



**2017**

**Ed's Comments**

**It's no wonder that we British talk about the weather all the time!** It is

so unpredictable, localised and controlling.

But we have much better weather forecasts I hear you say. Yes, that's quite true. When I was a little girl we used to joke that the forecasters never got it right but now all over the world we know far more about what will probably happen and can plan accordingly. What the forecasts don't get right are the micro-climatic variations like when it is pouring with rain in Newark but not a drop has been felt in Winthorpe.

Here in Winthorpe (and in Langford and Holme too?) we have had a wet winter. The beauty of the spring flowers testifies to that. Never have the snowdrops, daffodils, violets and tree blossom seemed more rich and lush than they do this year. When I commented on this to a dog walking friend recently she said that she had heard that it had been a mild, dry winter in most places and that there had already been talk of hosepipe bans in the warmer months! Does that mean all my wet winter dog walks were in vain?

What did I mean by controlling? Our moods are so affected by the weather. It is so much easier to feel positive and active when the days are lighter and the sun is shining. It's not just the fact that the sun shows up all the dust and dirt which makes us want to spring clean. We also seem to have more energy and are more inspired to do things!

Right! Why am I sitting here indoors typing when the sun is shining and the garden beckons?

**Happy Easter and may the sun shine on us all!**

**Annie Purday**

Closing date for the May issue is **Friday 21st April**

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## LUNCH CLUB

The **May** Lunch Club will be at 12.30 p.m. on **Monday May 8th** at the Community Centre.

The menu will be:

Chicken and Ham Pie



OR

Oven Baked Cod Fillet with Tartare Sauce

with Seasonal Vegetables

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Sherry Trifle



-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 April Lunch Club is on Monday April 3rd as advertised in last month's Focal Point**

\*\*\*\*\*The July Lunch Club has had to be changed from  
July 3rd to July 10th\*\*\*\*\*



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## GARDEN CLUB



Those who came along to our March meeting had a minor surprise. Instead of the advertised talk “Growing Veg on a Small Scale” we were treated to “Perennials for Every Season”. This was due to a computer glitch on the speaker’s laptop. However this substitution was well received. As ever Steve Lovell impressed with his knowledge, style of presentation and brilliant illustrative photos.

Steve has designed and provided maintenance for many gardens over his career. He gave examples of how he prepares and plants up borders working from scratch. The style is not over formal and often includes a variety of grasses.

Texture, variable height and colour were common themes, together with scent and movement in the breeze. There were many beautiful images of flowering plants that can be seen month by month throughout the year.



Steve also has a particular interest in all forms of wildlife and chooses plants that are bee friendly. Apart from images from his own gardens we saw others from around these islands including, perceptively, Arley Hall, Sissinghurst, Beth Chatto’s and a charming private cottage garden in Wales. Doubtless we will book Steve again.

There are still places available on our two day trip to Cheshire. We travel to Lyme Park on Tuesday June 20th staying the night at the Village Hotel, Warrington (includes 3course dinner, B&B). On the 21st we visit Arley Hall leaving late afternoon. On the homeward journey there will be a stop for a two course evening meal. Anyone who is interested in joining us please let me know by phoning 686249. The cost is £160pp. For those and for others who have previously paid a deposit we will need payment/balance by April 17th.

The next meeting on April 19th is our AGM and plant sale. Spare plants be they from seed, division or bulb, flower or vegetable will be welcome. It would also help if they were labelled and priced.

Ian Wilson

## **An invitation from Southwell Gardening Club**

Here at Southwell Gardening Club we are looking forward to hearing Adam Frost speak at Southwell Minster School on 4th May. Early on in his career Adam worked for Geoff Hamilton at Barnsdale Gardens which were a regular feature on television in the 1980's, and he has since gone on to win seven gold medals at the Chelsea Flower Show.

Tickets are priced at £12.50 and are available now from the Cathedral Shop in Southwell, A J Beckett Electrical shop in Southwell or online from [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk).

