



### 2015 Ed's Comments

#### **Holiday time is here again!**

Some people have already had a break and have written about it for

Focal Point; others still have theirs to look forward to. What is it that makes a holiday so special to us?

When I was a child my parents took us to the same place every year for a week – to the beautiful valley in North Wales where my grandfather had been born and grown up. I loved it and never got tired of it. I felt free there and part of something much larger than myself. I have been back a few times as an adult. Other people have discovered it now and there are tourists and the family farms where I learned how to dip sheep and hand milk cows are second homes.

The mountains are still the same and the farmhouse in which my grandfather was born still dominates the scene and gives shelter to those who climb and walk the area. Will I go back? Probably not – I would rather remember it as it was.



One friend, when asked, is going to the Galapagos Islands – I'm almost jealous of her! Another reckons that the two weeks she spends glued to the television, refusing to answer the phone or leave the house whilst Wimbledon is on, is her holiday! Is my four nights in a caravan on the south coast with my grandchildren a holiday.....maybe!

Why not write about your holiday for us all to enjoy. In the meantime I am proud to announce that I now have a proof reader so the accuracy of Focal Point (ok; it was really the July Calendar masquerading as the June one last month!) SHOULD improve – only trouble is – yes you have guessed - she is on holiday for this edition!! **Annie Purday**

Closing date for the September issue is **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August**

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## LUNCH CLUB

The **September** Lunch Club will be at 12.30 p.m. on Monday, September 7th at the Community Centre.

The menu will be:

Roast Chicken Breast with stuffing

OR



Tuna and Pasta Bake



With Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

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Sherry Trifle

-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 **August** Lunch Club is on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August as advertised in last month's Focal Point

# WINTHORPE SUMMER FESTIVAL



On behalf of the Winthorpe Summer Festival Committee, I would like to thank all those whose hard work and commitment to raising money for good causes, made last Saturday a success! It is always very rewarding to see everyone working together, no matter how large or

small the contribution in time and effort. Thank you also, to the people who supported us by coming along and spending their hard earned cash!



As usual, when all the proceeds are in, the final account for the Festival will be published in a future edition of Focal Point. Sue Mashedor



## RAFFLE PRIZES UNCLAIMED!

Following the Winthorpe Festival there were three unclaimed raffle prizes. They were

**Green 171**

**Green 248**

**Green 173**

Any claimants can contact David on 07946 456087

Thanks David Green

## FOUND

"An electronic device was found on the tennis courts on 16th July. Please contact Colin Smith, Chairman of the Tennis Club on 07753144686, with details of what you have lost to reclaim your property."

Colin Smith (Tennis Club Chairman)

**CLIFF'S CHALLENGING RIDDLES!** A murderer is condemned to death. He has to choose between three rooms. The first is full of raging fires. The second is full of assassins with loaded guns. The third is full of lions that haven't eaten in 3 years. Which room is safest for him? (Answer under calendar!)

## **GARDEN CLUB**

The club's first annual outing to include an overnight stop was a resounding success. Organised to celebrate our first 20 years we visited Swiss Gardens and RHS Wisley gardens

Lunch stop on day one was at Swiss Gardens where we strolled amongst lovely surroundings in a garden recently restored by Bedford council. Many of the party also took the opportunity for a sneak look at the aircraft belonging to the Shuttleworth collection on the same site.



After a comfortable and well-nourished night in a hotel, we travelled the short distance to Wisley in time for opening. Thankfully the forecast storms did not materialise and we were able to take in the experience for about 5 hours. Everyone will have had different highlights, but for me the rose gardens, rock gardens, and glasshouses were memorable. Then it was on the bus for home, but not before an evening meal at the Haycock Hotel.

The success of the trip was largely due to the hard work over many months by Julie Parker. As a small token in recognition of this she was presented with an orchid.

On the homeward journey the question on many lips was "where are we going next year?" Ian Wilson

### **OUR OUTING TO NORWELL**

On a beautiful summers evening we visited Dr Andrew Ward's garden and nursery in Norwell. Dr Ward had selected some unusual plants, which were in flower and gave a short talk on each. He was both extremely knowledgeable and very amusing.

Then we were treated to a guided tour around his garden. Many questions were asked and answered fully. I particularly liked the white Himalaya rose which grew back 40 ft, some Hostas of which there were 80 different varieties, and the Dieramas which had a real wow factor. The pond area was outstanding with the most unusual Irises and Astilbes to name but a few. After that we had refreshments with lemon cake which was to die for. Unfortunately I was unable to review the chocolate cake!!

