



2016 Ed's Comments

This issue of Focal Point is a true reflection of the variety and richness of village living. In it we celebrate the lives of those we have lost in the community and mourn with their families. Each person who has died has made a contribution to village life in their own unique way and will be missed.

We also celebrate special calendar events like Mothering Sunday and Easter, prompted by contributions from people in the community. We have information as usual about the regular happenings taking place this month like the Lunch Club, the Garden Club and the WI. We also look forward to events which will take place later in the year at the Village Hall and in the Community Centre.

It is wonderful to have all this going on around us, just as it is good to receive your comments and contributions – please keep them coming in!

The other great thing to celebrate and support this month is the way in which people in the community take up the baton when it is passed on, so that events and traditions which are valued continue. This month there is information about a forthcoming Village Holiday which is being organised by Les and Chris Murray who have taken over this project from Peter Foden. Good luck to you both in this new venture!

Our community changes and continues to thrive and develop thanks to the continued support of those who live in it – like you!

Happy Easter to you all!

Annie Purday

Closing date for the April issue is **Friday 18th March**

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LUNCH CLUB

The **April** Lunch Club will be at 12.30 p.m. on Monday, April 4th at the Community Centre.

The menu will be:



Honey Roast Ham
with Pineapple and a Red Wine Sauce

OR

Fish Pie



With Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

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Profiteroles with Chocolate Sauce

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

VILLAGE HOLIDAY

We are arranging a Village Holiday, having agreed to take over the organisation from Peter Foden. We have agreed with Wright Travel on a four day trip to Kent from Sunday 18th September to Thursday 22nd September. We have reserved the hotel at Rochester (Q Bridgewood Manor) and are hoping to arrange for excursions to Rochester and Chatham historic dockyard, Canterbury and perhaps Chartwell (all still to be verified). We are targeting a price of under £300 per person based on shared rooms; supplements will be extra for single accommodation as per usual.



Please will anyone interested in taking part in this Village Holiday get in touch with us so we will have an idea of numbers. We hope to publish a full itinerary in the near future.

Les & Chris Murray
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Winthorpe & District W.I.

Meeting held on Thursday 11th February 2016.

The President welcomed 24 members. There were four apologies for absence.

Matters Arising

The Robin Hood Theatre Trip at Averham; members who visited the theatre to see the comedy 'Ladies' Day' enjoyed an excellent evening. Due to the recent closure of the Lord Nelson pub the meal planned for Wednesday 24th February 2016 has been postponed.

There was an invitation from Coddington W.I. for two members to attend their Birthday Party on Tuesday 8th March 2016.

There was also a letter from Beaumont House thanking the ladies of Winthorpe W.I. for their donation in memory of Lily Goodwin.

Jim Goodwin sent a letter expressing his gratitude for our tribute to Lily which we had published in the Focal Point.

This month's speaker was Alison Musgrove a Podiatrist who gave an interesting and informative talk on how to look after your feet. Her power point presentation showed examples of common problems associated with feet; these included athlete's foot, verrucae, corns, chilblains and toe nail disorders. Diabetes can cause numbness in the feet as well as other problems, so she stressed the importance for suffers to have their feet checked regularly in an effort to avoid such issues.

The vote of thanks was given by Sylvia Lloyd.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 10th March 2016 in the Village Hall. Hostesses: Frances Kelly, Sue Reynolds and Kate Warren. Diana Kitson

MOTHER'S DAY

One woman is much like any other
Until the day that she becomes a mother.
From the day of our conception
She carries us with no exception.
Then one day there is our birth -
Some say the pain is worst on earth.
To her body we will cling
Food and comfort it will bring.
She will teach us as we grow
One day off to school we go.
She'll be there day in, day out
If we are naughty she may shout.
She may not have a lot of wealth
Still feed us before she does herself.
Throughout the years she clothes and cleans
Gives advice when in our teens.
When we marry and leave the nest
She'll still be there for mum knows best.
If we should have a child or two
She will be there to help us through.
She'll give us money if we are short
Love like this cannot be bought.



