

FOCAL POINT

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Hiya!

I hope you all had a brilliant VE day—I certainly did. Whether you celebrated with a barbeque, a glass of lemonade or even just a cheer, it was great to see the village light up with joy.

As many of you may find, lockdown (in a way) encourages us to take up some new skills or even do things we never thought of doing in our house. With that said, my family and I recreated a Come and Dine with Me episode! I could not have asked for anything better as we carried out the full episode with all the little details... We made sure all four of us made a three course meal, then rated it at the end and of course made sure to press the doorbell

to start our evening off. If you have done any different things over this lockdown—let me know! But, if you have not tried something a bit out of routine, why not? Honestly, use this time to try new things you have not done before.

In particular, this edition is all about family. Family can branch out to nearly anything such as: pets are of course family and you might even think of your neighbour as part of your family. So, thank you to all of those who have sent in articles about your family because during these times, family means everything.

And just to finalise my thankfulness, I would like to HUGELY thank everyone who helps with the Focal Point in anyway shape or form—because it really helps.

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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FAMILY & VE DAY...

75th Anniversary of VE Day
- Pauline Lockwood -



My Mum was a cook in the WRAF when she met my Dad. They had 10 days leave in which to get married before he was shipped out to the Far East to fight the Japanese. It was three years before she saw him again.

Like a lot of men who fought in the Far East, my Dad never spoke about his wartime experiences, apart from the fact that he thought the Japanese to be a cruel race. I do know that he was in India, the jungles of Burma and the relief of Singapore and that he witnessed something of what went on in Changi jail, though he never went into any great detail.

When the war in Europe was declared to be over, my Mum told me that there was great celebration in the kitchen, until my Mum reminded them that there were still men fighting the Japanese and that one of them was her husband.

These men endured terrible conditions and if ever you have watched the TV series "Tenko" or seen the film "A Town Like Alice" or "A Bridge Over the River Kwai", you get a sense of what they endured.

Whilst celebrating the recent VE celebrations, several of us in Pocklington Crescent decided that we would like to hold another street party on 15th August 2020 to honour these men - forgotten soldiers who fought a forgotten war. So please put out your flags again and join us to give these men the accolade they so rightly deserve. Social distancing to be observed if required.

! 15th August 2020 !




A photo of Pauline's Dad in the Far East



A photo of Pauline's Mum & Dad on their wedding day





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VILLAGERS' APPRECIATIONS

Thank you to Andrew Parkin and Sandra Cobb who have so kindly sent in a few photos of their VE day celebrations in isolation. I love to see your photos so keep them coming...



VE DAY
75TH ANNIVERSARY
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8-10 MAY 2020

Oh and please do keep your villagers' appreciations coming in because during these uncertain times gratitude goes a long way...

We would like to add our thanks to the Lord Nelson team for their shop and takeaway meals and to Tish Applewhite for delivering tablets. They have helped so much to make life easier during the lockdown and we are very grateful.

Jean and Peter Foden

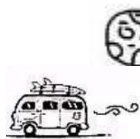


What to do during SOCIAL DISTANCING or SELF-ISOLATING?



As well as having a quote of the month, I would like to ask all of you to let me know about some activities that you have seen or have tried out during lockdown, so we can share it (and hopefully try some of them out). Simply email me or ring my mum for any suggestions to try out this summer. Stay safe and well.— Lizzie

The quote for this month was kindly sent by Andrew with a very inspiring and motivating meaning behind it:



This quote is by
Rainer Maria
Rilke. The quote
suggests that not
all things in life
will be good in
fact for the worse
but we have to
appreciate what
we have.

LET
EVERYTHING
HAPPEN TO
YOU, BEAUTY
AND TERROR.
JUST KEEP
GOING,
NO FEELING
IS FINAL.

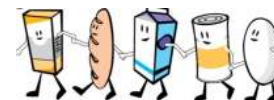
I really like this quote
as it reminds us that
not everything in life
can be controlled and
not everything will
result in one emotion.
So therefore, we must
appreciate what we
can control and
embrace what we
cannot.



Let's continue the amazing QUOTE searching and get some more coming in this month ready for July's edition. Will yours be in there?



