways in which we have all come together both socially and in aid of good causes dear to the hearts of individuals in the community.

On the church pages we take a look at what happened there in December and are invited to join in in the future. Nick and I already have our tickets for the RAF concert – we were too late to get in last year! We marvel at how many good causes for which we have raised money. We appreciate the generosity of people with their time in organising events and venues and running activities and clubs like the Lunch Club, the WI and the Garden Club. There isn't space to mention (and thank!) you all.

Then there are also those who are rarely celebrated but who help to make our community a special place: the grandparents who help with their grandchildren, enabling parents to work; the adults who juggle a job and the care of elderly parents; those who deliver papers early in the morning while the rest of us sleep; those who walk people's dogs when they are busy or ill. The list is inspiring and much longer than mine can be here.



There is however a 'Letter to the Editor' from Lynne Shapley in this issue which challenges us all to do still more. Please read it before you make your New Year's resolutions!

Happy New Year to you all from Nick and me!  
**Annie Purday**

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## LUNCH CLUB

The first lunch of the year will be at 12.30p.m on **Monday, February 2nd** at the Community Centre. The menu will be:



Steak in Ale Pie

or Tuna Pasta Bake

with Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

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Apple Charlotte with Custard



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Tea or coffee



£8 including a glass of wine

Contact Tish Applewhite (643763) to reserve your place and give your choice of menu. Thank you. Tish Applewhite

(Please note there is no Lunch Club in January)

WINTHORPE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

## QUIZ NIGHT

**SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY at WINTHORPE COMMUNITY  
CENTRE: 7pm FOR 7.30pm**

**TEAMS OF (UP TO) 6 PEOPLE**

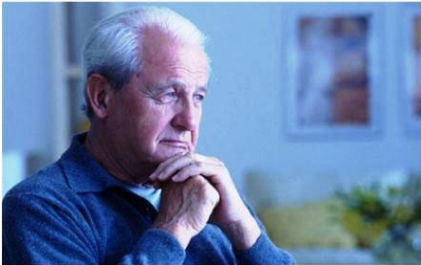
**MORE DETAILS IN NEXT ISSUE OF FOCAL  
POINT**

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Neighbours

In this village we have many people who live alone. Some are both physically and mentally agile whereas others are losing that ability but still want to live in their own homes with their own things around them.

Friends are made, and kept, when we are able to get out and about, socialise at clubs



and invite others to enjoy our hospitality. When it is no longer possible to do these things socialising becomes more difficult. The winter cold and short days also hampers mobility for young and old alike.

So, what New Year's Resolution have you considered? I would like to suggest that looking in on your neighbour just to say 'hello' may raise their spirits. For some you could be the only person they speak to today; for everyone it is good cheer! In a village like Winthorpe it is a shame to say that we have some lonely neighbours.



Lynne Shapley

**Happy New Year**

## LUNCHEON CLUB ORGANISER RETIRES



It was a memorable day on Monday the 8th of December for Luncheon Club organiser Peter Foden at the Community Centre where 64 villagers and friends sat down to enjoy their Christmas Lunch.

It was to be the last day for Peter, who was retiring along with his wife Jean and helpers Isobel Chipperfield and Alec Stewart. Peter and Jean, who have been involved with the lunches from its onset, will still continue to help. Fortunately for us our Chef, Trevor, is staying on.

The first lunch, when 20 people attended, was held on the 5th of June 2000, one month after the official opening of the Community Centre, the 20th of May. This new venture proved such a success that it was decided to hold lunches monthly with the exception of the month of January. It has continued since without a break.

Peter and Jean were presented with an inscribed silver plated salver. Jean also received, along with Isobel and Alec, a Pieris bush.

Winthorpe has been very fortunate to have such people as Peter and Jean, who have worked tirelessly in helping to keep the village community spirit.

Thank you Peter, Jean, Isobel and Alec, along with Chef, Trevor, for presenting such wonderful meals and providing a nice social event for the village.

A big thanks must also go to Tish Applewhite, who along with her friend Jean Fairbrother, is taking over from Peter. This will then enable the Luncheon Club to continue. Pat & Barbara Finn



Jean and I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the lovely engraved salver presented to us at the Christmas Lunch on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Other gifts were received by us and others and some carefully concealed organization must have taken place!

