



2015

Ed's Comments

The Harvest is being celebrated this

month. My earliest memories of harvesting are helping my great aunt to pick apples and store

them in the loft above her garage which would smell so lovely for the next few months. I would watch her bottling fruit and salting down runner beans and storing the Kilner jars in rows in her pantry which was below floor level and always cool. She would let me collect the eggs too – warm and fresh from the nest they fascinated me!

Now I help Nick to pick and store apples. He has been harvesting fresh vegetables all summer with great pride and satisfaction and he has frozen many pounds of soft fruit to last us through the winter. The squirrels have ‘helped’ too. Now, I don’t mind them having the conkers – they work very hard nibbling off the outer coating and leaving it in shreds around the garden and it is quite fun to see them dashing around with conkers which must weigh nearly as much as they do! What I do mind is that, for the second year running, they have had all our plums and pears. The final indignity was when they made off with virtually our whole crop of sweetcorn as soon as it was properly ripe. They must have been testing it daily like “the man from Birds Eye” to know when the optimum time had arrived and then descended en masse to make their own harvest!

It is so easy to forget in this modern era of easy shopping, when everything you need (and more) is so readily available, just how much time and work is involved in the production of what we buy. Now is a good time to say thank you and well done to those who work so hard for so little recompense and to remember that next time I get stuck behind a tractor on the A17!

Annie Purday

Closing date for the November issue is **Friday 23rd October**

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nickwynne@virginmedia.com

LUNCH CLUB

The **November** Lunch Club will be at 12.30 p.m. on Monday, November 2nd at the Community Centre.

The menu will be:



Beef Bourignon

OR

Fish Cakes with Parsley Sauce



With Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

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Lemon Mascarpone Cheesecake and 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 **October** Lunch Club is on **Monday 5th October** as advertised in last month's Focal Point

QUIZ NIGHT: SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER.....

SAVE THE DATE!

We will be holding our quiz night, postponed from earlier in the year, on Saturday 28th November at the Community Centre starting at 7.30pm. There will be a supper included and, as usual, teams of (up to) six people are welcome to participate. Santa won't be making an early appearance but there might be a few Xmas themed questions to gently help us into the seasonal mood!

**WE NEED
YOU
at our
QUIZ
NIGHT**



It is our intention to not only raise funds for our own association; we also hope to raise enough to be able to make a donation / donations to other local worthy cause(s).

So please make a note in your diary if you would like to join us for a fun evening and at the same time help us to raise money for local groups and initiatives.

More details to follow in next month's Focal Point.

David Barthorpe Winthorpe Allotment Association

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



GARDEN CLUB

Tracey Akehurst's very interesting illustrated talk was basically about food preservation through the ages. Our attention was grabbed by her remarks about the discovery in tombs in Egypt by archaeologists in 1800 of jars of a liquid which proved to be honey. The honey was perfectly palatable but as more tried it they found it to be hairy. In the bottom of the container was the perfectly preserved body of a baby some 5000 years old. The belief was that such preservation conferred immortality. It was also common for dried fruits to accompany these "immortals" to feed them in the afterlife.

Early methods of drying fruit were probably a matter of chance; for example dates that were dropped from palms, dried and hardened and by trial and error softened by boiling.

It was suggested that advances in food preservation were largely

driven throughout history by the need to feed armies, often far from their homeland.

Many phrases in our current language have their origins in food preservation. George III liked dried broad beans so much he wanted an annual "beanfest". In medieval times,

salt was such an expensive commodity it was used as currency for buying slaves and a hard working slave would be "worth his salt". Brine was used to preserve or pickle, especially vegetables and fruit. In the 14th century the Dutch would send barges loaded with huge vats of pickled vegetables to Britain. Though not for human transport, people were allowed to travel for free, sitting amongst this cargo, hence the phrase "in a pickle".

Other examples of preservation mentioned were fermentation, canning and freezing.

Our next meeting is on October 21st when Joy or Stuart Allinson will present "The History of Harvest" **Ian Wilson**



GIANT SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

Time to announce the winners of the 2015 Winthorpe, Langford & Holme Giant Sunflower Competition!

- 1st Prize: Max Holmes-Dickens (height 3.31m)
2nd Prize: Lizzie Wakefield and George Holmes-Dickens
(joint winners - height 3.25m)
3rd Prize: Anna Clarke (height 3.11m)



The Teacher's Award went to Miss Blake, whose sunflower measured 3.30m. Congratulations to all of our prize winners – it was lovely visiting school and presenting you with your trophies and certificates.

