



2017

Ed's Comments

Why is it that we always focus on the bad news not the good?

The Media is partly to blame. A shocking, worrying or frightening headline immediately grabs our attention whereas something cheerful or positive is often regarded as being unworthy of our attention. When we meet friends or acquaintances do we tell them about the good things which have happened to us or do we tell them a tale of woe? The implication here is that we – the audience – are actually more open to the negative report than to the positive, so is it actually our fault?

Anyway let's redress the balance a bit! What a wonderful National Health Service we have; much wanted babies delivered safely to parents, full of praise for the help they received; a patient diagnosed with breast cancer after a routine mammogram just before Christmas who has already been operated on and now awaits details of her future treatment; the neighbour, back home after his emergency treatment and excellent care at one of our local hospitals.....

What about our Prime Minister who is bravely dealing with a situation which was not of her making and doing her best to sort out a good deal for the country amid all the negative shouting and rhetoric?

Locally, I needed a parcel posting and remembered the Pop Up Post Office on Thursday morning and enjoyed a cup of coffee and a chat after my transaction. On Saturday I took my very well-travelled son to The Lord Nelson for a meal. He was very impressed with the food and the atmosphere. He even paid!

Two good ideas have been submitted for the new front cover of Focal Point and a promise of more to come from the school. Let's hope there are many more!

Happy February!

Annie Purday

Closing date for the March issue is **Friday 17th February**

Deliver to Annie and Nick 18, Hargon Lane or email

nickwynne@virginmedia.com

LUNCH CLUB

The **March** Lunch Club will be at 12.30 p.m. on **Monday March 6th** at the Community Centre.

The menu will be:



Baked Ham with Pineapple and a Red Wine Sauce

OR



Jacket Potato with Prawns and Tuna

with Jacket Potatoes, Cauliflower and Peas

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Apple Charlotte and Custard

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

THANKS



I am sure many of the regulars who attend the Winthorpe Village Lunch Club would like to join us in saying a sincere ‘Thank You’ to our organiser Tish Applewhite, Trevor our Chef and the whole band of helpers for all their hard work; not

only for an excellent Christmas Dinner but for the lunches throughout the year. We thank them all very much, with every good wish for 2017.

Vivienne and David Green



REFLECTIONS – a short story

It was the perfect end to a glorious day. Patsy was sitting in her garden watching the vibrant shades of red and orange illuminating the horizon. She felt a sadness in her heart. Her companion of sixteen years was not sitting beside her, sharing their favourite place under the willow tree. Theirs had been an unconditional love and their togetherness reflected in their eyes. Sleeping apart was never an option, even when his snoring became louder in his latter years. She missed the comforting feel and the warmth of his body against hers. Now the long nights felt cold and alone.

Patsy had noticed over the last few weeks that his health was deteriorating. She had dreaded the day when they would be parted, but had wonderful memories of happy times spent together. She recalled their holidays in the campervan, sitting side by side, taking long walks in the countryside or on the beach, exploring new places and making new friends. People often stopped to talk to them. She always felt safe with him at her side.

She felt a chill in the air and shivered. The sun had set. She wasn't sure how long she had been sitting there with her thoughts.

As Patsy went back to the house she glanced back at the mound of earth under the willow tree, upon which lay his collar and lead and whispered, “Goodnight my treasured, faithful friend. Sweet dreams.” **Fiona Wright**



Winthorpe & District W.I.

Meeting held on Thursday 12th January 2017
in the Village Hall

The President welcomed 22 members and 1 new member. There were 8 apologies for absence. The Christmas Coffee Morning proved to be a great success, giving us the opportunity to make a donation to the Stroke Association Coffee & Chat Group for which we have received a letter of thanks.

An invitation has been received from Coddington W.I for two of our members to attend their 83rd Birthday Party on Tuesday 14th March. This month's speaker was Philip Jessop from Newark Community First Aiders. He demonstrated the procedure to deal with extensive bleeding from a severe cut and how to apply a tourniquet to stem the blood flow. A common accident within the home is burns caused by boiling water and he described how to treat them to help protect the skin from blistering. Another subject he covered was the symptoms to look for in the case of a suspected heart attack. He showed us how to do resuscitation and how to use a defibrillator. The vote of thanks was given by Barbara Nelson.

