



2016

Ed's Comments

I love gardening – not in the winter as I've said before, but at this time of the year I really enjoy it. It doesn't have to be hot, in fact

warm and damp is my preference and once I get started I can really lose myself in what I am doing until my knees give up and I know I have had enough!

This year the garden is looking particularly lovely. I suppose the growing conditions have been ideal; a good mixture of sunshine and rain. It makes one's hard work seem particularly satisfying.

I get quite philosophical whilst gardening if given peace and quiet.

Gardening is like a mini version of life. Plants need nurturing to make them flourish. They take time and patience and many of them are very long term projects. Even then they don't always do what you expect them to. Sometimes they give up despite all my efforts; a prize perennial doesn't reappear at the appointed time or my favourite rogue plant fails to seed itself one year even though the previous year's display was amazing. External forces can be a problem; the weather, disease and pests including curious dogs who like nothing better than to dig a large hole under your favourite shrub.

Plants flourish in different places and some are good neighbours living peacefully alongside others and not trying to take over the plot. Then there are the weeds (flowers in the wrong place!) I love buttercups and Herb Robert but if I leave them alone there will be nothing else there within a short space of time. What about colour? I have never managed to colour co-ordinate a bed yet. I'm not ruthless enough to remove a random bloom because it is blue in what should be the 'the yellow border'. Colours you would never normally put together don't clash when they are in the garden but manage to make a magnificent display! We use so many expressions which originate in gardening; we 'put down roots,' 'go to seed' and 'ramble on'.....which I had better stop doing and go out and do some more weeding! **Annie Purday**

Closing date for the July issue is **Friday 17th June**

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LUNCH CLUB

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

The menu will be:



Ham and Quiche Salad

OR

Salmon, Prawn and Smoked Mackerel Salad

with New Potatoes

-x-

Strawberries and Cream



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 **June** Lunch Club is on **Monday 6th June** as advertised in last month's Focal Point.

Eliza is the fairest....



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St Dunstan in the West, Fleet Street, 1586

*A celebratory concert to
mark the 90th birthday of
Queen Elizabeth II*

Sixteen Eighty Five

*(Christine Hasman, Helen Mason &
Jane Stubbs – recorders, baroque flute,
harpsichord, organ)*

with

Wendy Leonard (soprano)

*All Saints, Winthorpe
Friday 10th June 2016,
7:30pm*

Tickets: £6

*(from Collingham Post Office
or available on the door).*

*Proceeds after expenses
to the Church's facilities fund.*

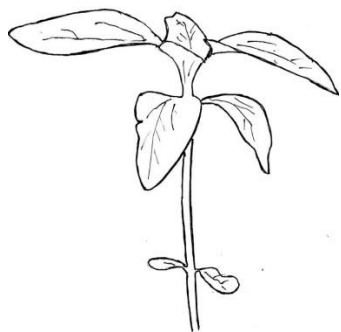


Queen Elizabeth II by Boris Anrep (1883-1969), [mosaic] ca. 1959

One New Change, nr. St Paul's

GIANT SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

How are your sunflowers doing? Ours are now outside, perhaps a little prematurely after some miscommunication in the Ferreira household. When I said the tiny seedlings might be ready for some bigger pots I didn't actually mean giant garden tubs! Oh well, they seem to have survived the transition and are still growing!



Put your plants outside this month, if you haven't already. They can go directly into the ground if you have space, or large garden tubs if not – but remember to keep these well-watered if we get some more nice hot days.

Tie the young plants gently but securely to plant stakes or canes to protect them on windy days and keep them growing straight

– remember that every centimetre counts if you want to be our winner!

We'd love to see how you're getting on – you can send photos to:

winthorpesunflower@hotmail.co.uk

Liz & Charlie Ferreira

GARDEN CLUB

Tony Garthwaite treated us to a rapidly moving and colourful presentation of his passion, tropical orchids. His knowledge, enthusiasm and good humour made for an enjoyable evening. Few of us could have realised the vast range of these plants with fantastic variations in form, colour and size. Many illustrations were of his own plants but these were supplemented with photographs taken at orchid shows such as Harrogate where he exhibits as a member of the Orchid Society. He also particularly enthused about the orchid gardens in Singapore for those lucky enough to visit or have a flight stopover there.

We were then given a short demonstration on repotting and this proved that many of us are perhaps too timid in our approach to this! There were plants for sale and a special potting bark. Tony will provide small bags of this via myself if there is the demand.