Indeed, well done to everyone who entered the competition, and to all the parents and grandparents who no doubt helped our young gardeners.

See you next Spring for the 2016 competition – our village “Sunflower Expert” Mr Finn has already set aside hundreds of seeds from his amazing sunflowers: will you be our next winner?!

Liz & Charlie Ferreira

Winthorpe Community Centre

Access to the Community Centre

A reminder that access to the Community Centre will be via a key kept in a key safe fixed to the outside wall of the Community Centre. The work is to be carried out on the 28th September. 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. All the groups who regularly hire the hall have been contacted and asked to supply an email address, if you have not supplied one yet please get in touch.

The lock for the main door, the external changing room doors 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.

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

VILLAGE VENTURES

****Tickets now available****

On Sunday 18th October 2015 at 7.30 pm, in the Community Centre, Village Ventures are proud to present

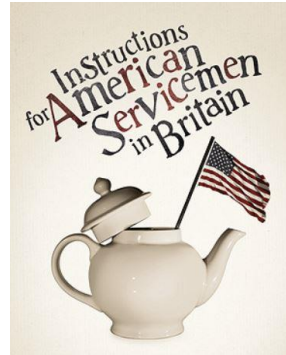
Instructions for American Servicemen in England

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.

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





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Dear Everyone,

We're back and a new academic year has begun! This September we welcome for the first time not only our new Reception Class children but also a new teacher - Miss Donald. Miss Donald is teaching Class 3 and



their topic this term is Ancient Egypt and they will be visiting The Collection at Lincoln in support of their studies. Miss Donald is joining a great team of staff supported by a committed governing body and enriched by a positive and

dynamic PTA. Add to that our fantastic pupils and supportive parents and you will appreciate why last year our SATs results were amongst the best ever and why we felt we could even take our children abroad for the first time ever!

Trudi Emmerson and her team in the kitchen are providing our children with hot, healthy meals contributing hopefully to our reaccreditation of the Healthy Schools award submitted before the summer. We are opening our doors to you all at 12noon on Wednesday 14th October in the hope that you'll join us for one of Trudi's lovely roast dinners. The cost of the meal is £2.58 per person - please let the school office know on 01636 680060 if you'd like to attend or just pop in and tell us.

The older children thoroughly enjoy ‘hosting’ our Community Dinners and we look forward to welcoming you.

A new academic year for staff and pupils also means a new year for our PTA. They are already preparing for their first fundraising event of the year in the form of a Frog Racing Night! – Friday 16th October. I can



reassure you that no real frogs are involved or will be harmed during the evening, but it sounds a lot of fun. The event is open to all in our community and we would be delighted if you would join us. Tickets are £5 each and include a Nicholson’s pie and pea supper, and there are cash prizes to be won. Tickets can be purchased from the

school office. Doors open at the Community Centre at 7pm – come and find out what it is all about!

Mr and Mrs Ferreira came in to school to reveal the winners of this year’s sunflower competition. The title of ‘Winner’ is a highly sought after prize for both children and staff and we’re delighted to tell you that this year’s winner was Max Holmes-Dickens with Lizzie Wakefield and George Holmes-Dickens taking joint second place and Anna Clarke winning the third prize. The teacher’s competition was won by Miss Blake, our Reception Teacher. Please see Mr and Mrs Ferreira’s own account of the competition this year for more details!

Some of our older girls came to me and asked if we could host a Coffee and Cake Afternoon in school in aid of Macmillan. This will take place in School on Friday 25th September, sadly after this edition of the Focal Point has been circulated, but we are delighted to support this very worthy cause, especially given our children’s interest, and will let you know how much we raise.

Finally, we are still looking for a new dinner lady to appoint. The role involves working over the lunchtime period, Monday to Friday. Please contact me if you would like to be considered (01636 680060).



Best Wishes **Caron Ementon** (Headteacher)

Winthorpe & District W.I.



Meeting held on Thursday, 10th September, 2015
The President, Virginia Seager welcomed member 20 members and 2 visitors. There were 7 apologies for absence.

We are happy to announce that the Coffee Morning held by the ladies of the W.I. on Tuesday 8th September, raised over £200.00 for Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research. Thank you to all those who attended and contributed.

A card was received from the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge thanking Winthorpe members for their kind wishes on the birth of their daughter, Princess Charlotte.

