



2016

Ed's Comments

On 21st April the Queen celebrates her 90th birthday. Steve Jackson had planned to

write about her for Focal Point but now it is down to me to mark the occasion! The Queen's Coronation is one of my earliest memories. We didn't have a television so I was taken to the cinema to see the film of the celebrations. It was probably the first film I ever saw and it was a fairy tale event!

The Queen has been the reigning monarch for almost the whole of my life but what I find most amazing is that I have been retired now for several years and she is still working. I know that she has had advantages, care and opportunities far greater than the rest of us ever receive but I wouldn't like to wake up each day with a workload like hers ahead of me. It is quite enough coping with the production of a monthly edition of Focal Point! Her approach to life and the way she has so tirelessly and cheerfully fulfilled her role is inspiring.



Happy Birthday, Ma'am!

We have new neighbours in Hargon Lane and this has prompted me to put in some of the useful local information which has been published in previous issues, like telephone numbers and details of local services. If there is anything else which you feel could be usefully included please let me know. Welcome to our new neighbours and to anyone else who has recently moved into Winthorpe – it's a good place in which to live!

Annie Purday

Closing date for the May issue is **Friday 22nd April**

Deliver to Annie and Nick 18, Hargon Lane or email

nickwynne@virginmedia.com

LUNCH CLUB

The **May** Lunch Club will be at 12.30 p.m. on Monday, May 9th at the Community Centre.

The menu will be:



Beef Bourignon

OR

Jacket Potato with Prawns

With Seasonal Vegetables

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Sherry Trifle



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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 **April** Lunch Club is on **Monday 4th April** as advertised in last month's Focal Point

Newark Choral Society presents

An Evening of English Music



A celebration of Shakespeare's 400th anniversary
and St George's Day.

Barnby Gate Methodist Church

Saturday 23 April 2016 at 7.30pm.

Featuring: Newark Choral Society
The Society of Recorder Players
Michael Overbury *keyboards*
Roger Bryan *conductor*

Programme to include:
Purcell Come ye sons of Art
Parry Blest pair of Sirens
and works by Vaughan-Williams,
Arne and Runswick.

Tickets: £10 in advance or £12 on the door.
Available from RST Music Services,
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(01636 6732989).

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18 March 2016

Hello Everyone,

The Easter holidays are rapidly approaching and school is very busy. In the last few weeks both our football and netball teams have been out and about playing matches with other local schools and we are very proud of their performances. They continue to work hard and improve and are reaping the benefits of all the practice they put in and the support they receive from staff and parents. A big "well done" to all of our players.

The school was visited by the Life Education Bus earlier in March and all the children spent some time 'on board' learning about a range of subjects from healthy living; how the brain works, learning about the body, and looking at issues connected with friendships and feelings. It was a great day and our thanks go to the Newark Castle Rotary Club for partially funding the visit. The Rotary Club are also very kindly donating a shed to our school grounds for which we are very grateful – we are a small school and struggle for space so this gift is very much appreciated.

The School's Annual Book Fair has also been held recently. This event is really important to school.

For a week, there was a large selection of books available for children to buy, and for every penny spent by children/parents, the school earned commission on the sales. The money raised

through this scheme is vital in helping us to restock our library and reading resources. I am pleased to tell you that we 'beat' our target this year round and



are delighted that the children will be able to benefit from a new influx of books to further their education and personal interest in reading. Thank you to everyone, parents, grandparents and children who bought a book!

Our Parent and Teacher Association (PTA) is going to be very active over the next few months and there are some events where it would be great if you would come and support us. On

Friday 1st April 2.30-3.20pm there is an Easter Coffee and Cakes Afternoon (including a raffle) in aid of both PTA and the Red Cross funds. The children will also be doing an Easter Egg Hunt in the grounds. On Saturday 21st May there will be a Car Boot Sale on the school grounds – please look out for further details on this – and our

Summer Fete ‘The Sizzler’ will be held on Friday 1st July. It would be lovely to see you at any of the above events.