The nursery and glasshouse were packed with plants to buy of which

many members availed themselves.

There will be NO meeting in August as usual, so I hope you all enjoy the rest of the summer. Therefore the next meeting will be in September - details to follow. **Chris Barker**

**Our contribution to the village festival** raised £63.50 for the designated charities. Once again we were indebted to David Tingle for supplying the games and Dianne Rowland for straw bales and

transport. Thanks also to all who helped in any way, particularly non-members. I think the time has come to vary our offerings and look forward to suggestions for next year. **Ian Wilson**



## The Wonder of Wisley



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Garden Club organisers for allowing Terry and I to join them on their away couple of days that culminated in a most marvellous day at Wisley.

The whole trip went like clockwork with enjoyable meals and lovely overnight accommodation and the ‘majesty’ of the Royal Horticultural Societies’ flagship garden at Wisley.

I left there with the feeling that everyone with a love of gardens should visit there at some time in their life and June was a lovely month to visit. The only disappointment for me was that I could have won Pat’s quiz if I had known how it ‘works’ because no-one got all twenty questions right. What I didn’t know was that you **marked your own answers!** Now had I been aware of that I could have got all 20. As it was my 14 was way too few to challenge the winners.

Seriously a lovely trip with lovely people; what more could one ask for! Thanks again,

Cliff & Terry Newbold



## My apologies to Annie for not getting back to her about the proof reading

Of course I will help as I have the greatest admiration for anyone who takes on the editorship of anything!



### From the Editor

Many, many moons ago I naively volunteered to be the editor for our

thrice yearly school magazine “The Bluebird”. This was sent to every parent as well as school governors and other important bigwigs.

I imagined my foray into the genteel world of language and arts would counterbalance my usual daily grind of formulae, or the creation of malodorous substances in test tubes, or dissecting some hapless creature to discover the marvels of neural pathways from brain to paws.

It was the most frustrating year of my school life.

If I wasn’t chasing up some would be contributor for the article they had promised weeks ago, I had the Head of English, a veritable dragon, breathing down my neck, “Haven’t you learned to spell “necessary” yet?” This was in the days when computers took up a whole room and spell checkers were a distant dream.

Then I would see little 1st formers scuttling away at my approach, not because they feared they were in trouble with the deputy head girl but because they knew she would twist their little arms up their little backs and threaten them with 100 lines if they didn’t produce some little bit of prose or poetry for Mummy and Daddy to ooh and aah over.

Sorting the layout was a logistic nightmare, and then came the dreaded deadline and sheer blind panic with the afore mentioned dragon pointing out a thousand spelling and or grammar mistakes and thanking her lucky stars she didn’t have ME as a student!

It was with great relief and a certain amount of malevolent glee that I handed over to a not so bosom buddy the following year pleading pressure of ‘A’ levels.

So Annie, if you need a proof reader, I am happy to help. **Pat Abell**

## LOCAL POLICE UPDATE



Sadly this will be my last article that I will be placing in your magazine as due to circumstances I will be leaving Nottinghamshire Police at the end of August. I would like to say I have enjoyed my time within the police force and it has been made more enjoyable by working with you the community. So it is with a heavy heart that I say

good bye but I would like to thank each and every one of you for your continuous support throughout my career. **Harriet Samson-Bailey**

## COMMUNITY EVENT INFORMATION

If you are planning a community event whereby the road needs to be closed please contact your local Highways department on 08449 808080 for advice with regards to this as the police can no longer authorise this.

## FISH POACHING (ENGLAND AND WALES)

There have been several reports of Fish poaching that have taken place within our community and I would like to make residents aware of this and what to do if they were to come across this.



It is an offence to take or destroy, or attempt to do so, any fish in water which is private property or in which there is a private right of fishery. This includes all forms of fish, whether game or coarse, and is covered by section 32 of the Theft Act 1968.

The Environment Agency is the body responsible for regulating and enforcing. Fisheries enforcement officers- 'water bailiffs'- have the same powers, liabilities and responsibilities as a police constable when investigating fisheries offences. Any suspected illegal fishing activity should be reported directly to the Environment Agency on their emergency line 0800 807060. Trained staff will then be able to pass on your information to officers on duty in the relevant area.

