

Hello Folks

Not a good month in the parkin household. Two weeks ago I was involved in a car accident whereby a young lady in a Fiat 500 crossed over in front of me when the lights turned green at the traffic lights just before the railway bridge in Newark. My car was mangled at the front and for the first week I had a tiny car that was not only difficult to get in and out of but not big enough to take my disability scooter so I couldn't really go anywhere! I now have big flash BMW until my car is ready next week. It is so smart I am actually in awe of it and am being very careful with it as I really don't want to do anything to it!!

On another note there is a possibility that we have found a new editor. The young lady and her mother have offered to do the magazine and it is likely that after Christmas she will take over and your magazine will then be restored to the full twelve months editions again. Though she does not live in the village she does know and visit it on a regular basis and is involved in things locally.

It is not a definite as I go to print but a very strong maybe. The weather seems to have returned to summer as I write and it is lovely though I am, as I suppose you are, aware that the nights are swiftly drawing in and that means that winter is on the way.. Don't really want to think about that but by the time I do the next magazine we will all be thinking about Christmas. I noticed that some shops have already got their Christmas stock on the shelves in readiness for our money.

Take care of yourselves, and enjoy the Indian summer, until next monthMarcia

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DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER EDITION

LUNCH CLUB

The **November** Lunch Club will be at **12:30pm on Monday, November 4th** at the Community Centre.

The menu will be:



Beef Bourguignonne

Or



Baked Cod Fillet with Tartare Sauce

Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

-x-

Apple and Blackberry 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 The October Lunch Club is on Monday October 7th as advertised in last month's Focal Point

WINTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

David & Barbara Woodcock are stepping down from the Secretarial & Treasurers duties at the Village Hall from the end of September 2019. We have been very lucky to have found replacements. - Susie Conning will be the new secretary and Gary Thompson the new Treasurer. Many thanks to them for volunteering.

Two Trustees are also retiring and we are therefore looking for new Trustees. The duties are not in any way onerous. 2 meetings a year to approve the yearly accounts, discuss maintenance requirements, discuss & plan any changes and sanction any work agreed. Do contact me 01636 681299 or Susie if you think you might be interested, or come along to-

WINTHORPE VILLAGE HALL AGM to be held on WED. OCT 9TH 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

The new contact number for the Village Hall is Susie Conning 07968 855448

Winner for the Winthorpe Community Centre 50/50 are as follows:-

August		September	
Peter Sharp	£43.80	J. Cooper	£43.80
P A Brooks	£21.90	D. Houlding	£21.90
Helen Bradley	£7.30	D. Burton -	£7.30

Of course we continue to promote and invite any new member who wishes to join us to contact Duncan Richardson, we currently have 74 members



FOODBANK SHOPPING LIST June 2019

**PLEASE DO NOT DONATE ITEMS
CONTAINING ALCOHOL – THANK YOU**

Shortfall Items

Food

- Tinned Tomatoes
- Pasta Sauce
- Tinned Fruit
- Instant Mashed Potato
- Sponge Puddings (Tinned or Microwaveable)
- Sugar (500g size preferred)
- Biscuits (eg: digestive/custard cream/ginger nut)

Non Food Items

- Deodorant
- Shampoo

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

Always needed

Food

- Breakfast Cereal
- Long Life Fruit Juice (not squash)
- Tea Bags – 40's or 80's NOT 240/260/280's please
- Tinned Meat – cold: e.g. Spam: ham – NOT corned beef please
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Tinned Potatoes
- Packets of Rice (dried)
- All Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Peas
- Tinned Meat – hot: e.g. mince; stewing steak
- Vegetarian Alternatives – Tinned Vegetable Curry etc.

- Tinned/Packet Soup Tinned/Carton Custard
- Jam
- Cereal Bars
- Chocolate Biscuit Bars
- Chocolate / Sweets
- Long Life Milk

Additional Items

- Washing Up Liquid
- Laundry liquid/tablets
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Liquid Hand Soap
- Toilet Rolls
- Shower Gel

Items of which we have a plentiful supply:

- Baked Beans
- Coffee

- Pasta – we are now very well stocked
THANK YOU

- Our warehouse continues to be well-stocked. However, we are grateful for all regular donations, especially the shortfall items
- Please take your donation to one of our many collection points in supermarkets and churches. See our website for a complete list.



