



2018

Ed's Comments

You can tell a lot about a person's character from their

Christmas Tree! My favourite is a very lopsided, rather messy, quite sticky in places and often overloaded tree. Invariably this sort of tree has been lovingly and painstakingly laden with treasures – a lot of them home-made and carefully crayoned or painted by very excited young children, ably assisted by tolerant mums and dads!

At the opposite extreme you have the enormous, perfectly proportioned and totally co-ordinated, breathtakingly beautiful one, carefully situated in an exquisitely designed winter-wonderland of a room. Is it for sitting down in or just peering admiringly into?

Then there is the dog-lovers tree, festooned with delicious smelling (?) doggie treats, with model dogs of all shapes and sizes hanging from the branches. Are the prominently displayed bottles of 'Pawsecco' **really** meant for the pooches or is it a discrete way of hiding the owners reserve supplies? And what is that suspicious looking wet patch around the base of the tree?

I could go on and on but I have to get this issue to press. Instead I highly recommend a visit to the Newark Christmas Tree Festival (for details see p 7) where you will see trees more stunning and thought provoking than I could ever describe.

I wish you all peace and joy this Christmas – and don't forget to decorate your Christmas Tree!

Annie Purday



*****Please note that the closing date for the January 2019 issue is Friday 7th December which is very early because the printers close for a well-earned break between Christmas and New Year.**

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LUNCH CLUB

Dates for the Lunch Club in 2019

February 4th	March 4th	April 1st	April 29th(May's)
June 3rd	July 1st	August 5th	September 2nd
October 7th		November 4th	December 9th

NB The December Lunch Club is on Monday December 10th 2018 as advertised in last month's Focal Point



NEWARK FOODBANK AT CHRISTMAS TIME

Winthorpe Primary School's Harvest Festival donations were delivered to the Newark Foodbank who sent a lovely letter of thanks:

*I am pleased to let you know that your Harvest Festival donation delivered to us in OCTOBER 2018 weighed in at a total of **34.2 kg** for which we are so grateful. It is a very busy time of year for us to help us keep our promise that no-one in Newark or area needs to be hungry especially at Christmas and New Year. Kind regards Jenni Harding (NEWARK FOODBANK PR & Fundraising Co-ordinator)*

ALSO NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS



Christmas sweets and foodstuffs like mince pies and Christmas Puddings (**without alcohol**) are always welcome as are small toiletries gift packs for adults and kids. We need these at the very beginning of December so that they can be packed into the foodbags before the Christmas rush which we see in early December. Thank you to everyone for their generous donations!



COLLINGHAM MEDICAL CENTRE

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CHRISTMAS CLINIC TIMES

Monday 24 December – 8.30 am – 5.30 pm
Tuesday 25 December – **CLOSED**
Wednesday 26 December – **CLOSED**
Thursday 27 December – 8.30 am – 5.30 pm
Friday 28 December – 8.30 am – 5.30 pm

Monday 31 December – 8.30 am – 5.30 pm
Tuesday 1 January – **CLOSED**
Wednesday 2 January – 8.30 am – 5.30 pm
Thursday 3 January – 8.30 am – 5.30 pm
Friday 4 January – 8.30 am – 5.30 pm

Our communication with patients relies on current information. If your personal details change, including telephone numbers, please let the practice know. Thank you.

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CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING



**Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee
and a Mince Pie *
whilst listening to Christmas Carols
performed by children
from Winthorpe Primary School.**

**Thursday 6th December 2018
10.00am to 12.00pm
(to coincide with the Post Office)
Winthorpe Community Centre**

Ladies and gentlemen – all welcome.

***£1.50**



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**NEWARK PARISH CHURCH
CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**

**This will be the 11th Tree Festival held in the marvellous setting of
Newark Parish Church**

Saturday 1 Dec - Sunday 9 Dec 2017

Over 120 trees decorated by local schools, charities, organisations & businesses

Opening times: Saturdays 9.30am - 5.00pm

Sundays 12.30pm - 4.30pm

Monday - Friday 10.00am - 4.30pm

Entrance: Adults £2 Children 50p

Refreshments, Seasonal Music, Christmas cards, Stalls

FESTIVAL CAROLS OF PRAISE - 9 Dec at 5pm

Reflection for December 2018

Dear Friends,

In a place not too far away from East Trent, a brand new, smart and up to date medical centre was built next to a busy bus stop and shelter which had been there for many years. To make it easy to get into the new medical centre, the bus stop was moved from one end of the shelter to the other. It shouldn't have caused any problem, the bus was still stopping in more or less the same place, but we passengers were creatures of habit and were used to forming orderly queues facing the place we expected the bus to stop. Imagine our confusion when the bus drove past our expectant faces and we all had to turn around to get on. What's more, those of us at the front of the queue ended up at the back and those who'd turned up last, got on first.

