



## SPECIAL EDITION FRONT COVER!

Stay tuned for next edition's front cover which will have a Christmas and a Ruby anniversary twist to it — in COLOUR!



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## WELCOME

**Welcome** to November's ONLINE edition of the Focal Point magazine. I hope you enjoy reading this issue. Make sure to check in every month for the next edition. **Thank you** for reading online. Please tell your friends, family, neighbours, fish or anyone who may be interested in staying up to date with Holme, Winthorpe and Langford.

### QUICK UPDATES BEFORE YOU GET READING...

Final chance... The Focal Point needs YOUR suggestions on how December's edition (a.k.a. the 40 year anniversary extravaganza edition) should look like, what it should contain etc. So we need YOUR HELP, send us anything related to the Focal Point and help us make this an edition not to forget. Oh and please do keep your front cover suggestions coming in. The more feedback I get the better understanding I have of it sits with all of you. **Deadline: 20th November** Thank you very much!

Please see **December's edition** for the full list of Trustees of the Winthorpe Community Centre Charity.

- Lizzie Wakefield - Editor

## FOCAL POINT

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## NOTICES

Make sure to check out Winthorpe village's website to keep up with all the latest news, as well as Holme village's website (Not Secure)!

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November 2020 Edition



Hiya!

Well, first of all, apologies for the HUGE delay in publication last month. Unfortunately I was ill with a head cold and am usually the type of person where a cold takes at least a week to half recover from.

With Covid-19 cases on the rise, I have had to self isolate twice (as for some of you maybe in the villages as well?). Online learning is something I would have not imagined myself doing a year ago but actually I quite enjoy it... I get to have my cat next to me 24/7 and get some spare time to myself where I would have been on the bus.

However, needless to say, self-isolation is most certainly harder for others and this pandemic is taking a toll on people's mental health as well as their physical health. So, if you know anyone struggling don't hesitate to help! Especially around this time of the year, let your loved ones know how much you love them. Sometimes it's the little things that improve our wellbeing and I myself can definitely say going outdoors and seeing the villages always puts a smile on my face.

Speaking about gratitude, I would like to thank all of you who contribute on a regular or even on a here and there basis. It is so greatly appreciated and I love to see new contributions every month. New inputs are always welcome. Hint-hint, this month is your last chance to send in your suggestions on how to make December's edition absolutely spectacular.

Have a great Remembrance Day and Bonfire Night! - Lizzie Wakefield (Ed)

# DEADLINE

**FOR DECEMBER'S EDITION**

**NOVEMBER 20th 2020**





## EXCITING NEWS!



Next month, the Focal Point will be celebrating its 40th anniversary and this time it the RUBY ANNIINVERSARY! So what shall we do.... Make the entire edition ruby-themed, add in some memories hear and there, host a competition? Well we need your ideas NOW! Come on, I would love to hear your suggestions on how to make the Focal Point's 40th anniversary something not to forget. You have until the 20th of November to give ideas. Let's remember the Focal Point's 40th anniversary only comes around once, so let's make it count! Thank you. Lizzie W (Editor)

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**"Yesterday is history Tomorrow is a mystery And today is a gift, that's why It's called the present."**

- Eleanor Roosevelt

Thank you Fiona for contributing this month's quote. I especially like this quote as it really emphasises the importance of seizing the day while we can and enjoying what we have now. Actually... this may be my favourite quote of the month yet despite all the others being also very thoughtful.



## REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

**Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 10.30a.m.**

**All Saints Church, Winthorpe**

Due to the need for Social Distancing in church, anyone wishing to attend this service **MUST** book their seat.

Please get in touch with Tish Applewhite on [01636643763](tel:01636643763) / [tishapplewhite@msn.com](mailto:tishapplewhite@msn.com). Apart from the Service participants it will have to be on a **'first come first served'** basis. Thank You



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## Seasonal Flu Vaccination Campaign 2020

We will be holding 3 Saturday morning flu clinics on

**Saturday 26 September 2020, from 8.00 am – 12.30 pm**

**Saturday 10 October 2020, from 8.00 am – 12.30 pm**

**Saturday 31 October 2020, from 8.00 am – 12.30 pm**

We are aiming to vaccinate 100% of eligible patients this year, as defined by NHS guidelines. We may be able to open our offer beyond those eligible after 31 October 2020 (dependent on stocks/uptake).