<http://newark.foodbank.org.uk/>

COLLINGHAM RAMBLERS WALKS

FOR SEPTEMBER

Sunday	8th	Denton/Harlaxton	6.7	Miles
Sunday	22nd	Caunton/Norwell	6	Miles
Wednesday	11th	Ashover Deryshire	7	Miles
Wednesday	18th	Winkburn	5	Miles

NEW WALKERS ALWAYS WELCOME

If you would like to join us on any of these walks please contact NINA WARD on collinghamramblersnottswalks@gmail.com 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

WINTHORPE W.I.

First of all the THURSDAY MORNING POST OFFICE and COFFEE MORNINGS are back.

At our September meeting we had an illustrated talk on the Children's Bereavement Centre. Also a sale table which did well. The October meeting is about our creative skills - create a beautiful paper flower. This should be a fun and enjoyable evening. We are already planning a winter visit, meal at the Lord Nelson, our Christmas party and a possible visit to the theatre. Later this month we are joining other W.I.s from around the County to a social evening at the Palace Theatre in Newark. Hostesses for October are Barbara Finn, Vivienne Green, Pat Nelson and Joan Bryan. “

Virginia R. Seager,
President.

Winthorpe Summer Festival 2019
C/O Sue Masheder

August 15th, 2019

Dear Sue

On behalf of everyone at the Children's Bereavement Centre, I would like to thank you for the very kind donation of £450 from the proceeds of the Winthorpe Summer Festival on Saturday June 29th. Thank you so much for selecting the Children's Bereavement Centre to be your charity for the event and for inviting us along to have a stand. We had a great day, chatted to some lovely people and raised a further £48.20 from the games on our stand.

Your support will help to make sure that local children and young people who experience trauma due to the terminal illness or bereavement of someone they love, receive the right kind of support and guidance they need at what is probably one of the most difficult times in their lives.

In the last year alone, we have supported more than 780 children, young people and their families.

Your donation could help us to buy vital equipment such as memory books or boxes to enable a child to keep special memories of their loved one, help them attend a Mother's or Father's Day workshop where they can undertake activities and talk about their mum or dad who has died or enable us to provide 1:1 support sessions or other group activities for a child to help build their resilience and confidence to cope now and in the future.

Giving is not just about making a donation, it's about making a difference. Thank you for helping us make a difference to the children and young people we support.

A heartfelt thank you.