There is one day in every year
When we can bring a little cheer.
It may be something very small
Just given with our love that's all.
Small compensation for the tears she shed
Since she first tucked us into bed.
To mothers one and all I say
Have a happy "Mother's Day!"
Jim Goodwin

(written for Lily last year on Mother's Day)

Just as you begin to realise that your mother was always right
you've got a daughter who thinks you are always wrong!
(Spotted in a Mother's Day card by my daughter! Ed)



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12 February 2016

Hello Everyone,

The first half term of the School Spring Term is nearly over as I write and it has been a busy 6 weeks. Our 7, 8 and 9 year olds have completed a series of swimming lessons at the Grove Leisure Centre and some of those children, along with our older ones, have been involved in an inter-school swimming gala.

Hawkes of Steele came in and the children had a fantastic time watching their birds of prey in a flying display – right over our heads!

Some of the children were even lucky enough to handle the birds.

Class 2 and 4 have been to the National Space Centre this term and had a wonderful day exploring space in the Planetarium, learning about the ‘space race’ and latest technologies, following how Tim Peake is getting on in the Space Station and, thanks to our PTA, were able to participate in workshops that involved building rockets for the younger children, and programming Martian rovers for our older ones. They had a great day as you can imagine.



There has been a lot of hard work going on too. As well as the usual timetable we've had an assessment week. This isn't part of the formal national assessment that takes places later on in the year, but it is really important to our teaching staff as it helps them to monitor progress and informs future planning to meet individual needs. Believe it or not, some of our children actually enjoy assessment week!

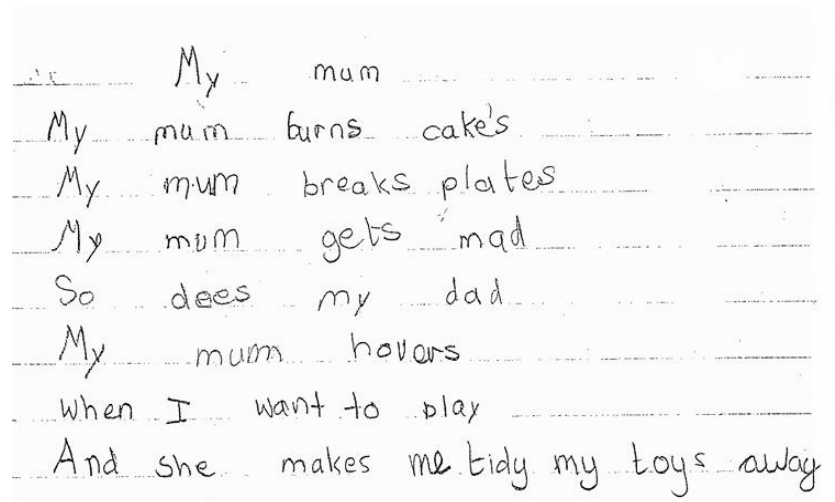
Our half-term holiday is the week commencing 15th February and we have an Inset Day on the first day back, so the children will be back in school on Tuesday 23rd February.

As mentioned in January our next 'Community Dinner' will be on Thursday 3rd March. Please come along and join us. The cost of the meal is £2.58 each and if you could let the office know on 01636 680060 if you'd like to come that would be wonderful. We look forward to welcoming you then.

Best Wishes

Caron Ementon

I wonder what the children at school wrote for their mums on Mother's Day. This is what my daughter, Laura, wrote when she was six years old! (For 'hovers' read 'hoovers'.) She did go on to become a magazine journalist!! Ed



My mum
My mum burns cake's
My mum breaks plates
My mum gets mad
So dees my dad
My mum hovers
When I want to play
And she makes me tidy my toys away

GIANT SUNFLOWER COMPETITION 2016

It still feels very much like winter but with Easter falling early this year we will soon be making a start on the 2016 Giant Sunflower Competition.

For anyone not familiar with this Winthorpe institution, this is the annual children's competition to see who can grow the tallest sunflower. The competition was started over 20 years ago by local resident, Pat Finn, and has been going (or growing?) strong ever since. All children at Winthorpe Primary School can enter, as well as non-pupils (of primary school age) living in Winthorpe, Langford and Holme. Charlie and I will be visiting the school on Friday 18th March to deliver a "sunflower assembly" and give out a packet of seeds to each child. It is always a challenge to think of an assembly that engages, inspires and informs.....especially with our harshest critics sitting in the audience! Zack (7) and Alex (4) will definitely let us know if this year's efforts are up to scratch or not.