Where the fishing rights are owned or leased by a club or individual Schedule 1 of the Theft Act 1968 will also apply. If you have any information then don't hesitate to report this to Environment Agency/ water bailiff or Police.



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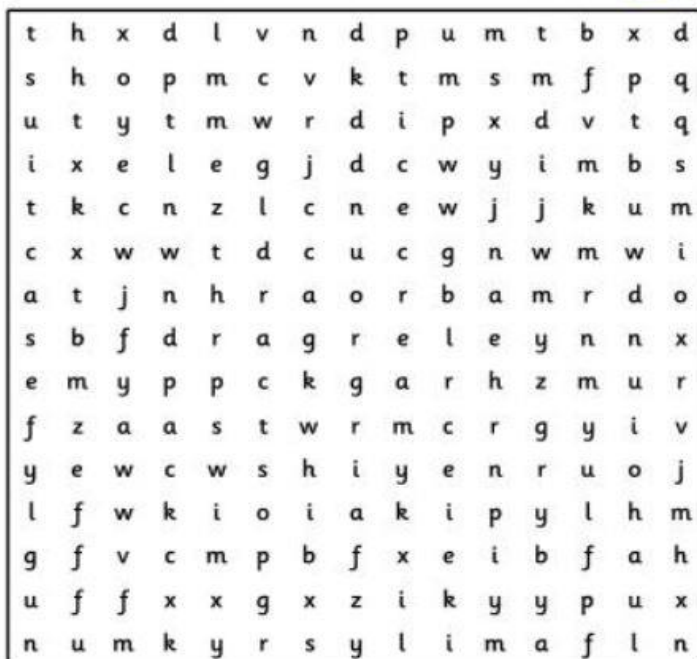
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## Summer Holiday Word Search



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## LONGEST REIGN.....

No doubt a number of people will have heard or read in the media that very shortly Her Majesty the Queen will add a small but nonetheless historical achievement to an already long and remarkable reign.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015 to be precise the Queen will have reigned as long as her Great, Great Grandmother Queen Victoria – a total of 63 years 7 months and 2 days (or a total of 63 years and 216 days). Queen Victoria is recorded as having died at just 6-30p.m. so for those who like to be precise, at 6.31p.m. The Queen will become our longest reigning Sovereign.

The event will not however be marked by any special celebrations or a public holiday which in some ways perhaps is to be regretted as this is quite a rare event not likely to happen again for a very long time.

In fact, over the past almost one thousand years of the English, Scottish, and British Monarchy, only six Sovereigns ( including the Queen) have managed anything similar, and surprisingly perhaps, these are spread reasonably evenly over this long period.

The first was King Henry 111 (1216-1272), the son of King John who died here in Newark Castle. Henry succeeded as a young boy under the Regency of the famous William Marshall, but was nonetheless consecrated and crowned King shortly after his father's death, and had a reign of 56 years and 28 days, having celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee of his reign in 1266 in Lincoln, in the small church which still stands on the right hand side of the road into the town, near the Railway Station.



Henry 111 was succeeded by his Great Grandson, King Edward 111 (1327-1377) who reigned for 50 years 147 days. Like Henry 111, Edward 111 celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee of his reign in 1377, but died shortly afterwards in the arms of his mistress!

Elizabeth 1<sup>st</sup> managed just over 40 years, but was succeeded in 1603 by the son of her aunt, King James VI of Scotland (1567-1625) who managed a respectable 57 years, 246 days. The majority of his long reign was as King of Scots (he was consecrated and crowned in 1568 aged 1!) a position and title he retained. King James is often described as “The wisest fool in Christendom” but he was certainly well read and when the Parliaments of England and Scotland began to argue over his titles he suggested the adoption of the old Roman name for the whole of these Islands, which was then called “Great Britain” (Ireland being referred to by the Romans as Little Britain!) and this was eventually adopted and, after the Act of Union of 1706, with the addition of “United Kingdom of...” has remained so ever since.

Queen Victoria's Grandfather, King George III (1760-1820), was the next Sovereign to hold the distinction of the longest reign of 59 years 96 days, until this was beaten by Queen Victoria in 1896.

On the wider world stage a number of Sovereigns can beat these records (though not with any consistency!). The current Longest Reigning Sovereign is King Rama IX of Thailand who came to the throne on the 9<sup>th</sup> June 1946 and has currently reigned for 69 years 31 days+!