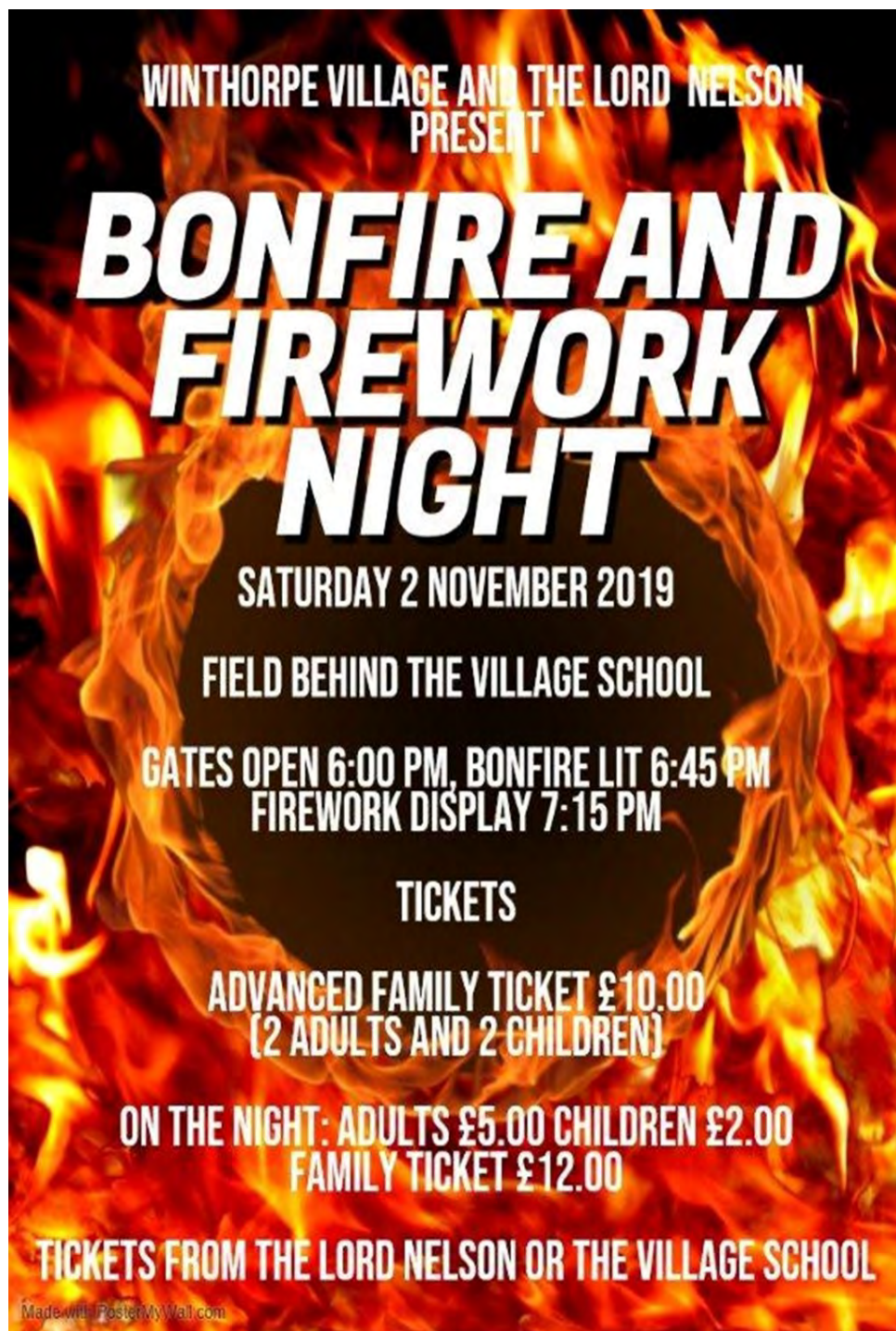
Yours sincerely,

Rachel Wilson

Fundraising Manager



Muskham Art Group
Annual Exhibition
12th & 13th October 2019
Open 10am - 4pm
South Muskham Village Hall
Come and enjoy a warm welcome
Home made refreshments and the chance to view
the work of local artists
Admission free



WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Following the summer break, the Parish Council held its monthly Council meeting in the village hall on Thursday 19th September 2019.

The Parish Council is to hold the annual village bonfire on the field at the rear of the school on Saturday 2nd November 2019. Details of times and prices are shown in Focal Point. The Parish Council have reduced the price of admission this year and are working with the Lord Nelson in the hope of making the event a greater success. The Lord Nelson will be preparing the food and selling refreshments. Advanced concessionary ticket sales will be available from the Lord Nelson and the village school. Please support this as all monies raised benefit Winthorpe and Langford villages.

The Council has purchased a new notice board to replace the one outside the Old Post Office which is in a "tired condition" This will be erected shortly and will be for use by all villagers.

The Council has been notified by Newark and Sherwood Homes that the garages that are located adjacent to the Community Centre playing field need to be vacated by the end of September to allow the construction of a new bungalow on the site. The existing footpath from Gainsborough Road to the Woodlands will be retained.

As you may be aware, the village website has been updated to give it a fresher, more modern look. There is now a section on it that gives any news that is relevant to Winthorpe and Langford villages. For example details have been put on regarding the review by N.S.D.C of the "Open Break Policy" around Newark. Please have a look.

As always, please contact me if you need to raise any issues at

parishclerkatwinthorpe@outlook.com.

Mrs Sally Sillery – Parish Clerk

GIANT SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

Time to announce the winners of the 2019 Winthorpe, Langford & Holme Giant Sunflower Competition!



Left to right:
Lizzie, Caitlyn, Austin and Layton

1st Prize:

Caitlyn & Austin
McCarthy (height
3.32m)

2nd Prize:

Lizzie Clarke
(height 2.51m)

3rd Prize:

Layton Edwards
(height 2.25m)

The Teacher's Award went jointly to Mrs Cobb and Miss Blake, whose sunflowers both measured 2.44m.

Congratulations to all of our prize winners – it was lovely visiting school and presenting you with your trophies

and certificates.