NEWARK FOODBANK



Thanks to the continued generosity of Winthorpe residents, deliveries were made to the Foodbank warehouse on 6th April and 4th May, weighing in total **21.4kg** and **37.0kg**. I also received generous cash donations. For all of this, on behalf of the Foodbank, **thank you so much**.

The Covid-19 crisis is bad enough, but it is becoming more and more obvious that the economic damage to all our lives will be with us for a very long time, and this, coupled with ever present anxiety, will make it even harder for a large number of people to get by without help. So please carry on donating to the Foodbank, and if you have not yet done so, but have been thinking about, there will never be a better time to start.

Because the village hall and church are closed at the moment, the only place, at present, to donate is the **black swing bin at the side of my front door, 11 Gainsborough Road**. Donations can be placed in there 24 hours, 7 days a week. It is checked every day.

Thank you Winthorpe!!!!

Jane White



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Shortfall Items

Food

- Tinned Carrots
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Jam
- Sugar (500g)

Additional Items

- Shampoo
 - Nappies – size 6
- 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 Milk
- Long Life Fruit Juice (not squash)
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Meat – serve cold or serve hot
- Tinned Potatoes
- Instant Mashed Potato
- Instant Pasta Packet Meals
- Pasta Sauce
- Packets of Rice (dried)
- All Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned Hot Dogs or Meat Balls
- Tinned Sweetcorn
- Tinned Fish
- Vegetarian Alternatives – Tinned Vegetable Curry etc.
- Tinned Carrots
- Tinned/Carton Custard
- Tinned Rice Pudding

- Sponge Puddings (Tinned or Microwaveable)
- 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
- Liquid Hand Soap
- 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/>



New Trent Vale Trail a “lifesaver” for local users



The new section of the Trent Vale Trail which links Collingham and Besthorpe has been a huge hit with local users, proving to be a boon for walkers, cyclists, children in pushchairs, people in wheelchairs and runners keen to get exercise and fresh air away from traffic, especially during the current coronavirus lockdown.

“I am delighted with what has been achieved” said volunteer Andrew Hindmarsh, who looks after the Besthorpe Nature Reserve owned by the Notts Wildlife Trust. “It has enabled people of all ages and abilities to visit the reserve and appreciate its beauty and wildlife”.

“Most days we come out on this new path which for us is a lifesaver” one young mum with two young children told a volunteer. “I’ve used the opportunity to introduce my children to wildlife in the area.”

The Trent Vale Trail project is the initiative of the Friends of Trent Vale Trail, who have been working for seven years to turn the vision of a trail linking Newark with villages along the eastern side of the Trent into reality.

They have been supported by Sustrans, the Notts Wildlife Trust, Notts County Council, Tarmac, all the parish councils between Collingham and North Clifton, Newark and Sherwood District Council and lots of local businesses, organisations and residents. The project has been keenly supported throughout by County and District councillor Maureen Dobson.

Friends of Trent Vale Trail



The European Agricultural
Fund for Rural Development:
Europe investing in rural areas



After years of fundraising, a substantial grant from LEADER, the EU's rural development fund, enabled construction to begin in September 2019. Despite serious setbacks caused by the recent floods, the Friends praised local firm CF construction for doing an excellent job. The Trail was due to be officially opened at the beginning of April – but then Covid-19 struck.

"I'm really chuffed to see how the trail is being used and appreciated by so many people even though some signs and information boards still have to be put in place" commented Alan Hudson, the Chair of the Friends group and a long-standing volunteer for Sustrans.

"It's living proof of my belief that if only decent safe trails are built, people will use them for exercise, enjoyment and as an alternative to relying on motor transport for at least some journeys".

Once restrictions on movement can be lifted the Friends hope that it will attract people from the wider region to visit the area and its attractions.

More information about the Trail including a contacts page can be found at www.trentvaletrail.org/





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WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL



On Thursday 21st May 2020, the Parish Council held its Annual Parish meeting followed by the Monthly Parish Council meeting. These meetings were again held remotely due to the current Covid 19 restrictions via the powers of modern technology.

The Council unanimously voted for Lee Cammack to continue as Council Chairman with Bob Allen continuing as Vice – Chairman.

The Chairman submitted his report and thanked the whole Parish Council, its Clerk and Councillors Dobson and Dales for the valuable support given to him this year.

