



2019

Ed's Comments: Pat Finn  
sent me a poem for New Year. I

loved it as a child so here it is to cheer us all up in the depths of Winter!

## THE MONTHS OF THE YEAR

*January* brings the snow, makes our feet and  
fingers glow.



*February* brings the rain, thaws the frozen lake again.

*March* brings breezes loud and shrill, stirs the dancing  
daffodil.

*April* brings the primrose sweet, scatters daisies at our feet.



*May* brings flocks of pretty lambs, skipping by  
their fleecy dams.

*June* brings tulips, lilies, roses, fills the children's  
hands with posies.

Hot *July* brings cooling showers, apricots and gilli flowers.

*August* brings the sheaves of corn, then the harvest home is  
borne.

Warm *September* brings the fruit, sportsmen then begin to  
shoot.

Fresh *October* brings the pheasant, then to  
gather nuts is pleasant.



Dull *November* brings the blast, then the  
leaves are whirling fast.

Chill *December* brings the sleet, blazing fire and Christmas  
treat. (Written by Sara Coleridge)

Happy New Year to you all! **Annie Purday**

The closing date for the February issue is **Friday 18th January.**

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## LUNCH CLUB

The **February** Lunch Club will be at 12.30 p.m. on **Monday 4th February** at the Community Centre.

**The menu will be:**



Sausage and Bacon Casserole

OR

Jacket Potato with Prawns and Tuna  
with Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables



-x-

Apple Charlotte with Custard



-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 There is no Lunch Club in January BUT John Nelson is organising a lunch at The Lord Nelson\*\*\***



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# 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.



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# **SOUTHWELL TRAVEL SHOW 2019**

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Exchange this advert for a £50 holiday voucher at the show or at [www.hbtravel.co.uk](http://www.hbtravel.co.uk)



# Christmas Crisis

Christmas is a time of love and generosity towards others and that was certainly how members of this village responded to our appeal to buy 'Christmas Dinners' for the homeless.

Crisis is an organisation which works through 22 centres across the country to provide

people in need at Christmas time with a warm welcome and good company, three nutritious meals including Christmas dinner, a bed for the night if needed, a chance to shower,



freshen up and get clean clothes, a health check and treatment from a doctor, optician and dentist, expert advice with mental health and addiction problems, advice on housing, employment and benefits, a way out of homelessness for good through Crisis' year round training, education and support .

Their work is not just at Christmas but, of course, this is the time when we stop and think of others.

The cost of each Crisis Christmas place is £28.18 and their interventions succeed in lifting about 15% off our streets and into settled lives.

Chris and I would like to thank all our friends and neighbours who helped us raise £365 through donations or at our coffee morning on 19th November; the cost of 13 places at the Crisis Christmas table.

Many thanks again for your support and donations. May we wish you loving friends and family and warmth and comfort for the coming year.

**Chris Murray and Lynne Shapley**

## CHRISTMAS MIRACLES AT NEWARK FOODBANK!

Two amazing things happened at Newark Foodbank just before Christmas. The first was a presentation of 500 festive Christmas carrier



bags by Newark teenagers on the National Citizenship Service social action project 'Carry on Caring'. The choice of

Christmas carrier bags was made by the youngsters to highlight the Foodbank's need for carrier bags for food deliveries and also to add some festive cheer at what is a difficult time of the year for

many. They designed the bags and raised funds for the project themselves, led by a Winthorpe resident.

The second miracle was the 100 trolleys filled and donated by the local Traveller Community to the Foodbank. Miracles certainly can happen at Christmas time!



**The organisers of the Foodbank sent thanks and seasonal greetings to all those in Winthorpe and area who have donated throughout the year and the message 'Please carry on donating' as the need is always there.**



### Foodbank shopping list

#### Urgently needed

**Food** Sugar ( 500g or 1 Kg), Jam, Veggie alternatives e.g. tinned vegetable curry etc

**Non-Food items** Toilet rolls

**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. Thank you.**

## GARDEN CLUB

When they decide to retire most people scale back on their previous job. Not so with our most recent speaker Pam Tatam. A plantswoman with a successful business, she greatly increased the area of her garden, removing polytunnels and display/ sales areas and creating new herbaceous borders, lawns and a wildflower meadow.

