



2015 Ed's Comments

I have found another really good reason for going on holiday! You

probably only really explore a place properly when you are on holiday.

Nick and I had lunch in a local pub one day recently and decided to go to a nearby ice-cream parlour for dessert. We asked the very helpful and friendly publican how to get there because we were not certain of the way. "I don't actually know," he replied. "I think it is towards Southwell and in the thirteen years I have been here I have never turned right out of the pub!" We turned right out of the pub and managed to find the best ice-cream in the area (so far that is – we will carry on trying other sources!)

We went to Northumberland for our summer holiday and had a great time exploring towns, villages and beaches some of which were old haunts for Nick and others new for both of us.

We walked the dog and paddled on some extraordinarily beautiful beaches (all dog friendly). We sat and contemplated sunsets on cliff tops, drove down quiet country lanes and walked the way pilgrims have walked for centuries. What is so surprising is that I had lived in Northumberland for almost four years and loved it but was so immersed in working, running a home and bringing up children that Nick, who had holidayed there before, knew far more about the area than I did!



Now it is back to reality – another copy of Focal Point goes to press, the school term starts, clubs and societies who have had a summer break begin again and the weeds have grown in the garden. One thing I have resolved, however, is to keep on exploring – locally! **Annie Purday**

Closing date for the October issue is **Friday 18th September**

Deliver to Annie and Nick 18, Hargon Lane or email

nickwynne@virginmedia.com

LUNCH CLUB

The **October** Lunch Club will be at 12.30 p.m. on Monday, October 5th at the Community Centre.

The menu will be:



Baked Ham with Pineapple

OR

Jacket Potato with Prawns

With Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

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Apple and Blackberry Charlotte with Custard

-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 **September** Lunch Club is on **Monday 7th September** as advertised in last month's Focal Point

The 'Ladies of Winthorpe WI'
invite you *all* to join them at a
Coffee Morning
to celebrate 100 years of the
'Women's Institute'.

Join the 'Ladies'
for a cup of coffee/tea and cake *,
browse the books we have for sale,
partake in a game or the raffle,
or just enjoy a chat.

All proceeds will be donated to

**LEUKAEMIA
& LYMPHOMA
RESEARCH** 

Beating Blood Cancers

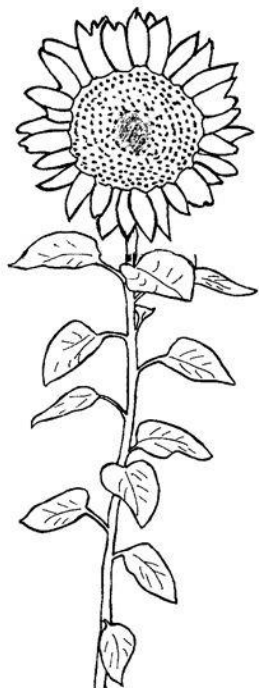
Tuesday 8th September 2015
10.00 am - 12.00pm
Winthorpe Village Hall

*** There will be a small charge for refreshments.**

GIANT SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

Apologies that there was no Sunflower Competition update last month – the end of term was a busy time for many families and in the Ferreira household that included a temporary lapse in our Sunflower Competition duties!

We hope everyone has had a fantastic summer holiday, and that your sunflowers are looking good. Do you think you might have a winner? Remember to measure your sunflowers as soon as the flower is fully



formed – after flowering finishes (and the seeds start to form) the weight of the large head starts to bend the flower downwards.

Measure from the soil level to the highest part of the flower. Keep a note of the height and e-mail it to us at:

winthorpesunflower@hotmail.co.uk

We can't wait to hear from you and to find out who will win one of the shiny winners' trophies that we will be presenting at school.

The competition closes on Sunday 6th September, so don't forget to e-mail us on or before that date.

Please e-mail even if you're pretty sure it's not going to be a winner, as we'd like to know how many people took part and how they got on.

Photos would be great too – if possible we'd like to make a slideshow of everyone's efforts for our visit to school to announce the winner.

GOOD LUCK! Liz & Charlie Ferreira

Winthorpe Primary School PTA present



Friday 16th October
at Winthorpe Community Centre

Doors open at 7pm with the first race at 7.30pm

Frog Racing is an easy, fun game that will have you hopping up and down in excitement as you guide your frog (not real) to victory and win a prize! Come and join the fun - you'll never have another night like it!

Ticket Price £5 per person

and includes Nicholsons Pie and Mushy Pea Supper with Licensed Bar

Tickets available in advance only from Winthorpe Primary School Office.

FROM YOUR LOCAL SHOP

Dear Customers,

It is with great regret that I must inform you that Winthorpe Post Office and General Stores is set to close.