The Parish accounts have now been sent to external auditors, PKF Littlejohn, following the internal review and report by Duncan Richardson who found all the accounts to be in order. The Chairman expressed his thanks to Duncan for the valuable support and assistance he gives the Parish Council each year.

The Parish Council are receiving regular updates of services returning back to some sort of normality. These are put on the village website as soon as we receive them so please keep a regular look out under the "News" section on the website.

The Council have requested two new signs for the village. The first is to replace the old tired sign of "Winthorpe" upon entering the village and the second is to refurbish the "finger" sign outside the Lord Nelson.

The Council have been approached by a resident on Gainsborough Road regarding speeding through the village. This has been a problem for many years. The Chairman has asked its District Councillors to approach N.S.D.C to see what control measures or action can be taken to eliminate this problem.

Mrs Sally Sillery – Parish Clerk

parishclerkatwinthorpe@outlook.com.



JUNE'S RECIPE

Okay... enough of cake as BARBEQUE SEASON is coming up and the glorious weather is giving us all that final encouragement to have a barbeque.

So... what could we bake/cook/prepare to create the best barbeque this year? Well, many websites have a range of sides, mains, dips, salads to choose from. But, my family find AUBERGINE DIP as our all time classic for sunny weather. And, luckily... aubergines are in SEASON now — so go crazy!

<https://www.myjewishlearning.com/recipe/eggplant-with-mayonnaise/> This is the link of one of the easiest ways to make AUBERGINE DIP—it is basically aubergines, mayonnaise and garlic. Make sure to let me what you think of it once you have made it.



Here are the top 10 foods people are serving at a barbecue:

1. Marinated chicken breasts
2. Marinated steaks
3. Meat and vegetable kebabs
4. **Potato salad**
5. Jacket potatoes
6. **Homemade burgers**
7. Prawn skewers
8. Homemade coleslaw
9. Marinated ribs
10. Tuna pasta salad





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WIGSLEY



Wigsley was born on the 14th Jan and came to us on the 10th March following the departure of our lovely Godfrey on the 5th Feb, who many in the village will remember. On the 10th March (eight weeks after he was born), we drove to the village of Wigsley and picked him up from the breeders. We took him away from all his brothers and sister ten black puppies (plus himself) and brought him home.

Home was very different for Wigsley; there were no other puppies, just two very old cats 13 years — who really did not want anything to do with him, despite his repeated attempts to make contact and interact. The garden experience for Wigsley was no better, indeed far worse because we have four rescue chickens in the garden and they really did not want to engage with Wigsley again, despite Wigs' endeavours. However, this time around instead of running away like the cats did, the chickens went on the attack and chased him when ever he got within range. On one occasion, (when he was very small) they actually pecked his bottom a few times, because he could not outrun them.

So it came as quite a relief when he had his final injections and was allowed out into the village. Again here it was not plain sailing because the lockdown rules were well and truly in place and he so wanted to engage with both folk and dogs. However, he did enjoy his walks eventually, as I goggled about dogs and the virus. Good news for Wigs, dogs do not carry the virus.

On our walks, Wigsley being a small puppy attracted lots of attention, as the editor of this magazine will testify. Folks did ask about Godfrey and then asked about Wigsley. So, in all it has been a pleasant experience. What I have noticed since the lockdown is that people are far more friendly, in that social distance is kept but then often there is a friendly wave and or acknowledgement to say thanks for keeping your distance. In short, this social distancing has resulted in a far higher level of friendly interaction, even with cyclists.

Wigsley has now settled in very well and met many other dogs like Mable, Shiiraz, Mouse and his best friend George. Even at home the cats are slowly coming around and though he is still scared of the chickens, he is bigger and can outrun them.





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Hi Folks

As we head in to our 3rd month as a shop and takeaway we must thank you all for your continued support.

We received some great feedback from our survey and we have taken on board as many of the requests as possible. If there is anything else please let us know.

Some key highlights in the shop are:

- English Strawberries and other berries
- Cleaning and household basics
- Flour - Bread, Plain and Self Raising.



The takeaway menu continues to have a weekly revamp and we are trying to add more of our restaurant dishes and provide as much variation as possible.

