

FOCAL POINT

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May 2020 Edition



Hiya!

I hope you all had a lovely Easter or a great 2 weeks of sunny/ spring time weather (if you don't celebrate Easter). I am pleased to say I successfully made that Easter Simnel Loaf from the recipe in last month's edition - but I did cheat, as I took out the marzipan. Did you try it out? Let me know if you did and send me a photo. If you didn't well despite Easter being over, it's still cake!

I have also maintained exercising regularly outdoors and indoors by going running through the village. I just love Winthorpe village - everyone that I see are so friendly. Sorry I did not go through Holme or Langford otherwise that would end up being a very long run. Many faces have now become familiar to me, even a cute puppy called Wigsley (named after the village). Unfortunately, I couldn't give him a pat but when social distancing restrictions are lifted, I will be waiting to say 'Hi' again.

It is absolutely brilliant to see how strong these three villages are in these tough times. You all clearly express your gratitude towards one another and that is so beautiful to witness.

In relevance of communal effort, over the last month or so I have been coming up with new designs for the front cover to replace the current one. However, it just wouldn't be the same without your input. Mr Warriner has already sent me two brilliant designs - but I would love to get some more from other villagers as well, so I can have a diverse range of ideas. Please have a further read through the magazine to get some more information.

NOTICES

!REMEMBER!

Keep an eye on the Winthorpe Village website to stay updated with the latest news going on with the magazine at <https://www.winthorpe.org.uk/>

Also don't forget to drop in any exciting things you have done over the last month e.g: poems, suggestions, DIY projects etc.



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VILLAGERS' APPRECIATIONS



I understand many of you will want to express your gratitude to those working around the clock or even create just a small little space in the village magazine to come together and show one another's support. So from now on (until we have confidently passed this crisis) this double page will be dedicated to all of you. Please contact me with messages you would like to published here. - Lizzie xxx

A number of us have known for some time just how enthusiastic Emilie, Dave, Oli and the staff of the Nelson are in supporting our village, but now I suspect a lot more of you are starting to realise this too.

In these difficult times they are now providing our grocery requirements as well as lovely takeaway meals. They are doing a wonderful job.

Whilst they are supporting us during this time of social distancing it is very important that we continue giving them our support. They also deserve it in the future as well when hopefully we all come through this crisis and get back to some sort of normality, whatever that might look like.

Duncan Richardson, a Nelson regular.

Honestly, I love it when villagers ring up to either have a chat, give a quote for the month and give a few words to put in this page. And... don't worry, I don't normally have such a high-pitched, squeaky voice (that's just my excitement taking over control). But anyway, I received a lovely call from Pat and John Nelson whom wanted to add their bit to this page:

On behalf of all villagers, Pat and John Nelson would like to greatly thank the WI, the Lord Nelson and all of those who have given their time and energy to help those in the villages.



What to do during SOCIAL DISTANCING or SELF-ISOLATING?



Without a doubt, all clubs have been cancelled and with lockdown extended you may find yourself with some spare time. Hopefully, some of last month's generic tips have helped you or stay motivated when keeping yourself occupied. I have personally found this spare time whilst isolating non-existent as I always have 101 things to do on my to-do list. However, I still have tried to incorporate nearly all of last month's suggested activities.

The quote for this month was kindly sent by Elaine (please do forgive me if I have got your name wrong) with a brilliant meaning behind it:



**This quote is by
Ralph Waldo
Emmerson and
means the flowers
are laughing at
people for
believing we own
the land.**



**I really like this
quote as it
reminds us all to
appreciate and
respect the world
we live, even for
the little things.**

I NEED YOUR HELP! Let's get MORE QUOTES coming in this month and I can then put a diverse range of quotes for June's edition. Will yours be in there?

And... last but not least, feel free to send me a recipe, a message, an activity or just anything that I could put in the Focal Point's next edition. I would love for some you to make articles of life in quarantine as well.