The PTA is also putting on a couple of events specifically for the children. The Easter Disco and ‘Chocolate Bingo’ take place before the Easter holidays, and on Friday 17th June, we are hosting a ‘BounceAbout’ Event, when the school field will be covered in bouncy castles etc which we think the children will love.

The School Council (which is formed from 2 children from each of our 4 classes) has been working closely with the Red Cross - they are making chocolate crispy cakes to sell at the Easter Disco and have been encouraging parents to fill bags with donations.

Easter time is always ‘Sunflower Competition’ time in school, and Mr and Mrs Ferreira have been into school to launch this year’s competition. Seeds have been sent home with the children and we look forward to hearing about the results in September.

You may wish to note that school will be closed for the Easter Bank Holiday weekend, but open again for 4 days afterwards, before closing for 2 weeks on Friday 1st April. The children’s first day back in school will be Monday 18th April.

Finally, thanks to those of you who came to our Community Lunch on Thursday 3rd March. We hope you enjoyed it. We enjoyed having you here.

Wishing you all a Happy Easter!

Best Wishes

Caron Ementon

GARDEN CLUB

The title of Stuart Dixon's presentation was "Rustic Charm of England's Cottage Gardens". Stuart travels all over Britain giving talks to garden clubs and horticultural societies and takes the opportunity to visit and photograph gardens he comes across in his travels.

The gardens he highlighted for his talk were mainly in the Cotswolds with the backdrop of honey-coloured stone houses but he also showed slides of the lovely gardens at Blickling Hall in Norfolk.

Gardens in England are unique and very diverse due mainly to our temperate climate. We can grow many plants from other parts of the world e.g. dahlias originate in South America and were brought to Europe because the tubers could be eaten. When the potato arrived dahlias went out of favour as food but their flowers ensured they became garden plants. Roses came here with the Romans and rudbeckias, helenium and penstemons came from the American Prairies.



We were shown pictures of cottage garden favourites – delphiniums several feet high in blue, purple and pink and roses – both the new David Austin varieties and very old shrub roses. At Snowhill Manor near Broadway there are many varieties of phlox and a garden in Stroud has lots of irises. Blickling Hall has large herbaceous borders filled with many colourful perennials, especially rudbeckias and heleniums.

We all enjoyed Stuart's talk and pictures laced with humour and anecdotes. Stuart Dickson's own garden at Stoke Bardolph is open on Sunday 26th June. Tea, coffee, cakes and scones are available and money raised goes to charities.

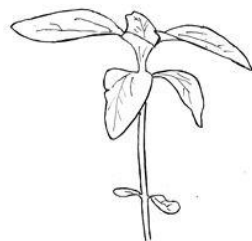
Our next meeting is on Wednesday 20th April: AGM and plant sale.

Jean Foden

GIANT SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

By the time you read this Charlie and I will have visited school and delivered our assembly to start this year's Giant Sunflower Competition. The theme for our assembly was "Record Breaking Sunflowers" and we looked at the world record, the British record and the school record. The latter is held by Jon Higgins of Langford, the 1999 winner, whose sunflower reached the impressive height of 4mtrs 42cms (14ft 6ins). We have challenged the children to beat the record!!

Hopefully everyone has planted their seeds on Easter Sunday (27th March) and will be eagerly watching for the first tiny shoots to appear. This should happen about 7-10 days after planting. The tiny seedlings will need to be rotated every day as they will lean towards the light. If they're in a sunny spot take care that the soil doesn't dry out! If you're lucky enough to be going away over the school Easter holidays you will need to find a "babysitter" for your seedlings.....they are very well behaved and should be no trouble!



We can't wait to see the towering giants that you grow from your 10 tiny seeds.....

Why not send us a photo at winthorpe.sunflower@hotmail.com

If you share your photos with us we can put them on the school website or in the Focal Point (with your permission of course).

Happy Easter!

Liz & Charlie Ferreira

(It would be great to have some photos in Focal Point! Ed)



Winthorpe & District W.I.

March 2016

The President, Virginia Seager, welcomed 20 members; there were ten apologies for absence.