The talk was illustrated with many colourful slides, not all from her own garden. The title 'Combinations, Underwear and a Few Suspenders' took us through the seasons from Autumn to Autumn. Combinations were of plants with complementary form and colour, whilst the underwear was such as cyclamen, snowdrops and aconites. Suspenders were represented by various types of vine, clematis and honeysuckle. Approaching winter we saw a lovely example of crab apple (Malus Red Sentinel) and later red and yellow stems of dogwood and slender grasses covered in frost. In spring we had combinations of tulip and cardoon, mixed forget me not and allium Purple Sensation. One bewildering slide showed a variegated hosta with a large blue flower emerging from the centre. It was in fact an iris growing through the hosta. Some combinations were simple yet striking such as that of silver birch (with washed trunks) snowdrops and silver hosta. Our speaker likes using nepeta as ground cover; this looked good with allium Purple Sensation and again with rose Rhapsody in Blue.

**A reminder that our next meeting is our social evening on January 16th.** Please remember your food contribution.

We are trying something different this year for our first outing. On March 1st a trip is being organised to Anglesey Abbey for a 'Colours of winter' walk around the garden and a visit to the house followed by an evening meal. This is open to



all. Anyone wanting more details please contact Ian on 01636 686249.

Ian Wilson





## Winthorpe & District W.I.

By the time the January Focal Point is delivered we will have had our Christmas coffee morning. Thank you to

all the children and teachers of Winthorpe School who came and sang to us. We hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful start to the festive season. We will also have had our Christmas celebration with a meal and glass or two of wine together with entertainment.

Looking forward to Wednesday January 9th 2019 in the Community Centre when we are going to have a go at Kurling; a fun evening with a glass of wine or two. Hostesses for the evening are Diana Kitson and Liz Moran with an extra raffle prize by Betty Moran. On Thursday 14th February 2019 in the Village Hall there is a talk on Royal Brides from Victoria to Megan and Eugenie. Hostesses for the evening are Barbara Finn, Vivienne Green and Pat Nelson.

Virginia Seager (President)    Congratulations to the WI on their lovely Christmas Tree, photographed by Paul Fairclough. Ed



## **News from Langford Lowfields Newsletter December 2018**

Langford has seen some great visitors recently. We have had a great grey shrike (also known as the butcher bird) which was present for a few days in late November – this is a first for the reserve. They catch small mammals, birds and insects and stick them onto the thorns, creating a larder of delicious snacks!?



There are two semi-regular great white egrets in the local area which are moving around between the various wetland sites including Langford and Besthorpe. Up to 9 bearded tits have been recorded, which are being seen most regularly from the boardwalk and floating bridge feeding on reed seed, although they can be quite elusive particularly on windy days when they tuck themselves down in the reed. If you are lucky you might spot either of the two bitterns skulking through the reeds, or waiting patiently, swaying in the breeze to mimic the movement of the reed as it keeps an eye out for fish to swim past. The best chance of seeing one is often at dusk as they fly from where ever they've been feeding to their chosen roosting spot for the night.

There are goldeneye ducks, which have come to Langford for the winter to escape the bitter cold of Northern Europe and up to 6 stonechats, which if they're around are often perched on fence posts or isolated bushes on the lookout for food. They can also be identified by their hovering fluttering flight as they pop up and pause in the air. We have seen up to 10 roe deer; a new high count for the site. We now have over 200 species of bird recorded at Langford!

The volunteers have been very focused recently on removing willow from the reedbed. If this isn't done then during the reedbed's early-establishment phase the willow would quickly colonise and take over the site. It would out-compete the reed, dry out the reedbed and make it unfavourable for the key priority species we are aiming to attract; bearded tits, bitterns and marsh harriers. Some willow is ok, but it's all about balance and with reedbeds being such threatened habitats, we need to ensure that those we have are managed and maintained in as optimal a condition as possible. We have also been carrying out some reed cutting recently; for conservation purposes reed is generally cut on a 7-10 year cycle and it allows areas of the reedbed to be refreshed. The old leaf litter can be raked up and removed to prevent the soil level increasing (as this can dry out the reedbed). Piles of cut reed are great for insects, small mammals, birds and reptiles and the cut areas provide excellent feeding opportunities for species such as bearded tit and water rails. The hidden channels and pools created are great for bitterns and other heron species to skulk through as they look for small fish and amphibians to feed on. Our cutting essentially mimics what would traditionally have happened when large herbivores moved through the reedbed feeding on and trampling the reed.

The Beach Hut continues to supply a limited range of snacks and drinks, and we are still looking for more volunteers on the reserve – if interested please apply via [Langford.Beckingham@RSPB.org.uk](mailto:Langford.Beckingham@RSPB.org.uk).

Happy New Year! **Angela Roberts**

# REFLECTION FOR JANUARY 2019

**Dear Friends,**

Have you joined the Winthorpe Wanderers yet? No, I'm not talking about a new football team, but I am talking about the active



group of regular churchgoers who've been travelling between All Saints church, the Village Hall and the Community Centre during the cold autumn and winter weather.