Our next meeting is not until **September 21st** when Mike Davey will speak on the subject 'The South Downs Way.' Ian Wilson





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20 May 2016

Hello Everyone,

I'm pleased to be able to tell you that formal SATs testing of our Year 6s and Year 2s is now over and there is only one more formal assessment to take place this year which is for our Year 1 pupils (aged 5/6) when they sit their Phonics Test in June. The children do work hard here, and will continue to do so up until the end of the summer term, but we also have lots of enjoyable activities for them to involve themselves in over the next few weeks.

Class 2, for example, are doing a school trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park to see first-hand some of the animals that they have been studying during their Africa topic. Class 1 (our Reception children) will be spending a day at Sundown and Class 4 are heading off on a five day residential trip to Scarborough after half term and have a packed agenda. Accompanied by Mr Albans, Miss Blake, Mrs Palmer and Mrs Allman Class 4 will be visiting Rydale Folk Museum and the local coastguard station. They will be walking and doing activities at Bampton Cliffs, spending time at Dalby Forest, taking a train trip, exploring Whitby and spending time on the beach! It should be a fantastic trip away and a lot of fun.

What about Class 3, you may ask?! Well, Class 3 are not going on a trip this term but whilst studying the Romans over the last few weeks they have been doing some performing arts and have thoroughly enjoyed it, and so we have organised for a theatre company to come in and spend the day with them, the culmination of which, will be a performance at the end of the day.

The PTA have also organised a 'Bounce About' event on 17th June where our school field will be covered with bouncy castles, and we have our Summer Fete coming up on Friday 1st July which the children just love.

Sadly, we had to cancel the Car Boot Sale on Saturday 21st

May due to a lack of support. It is always very difficult to spread the word outside of the school community when something of this nature is cancelled, so please accept my apologies if you had been intending to pop along and see what bargains were for sale and found nothing apart from our note on the school door!

On a more cheerful note, it was lovely as usual to see some of you at our community lunch on Wednesday 25th May – thank you for coming along. You haven't been our only visitors in the last couple of weeks though - we seem to have inadvertently adopted some ducks! – who visit us regularly on the school grounds and who are the source of great entertainment.

Finally, before I leave you this time round, I have to tell you that I will be moving on from school at the end of this summer term. I have spent three wonderful years here and have been lucky enough to work with a fantastic set of people and amazing and delightful children. However, I wish to return to Lincolnshire and will therefore be relocating over the summer holidays. The good news for our school is that our Governors interviewed a very strong field of candidates for the new headship and I can tell you that Mr Rob Cook will be taking up the post in September. Mr Cook is currently Deputy Head at Caythorpe Primary School and will bring with him considerable teaching and management experience. I wish him the very best of luck at Winthorpe and know he will take the school from strength to strength.

I would like to thank you too for your support of me over the last three years, and although personally I am keen to avoid too many 'events' to mark my departure, I would like to invite you to a summer picnic afternoon that we will be holding on the last day of term (Friday 22nd July) from 12 noon onwards. You are of course, all most welcome to pop along to our Summer Fete too! (1st July 6-8pm)

Best wishes

Caron Emerton (Head Teacher)

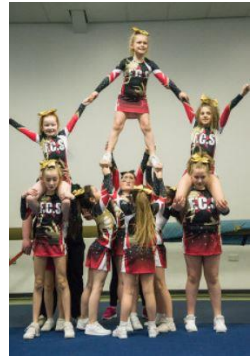


Winthorpe Summer Festival 2016

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. There will be a Craft Fair, Classic Cars, a display by the Firecrackers Cheerleading Squad, fun with



Bounce About
Inflatables,
Stalls, Games,
Sports, a Bar, a
Barbeque and Refreshments.
More details in next month's
Focal Point.



Don't forget to put the date in your diary and come along and support this amazing event!

Sue Masheder (Festival Committee) 01636 659582



WINTHORPE SUMMER FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 23rd JULY



CRAFT FAIR & ART EXHIBITION



There will be a Craft Fair and Art Exhibition in the Community Centre on the afternoon of the Festival – proceeds going to the Festival's chosen charities.

If you would like a craft fair table the cost is £10; all income above that being retained by the stall holder. Jean will be having a craft table if you would like to contribute any homemade items and donate 10% of the income to the funds.

Original paintings, prints and cards/notelets will be very welcome for the Art Exhibition – again with a 10% sale value to the funds.

If you would like to display something, **whether for sale or not**, please let me know and bring your items to the Community Centre on the morning of Saturday 23rd July. Tell me if you need help with transport.

Peter Foden 704241

COLLINGHAM RAMBLERS WALKS FOR JUNE 2016

Sunday June 19th

Stamford area 8 miles

Wednesday June 15th

Car Colston 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.

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Winthorpe & District W.I.

