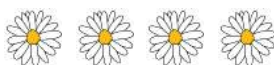


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Hiya!

My name is Lizzie Wakefield and I will be your new Focal Point Editor (of course with my mum's help).

But before anything else, I would like to thank Marcia Parkin for doing such a brilliant job at keeping the Focal Point up and running when the Focal Point were looking for a permanent editor. Whilst I am very excited to begin this new chapter, I will very much miss reading her editions.

Just a few things about myself (I don't want to bore you), I'm a bit of a crazy teenager who grew up in Australia for 9 years. I love to crochet, garden, run, watch Doctor Who and relax with my family and adopted cat. I forget to mention that she has one eye—funky, right? Anyway I would love to know if you have any quirky pets or hobbies as I live in Newark (but only a few steps out of Winthorpe). So if you see me in the village I would love to have a chat.

And as I am new to being editor, feel free to let me know what's going on in the villages as I would love to know (also it will be great for the calendar).

As Spring is almost here, all you gardeners are probably starting to sow or even plant some of your seed / seedlings. Meanwhile, I am still a rookie to gardening but always love to test DIYs I see on the Internet, so why not try some of them and... grow an **AVACADO TREE**.

⇒ 6 months in and I have just put it in soil and it is flourishing. Let me know what your growing this year and please share your tips and techniques with one another or even with myself next time you see me around.

that's me

NOTICES

There's also the **ONLINE** version, (just in case your paper copy falls down the sideboard or the fridge magnet gives way or even if you live further a field). It will **ALWAYS** be on the village website: (<https://www.winthorpe.org.uk>) - go on, check it out!



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DEADLINE

FOR APRIL EDITION
MARCH 18th 2020

LUNCH CLUB

The **April** Lunch club will be held at 12.30pm on **Monday, April 6th, 2020** in the Community Centre.

The menu will be:



Roast Loin of Pork
with Apple Sauce and Stuffing

OR

Jacket Potato
with Prawns and Tuna



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Lemon Mascarpone Cheesecake
with cream




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Tea or coffee



£8, including a glass of wine.

Contact **Tish Applewhite (01636 643763)** if you need to reserve your place and give your choice of menu.



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NEWARK FOODBANK

The Foodbank is very busy helping those in need in the Newark area. For too many people the cost of winter heating is a great burden and means there is a constant need to juggle income and expenditure. The Foodbank does its best to help out with food to those in need, leaving, hopefully this weather, a little more income to pay energy bills.

So please give as generously as you can to the Foodbank. Food and other much needed items can be left at any of the collection points in Winthorpe listed below:

The village hall porch – open for donations Tuesday 7-9pm., Wednesday 10am-2.30pm., Thursday 10am-noon and 1.30pm-3.30pm., Friday 9.15am-12.15pm., and 1.30-3.30pm. Also the first Saturday of the month 10am-12 noon.

The church porch, when the church is open for a service or any Thursday afternoon between 2 and 4pm.

The black swing bin at the side of my front door – 11 Gainsborough Road, any time at all.

Thank you for your support. The total of Winthorpe's donations for November and December was 69.5kg. That's great. Please continue to donate. It makes a difference.

Jane White



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Food

- Instant Mashed Potato
- Sugar (500g size preferred)

- Washing Up Liquid
- Toilet Rolls
- Deodorant

Additional Items

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes

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)
- Long Life Milk
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Meat – serve cold or serve hot
- Tinned Potatoes
- Pasta Sauce
- Packets of Rice (dried)
- All Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned Hot Dogs or Meat Balls
- Tinned Sweetcorn
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Tinned Fish
- Vegetarian Alternatives – Tinned Vegetable Curry etc.
- Tinned Carrots
- Tinned/Packet Soup
- Tinned/Cartron Custard
- Tinned Rice Pudding

- Jam
- Tinned Fruit
- Sponge Puddings (Tinned or Microwaveable)
- Tea Bags – 40's or 80's NOT 240/260/280's please
- Cereal Bars
- Chocolate / Sweets
- Biscuits (eg: digestive/custard cream/ginger nut)
- Christmas treats
- Chocolate biscuits

Additional Items

- Laundry liquid/tablets
- Liquid Hand Soap
- Deodorant
- Shower Gel
- Hand Wash Gel
- Shampoo

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 MARCH

Sunday 8th	Welbeck Estate/ Creswell Craggs	7.5 miles
Wednesday 18th	Southwell	5 miles
Sunday 22nd	Location and mileage not available at time of going to press	



NEW WALKERS ALWAYS WELCOME .

(Some of our Sunday walks have shorter options)
Come along and join this friendly group .



If you would like to join us on any of these walks please contact **NINA WARD** on collinghamramblersnottswalks@gmail.com for more information and specific walk details .

