FOCAL POINT

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Ed's Comments

I have seen the 'Litter Fairy!' Yes, really, and I haven't been on the red wine!

She was at the top of Gainsborough Road last week and had long blond hair and was carrying a wand (long handled litter-picker) and a magic sack (of black plastic). She and a tiny fairy in a small chariot were scouring the verges for not-so-hidden treasure and carefully bagging it to take back to dispose of in Fairyland. When I returned with my camera a few minutes later she had gone. Thank you to the fairy who, I'm sure, would prefer to remain anonymous. I wonder if she was inspired by the 'Litter Scarecrow' who won this year's Scarecrow Competition (see p 6)!

That brings me to the Summer Festival. I'm so sorry to have missed it but am still able to enjoy it by reading all the reports here in Focal Point. We are so lucky to have people who are good at organising things in Winthorpe. There are hours and hours of preparation for every event which happens in a community and although the event seems to pass in a flash, we still have our memories. Thank you to all who made the day possible, especially Sue and Tish and thank you to Pat Finn for taking lots of photos for the Village website, some of which appear in these pages.

August is one of my favourite months because there are so few commitments. As a child I loved not having to go to school. Even though I liked school it was good to be able to choose what I did and that feeling has stayed with me all through my life. As you will see from the calendar, there are very few of our regular clubs and meetings on in August so I hope you enjoy choosing to do different things instead like I will!

Annie Purday

The closing date for the September issue is Friday 17th August.

Deliver to Annie and Nick 18, Hargon Lane, Winthorpe or email nickwynne@virginmedia.com

LUNCH CLUB

The **September** Lunch Club will be at 12.30 p.m. on **Monday 3rd September** at the Community Centre.

The menu will be:



Baked Ham and Pineapple with a Red Wine Sauce

OR

Fish Cakes with Parsley Sauce



and Seasonal Vegetables

-X-



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



High Street Collingham Newark NG23 7LB

General Enquiries/Emergencies: 01636 892156

COLLINGHAM MEDICAL CENTRE

Seasonal Flu Vaccination Campaign 2018

We will be holding 3 Saturday morning flu clinics on

Saturday 6 October 2018, from 8.30 am – 12.30 pm Saturday 10 November 2018, from 8.30 am – 12.30 pm Saturday 15 December 2018, from 8.30 am – 12.30 pm

Patients aged 65+ will receive an invitation this year. Please do not book your appointment until you receive your invite.

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

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Summer Festival 2018

On behalf of the Festival Committee, I would like to thank everyone involved in the above event on the 30th June. In preparation - from raising the bunting and sign, to the running of stalls, games, sports, art and photography exhibitions, displays, raffle and refreshments, then staying to clear up afterwards! All those who made a contribution of time and effort, however big or small, ensured another great day!

Thanks again to The Lord Nelson pub for sponsoring the Scarecrow Competition and to Emilie and the team for judging the entries. Although it was disappointing that we had fewer entries than last year, we are not giving up! So let's look forward to lots more families giving it a



go.... and remember it's just for fun! The winners this year were Chris and Les Murray with 'The Rubbish Scarecrow'.

Thanks to The Bridge Street Stompers who entertained us brilliantly



during the afternoon.

Also to The Firecrackers Cheerleading Squad, who wowed us with their routines!

The displays by the Winthorpe Line Dancers and Eva Katai's Zumba class were also greatly appreciated by everyone,

so many thanks to them!

Finally, thank you to everyone who came to support the Festival and spend money! I hope you had a good time. Sue Masheder

Winthorpe Summer Festival 2018 - Final Account

Monies in		Monies out	
Raffle	£110.00	Community Centre charge	£70.00
Village Hall	£52.00	Newark Community First Aid	£40.00
Art Exhibition	£20.00	Stroke /Aphasia Group	£25.00
W.I.	£100.00	Firecrackers Cheerleaders	£ 25.00
All Saints' Church	£25.00	Bouncy Slide (incl VAT)	£200.00
Ice Cream	£30.00	Home Start	£500.00
Giant Slide	£79.00	TOTAL	£860.00
S-J Jewellery	£10.00		



TOTAL £914.20

Surplus

Scarecrow entries £12.00

Just Flapjack £10.00

£172.75

£228.45

£25.00

£10.00

£10.00

£10.00

£10.00

Bar

BBQ

Photography

Stroke Club

Potter

Craft Stall

Usborne Books

- £860.00

£54.20

WINTHORPE VILLAGE FESTIVAL 2018

With the very hot weather, several people were concerned that the festival would not be so well attended.... However, we had a great day and must thank all who supported the event.

