



2016

Ed's Comments

This issue certainly reflects the changing seasons!

In it we see the last reports of summer – the financial success of the Summer Show and a delightful account of our Scrabble Club summer outing.

As the leaves begin to turn many of us dread the approaching winter months but there are so many events to look forward to which can only happen when the days start to draw in and we would rather be inside than braving the elements in gardens and allotments. There are the Harvest Festival celebrations in Winthorpe and Holme and two concerts – one in the church and one in the Community Centre. If concerts are not for you then there is a Fashion Show and a Pub Quiz and who knows what might happen at the end of the month with Halloween and the preparations for the Winthorpe Village Bonfire! All the clubs which took a break over the summer are back in full swing and don't forget the Thursday morning Post Office and the Coffee Morning run by the WI and open to all. If you are still despondent about wintry prospects then help to plan for next summer by going to the 2017 Summer Festival planning meeting. The details of all these exciting events are contained within!

You may have noticed I have not given you a page reference for the events. That is because last month I got it wrong. My comments are on page 3 not page 1.....sorry to anyone who noticed the Lord Nelson news was not page 20.

Finally please do look at the article on the Charity of Thomas Brewer which, thanks to the hard work and dedication of the Trustees, now has a wider remit more appropriate to modern village life. How can we use it to benefit our communities of Winthorpe, Langford and Holme? It is on page 10 (I think!)

Annie Purday

Closing date for the November issue is **Friday 21st October**

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LUNCH CLUB

The **November** Lunch Club will be at 12.30 p.m. on Monday November 7th at the Community Centre.

The menu will be:



Steak and Ale Pie

OR

Fishcakes with Seafood Sauce



with Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

-X-

Apple and Blackberry Charlotte with 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 The **October** Lunch Club is on **Monday 3rd October** as advertised in last month's Focal Point.



HARVEST SUPPER

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, WINTHORPE

SATURDAY OCTOBER 15TH AT 7.30 p.m.

In the Community Centre

Tickets: £7 available from the PCC Committee

Pease note: Harvest Festival

at All Saints Church, Winthorpe, Sunday, October 16th at 10.15am.

Non-perishable gifts are welcome in aid of

Newark Women's Refuge



GARDEN CLUB

There is no report on the Garden Club September meeting as at time of publication it had not taken place.

The October meeting will be on Wednesday 19th October and the speaker will be Ian Justice on the subject of 'Chrysanthemums'.

Please note the change of venue as this will take place in the Village Hall. Ian Wilson

(Hopefully we will be able to put two reports from the Garden Club in the next issue! Ed)



THANKS



I would like to thank all those people who sent me Good Wishes/Get Well cards. It was very kind of them and I did and still do appreciate their lovely sentiments. I am certain their words helped me recover as quickly as I did. Thank you all again. Des Aldridge

Thank You, Roger

I would like to thank Roger Seager on behalf of Jean, my wife, and myself, together with all the other users of the passageway between Gainsborough Road and Pocklington Crescent, for the good work he did in cleaning, tidying up and taking away of all the weeds, branches and leaves that had accumulated there. Very well done and thanks again, Roger. Des Aldridge



I would just like to say a big thank you for all the lovely cards, flowers and visits I have received since my fall from so many people in our lovely village. I now getting used to my new hip and

gradually improving. Pat Nelson

GIANT SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

Time to announce the winners of the 2016 Winthorpe, Langford & Holme Giant Sunflower Competition!



1st Prize: Samantha & Abigail Jones (height 3.63m)

2nd Prize: Anna Clarke (height 3.43m)

3rd Prize: Alfie Everatt-Lamb (height 3.40m)

The Teacher's Award went to Mrs Cobb, whose sunflower measured 3.32m. Congratulations to all of our prize winners – it was lovely visiting school and presenting you with your trophies and certificates. Indeed, well done to everyone who entered the competition, and to all the parents and grandparents who no doubt helped our young gardeners.

See you next Spring for the 2017 competition!

Liz & Charlie Ferreira



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September 2016

Dear All,

I was really pleased to discover that the village has a monthly magazine and that the school provides regular contributions to it. I think that a school is a key part of any community, and as the new Head Teacher at Winthorpe, I am fully committed to ensuring that the Primary School continues to be fully involved in village life. I look forward to welcoming you into our school and to sharing our school's current and future successes with you.