Due to COVID social distancing measures, our Saturday clinics will focus on patients who are able to walk and stand unaided for up to 20 minutes. No seating available. Vaccinations will be administered with patients stood up and a strict one-way system through the Practice will be in operation. Face masks must be worn. Please attend alone, unless a family member is also booked for flu vaccination.

For patients with mobility issues we will be holding weekday flu clinics. Our PCAs will triage at the time of booking.

Housebound patients will be contacted by the practice in due course.

These are appointment only clinics. Appointments will be available to book from August. Please contact the number below or ask at Reception.

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## NEWARK FOODBANK



First of all, many thanks to those of you who continue to donate most generously, including a recent generous cash donation which I have paid into the Foodbank's account.

The most recent Foodbank collection from Winthorpe weighed in at **36.6kg**. Thank you. Once again though I would like to use this opportunity to urge you to give whatever you can to help others. If you have not donated before, now would be an excellent time to start. Newark Foodbank is expecting this quarter to be the busiest of the year when the effect of the ending of the furlough scheme and unemployment starts to kick in.

The good news is that we are now back to 3 collection points in the village which are:

The black swing bin at the side of my front door, 11 Gainsborough Road. Donations can be placed in there 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It is checked daily.

The church porch, when it is open for services and Thursday afternoon when the church is open for private prayer between 1.30p.m. and 3.30p.m.

**The shop at the Lord Nelson.** I am pleased to say that Susie and Emma at the pub have very kindly offered to have a Foodbank collection point in the shop, so that is great news, so please think of donating next time you are there, or popping in especially.

There will no longer be a collection point at the village hall.

Once again, thank you everyone.

Jane White



## FOODBANK SHOPPING LIST

October 2020

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

### Shortfall Items

#### Food

- Long Life Fruit Juice (not squash)
- Instant Mashed Potato
- Sponge Puddings (Tinned or Microwaveable)
- Sugar (500g or 1Kg)
- Chocolate Biscuit Bars (eg: KitKat/Penguin)

#### Other Items

- Shampoo (but not conditioner)

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

- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Tinned Meat – serve cold or serve hot
- Tinned Potatoes
- Tinned Carrots
- Tinned Peas
- Instant Pasta Packet Meals
- Pasta Sauce
- All Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned Hot Dogs or Meat Balls
- Tinned Sweetcorn
- Tinned Fish
- Vegetarian Alternatives – Tinned Vegetable Curry etc.
- Tinned/Carton Custard
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Tea Bags – 40's or 80's NOT 240/260/280's please
- Tinned Fruit

- Jam
- Chocolate / Sweets
- Cereal Bars
- 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
- Feminine Deodorant

Items of which we have a plentiful supply:

- Baked Beans
- Coffee
- Feminine hygiene
- Breakfast Cereal
- Pasta
- Tinned/Packet Soup
- Packets of Rice (dried)
- Long-life Milk

- 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.

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





## WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL



On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020, the Parish Council held its quarterly finance meeting followed by the monthly Parish Council meeting using the power of "Zoom" to comply with the Covid 19 social distancing regulations.

The Clerk confirmed that its external auditors, PKF Littlejohn, were happy with the accounts for 2019-2020 and that despite the accounts being published for external viewing, no one had taken up the opportunity to see them.

The Parish Council discussed the future of the Winthorpe Community Centre following the presentation at the last meeting by Peter Bateson, Chair of the Community Centre. The Council took the unanimous view that the Community Centre should remain as an independent body with its own set of Trustees, rather than be amalgamated under the "wing" of the Parish Council.

The Council also discussed proposals put forward by the Cricket Club to fence the cricket ground to prevent public access to the field. This has been brought about by the continued misuse of the field by some dog walkers who fail to clear up any mess left by their dogs. This has been an ongoing problem for many years and despite repeated appeals in Focal Point, the problem remains. I will advise you of the Council's view in due course.