A particular 'Thank You' to all the people who not only bought tickets for the village raffle, but generously donated the prizes, including The Lord Nelson Pub, with a first prize of a steak night for two which was won by Rita Smith of Newark.

Also, many thanks to all those who supported the stall held by The Newark Stroke and Aphasia Group.





We must not forget to thank all the other helpers behind the scenes but particularly Sue Masheder and Tish Applewhite for all their organising and arranging for many months beforehand.

A big 'Thank You' to you all!

David and Vivienne Green

Thanks also to the local Classic Car enthusiasts who helped us once again to put on a good display which was very variedfrom a 1948 Bedford Lorry to a brand new 2018 Ferrari!





Winthorpe & District W.I.

What wonderful weather we had for the Village Festival. We hope all those that came had a great time. Winthorpe W.I. are grateful to all who supported

our various stalls and enjoyed the refreshments.

We do not have a meeting in August. Our next meeting is on Thursday 13th September when we will hear all about the wonderful work Medical Detection Dogs can do. There will also be Charity Merchandise for sale. Hostesses for the evening are Mary Harrop, Stella Hopewell and Barbara Nelson. October 11th is the story of the Poppy. If you would like to come along to either of these two meetings you will be made most welcome. Virginia Seager (President)

Winthorpe Photographic Challenge



A big thank you to all who took up the challenge and entered pictures for this year's competition. The theme this year was 'Happy Days' and we certainly had some interesting interpretations - just what we like to see! The standard of entry was very high and proved very popular with Festival goers.

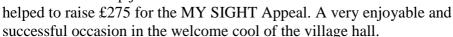
Amanda Ramsey with some of the photographs Congratulations must go to our winner, Ann Maffessanti, who poled the greatest number of votes - very well done! She becomes this year's champion.

Les Murray & Amanda Ramsay

Thank you to the generous folk of Winthorpe Village.

The Children's Society box collection raised £257. Well done. I will not be collecting and counting the boxes next year but the scheme will continue so keep saving your change.

Summer Tea Party. Members of the Look Ahead Group joined us and



Many thanks to all who helped and contributed to these events.

Barbara Woodcock

GREAT NORTH RUN FOR CHILDREN'S LIVER DISEASE



On September 9th this year, I will be running together with my daughter Emily and son-in-law Dan in the Great North Run. Our aim is to raise £5000 for the Children's Liver Disease Foundation, an organisation which promotes research into rare children's liver disorders and provides support to children with these disorders and their families.

Our granddaughter Eleanor has a genetic disorder called Progressive Familial Intrahepatic Cholestasis.

At the time of writing she is 20 months old. At some stage in her life she will need a liver transplant. Please give generously to our cause and read more about Eleanor's story at: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/emily-wong4 where you can donate online or you can simply drop your donation through our letter box in an envelope marked "For Eleanor".

Thank you for your support of this worthy cause. Andrew Parkin The Old Rectory, 48, Gainsborough Road, Winthorpe.

THANK YOU

We would like to say a very big thankyou to everyone who has kindly given us a lift since we had to give up driving. Two years ago we nearly moved away from Winthorpe. We are now very



glad we stayed. Thank you all very much! Jean and Peter Foden

OUTDOOR CINEMA EVENTS 2018



Friday 31st August 2018

Friday 17th August 2018

Newark Castle

bottle and enjoy the outdoor Bring your picnics and a cinema experience

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Gates open at 6.30 for the movie to start around 8.30pm

All enquiries to: amy@helpusgrieve.co.uk

August Reflection

Dear friends,

One of my favourite ancient authors wrote 'O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.'*



This summer we've all found out what it means to live in a dry land where there is less water than usual. At the July meeting of the PCC (parochial church council), we decided to sit outside and

began our meeting discussing the heat, sipping cold drinks and hoping for a cooler night and refreshing sleep. We pondered the possibilities of doing a rain dance and praying for rain before beginning our meeting proper, as we always do, with a prayer. I asked God for his help and guidance in the meeting, I asked him to sustain us in the heat wave and I cautiously asked him for refreshing rain in due time.

Having prayed, we duly got started on our business, but soon we were distracted by darker clouds overhead and rain on the horizon. 'Oh, that's the other side of the river,' we said dismissively, 'it won't come near us.' We carried on, then someone thought they felt a drop of rain but we ignored it. Our thoughts were interrupted when a breeze blew up and threatened to snatch away our papers. 'It's nothing,' we said, 'it won't come to anything,' but then it was something. We all felt drops of rain, we hastened to rescue the plate of biscuits and we scurried inside.