The children plant their seeds on Easter Sunday (27th March) and need to nurture them through the spring and summer until the competition ends on Sunday 11th September. We return to school shortly after that that to announce the winners and present certificates and trophies!

We would really encourage everyone to have a go – even if you don't consider yourself to be "green fingered". The experience of growing a plant from seed and caring for it over many weeks is really special, and the children get very excited about who will have the winning sunflower. No doubt there will be some minor disasters along the way (us included – we're no experts!) but even this can teach some valuable lessons.

Good Luck to everyone!

Liz & Charlie Ferreira



GARDEN CLUB

In her talk entitled 'Muck & Magic' our speaker Sally Smith was referring to the soil as muck to which the magic is applied by virtue of home-made compost. Sally made a strong case for organic gardening which is hardly surprising as she spent six years at the Ryton Henry Doubleday Research Association. Reference was made to Lady Eve Balfour whose work led to the formation of The Soil Association.

It was said that good soil care entails the surface always being covered, either by growing crops, green compost or weed suppressant matting, otherwise weeds would quickly colonise as some seeds are capable of dormancy for many years or even decades.



We were told that there is no great mystique in making compost. Basically everything that is or has been plant material can be included. Exceptions are meat, fish and cooked foods and then mainly because these could attract rats. Materials are divided into GREEN – such as grass mowing, weeds, peelings of fruit and vegetables – these are high in nitrogen and known as activators. The second category is BROWN- such as woody prunings, cardboard (especially good we were told) and newspaper.

Ideally a composting mix should be 50/50 green to brown or C:N ratio. It should be moist and kept aerated; any tendency to over wetness or dryness during decomposition can be corrected by adding the appropriate dry or wet material. For the more energetic gardener who is prepared to turn and mix the material every two weeks or so, higher heating is maintained and the end product can be ready in as little as six to eight weeks.

There was a word of caution in application of the finished compost. Only use it sparingly and apply in spring or summer so that nutrients are not leached out by winter rains.

Don't forget there are still places available on our two trips this year. Spread the word!

Our next meeting on March 16th will be addressed by our old friend and consummate speaker, Stuart Dixon. His subject is 'Rustic Charm of English Cottage Gardens'. Ian Wilson

STEVEN JACKSON

Dear Winthorpe Villagers,

As the eldest member of the Jackson Family I suddenly find myself being responsible for things which a few months ago wouldn't have even occurred to me, this being one of them. So despite the sadness I feel, which I know is also shared by Jennifer, Andrew and the rest of my father's family, I/we have been overwhelmed by the love, care and support of you all. I know that Dad gave a lot to the village but I also know that the village gave back to him a thousand fold. Thank you all.

Elizabeth, Jennifer, Andrew and family



JIM TAYLOR

June, Elaine, Michelle, Suzanne and families would like to thank all who sent cards, flowers and messages of sympathy on the sudden death of Jim. It was a great help knowing how much people cared. Jim was a loving husband, dad and granddad. He will be sadly missed but never forgotten.



ALEX GILMOUR

Alexander Forsyth Gilmour died 23rd December 2015. The family would like to express their appreciation and thanks to Alex's many friends in the village for their comforting presence at his funeral at All Saints on 18th January. Their thanks and appreciation are also extended to the Rev David Milner for the warm tribute he paid to Alex in celebration of a long and fulfilling life. Donations to Beaumond House, Alex's charity, total more than £600. Thanks to all concerned for their generosity.



A Tribute to Steven Jackson

On a cold and sunny day we said goodbye to a friend and colleague – a larger than life character, Steven.

He was a member and Chairman of Winthorpe Parish Council for 10 years. His love of the village was second to none and his work towards making life within the community better will be his lasting legacy. He took a special interest in the public realm around the Community Centre, the Parish field and the new burial ground on Hargon Lane because of his love of nature, trees and shrubs. His tenure as Chairman helped him through a very sad period in his personal life and I know that he was grateful for the support his Parish Council colleagues gave him. He always made time to help others overcome their problems no matter what was happening in his life.

Parish meetings will not be the same as, much to our amusement, when discussions became too repetitive Stephen would just reach to turn off his hearing aid until we all got our act together (which we eventually did!) Steven would then listen to our point of view. He may not have agreed with us but he was always courteous enough to listen to our opinions.