If you share our passion for all things horticultural, come along to our club nights on the third

Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm for

a glass of wine, to listen to a guest speaker and to share gardening news and tips with friends. Non-members very welcome - a £4 entrance fee includes a glass of wine. Members £10 per year and £2 on the night.

Venue - The WI Hall, Sheppards Row Southwell. Lorna Latham



## **WINTHORPE TENNIS CLUB**

Invites you to their

**AGM**

7.30pm

Friday 7 April 2017

14 Gainsborough Road,

Winthorpe

**Everyone welcome**

Maureen Smith – 01636 701205

Winthorpe Tennis Club Secretary



**Pat's Puzzle** I can run, but I can't walk.

I've got a mouth, but I can't talk.

I have a head, but I cannot weep.

I have a bed, but I never sleep.

What am I? (Answer after the Calendar! Ed)

# GIANT SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

It finally feels like spring is here, and we will soon be making a start on the 2017 Giant Sunflower Competition.

For anyone not familiar with this Winthorpe institution, this is the annual children's competition to see who can grow the tallest sunflower. The competition was started over 20 years ago by local resident Pat Finn, and has been going (or growing?) strong ever since. Our thanks go to Pat, who continues to grow truly impressive sunflowers, and kindly harvests the seeds for us to use in the following year's competition.

All children at Winthorpe Primary School can enter, as well as non-pupils (of primary school age) living in Winthorpe, Langford and Holme. Charlie and I will be visiting the school on Wednesday 29th March to deliver a "sunflower assembly" and give out a packet of seeds to each child. Mr Cook has already expressed his enthusiasm for taking part in his very first sunflower competition, and we hope that the other staff and children will feel equally excited!

If your children don't attend Winthorpe Primary you can buy "Giant Sunflower" seeds from a garden centre or shop. The children plant their seeds on Easter Sunday (16th April) and need to nurture them through the spring and summer until the competition ends on Sunday 10th September. We return to school shortly after that to announce the winners and present certificates and trophies!



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

Good Luck to everyone! Liz & Charlie Ferreira





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## **Winthorpe & District W.I.**

Our Annual Meeting on 9th March was well attended.

Wine and nibbles were the order of the evening. 23rd

March is our social evening meal at The Lord Nelson,

where a glass of wine or two will be enjoyed. Wednesday 12th April is our 64th birthday Party at 6.45pm at the Community Centre. Once again food will be served along with a glass of wine. Watch this space for more information of our 2017 programme.

*Virginia Seager* President.





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## A Letter from the Rector

Dear friends,

What would a new lease of life mean to you? Maybe it would mean a new house, new job, new hobby, new love or friendship. A new lease of life brings with it renewed energy, interest and enjoyment so that we look forward to tomorrow. We might feel younger and as though we've got more time and our excitement might even be infectious. Coming to East Trent has brought



me a new lease of life; meeting new people, discovering new places and meeting fresh challenges has awoken my inquisitiveness so that I want to know the names of all the spring flowers and garden birds. Indeed, this sense of new life has increased with the unfurling leaves, blossoming flowers and loudening birdsong of spring.

No wonder we choose this time of year for our Easter feast which is the ultimate celebration of a new lease of life: Jesus arisen from the dead. Maybe though, a new lease of life is the last thing on our minds. If we feel a bit tired and jaded at the end of winter, if life is so shaky and scary that we feel like hiding away from it all, think back to the first Easter. Jesus' friends had lived a roller coaster ride of events. They'd pinned all their hopes on Jesus and some of them had left homes and jobs to follow him. In their excitement they didn't understand his warnings and when things got really dangerous, one of them betrayed him, one denied even knowing him and some ran away. After he was killed and buried, his friends hid away, scared, sad and confused.

Then it happened. The ultimate miracle when Jesus rose to new life. He appeared to a number of his friends in different places and gradually, they all came to believe it was true. This new life brought them through their grief, shock, confusion and fear into new joy, hope, energy and courage. They were able to look forward to tomorrow and what's more they were able to share their hope with other people, their new found faith was infectious.