Well, in one way it didn't come to much. The large drops of rain evaporated as they hit the ground and soon there was no sign of them, but they had made a big difference to our meeting.

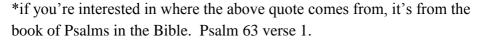
Refreshed and surprised, we looked forward to autumn and all the good things which that season brings. With enthusiasm and laughter we shared ideas for Harvest, All Saints tide, Remembrance and Christmas (yes, I know it's only August, but we do have to think about it now!).

Our energies were renewed and suddenly new things were possible. It

felt like God had awoken us, reminded us that he's here and cares about us. To be honest, it felt like God was smiling affectionately on Winthorpe village and all the business of our church council.

I don't know what you are longing for this month, but why not try praying about it? Like me, you might just be surprised.

God bless you, Revd Mandy

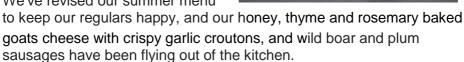


THE LORD NELSON

Dear folks,

Yay for this amazing weather! We're loving the sunshine and have a beer garden full of happy peeps every evening.

We've revised our summer menu





- Tuesday 7th August: Pub Quiz & Pasta
- Tuesday 14th August: Bingo & Bangers
- Saturday 18th August: Italian night! Bellissima wood-fired pizzas from our new pizza oven (made by the fair and creative hands of Chef David) and delicious pasta dishes. Tables must be booked in advance. Please enquire at the bar. Grazie.
- Tuesday 21st August: Live Music and Open Mic Night
- Sunday 26th August: Annual Charitable Duck Races. From 4pm. BBQ and bouncy castle.
- Monday 27th August: Special Bank Holiday opening

And a couple of heads-up notes for September:-

- On Friday 21st September, we'll be hosting our annual Harvest Supper - and this year it will incorporate a Fundraising auction for the Lancaster Bomber Sculpture being built on the Lincs/Notts border, just 4 miles from the pub. An auction of fabulous prizes will be hosted by BBC Radio Lincs' Melvyn "In the Morning" Prior. Tickets £10 to include Hog Roast & BBQ supper.
- And whilst we try to keep the pub open at all times for our regulars and drop-in customers, on Saturday 8th September the pub will be closed from 2pm for a private wedding.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Nelson very soon. Best wishes,

Oli, Emilie, Martyn & Chef David The Lord Nelson Directors





News from Langford Lowfields July 2018

There are lots of six-spot burnet moths on the wing at the moment. Their larval food plant is birds-foot trefoil, which probably explains why there are so many of them on the reserve!

Water levels are being dropped in Phase 1 at the moment, this in turn is drawing water out of the High Level Water Carrier and Phase 3. We want to lower water levels in Phase 3 to make it easier for the



new water control sluice to be installed later this summer and also to allow access to the islands for reed planting in September.

There still appears to be otter activity around the Silt Lagoons (where two were recently filmed mating) with otter-munched freshwater mussel shells and fresh scat being found in the vicinity.

There are lots of chicks around at the moment, with young lapwing, young black-headed gulls and cootlings all wandering around on the newly exposed muddy areas of Phase 1.

Keep your eyes on the big ash tree near the car park for purple hairstreak butterflies.

The common spotted orchids that were transplanted last year from the restoration area and moved up close to our storage containers have settled in well and have flowered already this year. In other exciting orchid news, southern marsh orchids have been found for the first time growing on the edges of the nectar-rich flower area next to the car park.

There are still opportunities to volunteer with us, on the Beach Hut, in a meet and greet role. Get in touch if you feel you could offer a few hours a week for this $-01636\,893611$. Angela Roberts



FOOD BANK SHOPPING LIST

July/August 2018

PLEASE DO NOT DONATE ITEMS

CONTAINING ALCOHOL – THANK YOU!

Urgently needed

Food

 Jars of Pasta Sauce, Tinned/Microwavable Sponge Puddings, Long Life UHT Milk (NOT evaporated or condensed) Chocolate biscuit bars (KitKat, Penguin etc) Jam, Tinned/Packet Soup (meat) Tinned Carrots

Non-Food Items

 Shampoo, Washing up liquid, Laundry liquitabs/tablets, Loo rolls, Shower Gel, Men's Toiletries

Please do not donate FRESH food items. Also, please check that your donation is well inside its use-by-date. We cannot distribute out of date food.