We have enjoyed being involved in the Lunch Club planning and cooking and will continue to assist in the future along with many others of the present helpers. Tish Applewhite is now taking over and we wish her and her new team every success in running the Club in the future. Thank you again. **Jean & Peter Foden**

Many thanks to the friends and neighbours of Gainsborough Road who contributed to this charity. A total of £73.32 was raised. **Diane McClymont**



To all who came and donated to Sands, the Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Charity on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> December  
We raised an INCREDIBLE £879.57

Thank you to everyone who attended the Langford Church Service and to those who donated AMAZING raffle prizes and auction prizes. The auction itself raised £205!!! There are so many of you who have been brilliant in helping us organize everything and making the evening very memorable. Thank you all so much. What a success!!!! Special thanks to Rev. David Yabbacome and Rev. Edith Dawson for the beautiful service you put together. It was fantastic!!!!

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Very Happy New Year to you all!!! **Amy, Oliver and Lilia Everatt**



## Winthorpe & District W.I. Christmas Party

The Community Centre on Wednesday, 10th December, 2014 was the venue for the Christmas Party of Winthorpe W.I. The President, Virginia

Seager, opened the evening by welcoming 24 members.

The members brought along an array of savoury dishes and delicious desserts, and along with a glass or wine or two the Christmas celebrations got under way.

We had excellent entertainment with tales told by the Workhouse Storytellers from the National Trust Workhouse at Southwell. They explained the role of the 'Master', the 'Porter', and two Paupers told tales of what life was like in the workhouse. Virginia Seager, the President gave the vote of thanks.

Every member had a Secret Santa present (not to be opened until

Christmas Day) and the Raffle was drawn with an excellent assortment of prizes to be won.

The donation box this year was for the RNLI in memory of Kath Harvey and the Church Toilet Fund in memory of Sylvia's husband (Keith Lloyd)

**The next meeting** will be held on Thursday, 8th January, 2015 back as usual in the Village Hall. The speaker will be our own Diana Kitson showing us how to give your old furniture a new look by using paint. The hostesses will be Frances Kelly, Sue Reynolds and Kate Warren.

**Sheila Palmer**





## **Foxton Locks aboard n.b. Mulberry**

The engine is thudding under my feet and its noise makes me deaf to anything happening around me. The sun is high, making me squint. It is hot and there is no breeze, but the fine weather has encouraged crowds of Sunday strollers to come out and watch the action at Foxton Locks. Many of the onlookers are licking refreshing ice creams. They edge towards the lip of the lock and stare into the depths. The dark water is low down as I edge the boat into the maw of brickwork.



I try not to bounce off the sides because it would damage the ancient structure and do no good to my paintwork either. More importantly, the watching crowd would smile and tut. Bouncing off the side also makes everything rattle throughout the whole seventeen metres of my boat. Martin is up there somewhere. He closes the gates behind me with the help of a family of watching children. Now the lockie lets in the water and gradually my boat rises. I let the boat move back so that my fender rests on the centre panel. I run the engine fast to keep me fixed to the door as the water rushes in. Half way up I relax, throttle back and slowly the craft slides forwards so that now the prow's fender meets the front gate.

When the lock is full the children are ready to push on the beam to open the gate and Martin lowers the paddles. Carefully, I move out into the pound watching the boat in front heading towards me. We perform a slow waltz and swap locks so that they are able to occupy my lock and I now fill theirs. Now we perform the whole ritual again. Two hours later, at the top of Foxton Hill, we are able to moor up and stroll back for our own ice creams. **Lynne Shapley**



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Happy New Year everyone!

Primary schools always have a very Christmassy end to the term. Ours has been lovely this year.

It started with Class 1 and 2 visiting White Post Farm for a nativity with real animals.

We had our first ever Christmas Fayre on December 5th organised by our brilliant PTA. The school



was beautifully decorated. We had lots of stalls and sold hot turkey, stuffing and cranberry rolls. The cake stall was second to none and the children contributed by making real lanterns, reindeer bags full of goodies, pomanders and really special angel cards. The children's carol singing was a delight. The atmosphere was lovely and the compliments and 'Thank Yous' made all the hard work worthwhile.

On December 11th Class 1 and 2 performed 'The Hopeless Camel' extremely professionally - putting a slightly different view of the usual nativity forward. It is hard to believe that some of those children are still only 4 years old.

We finished the term with Christmas dinner, Christmas disco and Christmas book presents.



Next term starts with a training day for teachers so children get an extra day's holiday and return on Tuesday 6th January. We have been given some clay by Newark based Arty Pots and Maria (Arty Pot's owner) is tutoring us in how to teach clay work so we will be able to pass on our skills to our pupils. She is even offering to fire finished pots following class lessons. Thank you Maria; our children have loved your club and we wish you every success with your expansion in the New Year!



We are, as always, very grateful for the support we receive from the local community. Mr Finn remains a great friend to the school (Class 2 popped down to surprise him on his 80th birthday with a huge card signed by everyone at school). We have had various gifts and vouchers donated by villagers who have also supported our events and of course we really appreciate being allowed to use the Community Centre and Church. Offers of reading and maths support have also been taken advantage of – enhancing our children's education.