Prince John II of Liechtenstein (1859-1929), a small Principality attached to Switzerland and Austria, reigned for 70 years 91 days and the Sun King, Louis XIV<sup>th</sup> of France (1643-1715) managed a 72 years 110 days.

The current record is however held by King Sobhuza II of Swaziland (1899-1982) with a record of 82 years 254 days, though some may feel it is a little unfair to include him as Swaziland was only granted its Independence in 1968 and until then he was termed as Paramount Chief and only became Head of State with the title King at independence. In which case the top record goes to Bernhard V of Lippe (1429-1511), one of the smaller German States then a part of the Holy Roman Empire, with a total of 81 years 234 days.

Next year 2016, The Queen celebrates her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday (b.1926) although she already holds the record for being the oldest reigning sovereign! In 2017 however we reach a real milestone-all being well- when in the November that year The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh celebrate the Platinum (70<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary of their wedding (1947-2017). Seventy years is a long time in anyone's book and as far as can be ascertained, no Head of State has ever celebrated a Platinum Wedding Anniversary. Perhaps then the Government will decide to celebrate the event and give us all a public holiday-hopefully with a few fireworks thrown in!!



At least in Winthorpe the flag will be flown on the 9<sup>th</sup> September next.

**Steve Jackson**



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Dear Everyone,

There are only 3 days left of this academic year as I write - I can't quite believe how quickly it has gone! We've had a positive and very successful year for the school.



Our netball team has made us tremendously proud and we were delighted to have our two interschool trophies formally presented to us last week at the Newark Sports Awards Presentation. Next year's team will have a lot to live up too! Our Infant and Junior Productions this year were also a credit to our children and to their teachers. I hope some of you managed to pop up recently and see the junior performance of Ye-Ha! - the children did a wonderful job performing the musical and I've received some lovely comments about it since, so thank you.

The children have worked hard this year in all form of assessments including the national phonics tests and Year 2 (aged 6/7) and 6 (aged 10/11) SATS. Our Year 6 SATs results were the best yet, so well done children and Mr Albans their teacher!

It has not all been about hard work in the classroom though. The children have been out and about on trips: to the theatre to see the BFG and visiting Cresswell Craggs, White Post Farm, the Civil War Museum, Screveton Eco Farm, Sundown, Xscape and not forgetting Paris, France of course. All these trips have been great opportunities for our children to learn more about the world around them whilst having a little fun.

It is of course also the time of year where we have to say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. They have been a wonderful year to teach and I know that staff will

be sorry to see them go. However, they are ready for the next challenge on their educational journey and we wish Emma Mileman, Sophie Hobby, Evie Smith, Freya Kingsley, Sophie Clark, Amelia Everatt-Rowell, Ewan Lynam, Phoebe Loach-Martin, Gabby West, Lewis Bester, Gracie Palmer, Valentina Leung, and Katie Beardsmore all the best for the future. You may like to note that our children are moving on to several different schools in September including The Kings School (Grantham), Sir William Roberston Academy (Wellbourne), Toothill School (Bingham), Kesteven and Sleaford High School Academy, Carre's Grammar School (Sleaford), and Walton Girl's High School (Grantham). We wish them the best of luck.

I need to thank the PTA for all their support over the last year - they have worked very hard raising funds for us. If you visited school on the night of our Summer Fete, 'The Sizzler' thank you very much for coming along. The PTA and the children raised a fantastic £1,400 - a wonderful result. The money raised is so important and helps makes a real difference to our school and the children. Thank you also to those parents who have dedicated their time to organise PTA events and particularly to work on the school grounds this year. Thanks also to those of you in the village you donated plants for us to use to make school a little more colourful! This was much appreciated.

I hope that those of who have come along to our Community Lunches this year enjoyed them. It's a great experience for the children, who love to look after their guests and make sure they have everything they need! We always enjoy welcoming you and our next Lunch will be on Wednesday 14th October. The price of the meal is £2.58; please let Mrs Allman in the office know if you'd like to come.

We are also hoping to appoint a new dinner lady for the autumn term, which would involve working over the lunchtime period, Monday to Friday.

Please contact me by leaving a message with your name and number on the school answering machine if you would like to be considered (01636 680060).



One final item to mention, the PTA is running a Frog Racing Evening on Friday 16th October, 7pm at the Community Centre – tickets will be £5 each (which will include a pie and pea supper). It sounds an intriguing and very fun night out, and apparently “we'll never have another evening like it!” I hope you'll support the school and come and find out what it's all about. There will be further information to follow. Tickets will be available in early September. School closes for the summer holidays on Wednesday (22nd July) and the children will be back with us on Thursday 3rd September.