Our President, Virginia Seager, welcomed 23 members.

This month's meeting was to consider the NFWI 2016 Resolutions which will be taken forward for discussion at the Annual Meeting on 11th June 2016. They are:

'Appropriate Care in Hospitals for People with Dementia' and 'Avoid Food Waste, Address Food Poverty'.

Following an interesting debate, the members voted unanimously and absolutely against both Resolutions.

Other Matters

The Tea and Cake Afternoon hosted by the 'Ladies of Winthorpe WI' to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday was well attended and raised £217.00 for Bloodwise (formerly Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research). Those who attended the Birthday Party on Wednesday 13th April 2016 enjoyed an excellent evening.

Members were reminded of the Garden Day on Thursday 16th June 2016 at Capability Barn, Hoveringham and the Meal on Tuesday 14th June 2016 at the Lord Nelson Pub, Besthorpe.

An invitation was received from North & South Clifton W.I. for members to attend their Jamaican Cookery Demonstration, including a rum punch tippie, on Tuesday 28th June 2016.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 9th June 2016 in the Village Hall, this will be a Pottery Demonstration by an expert potter. If any member wants to have a go now's your chance (bring some old clothes if you do).

The hostesses will be Sylvia Lloyd, Joan Lord and Anne Matsell.

Sheila Palmer



You're invited to a
Blooming Great
Tea Party!

at

WINTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

on

Tues 21st June

2.30pm-4.00pm

*to support the Marie Curie
Nurses*

*Tea &
cakes £4
Tombola*



Beeston aboard n.b. Mulberry

When you leave Beeston Lock, which is usually less than half a metre deep with Trent water, you encounter Beeston Marina perched on the bank before the weir. Here there are several cafés and bars as well as a static caravan park and a chandlers. The moored boats stretch for the first half a kilometre and then the bank opens into Attenborough Country Park which is an attraction to scores of cyclists and walkers.



On the left bank, edging the water and the fields are many chalets with their own private moorings. Some of these chalets are very smart, chic in design and costly, but dotted among these are older, well-used homes or huts that promise a developer a great opportunity. The journey upriver is about 6 kilometres, almost an hour, and is a wide stretch enjoyed by many styles of craft; yachts with sails, narrow boats and cruisers, some of which cost almost as much as your house. There are also folk out rowing and canoeing too. The fishermen have their lines out and children are playing and running in and out of the trees. Half way to our next lock is a small island with 'Keep Out' notices. Here the scouts have huts and camp fires. They are well hidden in the trees but their landing stage into the river is clear.

Higher up, accessible from the A453, is a campsite for caravans and static chalets. Here there is more evidence of holiday makers enjoying the fresh air while all around them are the lazy cows grazing.

The silence of the river is the broken not only by the roar of our engine but also by the tweeting and chirping of many birds, the honking of the geese parading across the water and the shouts of the children who wave hello.

We are now at Cranfleet Lock. Unlike Beeston this one is a monster! The gates and mechanism are too heavy for me. Thankfully, there are volunteers here to help Martin operate them while I drive. We are temporarily off the Trent and only a quick hop from Sawley.

Lynne Shapley

**You are Invited to
Laxton History Group's Booklet
Launch and Exhibition**



**Friday 24th & Saturday 25th June
at Crosshill Farm, Laxton (at the top of the village)
2.45pm - 4.30pm on 24th & 11am - 3pm on 25th**

The project has turned the spotlight on Laxton during the period 1900 - 1920 to give a 'Snapshot in Time' of life for those living and working in the village then. There are four booklets looking at Agriculture, Education, Life in Laxton and WWI as well as educational materials for use in primary schools.

All villagers, friends and family are warmly welcomed to join us at some point during this period to see the results of our efforts.

Light refreshments will be available throughout this **free** event. We hope to see you there.

**Winthorpe church will be 128 years old on
Sunday 19th June!**



We will be holding a special service of worship in church at 10.15am on that date during which there will be a short talk taking is back to the occasion on 19th June 1888 when the church was consecrated, and some of the hymns from that day will be sung.

Refreshments will be served afterwards. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate this important historical event in the life of our village!

**MINI TENNIS AT WINTHORPE COMMUNITY
CENTRE TENNIS COURTS RESUMES AFTER HALF
TERM FOR A 6 WEEK COURSE**

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

STARTING TUESDAY JUNE 7TH 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

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WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

On Thursday 19th May 2016, the Parish Council held its Annual Parish Meeting followed by the monthly Parish Council meeting in the Village Hall.

The Council unanimously voted for Lee Cammack to continue as Council Chairman with Bob Allen as Vice-Chairman.