Indeed, well done to everyone who entered the competition, and to all the parents and grandparents who no doubt helped our young gardeners.

See you next Spring for the 2020 competition!
Ferreira

Liz & Charlie

Bitterns: we had 3 'boomers' recorded at Langford this year, the highest ever number and excitingly we also had a nest in the middle of Phase 2. This is the first time bitterns have bred at Langford and as such this is a historic moment for the reserve. Whether the youngsters fledged or not is unknown, but from speaking to RSPB colleagues it sounds like it's unusual to ever see the young bitterns and so we can't rule out the fact that the breeding attempt was successful. The female was seen carrying out feeding flights over a number of weeks, catching fish and frogs for her children. With good bittern habitat increasing on site and the amount of bittern food increasing, we hope that breeding will now be an annual event.

Grass snakes: There have been at least 3 recent records of grass snakes on site, they aren't a rare species, but this is exciting news for Langford as they are a key part of a healthy wetland habitat and these are the first records of a live snake on the reserve ever. We have also had another first record for the site; a bullhead swimming in the brook that flows under the metal woodland bridge.

Outfall sluice: A few people have mentioned this recently, but it is working and a couple of elvers have been seen on site recently, indicating that the fish pass built into the structure is working. Eels are critically endangered and so it's brilliant if Langford can provide a home to them. The little elvers will stay on site for 20 years or more, by which time they'll have got a lot bigger and become silver eels, at this point they'll head back into the river to start their journey back across the Atlantic to the Sargasso Sea to spawn. We had a recent meeting with the EA talking through a few adaptations that could be made to the structure to make it even more fish friendly. Water levels on the reserve tend to mimic the natural fluctuations, so high in winter, low in summer, the recent un-seasonally high levels on the reserve are linked to the heavy rainfalls bringing the river up and we can only get rid of water if the river is at a lower level than the reserve.

This year....

- 16 pairs of avocets bred during 2019, this is the highest number ever recorded on the reserve and by far the largest avocet colony in Nottinghamshire.
- 3 male bitterns were 'booming' throughout the spring, with the noise carrying almost a kilometre to be heard in the public car park.

- Langford saw lots of painted lady butterflies this summer. Every 10 years there is a boom which creates an influx of painted lady butterflies from North Africa and they make their way across Europe.
- Two new water control sluices were installed during October 2018 linking the Main Lake to the rest of the reserve. The Main Lake acts as our header tank and so we now have the ability to raise water levels on the reserve when required.
- A new pond dipping station has been created and the pond dipping platform modified to make reaching the water easier. Children can now borrow a net and empty the creatures they catch into water filled trays at the dipping station, looking at the colourful ID chart to work out what they've caught. The star catch to-date is a small pike caught by a very proud member of the local Cub pack.
- A new seasonal trail was opened. This takes visitors into the heart of the Phase 2 area, from where a wealth of wetland wildlife can be seen. It also allows them to get up close and personal with Olaf, our ancient oak tree, which had lain buried for thousands of years under a deep layer of sand and gravel, prior to Tarmac digging it up during their quarrying operation.

Other sightings at Langford Lowfields

Otters	Pintail
Osprey heading back south to spend winter in west Africa.	Hobbies
Wheatears	Winchat
Great white egret	Marsh Harrier

A good range of different wetland loving wading birds including five wood sandpipers, whimbrel, green shank, turnstone, black tailed godwit, green sandpiper and dunlin.

The volunteers have been reed planting. The aim is to plant out 10,000 reed seedlings per year so we are in the midst of planting these this year. All reed seedlings have to be protected by mesh cages to stop the gobbling geese from eating them up.

The area we cut for hay each year has been cut and baled up. We do this each year to benefit the wildflowers that grow there. Cutting the grass removes the build up of nutrients in the soil and benefits the wildflowers.

Can you help?

Do you have a few hours over a weekend that you could spend at Langford? We would love to hear from you if you would like to volunteer with us at the RSPB – we continue to search for Visitor Welcome Team Members who are happy to spend some time at the Beach Hut meeting and greeting visitors, but also enjoying the reserve. Give us a call on 01636 893611.



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Janis is an unlikely hero. A community book volunteer.

This heartwarming play will take you on a journey with Janis as she improves not only the lives around her, but her own, as she tackles loneliness, relationships and most importantly why a good hair do can change your life.



