FOCAL POINT



2017 Ed's Comments 'Keep in touch!' say our friends when

we leave them and there are now so many ways of keeping in touch. We can write letters, texts or emails. We can use social media and more ways to communicate using the internet than I know! We can phone by landline or mobile or Skype all over the world and it's as though the person is just next door. If they are out we can leave a message so they know we tried or in the hopes that they will get back to us. Modern transport means we can actually travel easily to visit people, even those who live some distance away. Communication has never been easier or more confusing!

Somehow the variety of ways of keeping in touch actually makes real communication difficult and sometimes even prevents it. I'm sad when I see young children with parents who are pushing a swing or a pram and talking on a mobile phone. I am guilty of the same thing sometimes when I dog walk and use my phone at the same time but my dogs aren't very good at replying and would much rather run around sniffing than listen to me.

Another problem is that it all changes much too quickly and we get left behind without even realising it.....I don't want to update or have the latest version. Thank goodness for letters and birthday cards but most of all thank goodness for the neighbour who says good morning and chats about the weather or discusses the latest crazy happenings in politics. That's really keeping in touch!

Annie Purday

Closing date for the June issue is **Friday 19th May** Deliver to Annie and Nick 18, Hargon Lane or email <u>nickwynne@virginmedia.com</u>

LUNCH CLUB

The **June** Lunch Club will be at 12.30 p.m. on **Monday June 5th** at the Community Centre.

The menu will be:

OR



Tuna with Pasta Bake

with New Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

-X-

Meringue Nests with Fruit and Cream



-x-Tea or Coffee

£8 including a glass of wine Contact Tish Applewhite (643763) if you need to

Roast Loin of Pork with Apple Sauce and Stuffing

reserve your place and give your choice of menu.

Thank you. Tish Applewhite

NB The May Lunch Club is on Monday May 8th as advertised in last month's Focal Point

Thanks

Thank you Winthorpe Village Lunch Group for the beautiful flowers. Also thanks to everyone for their kind

thoughts and messages. I am now feeling fine.

Best wishes. Audrey Craven











WINTHORPE SUMMER FESTIVAL 2017

SATURDAY JULY 1st 1PM - 5PM

WINTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Declared open by Rob Cook, Headteacher at Winthorpe School Featuring

Rattlejag Morris Dancers - Classic Cars - Art Exhibition Photography Competition - Brewer's Trust Exhibition Line Dancing display - 'Bounceabout' Inflatables Family Bike Ride - Live Music - Children's Races Tennis Tournament - Tug-o-War Competition - Tombola Stalls - Family Games - Raffle Scarecrow Competition Results - BBQ Cakes -Teas - Bar

Monies raised will go to Beaumond House, Newark Disabled parking only at the Community centre









Winthorpe Festival Scarecrow Competition 2017



The Festival, will include the Scarecrow Competition again this year. There isn't a theme so entries can be who or whatever you want them to be, as long as it's a scarecrow!

Entry will be open to children and their families at a cost of £2, also group entries. The forms plus remittance must be in by Friday 23rd June to the one of the two addresses below.

Application forms will be sent home with children at Winthorpe Primary School and from the beginning of June, they will also be available at The Lord Nelson, the bus shelter at the pub, from Sue Masheder at 7 Gainsborough Road and Tish Applewhite at 76 Gainsborough Road.

Villagers will need to display their scarecrow in their



front garden the week beginning 26th June. Judging will then take place, with the

winner announced at the



Summer Festival on Saturday 1st July, and prizes awarded!



WINTHORPE SUMMER FESTIVAL

CLASSES:

Best Junior Handler Best Rescue Dog Dog the Judge would like to take home Waggiest Tail

Prize for the best in each class.

£1.00 entry fee per class Entries to arrive by no later than 1.30pm on the day.

Saturday 1st July 2017 Winthorpe Community Centre

All proceeds to Winthorpe & District WI and Winthorpe Village Festival nominated charities

GIANT SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

Charlie and I had a lovely time visiting school and delivering our assembly to start this year's Giant Sunflower Competition. The assembly was themed around 'how to grow sunflowers' and the children showed that they know all the essentials about caring for their plants (or at least telling Mum/Dad/Granny/Granddad what they should be doing!).

Hopefully everyone has planted their seeds and by the time you read this should have some healthy young seedlings. The seedlings will need to be rotated every day as they will lean towards the light. If they're in a sunny spot take care that the soil doesn't dry out. Let's hope for some nice sunny weather, for all of us and the sunflowers too!