Why do I think about this at this time of year? Well, we are creatures of habit and we know what we like and expect at Christmas. What carol would you miss singing if it wasn't included in a carol service? But more than that, I'm reminded that when Jesus was born, people were looking out for someone special whom God was going to send, but they didn't recognise that Jesus was the one.

We're told that wise men saw the new star in the sky and went looking for a new king, but they looked in the wrong place because they assumed he'd be living in a palace. When Jesus grew up, people couldn't believe that he was the promised one, because he'd grown up



in Nazareth or because he didn't do exactly what they wanted him to do. Perhaps they were all looking in the wrong place.

Of course, the people who did find Jesus and recognise him on the night he was born were shepherds whom nobody took much notice of; everybody thought they were at the back of the queue when it came to seeing what God was doing. And what about us?



The promise of Christmas is that God is with us, but just like the people around Jesus when he was born and grown up, we might be looking in the wrong place, or expecting something different or just too busy to notice.

Let's all take some time this Christmas to ask God to open our eyes and hearts to see and know that God is with us

Have a very happy and blessed Christmas. Revd Mandy



Winthorpe & District W.I.

We had a good evening at our November meeting. There was lots of fun and laughter as we made felt and then created a flower. December is a busy month for most people and the W.I. One of our first events is decorating a tree in the Parish Church in Newark. Please make notes in your diary for our Christmas coffee morning on 6th December from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon, where all residents of Winthorpe are welcome. The children of Winthorpe school are once again coming to entertain us. Refreshments of coffee/tea and mince pies/cake will be available. You will also be able to use the weekly Post Office at the same time. The day before, 5th December, we are having a visit to Renishaw Hall. There are just 3 places available. Wednesday 12th December 6.30 p.m. for a 7.00 p.m. start in the Community Centre is our Christmas festivities evening. We are having a meal and entertainment. Hostesses for the evening will be the Committee members. Wednesday January 9th 2019 we are having a fun evening trying out Kurling with wine and nibbles in the Community Centre. There will also be a sale table. Hostess for the evening are Diana Kitson and Liz Moran and an extra raffle prize supplied by Betty Moran.

On behalf of Winthorpe & District W.I. I wish you all Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year. Many thanks. **Virginia Seager**, President

CHRISTMAS PRESENT IDEA!

If you're searching for a great Christmas present, please consider purchasing a copy of the beautiful "Three Sisters" print, by kind permission of Cooke and Connell Fundraisers. This limited edition print is raising money for the Bomber County Gateway Trust who are building an iconic, life-size



Lancaster Bomber sculpture on the A46 at Norton Disney. You may have seen in the local press that work will begin on the excavations and foundations next week however another £100,000 worth of funding is required to complete the project.

The stunning "Three Sisters" depicts the last two flying Lancasters - both the UK and Canadian aircraft - together with the last flying Vulcan. The print measures approx. 15" by 11" (38 x 28cm) and is signed by Squadron Leader George "Johnny" Johnson MBE, DFM (aged 97 years), the only surviving British "Dambuster" and Canadian Lieutenant-General Fred Sutherland CMM, CD (aged 95). Both Johnny and Fred were part of the 617 Squadron that took part in the bombing of the Mohne, Eder and Sorpe Dams in WWII. Prints £30 - picture at www.instagram.com/bombercountygatewaytrust Please contact Mrs Pat Carter, Secretary - pcarter2004@msn.com. More info about the project is available at www.bombergatewaytrust.co.uk.



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nature
a home

News from Langford Lowfields

November 2018

This month has seen 9 bearded tits, a great white egret, a bittern, 2 ravens and 4 stonechats. Returning winter visitors are starting to build up such as wigeon, teal, redwings and fieldfares.

The top part of reserve is now open but we are asking people to avoid this area due to the muddy conditions.

The sluice is (in theory) now fully operational and will be put to the test as river levels increase during the winter period.