Nowadays we celebrate Jesus' resurrection with eggs and flowers which are signs of new life.

In church on Easter Day (April 16th this year) we celebrate with the great words:

*"The Lord is risen.*

*He is risen indeed, Alleluia!"*

Throughout April, we have lots of events in church so that we can explore the whole story, which is the greatest story ever told and we'd love you to join us.

Have a very Happy and Blessed Easter.

Revd Mandy

### GEOFFREY GOODALL (1926-2017)



Geoff, a proud Yorkshireman, came to Newark in the early 1970's as Town Clerk and lived on Beacon Heights. He moved to Winthorpe in 1979 and lived in Branston Close with his wife Dorothy, who sadly died a few years later. He was a member of the Parish Council for many years during the 1980's and 90's and his favourite hobby was playing golf. He moved about 4 years ago to Warwickshire to be close to his son Richard and family. He died on 21st February 2017 aged 91 years.

**A neighbour remembers**

### COLLINGHAM RAMBLERS WALKS FOR APRIL

Sunday April 2nd      Fiskerton/Reepham      7.5miles

Sunday April 16th      Upton/Micklebarrow Hill      6 miles

Sunday April 30th      Thorpe Salvin      7.5 miles

Wednesday April 12th      Fulbeck      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](mailto: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



Dear folks,

We hope you're well.

Sadly, some not-great news from us: our pub was broken into overnight last month .

We now have a staff member staying on-site in the flat upstairs and we've increased our security but we'd be really grateful if folks in the village could keep an eye out for any suspicious activity around the pub, as we know you care for the Nelson like we do.

Whilst we're on bad news, both the new business rates and minimum wage increase effective April 2017 means that all of our suppliers will be putting their prices up and accordingly we'll need to do so too. We strive to offer excellent food at reasonable prices, so all of our pub classics will remain less than £10 and we'll continue our Silver Surfers lunch every Tuesday.

Lunch times on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday are currently shortened to end at 3pm (normal lunch to 4pm on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.)

We're also bringing back Steak Night on a Wednesday as this day seems to work best for folks. Two rump steaks and a bottle of wine for £30 or two sirloins and a bottle of wine for £42.

We were booked to the rafters for Mother's Day and are looking forward to hosting some awesome events over the spring and summer. As a courtesy heads-up, we'll be open for food and drink on Easter Bank Holiday Monday (17th April) and May Bank Holiday (Monday 1st May) instead of our usual Monday closure.

### **April Events**

Saturday 8th April - Grand National Betting Fun in the bar (afternoon)

Thursday 13th April - Bingo & Bangers! (7:30pm)

Saturday 15th April - Children's Easter Egg Treasure Hunt (10:30am)

Sunday 16th April - Special Easter Sunday Lunch Menu (12pm to 4pm)

### **May Heads-up**

Back by popular demand, from May 2017 we'll be hosting a fortnightly Sunset Yoga evening with smoothies and Superfood Salads. Come join us on the lawn of our beautiful Victorian walled garden for a 60-minute session. Suitable for all abilities. 6:00pm, Wednesday 3rd, 17th & 31st May, and 14th & 28th June.

With best wishes,

Oli, Em, Martyn and Chef David (Your Lord Nelson Team)



## REACH OFF ROAD CHARITY CYCLING EVENT

Reach Off Road is back this year on 7th May in Southwell, Notts.

Well known for its fun atmosphere and delicious array of cakes and cookies, Reach Off Road is a fully marshalled off road bike ride offering 5, 10, 20 and 37 mile route options. Enter individually, as part of a team or with family. Cyclists up for a challenge can test their stamina on our 20 & 37 mile off-road routes. We're calling these 'The Big Routes'.



Those seeking a more relaxed Sunday outing can enjoy the scenic Trent Valley views on our gentler 5 & 10 mile routes- 'The Fun Routes'.