Forthcoming Events: A possible evening meal at the Lord Nelson Pub in early March. Date to be confirmed.

Other Matters: Inspiring Women: Forms were circulated to members to nominate a member who has been an inspiration within our own W.I. This is part of the celebrations of 100 Years of Nottinghamshire W.I's.

Pilates: There is a possibility of a Pilates Group being formed in Winthorpe and members were asked if they would be interested in joining. Sheila Palmer



We would like to thank everyone who came to our Coffee Morning on Thursday 15th December 2016. Your support was very much appreciated. Many thanks to the Lord Nelson Pub for their generous donation to our raffle of a voucher for a 'Meal for 2.'

We would also like to express our appreciation to the Pupils and Staff of Winthorpe Primary School for entertaining us with the singing of Carols and Christmas Songs which helped to make the morning a success. Due to your support we will be making a charity donation.

The Ladies of Winthorpe W.I.

MAPPING ROCKS

What's beneath your feet? (including Winthorpe)

**A Talk by Leanne Hughes,
Survey Geologist and
Vice-President of the
Geologists' Association.**

The rocks beneath our feet give us every non-agricultural product we use from crude oil that makes polyester fabrics we weave and knit, to the medicines, toothpaste and salt that use ingredients from mines and quarries. We need geologists almost every time we pick an item off our shelves.

Venue: Winthorpe Community Centre

Date: Wednesday 8th February 2017 7.30pm

Tickets: £5.00 (includes a glass of wine.)

**For further details and tickets please contact:
Sheila – 01636 679960 or Vivien – 07708 834863**

Ladies and Gentlemen; all welcome to join us.

All proceeds to Winthorpe & District WI

LETTER FROM THE RECTOR FOR FEBRUARY

Dear friends,

Phil and I have just had a couple of days in Stratford on Avon and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. As we sat down together at our pre-theatre dinner table, we couldn't ignore this bright and capital lettered message which was placed boldly between our delicious steak and chicken:

Celebrate the Moment!

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Yes, we were being urged to book a table for Valentine's Weekend. It seems that romance can't be left to chance, but must be helped along at quite a cost.

It's not really surprising is it? Whatever we think of a commercialised St Valentine's Day, which can conveniently be stretched to a weekend, there's nothing new about wooing a lover with good food is there? After all, a box of chocolates can go a long way to say *I love you, I'm sorry or Will you marry me?*

Food is not just for lovers.

In fact, when friends and families get together, either for a happy reunion or for difficult conversations; when it's time to reminisce, say welcome home, farewell or when decisions need to be made, it helps if a meal is involved.



Jesus understood this well. One of the first things he did for anyone was to rescue a wedding party by turning water into wine. He enjoyed meals with his friends and he had lots of important conversations over food. There was probably a lot of laughter and definitely some awkward questions and some people made their minds up to love him or hate him, to stick with him or betray him while they shared bread together.

The very night before he died, Jesus got together with the people closest to him for a meal. It was the Jewish Passover meal so it was a time for remembering and asking questions. At this meal Jesus explained what was going to happen. He urged his disciples to love and serve each other and he told them to carry on meeting together. He taught them that when they shared bread and wine to remember him then he'd be there with them.

That's what we do in church when we have Holy Communion. We believe that Jesus is with us and when we share the bread and wine of Communion, that's what we're celebrating. If you'd like to know anything more about this, please have a word with me.

Since I've been in the East Trent Group I've enjoyed excellent and generous hospitality with lots of good food, for which I'm very grateful. I hope this will help us really get to know each other and grow together as a community.

For this month, I pray we will all have the chance to show someone we love them.