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

Why not send us a photo at <u>winthorpe.sunflower@hotmail.com</u>.

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

Liz & Charlie Ferreira

WINTHORPE YOUTH CLUB

You may or may not know that there has been a village Youth Club running in Winthorpe for at least 40 years, from which hundreds of children have benefitted, thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers and helpers, too numerous to men



and helpers, too numerous to mention.

The main fund raiser for the club throughout most of this time has been the annual Bonfire and Fireworks display which has normally managed to cover all of the annual running costs. As a result of this and the prudence of previous Management Committees the clubs finances are in a very healthy state.

Approximately 3 years ago a decision was taken by Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) to withdraw support from the majority of Youth Services in the area, this meant that there would no longer be trained Youth Workers to facilitate and co-ordinate club nights and activity sessions, and also the Council would no longer indemnify the club or be in a position to share any resources.

A new Management Committee was formed from a group of local volunteers, who received some training from NCC and were also 'vetted' by them in order to ensure that they were able to run club nights. The club itself has now become a small charity and sought the help of the Parish Council, whom it asked to provide appropriate governance in relation to the running of the club and they agreed to this request.

At first the club continued to run very successfully with between 15 - 20 young people attending each week throughout term time (it was closed during the holidays). Unfortunately the numbers attending began to dwindle after about 18 months along with the number of volunteers and it has proved impossible to attract new young members or group leaders since.

In the autumn of 2016, the club was only being used by a couple of young people and it had only 4 regular 'helpers'. Sadly a decision was taken at this time to temporarily close the club and discuss future possibilities.

We are now in a new year but no further forward in relation to the club. It does not look like it can re-open, and certainly not without some new volunteers and young people who want to attend.

At a recent meeting with representatives of the Parish and County Councils, a variety of issues were discussed in relation to the club and its constitution, which states 'that in the event of the club folding or ceasing to remain operational then all assets should be used for the young people of the village'. Hence the reason for writing in 'Focal Point' at this time about the current situation.

Is there anyone out there who would like to try and relaunch the club? If so we would like to hear from you.

If the club is to close, what should we do with all the equipment and funds?

All ideas are welcome

If you would like to speak to someone about this please contact Gary Thompson on 01636 686591.

Many thanks

Gary (on behalf of the Youth Club Committee)



Winthorpe & District W.I.

April 6th was the Annual Federation Meeting at the Royal Centre in Nottingham. Our morning speaker was Angela Knowles, one of the original Calendar Girls.

A wonderful inspiring talk. The afternoon speaker was Jane Robinson, author of "A Force to be reckoned with." Again an entertaining speaker. Our birthday party was an enjoyable evening. The speaker was Jo Golby from the National Trust who entertained us with the life of a "Ladies Maid." All Nottinghamshire W.I's were asked to nominate an inspiring member. Rose Dickinson was our nomination and I had the pleasure of presenting Rose with an award together with a bunch of flowers. Well done Rose.

May 10th is the Fleet Group Meeting and we are the hosts. Joining us will be Coddington, Collingham and North & South Clifton W.I's. Our entertainment will be the Fernwood Players. Afterwards a light supper will be served.

The next evening is our regular May meeting where we will be having a lively discussion on the Resolutions. This year they are "Loneliness and Plastic Soup." We will also have a sale table.

On May 26th there is a Summer lunch and M&S Fashion Show in the Masonic Hall, Nottingham.

On June 8th Sue Burton will give us a talk on Colour Analysis. If any ladies would like to come as a guest, you would be made most welcome. Who knows, you might like to join us. Virginia Seagar

COLLINGHAM RAMBLERS WALKS FOR MAY

Sunday May 14thOllerton Trails7.5milesSunday May 28thHaddington / Aubourn / Bassingham 7.5 miles

Wednesday May 17th Southwell 4.5 miles NEW WALKERS ALWAYS WELCOME

If you would like to join us on any of these walks please contact NINA WARD on <u>ninajward@live.co.uk</u> 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 GARDEN CLUB AGM: WEDNESDAY 19TH APRIL

The meeting was opened at 7.40pm and was reasonably well attended by 22 regular members, many of whom renewed their membership for next year.

The Chairman, Ian Wilson, opened the meeting with the usual apologies and some general comments regarding the club. The minutes from last year were presented and approved with no matters arising. The Chairman said he would like to see some new 'younger' members and every effort should be made to encourage them to join us. He also commented on the Treasurer's report and said the club was solvent!