The Reach Off Road entry fee covers admin and a small donation towards our service for people with learning disabilities in Nottinghamshire. In 2017 we need to raise £300,000 to be able to continue our work. Every penny raised really makes a difference! That is why we are asking Reach Off Road riders to consider getting sponsored for their ride. Your sponsorship money goes directly to support our services working with people with learning disabilities in Nottinghamshire. As a thanks, we are giving away a £1,000 bike provided by our generous sponsors- Rode Cycles, to the adult rider who raises the most sponsorship and an engraved trophy to the rider under-12 who raises the most sponsorship. Certificates will be available on the day. We hope you will join us for a great day, full of laughter, adventure and, of course, our famous cake stops! For more information, prices and to book your place visit [www.reachoffroad.co.uk](http://www.reachoffroad.co.uk) or call 01636 819066.

Many thanks for taking time to read this. Sarah Cobb



**GIRTON SAILING CLUB**  
*THE FRIENDLY, FAMILY CLUB*



## Ever thought about learning to sail?

Did you know that there is a fabulous local sailing club less than 8 miles from Winthorpe? Girton Sailing Club occupies a former gravel pit which now provides a lake of some one hundred acres.

The club has a clubhouse with changing facilities, a cafe (galley in sailing parlance) and even a bar ("The Woolly Mammoth!")

The club prides itself on being friendly and family oriented, offering opportunities for non-competitive sailing, racing and excellent training. Being an approved Royal Yachting Association training centre offers assurance that training is of the highest quality and that safety always comes first. As well as the water based activities there are plenty of social events planned each year.

So why not pop along on a Sunday to have a look - racing starts at 11am and you will be made welcome.

Or why not set your sights on Ben Ainslie and sign up for the 2017 evening training course like I did only last year? Open to adults and youths we can get you from never having stepped on a sailboat to sailing independently in no time. All equipment needed is provided.

All the information you need is on the flyer I trust you will find in this edition of Focal Point or via the club website [www.girtonsc.com](http://www.girtonsc.com)

See you on the water!

Tim Ward - Girton Sailing Club ( and Winthorpe resident!)



# **RYA Beginners Dinghy Sailing Course**

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## **Girton Sailing Club**

**Tuesday evenings from 6-30pm**

**25<sup>th</sup> April – 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

**+ Saturday (10<sup>th</sup> June 9am-4pm)**

**Adults - £180**

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**Contact Trevor by email: [training@girtonsc.com](mailto:training@girtonsc.com)**

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## News from Langford Lowfields February and March

March has seen the start of some lovely spring weather and, despite the wind, we have had some great sunny days! Storm Doris caused some damage, snapping some big branches and damaging our floating fish shelters.

So far we have had our first butterflies of the year, including a peacock butterfly! We have had reported sightings of mediterranean gull, marsh harrier, oystercatchers, green sandpiper, shelduck and goldcrests in the woodland; big flocks of goldfinches and chaffinches on the seed spread on the track near the car park; singing chiffchaff and cetti's warbler; skylark and reed buntings singing everywhere. Blackthorn is in flower and cowslips are flowering near the Beach Hut.



A little drinker moth caterpillar was also caught on camera! Drinker moths feed on reeds, and are distinguishable by an outer crossline on the forewing, which runs diagonally to the wing tip, with a small additional white spot near the middle of the leading edge.



We have had less sightings of the bearded tits over the past month but we are hoping that less wind and more sunshine will bring these out of shelter again. Take a look from the boardwalk that cuts through the heart of the reserve for the bearded tits plus a range of ducks, including pochards, teals, goldeneyes and wigeons. With the dryer weather the walkways around the reserve are much improved, though it is still blustery on some days.

Work by our volunteer teams has been gaining speed. The volunteers have opened up views from the footpath onto the silt lagoons during the winter – look out for little grebes, tufted ducks and herons on the lagoons. The volunteers have also worked hard on the sand martin bank restoring it to its former glory and we now await some sand martins to come and take up residence!