NEWARK FOODBANK



Covid-19 has had a massive effect on all our lives, and as is often the case, the people with least in the first place, take the biggest hit. I am sure nobody will be surprised that Newark Foodbank, along with all Foodbanks in the country, is working flat out to try and meet the increased demand on its supplies. The many people who were in any event just making ends meet now find that, quite suddenly, they have had a big drop in income, but still have utility bills, rent and food to buy.

A very big thank you to all the Winthorpe people who faithfully donate food or toiletries, but may I please ask all of us to think seriously of buying an extra item or so when out shopping, for donation to the foodbank.

At the moment, the most practical point to donate items is the black swing bin at the side of my front door – 11 Gainsborough Road - any time at all. As no groups are meeting at the village hall, it is not open, and therefore there is no access to the Foodbank donation bin in the village hall porch. The same applies to the church, which is also not open.

Thank you everyone who gives much needed items, and thank you also to the two Winthorpe residents who recently made cash donations to the Foodbank. If anyone else would like to make a payment to the Foodbank, instructions on how to do this are on Newark Foodbank's website.
Jane White



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- Instant Mashed Potato
- Tinned Meat – serve cold
- Sponge Puddings (Tinned or Microwaveable)
- Sugar (500g)

Additional Items

- Liquid Hand Soap

Please do not donate FRESH food items.
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inside its use-by date. We cannot
distribute out of date food.

Always needed

Food

- Breakfast Cereal
- Long Life Milk
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Meat – serve cold or serve hot
- Tinned Potatoes
- Instant Pasta Packet Meals
- 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/Carton Custard
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Jam

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

Additional Items

- Laundry liquid/tablets
- Washing Up Liquid
- Deodorant
- Shower Gel
- Hand Wash Gel
- Shampoo
- Toilet Rolls
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes

Items of which we have a plentiful supply:

- Baked Beans
- Coffee
- Pasta
- Tinned/Packet Soup

- 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. See our website for a complete list.



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

COLLINGHAM RAMBLERS WALKS

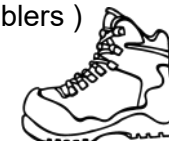
FOR MAY

All Ramblers led walks are now cancelled for the time being .We look forward to meeting up again with our members and as always would welcome new walkers once this national crisis is over.



Nina Ward (walks co-ordinator for Collingham ramblers)

CANCELLED



COLLINGHAM BOWLS CLUB

All organised activities including friendlies , social bowling , matches ,open / closed competitions and have a go sessions are now cancelled .In the meantime our green is being kept in tip top condition ready for a resumption of bowling hopefully later in the summer season .

Nina Ward



CANCELLED



COACHING AT NEWARK TENNIS CLUB

- IN 2020 -

All tennis coaching sessions for both juniors and adults have now been cancelled . We hope that they will be able to resume again in the not too distant future . We will keep you informed.

Nina Ward (coaching co-ordinator Newark Tennis Club)



CANCELLED





WINTHORPE W.I.

- MAY'S REPORT -



We are sat in the garden enjoying the lovely weather whilst watching and listening to the birds. On our walks round the village we meet people, at a safe distance, whilst admiring the blossom, lambs and seeing the trees come into leaf. I hope many of you are also enjoying this wonderful time of year. Hopefully the farmers are able to plough the fields in readiness for sowing crops.

During this lock-down, we lost one of our special members, Betty Moran. Quite a few of us were able to pay our respects by standing at a safe distance. Our thoughts are with Liz and her family at this difficult time.



All of us are grateful to the staff at The Lord Nelson who have a pop-up shop and are providing Sunday lunches, together with a weekly take-away menu. Brilliant idea.

Oh well back to the jobs I have been putting off. To all of you in Holme, Langford and Winthorpe, stay well and keep safe.

Virginia R. Seager
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WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL



The Parish Council held its monthly Council meeting and quarterly Finance meeting on Thursday 16th April 2020.

Due to the constraints from the Coronavirus, the meeting was held remotely using the powers of modern technology and the internet from the comfort of each members home.

The finance meeting reported that a year end audit of the accounts has been undertaken and all was found to be in order. The clerk advised that she has applied for the VAT elements of the accounts to be reimbursed by HMRC up to the end of February 2020.