I have been impressed by the school so far and am looking forward to ensuring that it provides the children in our community with a happy and hard working environment in which they can achieve their full potential. Although it's been quite a hectic start to the year and, like with any new job, a steep learning curve, I have been made to feel extremely welcome by all of the pupils, staff and governors. I would also like to say a quick 'thank you' to Miss Ementon, the previous Head Teacher, who has clearly worked hard with the staff here to make this a very good school and who ensured there was a smooth transition when I took over following her departure.

It is lovely to see children looking so smart and well-presented in school and I've been very pleased at how quickly they have settled back into school after the long summer break – our new Reception Class children are already happily playing and learning which is great to see. Our extra-curricular clubs have begun and we're offering a wide variety of

activities including football, netball, cookery, 'roving reporters' – watch out for this group out and about in the village! - and music. Our Breakfast club, which starts 7.45 am, and After School Club (finishing at 5.30pm) are both up and running as usual, and complete our full working day Winthorpe Primary.

I've been learning all about the local sunflower competition, and have had the pleasure of meeting the founder of the competition, Mr Finn. The competition has been continued now by Mr and Mrs Ferreira, who have two children who attend the school at the moment. We held our annual Sunflower Competition Assembly on Friday 16th September, when Mr and Mrs Ferreira came into school to announce this year's winners, who were Samantha and Abigail Jones. Well done girls!

The school is going to build an eco-friendly greenhouse with the help of the Rotary Club using recycled drink bottles.

The scheme, funded by a Waitrose token collection fundraiser, fits in with my vision to establish a thriving school garden and allotment and is something that I'm very keen to make a success. I've seen the plan and it looks fantastic! The only slight problem is that we need over 1000 2 litre bottles to make the scheme work! I've asked parents, but it would be great too, if you could start saving any 2 litre plastic bottles and pop them into us at school, we would really appreciate it.



Finally, I understand from staff that at least once a term we host a 'community dinner' where we invite members of our wider community to come and join the children for a traditional roast meal, freshly cooked in school, by Trudy (Head Cook) and her team. I would very much like the opportunity to meet you so I hope you will accept our invitation for lunch on Wednesday 19th October. Please let Mrs Allman in the school office know if you'd like to attend (01636 680060) – the cost of the meal is £2.66 per person.

I look forward to meeting you all over the next few weeks and please do not hesitate to get in contact if you would like the school to get involved in any community project or even if you would just like to come and have a look round! All the best Rob Cook (Head Teacher)

Col. Gwynne's Quarters

Barracks of huts

Ditching Point

River

Soldiers marching

Col. Henry

Windsor

Cattle grazing

Sheep feeding

Hut on horse

Sheep feeding

Hut on horse

Trees and bushes

17th Century Winthorpe

conditions of need, hardship or distress". In recent years the welfare state has generally looked after most needs and the Trustees have found it increasingly difficult to find persons in real need of financial help. Ten years ago the Charity Commission was asked if the original object could be retained but also extended to allow support for charitable efforts by individuals or organizations for the benefit of the residents of Winthorpe, Langford and Holme. The Commissioners said this was such a big change that the only way to achieve it was to shut down the Charity and start another with a new name. We were reluctant to lose the name after so long and the matter rested until two years ago. By then a number of changes in the Charities Act had occurred with a recognition that there were many older charities in a similar situation. A further application was made and this time the extended object was accepted. At the same time several administrative changes were made. These included the holding of public meetings, the publishing of

accounts and the appointment of officers, none of which were covered by the previous constitution.

The Trustees now include two nominations by the Parish Council (currently Margaret Wiseman and me), The Rector, or in the absence of one, the nominee of the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham (that nominee is currently Tish Applewhite) and three Trustees elected at the AGM, David Barthorpe,



London 1616

Lee Cammack and Neil Moran. The officers will be chosen by the Trustees at their next meeting. David Hopewell, who had been a Trustee for seven years, had decided to retire on health grounds. He was thanked for all his help and wished the very best for the future.

