

# FOCAL POINT

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Ed's Comments

**I often wait until I have compiled the current issue** before I write my editorial

because something in the magazine sets me off! That is the case this month.

First a word about the Coffee Morning - the one we held two months ago was so successful that there will be another one on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June starting a little earlier at 10am to give even more people a chance to come along and bring a friend. We **are** setting out to make a profit this time and the proceeds will go to Beaumont House – a Charity which touches so many lives locally. I did promise Bev King that I would not put on the poster that she will be baking the cakes for sale but felt I might get away with mentioning it here – her cakes are very popular locally. Please bring a prize for the raffle if you have anything tucked away in a cupboard but most of all - **DO COME AND BRING A FRIEND!**

Martin's article about the village shop challenges us yet again. This time he offers us a much bigger challenge which could help to save our village shop. His idea is that we buy the shop as a village venture and run it ourselves.....any thoughts on this after reading his suggestion?

**Annie Purday**

Closing date for the July issue is **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

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PS. Pat's Puzzle is my favourite yet –

What is the beginning of eternity, the end of time, the beginning of every end and the end of every place? Find the answer in next month's issue.

PPS. My apologies for getting in such a muddle over the flag dates last month -thank you to Julie Hill for pointing out my error!

## LUNCH CLUB

The **July** Lunch Club will be at 12.30p.m. on Monday, July 6th at the Community Centre.

The menu will be:

Ham Quiche and Salad



OR

Mixed Fish and Salad

With New Potatoes

-x-

Fresh Strawberries and Ice Cream



-x-

Tea or Coffee

£8 including a glass of wine

Contact Tish Applewhite (643763) if you

need to reserve your place and give your choice of menu. Thank you.

**Tish Applewhite**

NB The **June** Lunch Club is on Monday 1st June as advertised in last month's Focal Point



## GIANT SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

How are your sunflowers doing? Ours were doing beautifully until we put them outside. They were then attacked by snails and a heavy handed three year old! There were a number of casualties but we still have a handful of survivors going strong. I'm trying out some pet- and child-friendly slug pellets made from wool, and keeping a much closer eye on the youngest Ferreira!

Here are our remaining sunflowers on a sunny morning before school! Your plants should be outside now, in larger pots or in the ground once they're big enough. Ours



seem small compared to this time last year but there's still plenty of growing time.

Tie the young plants gently but securely to plant stakes or canes 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

## FROM YOUR LOCAL SHOP

Dear customers,

I said in prior write-ups that I would keep you informed regarding your response to bringing regular repeat orders as a way to saving your village shop. I am not going to pass comment

but simply let you know the outcome to date. I can confirm the number of firm repeat orders (£10-£15 weekly) currently stands at **6**. ***“Thank you”***



It has been demonstrated by these people, how little effort it takes to set this up. It was also identified that in selecting the right goods, the cost in monetary terms to yourselves is **zero**. One of the essential things that must be brought to your attention is that we may not currently stock some of the items you wish to place in the order. Don't let this hold you back. Once we know what you want on a regular basis, we can stock it. You see; in being such a tiny village with a tiny village store it can only run successfully on a need to know basis, so communication is the essential element to solving the problem that we are currently facing. As you know, the shop and house is for sale. As we stand, it is un-saleable as a going concern due to the major lack of support offered by this community. This could change overnight by initiating a regular weekly order making it a desirable purchase and allowing the village to retain its **culture, pleasantries** and the **convenience** given by having its own village store.

A village store is not something that can stock multiple brands of stock. With the majority of items, it cannot compete on pricing generally which to me concludes that the only way one can keep it is by pulling together. At the moment it feels like it's just Me and Jo against the world. There are quite a few of you out there who run your own businesses. Do some thinking for me and let me know what you feel would be the right approach to this problem. I have appointed a marketing company in the past and in telling them of our methods, received the response to say that “we can't really help as you are doing what we would advise already”. But only come forward if you are 100% behind your advice, making yourself part of the response to your strategy.

The next thing I would like to bring to your attention is The Post Office. Since the ending of the benefit books and cheques The Post Office has

been virtually dismissed for obtaining cash. This is something I find impossible to understand. Cash is available, right on your doorstep (free) yet the **vast** majority of you obtain this in town, be it a cash machine, (some of which there is a charge for its use), a bank or another Post Office. WHY? It is impossible to understand where we have a village, who in the main don't want to lose the village shop but at the same time seem un-willing to support it.

