



2016

Ed's Comments

A new year either inspires us with renewed vigour or fills us with

gloom! 'New' is always a little scary. It demands a response. Should I make at least one resolution or shall I just jog along as I always have? Should it be something I wish to improve like giving up chocolate or should it be something more positive like taking up yoga or decorating the house? Even thinking about it can cast a new year gloom! The Christmas festivities are all over and we may not have much to look forward to. Fear not! Help is at hand!

COME TO A NEW YEAR
COFFEE MORNING

ON MONDAY

11TH JANUARY 2016



IN WINTHORPE VILLAGE HALL 10.30-1200

COST £1.00 FOR COFFEE AND BISCUITS

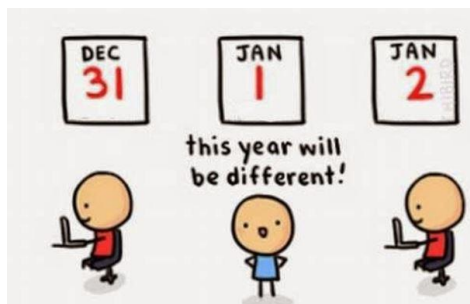
ANY PROFIT TO GO TO BEAUMOND HOUSE

EVERYONE WELCOME

FROM WINTHORPE, LANGFORD AND HOLME

Give me a ring if you need a lift (658347)

Happy New Year to you all! Annie Purday



Closing date for the February issue
is **Friday 22nd January**

Deliver to Annie and Nick
18, Hargon Lane or email

nickwynne@virginmedia.com

LUNCH CLUB

The **February** Lunch Club will be at 12.30 p.m. on Monday, February 1st at the Community Centre.

The menu will be:



Steak and Ale Pie

OR

Tuna Pasta Bake



With Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

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Apple Charlotte and 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 There is no Lunch Club in January

WINTHORPE LUNCH DATES FOR 2016

The Community Centre has been booked for the following Lunch dates.

All Mondays

February 1st

March 7th

April 4th

May 9th (to avoid

May Day)

June 6th

July 4th

August 1st

September 5th

October 3rd

November 7th

December 12th (to

be nearer

Christmas)

Look forward to seeing many of you then. Tish Applewhite

GARDEN CLUB SOCIAL



The Garden Club Social will be on Wednesday 20th January at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre.

Come along and join in the fun! Don't forget your food contributions

(if you are unsure as to what to bring Lynne Shapley has a list) and bring your own drinks.



We are looking forward to a new season of interesting speakers and improved weather! Happy New Year! Ian Wilson

MINI TENNIS AT WINTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE RESUMES IN THE NEW YEAR FOR A 6 WEEK COURSE

(These are fun indoor sessions aimed at primary school youngsters)

STARTING TUESDAY JANUARY 5TH

4-5pm (all equipment provided)

NEW PARTICIPANTS ALWAYS

WELCOME

LTA LEVEL 3 COACH - JON PENNEY

£4 / SESSION

(Free 1st session for new participants)

FURTHER INFORMATION FROM NINA WARD 01636 678419

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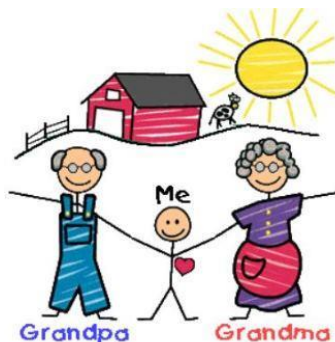


EIGHT YEAR OLDS WRITE ABOUT GRANDPARENTS!

Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no little children of their own. They like other people's.

A grandfather is a man and a grandmother is a lady!

Grandparents don't have to do anything except be there when we go to see them....They are so old that they shouldn't play hard or run. It is good if they drive us to the shops and give us money.



When they take us for walks they slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars.

They show us and talk to us about the colour of the flowers and also why we shouldn't step on 'cracks.'

They don't say 'Hurry up.'

Usually grandmothers are fat but not too fat to tie up your shoes.

They wear glasses and funny underwear.

They can take their teeth and gums out.

Grandparents don't have to be smart.

They have to answer questions like 'Why isn't God married?' and 'How come dogs chase cats?'

When they read to us they don't skip. They don't mind if we ask for the same story over again.

Everybody should try to have a grandmother, especially if you don't have television, because they are the only grown-ups who like to spend time with us.