David Barthorpe presented the annual accounts and explained the income from rental from 17 acres of land in Winthorpe and income from investments with the Charities Official Investment Fund. He explained how those wishing to apply for funding support should do so. Details will be given on the website and in Focal Point. It was emphasised that applicants would be required to demonstrate how they would provide their own financial contribution for any project. Future accounts would include details of any such projects but contributions to individuals would never be disclosed.

We now feel that the Charity is better placed to deal with the current situation and look forward to the start of the next century.

Peter Foden, Trustee

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Sunday October 9th Scothern/Sudbrook/Dunholme 7 miles

Sunday October 23rd Sturton le Steeple 7 miles

Wednesday October 19th Idle Valley Nature Reserve 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



COULD YOU BE AN ACTIVITIES CO-ORDINATOR?

Red Firs Care Home in Newark, Nottinghamshire is urgently seeking a new activities co-ordinator to plan and deliver regular activities to residents, many of whom suffer from dementia. Weekly hours are negotiable, as is remuneration, but approximately fifteen hours per week would be ideal. The post might



suit a retired teacher who'd enjoy using their skills to provide stimulation and improve residents' quality of life. Previous activities have included a "teddy bears' picnic", a "day at the seaside", sensory games, and musical activities and singalongs.

Indoor bowls, craft activities and gardening are all possibilities. If you would like to know more, please contact the manager, Cara Salmon, on 01636 700770, or by email: carasalmon@redhomes.com.



Winthorpe & District W.I. September 2016

An account of our July evening in Frances' garden was read and signed by the President, Mrs. Virginia Seager. The President then welcomed everyone to the meeting following the summer break.

A thank you card was received from Pat Nelson thanking Winthorpe W.I. for the lovely flowers and cards we sent to her following her recent hip operation. A letter was received from National Headquarters thanking Winthorpe W.I. for selling W.I. Raffle 2016 tickets. The proceeds will be divided between National and local Federations. Also a letter was received from the Charity of Thomas Brewer notifying the changes agreed with the Charity Commission. Virginia Seager will attend a meeting in the near future with Peter Foden and other associates to discuss these changes. The information contained in the County envelope and National envelope were itemised by Viv Jackson. This month's speaker was Alison Clark who gave an interesting and informative talk on her career as a Lawyer and then as a Magistrate with the criteria needed to become one. She concluded her talk by inviting members to sit on an 'imaginary bench' and pass sentences on three typical offences which involved speeding. A question and answer session followed. The vote of thanks was given by Rose Dickinson.

Forthcoming Events: Lincs Fashion Show on Wednesday 19th October 2016.

A Christmas visit to Burton Angus Hall, Beverley either on Wednesday 30th November or Tuesday 6th December 2016.



Members were reminded of the

Ladies Luxuries and Lunch event to be held in Nottingham on Thursday 20th October 2016.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 13th October 2016 in the Village Hall when the topic will be 'Discover the World of the Garden Hedgehog'.

Along with the Gifts & Greetings Stall.

Hostesses: Barbara Finn and Pat Nelson

The coffee morning, which runs alongside the Post Office opening times, has proved popular with the village. As well as having a chat over a cup of coffee and biscuits, it is giving the villagers an opportunity to socialise. Everyone is very welcome to come along on Thursday mornings, whether they are using the Post Office or not. Sheila Palmer

Seasonal Flu Campaign 2016

We will be holding 2 Saturday morning flu clinics on
Saturday 1st October 2015, from 8.30 am – 12.30 pm
Saturday 29th October 2015, from 8.30 am – 12.30 pm

These are appointment only clinics. Appointments will be available to book from mid-August. Please contact the number below, ask at Reception or book using Systmonline if you are registered for this service.

For Appointments telephone: 01636 893956 8.15am – 5.30pm

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WINTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Saturday 12th November 2016

7:30pm

In aid of a SECOND village defibrillator!

Supported by Winthorpe with Langford Parish Council

Tickets £10 from
31, Gainsborough Road
Or
17, Pocklington Crescent

Dancing to 1970's Smash hits!
BAR OPEN UNTIL 11.30 PM

Wear your 70's disco gear



THE LORD NELSON

September has been a busy month here at the Lord Nelson, kicking off with a great turn out for the duck race. You raised a £100 for Winthorpe Youth Club and we will take on the feedback and run lots more heats next year.