As many of you know, people came from far and wide to share in his passion for commemorative china, viewing his collection in the small museum he and his wife, Nan, created together. You may also have had the opportunity to view his garden during Open Gardens and to hear him talk passionately about his own landscaping and planting. He was a character at a time when we need more characters. We will all miss his support, humour and friendship.

Maureen Dobson & Lee Cammack





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COLLINGHAM RAMBLERS WALKS FOR MARCH 2016

Sunday March 13th Fulbeck 7 miles

Sunday March 27th Boughton/Walesby 7 miles

Wednesday March 16th Lowdham 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 four miles with an optional pub lunch.

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

Suitable footwear and waterproofs are necessary.

Nina Ward



COLLINGHAM BOWLS CLUB

Venue : Dale Field - Bowls Club House

Contacts: Club Secretary Graham Eaton 01636 893895

Chairman Bob Williams 01636 893307

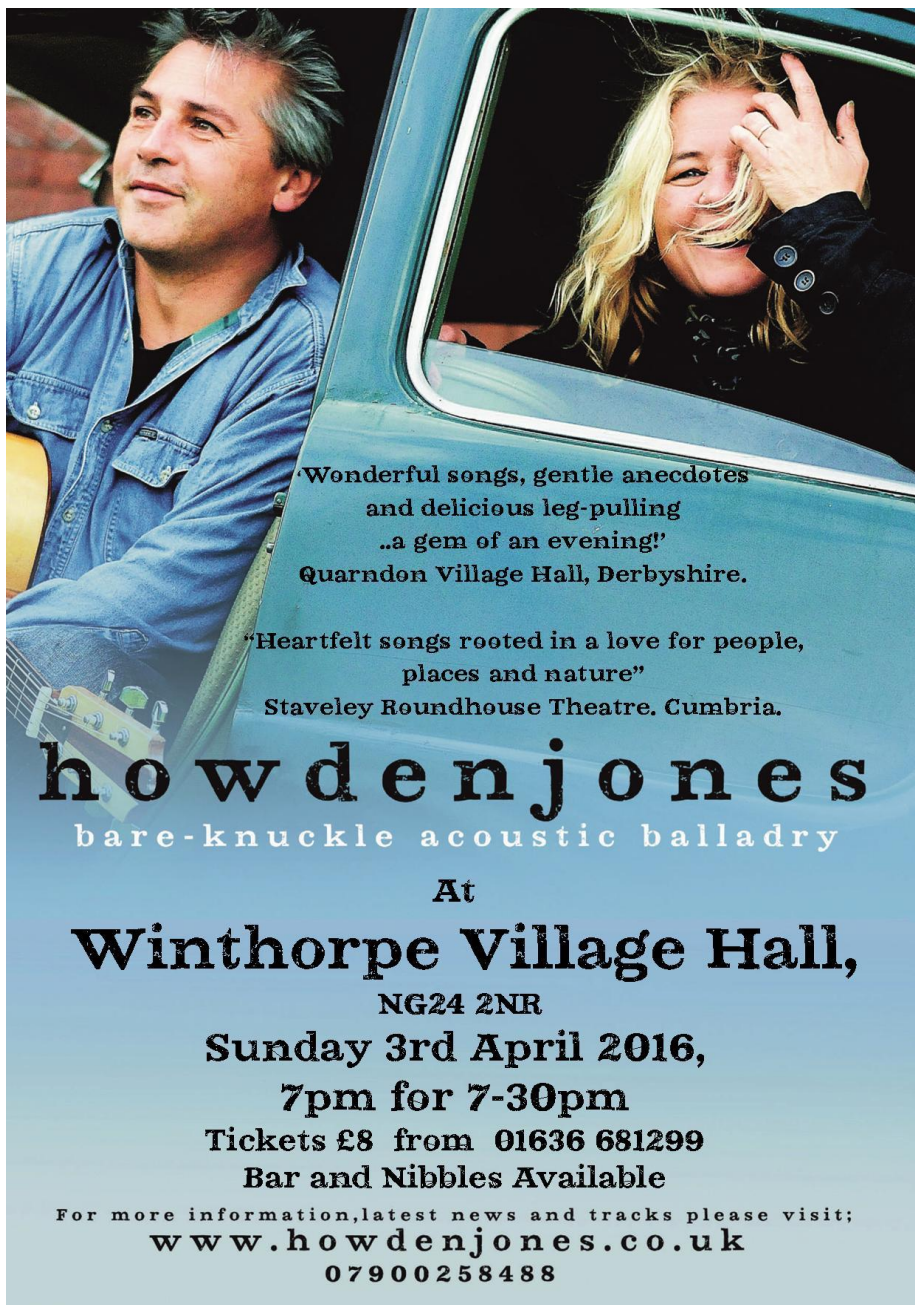
JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND/OR SIGN UP FOR THE 2016 SEASON!