The new notice board on Gainsborough Road has now been installed and is available for use by all residents in Winthorpe.

Doug Lyne has removed the nettles and undergrowth from around the rear boundary wall to the Community Centre playing field. This should reduce the number of rabbits burrowing into the ground around the play park which was causing a tripping hazard to anyone using the facility.

Work is ongoing on a neighbourhood plan for the village with Councillor Dales providing advice and support on this. Further details will be provided in Focal Point later this year.

Councillor Dales has also provided details of anyone needing support during the current times. These have been put on the village website under the Media/News section as has any other information that may assist residents.

Please look after yourselves and you families and, as always, please contact me if you need to raise any issues at:

parishclerkatwinthorpe@outlook.com.

Mrs Sally Sillery – Parish Clerk





Marie Curie House to House Collection



A big thank you to the friends and neighbours of Gainsborough Road who gave so generously to this appeal. The corona virus "lock-down" prevented me from collecting some of the envelopes but a total of £143.45 was raised. Many thanks once again.

Diane McClymont



Summer Festival 2020

I realise many of you already know, that in view of the present situation, in which we all find ourselves, this year's festival is cancelled! Let's look forward to June 2021.

In the meantime, be well and keep safe.

Sue Mashedier.

Festival Committee.



CALLING ALL VILLAGERS!

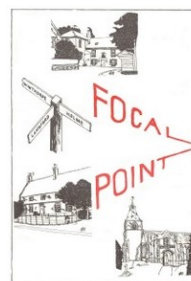


A NEW FOCAL POINT FRONT COVER!

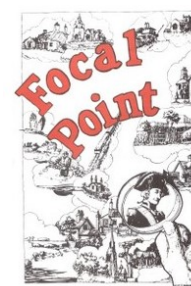
As your new Focal Point editor, it has been brought to my attention by many villagers that the Focal Point may need a new, fresh look. So... I am announcing that the Focal Point will be changing its Front Cover!

Although, I have a few drafts made, it just doesn't feel right not getting as many of you involved as I possibly could. Let's make this a communal effort and come up with as many as possible ideas and designs. The dead line for sending your ideas and designs is **20th of May**. I look forward to get your emails with designs and suggestions of things to include - so good luck! Oh, and in the June edition I will be announcing whose ideas or part of their designs will be featured in the final cover design. Of course I will give your well respected credit for your hard-work.

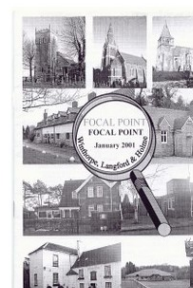
I have left previous Focal Point cover pages down below, to give you a bit of background knowledge about our current and past front pages. You can also go on the village website and have a look at the 'History of the Focal Point' page.



Jonathan Spurr and Keith Fenwick - 1980



Peter Milroy.
Editor May 1993 - December 2000.



Cliff Newbold.
Editor January 2001

Make the most of the spare time we all have and get cracking with some creative designs - I know many of you are very artistic but if not, you can still join in and give some verbal or written suggestions.



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Hi Folks

We hope everyone is safe and well during the lockdown and the sunshine is making it slightly more bearable.

The pop up shop continues to run in the snug, although we have revised the opening hours. Don't forget if you are self isolating please feel free to ask us to deliver. Some of our suppliers have reduced the number of delivery days if there is anything specific you need please let us know and we will order it for you so that it is available on the day required.

If a small tipple helps to brighten up these long days we are aiming to continue to have a cask ale and a lager available on draft for you to collect in your own takeaway containers (Milk cartons are popular choices). The fabulous Ann et Vin is now out and about delivering so we will be replenishing our wine stocks or if you would like a bigger order we have Ann's lockdown wine lists here in the shop. Finally we have started to get in bottles of lager and ale as is often required on these beautiful days.

Tuesday - Saturday 9:30am - 1pm

Sunday 9:30am - 2pm

4pm - 7pm

Takeaways continue to run Tuesday to Sunday with our weekly changing menu. If you wish to join our mailing list please email

thelordnelsonwinthorpe@gmail.com

Thank you for all your continued support through these slightly challenging times

Emilie, Martyn, Dave and Oli.