Always needed

Food

- Tinned Custard
- · Tinned Spaghetti
- Tinned Vegetables NOT sweetcorn
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Jars of Pasta Sauce
- Chocolate bars/sweets
- Cereal Bars
- Cereal
- Biscuits
- Long Life Juice NOT fresh please
- Sugar
- Tinned/Packet Soup meat
- lam
- Chocolate Biscuit Bars: e.g. Kit Kat; Penguin; Rocky etc.
- Tinned/Packet Vegetable Soup

- Tinned Meat hot: e.g. mince; stewing steak
- Tinned Meat cold: e.g. Spam: ham NOT corned beef please

Additional Items

- Deodorant
- Feminine Hygiene
- Men's Toiletries
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Shampoo
- Shower Gel
- Liquid Hand Soap
- · Laundry liquitabs/tablets
- Dog/Cat food
- Strong Carrier bags

Items definitely NOT needed at present, as we have a plentiful supply:

- Baked Beans
 - Pasta

Coffee

Thank you for all your generous contributions!

SILENT BELLS



I am sad to report that the bells of All Saints, Winthorpe have fallen silent again. The number of people in the band has fallen to such a low level that we could only continue to ring with the help of people from other churches/communities. It is unfair of us to expect them to continue their efforts to keep our ringing going when they have their own towers to support. Once more the bells of Winthorpe will be silent

apart from visiting ringers and the occasional special occasion. If interest in the bells picks up then we will be able to ring again, but for now they will remain silent. This is not the end of ringing at Winthorpe; the bells have fallen silent before. We can only hope that in the future they will once more ring out.

Ian Hasman, Tower Captain of All Saints, Winthorpe

NEWARK FOODBANK DONATIONS

Apologies to anyone who tried to donate to the Foodbank in July and could not get into the Village Hall. Max was away on a well-deserved holiday! Back to normal (hopefully) in August.



The Village Hall is open whenever Max Neale's Art Classes are being held i.e Tuesday evening 7-9, Wednesday 10-2.30, Thursday morning 10-12, Thursday afternoon 1.30-3.30, Friday morning 9.15-12.15 Friday afternoon 1.30-3.30 and the first Saturday in the month 10-12. It is also open some evenings when it is used by different clubs or classes. For full details see the Winthorpe Village website.

You can also donate items in Winthorpe Church on Sundays when there are services and on Thursdays during 'Open Church.'

Please continue to support the Foodbank and help make a difference!

COLLINGHAM SHOW & PLOUGHING MATCH 2018

Saturday 15th September - Begins 9am

Larksfield, Newark Road, Collingham, NG23 7RD

By kind permission of Mr and Mrs C T Sheldon



FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY with a Companion Dog Show, Bouncy Castles, Heavy Horses, Livestock, Vintage Vehicles and Tractors, Horticulture,

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WINTHORPE OUTREACH POST OFFICE

Don't forget to use Winthorpe's 'POP-UP' Post Office. It is open in the Community Centre vestibule from 9am – 12 noon every Thursday and the WI very kindly provide coffee and a chat for anyone to enjoy in the next room.



WINTHORPE TENNIS CLUB

Winthorpe tennis courts have recently been repainted and are looking fantastic. Please make use of this fabulous facility that we have in the village. You can pay and play or become a member (contact Sue Sharp 01636 703198) when you can play as many times as you like in a year. Maureen Smith Winthorpe Tennis Club Secretary (01636 701205)



COLLINGHAM BOWLS CLUB WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Bowling opportunities for all abilities!

Come along to the Club at the Dale Field site
on FRIDAY AUGUST 3rd and 10th
6pm - 7pm to meet our members
and have a go.



No experience needed

All equipment provided
Plenty of parking

(Please wear flat soled shoes)

FOLLOW UP COACHING SESSIONS CAN BE ARRANGED

Further information from Nina Ward on 01636 678419

or ninajward @live.co.uk

COLLINGHAM RAMBLERS WALKS FOR AUGUST 2018



Sunday August 12th Bothamsall 7 miles Wednesday August 15th Caunton 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 (some may have a shorter option). 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

BONFIRE DANGER!

Please could you put an article in the newsletter warning people of the dangers of bonfires in this drought period and the impact they have of those who enjoy sitting out in the garden after a day at work. We have just had to go indoors from sitting outside enjoying a glass of wine on this lovely Summer's evening (Friday 13th July) because of somebody having a bonfire at the bottom of their garden. Not only did we have to go inside, we also had to close all the windows because of the smoke coming our way. Many thanks,

Woodlands resident

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council held its monthly Parish Council meeting and its quarterly finance meeting in the village hall on Thursday 19th July 2018.