Collingham Bowls Club is a friendly club who are always pleased to welcome new members (to join our current Winthorpe members) both male and female, whether experienced, intermediate or beginners.

We have teams in three Lincoln leagues; the Lincoln City Evening, the Lincoln City Afternoon and the Lincoln & District. We also play in the Newark District League.

Registration for current and NEW MEMBERS will take place at a coffee morning in the Mayfield Room (at the rear of the Memorial Hall), Collingham on Saturday 12th March 2016 between 9.30 and 11.30 a.m.

Please come and see us for coffee, raffle and a chat about the Club.



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07900258488

howdenjones make a welcome return to Winthorpe on Sunday 3rd April 7.00pm for 7.30pm. An enjoyable evening of songs and stories. If you missed their last concert make sure you come along. Tickets from Barbara Woodcock 01636 681299

Winthorpe Community Centre

Dear Editor,

I would like on behalf of the trustees of Winthorpe Community Centre to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Jackson family for their help and contribution to the centre over the years.

It began with David who was one of the first trustees who shared the vision of

rebuilding the Youth Club hut as a true community centre.

He was a very hardworking trustee always supported by his wife, Sue.

Thanks to him we have the Lunch Club - a fitting memorial to him.

Their daughter, Jenny, was for a while a youth representative on the management committee.

Sue has been our very hardworking secretary for several years.

Unfortunately she has decided to retire and will be sadly missed.

Finally, there was Steven. Although he was never a trustee, during his time as Chairman of the Parish Council he always supported us.

It is thanks to him that the joint project between the Centre and the Council of clearing and replanting the bank at the centre got going.

I am sure people will agree when they enjoy the replanted area and use the new footpath that it is a fitting memorial to an outstanding contribution by a family to the community.

Our sincere thanks to them all. **Frances Kelly** (Chairman)

The AGM for the Community Centre will be held on Monday 11th April 2016 at 7.30pm in the Main Hall. It is a public meeting and everyone is welcome. Please do come along.

Sonrisa – A Taste of Latin Don't forget our next Village Ventures performance will be on Saturday 14th May in the Community Centre, this promises to be a fun, music-filled evening. Once again flyers will be delivered with details of how to buy tickets. We hope to see you there.

Post of Secretary After much thought I have decided to stand down as Secretary after the AGM in April. If anyone is interested in taking over the role, please get in touch to discuss what's involved. Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of every other month and duties are not too time consuming.

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



News from Langford Lowfields

February 2016

The past month has seen some very chilly weather and even a covering of snow. The January WeBS (Wetland Bird Survey) was carried out by two of our brave volunteers on what was possibly the coldest day of the winter so far. Almost the entire reserve was frozen, displacing many of the birds, which was reflected in the low counts of many species. The goldeneyes were notable in their absence, as was the red-crested pochard, I am happy to say that they returned as soon as the ice thawed.

Over the past few weeks the water levels across the site have increased significantly which is brilliant news for the reserve. With 2015 being a rather dry year and having drained some of the water to enable the landscaping work to be carried out on the southern end of the site, the water levels had dropped so drastically that our floating bridge was grounded and had to be closed. The dry conditions did not pose any real threat to the very resilient reed plants but it did slow the growth during spring and summer. Now the water levels are higher than they have been in almost six years which is great news and we are expecting a very productive growth season this year. You may have noticed that we have also carried out some reed cutting recently on two of the islands on the reserve.

Cutting trials last winter proved to have a positive effect on the reed growth, stimulating the reed plants into producing strong dense stems. This will greatly benefit one species in particular, the currently not-so-elusive bitterns and I am pleased to report that not only has the floating bridge been re-opened, but that there have been numerous bittern sightings over the past few months.