God bless you all,

Revd Mandy



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Thanks



We would like to thank everyone in the village who has sent cards, messages and good wishes to Michael during his prolonged stay in hospital. It has been a great support to us knowing that he is in so many peoples' thoughts. Michael was moved to Newark hospital where his

recovery continues slowly but he is walking well and is looking forward to the day he is discharged and can get back to birdwatching at Langford Lowfields. Kate, Simon and Clara Warren

COLLINGHAM RAMBLERS WALKS FOR FEBRUARY

Sunday February 5th Newark (river, park and lake) 6.5 miles

Sunday February 19th Trent Valley 6.5 miles

Wednesday February 15th Denton/Harlaxton 4.5 miles

NEW WALKERS ALWAYS WELCOME

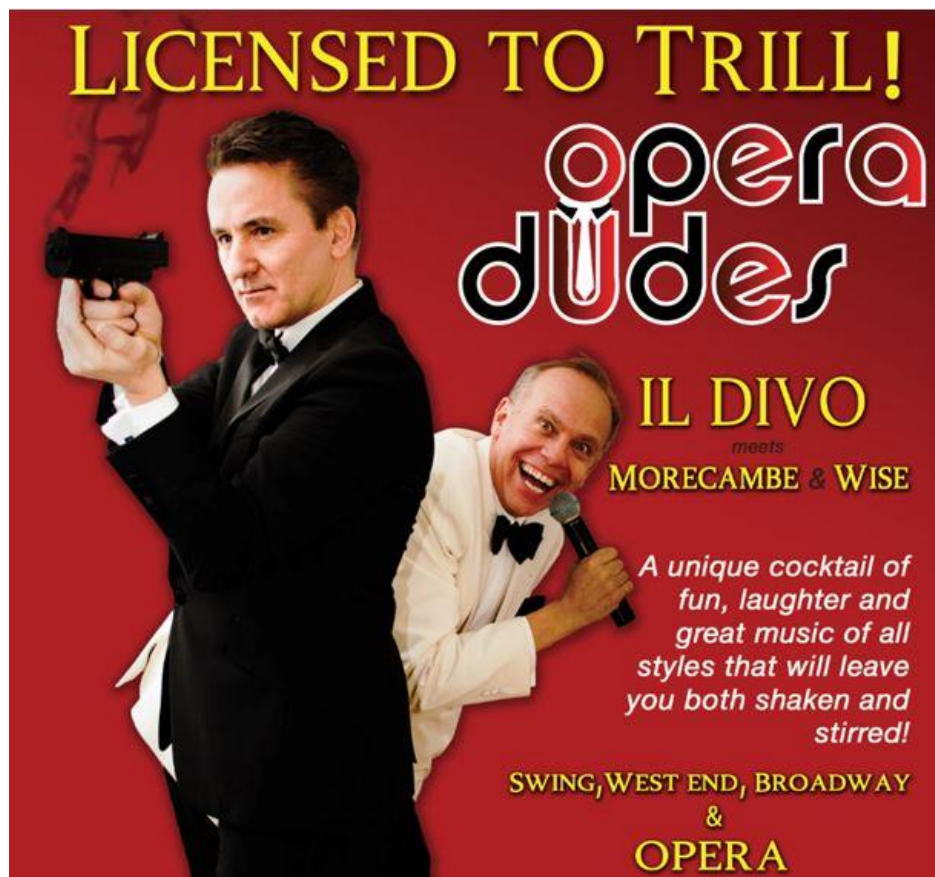
If you would like to join us on any of these walks please contact NINA WARD on ninajward@live.co.uk or 01636 678419 for more information and specific walk details.

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





Winthorpe Community Centre

Friday 21st April

Doors Open at 7.00pm, show commences at 7.30pm

£10.00 per ticket and £9.00 concessions.

Community Centre Update

The trustees of the Winthorpe Community Centre would like to thank all those that supported the recent Ventures evening, The Remi Harris Project in Concert, and apologise to those that could not get a ticket. It was a wonderful night of entertainment. Thanks also go to all that helped in making this evening a success.



A note for your diaries, the next Ventures evening will be held at the Community Centre on Friday 21st April 2017; The Opera Dudes, Mission Improbable. It is 'Il Divo meets Morecambe and Wise!' The Opera Dudes have voices and stage presence to die for. This is a comedy cabaret with opera star class!