They know we should have snack time before bedtime and they say prayers with us every time and kiss us even when we've been bad.

GRANDPA IS THE SMARTEST MAN ON EARTH. HE TEACHES ME GOOD THINGS BUT I DON'T GET TO SEE HIM ENOUGH TO GET AS SMART AS HIM! Submitted by Cliff Newbold

A MESSAGE FROM THE AREA DEAN

Dear all,

A festive meal, Christmas pudding and mince pies all consumed, crackers with mottos and paper hats pulled, and the oohs and aaahs as presents, often covered in brightly coloured paper, were noisily unwrapped - already a memory. Some



presents will have been either returned to the shop where they were bought and swapped for something else, others will be put safely away and another group will be valued and enjoyed until worn out or broken - and that was Christmas! But at the start of the new year we are all in the same place - 2016 beckoning to us with all its potential.

There is much in our world that is worrying, violence of every kind both near at hand as well as abroad. Nevertheless it seems to me that we have a great deal to be thankful for. Christmas will have been a great time for some, but for many folk loneliness and isolation will have been their strongest memory. As we step out into this new year all of us will experience highs and lows; it's called "being alive". How we manage our highs and lows is our own responsibility - it's up to us!

There are times when I get home after a meeting at 10 o'clock at night and there is little or no time to spend with my family before I'm out early the next morning, that life can seem challenging. I know from my family, a younger generation, that for many at work the hours are long and combined with travel. Time with a partner, friends and family even is more precious, often having been separated for around 10 hours a day.

The church celebrates Epiphany on the 6th January - a point in its calendar when we remember that the three kings brought Jesus rare gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. They were small in size but of great value. They were precious and were a sign of Jesus' place in our lives and world.

The best gift we can offer to each other, those we love as well as neighbours and strangers, as we enter our new year of potential, is unlikely to be any of those so eagerly unwrapped at Christmas, but that of time, conversation, love and care. David Milner (Area Dean)

I promised you a story by Ron Bradshaw in the last issue of Focal Point. Ron loved to write short stories about his life experiences. Here is one of his favourites. (Ed)

MY MATE 'SAILOR'

I had been barely 4 months in the job when I made the acquaintance of this artful and endearing character. He had been on the payroll for years, I was told, with board and lodging in lieu of wages. He lived on the job, except for a brief annual holiday in the country.

It was early one morning, after I had clocked on, that I was told to fetch Sailor and take him along to 4's to help with the heavy work. I found him in his stall, harnessed him and set out on the dark and dusty trek, up the steep drift and into a worked out district, a mile and a half from pit bottom. On first acquaintance, Sailor had sniffed at my clothes and attempted to turn out my pockets, searching for my snap, which he could smell, or any other titbit I might be carrying. He nuzzled up to me in a friendly manner, assuring me perhaps, that if I looked after him, he wouldn't let me down. He kept his part of the bargain and proved a reliable, hard-working companion, with the strength of many men and staying power that few could match.



Experience had taught him the pitfalls of the job, and he displayed intelligence in avoiding or overcoming them. His main task was hauling a string of tubs loaded with ring- girder roof supports from the abandoned workings to a main haulage junction. His load was usually of many tons and he knew the dangers of controlling such a weight. On undulating tracks he sensed the first signs of danger and applied his own powerful braking system. Of course I would, for my part, when necessary, sprag the wheels of the last tub, to slow its progress, until the

danger passed. Daily he always shared my snap with obvious relish and searched me for more in a playful way.

Although he was always obedient and reliable when working with me, anyone who took advantage of him or treated him cruelly soon had cause to regret his mistake. Sailor's reaction was swift and effective. When hauling a string of laden tubs, he would swerve violently, derailing every single one and shedding their heavy load in a tangled chaos. When the dust had cleared it was soon plain that the tables had been turned on his tormentor, who had to face the prospect of at least another hour's hard graft before he finished his shift.

Always as we returned to pit bottom after an arduous shift he would amble amiably at my side but as soon as we were within four hundred yards of his stable, he would suddenly set off at a canter, dreaming no doubt of the sweet – smelling hay awaiting him in his manger.