I would like to offer the house and shop to this community as an investment that could see tremendous growth in its value. WHY? Firstly it is a property whereby the only way is up. Secondly you could have all your shopping wholesale and on your doorstep and thirdly, you would be in control of its level of growth in value, purely and simply by the level of support you give it. The price is currently set at £269,950 with a post office income of £15,000 pa. Obviously I expect it would be a consortium but that's for you to discuss amongst yourselves.

“LET ME KNOW”

Regards

**Martin**

P.S *A big thank you* to all who have supported us well since we came and hopefully will continue to do so in the future.

P.P.S We no longer take card payments for goods but **cash** is available at *The Post Office except Sunday's*.

## GARDEN CLUB

Mike Ireland gave the most interesting talk on Alpines and smaller Perennials. The variety of plants was amazing and the photographs were stunning. An alpine is a plant which grows on a mountain above the tree line. Lots of alpine plants are best grown in Tufa so they don't rot off in the winter. There were the most unusual plants from all over the world- Turkey, Greece, New Zealand to name but a few. Many of us were surprised to see Clematis which only grow to 6" or 1' and Daphne, with the most beautiful scent that only grew to 1'. There was a plant sale afterwards and the usual quiz. John Nelson gave the vote of thanks.



Thank you to Pat Finn for standing in for the chairman who was unable to attend. Our outing to RHS Wisley is 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Village Festival Sat 11th July**

The Garden Club will be running the usual skittles and tennis ball games. It would be greatly appreciated if anyone could volunteer for an hour or two, men to help with the skittles and ladies to take the money. Thanks. **Chris Barker**

## WINTHORPE SUMMER FESTIVAL

### SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JULY

### CRAFT FAIR

### & ART EXHIBITION



Again this year there will be a Craft Fair and Art Exhibition in the Community Centre on the



afternoon of the Festival – proceeds going to the Festival's chosen charities. If you would like a craft fair table the cost is £10, all income above that being retained by the stall holder. Jean will be having a craft table if you would like to contribute any homemade items and donate 10% of the income to the funds. Original paintings, prints and cards/notelets will be very welcome for the Art Exhibition – again with a 10% sale value to the funds. 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, 11<sup>th</sup> July. Tell me if you need help with transport. **Peter Foden, 704241**

# *Rejoice, rejoice...*

## *Sixteen Eighty Five & friends*



*Christine Hasman*  
(recorder, soprano  
& keyboard)

*Wendy Leonard*  
(soprano)

*in concert*  
*at*

*All Saints,*  
*Winthorpe*

*Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2015, 7:30pm*

*Tickets: £6 (from Winthorpe Post Office or on the door).*

*Proceeds after expenses to the Church's facilities fund.*



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## Bonjour Everyone!

We are starting the warm up for our trip to France, which takes place on 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June, when we are taking the top two years to Paris for 4 days. We will be doing the main sights in Paris on Day One and then enjoying all the ‘highs’ of Euro Disney on Day Two. The children



are very excited, as are the staff; it's a first for the school and quite an adventure. We've had a specialist French teacher in school teaching the children in all classes some basic French, and we're also holding a French Celebration Day in school on 1<sup>st</sup> June. Pupils and staff will be arriving dressed in a 'French' style and we'll be playing bingo – in French of course! – to raise some money. There will also be a whole host of other 'French' activities going whilst Class 4 are away. It should be a good week for everyone.

I don't know if any of you went into Newark to help celebrate the opening of the National Civil War Museum. It was certainly a fantastic weekend and many of our pupils and staff supported the events there. Class 3 were the first school to visit the museum recently and had a wonderful day, dressing up, learning about life in Newark at the time and acting as spies for Charles I. They thoroughly enjoyed their day and reports back indicate that the museum is well worth a visit.