The Community Centre has now placed information on the village website detailing hire conditions and charges and we will be publishing events to be held at the centre. We are very keen to continue to promote the use of the centre and would ask that if you know of yoga/keep fit teachers or other local groups looking to hire a hall, they give Winthorpe a consideration.

Michele Cammack (Secretary to the W.C.C.)

Old Text Messages (Part 7)

A continued Analogy by Bob Warriner

Langford - The Lonely Knight



Copy of a Postcard picture of St Bartholomew's Church at Langford

"Langford. Its stone dwellings are on the highway, from which the big house is set back in lovely gardens and trees. Down a shaded lane leading to Holme the small church stands in company with the vicarage, with the Tudor manor house, now a farm, nearby.

In this great seclusion a lonely knight, carved in stone, lies within the altar rails of the church. The arms of the Pierreponts are on his armour, his helmet is on his head, his hands are at prayer, and with his feet rested. He comes from the closing years of the 14th century, and would know the 13th century tower which stands looking out over the pleasant meadows.

The chancel arch and the south arcade of the nave are about 1400; traces of an arcade which led to a vanished north aisle are in the nave wall outside.

A beautiful archway which once opened to a chapel is enriched with flower medallions, embattled capitals, and a hood ending in heads. Medieval windows fill the place with light, and the fine old roof of the nave has curious bosses and faces pleasing and ferocious. The piscine is old; the splendid font of Sicilian marble is modern.

Close by the church the little stream known as the Fleet meanders among the willows in what was once the bed of the Trent. It is over three centuries since the great flood left the River Trent in its present channel on the other side of Holme, leaving the tiny

Fleet to mark its old course"

(A passage from Arthur Mee's Nottinghamshire, circa 1938)

In the "Old Text Messages" articles I have searched to find material relating to Langford with it being the third corner of the Focal Point triangle. But, there seems to be a scarcity of postcard correspondence from that area. So no texts this time but what I have discovered though is some controversy over the origin of the village name.

We may be forgiven for thinking that the "ford" in the name Langford suggests this was probably a "long" shallow crossing point of the River Trent over flat terrain between Langford and *Holme (*then on the west bank) which would make it a long crossing, hence "Langford" is probably derived from a "long ford" which existed before the Trent altered course? (This theory is also currently endorsed by the Winthorpe local website)

But No! research into the name tells us that it was in fact the surname of a Knight that made Langford his home on moving up from the South West of England (Ancestry.co.uk specifically states that "Langford" in Nottinghamshire is an exception to the "long ford" origin idea) and that the name probably comes from the Old English Landa or Land, meaning land or land boundaries. This is contrary to the Winthorpe website explanation of the Langford name. Ancestry.co.uk say as follows:

In 1229 Roger Langford was the sheriff of Cornwall and gave his name to the estate of Langford in Marhamchurch. In the same century his family branched north to where a Knight, Sir John Langford gave his name to the Nottinghamshire village. The family later branched back to Wiltshire where the family name was originally from.

Personally I prefer the river crossing notion of "long ford" as the ancient river was said to become "fragmented" on this part of its course into a series of streams and riverlets mingling side by side. This is easy to imagine with the wide flat plain of the Trent valley bottom stretching westwards of Langford towards Holme and the Muskhams. It would be a place where travellers could hop or wade from bank to bank over many small waterways.

This map shows the spaced out dwellings of Langford. Notice the River Trent turns sharply west at Winthorpe whereas the old course flowed in the same direction as the Fleet.

Although Langford is currently located two miles from The River Trent it has not always been this way. In 1575 there was a cataclysmic flood which altered the course of the Trent which meant Langford and Holme were now on the same side of the river.



Before this change in the river's course the Trent used to flow next to St Bartholomew's Church and Holme was on the opposite bank. (c/o Wikipedia.co.uk) Also if you ever wondered why Langford seems to be two separate dwelling areas a field or two apart then perhaps this

extract from the Wikipedia website will enlighten you: *"the least amount of people to ever live in Langford is none as in 1593 the village was 'dispeopled' to make way for sheep'. This also resulted in the present site of the village to be about half a mile from its previous site"*

These records relate well to the history of Holme being a manor built on wealth gained from the wool trade in Europe's Calais Market by the Barton family, who may have had the power to evict people to enhance their sheep farming and encouraged by the now vacant land created by the old river bed between the villages.