Sailor has long since gone to his Elysian fields, and pit bottom and his former work places are silent and deserted. Mother Earth is reclaiming her own, but I like to think that occasionally in his retirement fields, he muses on times past, the hard work, the dust and the danger, not forgetting those pitmen; tough, earthy, often courageous and inevitably kind –hearted who were his former work mates and mine too, many years ago. **Ron Bradshaw**

News from Langford Lowfields

December 2015

Winter has arrived here at Langford Lowfields and, in spite of unseasonably mild winter weather, the winter wildfowl are continuing to gather, the numbers are slowly climbing but we are still hoping for an influx as the temperatures drop. There has been a beautiful stonechat showing well by the pond dipping platform almost daily and the bitterns are still popping up on a regular basis. The little grebe has also made a welcome return after an autumnal absence.

Another welcome return was heard by Jenny our warden at the end of November. That unmistakable 'kronk' call of three ravens overhead was an exciting occurrence as there have only been a handful of records since the first one on site here in 2010! As the largest member of the crow family, ravens are larger than buzzards so are very distinct with their very large and powerful bill, rather flat head and shaggy throat feathers.



They are a widespread and common species, breeding across much of the northern hemisphere but here in the UK, they are traditionally found in the west, preferring sea cliffs and mountains. More recently, however, they have been expanding their range to the east and have been turning up in Nottinghamshire and neighbouring counties regularly. The most recent estimation of UK population is around 7000 pairs. Their diets include live mammals and birds, carrion, fruits, berries and grain, usually picked from the ground.

We look forward to seeing some of you out on the reserve over the coming weeks and would like to take this opportunity wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

For further information about how you can join our volunteer team or for 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.

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.

LANGFORD CAROL SERVICE

Thank you to everyone who donated, attended and helped out at the Langford Church service this year. We raised £402.21 for Langford church which is absolutely fantastic!! It was a great success and we all had a wonderful time. Those who couldn't make it this year, we hope to see you next year! Thanks again,

Amy and Oliver Everatt



ALLOTMENTS QUIZ NIGHT 28TH NOVEMBER



Thank you to everybody who supported our quiz night at the end of last month. We had a good turnout and a new team from Collingham ran out eventual winners by the narrowest of margins from a team of “local talent”.

Thanks to some generous donations of raffle prizes (and the willing purchasers of raffle tickets as well of course!), we were able to raise enough money in total to boost our own funds for general site maintenance, plus make a donation to a young person in the village who will be undertaking a challenge next year to carry out good / charitable work in India. Our donation makes a contribution to the money he is required to raise in order to participate. We wish him every success in that challenge when it takes place.

May I also take this opportunity to remind anybody who may be interested in an allotment plot, how to go about it. At the time of writing this note, all our plots are taken up and we have one person on the waiting list. To put your name on the list, please contact either Louise Lyons or me and we will explain what to do. Contact details can be found on the main village website.

David Barthorpe



Make your Travel Dreams come true at the Southwell Travel Show!

The Southwell Travel Show is now entering its 5th year and this year's event on 23rd January will be their biggest show to date, and the largest of its kind outside a major city.

Organisers, Hyde Barker Travel are delighted that the show continues to increase in popularity each year

and are looking forward to showcasing new holiday ideas and destinations offered by some of the country's top independent tour operators.

Held at the Saracens Head Hotel, the Travel Show is a great opportunity to escape the dreary January weather and turn dreams of holidays and adventures into a reality.

Be inspired to travel by train with Great Rail Journeys, or take an unforgettable coastal sea voyage in Norway with Hurtigruten. Book a luxury beach holiday in Mauritius with Beachcomber, or start planning an adventure into Asia with Insider Journeys. The ideas and



opportunities are endless.

With over 20 stands the event offers a chance to chat to experts from tour operators including Classic Collection, Hurtigruten, Insider Journeys, Inspired by Asia, Silver Fern Holidays, Titan, Kirker, Beachcomber, Veloso and Exodus to name but a few.

Experts will be available for advice throughout the day to help you to plan your holiday. You will even be able to book on the day to take advantage of some special 'on the day' show offers.

An increasingly popular way to travel is part of a small group tour (usually no more than 16 people).

For New Zealand see Silver Fern Holidays and for Cambodia, Vietnam,



Burma and Laos see Insider Journeys. For those who wish to be fully escorted why not look at Saga, Riviera and Titan who collect from the door.

Nearer to home, Kirker have an excellent range of mostly European city breaks for the discerning traveller, and Premier holidays feature

Jersey with daily flights from East Midlands Airport.