The Pub Quiz came back for Round 3 and we had repeat winners with 'Snug as a bug' taking the £60 first prize. If you think you can take them on come down to the next quiz on the 5th October. Peace returned to the garden as Les Root ran Sunset Yoga part 2. Sadly as winter is drawing in the yoga events will go on hold now until the

spring.

On the opposite scale a fab night was had by all at the first 'Nelson Open Mic Night'. Thank you for all who took part and to Neil Moran for making the night run smoothly.

We rounded the month off with wine tasting with Ann from 'Ann et Vin.' We certainly learned a lot and enjoyed ourselves and we hope you did too.

You will notice that the private dining room has been closed off since we opened. We have been giving it a desperately needed lick of paint. It is now on the final push now and will be ready on the 14th October so come down and have a drink with us to celebrate its new lease of life. Christmas (sorry) is just around the corner and our Christmas Party menus are now available to book whether it is a family gathering, works party or you are just catching up with old friends.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Lord Nelson Team Oli, Em, Dave & Martyn Tel 01636 707705

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The Collingham Singers



in concert

at All Saints Church Winthorpe
on Saturday October 1st
7p.m.



Tickets: £5 including interval
refreshments



Ticket enquiries: Available from Tish Applewhite (01636 643763) or any member of the Winthorpe PCC

BOTTLE BANK – LORD NELSON CAR PARK

Visiting the bottle bank on the August holiday Monday I was sadly unsurprised to find all the bins full and many bottles on the ground – rough count 30 plus. There was also some broken glass also on the ground – granted the notice not to put bottles on the ground when bins full is only written on the bins in marker pen. Not a large formal notice! But would it matter?

Who do the people who left the bottles on the ground suppose clear them up - the bottle fairy? I could have taken my bottles home again until the bins were empty, but instead took them to Collingham. It took all of 20 minutes – there is another bottle bank at Coddington and also at Brunel Drive all roughly the same distance away – so what's the problem? One might think people who live in Winthorpe have more common sense than to do this, but perhaps they are the same people who think it's in order to traverse Winthorpe roundabout for Newark on the outside, oblivious to the accidents and near misses they leave in their wake. They don't live in the Village do they?



Resident, Hargon Lane (Name & address supplied to the Editor)



PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN FRONT OF THESE GATES! They are the gates to the cricket field in Holme Lane. The man who mows has been unable to gain access on more than one occasion.

SCRABBLE CLUB OUTING 2016

Apart from the occasional outburst Fridays are usually pretty quiet occasions for the Scrabble Club but the Friday before Bank Holiday was the exception thanks to the generosity and skills of Lynne and Martin who treated members of the club to a day on their narrow boat on the River Trent.

With Martin at the helm and Lynne front of house and in charge of the galley we set off from Newark Marina and headed towards Farndon. The weather could not have been better for us as it was a



beautiful warm sunny day from start to finish. We had all donated edible contributions which were assembled by Lynne and eagerly consumed by all at our lunchtime stop at Farndon.

After lunch four couples played one game of scrabble each. Anybody using the towpath at the time may have wondered what a narrowboat



full of people sitting in silence and looking at the floor were doing – now they have an answer!

During the journey there was plenty of time to catch up on conversation, many barriers were relaxed and firmer friendships formed – this

after all is what any club membership is all about.

After a very enjoyable trip we headed home to the marina passing UNDER the A46 avoiding the Bank Holiday traffic queues parked OVER the bridge.

We may have found a traffic-free way of travelling around Newark on a Friday afternoon folks!

(Your local Scrabble Club meets on a Friday afternoon. Anybody interested in joining the local Scrabble Club or wanting more information can phone Annie or Nick on 01636 658347.)