As reported last issue, we have been opening up areas in the woodland to let more light reach the woodland floor. We have selectively thinned some sycamores to create a glade in the middle of the woodland, thinning the canopy to create opportunities for botanical diversity which in turn has a positive effect for other wildlife! Oaks and elms will also find this beneficial to allow them to grow providing a home for hundreds of species of insects, including scarce butterflies such as the purple and white-letter hairstreak.

We are looking to recruit volunteers for our weekly Friday and monthly Sunday work parties and weekly grounds maintenance team. If you are interested in this opportunity, love working outside, enjoy wildlife and meeting like-minded people, we would love to hear from you! Please contact us on 01636 893611 or e-mail Jenny on [jennifer.wallace@rspb.org.uk](mailto:jennifer.wallace@rspb.org.uk)

## **JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING CONTINUES AFTER EASTER FOR A 5 WEEK COURSE**

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or Jo Konta!

FURTHER INFORMATION FROM NINA WARD

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# WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

On Thursday 16th March 2017, the Parish Council held its monthly council meeting in the village hall.

The Council welcomed Steve Lord as our new Parish Councillor and Katie Hyde, our Police Community Support Officer. Katie pointed out that whilst Winthorpe is a low crime area, if you need to report any matters of concern you can contact Newark Police Station on 101 ext. 809 7057 or telephone Katie on her mobile number 07894617567.



The Council has applied to purchase the BT phone boxes in Winthorpe and Langford and BT will notify us when this has been completed.

The Council also welcomed Mrs Jane Bateson who has an idea for turning the phone box in Winthorpe in to a Book Store/Library. The idea would be to place shelving in the phone box to store the books and then people can borrow and exchange books at their leisure. If anyone else has any other ideas please let the Parish Council know.

The Chairman would like to thank all the villagers who have responded to the MUGA questionnaire that appeared in last month's Focal Point.

The results from this survey will be published in Focal Point in due course and will be used to support the application for external funding that is required to complete the project.

The Chairman recently attended a meeting in Collingham with other Parish Council Chairmen whose Parishes sit either side of the A1133.

The meeting was also attended by Andy Rook from Nottinghamshire Police to discuss police issues in the various Parishes. He took away numerous actions and will report back in due course.

**Mrs Sally Sillery** – Parish Clerk

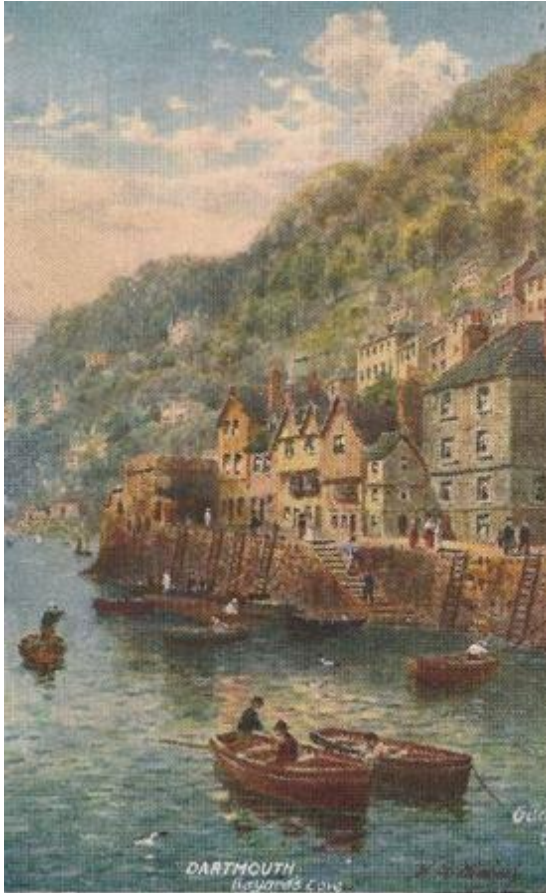
# Old Text Messages (Part 8)

A continued Analogy by Bob Warriner

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## Postcard from Devon 1913

This very nice artist painted postcard published by Raphael Tuck & Sons would have been a pleasure to receive in any household during 1913 when Great Britain was unwittingly facing the first world war the following year.