Matters Arising:

Pub Meal - Members suggested the following two venues:-

Lord Nelson Pub at Besthorpe

Grey Horse Pub at Collingham – this could include a skittles evening

Fleet Group – Fleet Group meeting will take place on Wednesday 11th May 2016 at the cost of £2.50 per ticket, which includes a small buffet supper.

Birthday Party – Wednesday 13th April 2016 - Members were reminded that this will be held in the Community Centre, starting at 7.15 pm. Entertainment by 'Corsets & Camis, Swimsuits & Smiles – Vintage Underwear.'

Future Events

Vintage 2 Versace – Organised by the Newark Castle Group - To be held at the Salvation Army Centre, Balderton on Thursday 26th May.

Garden Day on Thursday 16th June 2016 at Capability Barn, Hoveringham.

AEGON Open Nottingham Tennis Tournament on Thursday 23rd June 2016 at the Nottingham Tennis Centre.

Celebrations for the Queen's 90th Birthday – The 'Ladies of Winthorpe W.I.' will host a Tea and Cake Afternoon in the Village Hall on Saturday 23rd April 2016 from 2.30 pm to 4.00 pm. Cost £2.50.

Hostesses for April 2016 Meeting - Committee Members.

Diana Kitson



THE 'LADIES OF WINTHORPE WI'
INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM IN CELEBRATING
THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY
ENJOY COFFEE/TEA AND CAKE (£2.50),
BROWSE THE SALE TABLE,
ENTER A GAME OR THE RAFFLE.
WINTHORPE VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY 23RD APRIL, 2.30pm to 4.00pm.

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Newark NG23 7LB
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Email: collingham.medicalcentre@nhs.net

Drs Terrill, Fearn, Li & Walker

Monday 8.00am-7.15pm
Tuesday - Friday 8.00am-6.30pm

For Appointments telephone: 01636 893956 8.15am – 5.30pm
For Prescriptions telephone: 01636 892210 8.30am – 12.00pm

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Our communication with patients relies on current information. If your personal details change, including telephone numbers, please let the practice know.

Thank you.

Out of Hours Service is provided from 111 when the surgery is closed.

Website: www.collinghammedicalcentre.co.uk

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Local Police	PC Mike Munro	07595 074234
	PCSO Pettit	07887 469147
Non-emergency police		101
Emergency police		999
Neighbourhood Watch	Peter Foden	01636 704241



Collingham Medical Centre

Enquiries/Emergencies	01636 892156
Appointments	01636 893956
Repeat Prescriptions	01636 892201
Medical Help or Advice	111
Medical Emergencies	999
Lincoln Hospital	01522 512512
Newark Hospital	01636 681681
Baumond House	01636 610556
Village Care	01636 893001
Winthorpe Church	Ian and Christine Hasman 01636 679105
Holme Church	Doreen Hallam 01636 676153
	Nigel Priestley 01636 892020
Library (Collingham)	01636 892083
Taxi 'Z Cars'	01636 700551
Focal Point Editor	Annie Purday 01636 658347
Village Hall	Barbara Woodcock 01636 681299
Community Centre	Diane Rowland 01636 708859
Winthorpe Parish Council	Lee Cammack 01636 611988
Holme Parish Meeting and Holme Bank Land Trust	Patricia Richards 01636 701587 (More useful telephone numbers in the next issue. Ed)

VILLAGE HOLIDAY

We have had a good response to the proposed holiday in Kent and there are enough people to enable the holiday to definitely take place. We will be going 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 else who is interested in taking part in this Village Holiday get in touch with us as there are still some places left.

We will publish a full itinerary in the near future. Do contact us if you have any queries. **Les & Chris Murray**

1 Woodlands, Winthorpe Tel. 01636 678914


Winthorpe Summer Festival 2016

The Summer Festival will be held on Saturday 23rd July at the Community Centre. There will be a Family Fundraising Bike Ride in the morning, with the Festival following on in the afternoon.