Lynne Shapley presented the Programme Secretary's report for the following year including a visiting speaker from St. Ann's Allotments on May 17th 2017 and several interesting speakers covering items from wildlife to travel logs and the Hardy Gardener's Survival Guide. One notable item for March 2018 is a Gardener's Question Time with some special members on the



paneldetails will be available from Lynne. Tickets will also be available at a modest cost.

The Outing Secretary's Report was very favourable, with the trips during last year being popular. Mention was also made of the visit to Easton Walled Garden and evening meal on Wednesday July 19th 2017.



Details again available from the Chairman or committee members to book a.s.a.p.

The meeting then moved on to the

election of officers and the committee was re-elected en block. A Plant Sale also took placethe meeting closing with the usual quiz, raffle and refreshments. David Green

Collingham & District U3A

Open Day - 10.30-4pm - 17 June



Memorial Hall, Collingham

When Colin and I retired three years ago we joined Collingham and District U3A. It has been absolutely wonderful. We have made so many new friends and done so many exciting things with the group.

If you are wondering what U3A (University of the Third Age) is, don't be put off by the title as there are no exams; it is purely a way of like-minded people getting together to share their interest/knowledge with others.

There are presently 27 different interest groups (Active Over 50s [Badminton and Table Tennis], Art Appreciation, Beginners Spanish, Birdwatching, Bucketeers, Casual French, Circle Dancing, Computers, Crafts, Family History, Gardening, History, Kurling, Literature, Local History, Lunch Club, Music Making, Photography, Plants and Herbs, Play Reading, Recorders, Sing for Fun, Strollers, Sunday Lunchers, Walking, Wine Appreciation, Writing for Pleasure) so there is sure to be something that interests you, or if there is something you are particularly interested in, and there isn't presently a group offering it, you just put forward a suggestion and like-minded people will add their name and a new group will be formed. Most groups meet regularly once a month.

If you would like to find out more about Collingham & District U3A come along to the Open Day on 17 June. Entrance is FREE and refreshments will be available.

U3A – the place to make new friends

Maureen Smith



WINTHORPE & LANGFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME RECENT CRIME IN THE AREA

After a quiet period there has been an upsurge in crime in the local area. A number of sheds and outbuildings have been broken into and property taken. In most cases locks have been forced. Increasingly, valuable items like lawnmowers are being stored in sheds where the security is not as good as in the house and simple locks are inadequate.

In another incident locked patio doors were forced open and items stolen. A house security system activated by excessive vibration of any door or window is probably the safest protection and this can include sheds and outbuildings. If you are interested I can give you details.

Across the county there have recently been eleven burglaries where rogue traders have offered house improvements to the owner. Whilst engaged in conversation accomplices have entered through unlocked doors or windows and stolen items. Even when you are out in the garden it is important to keep doors and windows locked.

Peter Foden, Central Co-ordinator, 704241

Ed's Apologies

I am really sorry for the misinformation about the Garden Bins last month. One of our readers did try to alert me to the change but I was unable to find any confirmation of it on the Newark and Sherwood District Council Website in time for the publication of the last issue. In future the brown garden waste bin will be collected on the same day as the green bins. For full details see the Newark and Sherwood District Council Website and follow the links.

I will also continue to include reminders in the monthly calendar -

hopefully correctly! Ed

WINTHORPE AIR MUSEUM

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)



spb giving nature a home News from Langford Lowfields March and April

The start of April brought us some beautiful sunny weather and we were delighted to welcome some children to the reserve to enjoy pond dipping!

Restoration work has started on the part of the quarry to the south of the RSPB office. Following the current



landscaping work this area will develop into a wildflower-rich grassland, that slopes gradually down to the edge of a reed-fringed lake. The landscaping has been designed so there are low spots within the grassland that will hold water during the wetter parts of the year.

Volunteers have been busy in silt lagoon 6 recently, doing some management work for bearded tits. Here we have removed a large amount of willow from the area they nested in last year and brushcut some feeding areas for them. They don't like too much willow around where they breed and love cut areas of reed where they can easily pick up insects for themselves and their young, so we hope our work will be enough to entice them back for 2017!

All this willow removal has produced a huge amount of brash! However, this hasn't been wasted as we are now aiming to use it to make 100 fish shelters for deployment in Phases 1, 2 and 3. These submerged willow brash bundles provide places for fish to hide, spawn and generally go about their business. This helps to build up their populations by



increasing survival.