And surely the carving of a Knight described by Arthur Mee is the tombstone or tribute to Sir John Langford.

Bob Warriner

NEWARK AIR MUSEUM

Events taking place in 2017 – dates for your diaries!

4 March 2017 – Indoor Aeroboot / Aerojumble Table Top Sale.

48 sellers tables all hosted inside Display Hangar 2 amongst the aircraft at the museum site in eastern Nottinghamshire. {Special discount admission rates apply, open to everyone to attend.}

20 & 21 May 2017 – Hastings & Shackleton 40th Anniversary Weekend. Two day event to commemorate 40 years since these iconic aircraft arrived at the museum; this will also involve the Lincolnshire's Lancaster Association. {Normal admission rates apply}



17 & 18 June 2017 – Cockpit-Fest & Aeroboot. This annual gathering provides the perfect opportunity for the public to view a diverse range of visiting aircraft cockpits {Normal admission rates apply}



12 & 13 August, 2017 – 1940s

Weekend. A follow-up event from the successful 2015 Victory Days weekend, with an American focus to reflect their operations from RAF Balderton {Normal admission rates apply}

14 October, 2017 – Indoor Aeroboot / Aerojumble aviation & avionic sale.

48 sellers tables all hosted inside Display Hangar 2 amongst the aircraft at the museum site in eastern Nottinghamshire. {Special discount admission rates apply, open to everyone to attend.}

Full details about these and other museum activities can be found on the news & event pages of the website, which are regularly updated

www.newarkairmuseum.org Email: enquire@newarkairmuseum.org

Normal Entry Rates

Adults £8.50, Over 60s £7.50, Children £4.50 and Family ticket [2 adults & 3 children] £23.00

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or Jo Konta!**

FURTHER INFORMATION FROM NINA WARD

01636 678419 or ninajward@live.co.uk



DANCE CLASSES – NEW FOR 2017



**Dancing Classes to start at Egmanton Village Hall
every Saturday from 4th February 2017**

**NATD and ISTD qualified Ballroom, Latin and Salsa
classes.**

Under 7's- 9.30-10.30am

Over 7's- 10.30-12.30pm

Adult classes and private lessons also available.

For more information contact Jil on: 07790601877



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**The next School Community Lunch will be on Thursday 9th February.
This is open to all residents at a cost of £2.66 per roast dinner. Places
can be reserved at the school office.**

COLLINGHAM BOWLS CLUB

Venue : Dale Field - Bowls Club House

Contacts : Club Secretary - Graham Eaton : 01636 893895
Chairman - Roger King : 01636705781

SIGN UP FOR THE 2017 SUMMER SEASON!

Collingham Bowls Club is a friendly club who are always pleased to welcome new members both male and female, whether experienced, intermediate or beginners. New members from Winthorpe would be most welcome to join other Winthorpians (including our Chairman).

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 11th March, 2017 between 9.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

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

THE LORD NELSON

We hope 2017 has been a happy and peaceful year so far for you all.

The Lord Nelson team have had a busy January including a "Sparkles" wine tasting evening - sampling prosecco, champagne and cava - with supper, hosted by Ann et Vin.



In February, we'll be hosting the following events:-

Friday 3rd February at 8pm: Live music with Josh Seabrook

Tuesday 7th February at 8pm: Pub Quiz & Pasta (*please book - normally sells out)

Tuesday 14th February 2017: Don't forget to book for Valentine's Day. Free glass of prosecco for all on arrival, and we'll be offering special dishes and our famous Lord Nelson Sharing Platters

Friday 17th February at 8pm: Comedy Night

Tuesday 21st February at 8:30pm: Open Mic & Live Music Night, sharing platters available

We're continuing to work on exciting events throughout 2017 and will keep you posted on all planned forthcoming events.