100 CLUB

- April Winners -



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| 1st | £46.20 | Doug Burton |
| 2nd | £23.10 | Anne Coote |
| 3rd | £7.70 | Kate Cooper |

Congratulations to our April winners and many thanks to all villagers for your continued support. You can join in the draw by contributing £2 per month, information is available from:

Duncan Richardson on duncrichardson@sky.com



The family of Betty Moran of The Spinney wish to extend their very warm thanks to residents of the village and members of the WI for their recent love and support after her passing. We were incredibly moved to see so many people who came out to pay their respects as the hearse left the village for the funeral. In a time of social distancing, it was heartening to see that this wonderful community will always find a way to reach out. Our gratitude also goes to Rev Mandy for her help in such unprecedented circumstances. We hope to bring Betty's friends and loved ones together at a later date this year to celebrate her life.



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MAY'S RECIPE

For this month I wanted to choose a recipe that really shows off May and its glorious springtime weather by including RHUBARB and ELDERFLOWER



RHUBARB & ELDERFLOWER CAKE -

so light and fluffy that it clearly reminds you that it is Spring - from BBC Good Food.

METHOD: Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Grease two 20cm round cake tins

Add the rhubarb, sugar, lemon juice, zest and cordial to a baking tray. Roast for 25 mins. Remove from the oven and reduce the temperature to 190C/170C fan/gas 5. Strain the rhubarb, reserving the syrup.

Blitz almonds. Cream butter for 2 mins and add sugar and lemon zest. Whisk for 5 mins until light and fluffy. Add the eggs, egg white, vanilla extract and cordial and mix together. Combine the flour, almonds, baking powder, bicarbonate of soda and a pinch of salt in a bowl. Spoon in the flour and almond mixture in four batches, alternating with spoonfuls of the yogurt, and finishing with a batch of the flour and almond mixture into the butter mixture. Mix until just combined, then add half the roasted rhubarb and 1 tbsp of its syrup to the batter and fold it in. Divide the batter evenly between the cake tins and bake in the oven for 25-30 mins. Let cakes cool on a wire rack.

For the filling, whip the cream to soft peaks in a bowl and fold in three-quarters of the remaining roasted rhubarb, along with the elderflower cordial and yogurt. Put one of the cakes flat-side down on a cake stand or plate, brush the cake with a little elderflower cordial. Spoon on half the cream mixture, top with the other cake, and brush that cake with cordial, too. Spoon over the remaining cream mixture, top with the remaining rhubarb and spoon over some of the poaching syrup. Garnish with elderflowers or seasonal flowers.

115g unsalted butter, at room temperature, plus extra for the tins

95g whole, skin-on almonds (or use blanched or ground almonds)

200g golden caster sugar

1 lemon, zested

3 eggs, 2 whole and 1 white only

1 tsp vanilla extract

1 tbsp elderflower cordial, plus extra for brushing

100g plain flour

1 tsp baking powder

½ tsp bicarbonate of soda

130g full-fat natural yogurt

elderflowers, rinsed and patted dry, to garnish (or rose, lilac, geranium or peony petals)

For the elderflower cream

300ml double cream

2 tbsp elderflower cordial

100g full-fat natural yogurt

For the roasted rhubarb

400g trimmed rhubarb, cut into 4-5cm slices

110g caster sugar

½ lemon, zested and juiced

2 tbsp elderflower cordial

MAY 2020 REFLECTIONS



Dear Friends,

Well looking back at last month's Focal Point, it seems I spoke too soon! We were not able to observe Good Friday and celebrate Easter Day together in the village hall after all, because COVID-19 accelerated and we all found ourselves in isolation. I hope that we all managed to enjoy a hot cross bun and some Easter chocolate anyway – we certainly did at the Rectory.

Of course, they're not the only parts of Easter which we can still enjoy while we stay at home. There are signs of new life all around us this month; the view from my window gets greener and more lush every day. As the earth breaks forth into blossom, it reminds us of the new life of resurrection, so let's enjoy remembering that death could not hold onto Jesus and a massive boulder could not hold him inside a tomb. Why couldn't death hold Jesus down? I believe it's because Jesus was all love and love can never die.