There have been a great many wildlife sightings : a great white egret, andrena fulva (tawny mining bee), cuckooflower in bloom, avocets on the silt lagoon, bombylius major (bee fly), comma butterfly, blackcap, sand martin, sedge, willow warblers, yellow wagtail, teal, curlew, redshank, widgeon, gadwall, lapwings and buzzards.

We are holding a 'Dawn Chorus' guided walk on 28 May 2017 -7am-9am. This is a pre bookable event. Join the warden for a leisurely early morning stroll around Langford Lowfields, including a 'behind the scenes' peek at areas not yet open to the public. Brush up on your bird song identification and enjoy the sights and sounds of the breeding season as birds are busy raising their young. Bring clothing suitable for the weather and strong footwear.

Cost: $\pounds 5.00$ adult non-member / $\pounds 2.50$ child non-member

 $\pounds 4.00$ adult member / $\pounds 2.00$ child member

Please book via 01636 893611

May Reflection from The Rector

Dear friends,

What do you think about this? Apparently robots are set to take over the world making us all redundant. Imagine finishing work and treating yourself to afternoon tea from the vending machine before the automatic doors open up the way to home. You climb into



your driverless car, relax and glance at your watch to catch up with the world and at the same time switch on the heating so that you walk into your warm cosy house just before the groceries arrive.



This isn't hard to imagine, a lot of it is everyday reality, but what about robots carrying out personal care in hospital or home? Should we draw a line between work for robots and work for humans? Should we ask what makes us different from machines? Indeed, should we ask what makes us human?

Surprisingly, this is on my mind because I've watched the film Beauty and the

Beast. It's a good film about a spell bound household. The master of the house has been turned into a beast and his servants into household objects. They can still communicate, think, feel, plot and plan but as time passes they become less human and the dreadful day arrives when their eyes and mouths close.

It wasn't technological advances which caused the loss of humanity but it was selfishness. The master of the house had amassed great wealth for himself and refused to share it. He refused to help a woman who was neither young and beautiful nor desirable. He had lost his humanity and all those around him paid a terrible price.

Happily, that is not the end of the story. The Beast is rescued by the kindness, friendship and love of Belle who warms his cold heart and the lifeless household objects become happy, loving human beings again.

The film does end happily ever after.

What about us? What makes us human? Is it the type of job we do or is it the connections we make with other people?

When are we in danger of losing our humanity? Is it when we use a machine to do a job or when we use other people? Is it when we try to keep ourselves safe and happy by refusing to share our possessions and talents? Is it when we try to save money without thinking about the

people who are providing the goods we buy?

I think it's a good idea to think about these things every now and then, just to give ourselves a humanity check.

And if anyone knows a machine which will take wet laundry out of the washing machine, hang it out to dry then iron it and put it away, please let me know ...

Have a good May,

God bless you all. Revd Mandy



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 or call 01636 819066.

Many thanks for taking time to read this. Sarah Cobb

Winthorpe Tennis Club



Director of Tennis

Is there anyone reading this who plays tennis and would be willing to arrange tennis matches/tournaments? If so, we would be very interested in discussing this with you.

Looking for a new Chairman

Colin Smith has now been Chairman of the Club for 23 years. He is keen to step down. If anyone is interested in taking on the role please let him know (01636 701205).

Committee Members 2017

Chairman -Colin Smith 01636 701205 Secretary -Maureen Smith 01636 701205 Vice Chairman/Membership Secretary -Sue Sharp 01636 703198 Treasurer -Chris Hickman Membership Fees 2017 Family membership £40.00 Adult membership £20.00 Junior (11-18 years) £5.00 Student £5.00 £5 for own key Members - play for FREE as many times as they wish Non-Members - Pay and Play per hour $\pounds 2.00$ per adult £1.00 per junior (under 11 years not to play without an adult) £5.00 refundable key* deposit *Keys available from Sue Sharp and Maureen Smith Maureen Smith (Secretary Winthorpe Tennis Club)

Dear folks,

Yay for the spring sunshine! We're delighted to have our Beer Garden open and filled with people, and are optimistically looking forward to a glorious summer. We'll end this month on Sunday

30th April @ 7pm with Live Music from Dan Spendlow (Chromatic).

We're going to be open on Bank Holiday Monday 1st May, serving food from 12pm to 5pm and drinks all day. We will however be closed on Monday 29th May for a private wedding.

Our ever-popular Pub Quiz and Pasta returns on Tuesday 2nd May.

Les Root will be kicking off our fortnightly Sunset Yoga classes on Wednesday 3rd May (also 17th & 31st May), followed by smoothies and salads.