The Parish accounts have now been externally audited and details of how

to obtain a copy are published on the village notice boards.

The Parish Council would like to thank everyone for their efforts in making the village festival such a success. Details of the monies raised and the distribution of the funds are published in Focal Point.

The Council would like to give special thanks to Sue Masheder and Tish Applewhite for their hard work in organising the event.

A resident from Pocklington Crescent came to the meeting to raise the issue of noise from the showground on the weekend of the 5th July for four consecutive nights. He has written to N.S.D.C. and the noise abatement officer has been in touch. The Parish Council will also write to N.S.D.C. and the showground in support of this matter. If any other residents have concerns about the noise from any event on the showground, please contact me and I will raise this with the showground owners.

An issue has been raised regarding the dumping on cans and rubbish near to the bottle banks. The bottle banks are solely for the recycling of bottles. Please take any other waste to the N.S.D.C site on Brunel Drive.

If the bottle banks are close to being full, please contact me and I will arrange for them to be emptied.

As always, if you would like any further information or need to raise any concerns, please contact me on the following email address:

 $\underline{parishcler katwinthorpe@outlook.com}$

Mrs Sally Sillery – Parish Clerk

WINTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE 100 CLUB WINNERS OF THE JULY DRAW

1st no 2 P Sharp £36.60

2nd no 62 K Cooper £18.30

3rd no 4 L Cammack £6.10

We now have 61 members and are still aiming to reach 100. If you haven't yet got your tickets all you need to do is sign a membership form and Standing Order mandate for £2 a month. These are available from Duncan Richardson. Please contact Duncan on 01636 651605 or email duncrichardson@sky.com.

For further details see the Community Centre web site.

JOIN OUR 100 CLUB TODAY AND YOU COULD BE A WINNER!



ALL SAINTS WINTHORPE CHURCH NOTICES

We welcomed Rosie Whitworth and Marcus Marriott into the church in July and look forward to another baptism this month.

The Open Churches weekend was held, like everything else in July, over a hot weekend but sadly perhaps because of travelling in the heat, numbers visiting did not materialise through the door. This was a shame as this year there was even more to do - a quiz and an historical display on the newest building to be put on this site through the Revd. Handley's generosity.

Thank you to all those who donated items for the Tombola stall at the Village Festival and to all those who contributed to us making a goodly sum for the church.

As you will have read earlier in FP we are very sad that the bells will be silent for the moment and hope that some more ringers do come forward to be trained at Practice.

Our thoughts and prayers are with anyone who is ill or hospitalised at this time and also with the farmers for a good crop and safe harvest gathering.

Tish Applewhite on behalf of Winthorpe PCC (643763)

Church Services for August 2018



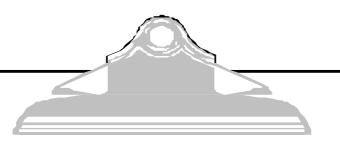




Sunday 26th (13 th after Trinity)	10.00 a.m.	Songs of Praise - Patronal Festival	Langford
Sunday 19th (12 th after Trinity)	10.15 a.m.	Morning Worship	Winthorpe
Sunday 12th (11 th after Trinity)	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Winthorpe
Sunday 5th (10th after Trinity)	9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Holme

Church Cleaners - Mrs D and Mr B McClymont

Brasses - Mrs S. Cobb and Mrs S. Lloyd



AUGUST CALENDAR

Friday 3rd Collingham Bowls Club 6pm

Saturday 5th Classic Car Show, Sconce Park, Newark

Monday 6th Silver Bin

Lunch Club 12.30 Community Centre

Friday 10th Collingham Bowls Club 6pm

Saturday 11th/ Sunday 12th 1940s Weekend, Newark Airfield

Monday 13th Green and Brown Bins

Friday 17th Outdoor Cinema Newark Castle

Monday 20th Silver Bin

Sunday 26th Songs of Praise, Langford Church 10 am

DUCK RACES 4pm Lord Nelson Pub

Monday 27th **Bank Holiday** Lord Nelson Pub open

Green and Brown Bins*

Friday 31st Outdoor Cinema Newark Castle

NB BIN COLLECTIONS IN HOLME VILLAGE ON FRIDAYS

*Even though it is a Bank Holiday – I checked!

No Mobile Library in August. The next one is 24th September

'Village organisations and local bodies – if at any time you would like to get in touchwith a village contact, why not try the village website.' www.winthorpe.org.uk