We wish you a lovely summer break.

Best Wishes **Caron Ementon** Head Teacher



## Strawberry Fayre

Once again we were lucky with the weather for our Strawberry Fayre held in Lily & Jim Goodwin's beautiful garden. The committee busied itself in the afternoon with preparing strawberries, and hanging bunting.

In the evening we were welcomed by our President, Virginia Seager and began by playing a couple of games, before we tucked into strawberries, and cream, accompanied by a glass or two of wine.



It was a very enjoyable summer meeting.

'Tantalising Tea Tales' is the topic for our next meeting, to be held on Thursday, 10th September, 2015. Hostesses: Margaret Bark, Rose Dickinson, and Betty Moran **Diana Kitson**



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## DEFIBRILLATOR FOR WINTHORPE



As you can see from the Disco advertisement we are trying to raise funds for a defibrillator for the village to be attached to the external wall of the Village Hall or Community Centre.

It will be in a secured safe to be used when needed.

When used, the machine actually talks to you and gives instructions

on how it is to be used. Therefore training is not necessary.

The cost is around £1,300 including the safe. Please put the date in your diary and support us in our venture. **Lee Cammack (PC Chairman)**

## WINTHORPE VILLAGE HOLIDAY GROUP

In 1999 Maurice Harvey started what was to become the Winthorpe Village Holiday Group. Working through Travel Wright he organized some wonderful holidays mainly on the Continent. When he became ill in 2005 I took over and, with the help of Jean, I have organized the holidays since then. As we have grown more mature we have preferred shorter journeys and have travelled throughout England, Scotland, Wales and north and south Ireland. I have thoroughly enjoyed doing the job and made many friends. However I am now planning to retire after the September holiday in South Wales.



It would be a great shame if the group were to come to an end and I am hoping someone, or preferably a couple, will take on the job. Many of the group are now a bit older and it may not be reasonable to expect help from within the group. I hope I am wrong but a new organizer from outside maybe the best hope.

If someone is willing to come forward I will be available to fully help with the planning of a holiday in 2016. If you think you might be interested please contact me to talk it over.

Incidentally, due to health cancellations, there are vacancies in two double rooms and one twin room for South Wales, 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> September, staying at Cardigan Bay. Let me know if you would like details.

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**COLLINGHAM MEDICAL CENTRE**

## Seasonal Flu Campaign 2015

We will be holding 2 Saturday morning flu clinics on

**Saturday 3 October 2015, from 8.30 am – 12.30 pm**

**Saturday 10 October 2015, 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 Systmonline if you are registered for this service.

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# WINTHORPE - WITH - LANGFORD

## PARISH COUNCIL

Following the Parish Council elections on 7<sup>th</sup> May and the meeting of the Parish Council on 18th June 2015, I am pleased to announce that the following are now members of the Parish Council:

Mr Lee Cammack – Chairman

Mr Robert Allen – Vice Chairman

Mr Des Aldridge

Mr Mark Kneen

Mr Robert McClymont

Mr Brian Wright

Mr Philip Farmer

Mr Andy Leary

Mr Gary Thompson

Mrs Maureen Dobson – District and County Councillor

Updated contact details and photos will shortly be placed on the village Website.



Steven Jackson, who served as Chairman, has decided to step down from his role on the Council. May I take this opportunity to thank Steven for his many years of service to the Council.

The Council is also looking to appoint a new Clerk following the resignation of the present clerk. Steven has been undertaking this role on a temporary basis but will finish the role after the July meeting.

We are therefore looking for someone to take on this role from September 2015, when the Council next meets after the summer break.

This is a paid position and will include the production of monthly accounts, receipt of invoices, taking minutes at the meetings and generally dealing with issues within the Parish.

If anyone is interested or would like to chat over the role, please contact me on 01636 611998 or email me at [cammacks31@gmail.com](mailto:cammacks31@gmail.com).

Finally, the Parish Council is supporting the purchase of a Defibrillator for the village. In order to raise funds, a 70's Disco will be held in the Community Centre on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2015. Details of this will appear in Focal Point over the coming months.

**Lee Cammack - Chairman**



## MESSAGE FROM THE NEWARK AND SOUTHWELL AREA DEAN

Gosh the village has had a busy time of it - the village diary from Friday the 12th July through to a concluding event on Sunday evening show what a hectic time many have had of late!