We provide an excellent variety of walks in Nottinghamshire and adjacent counties .Walkers should provide snacks , drinks and packed lunches if appropriate .Suitable footwear and waterproofs are necessary .

COACHING AT NEWARK TENNIS CLUB IN 2020

Newark Tennis Club offers high quality tennis coaching with a level 3 LTA coach for all abilities and all ages

Whether you are a beginner or want to improve your game come along to Newark Tennis Club on London Road (to the rear of the old Lilley and Stone School) on Saturday mornings.

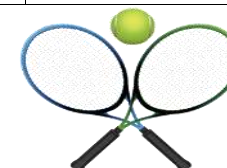
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9:00am	Secondary Age Pupils	£4/hour
10:00 am	Primary Age Pupils	£4/hour
11:00am	Adults	£5/hour

Contact the coach Jon Penney for further information .

07941 449351 or jontennis@hotmail.co.uk

NINA WARD on ninajward@live.co.uk





WINTHORPE W.I.



“Our meeting on 13th February was all about recycling. Lesley our presenter said she is one of a few people paid to talk about Rubbish.

We had a very interesting, fun and an eye opening discussion. Lesley who gave the talk asked that we all please try and rinse out tin cans, yogurt pots, milk bottles (removing the bottle top) as this causes contamination.

Our next event on 12th March is our Annual Meeting where we will review the past year accompanied by a glass of wine and nibbles. There will also be a sale table.

In April we will celebrate our birthday. Hostesses for March are Sheila Palmer and Kate Warren. An extra raffle prize will be donated by Rose Dickinson.”

Virginia R. Seager

President.

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RSPB Langford Lowfields – February News 2020



Important Information



The bridge between the Cottage

Lane car park and the reserve entrance needs some repairs and this means that from 1-15 June 2020 the bridge will be closed. At this stage it is unlikely that there will be any access to the reserve for either dog walkers or those visiting the RSPB reserve. Please check our website for further information if you plan to visit at the start of June to avoid disappointment.

We have had sightings of a bittern and two marsh harriers in the last month, the 2 smew on Phase 3 have been here for a while now (view from the perimeter public footpath only) and two waxwings were reported on the 24th January. There are still very good numbers of wildfowl, favouring the main lake area and Phase 3 including 25 golden-eye and 26 shelducks, both site records.

Other sightings this month at Langford have included:

- Grey wagtail
- Little egret
- Green sandpiper
- Sparrowhawk
- Great spotted woodpecker
- Jay
- Bullfinch



Grey Wagtail (© Roger Bennett)

The volunteers have been busy thinning sycamores in the woodland, taking out most of the small saplings and felling some larger trees too – this is to create glades to let more light in to encourage growth of the shrub layer and ground flora. We are also trying to turn it back to a more native woodland, favouring oak as the main canopy species. We have planted some field maple, hazel and holly too, to add some diversity to the woodland.

In the last newsletter we gave the date of Sat 4 July for the Butterfly and Wildflower Guided Walk. This date is liable to change as the wildflower expert is unavailable now on this date. We will publish the new date as soon as possible – watch this space!



Upcoming events at Langford in 2020 are:

Date	Time	Event
Sunday 17 May 2020	7-10am	Breeding Bird Guided Walk
Saturday 4 July 2020	TBA	Butterfly and Wildflower Guided Walk
Saturday 12 December 2020	TBA	Winter Wonderland Guided Walk
Cost:	Adult Member	£8.00
	Adult Non Member	£10.00
	Child Member	£4.00
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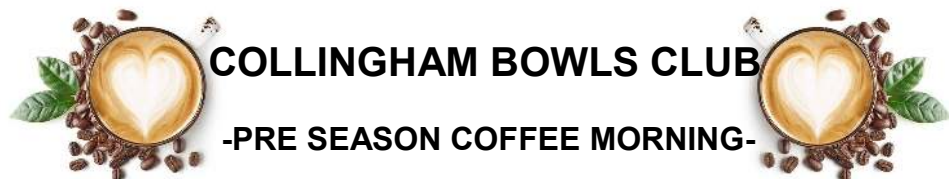
"Over and above his impish arpeggios, droll introductions and left-handed singing the thing that fascinates me about Mr. Ingham is his erudition"
JAZZ JOURNAL

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COLLINGHAM BOWLS CLUB

-PRE SEASON COFFEE MORNING-

If you are interested in playing bowls during the summer come along to this coffee morning to chat to our members about this local club and its various activities . Opportunities to play in local leagues, friendlies, competitions and social bowling . Coaching also available .

**SATURDAY MARCH 14th 2020 . 10am - 12 noon .
COLLINGHAM MEMORIAL HALL .**

**The club caters for all abilities from beginners to experienced players .
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**For further information contact
Nina Ward:**

ninajward@live.co.uk



WHIST DRIVES



Whist drives are held at Newark Indoor Bowls Club on the 5th and 19th Thursday of March, starting at 7pm. Cost is £2.50. There is a licensed bar and everyone is welcome.