We will be holding the usual public meeting in the Community Centre meeting room on Wednesday 25th May at 7.30pm. We would like to invite representatives from all village organisations and any other interested parties to attend. If you have any ideas or suggestions for us, even if you have not been involved in the past, then please come along and be part of our village event! If you know of anyone who would like a stall to sell their wares, then please ask them to get in touch!

Sue Masheder (Festival Committee) 01636 659582



A photograph of a man and a woman sitting in the front of a light blue car. The man, on the left, has grey hair and is wearing a blue denim jacket over a black shirt. He is looking out the window with a slight smile. The woman, on the right, has blonde hair and is wearing a dark jacket. She is smiling and has her hand near her face, partially covering her eyes. The background is dark, suggesting it might be nighttime or in a shaded area.

Wonderful songs, gentle anecdotes
and delicious leg-pulling
..a gem of an evening!
Quarndon Village Hall, Derbyshire.

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bare-knuckle acoustic balladry

At
Winthorpe Village Hall,
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Sunday 3rd April 2016,
7pm for 7-30pm
Tickets £8 from 01636 681299
Bar and Nibbles Available
For more information, latest news and tracks please visit:
www.howdenjones.co.uk
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

COMING HOME TO YORKSHIRE



The iconic Flying Scotsman, originally built in Doncaster for the London and North Eastern Railway (LNER), is seen passing through Newark Northgate Railway Station on its journey from London King's Cross to York, where it will go on display at the National Railway Museum (NRM). The photograph was taken from the railway perimeter fence in the railway station car park on Thursday 25th February 2016 at 12.07pm. Pat Finn

Further pictures can be found in Gallery 2016 on www.winthorpe.org.uk

Come and join your local Coddington & Winthorpe Junior Cricket Club



Our outside training will start on Friday 13th May 2016 between 6.15 - 7.30 pm at Winthorpe Cricket Ground, Holme Lane, Winthorpe.

All new junior members welcome.

Just pop along to meet us and have a go.

Any general enquiries call Lee on 07802210451

or email coddingtonandwinthorpecc@gmail.com

MINI TENNIS AT WINTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE TENNIS COURTS RESUMES AFTER EASTER FOR A 6 WEEK COURSE

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

STARTING TUESDAY APRIL 19th 4-5pm

NEW PARTICIPANTS ALWAYS WELCOME

LTA LEVEL 3 COACH JON PENNEY

£4 / SESSION - all equipment provided

(Free 1st session for new participants)

FURTHER INFORMATION FROM NINA WARD

01636 678419 or ninajward@live.co.uk

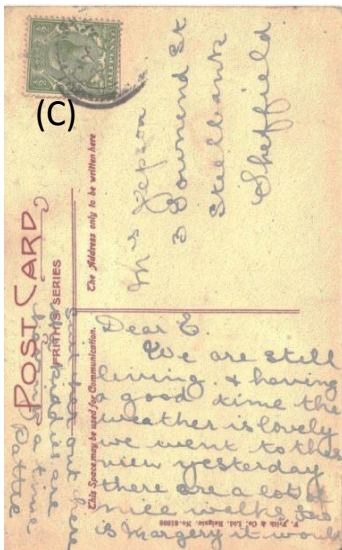


Old Text Messages (Part 2)

A continued analogy by Bob Warriner



(C) This Frith's postcard shows a wider view of the hill. It's a hand tinted photograph and should soon be available for viewing in colour on the Winthorpe website archives.



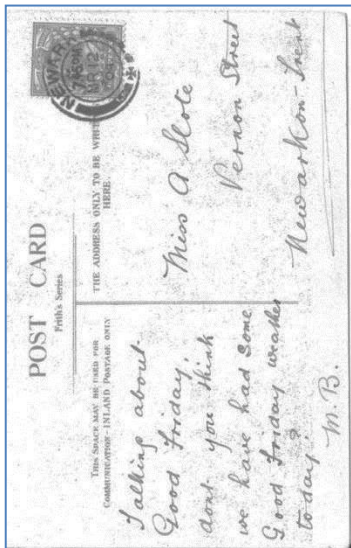
(C) Text reads: *"Dear E, We are still living & having a good time the weather is lovely, we went to this view yesterday, there are lots of nice walks. How is Margery? it would suit her out here, the kiddies are having a time. Pattie"*

It is sent to: Mrs Jepson, 3, Townend St, Steelbank, Sheffield.