With best wishes,

Em, Martyn, Oli & Chef David (on behalf of The Lord Nelson Directors)

The Lord Nelson, Winthorpe, Newark, Notts, NG24 2NN



01636 707705, [Website](#) & [Instagram](#) Check out our [forthcoming events](#)

POST OFFICE AND COFFEE MORNING

Don't forget the pop-up Post Office is available every Thursday morning in Winthorpe Community Centre from 9am-12.00 and the WI run a coffee morning from 10am-12.00!



WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

On Thursday 19th January 2017 the Parish Council held its finance meeting, followed by the main council meeting in the village hall. The finance committee considered the Parish precept for the forthcoming year, 2017/18, and agreed that the Parish Council has enough reserves in place to cover intended works, so the precept will remain unchanged for the next 12 months.



The Council have been informed by BT that they intend to remove the two pay phones in Winthorpe and Langford after closure of the 90 day consultation period on 15th February 2017. If there is no response before that date, the two phones and phone boxes will be removed.

In the last 12 months the Council were told that the Langford phone had four calls made from it and the Winthorpe phone has zero calls.

BT does give the community the opportunity to adopt the phone box for £1 should they so wish. The Parish Council would welcome your views and will support the adoption of the two phone boxes if there is enough support and a genuine desire to do something with the boxes.

Details are available at:

www.business.bt.com/phone-services/payphone-services/adopt-a-kiosk

The Parish Council have been informed of Gary Thompson's intention to stand down as a Parish Councillor with immediate effect. Gary has been a Councillor for many years and without Gary's support and assistance, a lot of the events that have taken place in the village would not have happened. The Parish Council expressed its thanks for Gary's work and commitment to the village.

Consequently, the Parish Council is looking for a new Councillor. If anyone is interested, please contact the Chairman by phone or email to express an interest. **Mrs Sally Sillery** – Parish Clerk

News from Langford Lowfields

I saw a photograph this morning of an otter taken on the reserve. We had been finding

signs of these amazing mammals at Langford Lowfields for over a year now, but this is the first

photographic evidence of them being here. This is great news and further evidence of just how well the site is maturing and developing. The lucky person who spotted the otter was one of many who visited the reserve over the Christmas period to



try and get a glimpse of the bearded tits. There are at least seven of them on the reserve at the moment and they have been giving a lot of people brilliant views of these beautiful little birds as they feed on reed seed, close in to the boardwalk. Fingers crossed they will stick around all through the winter and breed again next year.

A challenge was set for our team of volunteers recently, to try and see The Big 3 in the space of a day, these being the 3 key wetland bird species we are aiming to attract to Langford; bearded tit, marsh harrier and bittern. Amazingly within the space of a couple of weeks, this historic feat was achieved by Stuart and Julie, two of our work party volunteers and then just a few days later one of our Beach Hut volunteers Andy managed to see The Big 3 in the space of 10 minutes!

Some people have commented on the lack of wintering ducks at Langford; this also seems to be the case on other sites and is probably linked to the relatively mild winter we are having (so far at least!). This has meant that a lot of birds have not seen the need to fly over to the UK and have saved themselves the effort by spending their winter in mainland Europe. If the temperature drops, this may well change though. Even if duck numbers are a bit low, a quick wander round the reserve should give you good views of wigeon, gadwall, teal, goldeneye, tufted

duck and pochard, maybe even one of the shelduck. Who knows maybe you'll even see The Big 3! or an otter!! and if you keep your ears open you should be able to pick out the explosive call of a Cetti's warbler or the piglet-like squealing of a water rail.

Habitat management work over these winter months focuses on scrub and woodland management. It is a long-term project but we hope to reduce the dominance of sycamore in the woodland and encourage the growth of native trees instead, particularly the oaks that are on site and the elms which support the elusive white-letter hairstreak butterfly. Rotational scrub management work around the perimeter of the reserve ensures that, to use a conservation phrase, we 'maintain a mosaic of habitats' on site. A range of ages within the hawthorn and blackthorn clumps, gives more 'structure' to the habitat and provides scope for a greater range and number of birds and insects to use these areas for nesting and feeding.