Village Ventures is a rural touring scheme at Winthorpe Community Centre
Friday 4th October 7:30pm. Tickets £10.00 Contact Helen 01636 650422

Winthorpe Garden Club

At our September meeting we were treated to a wonderful slide presentation by Stuart Dixon featuring his garden at Stoke Bardolph together with a few from garden centres. The talk, entitled 'Ramblers and Scramblers' was mainly about his system of combining rambling and climbing roses with clematis.

His garden contains some 500 roses and 50-60 clematis. Many examples of combining the two were shown, often with similar colours intertwined. The effects were stunning. One recommendation was to check the size to which both grow and their flowering periods, ideally to ensure continuity of colour.

Named examples of the two were shown, several of the clematis having been bred locally by Pennells at Hykeham. Stuart is also keen on scented roses and pointed to examples of musk and old French types, some having been around for hundreds of years.

Tips were given, such as planting clematis susceptible to wilt inside a clay land drain, such that the lower stem is protected from the airborne bacteria causing the disease. He sprays roses prone to black spot with a sulphur solution.

As always this was a detailed and witty delivery spiced with a few anecdotes.

Our next meeting is on October 16th at 7.30 in the Community Centre when the speaker will be Phil Porter from Whisby Nature Park.

Afternoon Tea Party

Remembering Armistice

Winthorpe Community Centre

Sunday 10th November 2019

3:00 for 3:30 cream tea, including a selection of sandwiches, tea or coffee and a selection of cakes.

Singer – Kieran Owen

Kieran is a singer with a strong performance of the Great American Songbook. He regularly performs the songs made famous by the likes of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Bing Crosby and many more artists. He is a popular and versatile vocalist.

Tickets £10.00

6.00pm Lighting of the beacon which is open to anyone in the village who does not wish to join us for tea, we will serve mulled wine and donations for this will go to the Royal British Legion.

If you want to sit on a table of 8 or 10 with friends please let us know for catering purposes

Include a glass of prosecco for £5.00, please pre order this at the time of buying your ticket.

Tickets from:-

Michele Cammack 07951728079

Jane Bateson 07546649934

Helen bradley 01636 650422

Di Rowlands 07814698459



Collingham & District Local History Society

Charity Number: 1164058

WW2 Memories Group

Meet - Discuss - Share

We are setting up a new group to look at our area and the people who lived here during WW2 and the surrounding years. If you are interested in joining us or have any memories, stories, photographs, documents or objects from this period please talk to Ann Akrill or Jeremy Lodge. Alternatively, talk to any of our committee members at our events, or contact us through the contacts page on our website.

This will be an informal discussion group for anyone interested in the period, but we will also aim to provide a drop-in facility for people to bring in items of interest. The group will also offer information and support for anyone researching these important years of our history.

Everyone will be welcome to the first meeting at 10:00am on Wednesday 9th October in the Collingham Archives, Swinderby Road, NG23 7PH.

Contact: Ann Akrill: r.annakrill@outlook.com and Jeremy Lodge: jeremylodge@yahoo.co.uk



WINTHORPE

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

HARVEST SUPPER

(all proceeds to the Boiler Fund)

Saturday 19th October 2019

Venue: Winthorpe Community Centre

Time: 7:00pm **(for a 7:30pm start)**

Ticket price: £10.00

[to include one glass of wine

Please feel free to bring your own wine for the
table

OCTOBER 2019 REFLECTIONS

Dear friends,

This month, we turn our clocks back, ushering in the shorter days of late autumn and winter, we expect to leave the European Union and we enjoy the culmination of our harvest festival season, which began way back on August the eleventh.

I do hope to see lots of you at a harvest celebration, our farmers have worked hard, with great skill to grow and bring in the crops in an unusually hot and wet summer and a very uncertain political climate. So, it's right we should gather together to give thanks for our food and for those who produce it.

From ancient times, harvest festivals have been about giving thanks and giving away food, in fact giving away the very first of the crop, which is a generous and brave thing to do, because that might be all of your crop! From ancient times, Harvest festivals have been about sharing and making sure that everyone in the community has plenty to eat and drink and is included in the merriment. And everyone meant everyone, the poor, the destitute, foreigners, family, friends and neighbours.