Estimated Posting date is 1907 – 1909

Did you realise post cards are often referred to as PC's just as personal computers are also known as PC's.

(D) Next we have an interior view of **All Saints** post dated 1904. The church (according to Arthur Mee's Nottinghamshire in 1938) "was built half a century ago (1888) on the site of an earlier church. It is constructed of red brick and stone and the spire reaches 105 feet. Worthy of mention is the elaborately carved stone reredos which has figures in the niches."



(D) Text reads: "Talking about Good Friday, don't you think we have had some Good Friday weather today? M.B."

Sent to: Miss A. Scote, Vernon Street, Newark on Trent.

Sent only a short distance! But with similar content that you might put into a text message today, with only the delivery speed being the difference. An interesting thought is that you could have walked the distance there and back well before it was delivered by the postman! A day or two reduced to a couple of seconds!!!! More old postcards soon in Focal Point.

Bob Warriner

News from Langford Lowfields

March 2016

Spring has sprung here at Langford...well it's definitely springing anyway. On recent sunny days we have had numerous bumblebees on the wing as well as small tortoiseshell and peacock butterflies. The most recent Wetland Bird Survey (WeBS) shows that wildfowl numbers are beginning to dwindle as the ducks head further north to their breeding grounds and the first dunlins of spring have been moving through the reserve.

The cowslips are blooming, the Cetti's warblers are still singing away and are now being joined daily by the melodic dawn chorus of song thrush, blackbird, robin, wren and dunnock. We also have some very vocal, if slightly less tuneful, oystercatchers. The surest sign of spring has to be the chiffchaff, seen but not yet heard by Jenny, the warden. Be sure to listen out on your next visit for its distinctive 'chiff chaff' call.

Over the past month, the Sunday volunteers have helped Jenny to lovingly restore the sand martin bank to its former glory, in readiness for the arrival of the first birds.

Following the great success of the bank in former years, last year was full of disappointment

when no sand martins used it. We now have our fingers tightly crossed for this breeding season. Sand martins are already arriving in the south so it shouldn't be too long before they reach the dizzy heights of Langford Lowfields.



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.

COLLINGHAM RAMBLERS WALKS FOR APRIL 2016

Sunday April 10th Keyworth 7 miles

Sunday April 24th Newstead 6 miles

Wednesday April 13th Swinderby 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

PAT'S PUZZLE (Answer in next month's issue! Ed)

How, in three moves only, can you change Fig A into Fig B?

Fig A

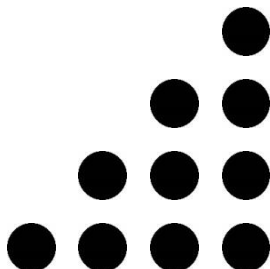
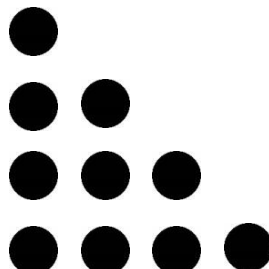


Fig B



WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

On Thursday 17th March 2016 the Parish Council held its monthly meeting in the village hall.

The Council received an update on the “Outreach Solution” regarding the viability of a “temporary” Post Office in the village. As you may recall, this is



where a local Post Office operator utilises a portable computer and brings cash, stamps etc. for use by the village. It is intended to use the Community Centre for a two hour period on a Thursday morning.

Discussions are well underway and it is hoped that something will be in place in the near future. For this to be viable, it is important that the village make use of this service.

The Council have received numerous complaints regarding the state of hedges, bushes etc. which overhang footpaths and highways within the village. These impact on pedestrians and in some cases vehicles.

Wherever possible, the Council would be grateful if the owners concerned could tend to these so they are not a nuisance for the rest of the village.