An internal audit has been undertaken of the Council's finances and these have been approved with minor recommendations. The accounts will then be passed to an external auditor, Grant Thornton UK LLP, for formal approval.

Details of how to obtain copies of the Council's returns will be posted on the village notice boards shortly.

The Parish Council requested a small increase of 4.9% in its precept from Newark and Sherwood D.C. for 2016/2017 to cover works needed within the village such as increased grass cutting and the general maintenance of village structures such as the skateboard area, etc.

This request was approved by N.S.D.C. Further details of any proposed works can be obtained from the Parish Clerk.

Details have also been placed on the village notice boards regarding the "temporary" Post Office that is to operate from the Community Centre. Please make every effort to use this facility as only by continued use will it remain viable.

Mrs Sally Sillery – Parish Clerk



FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE POST OFFICE OUTREACH SERVICE

The outreach service will open on Thursday 26th May in Winthorpe Community Centre. It will be available every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, offering all the usual P.O. services including cash facilities, car taxation, bill paying, stamps etc. but not a passport service.

Please support this venture to enable it to continue!



ALL SAINTS

WINTHORPE

CHURCH NOTICES

This year the anniversary of our Church's consecration service falls on a Sunday on which we actually have a service so we have decided to make an event of it. OK, it is not a special anniversary (the 128th) but it does fall on Sunday 19th June so we are going for it. We will be singing some of the hymns sung at the original service and there will be a talk about that service. Afterwards there will be refreshments. Please come along and help us celebrate.

We have another fund raiser this month for our "facilities fund". As part of the Queen's official 90th birthday celebrations weekend, on Friday 10th June at 7.30 pm there is a concert here in the church "Eliza is the fairest...." when we will be transported back in time by the Lincoln based group '1685', with Wendy Leonard (Soprano). An evening of Early Music guaranteed to lift the spirits and put a spring in your step. If you are a devotee of Early Music, or if you want to see what it is all about, or if you just want to support our cause then please do come along. Tickets will be available shortly from Collingham Post Office or they can be reserved from any PCC member. If you are not sure who our PCC members are, please call Ian and Christine Hasman on 01636 679105, or e-mail i.hasman@ntlworld.com (just so you know - we are members of the PCC).

We are also hoping to have at least two more concerts by other groups later in the year. As more details become available we will let you know. Ian Hasman on behalf of Winthorpe Church PCC

Church Services for June

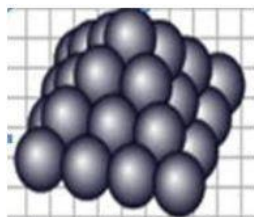


Sunday 5 th	9.00	Holy Communion	Holme
Sunday 12 th	10.30	Holy Communion	Winthorpe
Sunday 19 th	9.00	Holy Communion	Langford
	10.15	Morning Worship – Dedication Festival	Winthorpe

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 – Mr & Mrs McClymont

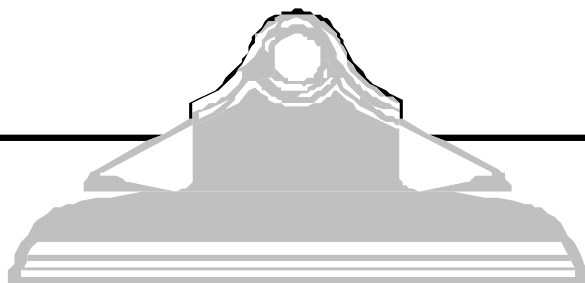
Brass Cleaners – Mrs Taylor and Mrs Evison



Pat's Puzzle

How many cannon balls are there in this square pyramid?

(Answer on the next page Ed)



JUNE CALENDAR

Thursday 2nd	Coronation Day 🇬🇧
Monday 6th	Green Bin Lunch Club 12.30 Community Centre Mobile Library
Thursday 9th	WI Village Hall 7.30pm
Friday 10th	Birthday of the Duke of Edinburgh 🇬🇧 'Eliza the Fairest' Concert 7.30pm Winthorpe Church
Saturday 11th	Official Birthday of HM The Queen 🇬🇧
Monday 13th	Silver Bin and Brown Bin
Thursday 16th	Parish Council meeting 7.30pm
Sunday 19th	Dedication Festival Winthorpe Church 10.15 am
18th & 19th	Cockpit Fest and Aerojumble Winthorpe Airfield
Monday 20th	Green Bin
Tuesday 21st	Marie Curie Tea Party 2.30-4.00pm VH
Monday 27th	Silver Bin and Brown Bin

ANSWER TO PAT'S PUZZLE IS 30 CANNONBALLS!

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