The dense reed north of the boardwalk seems to be a favoured feeding spot and staff, volunteers and visitors alike have been regularly delighted to spot these relatively elusive birds. The best time to spot them is around dawn and dusk as they fly between their night-time roosts and daytime feeding areas. You can

also occasionally spot another bittern entering the reeds on the silt lagoons to the left of the public footpath as you approach the reserve, so keep your eyes peeled.

We are currently looking for volunteers to join our Beach Hut team, if you have a few hours to spare each week, enjoy meeting people and helping others to engage with nature and can offer a professional but friendly welcome to visitors please get in touch – you may also increase your bittern spotting chances ☺

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 our office on 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.



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Sunday 20th March 2016

2pm-4pm

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Tickets available from Home-Start Newark Office

30 Barnbygate, Newark

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

On Thursday 18th February 2016 the Parish Council held its monthly Council meeting in the village hall.



A presentation was given by a representative from Midland Rural Housing. They are an independent organisation, which is working on behalf of Newark and Sherwood District Council, looking into affordable housing in local villages.

Subject to Parish Council approval, a survey will be posted to each household in the villages to ascertain if there is a need within the village for affordable housing. The scheme is aimed, primarily, at people within the villages who are on low incomes who struggle to buy or rent in the village. If there proves a need, and with the consent of the Parish Council, Midlands Rural Housing will look for land within the villages to build the required amount of properties. Land is usually used at the boundary of the village on plots which might not normally get permission.

Details of the proposals were given to the Councillors and these will be discussed in greater detail at the next meeting before any decisions are made. I have attached details of Midland Rural Housing web site should anyone need further information about their proposals:

www.midlandsruralhousing.org.uk

Collingham and District U3A (University of the Third Age) requested we mention their organisation and asked if anyone within Winthorpe, Langford and Holme would be interested in joining. They are looking for members who enjoy learning together over a wide range of interests and topics. Further details can be found on their website.

The use of the mobile speed gun moves forward. Training for volunteers will be given by Collingham Parish Council in April for a trial use in Winthorpe. I will keep you updated on this matter.

Mrs Sally Sillery – Parish Clerk

Soaring Success for the Southwell Travel Show

It was a record year for The Southwell Travel Show, with over 400 people visiting the event held at The Saracens Head Hotel in Southwell on Saturday 23rd January. The show was opened by Southwell Town



Council's Beryl Prentice, who spoke about how

extraordinary it was to see a small town like Southwell hosting such an event, attracting so many of the UK's best independent Tour Operators. David Holland from African Pride said that "the event is now becoming known in the travel trade as one of the 'must attend' events for operators".

Visitors were able to take advantage of exclusive show day offers; a crate of New Zealand Wine, Gourmet Food Hampers, Free Camera or Binoculars and up to £200pp off bookings. All who attended received a £50 Hyde Barker Holiday Voucher to use against any holiday featured at the show and redeemable up until 29th February.

The free presentations that ran throughout the day at the Hyde Barker Agency proved even more popular than last year. The talks gave people a chance to learn more about particular destinations, and gave operators a chance to explain just what makes holiday with their company so special.

Hyde Barker staff are already starting to plan next year's show which promises to be even bigger and better, with more exhibitors, offers and presentations.

The Travel Show may be the biggest event in the Hyde Barker calendar, but it's certainly not the only one! The rest of the year promises more exciting and inspiring dates for your diary (see www.hbtravel.co.uk for more details.)

21st-CENTURY STANDARDS

Our communication — Wireless

Our cooking — Fireless

Our phones — Cordless

Our food — Fatless

Our sweets — Sugarless

Our labour — Effortless

Our relations — Fruitless

Our attitude — Careless

Our feelings — Heartless

Our politics — Shameless

Our education — Worthless

Our mistakes — Countless

Our arguments — Baseless

Our youth — Jobless

Our jobs — Thankless

Our needs — Endless

Our situation — Hopeless

Our income — Less & less

True for some of course but not all!