The interest for us in the Winthorpe area is on the reverse where the address reveals that the card was sent to a very eminent lady resident of the village, Mrs J G Branston at Winthorpe Grange. Joseph Gilstrap Branston moved to Winthorpe with wife Blanche Marguerite (nee Parnell) from London Road, Newark, when they took charge of the Grange. The property has since been demolished in 1954/55 to make way for the Spinney development built mainly by the Foster's Building Company. His father, Joseph, was a member of a prominent local family of businessmen, councillors, and most of all Maltsters from which they accumulated their wealth. Their story began in 1788 at Lingspot Farm, Drove Lane in the Parish of Langford when

farmer's son Joseph Branston was born to parents Joseph and Sarah (nee Hall) He was to become founder of a dynasty that prevailed well into the 1960's.

Joseph moved to Newark and became a grocer in Church Street, and had many small enterprises in the town including malting. He was a Cavalry soldier who served the public as a churchwarden, magistrate and grand juror and took

a great interest in the welfare of his local townsfolk as an alderman. He married Sarah Hall and they had five children. Henry, Joseph William & 3 girls. His son Joseph William married the sister of Sir William Gilstrap (who gave Newark its first public library on Castlegate amongst other things.)

Joseph senior had set up the malting firm of JW & H Branston and by 1837 the young Joseph William had joined his father in the business. When Joseph William died in 1859 his son Joseph Gilstrap Branston took his place in the business and became the driving force of the company, building very large new maltings: Spittal Close, Riverside 1, Riverside 2 and Riverside 3 in Northgate Newark. Riverside 3 was completed in 1881 and this development included a loop railway line to the Midland & Great North Western Railway. Joseph Gilstrap Branston also found new sales outlets for the large quantities of malt the company was producing. In much later years they became part of an amalgamation of companies known as ABM and the largest producers of malt in Europe.

In 1900 J G Branston's son Herbert Parnell Gilstrap Branston married his half cousin Clara Gwenelin Branston of Langford which re-united the families of the original Joseph Branston's two sons, J William & Henry.

Herbert & Clara also became Winthorpe residents and lived at the Grove, a large house originally built by Roger Pocklington for his son. They had six children, 3 boys and 3 girls.

***A quote from the Winthorpe history website: -***

*During the later years of the nineteenth century and well into the twentieth century, village life was dominated by the "big houses" and in particular by the families of the Gilstraps and Branstons who occupied them and played such a prominent part in every aspect of village and church life, as school-managers, chairmen of the parish meeting, churchwardens, helpers with Sunday schools, Mothers' Union and various church clubs, providers of "treats" for children and grown-ups and, in general, generous if sometimes slightly autocratic organisers of village social events.*

Branston Close in Winthorpe was named after the family though I'm not sure if it was one branch in particular?

The back of the card reads: *Yours received. Are here after the lovely coach drive by Torcross & boat up the Dart. So sorry about the chill do take care of yourself. Writing soon again CRB The Frasers are having an early tea here with us Love from CP\_* The authors initials CEB most likely identify her as Caroline Elizabeth Branston. The footnote appears to be in a slightly different handwriting signed CP\_ (unknown) maybe her niece Clara Parnell G B ? Who were the Frasers?





The card sender Caroline was the daughter of J G Branston and born in 1876. The year after writing this card during some very warm summer weather Caroline and her friend Monica Oxendale (also of Winthorpe) went to the river Trent for a cooling swim. They both got into difficulties and were swept away by strong eddying currents. Joyce Watson, niece of Caroline, was also present and ran to the level crossing house to raise the alarm with Mrs Dean. Despite efforts by one of the Camamile family to save them, both drowned. The Police dragged the river later and recovered the bodies. Caroline was 38 years old and Monica 25. They were both buried on Sept 12th 1914 in Winthorpe churchyard.

Special thanks to Christine Hasman for her valuable assistance in researching this article. Bob Warriner

More detailed history of the Branston's may be found on the Winthorpe and Coddington village websites and in Newark library.