Look out for next month's edition for the following dates

For more information tel: [01636 640202](tel:01636640202).

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council held its monthly Council meeting in the village hall on Thursday 20th February 2020.

The Chairman introduced 2 guests, Mr Miles Harriman who has taken over the Chair of the Allotment Association and Mrs Fiona Jones, Chair of Governors at Winthorpe Primary School.

Mrs Jones updated the Parish Council on the moves being taken by the school to form an Academy which was felt would be beneficial for the school in the long term.

The Council also discussed, at length, the development of a "Neighbourhood Plan" for the village. The aim of the plan is to set planning-related priorities and objectives for the village.

This is at an early stage but if anyone in the village would like to be part of this or requires any further details, please contact me.

The Council has submitted its annual precept to N.S.D.C. and for the 5th year running has concluded that it has enough reserves in place and has therefore not requested an increase in the precept for 2020-2021.

Councillor Dales gave an update on the planning application submitted by Lincoln Proteins to erect an animal-by-products processing facility at Villa Farm, Norton Disney and advised the Council that the application has been rejected.

Nottinghamshire County Council now have a mobile phone app called "MyNotts". This is available for residents to download and gives updates on such things as school closures, highway issues, waste recycling, etc.

As always, please contact me if you need to raise any issues at parishclerkatwinthorpe@outlook.com.

Mrs Sally Sillery – Parish Clerk





THE LORD NELSON

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Hello Folks

We hope you are all drying out after a very soggy February. With spring around the corner we are starting to look forward to longer days and lighter nights meaning we can get back in the garden.

This months events are:

Tuesday 3rd March	Pub quiz and pasta
Tuesday 17th March	Open mic night
Sunday 22nd March	Mothers Day

If you are wishing to join us for mothers day please let us know as soon as possible as tables are being snapped up quickly.

Looking further forward the key dates for your diary for the summer are:

Monday 25th May	Annual duck race
Friday 19th and Saturday 20th June	4th Annual Winfest

We would love to hear what events you would like us to host, whether that is the return of bingo and bangers, more live music or something completely different. Feel free to get in touch with us.

Thank you for your continued support Em, Oli, Martyn and Dave



100 CLUB - February Winners -



1st	£46.20	Fiona Wright
2nd	£23.10	Harold Mabbott
3rd	£7.70	Julie Cole

Congratulations to our winners in March! The club currently has 77 members and by donating just £2 per month, you could also be a winner whilst supporting your local community centre.

For further details and an application form see the Winthorpe Community Centre webpage or contact Duncan Richardson on 01636 651605 or duncrichardson@sky.com

Winthorpe Allotment - has spare plots available.



Want the comfort in knowing exactly how your food is produced? Thought about growing fruit and vegetables yourself, but lacked the green fingers? Then this is your opportunity to join, close to 40 people, who make up the Winthorpe Allotment Society. **We have spare plots available in the allotment right now.** Located on the edge of the village, the allotment is within easy walking distance for all residents.

For less than 50 pence per week, an allotment plot is available for you (£25 per year annual fee).

Why not come join us, there is a wealth of knowledge, and the occasional spare tomato or courgette plant being exchanged between members. Get out in the fresh air, and join the friendly atmosphere of supportive allotmenters! Just think of it, fresh fruits and vegetables direct from the plant to plate within minutes. Contact us for a tour of the allotment.

Don't delay, for more details please contact
Miles miles.harriman@hotmail.com
or Sue soogoodman@gmail.com M: 07443 991471



THE COMING OF SPRING



The snowdrop told the primrose
The violet overheard
And told it to a daffodil
Who whispered it to a bird

The bird sang to the mountains
'Twas echoed to the trees
They sighed, and told the river
Who murmured to the breeze

The sunshine heard the tidings
And smiled, and told the rain
All nature knew the secret
That Spring had come again.



As the 20th of March is considered the first day of spring, Pat Finn has kindly given us all our first Spring poem of 2020! It is called The Garden and was found in a 1936 magazine. Thank you Pat! Have a blossoming Spring and please keep sending your lovely articles in ... Lizzie



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GIVE MARCH 2020 REFLECTIONS GIVE

Dear Friends,

Well last month I cheerfully wrote about how we sometimes hit full stops in our lives, little knowing that before everyone got to read that reflection, we would hit a big full stop at the Rectory! It was on January 6th when I was well preoccupied with writing my sermon for the following Sunday that our electricity went off. One electrician's visit and a phone call to Western Power meant that by 9:30pm that evening a noisy generator was set up and the computer and sermon were saved.

However, the full stop spread beyond our house because the next day a trench was dug in the pavement and temporary traffic lights were set up (yes, that was all for us!), so thank you for your patience when it took even longer to drive through Collingham.