The Council raised the issue of the poor road repairs undertaken by NCC Highways throughout the village with its District Councillor. The Clerk is to formally write to NCC Highways on this matter.

Speed monitoring equipment has been placed at the start of the village. The Parish Council requested this due to the number of vehicles that exceed the speed limit along Gainsborough Road.

Mrs Sally Sillery – Parish Clerk

[parishclerkatwinthorpe@outlook.com](mailto:parishclerkatwinthorpe@outlook.com).



## WINTHORPE SUMMER FESTIVAL 2021



The Festival Committee are planning to hold the Summer Festival at the Community Centre on **Saturday 26th June 2021**. Obviously in view of the current Covid-19 situation in which we find ourselves, this date is a hopeful one! We realise that making future plans is a somewhat dicey venture, but looking forward to better days is all we can do!

With that in mind, please put the date in your diaries and prepare to come along to support us in raising money for our designated charities and enjoying a well-earned celebration of village life and community in Winthorpe.

More information will follow in future editions of Focal Point.

Sue Masheder (Festival Committee)

*Bring on*  
**SUMMER!**

### DON'T FORGET!

Send in your suggestions on how to make December's edition (a.k.a Focal Point's 40th anniversary a.k.a Focal Point's Ruby anniversary a.k.a a Focal Point edition not to be forgotten!). Come let's get everyone's ideas in this spectacular edition. Thank you! - Lizzie W (Editor)



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## NOVEMBER'S RECIPE: - BONFIRES -



Well, this month it's BONFIRE NIGHT! So I guess due to Covid restrictions bonfire night is going to be much different than previous years. Again, if you don't personally celebrate bonfire night this recipe is still great to try out and enjoy autumn's coziness. If you have tried out any of these monthly recipes from these websites, make sure to leave a review on their website or tell me how it went.

— Lizzie W (Editor)

On the plus side, if you are vegan these recipes are certainly for you! But if you are not, you can perfectly substitute the dairy-alternatives with dairy products.



### STICKY TOFFEE PEAR PUDDING

November is notoriously known for toffee, Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day so to summarise these festivities in one, sticky toffee pudding should do the trick. But, to put a spin on things, this sticky toffee pudding has pears in it. So why not give it a try and let me know how it went.

Recipe found from:

[https://  
www.bbcgoodfood.com/  
recipes/sticky-toffee-  
pear-pudding](https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/sticky-toffee-pear-pudding)

Recipe found from: [https://  
www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/  
homemade-toffee-apples](https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/homemade-toffee-apples)

### TOFFEE APPLES

And November would of course not be complete without toffee apples. Embrace this month of TOFFEE, go crazy. Have a great bonfire night and make sure to let me know if you tried on of these recipes.



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Five weeks ago we opened the doors and you've come out in force to support us thank you, thank you and thank you.

Our volunteer drivers are delivering to those of you who continue to shield, if you know someone who would benefit from this service please let us know. Our take out call and collect service is thriving, a copy of the menu is available in the shop or online through the NextDoor app, Facebook or Instagram.

Thanks to our landlords Enterprise Inns we are replacing windows, doors, fire doors, part of the central heating and fitting a log burner, we hope these improvements will keep us all much warmer in the winter months.

The pandemic brings us all new challenges, as a business we adapt to serve the community whilst respecting the rules put in place by the Government, thank you for supporting the new rules whilst you are with us.

We are in the midst of putting together risk assessments in the hope we can introduce a household Quiz night, a Christmas shop and sip evening where you can support local businesses ..... more news soon.

Our opening hours continue to be 9am/10pm 7 days a week.

Susie & Emma





**CLOSED****COMMUNITY CENTRE****CLOSED**

The Community Centre Trustees are planning to carry out safety improvements to the bridge that leads from the path down into the field for wheelchair and scooter user. In order to carry out this work the bridge and the path from the Community Centre will be closed for approximately 7 days, from the 16<sup>th</sup> of November. We apologise for any inconvenience caused, but we hope that you agree making the bridge more secure will be beneficial to the community.