Bob Cordell

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VILLAGE VENTURES PRESENTS

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Tickets £10.00 and concessions £9.00

Please call Frances Kelly on 01636 671673 for tickets

“Amazing” - Jamie Cullum

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“A sensational guitarist” - Jazz Rag Magazine



Winthorpe Summer Festival 2016 – Final Account

Monies in

Raffle	143.00
Village Hall	35.00
Art/Craft Fair	93.10
Garden Club	74.00 (ch)
W.I.	90.00
All Saints' Church	15.00
Ice Cream	35.00
Bits and Bobs stall	15.00
Party-Lite stall	10.00
Bar/Youth Club	20.00
BBQ	137.35
Football Game	16.00
Photography	11.00

Challenge

Scarecrow entries	6.00
Charity Bike Ride	20.00
Private Donations	<u>30.00</u>

Total £750.45

- 195.00

Surplus £555.45

Monies out

Newark Com. First Aid	40.00
Firecrackers Cheerleaders	30.00
U3A Ukulele Band	30.00
Stroke/Aphasia group	25.00
Community Centre hire	<u>70.00</u>

Total - £195.00

Distribution of surplus

Defibrillator Fund £200

Beaumont House £355.45



SUMMER FESTIVAL 2017



There will be a meeting of the festival committee at 7.30pm on Wednesday 26th October, in the Lord Nelson. We will begin planning for next year's event, so if anyone is interested in joining us and sharing any ideas, then please come along. **Sue Mashedor** Festival Committee

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Sheila – 01636 679960

Vivien – 01636 659631

All proceeds to Winthorpe & District WI



A poster for the Winthorpe Bonfire & Fireworks Display. The background is dark with a pattern of red, glowing, fibrous lines resembling sparks or fire. The text is in white and yellow. The main title 'Winthorpe' is in a large, bold, white font. Below it, 'Bonfire & Fireworks Display' is in a slightly smaller white font. The date 'Saturday, November 5' and the year '2016' are in large, bold, white font. Below this, 'FOLLOW THE SIGNS IN THE VILLAGE' is in a bold, yellow font. A table-like structure follows with event times: 'Gates open 6.00pm', 'Bonfire lit 7.00pm', and 'Main Display 7.15pm'. At the bottom, ticket information is provided in white text: 'Family tickets £12 in advance £15 on the night (based on 2 adults, 2 children) or can be purchased from Winthorpe School or 57 Gainsborough Road 01636 686591 prior to the event' and 'Adults £6 on the night • Children £2.50 on the night'.

Winthorpe
Bonfire & Fireworks Display
Saturday, 2016
November 5

FOLLOW THE SIGNS IN THE VILLAGE

Gates open	6.00pm
Bonfire lit	7.00pm
Main Display	7.15pm

Family tickets £12 in advance £15 on the night (based on 2 adults, 2 children) or can be purchased from Winthorpe School or 57 Gainsborough Road 01636 686591 prior to the event

Adults £6 on the night • Children £2.50 on the night

WINTHORPE BONFIRE

Combustible materials (wood, tree branches, cardboard, paper etc)
needed for the village bonfire on 5/11/16

(No metals, bricks, masonry or aerosols)

Access via Thoroughfare Lane

(side of school) on the weekend 29th & 30th October

between the hours of 9.30 am until dusk

and Saturday 5th Nov from 9.30 until midday

(For further information please contact Gary Thompson on
07493980011)

News from Langford Lowfields Summer 2016

We have had a great summer at Langford Lowfields. Lots of amazing wildlife has been seen, we've re-vamped the Beach Hut, our dedicated volunteer team has been working really hard and we've got a lot of exciting work completed.

Langford is full of wildlife and as the site continues to develop and grow, so the number and diversity of species is increasing. Exciting news this year included avocets breeding on the reserve, 100 sand martins nesting in our sand martin bank, the discovery of a rare beetle called *Panagaeus Cruxmajor*, a new Langford record for water rail territories, with 17 identified, at least one bittern being seen throughout the whole year on a fairly regular basis, at least three breeding pairs of great crested grebes, otter spraints still being found on site, the first concrete confirmation of Cetti's warblers breeding and most excitingly of all, bearded tits bred at Langford for the first time ever. As far as we're



aware this is also the first time they have bred in Nottinghamshire (since such things have been recorded.)

Bearded tits love reedbeds, eating the abundant insects during the warmer months and then feasting on reed seeds during the colder months. They build their

Male bearded tit at Langford— photo by Stuart Carlton nests from dead reed leaves and can stealthily move through the dense reed stands, feeding and staying in touch with their distinctive 'pinging' call as they go. We're really pleased these beautiful birds have chosen Langford as their home and we hope they will stick around and breed here again next year.

Our DIY pond dipping is now up and running, so as long as the Beach Hut is open you can stick £2 in the bird box, borrow the equipment and have a go at catching water creatures. Newts, snails, water scorpions... there are some strange things lurking under the surface!