I am delighted to say that the village has purchased a defibrillator and by the time you read this article, it should be in a secure safe, attached to one of the external walls to the Village Hall. Access to the defibrillator will be via a coded key pad details of which will be supplied to all villagers and the emergency services.

Mrs Sally Sillery (Parish Clerk)

Winthorpe Community Centre

The AGM for the Community Centre will be held on Monday 11th April 2016 at 7.30pm in the Main Hall. It's 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.

Hire Charges

Due to an increase in costs, we have reluctantly decided to increase the cost of hiring the centre with effect from 1st April. This decision was not taken lightly. It has been 2 years since the last increase and we hope you will agree the increased costs still represent good value.

Post of Secretary

We are still in need of a replacement secretary. Meetings are the second Monday of every other month and duties are not too time consuming, mainly taking notes during the meeting and circulating them later.

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





ALL SAINTS

WINTHORPE

CHURCH NOTICES

The Archdeacon of Newark, David Picken, has offered to hold a group service for our group. His availability means that this service will be on the 24th April and it will be at Clifton – all are welcome.

We are however struggling for priests to officiate at our regular services, so the Holy Communion at Winthorpe on the 10th has had to become a lay led Antecomunion and the Holy Communion at Holme on the 3rd has been cancelled.

Our church looked rather splendid at Easter due to the lovely flower arrangements provided by our flower ladies. On behalf of the PCC I would like to thank them for their efforts.

We are still struggling to attract any new bell ringers and my lack of availability most Thursdays has meant that we have had to cancel most practices for the last few months. After consultation



amongst our ringers and possible visitors it has been decided to try moving our practice night to Fridays as more people should be available. The change of practice night will take effect in April.

Ian Hasman (on behalf of Winthorpe Church PCC)

Church Services for April



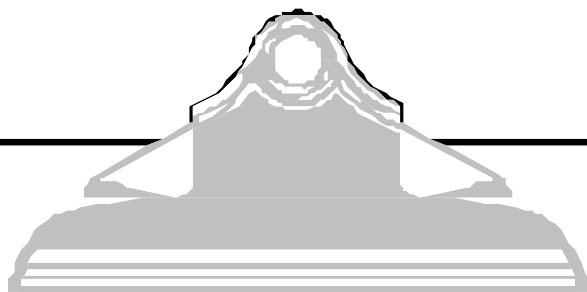
Sunday 10th	10.30 Antecommunion	Winthorpe
Sunday 17th	9.00 Holy Communion	Langford
	10.15 Morning Worship	Winthorpe
Sunday 24th	10.30 Holy Communion – St George's Day	Clifton

The Church Bells may be rung for any of the Winthorpe services. The bells may be rung on **Friday evenings** between 7.00 and 9.00 for practice. 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 Cleaners – Mrs Foden and Mrs Lloyd

Brass Cleaners – Mrs Aldridge and Mrs McClymont

If you would like to volunteer to be either a Church Cleaner or a Brass Cleaner then please get in touch with Sylvia Lloyd on 01636 703271 to offer your services.



APRIL CALENDAR

Friday 1st	School Easter Coffee and Cakes 2.30 pm School finishes
Sunday 3rd	howdenjones concert 7.00 pm VH
Monday 4th	Silver Bin Lunch Club 12.30 Community Centre
Monday 11th	Green Bin Mobile Library Community Centre AGM 7.30 pm CC
Wednesday 13th	WI Birthday Party 7.15 pm CC
Monday 18th	Silver Bin School Reopens
Wednesday 20th	Garden Club AGM and plant sale 7.30pm CC
Thursday 21st	90th Birthday of HM The Queen 🇬🇧 Parish Council meeting 7.30pm (Finance 7.00 pm) VH
Saturday 23rd	St George's Day 🇬🇧 WI Queen's Birthday Tea Party 2.30 pm VH
Sunday 24th	Group St George's Day Service Clifton 10.30
Monday 25th	Green Bin



NB BIN COLLECTION IN HOLME VILLAGE ON FRIDAYS!

‘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