Work will also be carried out on the entrance to the field in front of the Community Centre, so there may be short periods when it won't be possible to access the Community Centre car park.

**DIGITAL / E-COPY OF THE MAGAZINE**

Did you know there are online versions of the Focal Point? Don't worry if you did not. Just in case your paper copy gets lost, chewed up by the dog, falls down the sideboard or you simply want friends/ family outside of the villages to see it, the Focal Point will always be there! And guess what... it's in COLOUR! Make sure to go to the Winthorpe Village website at <https://www.winthorpe.org.uk> > Media > Village Magazine > Current & Back Issues > Select An Edition > Voila, you are there!

**COMMUNITY CENTRE CHARITY UPDATE****UPDATE****- AGM MEETING****UPDATE**

The Trustees of the Charity met virtually on Monday 5 October 2020 for the Annual General Meeting. The meeting received a report from the Chairman who summarised a difficult year for the Charity with reduced opening, but was pleased to report the finances were satisfactory following a recent COVID grant from NSDC.

The Operation and Maintenance Committee reported that they were dealing with a number of repairs and replacements including the repair of the steps at the Centre that had been vandalised. The bridge over the river at the bottom of the footpath was also being altered to reduce the steepness of the slope over the river, and the grass bank and trees along the footpath would shortly be trimmed. The re-opening of the Centre was considered by the Trustees but this would still be subject to a full Risk Assessment and initially only available to those organisations that were permitted to meet indoors. A further update will follow.

The Trustees all agreed to either stay in their current role for the Charity or remain as a representative for their chosen organisations with the exception of our Treasurer, Duncan Richardson. Duncan had already given notice at the previous AGM that he was standing down after 20 years in the role, beginning when the new Centre was opened in 2000. The Chairman paid tribute to Duncan for his long term dedication and support and Duncan agreed to manage the handover to Nina Adams, the new Treasurer.

The Trustees were confirmed as:

Peter Bateson (Chairman)	Richard Radford (Vice-Chairman)
Michele Cammack (Secretary)	Nina Adams (Treasurer & Karate club Representative)
Jane Bateson (Booking Secretary)	Jan Warner
Andy Warner	Colin Smith
Helen Bradley	


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## WITTY STUDENT ANSWERS

The following questions were apparently set in a recent high school examination. The answers are from 16 year olds, NOT all the same student.

1. Name the four seasons A. Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.
2. How is dew formed? A. The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.
3. What guarantees may a mortgage company insist on? A. If you are buying a house they will insist that you are well endowed.
4. What are steroids? A. Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.
5. What is a fibula? A. A small lie
6. Give an example of a fungus. What is its characteristic feature? A. Mushrooms. They always grow in damp places so they look like umbrellas.
7. What is a fossil? A. A fossil is an extinct animal. The older it is, the more extinct it is.

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## LUNCH CLUB 2020



The **November Lunch Club 12.30p.m. on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>** at  
the **Lord Nelson Pub**

Due to the current situation we are not sure what might be able to  
happen on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. I will be in touch soon.

Tish Applewhite (643763)



## 100 CLUB

- October's Winners -



1st	£46.20	Claire Protherone
2nd	£23.10	Ed Allen
3rd	£7.70	David Houlding

Congratulations to our winners in October! You could also be a winner whilst supporting your local community centre by contributing £2 per month. Information available from Duncan Richardson at [duncrichardson@sky.com](mailto:duncrichardson@sky.com)

## COLLINGHAM RAMBLERS WALKS

FOR NOVEMBER

- Sun Nov. 1st - Sun Nov. 15th - Weds Nov. 18th -

- Sun Nov. 29th-

These are our first attempts at restarting some short local walks  
following The Ramblers latest guidelines .

**NEW WALKERS ALWAYS WELCOME .**

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](mailto:collinghamramblersnottswalks@gmail.com)  
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<b>Saturdays</b>	<b>10am - 11am</b>	<b>Juniors</b>
<b>Saturdays</b>	<b>11am - 12:30pm</b>	<b>Adults</b>

Contact the coach Jon Penney for further information.