Love cannot be overcome by virus or lockdown and another thing which we can enjoy while we stay at home is the many signs of love which are all around us. In our community there has been a huge outpouring of love and care for neighbours and strangers. Volunteers have organised themselves well and are working to make sure that everyone has what they need by helping with shopping and other errands and by making phone calls to keep in touch.

True love never stays away from fear or sadness, so let's enjoy another Easter truth; on that first Easter, when Jesus' disciples were afraid, sad and hiding behind locked doors, Jesus came to them and said *Peace be with you* and *Don't be afraid*.

So, at this time, the like of which none of us can remember before, let's remember that love can never die, let's remember to ask for help when we need it and to offer it when we can, let's remember to pray for the sick, the dying and the bereaved and so let's celebrate the new life of Easter in every way we can.

Don't forget that I'm only a phone call away, if you want to speak to me.

God bless you all





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CHURCH NOTICES

Last month we sadly had to say goodbye to two Spinney residents. Firstly, Betty Moran who in previous years when able was a regular member of the congregation and then David Woodcock who only 6 months ago was looking after church so well as we used the Village Hall for Services. We miss them both from the village and give our heartfelt sympathies to both their families at this very sad time. Even though we cannot attend funerals, by lining Gainsborough Rd as the hearse passes is one nice way we can show our respects.

Although like most places churches are shut to the public this has not meant a quiet time for Reverend Mandy. She has been so busy over the Easter period learning lots of new technological skills as she records videos of Services and Daily Reflections. These have been very well received by the East Trent Group and it is hoped they can continue for as long as is necessary.

Links to Mandy's work are shown on the page opposite.

The Winthorpe Support Group set up last month has been quietly going about the task of delivering shopping and other items to anyone in the village who asks. We now have regular grocery contributions from several supermarkets for Winthorpe which we are storing in The Pantry in Collingham. **Please read the poster enclosed earlier in Focal Point if you are in any way struggling to buy goods.**

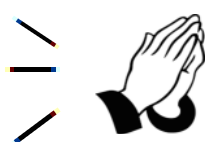
I will finish by thanking everyone who has so generously donated money after my last begging letter! With no Services taking place we have no collections to swell the coffers. Thank you, yet again, for thinking about us.

As we move hopefully, towards the peak of the Covid 19 outbreak we are thinking in our prayers about any villager affected by this terrible virus.

Tish Applewhite (Churchwarden) 643763



Church Services for MAY 2020



If anyone would like to access Mandy's Services and Reflections they can be found on:

the ETG website at: www.easttrentchurches.org.uk

and also on:

Revd. Mandy's You Tube channel : www.youtube.com/channel/UCyOrOizzizP-8lI74FHxk

Alternatively, if you email me at tishapplewhite@msn.com I can forward the production on to you.



The May Lunch Club will sadly not be held at **12.30p.m.** on **Monday, May 4th 2020** at the Community Centre. Fingers crossed that something might be allowed in June or July??? Stay safe everyone and maybe enjoy some 'Takeaways' from the **Lord Nelson?**

(There are other pubs available but this is **ours!!**)



MAY CALENDAR 2020

As many events are cancelled feel free to send me some poems, recipes, activities etc. that I can put in June's edition so we can all try it out

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| Mon 4th | 12:30pm | Lunch Club | CANCELLED |
| Mon 4th | | Green & Brown Bin | |
| Fri 8th | | May Day! You could even create your own May Pole in your garden. Visit http://ohhappyday.com/2014/04/maypole-diy/ | |
| Mon 11th | | Silver Bin | |
| Mon 18th | | Green & Brown Bin | |
| Wed 20th | 7:30pm | Gardening Club People, Plants, Passion and Pleasure | CANCELLED |
| Thur 21st | 7:00pm | Parish Council Meeting | Village Hall |
| Mon 25th | | Silver Bin | |

Please do continue your support towards the Post Office every Thursday morning in the Community Centre

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