Two new sluices were put in towards the end of October, these link the main lake – one to Phase 2 and one to Phase 3. The main lake will then be able to act as a massive header tank to allow us to fill up the reserve with water.

The sand martin bank has also been tidied up and is now being protected with black plastic in order to keep the rain off and stop plants growing. This plastic will be removed in March 2019 ready for the sand martins to make new homes!

We continue to offer bird boxes for a donation of £10. There are still opportunities to volunteer with us, on the Beach Hut, in a meet and greet role.



fieldfare



stonechat

Get in touch if you feel you could offer a few hours a week for this – 01636 893611. Food and drink is available on site – see the volunteer at the Beach Hut!

We will again be running a festive Christmas Trail this year – look for this from December onwards. **Angela Roberts**

THE LORD NELSON

Dear folks,

We hope you're all well.

Our November charitable fundraising pub quiz raised over £500 for Mind so a huge thank you to all those who supported us.



Don't forget our annual Christmas Lunch for Winthorpe Village residents on Tuesday 11th December (just £12.50 for 2 courses) - please book asap.

Our Christmas Menu will be served from 1st to 30th December (except Christmas Day, when we're closed, and Boxing Day when we'll serve a special Brunch menu). This beautiful Noel Menu includes starters of beetroot cured salmon gravlax, goats cheese panna cotta with a caramelised onion croquette and parmesan crumb, and pheasant breast with hasselback new potatoes. For main, there's traditional roast turkey for main course, a spitfire braised Beef short rib, roasted pork belly with dark cherry sauce and braised red cabbage, or pan fried sea bass with champagne leeks and its own mini fish pie. Our puddings include tempura battered Christmas pud, profiteroles with white chocolate sauce and pistachio crumb, Grand Marnier crème brulee or Port-poached pear tart tatin.



Our December events include:-

Tuesday 4th December - Pub Quiz and pasta

Friday 7th December - Live music from Bodgers Mate

Friday 14th December - Live music from Swing Nouveau

Tuesday 18th December - Open Mic Night

Wednesday 26th December - Boxing Day Brunch served from 12pm to 4pm

31st December - We'll be ringing in the New Year by order of the Peaky Blinders. Tickets £15, available from the bar and selling out fast.

Welcome drink, canapés, Pie and Mash Supper, illegal betting and disco by DJ Sam Thompson.

We look forward to welcoming you soon. Best wishes,

Oli, Em, Martyn and Chef David The Lord Nelson Directors

Armistice Day Centenary

Remembrance Sunday, 11th November, was a memorable day for the country. It was the centenary of the signing of the armistice ending the conflict of WW1. Throughout Great Britain towns and villages held memorial services to honour those who died in the conflict.

In Winthorpe the day began with a church service conducted by the Rev. Canon David White. This was followed by an afternoon tea party at the Community Centre with guest singer Matt Shephardson. At 6pm the Millennium Beacon was lit.

To honour those who failed to return from the conflict and those who survived, a memorial display **‘WINTHORPE REMEMBERS’** was on the south wall of the church. Organised and researched by Mrs. Christine Hasman were the details of about 50 men, relatives of the village residents.



Our thanks go to Christine for this magnificent display and the members of the parish council and Community Centre who organised the tea party and lighting of the beacon. Pat & Barbara Finn

67 BUS UPDATE



The latest position on the 67 bus is that the County Council will obtain tenders for the route (and all others in Newark) early in 2019. The timetable will probably be similar to the present one but possibly with the most unused buses omitted. Many of you signed the petition to the County Council asking that the service be retained, including the stops in Winthorpe, and that Travel Wright be kept as the operator. Apparently the use of the bus has reduced considerably in recent years. **It would increase the viability of the service if the use increased. Perhaps you would consider using it, say, once a month. The service is friendly, avoids having to park your car and lets someone else negotiate the roundabouts between here and Newark. You never know when you might have to rely on the bus.** Peter Foden

Assistance required please for meals for elderly couple in Winthorpe.

I urgently need help to provide regular, wholesome, preferably homemade meals for my lovely parents on days when I am working. I am also a Winthorpe resident and will be pleased to pay an hourly rate for whatever can be arranged. Further information available on application. Please contact: Jill Eaton 07984 031974



Winthorpe Summer Festival 2019

The Festival Committee are planning to hold next year's Festival on Saturday, June 29th. Please put this in your diaries and come along to support this very successful and enjoyable village event. If you are interested in having a stall, or would like to help in any way please contact me. We are going to continue with the 'no theme' Scarecrow Competition, so get your thinking caps on! There are websites online with information and videos about how to build scarecrows if you are unsure how to make one! All our profits go, as usual, to a designated charity, so please help to raise as much as we can by having a fun afternoon out! Further details will follow in future editions of Focal Point.