We would like to say a big thank you, hope you had a lovely Christmas and wish you a very Happy New Year!

**Miss Ementon and all at Winthorpe Primary School**



(A belated happy 80<sup>th</sup> birthday to Pat Finn! Ed)

(E=1, I=1, G=2, H=4, T=1 and Y=4)

## REFLECTION FROM THE RECTOR OF THE EAST TRENT GROUP OF CHURCHES JANUARY 2015



Our Christmas celebrations may be over, but they are followed almost immediately with celebrations or otherwise marking the arrival of a New Year. Like the baby Jesus, so much new and fresh, so many possibilities opened to us. We rise to the challenge of life in January, and in the cold we tend to lose sight of our celebrations, but, nevertheless, there is more “looking forward” to be done.

We spend so much of the depths of winter looking forward to spring, but this is shown quite dramatically at the beginning of February in the feast of Candlemas. We celebrate the day when Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the temple, as was the custom. They were astonished when old Simeon and Anna, two very old faithful people, upheld the child as Saviour, the one that everyone was looking forward to.

So, I hope, having looked forward to Christmas and celebrated well, I pray that we may continue to look forward in our lives, as Mary and Joseph did at Candlemas.



David Yabbacome Rector East Trent Group of Churches

MINI TENNIS AT WINTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE  
CONTINUES AFTER THE NEW YEAR FOR A 6 WEEK COURSE.

STARTING TUESDAY JANUARY 6TH.

4-5pm 4, 5, 6 year olds  
5-6pm 7, 8, 9, 10 year olds  
( all equipment provided )

£4 / SESSION  
( Free 1st session for new participants )



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# **COLLINGHAM RAMBLERS WALKING PROGRAMME**

## **JANUARY TO JULY 2015**

### SUNDAYS (every 2 weeks)

January 4th , 18th

February 1st, 15th

March 1st, 15th , 29th

April 12th, 26th

May 10th, 24th

June 7th, 21st

### WEDNESDAYS ( every month )

Jan 14th

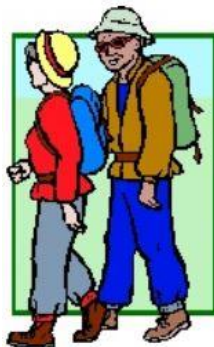
Feb 11th

March 11th

April 15th

May 13th

June 17th



Come along and join this friendly group.  
New walkers always welcome.  
We provide an excellent variety of walks  
in Nottinghamshire and adjacent  
counties.

All Sunday walks are between 6 and 8 miles. Wednesday walks are usually about 4 miles with an optional pub lunch.

Walkers should provide snacks, drinks and packed lunches if appropriate.  
Suitable footwear and waterproofs are necessary.

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## Southwell Travel Show for Holiday ideas and Inspirational Destinations



This Year's Southwell Travel Show, taking place at the Saracens Head Hotel On 24th January, 10am-3pm promises to be a real showcase of all the new holiday ideas and destinations offered by some of the country's top independent tour operators.

The annual event, now in the 4th year is as usual hosted by Hyde Barker Travel, now one of the few independent travel agents in the East Midlands and the focus is very much upon providing expert advice and inspirational holiday ideas for 2015.



Barbara Cray, Managing director of Hyde Barker Travel explains;

"We know many people now trawl through the internet and use one of the large corporate retail agencies to book their holidays, but nothing beats a personal service and travelling with an operator who is a specialist, to be sure of



getting the holiday you really want. We try to reflect this in all aspects of the show in the choice of operators we invite, the exclusive offers available on the day and the opportunities to take advice from our experienced staff."

This year's line of operators includes Riviera Travel, Classic Collection, Hurtigruten, Sunvil, Great Rail Journeys, Kirker, African





Pride, Inspired by Asia, Titan, Cox and Kings, Swan Hellenic, Anatolian Sky, Club Med and Voyages of Discovery. Also in attendance will be ABTA and Humberside Airport.

New for 2015 will be a series of presentations in the Hyde Barker Agency running throughout the day including Bermuda, New Zealand and Italy.

Each person attending the show will receive a £50 voucher to be used on any holiday featured at the show.

For more information contact Hyde Barker Travel on 01636 816262, e-mail [southwell@hbtravel.co.uk](mailto:southwell@hbtravel.co.uk) or go to [www.hbtravel.co.uk](http://www.hbtravel.co.uk)

# **SOUTHWELL TRAVEL SHOW 2015**

Hosted by Hyde Barker Travel

**Tel: 01636 816 262**

**Saturday January 24th**

Saracens Head Hotel 10am - 3pm

Exclusive show offers - Expert advice

Presentations - Holiday raffle

Exchange this advert for a £50 holiday voucher  
at the show or at [www.hbtravel.co.uk](http://www.hbtravel.co.uk)

# WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 10th December at 7.30PM in the Village Hall, Winthorpe. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Cammack and County Councilor Mrs. Dobson, who were unable to attend.