How could that full stop be turned into a comma and made into a good pause before carrying on to something newer?

Well I did wonder if God was teaching me patience and humility which I didn't really want to learn about at the start of the year. I did stop and think about how much I rely on electrical gadgets because it took about three weeks to get everything working again. I was overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of friends and neighbours across the villages who did our washing for us (we had more offers than dirty washing!) and even offered to bring a spare washing machine). I was very impressed by Western Power engineers and electricians who worked long and hard to connect us back to mains power and then repaired or replaced broken gadgets. I was on the receiving end of a lot of good will, care and practical help and that full stop reminded me again that actions speak louder than words and we all need each other.

There's a letter in the Bible which puts it like this: dear friends, do you think you'll get anywhere in this if you learn all the right words but never do anything? Does merely talking about faith indicate that a person really has it? For instance, if you come upon an old friend dressed in rags and half starved and say, Good morning friend. Be clothed in Christ! Be filled with the Holy Spirit! And walk off without providing so much as a coat or a cup of soup where does that get you? Isn't it obvious that God talk without God acts is outrageous nonsense!*

So, let's hope I've learnt my lesson, thank you to everyone who helped us and let's all look out for each other, give and accept help when it's needed and remember to say thank you.

God bless you all.

Revd Mandy.



*From the letter of James in the New Testament, chapter 2 verses 14 to 17 and taken from a lively version of the Bible: "The Message" by Eugene Peterson.



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CHURCH NOTICES

I am writing these Notes after the horrendous Storm Ciara passed through the village leaving a trail of destruction behind. Having trees around my house meant there was some protection from the hale but many others in the village sadly did not get the same service from their trees!!

As we move into Lent the Group hosts many more services. The Stations of the Cross and Compline services begin on Wednesdays at St John the Baptist in Collingham at 7:30p.m. At Winthorpe we host our usual Holy Communion and Morning Worship services but on Mothering Sunday (March 22nd), there will be no Evening Prayer at 6p.m as there is a special Farewell Service for Bishop Tony Porter at Southwell Minster at 3:30p.m. If any villager would like to go I am very happy to drive them.

An update on the Boiler Replacement; we had our Asbestos search completed last week with the great news that no asbestos was found anywhere in the areas where work is to be carried out. We are therefore now hopeful that work will start this month with (fingers crossed), completion sometime in April.

We remember in our prayers any village person who is ill, hospitalised or facing a bereavement at this time.

Tish Applewhite, Churchwarden (643763)



Church Services for March 2020



Sunday 1st (1st of Lent)	9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Holme
Wednesday 4th	7.30p.m.	Stations of the Cross and Compline	Collingham St J the B
Sunday 8th (2 nd of Lent)	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Winthorpe
Wednesday 11th	7.30p.m.	Stations of the Cross and Compline	Collingham St.J the B.
Sunday 15th (3rd of Lent)	9.00a.m. 10.15 a.m.	Holy Communion Morning Worship	Langford Winthorpe
Wednesday 18th	7.30p.m.	Stations of the Cross and Compline	Collingham St J the B.
Sunday 22nd (Mothering Sunday)	Evening Prayer CANCELLED 3.30p.m	Farewell Service for Bishop Tony	Winthorpe Southwell Minster
Wednesday 25th	7.30p.m.	Stations of the Cross and Compline	Collingham St J the B.

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

Early Notice *****Church Flower Ladies*****

The church will be open at **3:20p.m.**(after the Final Hour at the Cross Service) on **Good Friday (April 10th)** to receive your Easter flower displays please and will be open again on **Monday April 20th** at **2p.m** to sadly clear away all your beautiful hard work!

Church Cleaners – Hopefully when the Boiler work is completed we could all gather to clean the church together in readiness for the Easter Services - I will be in touch!



Please let me know about any events happening in the three villages, I would love to put them in the calendar

Mon 2nd	12:30pm	Lunch Club *	Community Centre
Mon 2nd		Silver Bin	
Thu 5th	7:00pm	Whist Drives £2.50	Newark Indoor Bowls Club
Mon 9th		Green & Brown Bin	
Thurs 12th		W.I Meeting	
Sat 14th	10:00am	Collingham Bowls Club - Pre Season Coffee Morning	Collingham Memorial Hall
Mon 16th		Silver Bin	
Wed 18th	7:30pm	Gardening Club Thatching — David	Community Centre
Thu 19th	7:00pm	Whist Drives—£2.50	Newark Indoor Bowls Club
Thu 19th	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Sun 22nd		Mother's Day!	
Mon 23rd		Green & Brown Bin	
Mon 30th		Silver Bin	

NB BIN COLLECTIONS IN HOLME VILLAGE ON FRIDAYS

Village organisations and local bodies – if at any time you would like to get in touch with a village contact, why not try the village website

www.winthorpe.org.uk