The closing date is 15th August 2015. Our apologies for such short

notice but this was beyond our control as it could only be confirmed upon the “sale” of our property which is soon to be finalized.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your custom over the years and hope that the loss of your local does not sway you from normal way of life too much.

Jo and I have very much enjoyed serving you and over the years have come to know some of you very well. Many a laugh has been enjoyed in your company whilst partaking a purchase or two, relaying a message or picking up a key.

I hope very much that you have enjoyed our company but it is now time to move on to pastures new.

Once again - **Thank you for your support and custom.**

Kindest regards

Martin and Joanne

Good luck to you both with your move and in your future life! Ed



WINTHORPE POST OFFICE AND VILLAGE STORES



We were sad to hear about the closure of our Post Office and Village Stores. Joanne and Martin moved into Winthorpe in May 2004. Like the previous owners, they have given excellent service to the village especially in their kindness delivering groceries to the housebound. We wish them every happiness in their retirement. Thank you Joanne and Martin.



Joanne and Martin manning their icecream stall at the Winthorpe Village Festival, July 2005.

Barbara and Pat Finn

**MINI TENNIS AT WINTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE
RESUMES IN SEPTEMBER FOR A 6 WEEK COURSE**

(These are fun outdoor sessions aimed at primary and Year 7 secondary youngsters)

STARTING TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH

NEW PARTICIPANTS ALWAYS WELCOME

4-5pm 4, 5, 6 year olds (outdoor)

5-6pm 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 year olds (outdoor)

(all equipment provided)

LTA LEVEL 3 COACH: JON PENNEY

£4 / SESSION

(Free 1st session for new participants)

FURTHER INFORMATION FROM NINA

WARD 01636 678419 or ninajward@live.co.uk



Winthorpe Community Centre

Access to the Community Centre

With the closure of the Shop and Post Office the Centre no longer has a key collection point. We plan to store a key in a key safe to be fixed to the outside wall of the Community Centre. The code to access the safe will be changed regularly and will be given to hirers as needed by Di Rowland our booking secretary via email.



The lock for the main door and the kitchen door will be changed at the time the key safe is fitted so if you currently have a key to access the Centre it will no longer work. Locks on internal doors within the Centre will remain the same.

The work will be carried out in late September or early October; the exact date will be published in next month's Focal Point and will be advertised on a poster in the notice board at the Centre.

In the interim keys are available from

John Nelson 01636 688016

Colin Smith 01636 701205

Frances Kelly 01636 671673

Sue Jackson Secretary to the Trustees (Tel: 07884 292469)

Time for a refit aboard n.b. Mulberry

Local folk may remember that our boat started life in our garden. Back in 2000 we bought the new 'shell' from a renowned boat builder in Ollerton. He is situated on the site that was used as a prisoner of war camp back during the war.

Delivery of the painted shell was an exciting day! We had it placed on the lawn beside the house at right angles to the road. Later, with the help of our good neighbours, we spent several days with block and tackle and dragged the twelve tonnes of metal to the back garden using a sturdy sycamore tree as the anchor point. A fence was erected across the front of it to hide it from view. For three years Martin, Viv and I worked hard on lining the boat with insulation and timber, fitting the rooms and furniture and installing the engine. My job was chiefly sat at my sewing machine making curtains and sofa covers.

This year we decided the time had come for a refit. The original navy blue paint on the outside looked faded and scratched and the curtains looked sun-bleached. Even the sofas looked well scuffed.

While travelling towards Cheshire last season we met a boat painted grey and maroon and decided the colours were a good



combination. Over Winter our boat was transformed and looks almost new again. A pale grey background is enhanced by 'mulberry' red panels and cream coach lining. The red sofa is now covered with a grey striped upholstery fabric and the pink carpets replaced by cloud grey flooring. We are all set for a few more years boating with the pleasure of fresh surroundings. Lynne Shapley



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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.

**For Appointments telephone: 01636 893956
8.15am – 5.30pm**

Website: www.collinghammedicalcentre.co.uk

E-Mail: collingham.medicalcentre@nhs.net

I am pleased to report that we now have a plethora of juvenile birds here at Langford after a relatively slow start to the spring. These include robin, song thrush, blackcap, bullfinch, blue, great, long-tailed and willow tit as well as treecreeper, mallard, coot, moorhen, shelduck (first on site since 2010), little ringed plover, ringed plover, lapwing and mute swan. Other breeding success includes 4 avocet chicks which is only our second ever record of successful avocet breeding on site (the first was 2011).

The most notable juvenile is the willow tit as it is only the third recorded in 5 years (first in summer 2010 and the second was last September). These beautiful little birds have been sadly declining since the 1970's and have become extinct from many former areas in more recent years. Their habitat of choice is damp scrub and woodland, particularly with a lower tree



canopy and well developed shrub layer. They are cavity nesters laying clutches of 6-8 eggs and feeding their young on a variety of invertebrates with the adults also feeding on seeds over the winter months.