No declarations of interest relevant to the items on the agenda were made.

The Clerk had circulated the minutes of November's meeting; these were approved and signed by the Chairman.

A planning application was received, no objections were made.

The final account for the village bonfire was circulated and approved. Copies of which can be found on the village notice boards.

The Chairman gave a brief report on the progress made on the embankment clearance. The project was progressing well and would continue to do so over the coming weeks.

A letter was received from a concerned resident regarding speeding through the village. This would be reported, and advice as to what the best course of action is would be requested.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 15th January 2015!

Happy New Year to you all!! Sarah Tomlinson (Parish Clerk)

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH WINTHORPE

Proudly presents a charitable concert  
in the Church by:

# **Ensembles of The Band of The Royal Air Force Regiment**

(The Band Plays by permission of the Air Force Board of the Defence Council)

On Friday 30 January 2015 at 7.30 pm

All proceeds to:

The RAF Benevolent Fund &  
All Saints Church Facilities Fund

**Tickets £10 each**

(Refreshments included)

From: Winthorpe Post Office;  
Members of the PCC or by calling 01636 703271





# **ALL SAINTS**

## **WINTHORPE**

### **CHURCH NOTICES**

As usual December was a very busy month for the church. We had three Carol Services (one for the Newark Castle Rotary Club, one of our own, and one for the school) and three baptisms including one at our Carol Service – what a joy. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome George Parkin, Isla Faulkner, and Joshua White into the church.



We are now into January and the days are at long last starting to draw out a little and Spring is just around the corner.

Have you managed to keep to your New Year's Resolutions so far? If not are you making them too hard? For instance “I will go to church every Sunday this year” is all very laudable, but “I will try to attend church at least once a month” is much more likely to be manageable. We would be delighted to see you in church, all services are followed by tea and coffee (which makes a good excuse for a natter), so do please drop in to see us if you can.

Tickets for the RAF concert on Friday 30th January are still available from the Post Office or from members of the PCC at £10 (including refreshment). Money raised will be split between the RAF Benevolent Fund and The Church Facilities Fund.

**Ian Hasman** (on behalf of Winthorpe Church PCC)

# CHURCH SERVICES FOR JANUARY



Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> Second Sunday of Christmas	9.00	Holy Communion	Langford
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> Baptism of Christ	10.15	Holy Communion	Winthorpe
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Holy Communion BCP	Winthorpe
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> Second Sunday of Epiphany	10.15	Morning Worship	Winthorpe

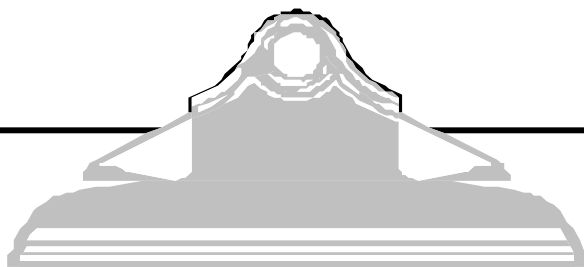
## **The Church Bells may be rung on:-**

Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup>.  
Please note that they may also be rung  
on Thursday evenings between 7.00 and  
9.00 for practice if there are enough  
ringers available.

**Church Cleaning** Mrs Foden and Mrs  
Lloyd

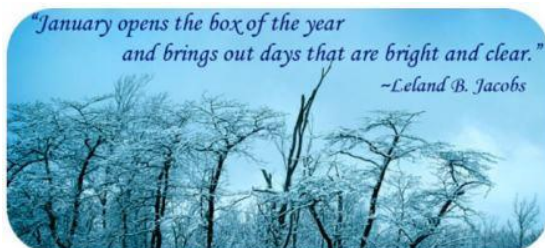


**Thank you** to the flower arrangers for the lovely displays  
they provided for Christmas, as usual it added that special  
something to complete our decoration.



## JANUARY CALENDAR

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Green Bin
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	School Term starts
	Mini tennis starts at Community Centre
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	WI meeting 7.30pm Village Hall
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Silver Bin
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm VH
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Green Bin
	Mobile Library
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Garden Club Social 7.30pm Community Centre
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Southwell Travel Show
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Silver Bin
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	RAF Concert All Saints Winthorpe 7.30pm
Monday <b>February</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lunch Club 12.30pm Community Centre (No Lunch Club in January)	



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