Pat Finn





ALL SAINTS
WINTHORPE
CHURCH NOTICES

The AGM of the PCC is set for the 1st April and will be held in the Village Hall. We have been without a Church Warden for too many years. Is there anyone out there who would like to take on this role? Ideally we need two volunteers to fill these crucial vacancies on the PCC. The candidates must be willing to look after the day to day running of the Church and they must be confirmed (or be willing to be confirmed into the CofE). This meeting is open to everyone in the village, but only those on the electoral roll (for the church) may vote.

We are in the run up to Easter and as you can see we have plenty of services taking place, especially in Winthorpe. We have a Palm Sunday Morning Worship at Winthorpe which I'm told will be a little different this year. We have the group Final Hour at The Cross



Service where people from across the eleven churches of our group will meet at Winthorpe to reflect on the last hour of Christ as he was crucified. We also have the Group Service of Light at Winthorpe where all eleven churches in the group will light their Paschal (Easter) candle. In the past one of our churches has been selected to hold the Service of Light and then the light has been carried to all the other churches in the group, not in the style of the Olympic torch but simply a candle in a jam jar nestling in the foot-well of the church warden's car. This year the Paschal candles will all be brought to the service in Winthorpe, where they will be lit and burn throughout the service.

There will not be an Easter Day service at Winthorpe this year, but there is one at Holme; to which everyone will be welcome.

Ian Hasman on behalf of Winthorpe Church PCC

Church Services for March



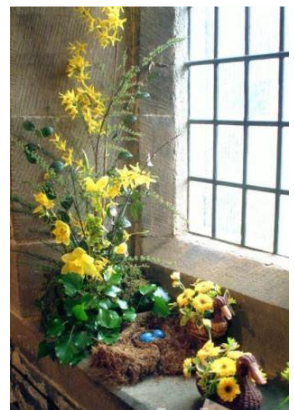
Sunday 6 th	9.00	Holy Communion	Holme
Sunday 13 th	10.30	Holy Communion	Winthorpe
Palm Sunday 20 th	9.00	Morning Worship	Langford
	10.15	Morning Worship	Winthorpe
Good Friday 25 th	14.00	Final Hour at The Cross	Winthorpe
Saturday 26 th	19.00	Group Service of Light and Holy Communion	Winthorpe
Sunday 27 th Easter Day	9.00	Holy Communion	Holme

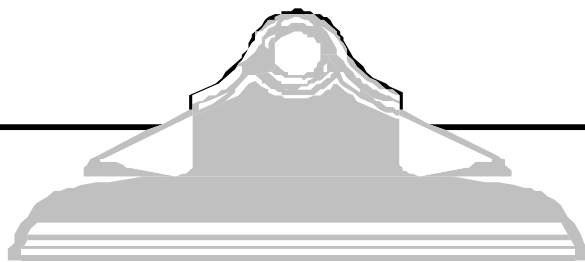
The Church Bells may be rung for any of the Winthorpe services. The bells may be rung on Thursday evenings between 7.00 and 9.00 for practice. Due to lack of ringers it is unlikely that the bells will be rung for the foreseeable future. If you are able to ring or would like to learn how to ring then please get in touch with the Tower Captain, Ian Hasman, on 01636 679105 or e-mail him at

I.hasman@ntlworld.com

Church Flower Ladies – The church will be open from 3.00pm on the 25th March, Good Friday, to enable you to bring your arrangements. This is after the Final Hour Service. Thank you all. Any difficulties ring Sylvia on 703271

Church Cleaners – Miss Applewhite





MARCH CALENDAR

Thursday 3rd	School Community Lunch
Sunday 6th	Mother's Day
	Ransome & Marles Comm. Day Airfield
Monday 7th	Silver Bin
	Lunch Club 12.30 Community Centre
Thursday 10th	WI AGM 7.30pm Village Hall
Monday 14th	Green Bin
	Mobile Library
Wednesday 16th	Garden Club 7.30pm Community Centre
Thursday 17th	Parish Council meeting 7.30pm VH
Sunday 20th	Home-Start Tea Dance 2-4pm
	Newark Town Hall
Monday 21st	Silver Bin
Sunday 27th	HAPPY EASTER!
	Sunflower Seed Planting Day
Monday 28th	Green Bin

What happened to the Easter Bunny
when he misbehaved at school?
He was eggspelled!
How do bunnies stay healthy? Eggercise!

‘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