Some of you may have noticed that we have begun to make changes to the school grounds – you may have seen the article in the Advertiser. We are very lucky that we have such a wonderful outdoor space and the PTA have been working hard to help us make the most of it. Their aim is to improve the general look and feel of the school grounds but also to enable school to use the



grounds for a number of curriculum-based activities, for example, learning about plants and gardens and the lifecycles of creature such as tadpoles and ladybirds. With this in mind, a number of parents and staff came together for the first of our 'Ground Force Days' and worked on clearing the pond area, painting fences and picnic tables, laying new pathways, planting trees, shrubs and flowers. Several people from the village stopped by and talked to us through the day, which was lovely, and enabled us all to have a break and biscuit! And we'd like to publicly thank the following people and organisations for their support. Firstly, a special thank you to Mr Finn, and Pauline and Al on Thoroughfare Lane, who all donated some plants; to Pearsons Nursery (Collingham) who donated some trees, compost and bedding plants; and to Homebase who donated strawberries, peas, beans and potatoes for our vegetable patch. Neither must we forget all the parents and staff who joined us



on the day, giving up their free time and working so hard especially dads Robbie Fitzpatrick and Kevin Simms who gave their trade free of charge. The good news is that work is not yet finished, so if you would like to lend a helping hand, perhaps donate a plant or two? you can join us for **'Ground Force Take Two' on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June** – our list of improvements is long, and it will take time and a lot of fundraising to achieve it all, but we think it will make a real difference to

our children and their learning environment.

If you can't make Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June – why not come and have a look at what we have achieved so far on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 6pm-8pm, at our annual Summer Fete (The Sizzler)**. For those of you who have not come along before, it is a really special event, very enjoyable and open to everyone in the community. The school will be open and you can take the opportunity to have look round and see what's going on. Our older children are given £5 each to spend on creating and running their own stalls as part of the fundraising – it is amazing how well they do and what interesting ideas they come up with! Children from all Classes will be doing a short performance, and we will be running a barbeque, providing drinks and organising a whole host of other stalls and games. It really is the highlight of the children's school year – they love it! So please come and join us, everyone is very welcome, with or without a direct connection to the school.

Best Wishes

All at Winthorpe Primary School

# *Coffee Morning*

*Everyone Welcome*



Come to a  
*'Bring a Friend' Coffee Morning*  
*In aid of Beaumont House*

*On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June*  
*In Winthorpe Village Hall*

*From 10.00 am to 12 noon*



*Everyone Welcome*  
*£1.00 for coffee and biscuits*

*Homemade Cake Sale*  
*Raffle*

(If you need a lift there or can offer  
anyone a space in your car please  
phone Nick or Annie on 658347)



# WINTHORPE-WITH-LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## VACANCIES

Following the recent Parish Council elections the Council now has four (4) membership vacancies.

In accordance with the appropriate legislation these may be filled by the Parish Council through co-option.

Local residents who are interested in serving on the Council for the next four years are invited to apply.



The Council meets on the third Thursday of each month (except August) at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Applicant must be British Subjects, a permanent resident in the Parishes of Langford or Winthorpe and 18 years of age or over.

Applications must be received by the Acting Clerk to the Council **NO LATER** than **FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2015** for consideration by the Parish Council at its meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> June.

**Steven N Jackson** (Acting Clerk) 77, Gainsborough Road, Winthorpe  
Telephone 671377



## Winthorpe & District W.I.

This month's meeting was to consider the NFWI 2015 Resolution which will be taken forward for discussion at the Annual Meeting in June. **The Resolution-Failing to Care** – Assessment of Need in Long-Term Care. This meeting calls on HM government to remove the distinction between nursing care and personal care in the assessment of the needs of individuals, in order to advance health and well-being. Following an interesting debate, with members putting forward their opinions, the Resolution was carried unanimously.

### Future Events

Boards were circulated for members to complete if they wished to attend any of the following events:-

Petanque (or Boules) on Friday, 10th July, 2015 at Fernwood Village Hall,

Canny Cooking on Monday, 13th July, 2015 at Floral Media, Caunton,

The WI Centennial Fair on Thursday, 3rd. September, 2015 at Harrogate.

In addition, a Coffee Morning will be held to celebrate W.I. Day on Tuesday, 8th September, 2015 in the Village Hall, featuring homemade cakes. All are welcome.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 11th June, 2015 in the Village Hall when the talk will be about BAK, a Military Working Dog (who will be present). Hostesses: - Joan Lord and Gillian Thomson. **Diana Kitson**



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nature  
a home

## NEWS FROM LANGFORD LOWFIELDS MAY 2015

With spring in full flow, Langford Lowfields has been a hive of activity over the past month. Our Conservation Officer, Carl Cornish reported a 'waderfest' when he paid a visit on 14 April, with ruff, avocet, dunlin, snipe and numerous lapwings to name but a few. The highlight of his evening had to be the spotted redshank, glorious in full breeding plumage- these are less than annual visitors to Langford so definitely a treat.