Willow tits are notoriously difficult to distinguish from the closely related marsh tit but there are a few subtle differences to look out for. The Willow tit has a dark base to the bill compared to the Marsh's light grey colouration and the Willow tit's black cap is duller compared with the glossy cap of the marsh tit which also extends further down the nape of the neck to the mantle.

A final visible difference is the cheeks with the willow tit having white compared to the beige cheeks of the marsh tit. This is all quite difficult to establish especially as it is unlikely to get them side by side, so by far the most reliable way to recognise them is by their call – the willow tit has a high pitched 'zee-zee-zee' or 'zrr-zrr-zrr' whereas the marsh tit has a distinctive 'pitchoo' call. Notably absent from our list of juveniles is the great crested grebe, with 5-6 pairs here at Langford they are usually regular breeders but sadly so far this year no young have been spotted.

This spring may have been slow for breeding birds but it was one of the best springs for waders in recent years. Records include little stint, spotted redshank, ruff and – the star of the show – our red-necked phalarope. Jenny our warden is pleased to announce that so far the autumn has got off to a great start with a black-tailed bonanza over the past few weeks. No less than 24 black-tailed godwits, still in stunning breeding plumage giving the highest number recorded on site.

The summer has also seen visitors of a different variety in the form of Balderton Boys Brigade who enjoyed an afternoon full of activities on the reserve including the tree trail, pond dipping and birdwatching and I am pleased to say that the weather was kind to us ☺

If you would like more information about our programme of fun and inspirational educational sessions to help get your class/group closer to wildlife please email gail.talton@rspb.org.uk or call the office on 01636 893611. Please note that school visits are FREE of charge but there is a nominal fee for other groups.

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 or call 01636 893611.



ART AND CRAFT FAIR
South Scarle Community Centre
St Helena's Church, South Scarle, NG23 7JH
Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th October 2015
A large variety of crafts
Refreshments: Soup Lunches, Tea, Coffee & Cakes

FREE ENTRY
Contact Florence Baldwin 01636 892056

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council is still looking to appoint a new clerk to commence the role in September. The role is not onerous and assistance will be given to anyone who wishes to take on the position.

Please contact me on 611998 or email cammacks31@gmail.com to if you are interested.

Lee Cammack (Chairman)



GARDEN CLUB

The next meeting of the Garden Club will be on Wed Sept 16th at the usual time of 7.30. The talk will be on "Pickled, potted & canned food preservation including Birdseye" by Tracey Akeworth. I look forward to seeing everyone again after the summer break. *Chris Barker*



SHOPPING SOLUTIONS

Home Delivery



Now we no longer have our local shop those of you who would like to continue to have a daily newspaper delivered may be pleased to know that the Nisa Local Store on Lincoln Road, Newark are happy to deliver newspapers and milk in Winthorpe on a daily basis. Please contact Sam Gill at

Nisa Local, Lincoln Road,
Newark NG24 2BU (almost opposite the Co-op store)
Tel 01636 704976

Billing is monthly and can be paid by cheque.

WAITROSE FREE BUS SERVICE

This service collects customers in Winthorpe on Monday mornings.

Pick up points are 10.28 am at the now closed Post Office and 10.30

am at The Green. The bus arrives at Waitrose at 10.51 am and leaves Waitrose at 12.15. It returns to Collingham at 12.50, having dropped off at Winthorpe on the way.

(If anyone has any other useful suggestions please let us know! Ed)

Waitrose





Tickets £10 Bar until 11.30pm
1970's style light buffet
Dancing to all the 70's smash hits

DISCO

TICKETS FROM WINTHORPE:
THE OLD POST HOUSE,
31 GAINSBOROUGH ROAD OR
17 POCKLINGTON CRESCENT



*Wear your favourite
1970's disco gear!*



70's Disco Nite

Winthorpe Community Centre

SATURDAY 10 October 2015 7.30 pm

In aid of a village defibrillator

With support from Winthorpe with Langford Parish Council



TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!

VILLAGE VENTURES

Just a reminder: on Sunday 18th October 2015 at 7.30 pm, in the Community Centre, Village Ventures are proud to present

Instructions for American Servicemen in England

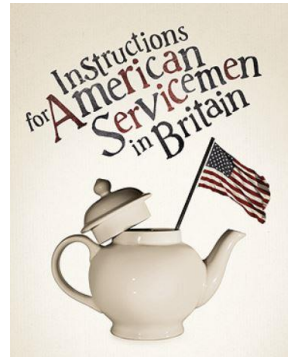
It's 1942 and a horde of Yankee servicemen have just arrived in England - where the locals speak a strange dialect, boil all their food, and talk endlessly about the weather.