As yet I can't confirm when or how we will be able to open our doors. We are following the governments announcements closely, hopefully this time next month I will be letting you know what our next stage of 'Open' will look like. At the point in time we have no plans to close the shop or stop takeaways until the end of the summer.

If you would like to get in touch to order a grocery delivery, book a takeaway or be added to our mailing list please call 01636 707705 or email thelordnelsonwinthorpe@gmail.com

Keep Safe

Emilie, Dave, Martyn and Oli x



100 CLUB

- May Winners -



1st	£46.20	Les Murray
2nd	£23.10	Lynne Shapley
3rd	£7.70	Helen Sharpe

Congratulations to our May 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



CALLING ALL VILLAGERS!



UPDATE ON THE FRONT COVER!

Just a quick little update on the new Front Cover... As you know the deadline for front cover designs was the 20th of May, but I am going to extend that deadline to the **20th of June**. I thank many of you who have already put so much effort into your designs and await to see what a few more of you have to offer. Like I said last edition, if you think you are not artistically talented (which I highly doubt — as every single one of you are extremely creative), send me written suggestions or even a quick draft.



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Hello there.....! 

My name is Cedric. I am a very handsome black and white cat living living on Gainsborough Road with my two humans who would be lost without my running their lives for them. I refer to them as my Food Providers. They have their uses, i.e. pouch ripping, laps, and despite their obviously low IQ, they seem to know the magic code to produce heat. One of them particularly is often to be seen tweeking a dial in the hall, and lo and behold there is heat. The dial must be some sort of sacred object to the Food Providers, as the same one mumbles at it, presumably praying for its continued munificence. Amen to that, I say!

Now what I want to say to you, is that I am worried about my little friends, the hedgehogs. I know, I know, you are surprised that such an intelligent and sophisticated animal such as I should be friends with smelly flea ridden hedgehogs. Well, if you think about it, its logical. I am out in the moonlight most nights, when the call of the duvet is not too strong. I crouch in the undergrowth waiting for a midnight snack of mousey to come along, and who do I invariably see, but a hedgehog, blundering about looking for slugs. We have a passing word about this and that, the weather, food supply, the vagaries of the stockmarket, and they go on their way. All very convivial. Well, a week or so ago, I met a fine specimen of a hedgehog, Bertie. He told me that he is a bit lonely this year for the company of other hedgehogs. It seems several of his pals have come a cropper when crossing Gainsborough Road, and he doesn't understand why.

I told him that I knew exactly why, because unfortunately I had seen such an incident whilst conducting a mouse census in a hedgerow recently. I explained to him that, as a cat, naturally I have superior intelligence, and learned long ago, that as well as looking carefully both ways before crossing the road, should you be half way across when a vehicle appears, a chap (or chappess) needs to run for its life. I tactfully explained that hedgehogs need to learn that whilst rolling up in a ball when there is danger may protect them from the inquisitive nose of some dog, or dare I say it, cat, it is useless when faced with a thundering four wheeled monstrosity. Staying put is not an option I told him. Bertie wandered off, deep in thought, clearly wondering if he would be able to change the habit of a lifetime.

Next morning I tried to explain to the Food Providers that may be they, and all their like, should try to drive more cautiously through the village, and if they see a hedgehog, not assume that it will run away. Because it will not, fearless but foolish in its belief that its prickly spines will always protect it.

I miss my little hedgehog friends trampling through my garden at night time. I do hope that my words to you all will be heard.

Now, back to my slumbers in a sunny corner of the garden, out of sight of the Food Providers till meal time.

Dare say I'll see you around, but you won't see me.

JUNE 2020 REFLECTIONS



Dear Friends,

How are you doing as we begin a third month in social isolation? To be honest, I've had a few ups and downs but I'm very glad to live where I do, in a house surrounded by garden and able to quickly walk into quiet open space. I've certainly enjoyed spring and I've noticed far more details of plant and bird life than ever before. Does anyone else think that nature has been having a party while there's been less traffic and footfall? Or is it that I've had more time to look?

Time is a funny thing isn't it? We've either got too much or too little and it either flies or drags, rarely does it seem to pass at a steady pace. Life is a funny thing too, because we often don't notice what's happening right under our noses. For instance, I presume that this year isn't the first time that a thrush has broken open snail shells to feed their young on our front path, but it's the first time I've watched it happening, live, and indeed, counted twelve empty shells when the coast was clear!