Although we live in an increasingly digital age, the high street Travel Agent is enjoying somewhat of resurgence and with good reason.

Hyde Barker are not only able to offer independent, expert advice, in a friendly face to face environment but they have a wide range of additional advantages too.

Able to access special offers and benefits that mean unbeatable value for money, you'll also enjoy reassurance from their physical high street presence where they've been operating for 65 years and 100% financial protection from their ABTA and ATOL bonding.



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Winthorpe & District W.I. Christmas Party

The Community Centre on Wednesday 9th December 2015 was the venue for the Christmas Party of Winthorpe W.I.

The President, Virginia Seager, opened the evening by welcoming 27 members and 4 visitors from other local W.I. groups.

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

Christine Pattinson had kindly compiled a Christmas quiz which was won by the 'Bright Sparks' table. Liz Moran and her 'backing-group' provided the entertainment this year by leading the members and visitors in a 'sing-along' of carols and Christmas songs.

Every member had a Secret Santa present (not to be opened until Christmas Day) and the Raffle was drawn with an excellent assortment of prizes to be won. An extra Raffle was held for Lily Goodwin's Garden Voucher, which Jim had kindly donated to the W.I., the proceeds of which will be donated to Beaumont House in memory of Lily.

Moira Williams was the lucky recipient of the voucher.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 14th January 2016 back as usual in the Village Hall. The speaker will be Christopher Weir when he will talk about 'A Woman's Lot'

The hostesses will be Mary Harrop, Stella Hopewell and Moira Williams
Sheila Palmer

75th Anniversary Commemoration of the WW2 attack on Ransome & Marles factory



The events team at Newark Air Museum is making arrangements for a one day event on Sunday 6th March 2016, to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Luftwaffe attack on the Ransome & Marles bearing factory in Newark-on-Trent, which took place on 7th March 1941.

This commemoration is a joint venture between the museum and the NFS and AFS Vehicles Group; and hopefully Newark

Town Hall, Newark Cemetery, NSK (TBC) and other likeminded organisations. The NFS and AFS Vehicles Group specialise in re-enacting wartime and post-war firefighting activities of the National Fire Service and Auxiliary Fire Service, see their website <http://nfs-afs.org.uk>

This will be part of the weekend of commemorative events, starting at 1:30pm on the Saturday outside the Town Hall with the reading of the names of the 41 people killed, and culminating at the Cemetery on the Monday where 30 of the 41 are buried. The museum will also be remembering the 80th Anniversary of the first flight of the Spitfire, the Rolls-Royce Merlin engines of this iconic fighter used bearings from Ransome & Marles.

The main event at the museum will be a major Air Raid demonstration organised by the NFS and AFS Vehicles Group, who are well-known in 1940s circles for their realistic demonstrations at Woodhall Spa, Rufford, and the Newark Fire Show. The demonstration will start at 1:25pm, the actual time of the air raid 75 years ago, and the events in the aftermath of this will run all afternoon.

To help make the day even more memorable the museum is looking to have visiting displays and participants that are suitable and relevant to that time.

We would like to include people and/or displays within the following areas:

- Re-enactment people/groups, particularly those portraying factory workers (the more the better), ARP, Rescue, Police, Fire Service, WVS, Ambulance, Home Guard and British Army

- Wartime and Pre-war cars and military vehicles with their occupants ideally dressing in period clothing

- Anyone with family connections to Ransome & Marles, especially descendants of people who were there in 1941



- WWII Veteran Associations or those that support them commemorating their role within the period
- Music of the time
- Model displays of Aircraft, Ships and Vehicles from the period (items suitable for external display)
- Cockpits/Aircraft/Aircraft Interior Displays/Engines from the WWII period

We are also keen to hear from anyone with ideas for display items, but wonder if they would be relevant to the day's theme; please contact us with the details and we will explore the subject.

Further details about how to participate can be requested via email at

events@newarkairmuseum.org Howard Healey

Village Christmas Tea Party

Many thanks to all who came along to the Village Christmas Tea Party; the hall was decorated for Christmas, the tables looked lovely and the mince pies and cakes were delicious.

Thanks also to the U3A Recorder Group who entertained us with carols and Christmas music.