Sue Masheder Festival Committee. Home 01636 659582. Mob. 07714548561

COLLINGHAM RAMBLERS WALKS FOR DECEMBER 2018

Sunday December 2nd Tunman Wood/Thorpe on the Hill 6.5miles

Sunday December 16th Girton/Spalford Warren 7miles

Wednesday December 12th Sherwood Forest 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



Growing Pumpkins with Grandpa



I first helped my Grandpa plant pumpkin seeds into plant pots at Easter. They started off in the green house and then we moved them into the allotment at Winthorpe because they were getting too big.

Grandpa watered them and they continued to grow and grow until we picked them for Halloween. It was fun growing them. One pumpkin was so big Grandpa could only just carry it! (Emilia aged 7)

Southwell Travel Show- unique in the East Midlands!

Hyde Barker Travel will host the 8th Southwell Travel Show on Saturday 19th January, 2019 at the Saracens Head Hotel, Southwell. Doors will be open from 10am to 3pm. As the only member of the Association of Independent Tour Operators and Travel Agents in the East Midlands Hyde Barker Travel is able to invite not only the favourite brands within the travel industry such **Titan, Riviera, Exodus, Classic-Collection, Saga, Wendy Wu and Hurtigruten**, but some of the specialist operators such as **Inside Japan and Burma, Adagio, Ramblers, Exodus, Beachcomber, African Pride, Cities Direct, Sunvil, Serenity, Silver Fern and Transindus**.



This year there is more emphasis upon cruising with **Seabourn, Azamara, Uniworld, MSC**, and **Riviera** all attending.

There is always something new at the show and this year for the first time, **Do Something Different, If Only** and **North American Travel Service** will all have stands.

Presentations will run throughout the day in the Hyde Barker High Street Agency as follows:

10.45 Azamara- small boutique cruising with a focus on unique itineraries, excursions and intimate luxury.



11.15 Silver Fern- New Zealand with the experts, small group journeys and tailor-made tours

12.00 The Azores - one of the last paradises on earth. (Sunvil Holidays)

1.00 African Pride- A specialist tour operator providing tailor-made holidays to Africa and the Indian Ocean for the Discerning Traveller.

1.45 Beachcomber- The best beach holidays from the Mauritius holiday experts.

Last year the show welcomed almost 400 visitors, so to ensure quality time with operators, individual appointments will be available from 3pm to 4pm.



Present the advert on page 18 and receive £50 holiday voucher that can be used against the cost of any holiday featured at the show.

WINTHORPE OUTREACH POST OFFICE



As Christmas rapidly approaches why struggle into Newark to post your parcels and buy your stamps when you can do it Winthorpe with no queues?

Remember our own pop up Post Office every Thursday morning 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Community Centre. All normal post office services are provided except passport

services. You can post your parcels, get your stamps, collect your pension, get cash, pay bills or tax your car - all without leaving the village!

WINTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE 100 CLUB WINNERS OF THE NOVEMBER DRAW

The November Draw took place at the village afternoon tea on 11th November.



1st E. Allen £38.40

2nd J Cole £19.29

3rd D Richardson £6.40

We now have 64 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!

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WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council held its monthly meeting in the village hall on Thursday 15th November 2018.

The Parish Council has selected a company called Kompan to install equipment at the play park next to the Community Centre. This has been put to our funding partner, WREN, who are in agreement with our recommendation. The Council is now liaising with Kompan for a suitable date to install the equipment which will most likely be in the New Year.



The village bonfire took place on Saturday 3rd November 2018 without incident. Unfortunately, there were less people in attendance than in previous years so our contributions to organisations that supported the event will be reduced. Details of the bonfire accounts will appear in next month's edition of Focal Point. The Council would like to thank all the organisations who supported the event and made it an enjoyable evening.

The Council would like to point out that only continued support for all events in the village, either at the Community Centre, or events such as the Summer Festival or Bonfire will ensure their continuation into the future.