As April drew to a close the last few summer visitors were still arriving with cuckoo song reverberating around the reserve and a grasshopper warbler



Spotted redshank by Mike Langman (rspb-images.com)

singing incessantly from the silt lagoon behind the beach hut. Other bird reports include whitethroat, lesser whitethroat and two common terns as well as a steady influx of sand martins.

As the temperature is steadily rising, so too are the number of butterflies on the wing, with eight species so far - orange-tip and speckled wood being the latest additions. Other insects have included the first St. Mark's fly (*Bibio marci*) no less than four days early! Traditionally they emerge on 25 April -St. Mark's day. But, for our warden, Jenny, the entomological highlight of the month has got to be the first green tiger beetle (*Cicindela campestris*) of 2015. These stunning beetles are, as the name suggests, green with yellow spotted elytra (wing cases) and can grow up to 18mm in length. They prefer bare ground so watch out for them along the visitor trails and footpaths.

This Month's volunteer Sunday was a rather wet affair but in spite of the weather nine keen volunteers turned up to help keep the reserve looking smart. Gravel areas were tidied and weeded and excess vegetation cleared from around benches. It is important to remember that it is thanks to the very hard work and commitment of our volunteers that Langford Lowfields is the great reserve that it is.

It is customary for the volunteers to spend the Sunday afternoon in May having a walk around the reserve to enjoy the fruits of the past year's labours and fortunately the sun appeared just after lunch. The best part of the afternoon was a close range, spectacular display from a hobby in front of the new viewing screen – it was so close, in fact, that you could clearly see its red 'trousers'.

The beginning of May has seen more than 250 swifts arriving and finally, much to Jenny's relief, the sand martins have started burrowing in the sand bank with volunteer, Stuart Carlton confirming 32 holes so far. We are waiting with baited breath to see if last year's 175 holes can be matched.

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](http://www.rspb.org.uk/langfordlowfields) or call 01636 893611.

We are currently in the process of developing a programme of fun and inspirational **educational sessions for schools** to help get your class closer to wildlife. To plan your **FREE** visit or for more information email [gail.talton@rspb.org.uk](mailto:gail.talton@rspb.org.uk) or call the office on 01636 893611.



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[www.collinghammedicalcentre.co.uk](http://www.collinghammedicalcentre.co.uk)**

## LOCAL POLICE UPDATE



For the last month there have been several thefts from motor vehicles and sheds within the village of Winthorpe. We have had a couple of people helping us with our enquiries for these crimes.

There has also been a spate of number plate thefts from 4x4 vehicles within the rural villages. Please can we ask that any suspicious activity is reported to

the police immediately so that we can take positive action.

### **Make it a holiday to remember – for the RIGHT reasons!**

It's summer, and many of you will be thinking about your annual summer holiday, but remember – thieves NEVER take a holiday.

Home or abroad, where ever you are going for your summer break, I hope you have a really great time, but even the best holiday experience will be ruined if you return to find your home has been burgled.

And burglars are very good at spotting the signs that a house is empty so to make sure your house stays safe while you are away here are some things you should do before heading off to the sun.

Before you leave home, make absolutely sure you have locked ALL the doors and windows. Set the intruder alarm if you have one and don't leave any valuables on windowsills where they can be easily stolen if the window is broken.

If you have a relative or a trusted friend living nearby, leave them a key and ask them to check your property regularly and move any accumulations of mail. If possible get them to draw the curtains each evening and open them again the following morning. This creates the impression that there is someone at home. Use time switches to turn lights on and off around the house at times when they would usually be on. Don't just leave a hall or landing light on because nobody sits in the hall watching television.

Always ensure that you cancel deliveries like milk and newspapers, and do this discreetly. You don't want everyone in the shop to know you are going away because you never know who is listening.

Don't make arrangements to have goods delivered while you are away.

When you are preparing to leave home, try to load the luggage into the car while it is still in the garage if that is possible. If you cannot, load the car quietly and discreetly – because you never know who may be watching.

Make sure you lock the garden shed and any other outbuildings. And don't leave ladders and tools that might be useful to a burglar lying around outside.

Finally if you are not taking the car with you, make sure it is locked. Leave it in the garage if possible and make sure the keys are stored out of sight in your house, in a safe if possible. Modern cars are difficult to steal without the keys, but once a thief has the keys he also has your car. **Contact us for any issues that concern you.**

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Newark Police station 101 ext. 8097616

Remember: Nottinghamshire Crimestoppers Call FREE on 0800 555 111



# Winthorpe Tennis Club

Winthorpe Tennis Club AGM was held on 27 April 2015.