After consultation and wine-tasting with the wonderful Ann et Vin, we've recently made some changes to our Wine & Champagne List so you'll see some new wines featured.

And we've finally organised our Gin Tasting night on Thursday 15th June (Sunday 11th June is World Gin Day). Tickets available from our bar.

We look forward to seeing you soon. With best wishes,

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

The Lord Nelson, Winthorpe, Newark, Notts, NG24 2NN Tel 01636 707705

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

On Thursday 20th April 2017, the Parish Council held its finance meeting and main council meeting in the village hall.

The Council welcomed Fiona Jones, the Chair of Winthorpe School Governors, who gave a



presentation which asked the Parish Council if it would be prepared to fund urgent works to the school grounds. These are works that the school has to fund itself without Local Authority assistance. The Council agreed in principal to the request by providing a contribution to the works.

The finance committee reviewed and agreed the year end accounts which will shortly be forwarded to Grant Thornton so they can undertake an external audit. Details of where to view the accounts after the audit has been completed will be provided in future issues of Focal Point

The Council has received further notification that its proposal to purchase the Phone Boxes in Winthorpe and Langford is receiving attention and BT will notify us when this has been completed.

The Chairman would like to thank all the villagers who responded to the MUGA questionnaire that appeared in a previous edition of Focal Point. There were a total of 41 responses with only 1 response not in favour of the proposal. I will keep you updated as matters progress.

A further defibrillator training session has been organised for Thursday 25th May 2017 in the Community Centre starting at 7:30pm. This is being run by Newark Community First Aid and as we now have two defibrillators within the village, it is well worth attending. They will give detailed advice of how to use them and other respiratory actions to be undertaken in the case of an emergency. **Mrs Sally Sillery** – Parish Clerk



ALL SAINTS

WINTHORPE

CHURCH NOTICES

Last month we had the funeral of Roger Turner. Our thoughts and prayers are with his friends and relatives. On a happier note we also had the baptism of Alicia Salmon.

The services we had at Winthorpe last month for Easter were very well attended. After the Last Hour Service on Good Friday we were treated to toasted hot-cross buns with our tea and coffee. Special thanks to Phil (Revd Mandy's husband) for mucking in and toasting the buns.

Amongst the list of services for this month you may notice that we have a group service for Ascension Day on Thursday 25th May at Girton at 19:30 – all are most welcome. If you would like a lift then please get in touch with a member of the PCC and we will see what we can arrange.

Last month's AGM of the PCC has resulted in some new people on the PCC. Sandra Cobb is now a member of the PCC and Christine Pattinson has agreed to be our new treasurer. This frees up Tish Applewhite from this post to become our new Church Warden. On behalf of the PCC I would like to thank all three of them. Since we now have a Church Warden I was able to step down from the post of Vice Chair and revert to being a PCC member. This is my last article for Focal Point as Tish will be taking over from next month. **Ian Hasman** on behalf of Winthorpe Church PCC (01636 679105)

Church Services for May







Sunday 7th	09:00	Holy Communion	Holme
Sunday 14th	10:30	Holy Communion with Holy Baptism	Winthorpe
Sunday 21st	09:00	Holy Communion	Langford
	10:15	Morning Worship	Winthorpe
Thursday 25th	19:30	Holy Communion – Ascension Day	Girton
Sunday 28th	18:00	Evening Prayer	Winthorpe

This month we have a team of visiting ringers, The East Midlands Ladies Guild. As part of their tour of the area they will be ringing at Winthorpe from 14:15 until 15:00 on Saturday 13th May.

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 <u>Lhasman@ntlworld.com</u>.

Church Cleaners – Mrs Lloyd and Mrs Nelson

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.



Flower Ladies – Thank you for the beautiful flower arrangements for Easter, the church looked wonderful. It is so appreciated. Sylvia Lloyd

MAY CALENDAR

Monday 1st	Silver Bin		
Monday 8th	Green and Brown Bins		
	Lunch Club 12.30 Community Centre		
	Mobile Library		
Thursday 11th	WI Village Hall		
Monday 15th	Silver Bin		
Wednesday 17th	Garden Club Community Centre		
Thursday 18th	Parish Council AGM 7.00pm Village Hall		
Sat 20th/Sun 21st Hastings and Shackleton Weekend			
	Newark Air Museum		
Monday 22nd	Green and Brown Bins		
Thursday 25th	Newark Community First Aid Training in use		
	of defibrillator Community Centre 7.30 pm		
Monday 29th	Silver Bin		

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