A reedbed wouldn't be much of a reedbed without any reeds and so staff and volunteers have recently been hard at work planting out our home grown reed seedlings. We collect reed seeds during the winter and then in the spring grow them up in our poly-tunnel. Once the seedlings are about a foot high, we can then plant them out into the reedbed, surrounding them with protective metal mesh fencing to keep hungry coots and geese at bay. We got thousands of seedlings planted out this week and hope to continue planting lots throughout August and September.

Langford looks great at any time of year and it's amazing seeing just what can be achieved following the restoration of a sand and gravel quarry. Autumn is the time when birds start passing through on their way back down south, migrating down towards warmer climes. Hobbies will stop in at Langford to feed on dragonflies and lots of long-legged wading birds will be lurking around on the muddy margins of the reedbed islands looking for tasty worms and other insects to feed on. Keep your eyes open as you never know what you might see!

We are currently looking for volunteers to join our Beach Hut team. What better way to spend a few hours each week, welcoming visitors to Langford Lowfields, walking the trails to see what wildlife is about and encouraging children to have a go at pond dipping. Please contact the Langford Lowfields office for more information; 01636 893611 or langford.beckingham@rspb.org.uk

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

On Thursday 15th September 2016 the Parish Council held its monthly Parish Council meeting in the village hall after the summer break.

The Parish Clerk has received notification from the external auditor, Grant Thornton UK LLP that the accounts for 2015/2016

are in order and approved. There were a couple of minor procedural issues raised but nothing that impacted on the financial side of the accounts.

The Council were advised that the training for using the Speed Camera in the village did not take place in August due to lack of support. The Council will try and arrange another day outside the holiday period to see if there is any more interest.

The Council is still receiving numerous complaints, from persons within and outside of the village on the condition of trees and hedges within the village. Please try to keep these in order wherever possible. I must remind you that N.S.D.C has to power to take action on this matter and charge residents if they need to cut trees and hedges for safety reasons.

As mentioned previously, the Council is looking at the Skateboard Park to see if the area can be put to better use that will benefit the whole of the village. One option is something called a MUGA (Multi Use Games Area). This provides an enclosed area to play football, basketball, cricket, netball and numerous other sports. The vast majority of the cost is grant funded. Details of different types of MUGA's can be found on the internet. I will keep you updated on this matter.

The Council received and approved the accounts for the Summer Festival. A copy of these will appear elsewhere in this edition of Focal Point. The Council would like to thank all organisations and individuals who supported the event and made it a continued success but special thanks go to Sue Masheder and Tish Applewhite for their hard work in organising the event.

Mrs Sally Sillery - Parish Clerk





Finding Our Way ...

Hello! My name is Mark Adams and I am the new Area Dean of Newark & Southwell (as well as being the new Vicar of the Beck & Trent Parishes, in the lovely villages of Sutton-on-Trent, Carlton-on-Trent, Cromwell, Norwell, Ossington and Caunton). I have been the Diocese for 13 of my 17 years of ministry, serving in Sutton-in-Ashfield and more recently in Mansfield, so although I am familiar with

Nottinghamshire, this beautiful part of it is new to me.

One of the things that is great about going to a new place is exploring what is around me. We live in Norwell so I have been spending quite a bit of time walking our dog Freddie and discovering the footpaths around the village, and my essential companion as I have done this has been the OS map app on my phone. Without a map I would end up getting lost very quickly – as the place where the footpaths go is not always obvious – and using the phone has the added advantage of showing me whereabouts on the map I am!

Needing something to help us navigate our way through an unfamiliar landscape could be a helpful way to think about how we go forward as churches across the Deanery over the next few years. We can all see the challenges that come with the changes in the wider culture and the way those changes affect us here. But it is important to remember that we do not do this on our own. As the Psalmist says in Psalm 121:

“I look up to the mountains;
does my strength come from mountains?
No, my strength comes from God,
who made heaven, and earth, and mountains.”

So let's pray that the Holy Spirit will be at work among us, drawing us together to guide us through our own mountains that face us and remember Jesus' promise that, as we seek to go and make disciples, he will always be with us.