Colin Smith has now been Chairman of the Club for 21 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 as last year to help promote tennis and encourage more people to join the Club.

## Court booking

Please note that one court has been booked every Tuesday 4-6pm from 22nd April for 5 weeks up to half term and 7 weeks afterwards up to October half term for junior tennis coaching.

## Committee Members 2015

Chairman - Colin Smith 01636 701205

Secretary - Maureen Smith 01636 701205

Vice Chairman/Membership Secretary - Sue Sharp 01636 703198

Treasurer - Chris Hickman

## Membership Fees 2015

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



**SUMMER FAYRE**

Hosted by Trophy Events – [paultrophy1@aol.com](mailto:paultrophy1@aol.com)

**Free ENTRY**

Winthorpe Community Centre  
June 14<sup>th</sup> 10.30 – 3 pm  
Bouncy Castles!

STALLS INCLUDING –  
BODYSHOP, FOREVER LIVING,  
CAKES, JEWELLERY, CLOTHES AND  
MANY MORE.....

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Centre

Children's Bereavement Centre



**MINI TENNIS AT WINTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE  
CONTINUES AFTER HALF TERM FOR A 6 WEEK COURSE**

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**STARTING TUESDAY JUNE 2nd**

**NEW PARTICIPANTS ALWAYS WELCOME**

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**FURTHER INFORMATION**

**FROM NINA WARD 01636 678419**





# Living History is part of Newark Air Museum events in 2015

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## **Summer Festival and Family Bike Ride**

### **Saturday 11th July**

This great family day is fast approaching, so please make a note of the date and come along!

This year there are lots to entertain your family. The day begins with the Family Bike Ride in the morning, then as that finishes the Festival opens. Here is a look at what's on offer!

Children's Sports and Games, Stalls including Bottles and Books. A Tombola and a Raffle, for which we have some excellent prizes. Rides on miniature Steam Engines and rides in a Pony and Trap.

There is a Craft Fair and a Classic Car display. Performances by The Scout Band and Newark Firecrackers Cheerleading Squad. Winthorpe Line Dancers are giving a performance too. Newark Fire Service will bring a Fire Engine.

There will be refreshments during the afternoon, with tea and cakes, and a BBQ. A bar will also be open.

Monies this year will be shared between Newark Stroke and Aphasia Group, Winthorpe's Defibrillator Fund and Babert (Alzheimer's and Cancer Research)

The official poster will be in next month's Focal Point. We look forward to seeing you on July 11th! **The Festival Committee**



## SOPHIE'S WORLD CHALLENGE



So far Sophie has raised £2900.00. There is just £400.00 more to go! She is going to Ethiopia in July this year. Some of the money she has raised will pay for materials in the villages she is going to help to renovate.

For her final fund raising event she is organising a fashion show for Friday 5th June, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. This will take place at Winthorpe Community Centre.

There will be a chance to buy branded clothing at a fraction of the normal price; Next, Marks and Spencer's, Wallis, River Island etc. There will also be jewellery accessories to buy and a make-up consultant will be available.



Tickets are £5.00 each. This includes a glass of wine. There will also be a raffle. Please ring Frank or Maggie on 01636 612086 for tickets or you can just turn up on the night. **Maggie Hudspeth**

## MESSAGE FROM THE NEWARK AND SOUTHWELL AREA DEAN

The summer is almost here: the great change from winter to spring has come and gone. Our fields, gardens, verges and hedge rows are filled with amazing colour and fragrance. Against this enormous backdrop village and church life goes on unabated. The eleven Anglican churches of the East Trent



Group, which of course All Saints Winthorpe is one, are about to go into vacancy. The Revd. David Yabbacome is about to take early retirement from stipendiary ministry on health grounds. In due course David and Esther will move to their own home in another location. On behalf of the Deanery and Diocesan we wish them well on their continuing faith adventure wherever it may lead them.