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## RSPB Langford Lowfields

### – November News 2020



Hi, it's Lizzie here (Editor)! For this month, I would like to direct you to Langford Lowfields website where there are the reserve's monthly blogs, discussions, sightings and more. Here is their website: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-events/reserves-a-z/langford-lowfields/>

And guess what? There is even a page dedicated to all of your recent sightings. There is also another page full of close up photographs of different insects, bird species and the view of the reserve.

Here are a just a few things from their website, there are plenty more on there! October's sightings—written by Joe Harris:

“Goldeneye numbers are starting to build up and it'll be interesting to see if this winter we break the Langford goldeneye WeBS record of 21 birds, which was set last year. The starling mumuration is starting to build up, with over 1000 birds now present each evening, in the past we've had up to 40000 at Langford, sky-dancing at dusk, what will this winter bring? In terms of other wildlife, roe deer are being seen regularly and a recent fish survey yielded good numbers of eels, which are critically endangered and which are presumably coming onto site through the fish-friendly sluice that connects us to the river. This is brilliant news and hopefully the slithery beasts will be very happy in the reedbed. Birds of note seen over the past few days include yellow-browed warbler (last heard and seen on 17th October), rock pipit, bittern, fieldfare, pink-footed geese (flying over), stonechat, peregrine, golden plover, yellow-legged gull, kingfisher, greenshank, chiffchaff and marsh harrier.”

Give their website a try! Oh and let me know what you think of it. I hope you like it just as much as I do.



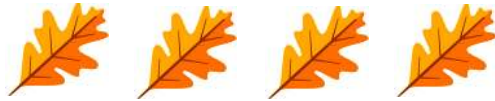
**GOLDENEYE**



## CEDRIC TALKS HEDGEHOGS



Hello there!



Remember me – Cedric, the intelligent debonair black and white cat who lives on Gainsborough Road? I wrote an article a few months ago. At that time my friend Bertie the hedgehog had told me of his anxieties at the dwindling number of playmates for him, partly due to their one sided battles with cars.

Well, one moonlit night last week as I patrolled the silent hedgerows of Winthorpe, Bertie called to me. It seems his little friends, the local rabbits, were very soon to be evicted from their burrows around the play park because their compulsive digging was undermining the play area and brick walls. Bertie wondered if I could help. I did point out to Bertie that I, as a member of the feline community, was perhaps not the best mammal to ask. I explained to Bertie that whereas he looked at a rabbit and saw a fluffy playmate, I looked and saw my dinner!

A week later it was much cooler, and I sat, all four paws tucked in, head down, eyes closed, on the bench on Gainsborough Road. I was just thinking of going home to my snug bed when I heard the unmistakable sound of Bertie on his rounds. Like all hedgehogs he is very noisy as he trundles through the undergrowth looking for juicy worms or snails.

“Thank goodness I’ve found you” he called. “Terrible news”. “My little brother, Arthur, had found himself a lovely pile of leaves and twigs to dig into and make himself a home – somewhere to hibernate and sleep the winter away. Just as he was putting the finishing touches to it, a human came along and set fire to it! Arthur had a lucky escape, but his new home is now just a pile of ash. What’s to be done about the humans – they evict the rabbits and they burn hedgehog’s homes down.”



“Now, now, Bertie.” I said. Then I tried to explain to him that if the rabbits are smart, they’ll simply move on to another grassy bank somewhere close by. It’s no good trying to stand up to humans – they will almost always get their way. As for little Arthur’s des-res. Well it’s a great shame. The human would not have intended to burn his home down – the trouble is they don’t always think. Not about each other, not about the local wildlife and not about the planet. I told Bertie that I would do my best to publicise the hedgehog’s plight, so please humans, when you are tidying up the garden ready for winter, give a thought to hedgehogs looking for a place to hibernate. Please check for any signs of hedgehogs in piles of garden rubbish before burning it. Please be especially careful when strimming. Consider making or buying a hedgehog house. My little hedgehog friends are getting less and less in number. The helping hand of a ready made home for them, with dry leaves or hay inside, the whole thing pushed into the undergrowth out of sight and sheltered from the elements, would be a treat for them just as spending the winter months in Spain is for you humans.