If you are wondering why we're doing this, it's because the church boiler has broken down so we've gone in search of warmth and comfort for worship. Of course, we're investigating getting a replacement boiler so that we'll go back to church full time, but in the meantime, we're enjoying our adventures and we're very grateful for the use of the Village Hall and Community Centre.

It's actually a good idea to have a change and try something new every now and then. Yes, it is hard work and challenging for those who transport and carry in and out a lectern, a cross, hymnbooks, a communion set and a musical keyboard etc etc, but it is interesting to start with an empty room and think about how we want to set things out, how we arrange the chairs and what we really need for it to be church.

Of course, we can worship God and pray our prayers anywhere, although we all like to have a dedicated space. What's really important is for us to join together with others because a church without people isn't a church at all and it's good to have a strong worshiping community at the heart of our village.

So, if you haven't joined us yet, why not give it a try? We will still be Winthorpe Wanderers for a while, so look out for details of when and where church is happening.

Coming along to church, wherever we meet for the time being, will be a good New Year's Resolution.

Happy New Year and God bless you. **Revd Mandy**

## THE LORD NELSON

Dear folks,

We hope you're all well and that you had a wonderful Christmas.

A huge thank you for all your support in 2018.



We're excited about 2019, our third year looking after the Lord Nelson on her journey through time, and delighted to introduce our new Assistant Manager, Lewis Brown, who joined the team in December.

As you are aware we run several events throughout the year that raise money for charity. We felt that as you all contribute so heavily to the success of these events, moving forward we would select a charity each year and they would receive all the proceeds raised from WinFest, the Duck Race and the Charity Quiz which will become a permanent fixture. In order to select the 2019 charity we would like your nominations, so please drop us an email ([thelordnelsonwinthorpe@gmail.com](mailto:thelordnelsonwinthorpe@gmail.com)) or a letter with the charity you would like to nominate and why, by the 14th January. This will get shortlisted and we will run a vote in the pub and announce the charity in February's Focal Point.

### **Our January events include:**

Tuesday 8th January: Pub Quiz and Pasta (note **second** Tuesday of the month, not the first)

Tuesday 22nd January - Live Music and Open Mic Night

Friday 25th January - Live Music with Matt Shepardson

If you've dined with us in December, don't forget to bring your sealed voucher with you in January, to receive between 5% and 100% off your bill.

And don't forget to book early for Valentine's Day on Thursday 14th February (no Leap Year in 2019 so ladies will have to hold their horses on proposals).

We look forward to welcoming you soon and a very Happy New Year.

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





## Holme Lane Cricket Ground, Winthorpe, NG24 2NU

Coddington & Winthorpe CC is a thriving cricket club in North Nottinghamshire, based at the Winthorpe cricket Ground Home to cricket since 1887.

Coddington & Winthorpe CC always welcomes new members whether they are senior players, junior players, social members or people interested in being a coach, scorer, umpire, Tea-Maker, groundsman or committee member.

### 2018 Highlight

70 + junior members in 2018

Second season running ECB Allstars Cricket

Hosted 2 Notts CCC Kwik Cricket Festivals

Hosted our first ECB women's softball tournament, our first ever Ladies team "Coddington Cherries" finished as winners

U11's won the Newark North Division

U13's won the Newark North Division

Introduced a new Development Academy—for 13 to 16 year olds with the team playing in the South Notts Saturday senior League

7 juniors involved the Nottinghamshire CCC junior pathway—5 Boys—2 girls

2 Juniors involved in the Lincolnshire CCC junior pathway—2 Boys



### Representative games at the ground in 2018

Nottinghamshire U12 Boys V Lincolnshire U12 Boys

Lincolnshire U13 Boys V Huntingdonshire U13 Boys



Lincolnshire U13 Girls v Cambridgeshire U13 Girls



## Holme Lane Cricket Ground, Winthorpe, NG24 2NU

### For 2019 the club will be running the following teams

ECB Allstars—5 to 8 year olds—Saturday morning from May 2019

Kwik cricket - 5 to 11 year olds (from Sun 3rd Feb—1 to 2 pm - Magnus Sports Centre)

U11 Hard ball - 9 to 11 year olds (from Sun 3rd Feb—2 to 3 pm - Magnus Sports Centre)

U13 - 10 to 13 year olds (from Sun 3rd Feb—3 to 4 pm - Magnus Sports Centre)

U15 - 13 to 15 year olds (from Sun 3rd Feb—4 to 5 pm - Magnus Sports Centre)

Development Academy- 13 to 18 year olds

Ladies Soft ball Team—to be confirmed

Senior Saturday Team (from Sun 3rd Feb—4 to 5pm - Magnus Sports Centre)

Senior Midweek Team (from Sun 3rd Feb—4 to 5 pm - Magnus Sports Centre)

**Come down and join in the fun at your local Cricket club**

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**Website : <http://coddington.play-cricket.com/>**

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# WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Winthorpe with Langford Parish Council have secured funding to replace the children's play area at the Community Centre.