On David's retirement on the 31st May, as with all vacant parishes within the Newark and Southwell Deanery, the Area Dean has oversight. The East Trent is fortunate to have Christine Hasman as its Administrator, who already provides excellent support across the whole group. I am most grateful to her for her hard work. Christine Hasman and Louise Riley the Deanery Administrator will ensure that good communication is kept up between the Parishes and Deanery Office. As Area Dean it is my practice to take services from time to time somewhere in the Groups in Vacancy. Including the East Trent group they number 36 parishes, so getting around to each group takes some planning, but together with Christine and Louise and the forbearance of my own four parishes, I will make an appearance from time to time somewhere in the group.

The Gospel narrative has led us from Resurrection, Ascension, Pentecost and beyond. We have in a very real sense come of age. Jesus has given us the tools, and now wants us to fully employ what we have learned. The discipline of prayer is paramount. The reality for believers is of owning and living Jesus' abiding love for us and recognising his yearning and his hope that we will truly abide with him. Together through faith all things are possible, but necessarily not all at once!!

Yours in Christ W. David Milner Area Dean

# **ALL SAINTS WINTHORPE**

## **CHURCH NOTICES**



All the churches in the East Trent Group are now without a Rector as we begin our interregnum. We will try to maintain our usual worship pattern with services lead by Revds. Dendle French and Michael Briggs when they are available. When they are not available the area deanery (Newark and Southwell) will try to provide us with a stand-in priest.

We have a concert coming up on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> of June by the baroque group 1685; please see elsewhere in this edition of Focal Point for details. All money raised from this will be going towards our facilities fund. We look forward to seeing you there. I am sorry to report that due to falling numbers Thursday evening bell ringing practices have been suspended. They may take place occasionally if we have requests from visiting ringers. We will do our best to provide ringing for services with the support of other local ringers. Our oldest bell has rung out from the church tower since 1630 to call worshippers to church and for practice nights. It would be a terrible shame if it were to “fall silent”. If you would like to help us keep this fine tradition alive then give me a call on 679105.

I am however pleased to report that we are seeing a slight increase in attendance at church. This is due to both the return of lapsed worshippers and to new people coming to join us. We still have plenty of room so if you do decide to join us for a service you will be assured of a warm welcome and a pew.

Ian Hasman on behalf of Winthorpe Church PCC

## Church Services for June



Sunday 7th	9.00	Holy Communion	Holme
Sunday 14th	10.15	Holy Communion	Winthorpe
	17.00	Holy Communion	Langford
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.15	Morning Worship	Winthorpe
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	17.00	Evensong	Winthorpe

The Church Bells may be rung for any of the Winthorpe services. Please note that they will not be rung on Thursday evenings between 7.00 and 9.00 for practice unless we have some visiting ringers.

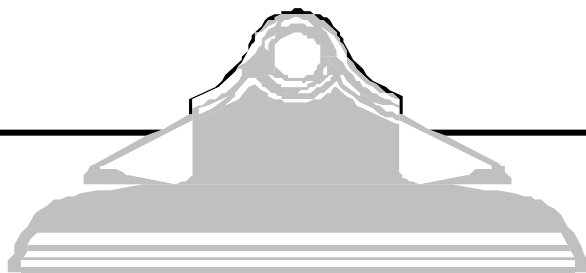
**Church Cleaner** Tish Applewhite

**Brass Cleaners** Mrs Taylor and Mrs Everson



The church will be having a Tombola stall at the Village Gala on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> of July. If you have anything that you would like to donate as prizes then please get in touch with either Sylvia Lloyd (703271) or Joan Lord (682304) and they will arrange a time to collect your items.





## JUNE CALENDAR

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Silver Bin Lunch Club 12.30 Community Centre
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Coronation Day 
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	World Challenge Fashion Show CC 7pm Village Hall Trustees Meeting 7.30pm VH
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Green Bin Mobile Library
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	WI 7.30pm Village Hall
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	“1685” Concert 7.30pm Winthorpe Church
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Official celebration of HM The Queen’s birthday  Ground Force Winthorpe School
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Silver Bin Bring A Friend Coffee Morning 10am-12.00 VH
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council meeting 7.30pm VH
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> and Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Club Outing
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Green Bin
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Silver Bin

Pat’s Puzzle from last month - too hard for me!

Nick is meeting Annie at 11 o’clock in Newark. He wants to be there 5 minutes early. He thinks his watch is 25 minutes slow but in fact it is 10 minutes fast. At what time does he meet Annie? Answer: Pat Finn says 11.10 am, Nick says 10.20 am, I say 11 am because **I** will be there on time! ‘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](http://www.winthorpe.org.uk)