Bertie, by the way, already has his winter quarters arranged, but I am sworn to secrecy not to tell anyone where it is! See you around, but I bet you don’t see me!



To learn more about what you can do this winter to help the hedgehogs, have a look at the WILDLIFE TRUST website (<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/what-do-if-you-find-wild-animal/help-hedgehog>). Their website has many videos, tips & tricks, some DIY projects and even some interesting statistics. Thank you.



## DINGBATS

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Number 2

DR. DOLITTLE

Number 3

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Number 4

JACK IN THE BOX

Number 5

KISS AND MAKE UP

Number 6

LONG TIME, NO  
SEE

Number 7

NO PEACE FOR  
THE WICKED

Number 8

SIX FEET  
UNDERGROUND

Number 9

ALL FOR ONE AND  
ONE FOR ALL

Number 10

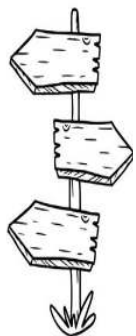
The answers have been revealed... How many  
did you get right?



**Stay tuned for December's edition!**



## ALWAYS



There's always something to live for if you only look around. An old friend to be visited, a new one to be found. A job of work to tackle, something really well worth while and lots of folk who need a hand to help them at a stile.... There's always something to live for though the best in life has gone. There's always a reason for being grateful and for keeping on. Someone is treading a lonely path whose heart is breaking too.... Someone looking along the road for somebody like you.



## QUESTION & ANSWER -REMEMBRANCE DAY THEMED



Where did he fall, that lad of yours?  
In what far country did he die?  
Did he make the sacrifice on land,  
At sea, or in the sky?  
It was in the course of duty.  
As he would have wished to go.  
It was in the field of service.  
That is all I need to know.



**See page 12 to see some witty student answers. Thank you!**

As per usual, I must thank Fiona for contributing every month towards the quote of the month as well as for the poems and puzzles in the Entertainment section. But for this month, the Focal Point have also received a contribution towards the Entertainment section on page 12 from Mike. Thank you Mike! Unfortunately it is not in the Entertainment section due to space but it is definitely worth some giggles. If you have any contributions for this section, what are you waiting for, send it in! — Lizzie W (Editor)



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# NOVEMBER REFLECTIONS



Dear Friends,



How are your memories this month? Maybe we enjoy remembering more normal times, when we could go out without wearing a mask or making sure our bottle of hand sanitiser is full. As the days get shorter, maybe we enjoy remembering other autumns and share our memories with family and friends and make plans to keep in touch in this strange and challenging season. November is certainly the month for remembering. We begin by remembering the saints – those people who've kept the Christian faith alive and passed it on through every generation. Maybe you could take some time to thank God for someone who's helped you in your life; it may be a parent, Godparent, teacher or friend.

Then, we think about those we've loved and see no longer, and maybe you could take time to pray a prayer for those who've died. The families for whom we've taken a funeral this year, are invited to a Memorial Open Day at St John's Collingham on Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup>. St. John's Church will be open from 10-4pm, hourly prayers will be prayed and candles will be lit. On Tuesday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, I'll pray prayers for those we remember, at St John's Collingham. If you'd like a name to be included, please let me know. You can phone, or send me an email or letter.

Then, we remember those who've made the ultimate sacrifice in war. November 8<sup>th</sup> is Remembrance Sunday and there will be a Remembrance Service in Winthorpe. So that we can be Covid safe, please let Tish know beforehand if you wish to attend. Maybe you could take time to pray a prayer for those killed and damaged by war and pray for peace throughout our world.

Although November brings in the dark months of the year, it is a month full of light. It begins with candles of loving remembrance, erupts with firework fun and ends with Advent light, with everything to look forward to.

Here's a prayer which might be good as the end of 2020 comes into sight.

In darkness and in light,  
In trouble and joy,  
Help us, heavenly Father,  
To trust your love,  
To serve your purpose  
And to praise your name,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



REMEMBRANCE DAY  
*Left We Forget*

Stay safe, stay well and God bless you.  
Rev'd Mandy.