An invitation was received from Dorewood W.I. to attend their Fashion Show on Wednesday 7th October 2015 starting at 7.30 pm. Cost: £5.00 per ticket which includes refreshment.

On the 16th September 2015 our President, Virginia Seager, will be representing us at a Civic Reception to be held at the Council Offices in Nottingham.

'Village Ventures' will be performing a comedy entitled 'Instructions for American Servicemen in Britain' on Sunday 18th October 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre. Tickets are now available for sale. Adults £10.00, Concessions £8.00 and Children under 16 £5.00

This month's speaker was Linda Davey who gave a very interesting and informative talk on 'Tantalising Teas'.

Linda is an ex. Chairperson of Nottinghamshire Federation W.I., and upon completing her term of office was invited by Denman College to attend a course to become a tea representative for the Tea Council/Tea Guild. Part of her duties includes reporting on Afternoon Teas in tea shops around the country. Her report is submitted to the Council and an award is presented to the best tea shop. Ollerton Watermill Tea Shop has in the past won this coveted award.

China was the first country to grow tea but now every country in the world grows tea, including the U.K.



where it is grown in Cornwall. Using samples, Linda explained the difference between green tea, oolong tea and black tea and the different techniques of how to brew tea. Liz Moran gave the vote of thanks. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 8th October 2015 in the Village Hall, the talk will be about 'Growing Old Disgracefully'.

Hostesses: Barbara Finn, Pat Nelson and Lynn Ehram

Diana Kitson

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

I am pleased to announce that following the meeting on the 17th September 2015, the Parish Council have appointed a new clerk.

Her name is Sally Sillery who comes with banking experience which will make her ideal for the role.



The Parish Council have had their 2014-2015 accounts audited by Grant Thornton and these have been approved. A copy of these is on the notice board outside the Lord Nelson and should you require a copy details are there of how to request one.

Copies of the minutes from Parish Council meetings will be posted on the village web site shortly.

Please contact me on 611998 or email me at cammacks31@gmail.com if there are any issues that you want bringing to the council's attention.

Lee Cammack (Chairman)

Pat's Puzzle (answer next month)

Nick would like a new garden wall. He receives two quotations, one from John and one from Mick. John says it will take him 5 hours to build the wall and Mick says it will take him 8 hours. Nick thinks if John and Mick work together they can build the wall much quicker.

How long will take them to build the wall?

Winthorpe Line-dancing group

Winthorpe Line-Dancers meet every Monday at The Community Centre for an hour between 7pm - 8pm. The sessions started on 14th September. We are a friendly group who enjoy the weekly social catch up together with gentle exercise. All ages and



ability welcome - funds raised go towards the upkeep of the Community Centre. As long as the group size remains between 15-25 the weekly charge will be £1. I look forward to seeing you.

Joan Lord (Fellow Line-dancer)

Winthorpe Summer Festival 2015 – Final Account

Income

W.I	£100.00
Church Tombola	20.00
Ice Cream	20.00
Bits and Bobs	10.00
Winthorpe School	
PTA	10.00
Newark Children's	
Centre	17.10
Craft Fair	30.00
Bouncy Castle	58.00
Village Hall	33.00
Garden Club	63.50
Bar	146.48
BBQ	181.29
Football game	33.55
Raffle	137.00
	£859.92
	170.00

Surplus £689.92

£200 to Winthorpe Defibrillator Fund; £250.00 to Newark Stroke and Aphasia Group; £239 to Babert Appeal for Cancer Research and Alzheimers Disease.

Festival Committee

Expenditure

Bouncy Castle	£50.00
Newark Community First Aid	40.00
Firecracker Cheerleaders	40.00
Balderton Scout/guide Band	40.00
	£170.00



(Congratulations to Sue Masheder and the Festival Committee and all those who helped to promote and support another successful event! Ed)



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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



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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!

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 THE AREA DEAN

Dear all,

As autumn approaches and leaves begin to develop their fragrance and startling colours emerge, we are forcibly reminded that the year is moving on. Last weekend I had the privilege of officiating at a village baptism. Our church of All

Saints was packed. During the service the congregation sang the familiar hymn, "All things bright and beautiful" lustily and took part fully in the ancient rite. All Saints is not just a reminder of a golden age, a glorious past, but is regularly used for baptisms, weddings and funerals. These occasional offices, as they are called, happen throughout the year alongside regular acts of weekly worship. Of importance All Saints is a resource available to all. The church is a unique space and provides those who enter it, a chance to think and be. At its best All Saints offers a certain sort of liberation and renewed hope. Our busy world gives few of us time to really catch our breath, to think and just be.