It's not only nature that I've been noticing. Many different lifestyles have come into focus this year and I've realised how much I rely on so many people without paying much attention to them. Now, thank God, food producers, shop assistants, delivery drivers and refuse collectors are all classed as key workers and so they should be. Lots of us have stood outside and applauded NHS workers and I hope we've included others in that applause.

Kindness has erupted in generous help towards neighbours and strangers because, yes, our eyes have been opened to lone and vulnerable living and some of us have discovered vulnerable spots we didn't know we'd got.

Maybe, this virus which has caused too much loss and suffering has taken our time and refocused our gaze? Maybe now we can learn to see and hear what is closest to us. Maybe now we can learn that we are not created to be independent beings who can just rush through life oblivious to who and what is around us.

May God continue to give us strength to live through this time and wisdom to negotiate a good return to some sort of normal.

God bless you all,

Revd Mandy.





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CHURCH NOTICES



I hope everyone is able to get out for some part of the day into this glorious weather we are having- thank goodness the Lockdown weeks have been so pleasant. I know we need rain but I feel the better weather is more important at the moment!

We very sadly lost an ex villager to the Covid virus in May. Stella Hopewell's daughter, Wendy (Crow), succumbed to this dreadful virus. Our thoughts and prayers are with Stella and all her family at this sad time.

Within 'church' Mandy continues to produce her excellent Holy Communion Services from her home. Although the C of E have now stated streaming of services could happen by clergy from inside a church, a decision has been made that they will continue to be recorded from Mandy's house as the production is much easier and better from there.



We were hoping that churches might be able to be open now for private prayer. If a statement is made to that effect while these notes go to press then Winthorpe will hopefully be opened between 1.30p.m. and 3.30p.m. on a Monday and Thursday afternoon. Very strict guidelines will be in force with regard to social distancing and the cleaning of surfaces used.

As I go round the village delivering prescriptions it has been lovely to make a lot of new acquaintances and also see old friends, thus being able to check up on everyone's wellbeing, which has been an added bonus.

I do hope that in the next round of Notes I am able to report more developments with regard to getting back into church.

Stay safe everyone and let us remember in our prayers all those who have suffered bereavement, are ill, or hospitalised at this time.

Tish Applewhite, Churchwarden (643763)

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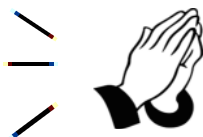
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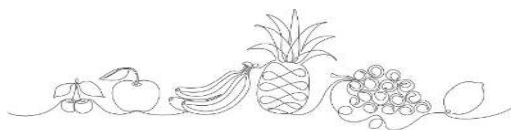
If anyone would like to access Mandy's Services and Reflections they can be found on:

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

and also on:

Revd. Mandy's You Tube channel : www.youtube.com/channel/UCyOrOizzizP-8II74FHxk

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



LUNCH CLUB 2020



The June Lunch Club will sadly not be held at **12.30p.m.** on **Monday, June 1st 2020** at the Community Centre.

Fingers crossed that something might be allowed in September/October???

Stay safe everyone and keep enjoying the **Lord Nelson** 'Takeaways' - I certainly am!

Tish Applewhite



JUNE CALENDAR 2020

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

Mon 1st	12:30pm	Lunch Club	CANCELLED
Mon 1st		Green & Brown Bin	
Mon 8th		Silver Bin	
Mon 15th		Green & Brown Bin	
Thur 19th	7:00pm	Parish Council Meeting	Held Remotely
Mon 22nd		Silver Bin	
Sat 27th		Summer Festival	CANCELLED
Mon 29th		Green & Brown Bin	

DON'T FORGET! The BROWN BIN collection resumes on the Monday the 1st of June...

Finally... I must apologise for the confusion potentially caused by including the 'Brown Bins' and the 'Post Office' in the previous calendars. As I live in Newark, I mainly rely on the information given on the Newark and Sherwood website at the time of printing —however, I do try my very best to stay updated with what is going on in the village. So I recommend having a look at Winthorpe website's News page and if you have anything that I may not be aware of, please let me know.

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