The £34,000 project will incorporate a range of equipment to offer inclusive play experiences from the very young to young teens.



Construction is scheduled to begin 7 January and should take approximately one week to complete.

Funding has been raised through a combination of donations from the Parish Council and the Community Centre. A substantial supporting grant was secured through national funding body Wren. This has been the culmination of a year's worth of work and we would like to thank everyone who responded to surveys and questionnaires as these were the backbone of our funding case.

We welcome everyone to come and use the facilities and hope to help create many fun filled family memories. If you have any questions with reference to the project please feel free to contact the Parish Council. More information on Wren and their grants can be found at [Wren.org.uk](http://Wren.org.uk). Phil Farmer

## **WINTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE 100 CLUB WINNERS OF THE DECEMBER DRAW**

Results for the December draw which was drawn at the Coffee Morning where we were entertained by the children from Winthorpe School.

1st J. Mileman - £40.20

2nd A. Rogers - £20.10

3rd E. Allen - £6.70



We now have 67 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](mailto:duncrichardson@sky.com).

For further details see the Community Centre web site.

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

## **COLLINGHAM RAMBLERS WALKS FOR JANUARY 2019**

Sunday January 13th Lincoln South 7 miles

Sunday January 27th Hickling/Colston Bassett 7 miles

Wednesday January 16th 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](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 (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





# **ALL SAINTS WINTHORPE CHURCH NOTICES**

*"In the New Year, may your right hand always be stretched out in friendship, never in want"*

**A Happy New Year to everyone!**

Last month we enjoyed several nomadic services around the village, notably the Carol Service in the Community Centre and the fantastically attended Christingle Service in the Village Hall where 16 children made their Christingle without any sign of singed clothing or hair!!! Sandra Cobb did a wonderful job of organising the event- it was a lovely, cosy, fun afternoon on Advent Sunday.

We sadly said goodbye to Dorothy Bryan in December and in the same week the East Trent Group bade farewell to Canon Dendle French who had taken many services at Winthorpe over the years as one of the group of retired vicars who help Mandy out. It was always lovely to see Dendle and Margaret in church. He will be missed very much.

Services will still be held in the Village Hall for the time being. The PCC is busy trying to gain grants to help offset the cost of the new boiler. All the administration that has to be done does take time to process and so we are all having to be patient.

We are thinking in our prayers of all those who are unwell at this time.

**Tish Applewhite,  
Churchwarden(643763)**



# Church Services for January 2019



## **Sunday 6th**

(Epiphany)

9.00 a.m.

Holy Communion

Holme

## **Sunday 13th**

(Baptism of Christ)

10.30 a.m.

Holy Communion

Winthorpe

## **Sunday 20th**

(3<sup>rd</sup> of Epiphany)

9.00 a.m.

Holy Communion

Langford

10.15 a.m.

Morning Worship

Winthorpe

## **Sunday 27th**

(4<sup>th</sup> of Epiphany)

5 p.m.

Evening Prayer

Winthorpe

The Church Bells may be rung for any of the Winthorpe services.

**Church Cleaners** – Mr B and Mrs D McClymont

**Church Flowers** – Thank you once again for making the church look so festive for Christmas.



## JANUARY CALENDAR

Tuesday 1st HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Monday 7th Silver Bin

Wednesday 9th WI 7.30pm Community Centre

Monday 14th Green and Brown Bins

Mobile Library

Wednesday 16th Garden Club Social 7.30 pm CC

Thursday 17th Parish Council meeting and Finance Committee  
7.00 pm Village Hall

Saturday 19th Southwell Travel Show

Monday 21st Silver Bin

Monday 28th Green Bin



Apologies for the incorrect Christmas Eve Bin Collection date.  
Thank goodness the collectors put us right! Pat, our proof reader  
tried to, but I read her date list too late to alter it. Sorry, Pat and  
anyone else who took notice of me! Ed

### **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)*

The Foodbank Collection Point is in the porch of Winthorpe Village Hall which is open when Max Neale's Art Classes are being held. 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!**