Harvest, Remembrance and then the celebrations that lead to Christmas will soon be upon us. All the while All Saints is quietly waiting to receive whoever enters, whether laughing or weeping.

All Saints is a hidden treasure, almost obscured from those in the village, but a landmark from both the A1 and Newark Ring Road. It is a beacon of hope standing against all the elements. All Saints is your church: why not make the time to call by? You will, I'm sure be positively affected by it.

Yours in Christ

David Milner (Area Dean)



Spring Cleaning n.b. Mulberry



Arrrgh! Five packets of spaghetti. It is amazing what you find when you dig out the back of a cupboard.

Spring cleaning for me can be a different affair than for most people. For me it means sorting out what to pack for the boat for several months

away and what to leave at home for the occasional return visits. Other boaters and caravaners, those people who stay away for weeks at a time, will know what I'm saying. Do you leave the fridge on or empty; do you remove all butter and sauces?

Actually, it is not such a big change in life style either because as a child I lived in a hotel. During the summer we had rooms in the 'servants' quarters' under the attic. We took with us all our toys and clothes that were needed. In the winter we were allowed to occupy the guest bedrooms in the main part of the house. We could spread ourselves out but again we only took our Winter clothes there because it was a temporary luxury.

These days I need to sort clothes, bedding and food cupboards. It is a good time for a throw out and a notepad on which to record what needs to be bought. I should have paid more attention to this list when shopping for pasta. Shelves are cleaned and spider's webs removed in both the house and the boat so that by time the move is made everywhere should be sparkling clean (usually not) and I am exhausted and ready for that holiday.

So where are we off to this year? We plan just a short trip to take in a few key cities: Leicester, London, Reading, Bristol, Oxford, Birmingham,

Nottingham and into Newark. Someone commented that this sounded like a very urban holiday but as I pointed out to her at least she now has



a mental picture of where these places are rather than me naming locks or villages out in the countryside.

Next time you decide to sort out a cupboard think of the season and what you will need. I in the meantime will try to keep my shopping updated and serve spaghetti for the next month or so.

Lynne Shapley

WINTHORPE COMMUNITY PROJECT EMBANKMENT CLEARANCE PROGRESS UPDATE



You may have noticed the embankment clearance work which has taken place over the spring and summer along the path next to the Community Centre leading down to the recreation ground. Most of this work has been undertaken by the ASBO team of the Nottinghamshire Probationary Service at no cost to the Parish Council or the Community Centre. A letter of thanks has been sent from the Parish Council and the Community Centre to the Nottinghamshire Probationary Service.

As a result weeds, including nettles and brambles, have been cleared and large dead or diseased trees removed, as were a quantity of smaller self-set trees. During the summer the site was been sprayed to keep the weeds down and to prevent them from growing again.

At the commencement of this work the RSPB were consulted. They visited the site and endorsed what was being done. In addition they made a number of recommendations such as the bottom pathway all of which have been adopted and incorporated. The RSPB, Countryside Commission and the RHS have all confirmed that a “wild life area” needs to be managed and maintained to be effective.

The next phase is to repair the steps from the top of the embankment (at the back of the Community Centre) down to the drainage dyke at the bottom and to fill the new pathway with a suitable filling from the Langford Quarry either as a donation or at a special price. Some financial support for this has also been promised by County Councillor Mrs Dobson from her local County Council fund. This work will also be carried out by the Probationary Service Team.

Once this work has been completed, hopefully by the end of October at the latest, then the planting of trees and suitable shrubs will commence. The Youth Club have very kindly agreed to help with this. The Parish Council has received donations amounting to £60 for the purchase of trees with the promise of further donations to follow. A number of local residents and Garden Centres have generously agreed to donate suitable shrubs for the site.

It is hoped to complete the planting before the end of October/beginning of November.

We would like to invite local residents to donate bulbs such as snowdrops, daffodils, bluebells etc. which can also be planted then. Such donations can be a special way of remembering a loved one. In the early spring it is proposed to sow the site with meadow flower seed for what is hoped will be an attractive spring/early summer display.

All that will then remain is the installation of a small “kissing gate” at the Jubilee Bridge end of the new path.