It was great to see folks on Saturday enjoying village life at its best. I was able to appreciate the organisation -from car parking to an array of vintage cars and of course a favourite with children, the Fire Engine.



Organisation is part of the story as are the volunteers who ensured that the day ran smoothly. Last, but certainly not least, the very committed team that clear and tidy up.

As a punter I count myself very fortunate to have been able to drop in on Saturday and for a moment be a part of Winthorpe village life. Whether the W.I., the groups who use both the village hall and community centre and of course our village church of All Saints, all,

separately and together, make a very important contribution to the life and health of the village.

The churches of the East Trent are having a busy time of it too. Many of the 11 village communities have held summer fairs, fetes, and festivals, several with the accompaniment of Pimms and Scones!



Along with a number of social events the churches will have assisted couples getting married, those desiring baptism and importantly supporting those mourning the loss of a loved one.

As I travel around the group each village presents its character - nearly always the church is the most significant building. Its spire, tower or roof reminds a visitor or resident alike of the village's Christian heritage. In many cases for a thousand or more years people have found comfort, companionship and faith there and the wonderful thing is, supported by a small group of volunteers, they still do.

W David Milner Area Dean



**ALL SAINTS**  
**WINTHORPE**  
**CHURCH NOTICES**

I am pleased to report that thanks to generous donations of gifts and prizes from people within the village we managed to run another successful tombola stall at the Village Festival. Sylvia and Joan looked after the stall on the day and managed to raise about £100 towards the Church Facilities Fund – thank you both.

As you will see we have a visiting band of ringers this month who will attempt to ring a full peal. They will each have to pull on their ropes 5040 times, making sure that their bell is in the right place in the order – all from memory. That requires stamina and high levels of concentration to get it right. It should take about two and a half hours to complete, but some additional time is allowed for a second attempt in case anything goes wrong. I do hope you enjoy their performance.

I would like to draw your attention to the time of our Evensong services. These used to be at 18.00 in the summer and 17.00 in the winter (when the clocks go back), however it was felt that the earlier time was better so now all Evensong services (every other month unless something crops up) take place at 17.00 throughout the year. It means that there is plenty of time to cook and enjoy your evening meal after attending the service.

Have you given any thought to attending church services? Why not come along and see what you think to the way we do things? We like to think that we extend a warm welcome to everyone. In these uncertain times the future of our church would be more assured if more people attended regularly. We're not asking you to come to every service, just the ones that you can manage to fit in. We look forward to seeing you on a Sunday. You never know you might even enjoy it!

Ian Hasman on behalf of Winthorpe Church PCC

## Church Services for August



Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00	Holy Communion	Holme
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.15	Holy Communion	Winthorpe
	17.00	Holy Communion	Langford
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.15	Morning Worship	Winthorpe
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	17.00	Evensong	Winthorpe

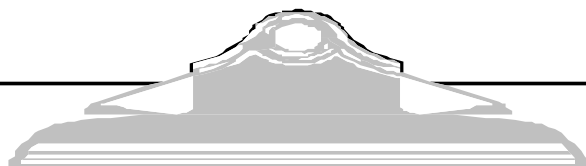
The Church Bells may be rung for any of the Winthorpe services. Please note that since we now have more visitors available then it is more likely that the bells will be rung on Thursday evenings between 7.00 and 9.00 for practice.



A visiting band will be making a peal attempt on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> of August at 10.00 until 13.00 approximately.

**Church Cleaners** Mrs Finn and Mrs Nelson

**Brass Cleaners** Mrs Lloyd and Mrs Cobb



## AUGUST CALENDAR

Monday 3rd	Green Bin Lunch Club 12.30 Community Centre Mobile Library
Monday 10th	Silver Bin
Monday 17th	Green Bin
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Silver Bin
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	BANK HOLIDAY Green bin as normal (I did check!)

**Cliff's Riddle Answer.** The third room. Lions that haven't eaten in three years are dead. That one was easy, right? **Cliff Newbolt**

**Pat's Puzzle of the month;** A farmer has some hens and pigs. Among his poultry and swine, there are 72 legs and 26 heads. How many pigs and how many hens does he have? Answer next month (**Ed**)

'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)

NO WONDER EVERYONE'S GONE ON HOLIDAY. NOTHING IS HAPPENING  
IN WINTHORPE!