As mentioned in last month's Focal Point, the Parish Council has been informed that Newark and Sherwood District Council have sent an Enforcement Notice to the travellers located adjacent to the A1. This Notice was subsequently appealed by the travellers. The Council has now been informed that an appeal date for the hearing has been set for the 26th February 2019. **Mrs Sally Sillery** – Parish Clerk



ALL SAINTS

WINTHORPE

CHURCH NOTICES

We thoroughly enjoyed our 'Special' November services with our Patronal Songs of Praise being held for the first time away from church in the warm Village Hall. Canon David White led the service as he did the very well attended and moving Remembrance Service. The South wall was filled with Christine's display of Service personnel who had fought in WW1 and were related to our Villagers. Hopefully the contents of this will be able to be viewed at some stage on the Village website.

This month we look forward enthusiastically to many more special services. On Sunday December 2nd at 3 p.m. in the Village Hall we are holding a **Christingle Service**. We decided to host it in the warmth for the children rather than within the cold walls of the church. Hopefully, families have received their invitations. On Sunday December 16th at 5 p.m. we move to the Community Centre for our **Carol Service** where we look forward to seeing many of you there for our traditional event with lots of refreshments afterwards!



The School will host their Carol Service in Church on Wednesday December 19th at 1.30 p.m.

Our final service of the year, **the Christmas Eve Holy Communion at 7 p.m.** will be held in a **warm church** (heating provided in readiness for a Wedding!)

It just leaves me, on behalf of the PCC, to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year. Also, with the hope that we return to a warm church as soon as we can!

Tish Applewhite, Churchwarden (643763)

Church Services for December 2018



Sunday 2nd
(1st of Advent)

9.00 a.m.
3.00 p.m.

Holy Communion
Christingle Service

Holme
**Winthorpe
Village Hall**

Saturday 8th

6.00 p.m.

Carol Service

Holme

Sunday 9th
(2nd of Advent)

10.30 a.m.

Holy Communion

Winthorpe
Village Hall

Sunday 16th
(3rd of Advent)

5.00 p.m.

Carol Service

**Winthorpe
Community
Centre**

Sunday 23rd
(4th of Advent)

9.00 a.m.

Morning Worship

Langford

Monday 24th
(Christmas Eve)

7.00 p.m.

Holy Communion

**Winthorpe
Church**

Tuesday 25th
(Christmas Day)

10.15 a.m.

Holy Communion

Holme

The Church Bells may be rung for any of the Winthorpe services and will be rung around 2 p.m. on Saturday December 29th for a wedding.

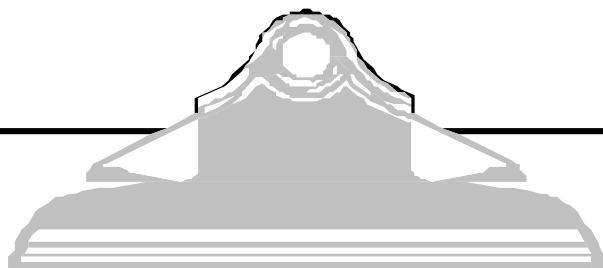
Church Cleaners - Miss P. Applewhite

Brasses - Mrs S Cobb + Mrs R Marks



Church Flower Ladies – The church will be open from 2 p.m. on Monday December 17th to receive your Christmas flower arrangements. We are extremely grateful for your wonderful support. Please call Tisha on 643763 if you are unable to decorate your usual place.

Removal of Flowers – *****Thursday Dec. 27th from 10 a.m.**(due to Saturday Wedding). Please call if you cannot make this date. Thank you. Tish Applewhite



DECEMBER CALENDAR



Sunday 2nd	Christingle Service 3pm	Winthorpe Village Hall
Monday 3rd	Green and Brown Bins	
Thursday 6th	Christmas Coffee Morning CC 10am – 12.00	
Saturday 8th	Carol Service Holme Church 6pm	
Monday 10th	Silver Bin	
	Lunch Club 12.30	Community Centre 
Tuesday 11th	Christmas Lunch at The Lord Nelson	
Wednesday 12th	WI Christmas Celebration 6.30 pm	CC
Thursday 13th	Parish Council meeting 7.30 pm	Village Hall
Sunday 16th	Carol Service 5pm	Community Centre
Monday 17th	Green Bin	
	Mobile Library	
Wednesday 19th	School Carol Service 1.30pm	Winthorpe Church
Monday 24th	Silver Bin	
Tuesday 25th	HAPPY CHRISTMAS!	
Monday 31st	Green 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