Happy and glad generosity, the enjoyment of a mixed company of people, joyful worship of God, good food and drink and all with a sense of thankfulness and dependence to and on God and each other, that will make a great harvest festival.

But all those things are for life, not just for harvest, so as we enter a new stage in the life of our nation, let's remember the important ancient wisdom of generous care for the poor, for foreigners and refugees, of cultivating thankful hearts and a determination to include everyone in the good things of our community.

You can read about that ancient wisdom in the Bible, in the book of Deuteronomy, chapter 26, verses 1-11.

Here's a prayer for harvest and all year:

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, may we never take your gifts for granted but receive them always with thanksgiving.

Enable us to use them wisely and responsibly, and to remember the needs of others that we may give as freely as we have received; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

God bless you all

Revd Mandy.



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ALL SAINTS

WINTHORPE

CHURCH NOTICES

Where has the year gone! The second month with an 'r' in! I am very pleased as I write though, to be enjoying some lovely, late summer weather. It does seem to be a usual occurrence these last years, just not so great for everybody back at school!

We had a good amount of visitors for the Ride and Stride event last month which took place on a glorious September Saturday.

An update on the Boiler situation is that we are fundraising as much as we can locally and nationally by applying for grants from all sorts of groups in the hope that we can meet the payment for the work to be done as soon as is possible. Meanwhile, the church will be warm enough for the October services without heating but some services later in the year will again be held in the Village Hall – notice will be given in the November FP. The Harvest Festival Service will definitely be in the Church, as will the All Saints Day Songs of Praise (Nov.3 rd).

Tickets are going very well for the Harvest Supper on Saturday October 19 th , please do get in touch with John N(704712), Christine H(679105), Sandra C (646593),Joan L(682304) or myself if you would like to go, making sure you tell us of any vegetarian requirements.

We look forward to welcoming many of you the following day, October 20 th to our Harvest Festival. Please do bring any harvest offerings up to the altar rail either before the start or when directed during the service. All goods will be taken the following day to the Women's Refuge in Newark.

Thankyou in advance to our wonderful Harvest Festival flower arrangers, I know the church will look and feel very "Autumnal"!

We are thinking, in our prayers, for anyone in the village who is ill or in hospital at this time.

Tish Applewhite, Churchwarden (643763)

Church Services for October 2019



Sunday 6th

(16th after Trinity) 9:00am Holy Communion Holme

Sunday 13th

(17th after Trinity) 10:30am Holy Communion Winthorpe

Sunday 20th

(18th after Trinity) 10:30am **Harvest Festival** Winthorpe
6:00pm **Harvest Festival** Holme

Sunday 27th

(Bible Sunday) 9:00am Morning Worship Langford

The Church Bells may be rung at any of the Church Services.



Church Flowers – Harvest Festival



The church will be open to receive your arrangements, please, from **2:00pm on Thursday, October 17th**. If you are unable to decorate please ring Tisha on 643763. Flower removal is from **2:00pm** on **Monday 28th October**. Thankyou.

Church Cleaners Mr B and Mrs D McClymont

Brasses Mrs J.Aldridge + Mrs D. McClymont

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Fri 4th	7:30pm	"Fairydust"	
Mon 7th	12:30pm	Lunch Club	Community Centre
Mon 7th		Green & Brown Bins	
Wed 9th	7:30pm	Village Hall AGM	Village Hall
Thu 10th	3:00pm For 3:30pm start	Remembering Armistice Afternoon Tea Party	Community Centre
Sat 12th	10:00am -4:00pm	Muskham Art Group Annual Exhibition	South Muskham Village Hall
Sun 13th	10:00am -4:00pm	Muskham Art Group Annual Exhibition	South Muskham Village Hall
Mon 14th		Silver Bins	
Wed 16th	7:30pm	Gardening club :- Talk by Phil Porter from Whisby Na- ture Park.	Community Centre
Thu 17th	7:00pm	Parish council Meeting	Village Hall
Sat 19th	7:00pm For 7:30pm start	Harvest Supper	Community Centre
Mon 21st		Green & Brown Bins	
Mon 28th		Silver Bins	

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Mon 4th	12:30pm	Lunch Club	Community Centre
Mon 4th		Green & Brown Bins	
Mon 11th		Silver Bins	

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