ALL SAINTS WINTHORPE CHURCH NOTICES

Just a reminder, we are having a concert by the Collingham Singers at Winthorpe Church at 7.00 p.m. on Saturday October 1st. Tickets are available from any PCC member and will cost £5 including interval refreshment. PCC members are listed below with their phone numbers:-

Ian and Christine Hasman 01636 679105

Tish Applewhite 01636 643763

Sylvia Lloyd 01636 703271

John Nelson 01636 704712

Joan Lord 01636 682304

Please do come along for this enjoyable concert which will be helping to raise money for our facilities fund.

As you will have seen elsewhere in this edition of Focal Point we are having our Harvest Supper in the Community Centre on Saturday 15th October. As usual it will be 7.00 for 7.30p.m. Please keep an eye out for posters around the village for this event. Tickets should be available soon from PCC members (please see above for details) priced at £7. We look forward to seeing you there. Our Harvest Festival Service is the following day. As usual Non-perishable gifts are welcome in aid of Newark Women's Refuge.

I am pleased to report that we now have three new learners at our ringing practice on Friday night.



As you can see there is an All Souls Service at Collingham on Saturday the 29th October. If you would like someone to be remembered at this service then please add their name to the sheet at the back of your church. Please feel free to attend the service itself.

Ian Hasman on behalf of Winthorpe Church PCC

Church Services for October



Sunday 2nd	09:00	Holy Communion	Holme
Sunday 9th	10:30	Holy Communion	Winthorpe
Sunday 16th	09:00	Holy Communion	Langford
	10:15	Harvest Festival	Winthorpe
Friday 21st	13:30	School Harvest Festival	Winthorpe
Sunday 23rd	18:00	Harvest Festival	Holme
Saturday 29th	15:00	Service for All Souls	Collingham St John the Baptist

The Church Bells may be rung for any of the Winthorpe services. The bells may be rung on Friday evenings between 7.00 and 9.00pm 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.

We have a visiting band of ringers on Saturday 22nd October. They will be attempting a quarter peal between 14:00 and 15:00. Do listen out for them.

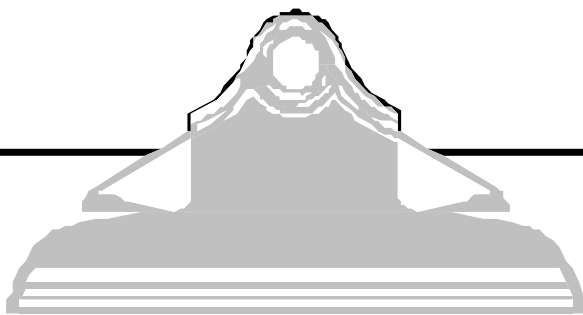
Church Cleaners – Mrs Finn and Mrs Nelson

Brass Cleaners – Mrs Aldridge and Mrs McClymont

Church Flower Ladies – Harvest Festival

The church will be open to receive your arrangements from 2 pm on Friday 14th October. If you are unable to decorate your space please ring Sylvia on 703271. Flower removal is from 2 pm on Monday 31st October. Sylvia Lloyd





OCTOBER CALENDAR

Saturday 1st	Collingham Singers 7.00pm Winthorpe Church
Monday 3rd	Silver Bin and Brown Bin Lunch Club 12.30 Community Centre
Wednesday 5th	Pub Quiz Lord Nelson Pub
Monday 10th	Green Bin
Thursday 13th	WI 7.30pm Village Hall
Saturday 15th	Indoor Aeroboot/Aerójumble Table top sale Winthorpe Airfield Harvest Festival Supper 7.00 for 7.30pm CC
Sunday 16th	Harvest Festival Winthorpe 10.15 am Winthorpe
Monday 17th	Silver Bin and Brown Bin
Wednesday 19th	Community Lunch Winthorpe School Fashion Show 7.30pm Community Centre Garden Club 7.30pm Village Hall
Thursday 20th	P. C. Meeting and Finance Committee VH
Sunday 23rd	Remi Harris Project in Concert 7.30pm CC
Monday 24th	Green Bin Mobile Library
Wednesday 26 th	Summer Festival 2017 Meeting Lord Nelson 7.30pm
29th/30th	Bonfire Materials to School
Monday 31st	Silver Bin and Brown 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