Depending on the availability of our volunteer team we try to have the Beach Hut welcome area open every day, so if you see or hear anything interesting on your wanderings around the reserve, please write it down in the book that lives in the Beach Hut or email us

langford.beckingham@rspb.org.uk Joe Harris

GARDEN CLUB

Our annual party was the usual convivial affair. Once again, Pat Finn provided entertainment with quizzes and bingo.

Our main outing this year will be on the 20th & 21st June. On the first day, we'll be heading to Lyme Park House and Gardens, spending the night of 20th at the Village Hotel, Warrington. The following day we'll be visiting Arley Hall and Gardens. On the way back, we'll be stopping for an evening meal.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 15th February, when the speaker will be Jacky Zylinski on the subject of Bee Keeping. Bee there or bee square! Ian Wilson





ALL SAINTS

WINTHORPE

CHURCH NOTICES

I am afraid that we have had a sad start to the new year with two funerals taking place in January and one in February. In one month we lost Don Moran, Gerry Platts and Philip Gunn. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends.

During the last few months you may have noticed that for some of our services the bells have not been rung. I apologise for this as tower captain. The problem is that we do not have enough ringers.

Currently we have one ringer and one learner for most of the year, with two more ringers for half of the year. Unless more local volunteers come forward our bells could fall silent. We can only ring for services at the moment with the support of volunteers from other towers, but they are not always available. If you are interested then please get in touch, not only would you be supporting your local church but you would be embarking on a very interesting hobby.



The AGM of the PCC will be held at 19:30 on Wednesday 22nd March in the meeting room of the Community Centre. Please do come along to this if you wish to have a say in the running of our church. We are still looking for a couple of people to take on the role of Church Wardens. We have “muddled along” for a number of years without any Church Wardens, but we really need to fill these posts. More PCC members would not go amiss either.

Ian Hasman on behalf of Winthorpe Church PCC (01636 679105).

Pat's Puzzle...

An express train takes 3 seconds to enter a tunnel which is 1 mile long. It is travelling at 120 mph; how long will it take to pass completely through the tunnel? **Answer after the calendar**

Church Services for February



Sunday 5th	09:00 Holy Communion	Holme
Sunday 12th	10:30 Holy Communion	Winthorpe
	14:30 Holy Baptism	Winthorpe
Sunday 19th	09:00 Holy Communion	Langford
	10:15 Morning Worship	Winthorpe
Sunday 26th	10:15 Morning Worship	Holme

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.

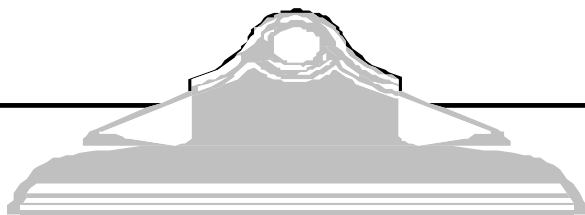
Church Cleaners – Mrs Lloyd and Mrs Foden.

Brass Cleaners - Mrs Cobb and Mrs Lloyd.

Volunteers for Church Cleaners, Brass Cleaners and Flower Ladies are still being sought. If you would like to volunteer then please call Sylvia on 01636 703271.

Sylvia Lloyd





FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Monday 6th	Silver and Brown Bins Lunch Club 12.30 Community Centre
Wednesday 8th	Talk: Mapping Rocks 7.20pm CC
Thursday 9th	School Community Lunch
Monday 13th	Green Bin Mobile Library
Tuesday 14th	Happy Valentine's Day!
Wednesday 15th	Garden Club 7.30pm Community Centre
Thursday 16th	Parish Council meeting 7.30pm VH
Monday 20th	Silver Bin
Monday 27th	Green Bin

Answer to Pat's Puzzle: 33 seconds.

1hr = 3600secs.

3600 divided by 120 = 30secs.

The train therefore takes 30 seconds to travel 1 mile plus 3 seconds for the whole train to pass any point.

'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



Q. What did the boy cat say to the girl cat on Valentine's Day?

A. You're purrr-fect for me!

Q: Why is lettuce the most loving vegetable?

A: Because it's all heart.

Q: What did the boy octopus say to the girl octopus?

A: Can I hold your hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand?