# ALL SAINTS WINTHORPE CHURCH NOTICES

Last month was sadly a busy time for funerals. We have had services for John C.R. Smith, Betty Thompson, and Isobel Chipperfield. Our thoughts and prayers are with their friends and relatives.

Easter is almost upon us again. There are a number of special services throughout our group of churches to celebrate the season. I have detailed them on the next page. If you get the chance then why not pop along to those that you can manage and get yourself into the Easter mood?

We also have a Patronal Festival at St George the Martyr in Clifton on the 23rd. As has become the custom within the group all other scheduled services on that day have been cancelled to encourage everyone to attend.

We would like to welcome Revd David White who has returned to our village and has been given licence to officiate in this diocese after retiring from his post in the Diocese of Leicester.

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

**Church Flower Ladies** – We will soon be celebrating Easter and it is once again time to decorate the church.

There is a “Last Hour Service” from 2:00pm to 3:00pm on Good Friday 14th April so if we could bring our arrangements from 3:15pm onwards that would be great.

It would also be helpful if you could remove your flowers on Monday 24th April at 2:30pm.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the 14th.

If you are unable to attend to your spot please leave a message with John Nelson on 704712 Sylvia Lloyd



# Church Services for April



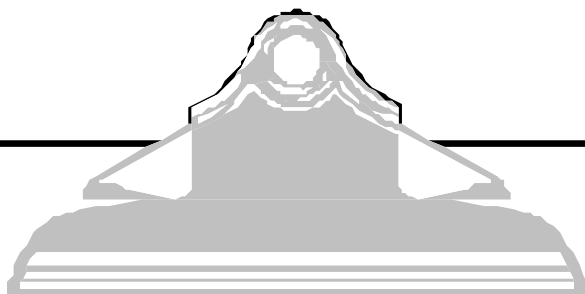
Sunday 2nd	09:00	Holy Communion	Holme
Sunday 9th	10:30	Holy Communion	Winthorpe
Monday 10th	19:30	Holy Week Service	Holme
Thursday 13th	19:30	Holy Communion & Stripping of Altars & Vigil	Collingham All Saints
Friday 14th	14:00	The Final Hour at The Cross	Winthorpe
Saturday 15th	19:00	Group Service of Light & Holy Communion	Harby
Sunday 16th	09:00	Holy Communion	Langford
Easter Day	10:15	Holy Communion	Winthorpe
Sunday 23rd		CANCELLED	Holme
	10:30	Patronal Festival and Holy Communion	Clifton St George the Martyr

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](mailto:I.hasman@ntlworld.com).

**Church Cleaners** – Mr & Mrs McClymont.

**Brass Cleaners** – Mrs Aldridge and Mrs McClymont

**Volunteers** for Church Cleaners, Brass Cleaners and Flower Ladies are still being sought. If you would like to volunteer then please call Ian or Christine on 01636 679105. Sylvia Lloyd



## APRIL CALENDAR

Monday 3rd	Silver and Brown Bins Lunch Club 12.30 Community Centre
Friday 7th	Tennis Club AGM
Monday 10th	Green Bin Mobile Library
Wednesday 12th	WI Birthday Party 6.45pm Community Centre
Sunday 16th	<b>HAPPY EASTER!</b>  <b>Remember to plant your Sunflower seeds!</b>
Monday 17th	Silver and Brown Bins
Wednesday 19th	Garden Club AGM and Plant Sale CC
Thursday 20th	Parish Council meeting (including Finance committee) 7pm Village Hall
Friday 21st	Birthday of HM The Queen  Opera Dudes Doors open 7pm CC
Saturday 22nd	School PTA Disco 8pm CC
Sunday 23rd	St George's Day 
Monday 24th	Green Bin
Tuesday 25th	Junior Tennis Coaching 4-5pm CC

### NB BIN COLLECTIONS 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](http://www.winthorpe.org.uk)*

Pat's Puzzle answer: A River!