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## ALL SAINTS WINTHORPE



Sadly, this is what I wrote for November 2019's Focal Point "Last month we held a fun Harvest Supper with great food, a good Pat Finn quiz 'washed down' with much conversation. Our Harvest Festival followed the next day where the church looked resplendent in its autumn colours worked on by our wonderful band of Flower Ladies. The many Harvest gifts were taken the following day to the Women's Refuge in Newark." Oh! What a difference the year has made! Sadly, no group conversations (only at home), no Pat Finn Quiz but thank goodness everything else was able to happen and was just as good as last year. The Takeaway meal from the Lord Nelson was different but tasted just as good and was enjoyed by over 42 people. Thanks go to Emma and Susie at the Pub and to the Takeaway Deliverers! Our Service was held in a WARM church which was so comfortable and Mandy and I noted that with social distancing in place the church looked full!!!

There will not be an All Saints Day Service but there will be a videoed one from church to see on You Tube.

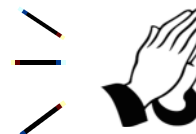
We look forward to welcoming some of you to the **Remembrance Service** on Sunday Nov 8<sup>th</sup> at 10.30a.m. in church. We will not be allowed to accommodate the numbers that usually attend and so have had to put a booking process in place. If you would like to attend and **normally** do so please get in touch with me ([643763/tishapplewhite@msn.com](mailto:643763/tishapplewhite@msn.com)) to book your seat. The format for the service will also have to be changed with a few activities omitted but the basis of the usual service will still be there.

As we move into December we hope there will be some form of Christingle Service, Carol Service and Christmas Eve Communion Service – please watch this space for more information next month.

We are very much thinking in our prayers for anyone in the village who is ill or hospitalised at this time.

Tish Applewhite Churchwarden (643763)

## Church Services for NOVEMBER 2020



**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>**  
(All Saints Day)

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>**  
(Remembrance Sunday)

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>**  
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**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>**  
( )



9.00 am Holy Communion

10.15a.m. Remembrance Service

9.00a.m. Holy Communion  
10.15a.m. Morning Worship

5.00p.m. Evening Prayer



Holme

Winthorpe Church

Langford Winthorpe

Winthorpe

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

**Church Cleaners** – Miss P.Applewhite

**THANK YOU!**

**HOLME**

**THANK YOU!**

Our Harvest Festival was cancelled, but Jill Hooper realised that Newark Women's Refuge would miss their usual donation of produce. So we had a collection and many thanks to all Holme residents and friends of Holme who gave so generously. There was a huge amount of produce and the women were very grateful.


Diana Malone



## NOVEMBER'S CALENDAR 2020



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

Sunday	1st	All Saint's Day	
Monday	2nd	Green & Brown Bin	
Thursday	5th	Guy Fawkes Day / Bonfire Night!	See recipe pg.8
Sunday	8th	Remembrance Sunday	
Monday	9th	Silver Bin	
Wednesday	11th	Armistice Day	
Friday	13th	World Kindness Day	
Monday	16th	Green & Brown Bin	
Monday	23rd	Silver Bin	
Monday	30th	St. Andrew's Day	
Monday	30th	Green & Brown Bin	

*lest we forget*



They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them. **by Laurence Binyon**

### NB BIN COLLECTIONS IN HOLME VILLAGE ON FRIDAYS

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

[www.winthorpe.org.uk](http://www.winthorpe.org.uk)

### BYE FOR NOW!

Thanks for stopping by! I hope that you check in online, next month. Let me know (Lizzie, your FP Editor) if you have any suggestions for future editions .  
And don't forget to tell others about the online copies, especially if they want to see it in **COLOUR!**

### BUT BEFORE YOU GO...

Let your fellow village friends and family know that there is an online edition available on Winthorpe village's website.

Make sure to drop in a sentence or two about your thoughts on what you think should be included in December's edition using my three contact details. Every opinion counts!  
- Lizzie Wakefield (Ed)