The Americans see the Brits as a strange race. Get ready to judge for yourself in a night of joyous laughter and downright silliness as a crack team of experts attempt to explain the rules of British life.

Inspired by a WWII pamphlet given to GIs on their way to Blighty, the show will take the audience back to the British home front, where two American officers have been charged with explaining British life to their soon-to-arrive countrymen. The problem is- they've only just arrived themselves!

This is comedy suitable for all the family and there will be a licensed bar on the night. Tickets will be available from Frances Kelly 01636 671673 or any of the Community Centre Trustees, Adults £10, Concessions £8, Children U16 £5. Full details on a leaflet will be arriving through your door shortly and on posters around the villages.

Sue Jackson Secretary to the Trustees (Tel: 07884 292469)



Winthorpe Allotment Association - Late Summer Report

The village allotments are now well established and we have been very fortunate with the weather - lots of rain and sunshine has ensured good growing conditions. Allotment holders have been enjoying bumper crops of onions, garlic, soft fruit, courgettes and artichokes. The pumpkins are swelling and cabbages hearting up ready for autumn picking and eating. Not only have we had the pleasure of truly-freshly picked fruit and vegetables this year, but between us we grow dozens of different varieties that you simply can't buy in the shops – your own allotment really can be better than Harrods and cheaper than Aldi!



Would you like to come and join us on your own allotment? Whether you are an old hand or completely new to growing fruit and vegetables, we are very happy to add new names onto our waiting list. Enthusiasm and a bit of regular time and effort are much more important than previous experience and we can offer practical help and advice to get you started.

We are a very friendly association and look forward to welcoming new members of all ages and experience levels. If you are interested in joining us, please email Louise at louise@homeatgrovehouse.co.uk or leave a message on 01636 701947 and one of us will be delighted to show you around - it's unlikely you will come away empty-handed. You are also welcome to come along to our next meeting to find out more, on Thursday 24th September at 7:30pm in the Village Hall, Winthorpe. **Louise Lyons** (Secretary)



ALL SAINTS
WINTHORPE
CHURCH NOTICES

This month our church will be joining in with the Ride & Stride event on Saturday the 12th of September. You can find out more about this at www.rideandstrideuk.org,

but it is basically a sponsored cycling and walking event to raise money for urgent repair

work to endangered Chapels, Churches and Meeting Houses throughout the country. If you fancy joining in then you can either be a participant, or if you feel less energetic, a helper. Either way call me on 01636 679105 to either request a sponsorship form or to let me know what times you can help “man” the church to let our visitors in and provide light refreshment.

On Sunday the 20th of September you will see that there is only one morning service in the entire East Trent Group of Churches. It will be taken by the Revd. Michael Briggs at All Saints Church in North Collingham. It is a service to mark the fiftieth anniversary of Michael's ordination. All the PCCs in the group were asked if they would cancel their morning service, if they happened to have one, on that Sunday so that everyone can attend this very special service.

Ian Hasman on behalf of Winthorpe Church PCC



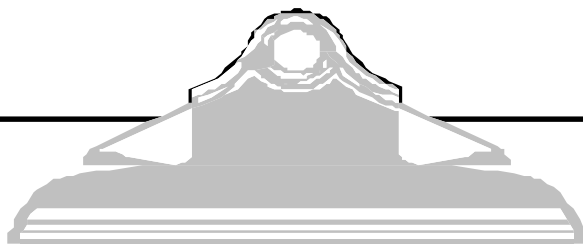
Church Services for September



Sunday 6 th	9.00	Holy Communion - Festival of St Giles	Holme
Sunday 13 th	9.00	Morning Worship	Langford
	10.15	Holy Communion	Winthorpe
Sunday 20 th	10.15	Holy Communion – 50 th Anniversary Celebration	Collingham All Saints

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.

Church Cleaners Mrs Lloyd and Mrs Nelson



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Thursday 3 rd	School Starts
Monday 7 th	Silver Bin Lunch Club 12.30 Community Centre
Tuesday 8 th	WI Coffee Morning 10am – 12.00 VH
Wednesday 9 th	HM The Queen becomes our longest reigning Sovereign 🇬🇧
Saturday 12 th	Ride and Stride Event Winthorpe Church
Monday 14 th	Green Bin
Tuesday 15 th	Mini Tennis begins Community Centre
Wednesday 16 th	Garden Club 7.30pm Community Centre
Thursday 17 th	Parish Council meeting 7.30pm VH
Monday 21 st	Silver Bin
Thursday 24 th	Allotment Association Meeting 7.30pm VH
Monday 28 th	Green Bin Library Van

Pat's Puzzle from last 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 10 pigs and 16 hens!

Pat's Puzzle for this month -What popular phrase is depicted here?

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‘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