All in all a successful afternoon and with donations from those not able to come on the day we raised £200. The entire amount has been donated to Beaumont House Hospice. Barbara Woodcock



Balderton Dry Cleaners & Launderette

Balderton Dry Cleaners and Launderette still deliver and collect in Winthorpe, Langford and Holme on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Launderette will wash and press bedding, shirts, workwear and football kits - all your washing needs!

The Dry Cleaners take mens and ladies wear, curtains, duvets, loose covers and wedding gowns.

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Singing for Charity

*Would you like to book us for a concert to raise money for your
chosen charity, or maybe if you just enjoy singing,
then why not come along and join us.*

for details and concert dates contact:

CAROLE NEEDHAM (Musical Director)

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or **SARAH NEEDHAM** (Secretary)

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COLLINGHAM RAMBLERS WALKS FOR JANUARY 2016

Sunday January 3rd - In and around Collingham (4 miles)

Sunday January 17th - Sturton le Steeple (7 miles)

Sunday January 31st - Denton Wharf / Harlaxton (7 miles)

Wednesday January 13th - Stoke Rochford (4.5 miles)

NEW WALKERS ALWAYS WELCOME!

If you would like to join us on any of these walks please contact NINA WARD on ninajward@live.co.uk or 01636 678419 for more information and specific walk details.

Come along and join this friendly group. We provide an excellent variety of walks in Nottinghamshire and adjacent counties. Most Sunday walks are between 6 and 8 miles.

Wednesday walks are usually about 4 miles with an optional pub lunch.

Walkers should provide snacks, drinks and packed lunches if appropriate.

Suitable footwear and waterproofs are necessary.

Nina Ward





ALL SAINTS WINTHORPE CHURCH NOTICES

The Carol Service last month was again well attended and enjoyed. Thank you to all who attended and helped to make it so enjoyable. We had many suggestions for the carols sung and if you have any favourites then please let us know so that we can include them this year.

I can't tell you the result of our latest Promise Programme just yet as we are still receiving replies. I hope to be able to give more information next month. We would however like to thank everyone who has made a donation so far.

We were hoping to have another concert this month from the RAF Regimental Band but we are having difficulties getting in touch with them to finalise arrangements owing to “operational uncertainty” within the armed forces at this time. We will try to arrange a concert later in the year.

This year I have been busy with work commitments and as a result I have had less time to devote to events at the church and PCC meetings. This has meant that other members of the PCC have had to “pick up the slack” to keep things moving. I would like to express my thanks to them for doing this.

Ian Hasman on behalf of Winthorpe Church PCC

Church Services for January



Sunday 3 rd	9.00	Holy Communion	Holme
Sunday 10 th	10.30	Holy Communion	Winthorpe
Sunday 17 th	9.00	Morning Worship	Langford
	10.15	Morning Worship	Winthorpe
Sunday 24 th	17.00	Evening Prayer	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.

Thank you to our flower ladies for the wonderful displays in church over the festive period; they never fail to raise the spirits. Can I also remind you that we would like you to remove your arrangements at 2pm on the 4th of this month.

Church Cleaners – Mr and Mrs McClymont



From

WINTHORPE SCRABBLE CLUB

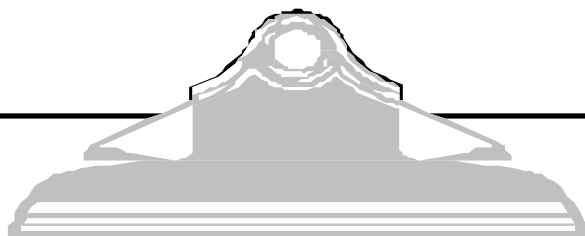
Please come and join us.

We meet in Winthorpe on Friday afternoons.

20p for tea and biscuits.

Ability is very unimportant,
just a nice friendly afternoon.

Please contact Annie or Nick on 01636
658347



JANUARY CALENDAR

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Monday 4th	Green Bin
Tuesday 5 th	Mini-tennis begins 4-5pm Community Centre
Monday 11th	Silver Bin
	New Year Coffee Morning 10.30am VH
Thursday 14th	WI 7.30pm Village Hall
Monday 18th	Green Bin
	Mobile Library
Wednesday 20th	Garden Club Social 7.30pm Community Centre
Thursday 21st	Parish Council meeting 7.30pm VH (Finance Committee 7pm)
Saturday 23rd	Southwell Travel Show
Monday 25th	Silver Bin

NB: Bin collection in Holme Village on Saturday 2nd January NOT Friday 1st!



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