The Probationary Service has also agreed to visit the site three or four times a year to help keep it clean and clear of weeds etc.

If anyone would like to donate bulbs or offer help with planting please phone 671377.

(This account is a summary of the report submitted to the Parish Council at the September meeting. What an exciting project! Ed)





ALL SAINTS WINTHORPE CHURCH NOTICES

Last month our church held a funeral for Alice Coote and a baptism for Jimmy Salmon.

On Saturday the 12th of September our Church had five visitors on the Ride and Stride sponsored event – and two visitors who just wanted to look around. I would like to say thank you to Pat Finn and Christine Hasman for volunteering to help me staff the church. Sadly the church had to be closed for a couple of hours in the afternoon as no one was available to supervise.

This month we have our Harvest Festival on Sunday the 18th of October, we would love to see you all there. We are very pleased that the service will be taken by the Venerable Revd David Picken, the Archdeacon of Newark. If you would like to bring anything then please be aware that, as usual, all gifts will be donated to the Women's Refuge in Newark. Please do not bring fresh produce as they are unable to accept these as gifts; please could you bring packaged or tinned produce or toiletries as these are what they would like.

On Saturday the 17th of October we will be having our Harvest Supper at the Community Centre. Please be there for 19.00 for a 19.30 start. If you would like to attend then please make sure that you buy a ticket in advance from:-

Ian and Christine on 01636 679105

Joan on 01636 682304

John on 01636 704712

Sylvia on 01636 703271

Tish on 01636 643769

When you book your ticket you will be asked to choose between cottage pie or vegetarian option with apple crumble to follow.

Tickets are £7 which also includes a glass of wine. Please do come along and have a fantastic evening.

Our group is having an All Souls Service in Collingham at the end of the month where candles will be lit for every soul that has been requested to be remembered. If you have someone that you would like to be remembered then please either add them to the list at the back of our church or phone me on 679105.

Ian Hasman on behalf of Winthorpe Church PCC

Church Services for October



Sunday 4 th	9.00	Holy Communion	Holme
Sunday 11 th	10.15	Holy Communion	Winthorpe
	18.00	Harvest Festival	Langford
Sunday 18 th	10.15	Harvest Festival	Winthorpe
Friday 23 rd	13.30	School Harvest	Winthorpe
Sunday 25 th	17.00	Evensong	Winthorpe
Saturday 31 st	15.00	All Souls Service	St John's, Collingham

The Church Bells may be rung for any of the Winthorpe services.

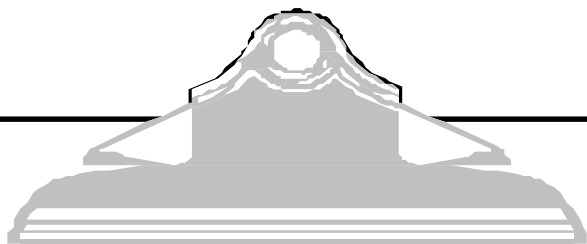
Please note that since we now have more visitors available then it is more likely that the bells will be rung on Thursday evenings between 7.00 and 9.00 for practice.

The bells will also be rung between 10.50 and 11.20 on Friday the 30th of October by a visiting band of ringers.

Church Cleaner Miss T Applewhite.

Brass Cleaners Mrs Aldridge and Mrs McClymont

Flower Ladies – The church will be open from 2pm on Friday the 16th of October to receive your Harvest Festival arrangements. If you are unable to attend will you please phone Sylvia on 703271. Please can we remove the flowers on Monday the 26th of October at 2pm.



OCTOBER CALENDAR

Monday 5th	Silver Bin Lunch Club 12.30 Community Centre
Thursday 8 th	WI 7.30pm Village Hall
Saturday 10th	70's Disco Nite 7.30pm Community Centre
Monday 12th	Green Bin
Wednesday 14 th	12noon Community School Lunch
Thursday 15th	Parish Council meeting 7.30pm Village Hall
Friday 16th	Frog Racing Night 7.30pm Community Centre
Saturday 17 th	Harvest Supper 7pm Community Centre
Sunday 18 th	Village Ventures 7.30pm Community Centre
Monday 19th	Silver Bin
Wednesday 21 st	Garden Club 7.30pm Community Centre
Monday 26th	Green Bin Library Van

Pat's Puzzle from last month -What popular phrase is depicted here?

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Answer: One thing on top of another!

‘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

